

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

"Look! A birdie!"

Thank you all for supporting and attending the library through all our changes and repairs. The roof and window construction were finished way ahead of schedule and we are so happy to have our front doors open to the public again. We invite you to drive by and take a look at the beautiful new windows and roof over the front doors. Go ahead, park, come in, and see it from the inside. While you're here, feel free to checkout our books, magazines, audios, DVDs, computer lab, and all the e-services we have to offer.

We have had such a great turn out for our adult summer reading program. We had 200 patrons sign up. That's three times more than what we had hoped would sign up for our first adult program. The adults said it was about time they got to read for prizes too! Throughout the summer we had 22 \$10 value gifts given away, and then the grand prize was won by a thrilled regular patron who couldn't believe her good luck. Our last day with cookies from Hy-Vee, coffee, and lemonade was a big hit. I'm anxious to see what next year's theme will be so I can start planning the next adult summer reading program. I want to thank all who signed up and made this year's program such a great success. I also want to give a big thank you to Taco John's, Subway, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart, and the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the prizes.

Our crochet program on the 19th of July was very well attended. I had no idea there would be such a call for crochet! I plan to do a succession of crochet classes next summer, so watch for our ads and promotions. We learned from our experience that we will need varying degrees of classes, for beginners to the more advanced. You can also check out our Facebook page and our library webpage to find out what's happening at the library.

On Saturday, August 30, we will have a birding program for the avid bird watchers. We will learn how to attract birds to our yards, and where and when to watch for birds. Sign up is not necessary, just come to the library auditorium at 2:00pm. We have many books on this very topic here at the library for you to check out. For example, the book "Birds of Nebraska field Guide", by Stan Tekiela is a beautiful hand sized book of Nebraska birds photographed for easy reference. It's the perfect birding book. If we don't have the exact one you want, we can always send for it from another library for just \$2 shipping. We will have treats for those that attend the program.

We have just finished our book sale but our free book coupon is still in effect until the 22nd of August. You still have a week to come in and redeem your coupon for a free book. We have selected some really nice used books and placed them in labeled carts for this purpose. It's our thank you for supporting us during our remodels and construction. While you're here picking up your free - to keep forever book, get a library card so you can check out more books. All you need is your ID with current information. If your address is not current, just bring a bill or check stub with your current address. If you live in Platte County your card is free. If you don't live in Platte County, but work or go to school here, you can also get a free card. Just bring your proof. We have so much to offer. Take advantage of it! See you there!