GROWTH IN eBOOKS

Interest and usage in the Downloadable Digital Library continue to rise. Over 100 libraries in Arkansas now offer downloadable books over the Internet, including our own in Northeast Arkansas. Since our initial offering in October of last year our collection and patrons have grown as seen below:

Digital Library Statistics from inception to now:
- Purchased Titles in Collection: 1,446
- Audiobook: 442 (Current: 34)
- eBook: 1,262
- Checkouts: 5,312 (Current: 331)
- Audiobook: 442 (Current: 34)
- eBook: 4,870 (Current: 297)
- 794 patrons have logged into OverDrive from all branches.

NEED HELP DOWNLOADING E-BOOKS?

Check the tips on the library’s webpage under “HOW TO”

Why a Summer Reading Program?

The goal of our annual Summer Reading Program is to make reading good books a central and vital part of the lives of children and adults. It is our conviction that reading is one of the most wonderful experiences available to us. To that end we participate with other public libraries to create and provide curriculum, materials and events to develop a meaningful experience with good books.

Why Reading is Important for Children

Children might frequently ask why reading is important and it is imperative that their questions are answered. Children should be exposed to reading from the womb; however reading must be more to children than a time of fun and enjoyment. They must have an appreciation for the fact that reading is a skill that they should endeavor to master for the rest of their lives. Though they should never think that reading is boring, they should understand and accept the fact that reading is a skill that will require practice and diligence. When asked why reading is important they should have the understanding that reading is the key to unlocking their future success.

One of the best ways for children to understand why reading is important, is for them to see those around them reading. Many adults have plenty of opportunities to ensure that children have a respect for the written word. Every time an adult picks up a newspaper, magazine, or reads a book in front of a child they are showing children that reading is important. In addition, it is also important that children understand that reading comprehension, vocabulary and spelling skills, and the ability to discern critically the information being read are important elements for successful reading. Adults should never hesitate to explain to children the importance of reading, building vocabulary skills, and increasing reading comprehension. When children see first-hand that adults are still learning it opens the door for them to accept learning as well. To help your child learn to read find a great reading program or reading tutor, such as our Summer Reading Program.

Understanding why reading is important is paramount for building successful readers who don’t just have skills but also have a serious lifelong hunger for reading. To ensure that children grow up with a passion for reading it is important to take the time and answer the question why reading is important.

(adapted Why reading is important http://www.whyreadingisimportant.com/)
Sherry Crafton has been with the Greene County Library since the summer of last year and has been a great asset to the library particularly in the Children and Youth areas. This year she will be assisting Mrs Sonya Nelson with the Summer Reading Program. Already they are Dreaming Big! Sherry, what’s the first thought that comes into your mind when you wake up? “Oh, I hear the rooster again!” If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be? Lake Norfork. What’s your favorite part of your job? Helping Mrs. Sonya with StoryTime and decorating for the Summer Reading Program. What’s your least favorite part of your job? Cleaning the toilets. What do you think are the most important things in your life? God and my family. What’s the best book(s) you’ve ever read? The Help by Kathryn Stockett, Wait ’Til Helen Comes by Mary Downing Hahn and anything by Joyce Meyers. What’s the funniest thing that has happened at the library? Dressing up like an elf and messing up on the lyrics to Jingle Bells. What has been your most memorable experience working at the library? Seeing the excitement on the children’s faces as they watched Mrs. Sonya perform as the Cat in the Hat. If you came into a lot of money, what would be the first thing you would do? Pay off all my debt and buy a house on the lake. What’s the best way you would describe yourself? Always try to have fun and don’t take life seriously.

National Library Week 2012
Celebrate National Library Week @ your library! April 8-14, 2012
Every day across the country, libraries open their doors to everyone: students, parents, seniors, teachers, writers, artists, job seekers, entrepreneurs, readers, gamers, movie lovers and travel buffs.

About National Library Week
National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use.

Check Online http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary & http://www.mylibrarynow.org

2012 Summer Reading SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CORNING Tuesdays at 10
5th Tommy Terrific Wacky Magic Show
12th The Kiddos
19th Dan Montgomery
28th Rocky Clements* Thursday

PIGGOTT Wednesdays at 11
6th Tommy Terrific Wacky Magic Show
13th The Kiddos
20th Dan Montgomery
27th KinderSong

RECTOR Wednesdays at 9
5th Tommy Terrific Wacky Magic Show
13th The Kiddos
20th Dan Montgomery
27th KinderSongs

RANDOLPH Thursdays at 10
7th Tommy Terrific’s Wacky Magic Show
14th The Kiddos
21st Dan Montgomery
28th KinderSongs
5th Marilyn’s Cloggers
12th Scott Davis Magician
19th The Balloon Lady
26th Party Time Picnic

GREENE Mondays at 9:30
LapSit for 3 and Under
Mondays at 10:00
Crafts for the 7 and Under
Mondays at 2:00
Dream Big Crafts Stories and Activities for 8 and older.
Wednesdays at 10
Story Time for all 4 and up
13th, Special Guest, Dan Montgomery

NOOK WiFi Winner
Jean Ann Hooten of Pollard, AR was the winner of the Nook WiFi Drawing held at the Piggott Library through the month of February 2012. The Lone Star Quilt was donation by an anonymous library supporter. All the proceeds ($175.00) went toward the Piggott Library Matching Grant Fund.

QUILT DRAWING
The Piggott Library is having a “Quilt Drawing through the month of April 2012. The Heart Quilt is a donation from librarian, Gay Johnson and was handmaid in Tennessee. Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00 and can be purchased at the library. All proceeds from the quilt drawing will go toward the Piggott Library Matching Equipment Grant Fund.

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"SPOTLIGHT ON SHERRY CRAFTON"

Sherry (left) and Sonya (right) Dream Big at the Summer Reading Workshop in Little Rock this March.