Alexander Mitchell Public Library

AMPL News

April 2014

Monthly Newsletter for the Alexander Mitchell Public Library

Earth Day Children's Program

Children of all ages are welcome to join us at the Public Library on **Tuesday, April 22nd from 3:30-5 PM.** This for an afterschool program will focus on the meaning of Earth Day and how everyone can do their part in helping the environment. Children will learn how to "upcycle" items into creative works of art, play games using recycled materials, make sun catchers out of water bottles, finger paint with mud, and much more. No registration required. For more information please contact the public library at 605-626-7097 or visit www.aberdeen.sd.us/library or drop in to the public library at 519 S Kline St.

Earth Day Seed Swap

Celebration Earth Day with a seed swap at the Public Library, Tuesday, April 22nd, 3-6PM. This event will be out on the patio but moved indoors incase of inclement weather. Bring seeds to share and pick up some new and register for **door prizes donated by area floral and garden centers. City Forester Aaron Kiesz** will be giving away seedling trees to the **first 50** people. Meet people from area garden clubs. This event is free and open to the public.

For more info please visit the public library website at www.aberdeen.sd.us or call at 605-626-7097.

April Computer Classes

The Introduction to Computers class requires no previous computer knowledge. This 2 part class will consist of learning the very basic fundamentals of using a computer. Examples of what will be covered: using a mouse & keyboard, creating an e-mail address, etc. Laptops will be provided for use during class.

Dates: Tuesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 24

Time: 1-3pm

Skill Review Session will consist of reviewing fundamental computer skills. This class is a great way to ease into "The Internet for Beginners" course. Laptops will be provided for use during class.
Date: Wednesday, April 30
Time: 1-3pm

Registration is required for both classes. Please visit the library website at www.aberdeen.sd.us/library or call at 605-626-7097.

Poetry Open Mic Night

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the Public Library on Wednesday, April 30th a t 7:00PM. Read some of your own creations or maybe from your favorite author. All poetic formats and ages are welcome. There will be some readings from library staff and poetry inspired activities for all participants. There will also be coffee house style refreshments provided. No registration required.

When visiting the Public Library be sure to check out the creative poetry display near the front desk. The display gives patrons an opportunity to be creative and find unique styles of poetry.

Book Club Info

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Mondays 'R Murder: for mystery lovers. Meets 2nd Monday of every month during the lunch hour at the library. 12:10-12:50pm. Bring your lunch.

Reading List:

Apr 14, 2014 *Hot Blooded* by Lisa Jackson
May 12, 2014 *The Anatomist's Wife (Lady Darby Mystery)* by Anna Lee Huber
June 09, 2014 *Virals* by Kathy Reichs

AMPL Books: a public book club. Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Public Library.

Reading List:

Apr 09, 2014 *Zelda* by Nancy Milford
May 14, 2014 *A Curious Man: The Strange & Brilliant Life of Robert "Believe it or Not" Ripley* by Neal Thompson
June 11, 2014 *Cemetery Girl* by David Bell

Young At Heart Reading Circle: book club for 50+. Meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30am at Senior Center.

Reading List:

Apr 22, 2014 *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah
May 27, 2014 *12 Years a Slave* by Solomon Northrup
Jun 24, 2014 *When You Come Home* by Nancy Cavin Pitts
Jul 22, 2014 *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Our World at a Glance: Nonfiction book club focusing on current events, social issues, or authors. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of February, March and April at 7 PM. No registration required. The theme will be Orphan Trains and their impact on the current social and foster care system.

February 19: Information session with guest speakers who are professionals in the current foster care programs.
March 19: Viewing of a film about the origins and motivation behind the orphan trains.
April 16: Discussion of Marilyn Holt's nonfiction book, *The Orphan Trains*.

Tablets such as iPads, Nexus, etc are available for checkout at the front desk. Same rules apply for the tablets as the laptops. These devices are to be used in the library only. A valid government issued picture ID and a library card that is in good standing is required. For more information please stop in at the front desk.

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