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From the Director's Desk :

I know I'm slightly biased, but the library is a wonderful place to be. It's a place where you can connect with the world; a place where adventures are waiting in every book; and a place where discovery is encouraged.

In this day and age, with electronic gadgets finding their way into our lives, hearts and even our book bags, we sometimes take libraries for granted—or wonder why we need them at all. Here's some important reasons why:

Libraries educate. They are essential in building the literacy and educational base of a community. Literacy is more than just reading skills ... it's computer skills; evaluation and navigation of web searches; it's understanding math; learning to interpret media messages; and much more. Without the opportunity to grow and learn, the community suffers.

Libraries socialize. Yes, the days of the "shhhhhh" are gone.

Although we prefer not to have screaming patrons, we certainly encourage communication. Adults and children alike benefit from both educational and entertaining programming. Our library provides opportunities for tutors to meet with students; for diverse patron groups to hear authors and

community speakers.; for families to gather for gaming and fun. We have reading programs to encourage all ages to expand their horizons. This summer, the library will be telling "Stories From Around The World." We'll read, learn about animals, and discover theater. We sponsor book clubs, hold girl scout and boy scout meetings. We take our doors to those who cannot come to us through outreach. We proctor tests for students. You can even stop by on Friday mornings and visit with your friends over coffee. We are your community.

Libraries preserve. Libraries are vital in the preservation of a community's history. We know the value of those yearbooks; the local paper; and family history. We develop the ways and means to provide both paper and digital access to items of interest. We believe in collaborating and partnering with any and all who hold archival materials dear to the community's heart. We are the scrapbookers of the digital age and respect the history that shaped our world today.

Libraries equalize. As a child, we all learned that not everyone has what everyone else has. Economics prevent us from all having

the same as the person down the street. Libraries provide a balance. We believe in equal access to information. Our Code of Ethics states that we not only provide equitable access to information, but we do so without judgment, censorship or bias. We protect your right to privacy and confidentiality. We are the guardians of your right to read and your right to the knowledge you need to improve your quality of life.

I know that none of this is news, but sometimes I think we all need to take a moment to remember the vital role a library has both in the community, and in our lives. I can remember loving Saturday mornings as a child, because it meant library day. I can remember my librarian handing me a book and saying "try this" when I needed someone to help me understand my changing teenage emotions. Those memories last a lifetime, and lifetime learning is what libraries are about.

April is when the nation celebrates it's libraries. National Library Week runs from April 10th—17th. Stop in and see us that week and connect, or reconnect with your library. And remember, even though I'm biased.....

Libraries rock!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK :

WHEN:
April 10th—April 17th

National Library Week is a wonderful time to celebrate your library!

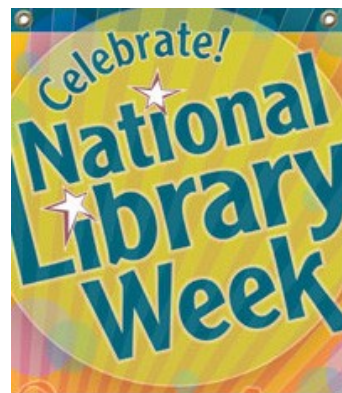
We'll have plenty of activities to keep you smiling during that week, and we hope you can stop in and have a little fun with us.

We have a guest speaker, cookies, games and more. The week will end with an

author presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The following pages will outline the week's activities. There's something for everyone. So stop in and pick up a new read, or play a game.

While you're in, ask about our new databases and our new card catalog system. We'd love to show you the ropes!



*We thank our
volunteers ... for
without them, our
best would not be
good enough!*

*The Blair Public
Library Staff*



FUN STUFF :

Library Trivia:

We'll post different library trivia questions throughout the week. If you answer it correctly, you'll win a piece of candy!

Friday Morning Coffee Club:

You're welcome to stop in and enjoy a cup of joe while you

read the paper; or better yet, bring your friends and visit for a spell. Our new Friday fun will begin on Friday, April 15th at 9:30 a.m. and will continue every Friday morning after that.

Just a note : circulation services will not be open until 10:00, but you are welcome to browse until then.



Tango With Mango! :

If you haven't tried Mango yet, you must! Stop in and we'll give you a quick lesson . It's easy, and you'll be speaking Italian... or German...or French...or almost anything within no time!

We'll have some Mango promotional items to raffle off too! It's a win-win opportunity! Don't worry; we won't really make you tango..... Or will we?

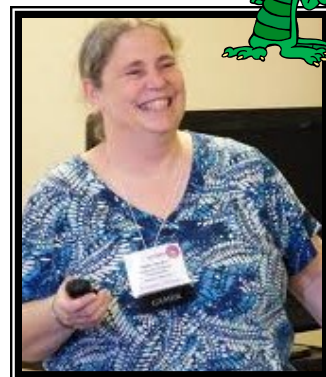
TUESDAY WITH SALLY :

The Blair Public Library is excited to host the Nebraska Library Commission's own Sally Snyder on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Sally is the Coordinator of Children and YA Library Services for the State of Nebraska. She keeps us advised as to all the good books the

kids will be reading this summer.

