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MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Hansen Teen Library Center Construction Winding Up

The Myrtle and Hazel Hansen Teen Library Center construction project is well under way with a dedication event set for Sunday, Oct. 25.

The new area is on the second floor of the library in the area just north of the staircase. It is named in memory of the women whose bequest is funding the project. The contractor is Chappa Construction of Sheboygan.

Twelve new Internet-accessible computers will be installed in the Hansen Center, freeing up other computers on the floor for adult use. New lounge furniture, cafe tables and chairs, and other furnishings will visually designate the Hansen Teen Library Center as a space primarily dedicated for use by teens.

Much credit for the appearance of the new space should go to the Sheboygan area teens that helped create it. In October 2008, several focus groups for teens were held. Participating teens contributed their ideas for the space and many from the focus groups continued to take part in the project as members of a teen space



Already gutted and beginning to take a new shape, the Hansen Teen Library Center pictured on Aug. 18.

planning committee. The committee met periodically from January through July, collaborating with Mead staff, the architect, and vendors to design the area and select the color palette and furnishings.

The Hansen Center will include a spiral staircase which will lead to the third floor area that is designated as the future Dr. Jerome M. Maas Teen Learning Center, a project to be funded by a bequest from Dr. Maas to improve library services to young people.

Laptops Now Available for Library Use

Laptop computers now are available for loan to be used within the library for a two-hour time period. They are Internet-accessible using the library's wi-fi network.

The new laptops, plus additional computers in the new Hansen Teen Library Center, will take some pressure off the heavy demand for computer use by teens and adults during peak hours.

Adults may borrow a laptop at the second floor Reference Desk. Two also will be available for adults on the third floor. Users must sign an agreement of financial responsibility and abide by the library's Acceptable Use Guidelines. The computers may not be removed from the building and users may not alter the computer system. Printing will be available for a small fee.

What to Read Next?

Are you interested in what's new at Mead Library? Want to see an illustrated selection of new materials, complete with reviews and a link to our catalog? You've come to the right place. We now have a selection of new books, new audiobooks, and new DVDs listed in a new format. Take a look! Just click on the category that interests you in the dropdown menu under "Books and More" above. And start looking at some of our new books online! Selections will be updated monthly, so check back often.

Dinner with Friends Set

The Friends of Mead Public Library will hold their 5th annual Dinner with Friends on Saturday, Nov. 14, in the library's Quiet Study Room.

Bernie Markevitch will again be the chef for the evening's dinner which is dubbed "The Great Wisconsin Harvest Dinner."

Anyone interested in receiving an invitation to the event may call Judy at 458-3937. Tickets are \$50 each including a donation to the Friends which may be tax-deductible.

Summer Reading Popular!

All the summer reading programs at Mead Public Library showed increases over last year. A total of 2,337 children registered for the Reading Club or the Read-to-Me Club, up from 2,088. That number includes 207 children who registered through an outreach program at Sheboygan summer playgrounds (see story on the next page).

The library gave 1,384 books to keep to children who read or were read to for at least five hours. The books were purchased with funds from Thrivent Financial and the Friends of Mead Public Library.

Enrollment also was up for Acuity Cool Picks, the reading program for teens. The registration hit 799, higher than last year's 751, and 5,083 reports were turned in. Teens wanted to win an iPod Touch the most, of the 85 available prizes.

Also, 26 teen volunteers helped to coordinate the program and also spent time shelving books

and helping with the summer book sale sponsored by the Friends of Mead Public Library. The total number of summer teen volunteer hours was 254.

ReadFest, the reading program for adults, had 129 participants, up from 101 last year. They read a total of 962 books, also an increase over last year.

Want to help support next year's Summer Reading Club program? The Friends of Mead Library are asking for financial support for the Gift of Reading program which pays for the Reading Club's "free book to keep" program.

To help support this program, please send a check to the Friends of Mead Public Library, c/o Mead Public Library, 710 N. 8th St., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Thank you!

Children attending the final Summer Reading Club program, the Reed Marionettes, got a chance for a peek behind the scenes after the show.



BadgerLink Services Improved

The BadgerLink web site has been revised to reflect the new content that is now available.

The BadgerLink web site continues to allow users to search databases from different vendors together through a federated searching box at the top of the web site screen and also to allow users to search databases separately by clicking on a selected resource.

While most EBSCO databases can be searched together using EBSCOhost, a few also have subject oriented interfaces making it easier to get at complex content. Examples include Business Source Premier, Consumer Health Complete, Auto Repair Reference Center and Novelist. K-12 student resources such as Searchasaurus, Kids Search, Student Reference Center, and Novelist K-8 have age appropriate web interfaces. Take a look at what's new!

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Three in VISTA Program at Mead

Three young women spent the summer as Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) assigned to Mead Public Library where they helped introduce the library to children visiting playground sites in Sheboygan. With crafts and stories and weekly themes, they met children and offered to register them for summer library programs. They also helped with library events and assisted adults in need of computer instruction at the library. And the three said it was a good and worthwhile experience. VISTA is a federal program that provides a stipend to participants.

