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The Sikeston Public Library



Collection Development Grant

New books are starting to appear on the shelves at the Sikeston Public Library thanks to grant funds targeted at enhancing the library's collection. In February, the library received a \$2,500 Public Library Nonfiction Collection Development Support Grant.

"This particular grant was more specific than collection development grants that we have received in the past," said the library's Director Ron Eifert, who is also serving as the project manager for the grant. "We are limited to purchasing only non-fiction materials, but we are purchasing materials for all age groups of library users."

After discussion with library staff members and consideration of requests from patrons, Eifert focused the funds on four areas in the library's non-fiction collection.

"The first materials that we chose are in support of our summer reading theme, 'A Universe of Stories'," Eifert said. "We have chosen many books about the history of space exploration to add to the collection." With the observance of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing this summer, Eifert said that he expects interest to be high.

Another area to be developed is materials to support higher education and vocational education. Books with preparation materials for the ACT, HiSet, and nursing program entrance exam books have been purchased. "We are constantly asked for preparation materials for nurses seeking to further their educations," Eifert said. "We will approximately double our offerings for nursing program exams." In addition, the library is purchasing math review materials for people wishing to brush up on their math skills for college preparation or high school equivalency exams.

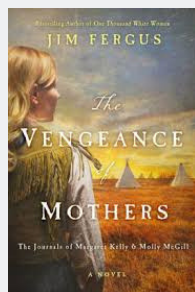
The third area to be developed is materials targeted to minority patrons. "We have selected several books about issues facing African-Americans and Hispanics in today's world, especially as it relates to immigration and race relations, along with books about these groups' history in the United States."

The remainder of the grant will be spent to purchase general non-fiction materials for adults and children, biographies for adults and children, and math-related books for children.

Purchasing of materials began on March 1, and materials purchased under the grant are already beginning to arrive. Materials purchased under the grant will be highlighted in displays within the library.

The Public Library Collection Development Support Grant is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Book Club May selection



Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, May 21 at 630 pm
in the McAmis Room
We will be discussing
The Vengeance of Mothers
by Jim Fergus



Books We're Excited About

- Vox Christina Dalcher- Set in an America where half the population has been silenced, VOX is the harrowing, unforgettable story of what one woman will do to protect herself and her daughter

Ms Jaclyn says: *Relevant and exciting. So easy to forget how much power there is in our own voice.*

- *Perks of Being a Wallflower* Stephen Chbosky This is the story of what it's like to grow up in high school. More intimate than a diary, Charlie's letters are singular and unique, hilarious and devastating. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it puts him on a strange course through uncharted territory.

Mrs Tanya says: Never forget, "We accept the love we think we deserve."

Summer Reading Presenters

June 3
St Louis Science Center
Planetarium
2-3:30 pm

June 10
Southeast Explorer Bus
2-3:30 pm

June 17
Jay and Leslie
10 am & 12:30 pm

June 24
Chef Bananas
10 am & 12:30

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

10am-8pm

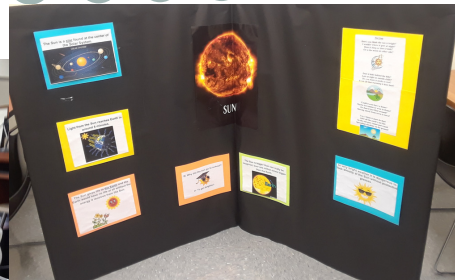
Friday

10am-6pm

Sunday 1pm-5pm

(through Memorial Day)

Library will be closed May 27 for
Memorial Day



Save the Date!

The Library is already gearing up
for Summer Reading.

Join us for
A Universe of Stories
beginning July 1st

Check website and front
desk for times and dates
of programming

