

Library News

Rockcastle County Public Library partnering with Rockcastle County Schools

Last Thursday, a presentation was made to the Rockcastle County School Board of Education informing them of the various cooperative efforts and partnerships the Rockcastle Public Library has ongoing with the Rockcastle County Schools.

Listed below are several things that have taken place at the library during the past year.

•RCPL participated in Job Quest - Brady Philbeck worked with staff several months in 2002, this cooperative effort was a success.

•July 2002 Camp-Learn-A-Lot (Mt. Vernon Literacy Camp) came to RCPL for a tour and short program. The library is a grant partner with Camp-Learn-A-Lot through 2002-03 school year.

•September 2002 all of the Rockcastle County preschools attended a puppet show to introduce them to the library. This will continue annually. The puppet show for 2003 is already scheduled for September.

•October 2002 "Teen Read Week" RCHS students performed in the Story Book Chautauqua characterizations, with evening performances, which will continue this year. Teen Read Week will start October 19.

2003. Plans are already in the making with Allen Pensol for this event.

•Chautauqua characterizations took place at several RCPL Story Hour times during the 2002-03 school year.

•There are student book reviews featured on our website: www.rockcastlelibrary.com

•November 2002 during "Children's Book Week," Roundstone Elementary second graders came for tour and program.

•November 2002 Harold Burdette presented "Johnny Appleseed" from the Storybook Chautauqua series to the preschool story hour group.

•RCPL participated in Career Day at RCHS.

•January 2003 a partnership was

formed with Early Headstart to come to the library once or twice a month for a program.

•March 2003 was "Read Across America Month." A mini-grant the RCPL received from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation was used to put on a dramatization play by Rockcastle County Middle School drama students who toured to Roundstone Elementary and performed two separate times for the rest of the schools in the county at the library. This event also marked the first time for Even Start to visit the library. Now they are coming monthly.

•March 2003 Mt. Vernon Elementary second and third graders came for tour and program.

•March 2003 Early Headstart visited the library for a program and Dale Whitaker, RCHS Counselor, talked to the mothers of small children about furthering their education.

•April 2003 Mt. Vernon preschool, morning and afternoon groups came for program in children's library.

•April 2003 "National Poetry Month" RCHS and RCMS students displayed their poetry at RCPL. April 14-20 was specifically "Young People's Poetry Week."

•May 2003 RCPL will participate in "Healthy Kids Fair" at MVES. This is one of the activities for the Preschool Interagency Planning Council.

•Many of the Rockcastle County school children sign-up and participate in the Summer Reading Program at the library. RCHS Storybook Chautauqua performers are being scheduled to do a presentation in June during the SRP.

•The library has a partnership with the Rockcastle Early Childhood Council (Kids Now Initiative). The

library houses the laminating machine, the cut machine and learning kits for Early Childhood instructors, teachers, etc.

•The partnership with the Early Childhood Council Kids Now Initiative has been going on since 2001.

They have applied for the 2003-04 school year to partner with RCPL for ongoing upkeep of the laminator, laminating film and other supplies, as well as making a proposal to partner with RCPL during Summer Reading Programs to supply books for the children. This will know if this comes through in June.

We would also like to encourage each and everyone to come on down to the library. We have a wonderful display of Rockcastle community crafts in the adult area of the library. There are so many talented people in this community. It makes one proud to be a part of it.

Summer Reading sign-up begins May 27th and we will start counting books read on the 9th of June. Be a part of it! Children need to have a library card to participate and an adult to sign them up. Make the connection. Some of the efforts will continue into the 2003-2004 school year. The Board enjoyed a wonderful performance of the Ezra Jack Keats book, "Hi Cat" by the middle school drama students.

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Barbara Bennett • 256-0601

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The Rockcastle County Community Art and Craft Show
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Summer Reading 2003 Is For Everyone!

Theme: **Reading Expedition**

Come join in the fun this summer! We will be hosting Summer Reading for all age groups. Various activities will be planned throughout the duration of summer reading. A closing program is scheduled and prizes awarded to the winners in each age group, incentives from Wendys and Pizza Hut will be given throughout the program.

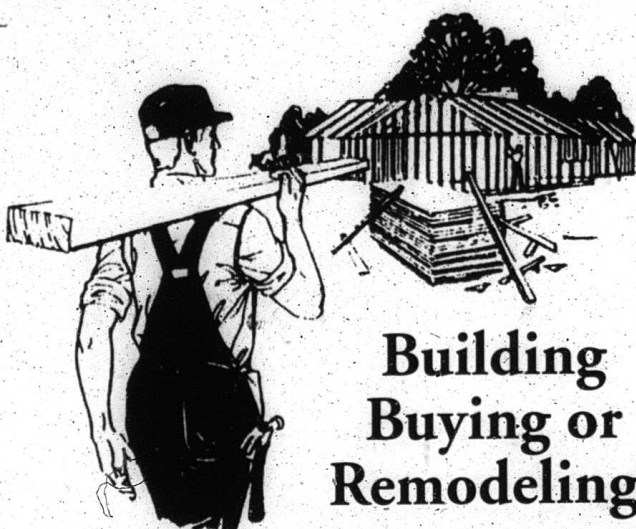
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Sign-up for Summer Reading begins July 1st.
Summer Reading Begins June 9th
Live Animal Show Thursday June 26th at 4:00 p.m.
Reading Logs are to be turned in to a librarian by July 5th
Closing Program Tuesday July 8th at 1:00 p.m. with Ronald McDonald!
Pizza Party!

*Preschool-1st Grade Story Hours Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Watch for changes in schedule
*Interpretive Crafts - Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Connect @ Your Library!
If you have any questions contact Kathy McKeith at the children's library @ 256-2388
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