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# COLLECTIONS

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## Much To Do !

Here's a overview of upcoming events. After the hilarity of the winter lock-in, these may seem a bit calmer; but they're still fun!

### Book Club:

4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. February's book is "*The Well and the Mine.*" Check out the reviews on our web site.

### Valentine's Story Time:

Thursday, February 10th, at 6:30 pm. Stories, crafts and a treat to celebrate the sweetness in all of us!

### Regular Story times:

Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 am

### After School Activities:

Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Miss Wendy has many a trick up her sleeve for Thursday afternoons. Fun crafts, eats, and lots of laughing are the norm. Coming soon: science experiments!

### Day of Rest:

We're closed on February 21st for President's Day.



### St. Patrick's Day: March 17th

Try your luck out on LUCKY BOOK DAY! Check out a lucky book and you win a prize. The only way to know if a book has been designated as a lucky book is to check it out!



### NEW!

### E-Reader User Group:

The first Monday evening of the month at 6:30 pm.

Patrons have mentioned they'd like a chance to talk e-reader talk with other users. Come on over and visit with your neighbors and friends about their readers, loaning ebooks and more!

## Tax Forms !

The Internal Revenue Service and the Nebraska Department of Revenue is hoping that our patrons will find the forms they need online (we'll assist if needed!).

Although the library ordered tax forms, as we have in the past, forms are slow in coming. We have received conflicting reports

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.

The link to online federal tax forms is:  
<http://www.irs.gov/>

## Meet The Board !

Our Library Board helps keep the library focused on fulfilling our vision and mission. They construct and review policies, review administrative issues and help keep our library moving forward. The Library Board meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm and all are welcomed to attend.

We'd like you to meet our newest Board member: Ms. Becky Lacey.

Becky has been a Blair resident

since 2001. She and her husband Steve moved to Blair with their 2 daughters as part of a job transfer with Cargill. They enjoy being a part of the community through the school system, living and working in Blair, and their church involvement with youth group.

Becky has worked with children for many years - in elementary schools, child care centers and her home daycare. In 2004, Becky and her dear friend, Laura Hendrickson, started Heartland Christian Preschool. Becky has recently

acquired the title of Director of the preschool and has been teaching there for 6 years.

When Becky became a member of the library board, she was looking for an opportunity to be a part of a community group that would be working toward the future of development in Blair. She enjoys being a part of a close community and looks forward to seeing it thrive through positive growth.

Welcome, Becky!



**Becky Lacey,**  
**Our newest**  
**Library Board**  
**Member**

## Lock-In Laughter !

Our winter lock-in centered around a camp theme. Thirty-six kids, ages 8 and above, had a great time hunting for bears (stuffed and ceramic), identifying wildlife tracks, crafting camp fires and bowling with roadkill.

"The flashlight reading was my favorite," said Miss Amy, "It was a great way to settle down after all the fun we had!"

Treats included marshmallow-chocolate banana boats, chips and cookies. Dinner was the old time campground favorite—hot dogs! We ended our camping adventure with doughnuts and juice while we wrapped up sleeping bags and said our good-byes.

For those who are already asking .. The next lock-in is in July, when we "go around the world @ the library!"

Thanks to our many volunteers who brought food and items for the craft projects, and our sponsors: The Blair Public Library Friends and No Frills Supermarket.



# Year End ! (it's all in the numbers...)

Have you ever wondered how many books the library checks out? Or owns? Or how many patrons there are?

Here's some stats that might be fun to know (2009/2010):

Number of materials checked out for the year: **79,847**

Number of circulating materials: **45,640**

Number of Children/Juvenile/Young Adult books checked out: **31,601**

Number of Adult Books checked out: **26,561**

Number of DVDS/VHS tapes checked out: **14,236**

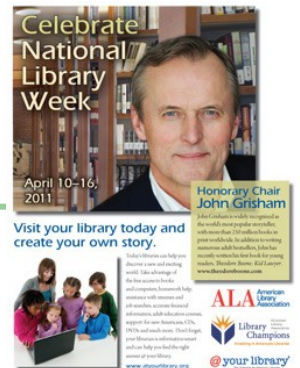
Most often checked out adult non-fiction books: **600-699s (Applied Sciences)**

Percentages: **DVDs are 17% of the library checkouts; adult fiction is 16.8% and children's picture books are 13.4% .**

How many patrons have an active library card? **5,781**

How many volunteer hours did the library receive? **2,057.25 hours**

How many people attended programming? **7,756**



## Travel !

Coming Soon — travel books @ your library!

Want to know the hot spots to visit as you travel the United States? How about England? Australia? Italy? Argentina?

From February until June, we'll be receiving titles that explore nature trails, cities, historic landmarks and cultural centers within the United

States and the world.

“Blair residents are well traveled, and are asking for materials that outline travel possibilities,” states Wendy Lukert, adult librarian.

“We found some excellent new publications that should excite our readers!”

One book ordered details available cruises and what to expect on each

cruise.

Books will start arriving by mid-February. Plan on checking some out — then plan your next vacation.

If your destination spot doesn't show itself on the shelf, let the staff know. They'll do their best to find a book to help make your vacation dream come true!

**April News**  
**Coming Soon!**

## New Face !

You'll see a smiling new face around the library these next few months. AdriAnne Susbauer is joining our staff temporarily as she works on her library science associates degree.

AdriAnne currently works at Omaha Public Library and is excited to see what a smaller library system has to offer.

“I'm excited to be here and I can't wait to learn what the atmosphere is like at a smaller library,” she exclaims. “Libraries are the cornerstone of their communities. I am honored to pursue this profession.”

We're honored to host AdriAnne for her practicum. While here, she will learn cataloging skills, Interli-

brary loan procedures, and will brush up on her reference skills.

AdriAnne is originally from Portland, Oregon and would like the snow to go away. Spring is more her style.

Help us welcome AdriAnne to the Blair Community!



## AT A GLANCE .....

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### February:

*Toddler Time, 10:30 am:* 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
*Story Times, 10:30 am:* 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th  
*After School Activities, 4:00 pm:* 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th  
*Book Club, 7:00 pm:* 22nd (*The Mine and the Well*)  
*Valentine's Party Story time, 6:30 pm:* 10th

**CLOSED:** February 21, 2011 for Presidents' Day

### March:

*Toddler Time, 10:30 am:* 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
*Story Times, 10:30 am:* 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st  
*After School Activities, 4:00 pm:* 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st  
*Book Club, 7:00 pm:* 22nd (*tba*)  
*Lucky Book Day, March 17th* (all day)

**CHECK US OUT!**

[www.blairpubliclibrary.com](http://www.blairpubliclibrary.com)

## Birthday Book Program!



It's true ....

A little known fact is that the Blair Public Library hosts a Birthday Book Program.

Celebrate the birthday of either a child or adult by donating a book to the Blair Public Library in honor of their special day. A donation of \$15.00 will purchase a hardcover children's book or a donation of \$20.00 will

purchase an adult hard cover book for the library.

A bookplate will be placed in the front of the book with the adult or child's name indicating the book was given in honor of them by you. They will also receive a letter from the library notifying them of your gift.



Donation forms are at the circulation desk.

Checks should be written to the Blair Public Library Foundation.





