

# Off the Shelf

The Newsletter of the Leavenworth Public Library

Winter 2010

## Results from Library Survey

During the first two weeks of October, Circulation staff set up a table in the lobby to distribute patron surveys. One-hundred forty-eight surveys were completed by patrons. A summary of the results are as follows:

### How often do you visit the Leavenworth Public Library?

Daily-32 responses

Weekly-81 responses

Bi-Weekly-7 responses

Monthly-23 responses

Few times a year-12 responses

### What services do you use?

Internet-83 responses

Kansas Room-21 responses

Reference Services-46 responses

Programming-4 responses

Holds/ILL-41 responses

Web Page-28 responses

Databases-13 responses

Newspapers/Magazines-65 responses

Children's Story Time-20 responses

Meeting Room-13 responses

### What items do you check-out on a regular basis?

Adult Fiction-98 responses

Adult Non-Fiction-71 responses

Children's Books-42 responses

Young Adult Books-36 responses

Music CDs-42 responses

DVDs-68 responses

Books on CD/Playaways-28 responses

There were many positive responses concerning the friendliness of the staff, the selection of materials, and the layout of the building. Some suggestions included purchasing more audio-visual materials, faster Internet, and more computers.

## 2010 Legislative Priorities for Libraries

The 2010 Kansas legislative session will begin soon. Now is the time to contact our local legislators to ask for their support for several issues involving libraries. The issues are as follows:

**Maintain Current Levels of State Funding**—While state funding for local library programs and services is lower than at any time in the last twelve years, circulation of materials from Kansas public libraries continues to increase. Maintaining current levels of funding for State Grants-in-Aid and other programs will help libraries support continued increases in use.

**Maintain Kansas Universal Service Fund Support for Kan-ed**—With nearly one in four Kansas households still without access to the Internet and forty-four percent of unemployed households nationally without access, libraries are technology hubs that ensure all Kansans have equitable access to online resources, including job opportunities and government information. The Kan-ed network helps libraries maintain the affordable connectivity required to obtain, share, use, and make available electronic information that library patrons need and expect.



**Preserve the Authority of Local Library Board**—Local library boards of trustees are best positioned to establish policies and guidelines for the use of materials, programs, and services that meet the needs of their local constituencies.

## Spring Story Time Session Begins January 12

The library will be offering Pre-School Story Time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am. The weekly programs last about thirty minutes and include several stories, along with a related craft project. The first program will be held on January 12. Themes for the spring session include the following:

\*January 12 & 13-We have nursery rhymes and fairy tales, plus stories old and new to tell in **library world**.

\*January 19 & 20-Cold, white, drifting, sifting is the **snow!**

\*January 26 & 27-Salute our great state of **Kansas** on its 149th birthday.

\*February 2 & 3-Spring is just six weeks away; let **ground hogs** and shadows rule the day.

\*February 9 & 10-Be my **Valentine!**

February 16 & 17-**Tigers** are big furry cats with lots of orange stripes.

February 23 & 24-We are celebrating the heritage from times that are past and present during **Black History Month**.

March 2 & 3-**Dr. Seuss** has stories that are very silly.

March 9 & 10-**Pirates** sail the high seas with lots of adventure.

\*March 16 & 17-**Spring** has sprung with flowers, birds, and bunnies hopping.

\*March 23 & 24-A **horse** is a horse, of course!

\*March 30 & 31-Eggs, candy, baskets, and bunnies all help us celebrate **Easter**.

\*April 6 & 7-Whether a sprinkle or a down-pour, **April showers** bring May flowers.

\*April 14 & 15-We have a beginning and end; we hope that **books** are your friends.

## Reading Together Program

The Reading Together program is designed to encourage the love of reading in pre-readers. Parents will read and share books with their children and record the titles on a log sheet provided by the library. For every twenty-five books read, the child or parent will be able to choose a free paperback book to keep as a reward.

## New Playaways

Playaways continue to be very popular at the library. The number of titles recently increased to ninety-eight, including Adult, Young Adult, and Children's.

Some of the newer titles include the following:

\**The Secret Adversary* by Agatha Christie

\**I am Legend* by Richard Matheson

\*Circle of Magic Series by Tamora Pierce

*Sandry's Book*

*Trisis's Book*

*Daja's Book*

*Briar's Book*

\**Curious Case of Benjamin Button* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

\**Malice* by Lisa Jackson

\**Black Rose* by Nora Roberts

\**A Lady of the West* by Linda Howard

\**Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by Dave Barry

New titles are being added continuously, so please check the book case for more new Playaways!

