

LIBRARY INK

Harper Library Newsletter - September 2010 Edition

Harper Library's New Mission Statement: The Harper Library serves as a community wide resource providing full library services including use of computers and internet connectivity, faxing, copying, a public meeting room and community information.

Library Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Phone Number: 864-4993

Location: 23797 West U.S. Hwy 290 (Right across from Bode's Feed)

Email: harperlibrary406@aol.com URL: www.harperlibrary.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Regular monthly meetings are normally held the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at the library – Everyone is welcome!

Pre-school story hour is every third Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM starting this month September 15th & 16th at the library. Join the Head Start classes while our story readers entertain the young ones!

Sept. 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 11th: BOOK SALE IN LIBRARY. Huge Selection!! Cheap prices!!

September 13th...Line Dancing lessons in the Community Hall at Harper Community Park, 1-2:00. Class will be held every week. Cost is \$1.00 per lesson benefiting the library & the park.

October 9 – Saturday at the Resale Shop: NO SALES TAX ON ANY ITEM IN THE STORE

FROM THE PRESIDENT --- Martha Stevens:

We've had a wonderful summer reading club program this year with about 35-50 children

participating each week. The Fireworks Jamboree was a great and enjoyable fundraiser, raising about \$2500.

The resale shop is doing well; they have great bargains there every day. The library continually adds wonderful new books and DVDs to our collection and has upped the DSL speed for faster internet.

We are raising money for the refurbishing of the Sanders Building and hope to be moving into our new library next year. We are soliciting community support for this building project! For a short time you “can buy a piece of the future” by making a donation to what the library calls the “Wall Board Program”. This Program puts money directly into the library’s Building Fund. Make a donation or pledge to the Library of \$200 and the library will put your or your family’s name on a plaque in a prominent location in the new Library. Even your club or church name would be wonderful. Let others in the community know you supported the Harper Library and Resale Shop. You can do this by a one-time donation or pledge to pay an amount periodically for the next twelve months. Stop by the Library or Resale Shop or call 864-4993 or 864-5870 to learn more.

Great libraries help make great communities. Since we are a 501(c) 3, your donations are tax deductible. We invite to visit the library (and resale shop) often. You’ll find valuable resources in each place! **The library appreciates your support!**

LIBRARY NEWS--- Tomi Pugh, Library Director

The library recently upgraded its DSL service to the highest speed to provide better service. Patrons have been delighted with the difference! We have 6 laptops available for public use – and WIFI connectivity for your own laptop. (The library uses DSL to the building and WIFI for the end users.)

Our book sale started on Saturday, August 28th...we have a huge selection and hope everyone takes this opportunity to stop in, browse the library and shop our used book selection. We receive awesome donations from our wonderful supporters and can’t use all of them on our shelves, so we like to pass on the books to the public.

Our volunteers have been attending workshops on programs, collections, fund raising, and technology. These have helped us continue to improve our library. We would still like to open additional days / hours, but need more volunteers to do so. If you would like to give 2-4 hours a week, we would love to have you join our library family.

One of our volunteers will be teaching Line Dancing every Monday, 1:00-2:00 at the Community Hall in the Harper Park....starting Monday, September 13th. Come have some fun, exercise, and learn a few new dances! Donations of \$1.00 per lesson will benefit the library and the Harper Park.

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ADULT LITERACY & ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE --- Marcia Greeding, ALP Director

The Harper Library Adult Literacy Program is started its 3rd and last session for 2010 on August

31st. Students can still sign up and join in the session. If you know of anyone who needs the following, please send them our way: English as a Second Language, English Improvement, Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, G.E.D. preparation, Citizenship preparation.

The library has new books for these studies and tutors ready to help. Individual or group participation is available from August 31st through November 16th, 6:00 PM at the library. Call 864-4993 for more information.

SUMMER READING CLUB RECAP --- Sandra Potter

The Summer Reading Program was again a great success. Those attending were treated to fun and interesting presenters, crafts, and snacks. Julian Franklin returned with new puppets and fun tricks. He also encouraged the kids to read by talking about the great books by Chris Van Allsburg. Mary Lee Towell from San Antonio entertained us with songs and had everyone moving around. The storyteller Vanessa Potter delighted us with her great stories. Last, but not least, we were charmed by Anita Lenihan and her many animals. We were allowed to touch them. My personal favorite animal was the African porcupine--he was huge!

