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"Wings for Your Journey"

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Did you know?

Eagle Public Library owns 73,350 books and 13,832 audio/visual items.

Last year people made 201,505 visits to Eagle Public Library.

So far this year 308,438 items were checked out from Eagle Public Library.

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Library Suffers Budget Cut

Eagle Public Library patrons may soon find the New Books shelf nearly bare. Last April, the Library began a budget cutting process that will amount to a loss of nearly a half million dollars over a period of seventeen months. In order to operate under these budgetary constraints, nine Library employees were "RIFed" (let go subject to rehire). Remaining employees, along with all city employees, will have their salaries reduced 5% in the coming fiscal year. Losing nine staff members required the Library to cut its hours of operation from 58 hours a week to 40. Unfortunately, this loss in open hours also means fewer adult and children's programs can be offered to the public.

The area most impacted by this budget cut is the Library's acquisition budget. Funds used to purchase books and audio/visual materials have been reduced nearly 75%. The Friends of the Library have generously supplemented the materials budget with funds raised from book sales. This will allow the Library to purchase some new materials but will not nearly cover the shortfall.

The Library's periodicals budget was also severely impacted by the budget cuts. A *Sponsor a Subscription* fund drive was launched in August and individuals and businesses from the community have generously donated over \$2,000 toward magazines and newspapers for the Library. The Library Director Ron Baker and staff greatly appreciate the generosity of Eagle citizens and will continue to serve the public to the best of our ability.



Friends Host Biggest Book Sale Ever

The Friends of Eagle Public Library will host their annual Fall book sale in the Library on October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on October 11th from noon to 4:00 p.m. Friend's president Jeanie Farnworth says this could be their biggest book sale ever. This is due, in part, to the hard work of Eagle resident Weston Beckley, who organized a book drive for his Eagle Scout project. Weston collected 65 boxes containing books, magazines, CDs and DVDs totaling over 2,000 items generously donated by Eagle residents. This is in addition to the 25,000 items donated yearly by the public. Mark your calendars for this fantastic sale!

Book Sale

Saturday—Oct. 10th

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Oct. 11th

Noon—4:00 p.m.

FUN, INFORMATIVE, AND INTERACTIVE CULINARY CLASSES WITH CHEF CORDELL KNIGHT !

Saturday—Nov. 7th

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Garden Vegetable Risotto and Orchard Fruit Crumble

Saturday—Nov. 21st

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Roasted Squash Bisque and Puff pastry Twists

Enjoy a taste and get great holiday entertaining ideas.

Each participant will receive a recipe packet and tasting sample.

This free library program is open to the public.



Reading with Your Child Seminar

“It’s not how much you read to children, but how you read to them that really matters” states Laura Featherstone, a local reading specialist. Learn how to read effectively with a free Dialogic Reading class on Thursday, October 15th at Eagle Public Library. The hour-long program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each participating family will receive a free hard-bound book. Grandparents are especially invited! BSU literacy students will read dialogically to children while adults receive special training. This event is funded by a Phi Kappa Phi literacy grant. Pre-registration is required. For further information and to register, call Eagle Public Library at 939-6814 Ext. 7.

October 15th—7:00 p.m.

Pajama Parties at the Library

Jam’n Around the World, a pajama story time designed for children aged 3 to 8 and their adult, will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The programs will include stories and songs and will end with an activity or craft. We will visit Romania on Oct. 7th, Turkey on Nov. 4th, and Sweden on Dec. 2nd. Call 939-6814 Ext. 7 for more information.

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

~ Lady Bird Johnson

The Basics of Backyard Birdfeeding

October 21st

7:00 p.m

Mike Morrison, avid birder and longtime member of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society, will talk about everything you need to know about successful backyard birdfeeding. This FREE program is open to all.

Knitting Club

If you enjoy knitting and socializing, you are invited to join the Knitting Club, a group devoted to knitting items for various charitable organizations. The group meets twice a month in the Community Room at the Library. Call Margaret at 939-7162 or Janice at 939-6814 Ext. 3 for more information.

