

Library News

By Ms. Kathy McKibben
Children's and YA Librarian
We want to thank all of the faithful patrons that brought overdue items back these last two weeks of February. Just a reminder that Friday, February 28th is the last day overdue items can be returned and the fine forgiven. We will continue to accept overdue items but there will be a small overdue charge as stated in the Library rules.

Even with inclement weather, the library has been reasonably busy. We always encourage you to come in and use the computers, read a newspaper or magazine, browse through the books or videos. Bring your

preschooler out to Story Hour every Tuesday at 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing the children and this librarian tries to make plenty of preparation ahead of time to accommodate several children. Why not take advantage of this free program? The children and adults seem to enjoy it. Ms. Pam continues to drive the Bookmobile whenever the weather permits her to run. Several

out in the county take advantage of the Bookmobile service and we are appreciative of you.

March is a very special month. It brings with it "Read Across America." There are several schools in the county that observe the month by asking special readers to come to their school and participate in a special day of reading to the children. Dr. Seuss books are very popular this time of year because he is the icon for the month and his birthday is in this month. There is another author that has a birthday in the month of March and your library has decided to promote Ezra Jack Keats children's literature as well as Seuss. The children's library received a grant from the Keats Foundation to work hand-in-hand with some talented children at the middle school. The purpose of the grant is to promote an appreciation for children's literature, a love for the arts and creativity and to promote a stronger working relationship between public schools and the public library. These goals are also within the mission of the Rockcastle.

With this said, the Rockcastle County Public Library and the Rockcastle County Middle School Touring Theatre will present an Ezra Jack Keats play. Allen Pensol, basic arts coordinator for Rockcastle County Schools, has helped in organizing an adaptation of one of Keats' books called "Hi Cat!" Some of the

middle school children scripted and produced a play that will be viewed here at the library March 4 at 1 p.m. All preschool children in the community are invited to attend with their parents or caregivers. Refreshments will be served following the program. This is a wonderful way to kick off the month of March and "Read Across America." These events help make the school and library visible to the public and get across the message of how important they really are to the community. As for my part in all this, I would like to thank the library board for all of the encouragement and Ms. Pam Chalfit for her support in these endeavors. I also want to thank Jennifer Alsop and Stacy Richards, the library assistants, that keep things going on running smoothly while Ms. Pam and I do the things that we are assigned to do. We appreciate you.

There are always changes being made in the world we live in. The library is no exception. Things change daily. The automation system has been upgraded at the library and we would like to say a special "thank you" to Jerry Burke. He is on the library board, but he also donates a lot of his time, to the upkeep and updating of the technology housed in the library. Why not support your library? Come on in, sign up for a card and enjoy the free resources your library has to offer. Make the connection, connect @ your library.



Nifty Nifty
Gertha Mink's 50!



Happy Birthday Eric!
We love you very much and are so proud of you!
Mom and Dad



Kelby Johnson and Nicole Lake would like to announce the birth of their first child together, a son, born November 18, 2002 at Fort Logan Hospital in Sissonville. His name is Damien Charles Johnson. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 21 inches long. His proud grandparents are Gail Lake of Mt. Vernon, Linda Parrimon of Richmond and the late Charly Lake. His great grandparents are Kenneth Mink of Mt. Vernon, Bonnie Rose of Negro Creek and Irene Lake of Mt. Vernon. He also has a very proud half sister, Amy Jo Johnson.

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Narcotics Anonymous

Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Fire Season

Due to increase in fire activity in Kentucky the Kentucky Division Forestry is now taking applications for spring fire season. Call Co. Ranger 256-3031, Crew Leader 256-9884 or Crew Boss 256-0725.

Kiwanis Club

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.

Attention: Hairdressers and Cosmetologists

There will be a continuing education class that will meet your six hour requirement on Friday, February 28, 2003, the class will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Top of the Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Williams.

GED on Computer

CAP Adult Learning Center is offering a program for you to study using your computer in the classroom. A 10-week program will be held at the CAP Adult Learning Center. Call 256-3779 for more info.

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SBDM Meeting

The Rockcastle County High School SBDM Council will meet in regular session the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the school conference room. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2003.

Softball Sign-up

The Crab Orchard Parks and Recreation will be conducting sign-up for church and open softball leagues, including men, women and co-ed. For more info, contact Dan Gutenson at 606-355-2268 or Jennie Harris, 606-734-8227.

Free Screening

Free Mammogram Breast Cancer Screening classes for any ladies groups offered by the Rockcastle County Health Center. To schedule a class, call 606-256-2247 and ask for Ruth Lane.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., March 3: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lanesboro and Pine Hill. Tues., March 4: Day Health, Senior Citizens Center, Brindle Ridge. Wed., March 5: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

Interagency Meeting

The Interagency Council meets Tuesday, February 25, 2003, 12 noon, at Kastle Inn Restaurant. The public is invited. Call 256-5315 for more information.

Public Meeting at RCHS

Rockcastle County High School will conduct a public meeting to review plans to address achievement gaps identified in assessment scores. The meeting will be Friday, February 28 at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Project Graduation Note

There will not be a Project Graduation shooting on Monday, March 3 due to the District Tournaments being held at the high school. Meetings will resume on Monday, March 10th at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Attention - Class of 1973

The second meeting of the Class of 1973 will be held Friday, Feb. 27, 2003 at the Rockcastle County High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. to plan for 30 year reunion. All classmates are invited to attend and help out.

Come Back to Bitterroot

Anyone interested in helping with the Bitterroot Festival to be held Oct. 19 and 21, contact Bernice McElwaine at 256-3779 or City Hall, 256-3779.

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The Rockcastle County Public Library and the Rockcastle County Middle School-Touring Theatre present

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By Ezra Jack Keats



Tuesday, March 4, 2003

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Mt. Vernon, Kentucky