Talia Ashton is working on a master's in library science from Florida State and lives in Las Vegas. Kim Burkart is an English grad from St. Mary's College and will begin law school in fall. And Nichole Kuerschner teaches kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Sheboygan.

Nichole said she was glad to see many of the playground kids were already signed up for the summer library program, and some were familiar to her from St. Paul's. But it was a great opportunity for the other kids to join in the fun, she said.

Talia was surprised that some children did not know much about the library — but she was glad for the chance to change that. And, because she intends to become a professional librarian, she was able to “confirm that this will be a good career for me.”

Kim spent some of her time working with older kids at the Boys and Girls Clubs and enjoyed offering reading suggestions to encourage them to spend more time with books.

“We came from three different backgrounds and three different places in life,” said Nichole, “and we were able to accommodate each other's talents and abilities and to enjoy our time here.”



VISTAs (from left): Nichole Kuerschner, Talia Ashton, and Kim Burkart.

Resources Offered to Job-Seekers

In tough financial times, many more people turn to the value offered by the public library. All over the country, libraries are reporting a surge in use. At Mead Library, checkouts are up 9 percent for January through June 2009, compared with the same months last year. And the number of City of Sheboygan residents with Mead Library cards is 39,443, up from 38,675 a year ago.

Mead Library also has more customers requesting computer and Internet services, many of them searching online for jobs, getting unemployment and insurance information, or learning the basics of computer use to improve their skills.

Mead Library offers books, test guides, and suggested web sites to help job-seekers. Specialized brochures available at the library have more information on available resources. Mead card-holders and library visitors also may

access free via the Internet: LearningExpress test preparation software, Mango language instruction, and the Reference USA database.

Mead also is offering individual assistance for those who are new to computer use. The sessions are on a drop-in basis, with no registration needed. One-on-one help will be available for mousing, word processing, e-mail, and basic Internet searching.

Someone will be available to help on the second floor of the library during these times:

- Tuesdays, Sept. 8-Nov. 17, and Dec. 1-8, from 9 to 10 a.m.;
- Wednesdays, Sept. 9-Nov. 18, and Dec. 2-9, from 4 to 5 p.m.;
- Thursdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 19, and Dec. 3-10, from 1 to 2 p.m.

For more information or disability accommodations, call 459-3400, ext. 3422.

Card Signup Month

September marks “back to school” time. September also is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Do your children have their own library cards? How about your grandchildren, other relatives, and neighbors? If not, please remind them of all the benefits a free library card can bring including better, more engaged students. It's a great bargain for the whole family!

Up and Coming Events at Mead

For the best opportunity to arrange a sign language interpreter for a program, call at least 7 days in advance. WI Relay Service users call 459-3414 and ask for Kathy Meyer or Sharon Winkle. Persons with disabilities who need other accommodations to attend should contact Kathy Meyer (459-3400, ext. 3411) or Sharon Winkle (459-3400, ext. 3414) at least three weekdays in advance.

* Registration required. Call 459-3400, ext. 3422.

Adults

Drop-in Computer Help for Beginners — Free assistance with computer basics
Tuesdays starting Sept. 8, 9-10 a.m.
Wednesdays starting Sept. 9, 4-5 p.m.
Thursdays starting Sept. 10, 1-2 p.m.

Great Books — Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. (Call 458-5372 to join)

Library Poetry Circle — With Karl Elder, Wednesdays, Sept. 16 and Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Mead Public Library Play Readers — Tuesdays, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

Mead Library Board — Thursdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE Clearance Sale — Saturdays, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"Color in Your Garden from Spring through Fall" — With Tom Caan, Monday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion Group * — With Joe Milicia, Thursdays, 2 p.m.
Oct. 1: "Devil in the White City"
Nov. 5: "No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency"
Dec. 12: "Istanbul: Memories and the City"

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group * — With librarian Jeannie Gartman, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Oct. 6: "Rocket Boys"
Nov. 3: "American Brutus"
Dec. 1: "The Children's Blizzard"

Money Smart Week Programs —
"Decorating Your Home on a Budget of \$0"
Monday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.

"Get a New Wardrobe for Free"
Tuesday Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Fiction Book Discussion Group * — With librarian Kim Dalhaimer, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15: "Little Drummer Girl"
Nov. 19: "The Women"
Dec. 17: "The Road"

"The Road Ahead: Making the Right Choices for a Planned or Unplanned Retirement" — With Mary Ryan, Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m.

"Process of Invention: Patents, Trademarks and More" — With David Lutzke, Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Teens

Myrtle and Hazel Hansen Teen Library Center Dedication — Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.

Children

Preschool Storytime — Tuesdays, Sept. 8- Dec. 1, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time — Wednesdays, Sept. 16- Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

Little Listeners — Thursdays, Oct. 1 - Nov. 19, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Sundown Storytime — Thursdays, Oct. 1- Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Wii Gaming — Grades 3-6, Thursday, Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m.

School's Out Movie Special — Friday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m.

Regular Library Hours begin Sept. 8 — Mon. through Thurs. 9-8 • Fri. & Sat. 9-5 •
Sunday 1-5 (beginning in Oct.) Closed on Monday, Sept. 7 (hours subject to change; please call 459-3400 to confirm)



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