

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- Brightly colored hair
- Summer Programs
- Summer Reading

## THE RUMOR IS TRUE



Miss Amy, Miss Wendy and Miss Gayle have challenged all the Blair readers to sign up for summer reading and turn in their reading journals!

“Last year, we checked out way more books than we got journals for,” states Miss Amy,” so we wanted to add some extra encouragement to all our readers.”

What type of encouragement is Miss Amy talking about? “Well, we aren’t quite the kind to eat bugs or do dunking tanks,” she explained, “but we will dye our hair fantastically fun colors to celebrate our reading success!

Does 14,999 books count? No way—the journals must count 15,000 and above. So trot down to the library and sign up to make your reading count! Sign ups can take place until July 1, 2011. While you’re at the library, let the librarians know what color hair you think they should have. Husker Red? Rainbow? Purple and White? Bright Pink? Cast your vote — and READ!

## VOLUNTEERS ROCK



The Blair Public Library is fortunate to have a great group of volunteers. Our volunteers help straighten books on our shelves, prepare crafts materials for various activities and help us keep the library clean.

During the summer, our volunteers are essential in helping us run a successful summer program. This year, we have 55 volunteers ready to stand the helm and help at our craft and program events.

Depending on the time of year, volunteers log between 145—272 hours per month. This June, we had over 430 hours of volunteer help! We appreciate every hour, every minute and every second. Thank you all!

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## LOCK IN SIGN UP !

Sign up for this year's lock in begins July 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

This year's theme is "Around the World at Your Library in 14 Hours!"

Participants will arrive on July 16th at 6:00 p.m. and not leave until 8:00 a.m.

"This is our 4th lock-in, and we're excited!" stated Gayle Roberts, Library Director. "Every year it's just so much fun. We promise to have a few traditions, like our bowling

and our scavenger hunt; but other than that, no hints as to the activities we have planned!"

Participants will be asked to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush and jammies if they want them, and a stuffed animal to keep them company at night.

Electronic games (such as game boys or DSs) should remain at home. Flashlights may be brought.

Dinner and a continental breakfast are provided.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

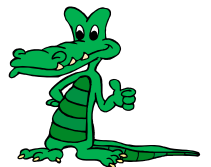


## EXPLORERS!

Thursday afternoons are great fun! Miss Wendy and the gang have been experimenting and learning about Jupiter! Enjoy these pics—

## Afternoon Adventures:

If space isn't your thing, try coming to the Wednesday Afternoon Adventures program. Learn about cultures around the continent while have a good time!



## FOR YOU :

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.

## FINES :

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!

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## FUN :

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 are 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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### CHECK US OUT!

#### 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  
April 17th—Friends Program "Forts of Nebraska"  
**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

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## 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.