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THANK YOU

St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital for donating the money to replace the bushes around the library.

Who Wants Cupcakes for selling us the mini-cupcakes at less than cost for the DAR Statue Dedication Ceremony.

We also want to thank the following for their generous support of our Summer Reading Program: **Casey's, Community First Bank, Dairy Queen, People's Bank, Fazoli's, US Bank, McDonald's, Walmart Supercenter, Pizza Hut, Ryan's Restaurant, Subway.** A special thanks to the **Morning Sentinel, Mt. Vernon Register-News, WMIX Radio Station,** and anyone who lent their support in any way.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

Due to public demand, and with the help of a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library will be offering a series of **FREE** computer classes. These classes will cover the basics of using a computer, how to use the Internet, and how to send and receive E-mails. Sign up must be done in person at the second floor Reference Desk, after August 19th.

Class Schedule

Class 1 1-4:45 PM September 19, 21, 26, and 28

Class 2 1-4:45 PM October 3, 5, 10 and 12

Class 3 1-4:45 PM November 7, 9, 14, and 16

Class 4 5:30-7:30 PM September 19, 21, 26, 28, 5:30-7:15 October 3, 5, 12, and 17

Class 5 5:30-7:30 PM October 24, 26, 31, Nov 2, 5:30-7:15 November 7, 9, 14, and 16

LEGAL INFORMATION AT THE LIBRARY

If you are a senior, or disabled or low income individual there is free legal information available to you at the library through **Illinois Legal Aid Online.** This online resource not only gives you information about civil law (lawsuits, adoption, small claims, identity theft, workers compensation, wills, child custody, divorce, changing your name, tenant rights, etc.) but it also provides forms

that you can fill in (many of which will walk you through how to find the right form to use) and even put you in contact with people and organizations that can provide you with free or reduced fee legal aid. Monday through Friday, from Noon to 5 PM there will be staff available at the library who can help you access this online resource. Staff help is available at other times but you will need to set up an appointment. Library staff may only give you information and cannot provide legal advice, though they can connect you to people who can. While the site and assistance is free you will have to pay for any print-outs.

GED ONLINE HELP

Are you studying for the GED test and would like some help? The library now offers access to GED-I, online GED test preparation software. Monday through Friday, from Noon to 5 PM there will be staff available at the library who can help you access this online resource. Staff help is available at other times but you will need to set up an appointment. To arrange access to the software, you will need to first contact Rend Lake College a 437-5321 ext. 1241 to arrange access to the software.

DIGITAL BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Library staff will be available to show you how to download audio books though the BARD system run by the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Monday through Friday, from Noon to 5 PM there will be staff available at the library who can help you use this online resource. Staff help is available at other times but you will need to set up an appointment. These books only play on the special player provided by NLBPH.

FREE DOWNLOADABLE DIGITAL BOOKS

Nineteen libraries in the Shawnee Library System, including C. E. Brehm, have been working together to establish **Southern Illinois Libraries On the Go,** a digital library which will be offering audiobooks and eBooks available 24/7, through the library's website. More libraries will begin participating in the next few months. This new service, powered by OverDrive, will be free with your library card. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

OVERDRIVE BASICS

There will be workshops on the basics of using Overdrive and *Southern Illinois Libraries On the Go* on Sept. 27th at 6:30 PM and on October 25th at 6:30 PM.

FREE LIBRARY CARDS

If you live in Jefferson County (with the exception of Grand Prairie Township) you can get a free library card with the C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library.

TOURS OF THE LIBRARY

If your group, organization, or class would like a tour of the library please call Bill at 242-6322.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library meets the third Tuesday at each month at 6:30 PM. Come and join us as we discuss how the Friends can help the library. Refreshments will be served.

ADULT PROGRAMS

THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER

On Sept. 15th at 6:30 PM the Thursday Night Thunder Dulcimer group will present a concert of dulcimer music. There will also be a short presentation on the dulcimer and its history.

ILLINOIS IN THE CIVIL WAR

On Sept. 29th at 6:30 PM Tom Emery will present a program on **Illinois in the Civil War**. His program will cover leading Illinois generals and regiments; homelife in Illinois during the Civil War; Civil War prisons in the state; divided North/South sentiment in Illinois; and highlights of Illinois troops in major battles

RBR JAZZ TRIO+1

RBR Jazz Trio+1 will perform a concert of smooth jazz music on October 13th at 6:30 PM. The concert will feature both traditional and non-traditional jazz.

HUNTED IN THE HEARTLAND

On October 27th, at 6:30 PM Bonnie Patterson, author of "Hunted in the Heartland," will give a presentation about her book and discuss the case upon which it is based. Her book covers the crimes of Timothy Krajcir, a serial killer, who committed murders in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois in the 1970's and 1980's. Krajcir eluded capture for his killings until 2007, when he was identified through DNA analysis.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Hypertension or high blood pressure affects 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. The Jefferson County Health Department will present a program on high blood pressure and how to control it on Nov. 3rd at 6:30 PM.

GAMING DAY AT THE LIBRARY

There will be a Gaming Day at the library on the last Saturday of each month, from 11AM to 3 PM. There will be board games, card games, miniatures games, and role-playing games. Children are welcomed if accompanied by parents.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Seating is limited for Children's programs. Please call 242-6322 for reservations.

Early Childhood Story Times September-December, 2011

Programs start Tuesday, September 13, 2011

"2's and 3's"-- A first story time experience with emphasis on developing an interest in and an enjoyment of books. This group will meet Tuesdays 9:30-10:00 AM in the Children's Department. Drop in. Parent or care giver attendance required.

"Little Readers"-- For the more experienced "little reader." Print awareness, concept of books, story recall rhyming and fine motor skills will be emphasized. This group will meet Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Children's Department. Registration is required (call 242-6322) and space is limited. Parent or care giver attendance required.

Molly Pitcher at Brehm

Go back in time to the days of the American Revolution as Sharon Nichols portrays legendary Molly Pitcher, first woman soldier of America. Also visit the new DAR memorial featuring Molly and present day veteran, Tammy Duckworth. Thursday, September 15, 9:30-10:30AM. For Grades 2-6

Magic Tree House Books

15th Anniversary

Join us as Robin Shuda portrays the Magical Librarian Morgan LeFay of the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne. Thursday, October 13, 10:30-11:15AM. For Grades 1-3.

Laura Ingalls Wilder

"Little House on the Prairie" author will be brought to life in this captivating presentation along with a return to childhood Laura. Thursday, October 13, 1:00-2:00 PM. For Grades 3-5.

Indians of Southern Illinois

Sid Milliner will share his knowledge of the early inhabitants of our area. Mr. Milliner will also exhibit Indian artifacts he found excavating the Rend Lake area before it was flooded. This will be a fascinating look at early Native American history in Southern Illinois. Thursday, November 3, 9:30-10:30 AM. For Grades 3-6.

Family Reading Night

November 17, 6:00-7:30 pm

Join us for Family Reading Night, Thursday, November 17. Drop in for a slice of pizza (50 cents a slice or a canned good for the needy--no expired cans please!!) and listen to a good story or just read one to your family. This year's theme is "Books to Movies." Featured readers will be sharing portions of books that have been made into movies for the Big Screen. Movie snack tubs will be given away as door prizes. Be here early for special Brehm "give-away." Mark this date on your calendar for a very special family time at Brehm.

A German Christmas

Join Ulrike Ohlwein as she shares Christmas customs and stories of her home country Germany. Ulrike will delight you with her favorite German Christmas stories. Come and learn about Christmas celebrations in another culture. Thursday, December 8, 9:30-10:30 AM. For Grades Kindergarten-2.