

BARTLESVILLE BOOKMARK

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

LOOKING FORWARD.....



When we reopened to the public on June 1st, most did not know there was an extensive renovation taking place in the Youth Services area during the time the Library was closed. The *Kids Kingdom* was completed with rearranged shelving and furniture to maximize space, a decked-out storytime room with a giant Lite Brite, magnetic boards, and paper to draw on, and kids could come through a castle entrance and slide right in. The area was completely transformed into a fun learning environment for all ages. The responses we have received from both parents and kids are overwhelming. Making it all worthwhile.

COMING

SOON!

What is next? How about *The Fortress*. Construction will begin within the next 60 days on the next renovation plan. *The Fortress* is a loft structure that will be built on the south end of the building for exclusively teens. It will be accessible by a spiral staircase. There will be seating, study areas, computers, and four gaming stations. The Library is working with Ambler Architects to create the perfect area for teens to hangout, study

and play games with their friends. The current timeline has *The Fortress* constructed and ready for teens by January 2021.

Also watch out for the new Self Checkout Stations. Do you often run into the Library for a quick pick up of a book or a movie? We can help you checkout your items faster. The Library plans to install two self checkout stations in front of the Circulation Desk. All you will need to do is scan your library card barcode and scan the barcode of the items you are checking out. It is that easy. Some items such as TLC Kits, video games, Binge Boxes, or the payment of fines and lost materials will continue at the Circulation Desk. The self checkout stations also promote no-contact safety for everyone. Stations should be installed and ready to go by Thanksgiving.

Watch for additional updates as renovation plans are finalized and construction begins!

LIBRARY & LITERACY DEPARTMENT RECEIVE CARES ACT GRANTS

The Bartlesville Public Library and the Literacy Department were among the 50 institutions around the state to receive grants funded by the federal CARES Act. A total of \$290,000 was distributed to public libraries, tribal libraries, and cultural centers, museums, and literacy programs to improve the digital access during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

The Library received **\$9,240.00**. The grant money will be used to create a new Hot Spot Collection. The Hot Spots will be available to check out to anyone with a valid library card. Because of the pandemic crisis, Bartlesville residents are scrambling to secure the technology needed to continue with employment and school responsibilities. We are sure the hot spots will be a high demand item in the Library. Hot Spots will be available for checkout in the next couple of months.

The Literacy Department received **\$5,000.00** for the purchase of five laptop computers to be used by both staff and adult learners participating in citizenship classes, ELL (English Language Learners) Conversation classes, and Spanish classes. "All programs sponsored by the Library including Literacy classes are now virtual. "It is important to have the needed equipment available for staff and students, says Library Director Shellie McGill. We want to continue providing our community with quality programs and weekly classes through this health crisis in whatever format is the safest for all."

Submitted by: Denise Goff

Insurance Education Series

September 1—Insurance Terms

September 8—Medicare

September 15—Health Insurance

September 22—Dispensing Your Heirlooms

September 29—Life Insurance and Beyond

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FACEBOOK LIVE

Your insurance questions answered!



Bartlesville Public Library Houses Textbook Reserve Collection for RSU Students

- * To checkout reserve books, show student ID or student number
- * BPL study rooms are also available for students
- * Reserve texts must stay in the library and be returned after 1 hour
- * Students can make copies for \$.25 per page, or scan to email for free



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BOOKS ON REWIND

The Youth Services Department is going to take a step back to things forgotten or lost in the stacks. In light of the recent remodel and relocation of our picture books and easy readers, we were reminded of all the great books that are lost and easily overlooked. Therefore, during September we will be featuring "Books on Rewind" on the Storytime Room wall display. You'll see some oldie-but-goodie titles that have been lost or overlooked in the shelves. Come revisit some great books from times past and introduce your children to some "new" old favorites. Do you remember **Paper Bag Princess**, **Three Little Kittens**, or **Pig Pig Gets a Job**?

We have new picture books coming in weekly, which are displayed on the "New to the Kingdom" shelf at the entrance to the Children's Department. We want to take you back to some titles that you may have from your childhood, or even your grandparent's childhood. We want to re-ignite the feelings and emotions drawn from these books from the past. Come sit down and relax with some great classics and pick up some new titles too! There are no limits to the places a book can take you. Sit back and rewind with a classic children's book.

Submitted By: Melissa Wilske

TAKE HOME THE FUN!

During September and October, check the Library's Facebook Page for challenges from the Youth Services Department. Each week, new challenges will be listed for kids and teens through our social media. Fun and interactive activities involving craft projects, writing, taking pictures and more.

September 9 is Teddy Bear Day have patrons submit pics of their teddy bear picnics.

September 18 is Cheeseburger Day activity packet to be passed out starting the 13th and Facebook pics of patrons enjoying a cheeseburger.

September 14 - Distribution of the Blackout Poetry Packets due back by the 30th. The teens can make poems and submit them personally or a pic to be displayed in Youth Services.

September 27 - Crush A Can Challenge: Facebook pic or short video of how many books it takes to crush a can.

October 4 - Taco Day-taco craft packets with fun fact sheet to be passed out starting Sept. 28th

October 12 - Teen Squishy Packets can be picked up. Make a squishy and submit pics to be displayed in Youth Services

October 19 - Fall Leaf Picture - make a leaf collage pic and submit pics of it on Facebook.

October 26 - Pumpkin Day Activity Packet available on the 19th.

For more additional information September & October's challenges, call Youth Services at 918-338-4170.

Submitted By: Melissa Wilske

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!

You are NEVER too young or too old for a library card. It is your passport to the world of learning.

To sign up for a library card, simply provide proof of address with a photo ID, such as a non-expired driver's license or State-issued ID, and a piece of mail matching that address. The mail must be postmarked within the last 30 days and addressed to the cardholder.



HEALTH & WELLNESS CLASSES

The Bartlesville Public Library is proud to receive the Health Literacy Grant for the 6th consecutive year. These monies provide the funds to support the large variety of programs and classes we host each week. Programs on exercise, nutrition, fitness, mental health, and healthy cooking are just to name a few. Program Coordinator Karen Kerr-McGraw has the schedule set from September to August 2021.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, programs and classes will continue to be either virtual or held outside until such time it is considered safe for crowds to be in enclosed spaces. All outside classes or events will be held at the Tower Green @ Unity Square.

New for this fall includes Zumba and Pound exercise classes, Insurance Education Program Series for Seniors, Nourishing Knowledge Cooking Series, and Healthy Heart and Diabetes Prevention programs.

All of the classes and programs are free and open to all. No registration is needed. The calendar insert has the days and times of all programs and classes. If you need any additional information, please call 918-338-4179.

Submitted By: Denise Goff

The Literacy Services Department offers citizenship, ELL (English Language Learners) and Spanish Conversation classes each week. Each of the classes are held via Zoom. Please call 918-338-4179 if you are interested in attending.

Mondays

Spanish Conversation Class-5:30 PM

Tuesdays

Citizenship Class 11:00 AM
ELL Conversation 6:00 PM

Wednesdays

Citizenship Class 6:00 PM

Thursdays

ELL Conversation Class 11:00 AM
Citizenship Class 6:00 PM



Typically occurring in April, the deadline for responding to the U.S. 2020 Census has been extended until September 30th due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The census is a survey taken every 10 years and is used by lawmakers, business owners, teachers and others to help determine funding, congressional representation and more. Under-counting results in loss of federal funding for communities.

If you did not receive or cannot find your 2020 Census questionnaire, please respond online at www.my2020census.gov or call the Census questionnaire assistance line at 1-844-330-2020 (English) or 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish).



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338-4170

**Local & Family History
Department**
338-4167

Literacy Services
338-4179

Administrative Services
338-4187

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as listed below until
further notice.

Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Friday & Saturday
9:00 AM-5:30 PM
Closed Sunday

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NEW MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

The Bartlesville Public Library closed for 10 weeks during March, April, and May due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since we have reopened—we have been making up for lost time with our ordering of new materials. The Collection Services Department has worked to get new Books, Playaways, Videos, Blu-Rays, and books on CD ordered, processed and ready for our patrons.



These and many, many more new materials for adults, teens, and kids are ready for checkout. For more titles, check at the Circulation and Youth Services Desk.

CRAFTING VIDEOS

In March, crafting classes were put on hold due to the pandemic. As we've had to adapt and change with the current situation, Staff Members Sherry Smith and Kim Inman are filming crafting videos to share with library friends and patrons. "We enjoyed gathering with other crafters," said Inman. "We all had different skill levels and everyone learned so much from each other in a fun environment. We can't physically meet at this time, but thanks to technology, we can still provide instruction and hopefully help those at home find ways to use their time in new and creative ways."



These training videos will be posted on the [BPL Adult Crafting Facebook page](#) and the [BPL YouTube Channel](#) beginning in September on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 918-338-4167.

Submitted By: Kim Inman

**The Library will be Closed September 7th
for the Labor Day Holiday.**

