

Repairs and Book Sale coming soon to Library

Beginning Monday, July 21st, library patrons will be using an alternate entrance until some repair work is done around the front doors. As you may have noticed, once the drought ended a lot of leaks showed up where the added entryway meets the building. At first we staff thought the leaks were only coming from the windows on the landing. It turns out that there are several places more where water comes in, and some comprehensive work is needed.

After carefully considering the pros and cons of two exterior doors that could be used by the public during repairs, plus an old entrance that has been sealed, staff has decided to use the north-facing door which opens in the alley running east and west. Diagrams will be put up and distributed, and signs will be placed so patrons can find their way into the building. Staff asks that the public not park in the private lots behind the library while you are in the library.

The east-west alley is wider, better lit, and staff doesn't want to shut off the drive-through book drop for work that may last up to six weeks. Use of that door also involves less distance to walk through an alley than does the northwest door. While the drive-through book drop will be open during the repairs, the walk-up book drop will be closed during construction. Don't forget, you can also use the library online and via telephone.

The temporary alternate entrance will be in use during the Columbus Days book sale put on by the Friends of the Library. The book sale will go on as will the rest of library services during the repairs.

The book sale will begin Thursday evening, August 14th, at 6:00 pm and continue through Sunday, the 17th. As usual, the book sale will run during the library's open hours, closing just 15 minutes before the library closes each day. The Friends of the Library will give you a free used book to offset the inconvenience of using the north door. Watch the Sunday, August 10th issue of the Telegram for your peel-off coupon for a free used book. You must have a coupon to choose your free used book.

For those who can't use their coupon during the book sale, a selection of books will be placed at the shelving at the top of the basement stairs and on carts near the closed front doors. This will begin August 11th and run until the book sale opens. After the book sale closes, more books will be put back at the top of the stairs through the 22nd.

Patrons will be able to use their coupon for a free used book from the 11th through the 22nd. During the book sale within this time period, these books will be returned to the sale room and patrons can use their coupons at the book sale.

There will be many music CDs on the book sale this year. Now that the library subscribes to a service which allows patrons to download and keep music, we no longer have to handle and repair physical CDs. Ask about Freegal at the information desk. The name Freegal comes from the fact that these downloads are both free and legal.

Memorials were given to the Library by Bud and Rita Fleischer for Theresa Mrzlak and Eleanor Baker. Colleen Gerhold donated in memory of George Rambour. Phyllis Wragge memorialized Lucille Goldsbury and Gary Soulliere. Tom Kumpf, George Rambour, Rose Woodward, and Theresa Mrzlak were all memorialized by Joseph and Marie Staas. Those donating to the Summer Reading Program in addition to last month's list are: Applebee's, McDonald's, and the Calico Quilt Club.

The Columbus Library Foundation received a memorial for Tom Berlin from Bill and Marge Prokupek. The Foundation also received an anonymous donation to assist with fundraising expenses.