

A HOTBED OF ACTIVITY!!

Your library is buzzing with activity and if you have not visited us in a while you might wish to stop by!

We are two weeks into our Winter Reading Club for all ages. Our theme is Saddle Up and Read Bookaroo! and you are welcome to mosey on in and sign-up. There are prizes and fun for cowpokes of all ages. Adults, and teens who sign-up at the Reference Desk, receive a keychain in the shape of a boot! Teens and adults receive level prizes and weekly prizes are awarded. Those who complete the club have a chance at winning a Wal-Mart gift card. Children earn points and “buy” prizes. All those who finish the club receive a book bag with the club’s theme emblazoned on it. For more information visit our website at www.barth.lib.in.us.

For several months now reference librarian Dave Miller has been leading a book discussion group. This group is open to all and meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in our Conference Room. East of East of by John Steinbeck will be discussed on January 16 to be followed by Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson on February 20. If you have questions call our reference desk at 379-1266 or email reference@barth.lib.in.us.

Bartholomew County Library Associates Distinguished Speakers Program gets off to a fantastic start on January 18 with WRTV’s Rafael Sanchez. Since 2001 Sanchez has been the Call 6 For Help reporter. He will discuss consumer concerns and will also address Latino issues such as culture and language barriers. The talk begins at 7:00 pm in the Red Room.

Other upcoming speakers in the free series include: award-winning Hoosier photographer John Bower in March; Indianapolis Motor Speedway historian Donald Davidson in April and syndicated columnist Lori Borgman in May.

And be sure and jot down February 20 in your calendars – that is when the Library Associates present An Evening with Philip Gulley. Gulley’s novels about Harmony, Indiana have struck a chord with readers world-wide. This talk also begins at 7:00 pm in the Red Room.

And speaking of authors—mystery author and Bartholomew County resident Kit Ehrman presents the second of two writing workshops, “Hand-on: Editing Your Work, on January 20 from 10:00 am to noon. Those who register by calling 379-1266 need to bring five to ten manuscript pages to the class. For more details call us! Kit is the author of the Steve Cline mystery series and her latest book (which has received rave reviews) Triple Cross is about the Kentucky Derby.

The Graphix Zone for middle school and high school students continues to meet the first and third Tuesday of the month. The meetings begin at 3:45 in the Conference Room with snacks and a lively discussion of upcoming graphics titles. From 4:00-5:00 the group has exclusive use of the library’s Computer Lab where they have access to their favorite anime sites online.

Your library staff awaits your next visit. And when you are here sign-up for the Winter Reading Club – after all, who does not wish to be a Bookaroo!

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