Twenty-nine readers joined our 30-Minute-A-Day reading club this year. To become a member each one read 30 minutes a day for the month of July! They were rewarded with great stories, a T-shirt, and hopefully a love for reading.

The Summer Reading Program was directed by Sharon Kasper, Sandra Potter, and Martha Stevens. We thank the parents for bringing their children to our program and for pitching in to help with the crafts. Thanks also go to the library volunteers who helped us out. It takes money, time, and lots of helpers to make this program work. **Keep reading!**

HARPER YOUTH LIBRARY CLUB -- Angie Pascarella

“So, are you graduating this year?” Not an unusual question to ask. However, I’m in Middle School, so that question catches me off guard. When I am volunteering at the Harper Library, people often mistake me for a high school student. That’s probably because seniors are usually scrambling for community service hours to put on their scholarship applications. It’s not very often that you see young teens helping out in the community simply because it is something they enjoy.

I created the Harper Youth Library Club in February 2010 to promote youth involvement in the community, specifically, the Harper Library and Resale Shop. This school year I hope to bring in members by encouraging the new 6th graders to participate. I want to let them know that volunteering can be fun, especially when you do it with your friends.

Working at the Library kept us busy this summer with the Summer Reading Club. The youth volunteers helped out with craft projects, registration, snacks and clean-up. There were a lot more kids there this year, so they always needed extra hands.

We are also planning our float for the Labor Day Parade on September 4th. It was very rewarding to

be included in the planning process, and I know we will have fun decorating the float. By the way, don't forget to "Saddle Up and Read a Good Book" at the Harper Library.

Parents, if your children are interested in volunteering, feel free to have them contact me at 830-459-4804. Or, you can catch me in the library Wednesday evenings and Saturdays.

LIBRARY RESALE SHOP A REAL SUCCESS! --- Kathleen Keller, Store Manager

Our hard working volunteers have been doing an exceptional job constantly revitalizing our inventory, changing the look in the store to maintain a special freshness and being able to adjust their schedules when there is a need. Kudos to our special volunteers. *If you would like to volunteer* just give Kathleen Keller (792-4232) a call, or stop in to the store when we are open and pick up a Volunteer Application.

FRONTIER DAYS BLOW OUT SALE:

Saturday, Sept 4 - 10:00 AM until ??? - **All Clothing - Buy 1 get 1 Free - 20% off on furniture and lamps**, and who knows what else will be on sale, so come and have your own Treasure Hunt. **COUNTRY MARKET** opens on Saturday the 4th with fresh baked goods, eggs, herbs, plants and who knows what else. Need any bamboo for stakes for the garden? We've got them!....and it's FREE while supplies last. The next one will be September 18th. All the baked goods are made by local residents and if you have a special tasty treat or produce you would like to donate please call Kay Kloesel 864-5742 (Market Manager). 100% of the profits from the Country Market & Resale Shop are donated to the Harper Library.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Starting next week we can offer you an additional shopping day at the Resale Shop. You asked for an extra day and we're giving you one...starting on **September 10, Friday**. We will be open Wed. thru Sat. We want to thank our loyal volunteers and customers for making this possible.

The new hours will be: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 5:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 - 2:00 PM

Located at 23247 US 290 W

NOW CARRYING LEANING TREE CARDS - great selection - we can special order for you for the Holidays - just ask to see the catalog. Order early and be ready!

NEW ARRIVALS: Lots of light weight clothing - dinnerware sets - very nice shoes - 36" wide basic white interior door \$15 - new in the box interior foyer chandelier (20% discount) - great selection of jeans all sorted to size - puzzles and games - and who knows what will arrive by the 4th. **Donations Needed:** There is a demand for bedding, towels, rugs, tools and baby furniture. So it is time to clean out that closet or barn, just give us a call and we would be delighted to work with you in finding new homes for your donations. Call the shop at 864-5870 or Florence at 864-4508.

Library and Resale Shop Staff and Committee Volunteers:

Effie Allen, Sue Balasa, Carol Beasley, Judy Bell, Kala Briggs, Florence Brown, Pam Buihner, Jane & John Canfield, Karen Conway, Frances Dendy, Brooke Dohemann, Marlene Filip, Robin Gamble, Bridgit & Emily Giedeman, Reba Goodman, Marcia & Ed Greding, Glenna Hartmann, Gladys and

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Thank You.

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