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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
September-May,
Sunday 1-5

Closings

April 12 Easter
Sunday

May 24 & 25
Memorial Day

Sunday, May 17 will be
the last Sunday open
until Fall.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- ◆ FDL Board Meetings held at 6:00 p.m. on the last Monday of every month. However, due to Memorial Day, this month's meeting will be on Monday, May 18th.
- ◆ GED Classes 6-9 p.m. Every Wednesday through May 13 There will be no class on May 6. Call ICC at 694-5277 to register or for more information.
- ◆ TAB (Teen Advisory Board) April 14th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This is a fun opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to get together and offer ideas for teen programming. This will be the last TAB meeting until September.
- ◆ Book Clubs Bifocal Book Club at 1:30 p.m. April 20
May 18
June 15
- ◆ Knitting Club Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. May 17th will be the last meeting until September. Everyone is welcome. Donations of yarn to the group is appreciated.
- ◆ Rules of the Road: a free refresher course for the general written and road sign exam will be held on Friday, May 15 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is requested by calling 699-3917.

News from the Director



Amy Falasz-Peterson

By now, most of you have heard about the library's future plans for a new facility at the East Peoria 2010 site. Perhaps you've talked to a staff member or one of the board members about this project. On April 7, 2009, there will be a question on the ballot asking for community support to issue \$7 million in bonds for the construction of a new library facility.

Since early 2003, the FDL Board of Trustees has worked on bringing to fruition the results of a community developed long range plan. A lot has happened since then, but the point remains that the library is important to the quality of life in the East Peoria community. The board asked for the community's support in 2007 for a new \$12 million library. That question did not pass but, over 40% of the population was in favor of it. The board listened to the community and went back to the drawing board, literally. We've worked with our architect, PSA-Dewberry, to create a new, state of the art library facility. We wanted to be sure that we'd still be able to offer all the amenities of a 21st century library at a more acceptable price, while still meeting the needs of our community. The board is confident that they've done this.

The \$7 million price tag is a significant difference from the asking price two years ago. We're in a unique position this time. Through a collaborative effort with the city of East Peoria, we would move to the EP 2010 site. We'd be a part of the civic plaza, which would include a city hall, a shared meeting room space, shared public restrooms and shared gathering space. It's another example of the unique thinking that we see so often from the city of East

Peoria. We've entered into an intergovernmental agreement so as to maintain our identities. It's a privilege to be a part of such a unique development that incorporates community, commerce and technology.

Anyone who has been in our current facility knows some of the challenges we face. We are located in a converted bank building, with a large underground vault. We have too little seating for our customers. We have 16 chairs available for adults to sit and read comfortably. We have limited program space. We have only one restroom per gender available to the public. (And, if you've ever been in here after a story hour, you know the lines!) We can only have books and shelves on one side of the library. These shelves are reinforced with columns in our children's department. We get water in our vault and in our children's room in times of heavy rain. We don't have any quiet reading space. And, the staff uses converted closets for office space.

The proposed new facility would be 32,000 square feet. The children's and check out desk will occupy the first floor, with an entire second floor devoted to adult services. There will be family restrooms, a story hour room, quiet study areas and a special space for young adults. This would be quite a change from our current 12,500 square foot building. The tax rate increase comes to around \$40 a year for 20 years, the life of the bonds. That's less than the cost of two hardback books at the local bookstore.

No matter what happens on April 7, 2009, rest assured that the Fondulac District Library will continue to provide our community with the best programs, services and materials.

Lincoln and the Power of Language

We are celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a program on **Sunday, April 26 at 2:00p.m.** Janet Cornelius will trace Lincoln's struggle with education and compare it with the experiences of slaves, some of whom risked torture and death in order to learn to read. Ms Cornelius has taught and published several books on Illinois history, the history of slavery, literacy, and religion. This program is part of the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

Adult Summer Reading

John Hansen of Farm and Fleet has donated a cooler and Karen McClelland, State Farm Insurance, a United States Atlas as prizes for our Adult Summer Reading. The library will pack the cooler with picnic food for a family. Patrons high school age and above may enter their name in a drawing each time they check out reading material from **June 1 to August 1.**

National Library Week

Celebrate Fondulac District Library during National Library Week, **April 12-18, 2009.** Stop in to register to win a book and receive a discount coupon from THE BEAN COFFEE HOUSE.

