

Opening New Books - Looking Forward to 2010

Hi from your library on this last Sunday in 2009! We've some exciting news for Edinburgh residents to share with you. Beginning January 1, 2010 the library will offer free library borrower cards to any resident of Edinburgh. In return, all Bartholomew County residents will have free access to the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Library's services.

Some may question why the library board decided to extend this offer to Edinburgh and not other nearby libraries. The reason is some Edinburgh residents live in Bartholomew County, while others live in Johnson County. Edinburgh residents pay property taxes to the Edinburgh library district (and not to BCPL) even if they live in Bartholomew County. This has been a source of confusion to the public for many years.

Edinburgh residents will NOT need to have a card from the Edinburgh library to qualify for a BCPL card. A photo or other acceptable ID showing an Edinburgh mailing address will qualify a person for a free BCPL borrower card. The BCPL card will be issued for the regular period of 4 years for an adult or until age 18 or 13 for a teen or child.

In turn, Edinburgh will provide service to any person who resides in Bartholomew County whether or not that person already has a BCPL card.

If you are an Edinburgh resident and have more questions about this new arrangement contact our circulation desk at 379-1255 or the Edinburgh library at 526-5487. Bartholomew County residents with questions should call our circulation desk.

Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library is located at 119 W. Main Cross St. and information can be found at www.edinburgh.lib.in.us.

Exciting news continues with a great lineup for our Bartholomew County Library Associates Distinguished Speakers Series for February through May.

February brings a program entitled *Every Apron Tells a Story* and a program by an historic interpreter on the life of Gene Stratton-Porter. In recognition of March being Disability Awareness Month in Indiana a traumatic brain injury survivor will present the program, *"The Miracle Child: How to Set Higher Goals and Achieve the Unimaginable in Life."* And, in a huge change of pace, Cowboy Bob will also present at the library in March.

April also has two diverse presenters. Early in the month we will have *A Visit from C. S. Lewis* with Mr. Lewis being portrayed by a professor from Anderson University. Later in the month *UFO's in Indiana* will be presented by a former journalist and Air Force veteran. Early May will bring a visit from the editor of the syndicated Amish Cook column to talk about all things Amish.

And yet more exciting news, due to the efforts of children's librarian Jennifer Tchida, the library will host the exhibit *Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery*, beginning January 18 and running through March 26. The exhibit "focuses on astronomy through the ages—from Galileo's initial findings to the latest results of the Hubble Space Telescope. The exhibit vividly illustrates 400 years of growth in our knowledge of not just planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies, but also the size and scale of the universe in both space and time." Programs for children, teens and adults will be held to tie in with the

exhibit and the theme for our Winter Reading Club for all ages is Books Are Out of This World.

Thanks to all of you who have visited your library in 2009 whether at our main location, the Bookmobile or our Hope Branch Library. And for those of you who have not darkened the door of your library lately make sure you come in – you will be amazed at all your library has for you and your family!

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