

New career center offers more than just books

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A new career center has been established at the Rockcastle County Public Library. This program makes materials and resources for college or other post-secondary education available to high school and middle school students and their parents.

Director Kristiana Burke said, "It's never too early to start thinking about college or post-secondary education."

The program provides two brand new computers with DVD players and a new printer for public use. Also, they have over 100 materials such as books, software, pamphlets, and financial aid information: basically, anything to do with careers or education.

Senior Carissa Settles was par-

ticularly impressed by all it has to offer and the resources available to students.

"The technology is advanced and the computers are really nice," said Settles.

The career center was implemented primarily by Dreama Gentry, who is with Berea College Special Services and Gear-up partner Andy Beichler. Gentry and Beichler worked in conjunction with the middle school parent/teacher group, Rockcastle County Public Schools, Rockcastle County Public Library, Forward in the 5th, School to Work, MLLA 16 and Berea College to get the program up and running.

The Gear-up program introduces middle school parents to

computer technology. Those parents who have completed the course will be able to check-out laptops from the center for up to two weeks in order to search for information.

"Having the center available to the public as a free service makes Rockcastle County a better place," said Burke.

The career center is open to the public Monday thru Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. The center stays open especially late Thursdays closing at 8 pm.

Rockcastle County can certainly benefit from this program which enables anyone interested in furthering their education the opportunity to access valuable information.

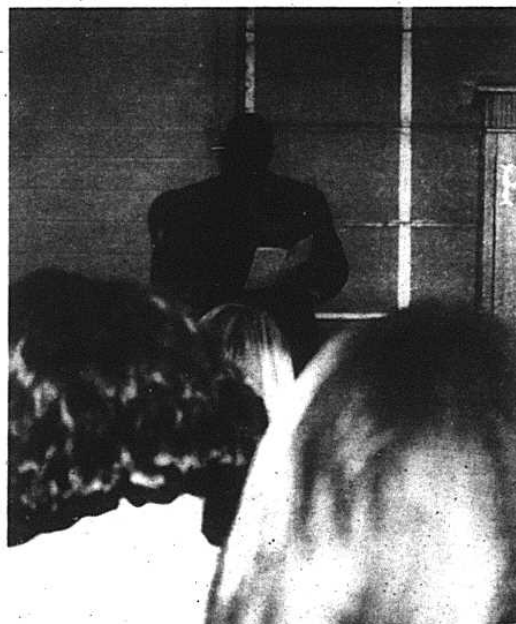
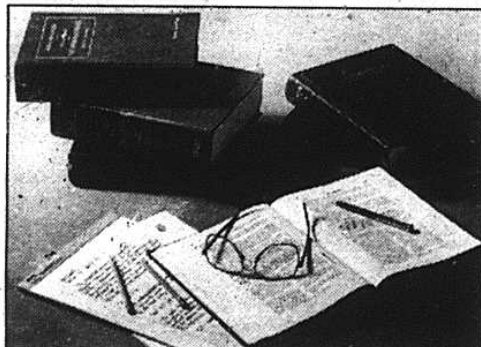


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"AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE"—Harassment was the issue of the day when Dr. Roger Cleveland of the Kentucky Department of Education spoke at RCHS in November. Dr. Cleveland spoke to males and females separately, explaining the difference between sexual harassment and joking. Five cases of sexual harassment were reported by the first of November, compared to five all of last year.

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