

Library revs up for fall programming

Literacy outreach, pick-up lockers and free movies

Happy November! Fall is in full swing. Fall is an ending and a beginning all in one season. I love everything about fall – the cooler temps, the brighter air, changing colors, pumpkin pie, firepits, arts and crafts fairs, and holidays. After winding down from summer fun, everyone settles into the fall back-to-school and back-to-work routine.

We have something like a shift of seasons at the Library. While school is out for summer, that's when things heat up (pun intended) at the Library. We start planning summer library programs in the late winter/early spring and hit the ground running in mid-June. It feels like we are running a marathon at a sprinter's pace until mid-August. Then, we pause until school activities in September.

In September, I mentioned the Library is focusing on literacy this year, including early, technical, digital, functional, and information literacy. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual, and spoken texts, including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations,

and instructions. Functional literacy refers to the practical skill set needed to read, write, and do math for real-life purposes so people can function effectively in their community. According to the American Library Association, "Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."

Reaching Out to our District Residents

Literacy Outreach. We can have the best collection and engaging programs, but none of that matters if we can't effectively communicate with our district residents about what's happening in and outside the Library. In addition to creating effective collaborative relationships with local school districts, we are working out the details for launching technical literacy classes for adults at the Library.

Pick-up Locker Update. Our pick-up lockers are on their way, and once installed, district residents can place holds on library materials and request pick-up in Culver or at the library in Madras. These pick-up lockers allow after-hours pick-up. If

you live a distance from the library or have trouble picking up holds because your schedule doesn't let you get to the library during our open hours, you'll be able to pick up your holds anytime if you ask to pick up your items from one of the lockers. We will also have a drop



box with the Culver pick-up locker. (We already have a drop box at the Madras library location.)

Talk-Abouts and Talk-About-Town. The Library's winter talk series, "Talk Abouts," returns this January through March. Last year's topics were tattoos, writing your obituary, CASA advocacy, and a recap of our community storytelling project. Are you hosting a speaker? We'll come to you. If you have an educational or entertaining presentation you would like the library to host, or are you presenting a speaker at your business, let us know! <https://www.jcld.org/talk-about-talk-about-town>.

Free Friday Night Films. Fall means our free films are back. We have free movies every Friday. The Film Club selects the first Friday of the month film (7:00 p.m.). The second Friday film is a family film (shown earlier in the evening). The staff picks the third Friday

Film (7:00 p.m.), and the fourth Friday film is a Spanish film (start time TBA). Join the Film Club at 6:30 p.m., before the first Friday film, and bring your suggestions for future films. (No movie on November 10.)

We love discussing what's going on with our programs, collections, activities, and building plans. If you belong to a civic group, contact Star Todd (541.797.3173, star@jcld.org) to schedule a visit from us. Star adds, "We want to be an active, visible part of the community and encourage residents to use library services. We're here to benefit everyone, so please contact me if you'd like to arrange a collaboration."

Building Expansion Update

The Board met in September, reviewed proposals from nine architects, and selected four to interview. After the first of the year, we will schedule community conversations and feedback throughout the District; we want the library to meet your needs. Preparing to move forward with the expansion, we created a strategic plan that guides our programs and future plans. One finding from the initial feedback sessions was a community need for free meeting space, and that's high on our priority list for the addition. The upcoming winter community events will allow you to work with others in

our community so we can get a clear idea of what functions are essential to you at your library.

Happy Thanksgiving

November is when we prepare for the colder months ahead and take a breath before the holidays begin. For me, it's a time for reflection and, of course, giving thanks. I'm thankful every day for the generous and genuine community we live in and for a thoughtful and hard-working Board that provides me with direction and trusts me to work successfully toward our goals. I am so very thankful for the fabulous group of dedicated, creative professionals I work with every day. And for the opportunity to live in this beautiful part of the country. Finally, thanks to all of you for supporting your Library in large and small ways. It's our honor to be a big part of the greater Jefferson County community.

November Movies and Events

- Film Club – November 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- When Harry Met Sally – November 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One (2023) – November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

"We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown."
- Marcie, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving