

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

### Prizes and Programs at CPL Library

I hope everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy their summer. You are welcome to come to the library and see our new customer service desk and make yourselves at home in our cheerful seating area. Come and see all the programming we are providing this summer.

We have had several fun adult programs already to kick off our summer reading program. We had a great time June 7<sup>th</sup> with Tom Bassett, the antique appraiser. He had great stories to tell about antiques he brought and it was interesting hearing about the attendees' items and at what Bassett thought they were valued. One lady brought a movie prop made especially for a midget to wear. It was a horse made out of a hard paper-Mache type material with cloth legs hanging from the saddle. It had suspender straps that would be worn over their shoulders and a gray skirt around the bottom of the horse, so it would look like the wearer was riding the horse. Bassett said it was hard to put a value on something that you couldn't replace, but he thought she could sell it for over \$500.00!

Other nifty items brought were: a Douglas MacArthur doll, a book about the slave trade from the 1850's, a clock mantel, a vase, a very ornate silver butter dish with cover, glass plate, and knife, prints, medals, coins, horse spurs, lamps, a beautiful Victrola, a wood burning stove, and even a dental chair! Of course, the larger items were pictures, not the actual item. There were so many neat things to see and hear about. We enjoyed Tom Bassett so much that we will try to have him come again next year.

Another program was on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and Heather Voorman from the Groundwater Foundation came and had fun with several families. They made aquifer models – with gravel, dirt, and water, and planted sun flower seeds in plastic cups with domed lids. She explained how the sun flowers would not need to be watered because the sun shining on the models would cause the moisture to condense and fall like rain on the seeds. This is one way she showed us how we can conserve our water.

Next they made bead bracelets, and with each color she told them other ways we could save our water and keep it clean. After that we enjoyed a funny story about Frannie Fish while eating cookies and juice. Then we painted a map of the United States that shows where the Ogallala Aquifer is located under our land. Lastly, she tested some well water that was brought in and deemed it fit for use. The families really enjoyed Heather Voorman and the fun things she brought to do!

We will wrap up the adult summer reading program this year with a yarn craft program on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, presented by local teachers. Watch for more information on this program as the time draws nearer.

After this program we will have our ten prize winner drawings for July and also our grand prize winner drawing for the Android tablet! So be sure to have all your reading tickets in to us by the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. We will have the July prize drawing on the 21<sup>st</sup>. June's prize drawing will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We will serve coffee and cookies at the library on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, the day before the

yarn craft program to celebrate the ending of our adult summer reading program. Thank you so much for making our first adult summer reading program a huge success!!