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Libraries still going strong

Diane ADAMS

@ YOUR LIBRARY

Many believe that public libraries are on the verge of becoming increasingly irrelevant and ultimately extinct. Nothing could be further from the truth!

The strong vitality of public libraries today was seen in The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project national survey-based studies entitled Library Services in the Digital Age (1/22/2013), Parents, Children, Libraries, and Reading (5/1/13), and Younger American's Library Habits and Expectations (6/25/13).

Findings included these facts:

■ Book borrowing was for 80 percent of surveyed persons a very-significant library service.

■ Reference service was viewed by 80 percent of these individuals as a quite-important provision in libraries.

■ Free public-computer access was underscored by 77 percent of the people as exceedingly desirable in libraries.

■ Preschool-literacy achievements of libraries were highly valued by 94 percent of parents with 84 percent underscoring that "libraries help inculcate their children's love of reading and books" and 81 percent saying that libraries are crucial because they provide "children with information and resources not available at home."

The Pew Research Center's findings give further proof of libraries ongoing dynamic nature: "As with other age groups, younger Americans (ages 16-29),were significantly more likely to have read an e-book during 2012 than a year earlier: Among all those ages 16-29, 19 percent read an e-book during 2011, while 25 percent did so in 2012.

At the same time, however, print reading among younger Americans has remained steady: When asked if they had read at least one print book in the past year, the same proportion (75 percent) of Americans under age 30 said they had both in 2011 and in 2012.

In fact, younger Americans under age 30 are now significantly more likely than older adults to have read a book in print in the past year (75 percent of all Americans ages 16-29 say this, compared with 64 percent of those ages 30 and older). And more than eight to 10 (85 percent) older teens ages 16-17 read a print book in the past year, making them significantly more likely to have done so than any other age group."

As of November 2012, 65 percent of young Americans had a library card; 86 percent of those age 30 or under had visited a library facility in person; and 58 percent had frequented a library in the past year.

As noted this summer in National Public Radio's special eight-part series entitled "Keys to the Whole World: American Public Libraries" (http://www.npr.org/series/209598179/public-libraries-in-america), modern U.S. public libraries are creative places, veritable incubators of ideas on better serving the literacy needs of our citizenry.

The face of public libraries is changing, but, they remain enormously vital and relevant to the communities they serve. If you haven't visited your public library recently then it is time! Don't be in the minority, come find out what we have to offer today that can help you with your tomorrows. We also have a web presence that you can use anytime at http://internationalfallslibrary.us. Let's work together to create the future we want.

With content by Dwight McInvaill, Director, Georgetown County Library, South Carolina.

PET OF THE WEEK

TRES

"Tres" is our special needs kitty — she has three legs due to an injury. Despite looking different, she doesn't know she is different than other cats. She gets around very easily and is a happy-go-lucky kitty. Tres is doing fabulous in foster care and adapted with ease the stairs, cat condo and bed. She has healed not only from her surgery, but from her experience as well. All she knows is love from her new foster mom and dad and siblings. Tres will need to be a strictly indoor kitty and that is just fine with her. Human love is what makes her world go round. Please consider adopting Tres and give her the life she deserves. She has been with Borderland Humane Society far too long and needs that special someone now. She is spayed and up-to-date on immunizations. For more information, visit the website at www.borderlandhumanesociety.org or call 218-324-2313 or 283-9276.

Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary meets

BY MARGUERITE DAVISON

Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary president Sonia Wegge presided at the Oct. 1 meeting. The 13 members present recited the auxilian prayer.

Liaison Kelly Millerbernd gave her report. Children's tours of the hospital may take place in the spring.

Plans are under way for the annual bake sale set for Nov. 8, under the direction of Bea Brown and Beth Johnson, co-chairpersons. The event will be in the lobby of the hospital. Donations of baked good are appreciated.

Gift Shop chairperson Helen Billig reported on sales at the gift shop and gave a treasurer's report.

Membership chairperson Beverly Beck reported there are 74 members at present.

A slate officers for the next year was presented and will be voted upon at a future meeting.

Sadie Darvell, volunteer chairperson, announced that the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program appreciation event is scheduled for Oct. 23 at Lenard's.