Sally is a fun and energetic presenter who takes her work — seriously! She LOVES books and loves to get kids reading. But don't let her laughter fool you, she is serious about finding great reads for kids.



FOR YOU :

Wednesday, April 13th, is

Patron

Appreciation Day!

Stop in for some cookies, juice and coffee; served throughout the day. We'd love to see you and visit about our new services, great reads and what's coming for summer.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and with the help of No Frills Supermarket, we hope to fill the library!

FINES :

During National Library Week, the library will once again collect **FOOD for FINES!**

All late fines can be removed by bringing non-perishable food items to the library. Fines for damaged or lost materials will not be removed.



FUN :

Need some fun this week? Stop on in on **Thursday, the 14th**, at 4:00 pm for Miss Wendy's **After School Activity** session.

She'll be celebrating National Library Week with a "bang" - an hour's worth of fun and exciting science experiments!

After School Activities are geared for ages 9 and up; but you know us, we won't turn anyone away! Stop in and check out the fun!

Summer Reading



Program 2011

GRANTS THAT KEEP US GOING :

The Blair Public Library is pleased to announce that we are the recent recipient of several grants:

Week of The Young Child Grant, provided by the Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area \$50.00. Grant to assist with purchase of parachutes and play equipment.

Youth in Excellence Grant for Summer Reading Theatrical Program. Provided by the Nebraska Library Commission. \$1,000.00.

Washington County Recycling Center grant for Universal Class, a program providing Continuing Education classes to all our patrons at no cost. \$1,400.00.

Internship grant. Provided by the Nebraska Library Commission. \$1,000.

Blair Community Foundation Grant for new Microfilm Reader/Scanner. \$2,000.

The Library staff continually monitors grant opportunities to raise funds. Grants help us to improve equipment, services and our book collections.

GAME NIGHT :

Game night is for everyone! Stop by the library Friday, April 15th, at 6:30—9:00 pm for some relaxation time!

We have a solid selection of board games and playing cards; including the ever popular Twister! We have jigsaw puzzles as well, if you're looking for a quieter activity.

Are electronic games your passion? Come experience the Wii on our newly donated large screen television! You are welcome to bring your games, but we ask that they be family friendly.

Refreshments are served and all are encouraged to make some noise and have a great time!

COFFEE CLUB :

Beginning **Friday, April 15th**, the Blair Public Library will be open for Friday morning coffee.

Stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee while you read the newspaper, or browse the magazines. Consider us the "place to be" to meet your friends before you head out shopping or begin the day's activity!



Coffee served 9:30—11:00 am

Circulation Services begin at 10:00 am

AT A GLANCE

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April:

Toddler Time, 10:30 am: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Story Times, 10:30 am: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
After School Activities, 4:00 pm: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Book Club, 7:00 pm: 26th, *Little Heathens*
Coffee Club: 15th, 22nd
Game Night, 15th

National Library Week: 10th—17th

Various Activities... See inside for details

CLOSED: April 29th, Arbor Day

May:

Book Club, 7:00 pm: 24th, *Three Bodies Burning*
Scholastic Book Fair: May 23rd—27th
Summer Reading Sign Up: May 23rd—June 2nd
Coffee Club, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

CHECK US OUT!

www.blairpubliclibrary.com

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2011 :



It's almost here!

This year's summer reading program is sure to thrill kids of all ages... from ages 0 to 100! This year's theme, *Stories Around The World*, will provide us the opportunity to travel the world right from Blair, Nebraska.

Miss Amy and Miss Wendy have been busy planning this year's programs—including

a magician; an encounter with wildlife; an international food fair; music around the world; crafts; and more!

We're especially excited to present our summer theater program. That's right folks, your kids can participate in acting, building sets, and making costumes for our end



of summer dinner theater presentation!

Calendars will be available at the library on May 1st; and will be hosted on our web-site.

The summer lock-in will be held July 16th, and sign up will begin July 1st. We'll be "traveling the world in 14 hours @ your library!"

Sign up begins MAY 23rd.
It'll be a great adventure!

From the IRS regarding receipt of any additional forms.

“First the IRS told us they will not provide any additional forms,” states Director Gayle Roberts, “then we received an email saying we will receive forms without delay. The best we can hope for is that they will ship the forms. Until then, the library staff is happy to help you find the forms you need online.”

The Blair Library is one of the few libraries in the area that have any forms at all. Please remember that the library staff cannot advise you as to how to fill out your forms.