

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

New Programs and Improvements at Your Library

Happy Mother's Day! To all the mothers out there: Thank you for all you do for your children. To quote an old proverb, "Mother is a verb, not a noun." To my own mother I want to say, "I love you, Mom! You're the best!" And to my grandma I want to say, "Thank you, Grandma, for being my greatest cheerleader! We love you."

A wonderful way to show your mom, grandma, aunt, or any special lady in your life, how much you appreciate her is to bring her to the library and help her find a book, audio, magazine, or DVD she can sit back and enjoy.

We also have some fun programming coming up that you can bring a special someone to attend. On May 17th there is an extravaganza of a bike program, "Gear Up for Summer." The Police Department will have an obstacle course and safety tips, Fantastic 4HR's will be talking about the health benefits of biking, Rotary is providing water, and Landon Braithwait is talking about bicycle maintenance and repair. May 26th is the "Tour de Platte" bike ride. On June 7th the antique assessor, Tom Bennett, is coming to appraise your antiques. June 14th the Groundwater Foundation will come and provide fun and educational programming for the family. July 19th we will have a program on knitting.

This year the library's Summer Reading Programs will cover everyone – we have programs for all ages of patrons, and many that families can attend together. This all adds up to an enjoyable spring and summer of programs to attend at your library.

When you register for Adult Summer Reading you will receive a packet filled with reading log tickets, a list of programming events for this summer, a book mark, and a coupon for a free book from the book sale room. You will need to read two books to redeem your ticket for a small prize. Besides a small prize you will be entered into the monthly drawings, and also the drawing for the grand end of summer reading prize. You do not have to attend all the programs or submit tickets every month to be a part of the program, you just do what you can and want to do. What do you have to lose? Nothing! What do you have to gain? Prizes, fun, learning, and some enjoyment! So register for the Adult Summer Reading Program beginning May 27th.

Our library is under construction this month, so please pardon the mess! We are very excited about the new improvements. The Customer Service desk is being moved out to the center of the main room to better serve and greet our patrons. This will make more room for shelving, which we sorely need. Staff will then be able to display the books, audios, and magazines more attractively in an easier to find arrangement. There will also be more room for comfortable seating for patrons. Don't worry; makeover work will pause during the Summer Reading Programs.

The library is also getting new carpet to match the new furniture. Part of the carpet will be put in this month, and the last bit of new carpeting will have to wait until after the Summer Reading Program. The shelving will have to be moved around during these projects. So please excuse our temporary arrangement changes, and remember: Your library will look awesome when we are finished! Come and be a part of the fun programs and see the improvements.