All About Credit

A workshop presented by Central Illinois Debt Management & Credit Education, Inc will take place on **Thursday, April 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** The workshop is designed to help consumers build and maintain better credit and avoid costly mistakes. Topics to be covered include: Your Credit and Why it is Important; Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit; Understanding Credit Scoring; Restoring Your Credit; Avoiding Credit Traps.

Call 699-3917 to register for this free program.

Living Will Help

Prairie State Legal Service representatives will be available by appointment on **Thursday, April 16** to help people **60 years and older or disabled** fill out Illinois Living Will and Power of Attorney documents. Please call the library at 699-3917 for appointment times.

Identity Theft Program

Stewart J. Umholtz, Tazewell County State's Attorney plus other representatives from the State's Attorney's office will be here on **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00p.m.** to present a program about **IDENTITY THEFT.**

Please mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to the library for this important program.



READ on the Wild Side!

Make tracks to Fondulac Library for **READ on the Wild Side!** The library's 2009 summer reading program will begin on **Monday, June 1** and end on **Saturday, August 1**. There will be reading incentives throughout the program for preschoolers-8th grade.

Weekly programs being planned for this summer include: story hours, crafts and brown bag-its. Special programs planned are Glen Oak ZooMobile on Tuesday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. and a presentation by a team of storm chasers on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:00 a.m. The final party will be Friday, August 7 at SplashDown!



American Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Fondulac District Library, in cooperation with the East Peoria Woman's Club and East Peoria Youth Council will present an American Red Cross babysitting certification class for students ages 11 and up at the library on **Saturday, June 20** from **9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The cost of the program for participants is only \$20.00, thanks to a generous donation from the East Peoria Woman's Club and the East Peoria Youth Council. The class will train young people on how to care for and play with youngsters as well as how to prevent accidents, handle emergencies administer rescue breathing. Each student will receive a reference book and a babysitting bag to keep for their own use. Due to limited space, registration and prepayment are required. Registration will begin in the Children's Department on **June 1st**. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Lego Club

Do you love creating with Legos? The library is having a Lego program on **Thursday, June 18** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend. **Please bring some Legos along with you**, since we don't have enough for everyone. The lego theme for the night will be animals.

This program is an opportunity for Lego enthusiasts to share ideas, tips and have a great time!

Registration is not required for this free program.

Infant Massage Demonstration

Are you interested in learning about the benefits of infant massage? If so, join us on **Friday, April 10** at **9:30 a.m.** for an Infant Massage Demonstration. Cindi Krampitz, a Certified Education of Infant Massage will be our guest speaker. This program is for parent(s) and child 18 months or younger.

Cindi will talk about the benefits of infant massage and demonstrate some basic massage techniques that you can use with your child. Please bring extra diapers, a blanket or pillow for your baby to lie on and a pillow for you to sit on (if desired).

There is no registration for this free program.

Phineas MacGuire. . . Erupts!

Phineas MacGuire, a.k.a. Mac is boy-scientist extraordinaire. His best friend has moved and to top it all off he has been paired with his un-best friend for the upcoming science fair.

Join us afterschool from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 19** for some Phineas MacGuire . . . Erupts! fun.

This free program is for students in 3rd-5th grade. Registration is not required.

Easter Craft

Come to the Children's Department **Friday, April 10** between **3:30-4:30 p.m.** to make an Easter craft. All supplies will be furnished.

This free program is for children in preschool through 5th grade.

Wacky Science

Wacky Science is back on **Thursday, May 21** at **6:30 p.m.** This free program is for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Parents are asked to accompany their child if in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Froggy Program

Froggy will be visiting during National Library Week! You will have the chance to meet him on **Monday, April 13** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

In addition to Froggy's visit, we will read a Froggy story and have some fun activities. The program is for children preschool age through 2nd grade. There is no registration for this free program. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children during the program. Cameras are welcome.

Teen Tie-Dye Program

Join friends during Easter Break on **Monday, April 6** at **2:00 p.m.** as we travel back to the 1960's for a tie-dye program.

Bring a white t-Shirt or white pillow case that has been **washed** to dye. This blast from the past program is for students in 6th -12th grade.

No registration is needed for this free program.

