

Good News

Here it is, January already! The holidays just flew by. Please keep the library in mind if you are getting rid of old DVD's, books, or audio books. The library will take most donations except for encyclopedias, magazines, or text books; they just don't sell at our book sales. We can give you a tax receipt for these donations. Speaking of tax receipts and getting ready for tax season – we just received bad news from the IRS; is there ever good news? They will not be sending us instruction booklets for the tax forms. We will have an iPad by the tax forms so you can read through the online instruction booklets. We will also have brochures with information on how to request an instruction booklet from the IRS. We WILL be receiving the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ tax forms for you to take. The website to go to for this information is IRS.gov/Forms - to view and download or to IRS.gov/orderforms – to order tax products to be delivered by mail. You can also call 1-800-829-3676.

Okay, enough about taxes. We have some great news here at the library. We have new library cards for our patrons. A patron requested that we have a beautiful scenic card. I loved this idea, so I did a search to come up with a scene that would represent our area. The scene I choose was that of a bright blue sky with soft clouds over a rolling field of green corn. I was able to insert our new library logo with the colorful circling bookmarks over the blue sky. The bright sunshine in the background represents the bright future of our library and all the new improvements we are continually implementing for our patrons. The effect is a beautiful scenic card representing our library and our community. Not only is this card picturesque, it has an attached duplicate key card. The key card can be placed on your key ring or lanyard and the regular sized card can be left at home with your computer for logging into our online resources. Having a key card was also a patron's suggestion. So if you have more suggestions for us, we would love to hear them.

There is even more good news for you from our library. The city council approved our new fines and fees schedule. All changes made were for better service to our patrons. To view all the changes go to our library website at www.columbusne.us/library and click on the policies button. On page 26 you can read the updated Schedule of Fines and Service Fees. The main fine that we have received many suggestions about is the lowering of our DVD late fees. Instead of \$1 per day, per late movie, you will now only be charged 50 cents. This will cut DVD late fees in half. With the increased number of DVD check outs allowed, this fine was causing trouble for many patrons. Library card holders are allowed to check out 10 DVD's per card. If you have a card and your child has a card and you check out 20 DVD's, your late fee for one day will now be \$10 instead of \$20. Late fees are a reminder that library materials need to be returned, so these changes to the fines and fees help make our library more customer friendly. As always we value your input and wish to make your library visit an experience you want to repeat!