Adair County Public Library

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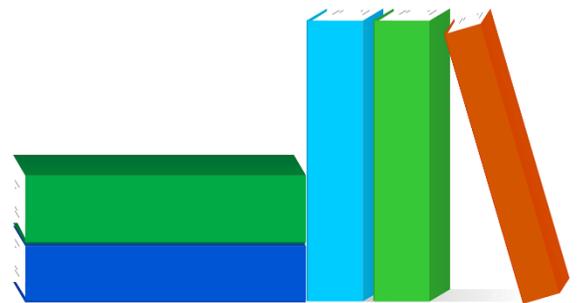
Newsletter

June 2021

Library Will Begin Implementing RFID Technology

The Library board has voted to implement radio-frequency (RFID) technology at the library. Every item in the library's collection will soon contain a chip programed to contain all the information about the item, which can be read by a scanner without even handling the item.

RFID has been used in some libraries around the country and the world for decades. In recent years, the cost of the tags and equipment has decreased to the point at which the technology is now affordable to many public libraries. RFID technology will increase efficiency at the library and allow the library to better manage is collection in several ways.

Check-Out and Self-Check. With RFID technology in place, instead of having to scan each item's barcode individually to check it out, a stack of several books can be simply placed on a pad and scanned at the same time. This speeds up the checkout process, while also reducing repetitive motion for staff. In the future, we will also be able to offer a self-checkout kiosk for patrons' convenience.

Inventory. Inventory is an important way to manage a library's collection by identifying missing, lost, and out-of-place items. It guarantees that the information in the library's online catalog matches the actual collection. Currently, when the library wants to conduct an inventory, staff must handle and scan every single item. With RFID, the process is much easier. Inventory can be conducted by simply moving a device in front of each item on a shelf – the items don't need to be touched or handled at all. An entire shelf of items can be scanned and inventoried in seconds.

Kids Corner

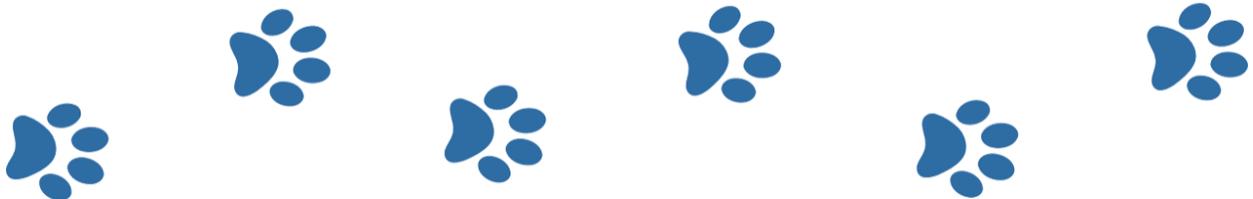## Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program is here! This year's program is animal themed with a few dashes of Missouri history to celebrate our state's bicentennial. The program runs May 31 – July 31. Below are a few things you should know about our program.

- The program has three challenges for different age groups. Ages 0-4 will track the number of books read with them, with a goal of thirty books. Ages 5-12 and 13-18 will each track minutes read, with a goal of 20 hours over the summer.

- All age groups will earn small prizes along the way, including water bottles, bracelets, small stuffed animals. Those who complete the program will earn a free book and a Pizza Hut personal pan pizza coupon (while supplies last).

- One lucky patron in each age group will win an age appropriate new bicycle, tricycle or wagon!

Two Ways to Participate

This year patrons can track their hours on paper or digitally. Those who wish to use a paper copy of our flyer can pick one up at the library at any time. Bring your flyer with you each time you come in so that we can track your progress.

If you would like to track digitally, you are invited to use Beanstack. Either start a free account online at adairco.beanstack.org or download the free Beanstack Tracker app. Sign up for the appropriate summer challenge(s) and keep track from your device. Beanstack will notify you of any prizes that have been won so that you can pick them up on your next trip to the library.

Programs & Distribution Days

At this time, the library is not hosting in-person programming. Each day of the week at 10 am, the library will post content to our main Facebook page as well as the ACPL Kids & Youth Facebook page. Each day will feature a different style of content. Mondays will feature Missouri-themed facts in honor of our bicentennial. Each Tuesday we will showcase our patrons' pets. You can share a photo and info about your pet by emailing it to clandon@adairco.org. Wednesday will bring wildlife facts. Thursdays will bring back our "Mystery Content". Each week will bring something different and you'll have to tune in to see what it is. Fridays look for storytimes with Mr. L or with guest readers.

Four Saturdays this summer, we will also provide free craft kits for kids. There will be bags for younger children and bags for older children, while supplies last. Crafts will be available for curbside pickup or to pick up by coming in between 10 am – 4 pm on the following Saturdays: June 5, June 19, July 10 & July 24.

Adult Summer Reading

Adults are welcome to participate in our summer reading program beginning on May 31st! There is a table by the desk where you can pick up reading logs, book review sheets, and Bingo sheets to enter to win a $25 Dairy Queen gift card. You may also track your reading and submit reviews online using the Beanstack app.

Ukulele Club Is Back!

Our Ukulele Club led by Tim Cason is back for the summer! The group will meet in two outdoor sessions on Tuesday nights, one from 6-7 pm and one from 7-8 pm. All ages welcome. We have ukuleles that you can use. Please bring your own chairs.

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language."

— **Martin Buber**

Stay tuned for more info on June events including a coloring contest!

Calendar

Mon, May 31 – CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY
Mon, May 31 – Summer Reading Program Begins!
Tues, June 1 – Pets of the Week on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 1 – Ukulele Club @ 6-8 pm
Wed, June 2 – Wild Animal Wed on FB @ 10 am
Thurs, June 3 – Mystery Program on FB @ 10 am
Fri, June 4 – Online Storytime on FB @ 10 am
Sat, June 5 – Craft Bags for Kids @ 10 am – 4 pm
Mon, June 7 – Missouri Facts on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 8 – Pets of the Week on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 8 – Ukulele Club @ 6-8 pm
Wed, June 9 – Wild Animal Wed on FB @ 10 am
Wed, June 9 – Area Scene on KIRX @ 9:00 am
Thurs, June 10 – Mystery Program on FB @ 10 am
Fri, June 11 – Online Storytime on FB @ 10 am
Sat, June 12 – Adult Craft Bags @ 10 am – 4 pm
Mon, June 14 – Missouri Facts on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 15 – Pets of the Week on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 15 – Ukulele Club @ 6-8 pm
Wed, June 16 – Wild Animal Wed on FB @ 10 am
Wed, June 16 – Board of Directors @ 5:00 pm
Thurs, June 17 – Mystery Program on FB @ 10 am
Fri, June 18 – Online Storytime on FB @ 10 am
Sat, June 19 – Craft Bags for Kids @ 10 am – 4 pm
Mon, June 21 – Missouri Facts on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 22 – Pets of the Week on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 22 – Ukulele Club @ 6-8 pm
Wed, June 23 – Wild Animal Wed on FB @ 10 am
Thurs, June 24 – Mystery Program on FB @ 10 am
Fri, June 25 – Online Storytime on FB @ 10 am
Mon, June 28 – Missouri Facts on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 29 – Pets of the Week on FB @ 10 am
Tues, June 29 – Ukulele Club @ 6-8 pm