

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

Computer classes taking off while self-check is delayed

Much to some patrons’ delight, and other patrons’ dismay, more and more information and personal correspondence is being delivered via internet and other electronic means of communication. While our new public computer lab has been so handy for many people, computers are still a mystery and a source of frustration for others.

Are you someone who wants to be able to search and use websites? Or maybe you wish you knew how to send or receive pictures of your grandchildren, pets, or hobbies, or even just send a letter electronically.

Central Community College partners with the library to offer instruction for computer beginners of all ages one weekday morning most weeks. The “Ageless Learner” computer classes are growing in popularity.

Instructor Deb Wolfe has broken down basic skills into manageable pieces that won’t intimidate even the newest of computer novices. Class topics are contained in one session, and there’s no need to come back unless a student wants to explore another skill. In order to better help beginners, these classes are limited to 10 students per class.

Modules offered the rest of the summer through the end of July include, “Introduction to Emailing,” “How Do You Read an Email and Reply to Sender?” “How to Create a New Email and Send It,” and “How Do You Add an Attachment to an Email?” Classes already held this summer which you may see again in the future were, “What Is a Computer and How Do You Use the Mouse and Keyboard?” “Where Do You Save Your Files and How Do You Find Them?”, “How Do You Compose a Letter on the Computer?,” and “What is the Internet and How Do You Use It?”

There will be a short break between the summer and fall classes, but classes will resume again in September. The reference desk at the library has Extended Learning Service Brochures, as does Central Community College. For information or to reserve a seat in a computer class at the library please call Extended Learning Services at 562-1293.

The best laid plans maxim has proved true for the library in one instance. The first week in June we received the news that our self-check kiosk shipment has been delayed. The manufacturer, 3M, had an interruption in its materials supply from a plastic supplier and so was unable to fill our order in the anticipated time-frame. The current estimate from 3M is a ship date of June 22nd. So those patrons who have been patiently waiting for the self-check to appear will need to wait a bit longer. The good news is that the children’s desk check-out has been up and running for a few weeks now.

Recent memorials given to the Columbus Library Foundation include: A gift from Stacy Vernon in memory of Trish Humphries; Ray and Nancy Welker memorialized Jack Sokol; Dick and Patti Luebbe and family donated in memory of Ed Iwansky; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Behlen memorialized Clifford Stopak. Dale and Janet Jaixen donated in honor of Pat Meyer. A donation was also received from the Columbus Area Child Care Association. Cornhusker Power’s Goodwill Fund

gave a grant to be used for Summer Reading Program expenses.