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The Herington Public Library Newsletter

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Happenings at the Herington Public Library:

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

Weather: It's that time of year! The Library Director will determine when the library will close due to weather conditions. Please watch Facebook to see if the library will be closed, opening late or closing early when weather conditions deteriorate. This is to keep everyone safe, both customers and staff

Sick: The Herington Public Library staff respectfully ask that those who are sick (throwing up, running a fever, terrible cough, etc.) to stay home or wear a mask. HPL staff is trying to keep the library as healthy as possible for patrons.

Celebrate Love: "I Love My Family," is the theme of a Feb. 9 (Sunday) activity at the library from 2 until 3:30 p.m. The entire family is welcome to read stories, play a game, make a craft, then help make and eat snacks. This is a free and fun opportunity for families to spend a little time together with no home, work or phone distractions.

The craft will be a simple decoration the family can make together and display for Valentine's Day at home. The snack will be easy and something that can be made at home with a take-home recipe. Families may also apply for library cards that day.

2020 Census: The Herington Public Library currently has information available about the 2020 United State Census.

Every 10 years, a census is conducted to obtain an accurate count of residents. These numbers affect how many seats each state house in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as determining the need for roads, hospitals and funding for many other community, state and national needs.

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently seeking census takers.

All applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and have a valid Social Security number and email address. Males born after Dec. 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption.

Visit 2020census.gov/jobs to find out more information or to apply. Potential applicants may also call 1-855-562-2020.

Rotating Books: The rotating books provided through the North Central Kansas Library System will be exchanged on Thursday, Feb. 6th.

Display Case: Be sure to stop by and check out the Westclox "Big Ben" and "Baby Ben" Alarm Clocks on loan from Mark Will.

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

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:

- * Big Lies in a Small Town by Diane Chamberlain
- * House of Fire by Joseph Finder
- * When You See Me by Lisa Gardner
- * Blindside by James Patterson
- * The Numbers Game by Danielle Steel
- * Hit List by Stuart Woods
- * If I was the Sunshine by Loren Long
- * Who is the Mystery Reader by Mo Willems
- * The Country Guesthouse by Robyn Carr
- * Into the Fire by Gregg Hurwitz
- * Get Out and Play by John Cena

Book Discussion Group: The book group meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome. Those wanting more information about the book group may call Shelly at 785-258-2011. If there is another book group in the area that would like the library to order books, please contact Shelly. There are several different ways she can try to get books for a group

State Data Bases: The Herington Public Library has new information for the general public about on-line data bases offered through the State Library of Kansas. The SLK provides free access to more than 60 on-line data bases at no charge.

Many of the data bases will be of use to those doing research, exploring careers, genealogists, school teachers, home school families and those preparing debate topics, speeches or factual presentations.

Those thinking about careers may want to visit Ferguson's Career Guidance Center at <https://kslib.info/Fergusons> The site offers career assessments and profiles, offers financial aid information, lists ways to find internships and apprenticeships, sample resumes and cover letters, as well as a directory for industry associations and resources.

For those interested in history or the military, fold3 may be of interest. It offers records from the American Revolution to the most recent conflicts, both in the U.S. and international. There are unique portions focused on Federal Bureau of Investigation case files, Holocaust archives, Native American archives, African American archives and others. It can be accessed at <https://kslib.info/fold3>

Those wanting to see both the pro and con of a topic may visit Issues and Controversies. This site shares articles in a pro/con format, offering statistics, timelines, primary sources, as well as videos and educator resources. This would be very helpful for those debating issues or hoping to persuade others with facts. The link is <https://kslib.info/IssuesandControversies>

Two data bases of use to educators and students are The World Almanac Kids and The World Almanac Kids Elementary. Both offer age-specific resources, easily used by children seeking to develop online research skills. There are support materials, such as videos, games, lesson plans and solid statistics. <https://kslib.info/WorldAlmanacKids> or <https://kslib.info/WorldAlmanacKidsElementary>

These are just a few of the data bases available at no charge. Additional information is available at the Herington Public Library.

There is no charge to access the data bases at <https://kslib.info> The local library will soon be including links for several of the most popular data bases on its website. The links will connect directly when using library computers. However, those wanting to access the data bases from home will need a Kansas Library Card. There is no charge for the cards, which are available at the Herington Public Library during regular business hours. The library is open every Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Staff members and board members from the local library, as well as librarians from area communities, attended a training session last Tuesday to learn about the new resources being offered. Information was shared by staff from the North Central Kansas Library System, based in Manhattan.

Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities' Mobile Outreach van comes to Herington to assist community residents on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., by appointment only. Catholic Charities can help with items such as food, hygiene products, diapers, wipes and formula. The program may also assist with rent, utilities, or prescriptions. Call 785-323-0644 to determine eligibility for financial assistance. To receive food, hygiene products, diapers, wipes, or formula, call the Herington Public Library to schedule an appointment at 785-258-2011.