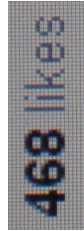


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A year in review...with the 2013-14 fiscal year behind us, I thought I would share some data on what we have accomplished and what our goals are.

This past year we have had 7286 people walk in our doors and issued 385 new library cards. Our three public computers have had 819 uses, and I have proctored numerous tests for distance learning students. There have been 1219 kids attend storytime. We have checked out 7986 books in the course of the FY. Currently we have 9854 books on our shelves.

Our library is completely automated at this point. This past year we have started two book clubs, an after school program, and library interloan.

For FY 2014-15 our immediate goal is to offer ebooks. We have done research for the past couple of months and are going through the steps to acquire this service. We are also planning a series of adult classes on a variety of subjects. There is more about this on page 2.

Our goal is to continue to expand our services. If there are services you would like to see us offer, please let us know.

Mark your calendars...Friends of the Library semi-annual book sale is September 19 & 20 at City Hall and in front of it and the library. Fridays hours are 9-6 and Saturday 8-2.

Public Libraries Are Valued

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries recently released a study affirming how public libraries are valued and valuable. The *Pew Internet and American Life Project Public Library Study* (December, 2013) found that—

- 94% of Americans said having a public library improves the quality of life in a community.
- 95% believe public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed.
- 94% said public libraries are welcoming, friendly places.
- 70% of parents have taken their children to a library or bookmobile in the past year.
- 90% say closing the public library would have a negative impact.

During FY2013, Oklahomans would have had to spend \$477 million if they had to purchase the services they received from their public libraries. Most Oklahomans would simply have had to do without. For every taxpayer dollar spent on public libraries, library customers received \$5 worth of services.

Adult books (14,413,832) borrowed are at a valued cost of \$352,129,916. Children's books (7,572,503) borrowed are valued at \$13,516,917. AV materials (413,079) borrowed are valued at \$54,195,080. Program attendance (34,042,179) is valued at \$25,573,288 with computer use (3,822,609) valued at \$12,996,870. Reference service (25,289,747) is valued at \$17,702,822. Interlibrary loan and e-books and so much more, the total estimated value is \$477,692,110. WOW! What a valuable resource! Pass the word!



The more you know, the more you grow...

Saturday, August 16, Laura Barrett will be on hand to teach a basket weaving class. Class will be from 9-12. Cost is \$15 per person to cover the supplies. Please RSVP and prepay no later than August 9.

We have also scheduled 4 beginner crocheting classes. They will be each Wednesday morning starting August 20 from 9-11. According to the instructor you will be crocheting a raglan sleeve sweater by class 3 & 4. These classes are **free**, but you will need to bring some basic yarn such as Red Heart and an "H" hook. If we need to do another round of these classes during the evening or weekends, let me know.

September we will start a series of American Sign Language classes. More information on that a little bit later.

If there is enough interest, we will offer needle tatting, fabric crafts, women's self defense, couponing, gardening, and whatever else we can think of. These will be throughout the fall and winter.

We completed baby sign language classes in July. If there is interest, we can offer it again.

Fizz, Boom, Read! was the theme of the libraries summer reading program. We had seven weeks of science activities and performers with a total of 901 participants. We learned about weather, insects, the five senses, unusual animal friendships, and more. Our performers presented The Science of Being a Hero, The Magic of Science, and Dave Titus "The Stringman". All were big hits with the different age groups.

We had weekly quizzes for all ages about science for extra prizes, plus door prizes to keep things fun. Preschool through teens received a variety of incentives for keeping track of what they read, with bigger prizes going to the three in each group that read the most books by the last day of the program.

In the preschool group, Gabriel and Evalyn Carter tied with 117 books, with Mazie Grace Englehardt following close with 104. The elementary age winners were Emery Englehardt reading 169 books, Jason Phares with 78, and Sophia Deabenderfer with 52 books. Adult winners were Barbara Deabenderfer reading a whopping 61 books, Rebecca Deabenderfer with 44, and Jenn Pineo with 18.

Teens kept track of the number of pages they read instead of number of books. Abigail Dittmeyer read 11,933 pages, Skylar Gann 6,428 pages and Greg Hoffman 4,422 pages. Congratulations to all of you!



Thank you to Elgin Public School for allowing us to use the sixth grade cafeteria; Alona Hayes for making science themed cookies for the last day of the program; Debbie Thomason, Trivet's and Billy Simms for donating gift certificates to be used as prizes; and all the volunteers who helped with this years summer reading program. And of course, to all the parents, children, adults and teens that participated and made this such an outstanding summer. Next year will be all about superheroes...maybe we can have 1000 participants...can't wait!

We have two book clubs that meet at the library on the last Tuesday of the month.

One starts at 9:30am and the other at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome even if you have not read the book.

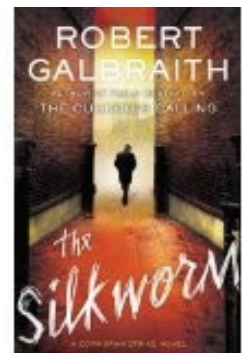


August 26 at 9:30am: *The Silkworm* by Robert Galbraith

When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran Strike. At first, Mrs. Quine just thinks her husband has gone off by himself for a few days-as he has done before-and she wants Strike to find him and bring him home.

But as Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more to Quine's disappearance than his wife realizes. The novelist has just completed a manuscript featuring poisonous pen-portraits of almost everyone he knows. If the novel were to be published, it would ruin lives-meaning that there are a lot of people who might want him silenced.

When Quine is found brutally murdered under bizarre circumstances, it becomes a race against time to understand the motivation of a ruthless killer, a killer unlike any Strike has encountered before..THE SILKWORM is the second in the highly acclaimed series featuring Cormoran Strike and his determined young assistant, Robin Ellacott.

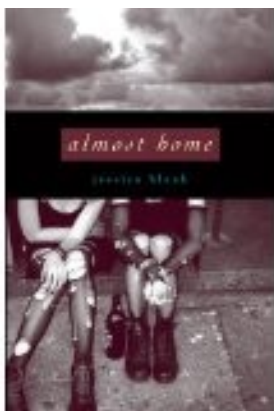


August 26 at 6pm: *Almost Home* by Jessica Blank

Why would anyone choose to live on the streets? There is Eeyore, just twelve years old when she runs away from her privileged home, harboring a secret she's too ashamed to tell anyone. Rusty is a sensi-

tive gay teen who winds up alone when his older boyfriend ditches him in Hollywood. Squid has gone through too many foster homes to count.

There's Scabius, a delusional punk from Utah who takes the "me against the world" motto to dangerous extremes. And Critter is a heroin dealer with movie star looks and a vulnerable heart. Laura should be home studying, but she can't face another one of her mom's boyfriends. And then there's Tracy, the damaged thread that ties them all together, irrevocably changing each life she touches. This unlikely band of characters form their own dysfunctional family, complete with love and belonging, abuse and betrayal. Each will make their way home, wherever it may be.



August 2014

Sun closed	Mon closed	Tue 10-6	Wed 10-6	Thu 10-6	Fri 9-12	Sat 9-12
There will not be any story times or after school programs in August.						1
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10	11	12 Chamber noon City Council 6	13 First day of school	14 Teens 5pm	15	16 Basket weaving 9-12
17	18	19	20 Crochet class 9-11	21	22	23
24	25	26 Biblioposse 9:30 & 6	27 Crochet class 9-11	28 Teens 5pm	29	30
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