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The Herington Public Library Newsletter

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Happenings at the Herington Public Library:

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Library Assistant

Susan Mueller:
Children's Librarian

Gwen Owens-Wilson:
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Karolyne Schlesener

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Thanks for taking time to read the Herington Public Library newsletter. Watch the Facebook page, the website and the newspaper for updates.

~ Susan Mueller, Children's Librarian, and Shelly Wirtz, Library Director

Sorry - Closed: Due to staff training and vacation days, the Herington Public Library will be closed all day on Thursday, Aug. 1. Sorry for the inconvenience. The free wi-fi can still be accessed outside the library.

Those needing books, movies or other materials are encouraged to plan ahead and check out needed items on July 31. The library will reopen at the regular time on Friday, Aug. 2.

Universe of Bees: The public is invited to attend a special program, "The Universe of Bees," as part of the summer reading activities at the library. Offered on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m., there will be a book about native bees and a program presented by a group of Dickinson County 4-H members.

Those attending will learn the difference between bees, wasps and flies, as well as how bees collect nectar and pollen. Everyone can make a bee nest to take home and use.

Honey snacks will be served at the end of the program, which is free and open to the public.

Block Party: Saturday, Aug. 17 is Herington's Downtown Block Party. Activities start at 4 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m.

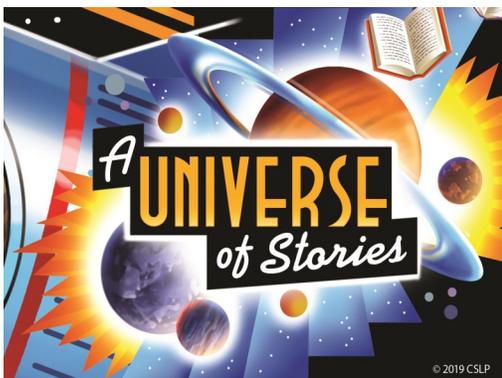
As always, the library will host children's activities and crafts in the basement. Free activities will be offered from 4 until 5:30 p.m. The main library will be closed so participants will need to use the basement (south) door.

The block party will feature a talent show, bounce house, street vendors, corn hole tournament, dunk tank and a street dance. Watch for more information.

Board Members: The library board and staff thanks Jenette Clark for serving on the library board. The library board is currently seeking a new board member. Anyone interested in serving may stop by the city office and complete an application.

Book Sale: The library staff started weeding out the adult non-fiction books. Several new books have been added to the sale shelf. Staff also finished weeding out the paperback books. All paperback books are 10 cents per book. All other items on the sale shelf are 25 cents each.

Parents and Caregivers: During the summer, more children come to the library each day. Parents and caregivers are reminded that library employees do not assume responsibility for unattended children. If children of any age are exhibiting inappropriate or disruptive behavior (such as running, climbing on furnishings, using abusive language or creating excessive noise), they will be asked to leave the library building and grounds. Disruptions should be kept to a minimum so that all patrons feel comfortable using the library and its services. The library staff wants all children visiting the library to have the best experience possible this summer.



Herington Public Library Services:

High Speed Internet
Wireless Internet
4 Patron Computers
Copy Machine
Fax Machine
Homebound & Outreach Service
Handicapped Accessibility
Book Group
Children's Story Time
Summer Reading Program
Tax Forms
DVDs
Audio Books
Paperbacks
Newspapers
Magazines
Kansas Library Card

Books on order:

- * The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
- * The Last Stone by Mark Bowden
- * Second Sight by Aoife Clifford
- * The Shameless by Ace Atkins
- * One Good Deed by David Baldacci
- * Shamed by Linda Castillo
- * Labyrinth by Catherine Coulter
- * Red Metal by Mark Greaney
- * Window on the Bay by Debbie Macomber
- * Girls Like Us by Cristina Alger
- * Rules of War by Matthew Betley
- * You've been Volunteered by Laurie Gelman
- * Reasons to be Cheerful by Nina Stibbe

Rotating Books: The rotating books through the North Central Kansas Library system will be exchanged on Thursday, August 8th.

Book Discussion Group: The book group meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Those wanting more information about the book group may call Shelly at 785-258-2011.

Some of the upcoming books the group will be reading are: "Heart in the Right Place," by Carolyn Jourdan, "The Art of Racing in the Rain," by Garth Stein.

Display Case: Be sure to stop by and check out the snowmen that Tammie Martin has shared in the display case. Tammie said that this is only part of her collection. It's like Christmas in July!

Anyone who would like to display treasures at the library may call Shelly at 785-258-2011 to schedule a display.

History: Miss Drusilla Herington, daughter of the town's founder, along with other women, organized the Women's Mutual Benefit Club in 1897, principally as a study club, but with an early goal to establish a public library. To this end, they raised money holding rummage sales, conducting minstrel shows and holding women's baseball games. The club bought lots on South Broadway.

A separate entity interested in having a library in Herington was formed in 1904: The Herington Library Association. These two groups, The Women's Mutual Benefit Club of Herington and the Herington Library Association worked toward their goal for six years.

Herington Public Library opened in 1910 with a paid librarian. Mrs. Naill, president of the association, was instrumental in obtaining a reading room in a building on Main Street, west of Broadway, owned by J.W. Creech, a wealthy railroad contractor. Patrons were charged a fee of one dollar per year to use the library. When a separate building was desired, Mayor W.M. Koons contacted the Carnegie Corporation, requesting money to build a library in Herington. His figure of \$7,000 was based upon his assumption that the city could raise \$700 in an annual tax meeting, the required ten percent of the building cost. The Corporation refused, saying that it was their belief that it would take \$10,000 to build the library.

On June 9, 1913 the city council passed a resolution agreeing to raise the needed \$1,000 and the Carnegie Corporation agreed to participate. Crowell and Van Meter, of Wichita, the architectural firm engaged to design the building, sent off the first set of plans in October, 1913, however the final plans were not approved until February 1915. Herington's Public Library was completed the end of December and officially opened on New Year's Day 1916. On June 25, 1987 the library was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Through the years, several renovations have occurred and amenities added. In 2005, an elevator was added to the building, as well as toileting facilities for wheelchair bound persons. In 2006, we rearranged the stacks to allow wheelchair access in the aisles, bringing the library into compliance with the regulations of the American with Disabilities Act. At this time, the children's and young adult books were moved to the lower level. In 2009, the library purchased new windows for the upper level of the library.

Librarians: Mrs. Roberta McKowan 1910-1924 (aka Mrs. Bruce Crary); Mrs. Ethyl Ragland 1924-1930; Mrs. Ida C. Storer 1930-1945; Mrs. C.H. Van Deventer 1945-1948; Mrs. Marion G. Young 1948-1969; Mrs. Virginia Stuart 1969-1992; Mrs. Frances Vogel 1992-1994; Donna Thiessen Barta 1994-2000; Susan Carlson 2000-2007; Judy Fuemmeler 2007-2010; Shelly Wirtz 2010-Present.

