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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

What a beautiful start to Autumn we've had! I love seeing the leaves change a bit more each day. Do you know what else fall brings? The Fall Book Drive! Last year we were able to add 126 new books into our collection thanks to the generous support of our patrons. Take a look at our book tree, or if you prefer to shop online, you can visit our Amazon Wishlist and donate that way. We are so thankful to have such a wonderful community supporting the library!



The Library Lookout

October 2021

I'm sure you're wondering what's been going on in our driveway lately and we are so excited to finally have a paved lane for our book drop! Patrons will be able to drive up to the book drop, return items and drive away, all without even having to get out of your car. This will be a great addition to the library and we think it will greatly benefit our patrons. No more walking through the rain, snow or heat just to return your books!

Have you come into the library and seen an array of flooring samples on our floors? Now that we've raised enough money for our new flooring we've been trying to decide on colors, patterns and material to complement our library. We think we've found the perfect matches and we are ready to say goodbye to the 50+ year old terracotta carpeting and the uneven, hole-ridden hardwoods. It's looking like we will be starting this small renovation in late October or early November so we may need to close off certain stacks or close the library for a couple days but once we know exact dates we will let everyone know so you can plan your trips to the library accordingly!



Bree looks at the options for new flooring.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S FLOOR

By Angie Herrick, Head Librarian & Youth Services

Although Covid is still preventing us from having an in-person programming in the children's room, it is nice to see groups of kids come back into the library from our community schools. In September we got our first visit from the Riverview Memorial School. They got a tour of the library and then a school card so everyone could check out books to take back to school. We also get a handful of Overman Academy learners nearly every day. These students use the library as an "off campus" space where they can hang out, use the computers, and socialize. There are quite a few homeschool families that also make regular visits to the library both to use the spaces as "classroom space" and to borrow items from the collection to supplement their homeschool curriculum.

We know that toddlers and preschoolers are being impacted by covid in a very real way too. Parents are telling us that they are struggling to find enriching or engaging activities outside of their homes that are "safe" for little ones. Recently, the library was able to purchase a few new toys and thanks to a donation, we again added even more educational preschool toys. We are not having structured Storytimes right now, but we are trying to make sure that we have lots of fun activities and as safe a space as we can manage for parents and children. High-touch areas get cleaned everyday and toys are wiped down frequently as well. So, keep the library in mind if you are a parent/caregiver and you have one of those "I just need to get out of my house" moments. We know once the warm, sunny days are over it will be important to have a space for these kiddos.

All kids are welcome to come in to the library anytime after Monday, October 11th to pick up a Halloween Make & Take kit. This kit will include everything you need to make a fun

Halloween wreath plus some yummy Halloween goodies too. These kits will be available as long as supplies last so make sure to get yours as soon as you can.



CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Be sure to buy your tickets for the Christmas Basket Raffle! They may be purchased either at the Library Circulation desk or at The Friends of the Library Store.

Each basket contains lots of items to help you with your Christmas shopping along with a variety of local gift certificates.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of two outdoor "Wifi User Benches" to be placed in front of the Library building.



Four baskets are up for grabs in this year's Christmas Basket Raffle!