Door prizes were awarded to Connie Lacher, Brown and Marguerite Davison.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the auxiliary will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 at the hospital.

MEMORIAMS

In memory of **Gene Koerbitz** — Oct. 16, 2007.

Those we love are never more than a thought away.

It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you,

It's the memories you leave behind.

For as long as there are memories,

You will always live in our hearts.

Sadly missed -
Mary
Mark and Janis
Kent and Shelly
Gary and Kim
Grandchildren
Great-grandchildren
Louise

Remembering someone very special – **Gary White** – Feb. 21, 1945-Oct. 16, 2012.

Time slips by and life goes on,
But from our hearts you're never gone.

We think about you always,
We talk about you, too;
We have so many memories,
But we wish we still had you,
Gary J. White.

Loving you always -
Betty White, family and friends

BIRTHS

Katey Johnson and Allen Morgan, of International Falls, announce the arrival of their son, Allen Eugene Morgan, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, 20 inches long, born Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.

Welcoming Allen home was his sister, Trista Johnson.

Grandparents are Mary and Darwin Johnson and the late Allen Morgan.

The following births have been reported by La Verendrye General Hospital, Fort Frances, Ontario.

Born to:

Jason and Jennifer Torkelson (nee Martin), Mine Centre, Ontario, a daughter, Rita Joy Torkelson, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Sept. 21, 2013.

Emily Potson and John Kabatay Jr., Seine River, Ontario, a daughter, Harper Alexandra Kabatay, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Sept. 21, 2013.

Roxanne Handorgan and Sean Comegan, Morson, Ontario, a son, Chael William Comegan, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Sept. 24, 1013.

Taylor Perrault and Brett Tuesday, Red Gut Bay, Ontario, a son, Grayson Skyler Tuesday, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, Sept. 24, 2013.

Ashley Shaw and Tommy Angus, Devlin, Ontario, a son, Corbin Geoffrey Dean Angus, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, Sept. 26, 2013.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary gathers for meeting

BY BETH M. JOHNSON

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 was called to order at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 by president Pat DeLapp with 14 members present.

The opening ritual was held, roll of officers conducted with Wanda Linder serving as guard, pro-tem.

There was one petition for membership, Lynde Mettler, whose eligibility is her father, Butch Kuryla. A voice vote was taken to accept her as a member.

Minutes from the September meeting were read and stand approved as read.

Correspondence as well as the General Orders were read.

A donation was received from Harry Batdorf from the sale of his book, Fifty Stars on the Flag. Funds donated will go to assist hospitalized veterans.

The treasurer's report was read and filed subject to audit.

Irene Anderson gave a report on Americanism. She brought coloring sheets to the schools for students in kindergarten through grade 6.

A POW/MIA flag was donated this month to Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

The report on membership, Legislative and Veterans and Family Support was given by Linda Chezick. An article was published in The Journal about the upcoming Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen essay competitions.

Bingo is planned for Oct. 17 at Good Samaritan Society -International Falls, and pies served Oct. 10 at Littlefork Care Center.

The cancer aid and research report was given by DeLapp. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As a fundraiser for cancer research, paper fall leaves will be available in the bar for a donation. Cancer pins, a red rose, are on sale. Those interested in purchasing should see DeLapp.

The charter was draped in memory of Opal Tessier, who passed away Sept. 23.

Avon fundraiser books will be picked up Oct. 12-13 in Deer River. Members were asked to consider ordering products for themselves or a VA facility as this is a fundraiser.

Donations were made to purchase Avon products for the Silver Bay Veterans Home, holiday gift donation for residents at St. Cloud VA Hospital and Minneapolis VA.

Programs will take place Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at local schools.

Bingo begins Nov. 3. Chezick will handle the first two weeks of Bingo lunches. Members are needed to sign up and help with this fundraiser and may contact DeLapp to volunteer.

The open house for auxiliary members with over 30 years membership was well attended and very nice.

Door prize was won by Edna Doris.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 with closing ceremonies.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 12.

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12:00-12:30pm

Tami Muska-Flach
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1:00-1:30pm

Shimen Averhoff
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