## News & Notes

\*If attending Ladies Night Out on January 23, please stop by the library's table. It will have lots of information about library services, giveaways, and other surprises.

\*VITA volunteers will be at the library again this spring. They will be here on Saturdays beginning February 6 through March 27. They will begin at 9:00 am and take clients on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*Make plans now to attend exciting after-school programs in the YA room during National Library Week. More information will come in the March newsletter.

\*The new computer tables are to be delivered by December 18 and installed the following week. The tables will replace the current furniture in the Adult and Children's Internet area and will match the furniture in the Young Adult room. Funding was provided by the Friends of the Library.

\*The Kansas Reads for 2010 is *Dreams From My Father* by Barack Obama. Information on book discussions or other programs will be available after January 1.

## Librarians in Literature

The following books have a librarian as the main character in the story-and all are available at the library for check-out.

### Jo Dereska: Miss Zukas mysteries

*Catalogue of Death*-An explosion at a new library construction site uncovers secrets worth killing for.

*Out of Circulation*-Miss Helma Zukas and her friend Ruth uncover a body during a hiking trip.

*Miss Zukas and the Library Murders*-When a body is found in the fiction stacks, Miss Zukas suspects foul play.

*Miss Zukas Shelves the Evidence*-When a library book is part of a crime scene, Miss Zukas is asked to hand over information about the borrower. What will she do?

Nora Roberts: *Key of Light* and *Key of Knowledge*-Three female friends, one a librarian, are chosen to free the souls of an ancient demigoddess called the Daughters of Glass.

### Charlaine Harris:Aurora Teagarden mysteries

*Real Murders*-Librarian Aurora Teagarden sets out to catch the murderer after several members of the Real Murders Society are killed.

*Last Scene Alive*-A film crew arrives in town and before long, murder strikes again.

*Poppy Done to Death*-When Aurora's stepbrother's wife, Poppy, is murdered, several other family secrets come out.

### Jayne Ann Krentz: *Perfect Partners*

Midwestern librarian Letty Thornquest heads to Seattle to run a company she has inherited. There she meets Joel Blackstone, the CEO, and the relationship is more than business.

Jayne Ann Krentz: *Smoke in Mirrors*-Sparks fly between Leonora, a college librarian, and Thomas Walker, a venture capitalist, while they hunt down a killer who has a way of making murder look like suicide.

## Calendar of Events

\*December 16-11:30-1:00 "News at Noon"  
Book Talk

\*December 24 & 25-Library Closed-  
Christmas Holiday

\*December 31-Close at 5 pm

\*January 1-Closed-New Year's Day

\*January 18-Closed-Martin Luther King Day

\*January 20-11:30-1:00 "News at Noon"

Book Talk

\*February 15-Closed for Presidents' Day

\*February 17-11:30-1:00 "News at Noon"

Book Talk

\*March 19-21-Friends of the Library Book  
Sale

\*April 4-Library Closed-Easter Holiday

\*April 11-17-National Library Week

## Regular Events

\*Pre-School Story Time-Tuesdays and  
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am from January 12  
through April 13

\*Grand Care Story Time-Mondays @ 10:00  
am from January 11 through April 12

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<http://twitter.com/LeavenworthPL>

## Library Hours

Mon-Thurs 9 am-9 pm  
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Sunday 1-5 pm

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The following titles will be featured in January 2010 in the library's on-line book club. For more information or to sign-up for the service, see our web page at [www.leavenworthpubliclibrary.org/Services/book\\_club.html](http://www.leavenworthpubliclibrary.org/Services/book_club.html)

### Mystery Club:

1/4/2010-*Honestly Dearest, You're Dead* by Jack Fredrickson  
1/11/2010-*The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley  
1/18/2010-*The Coptic Secret* by Gregg Loomis  
1/25/2010-*Death Without Tenure* by Joanne Dobson

### Non-Fiction Club:

1/4/2010-*Note by Note* by Tricia Tunstall  
1/11/2010-*Dumbfounded* by Matt Rothschild  
1/18/2010-*Convictions* by John Kroger  
1/25/2010-*Cowboy & Wills* by Monica Holloway

### Teen Club:

1/4/2010-*Willow* by Julia Hoban  
1/11/2010-*Is it Still Cheating if I Don't Get Caught?* by Bruce Weinstein  
1/18/2010-*Den of Thieves* by Julia Golding  
1/25/2010-*If the Witness Lied* by Caroline B. Cooney