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Staff Addition at WPL

Samantha TerBeest, Willmar Public Library's newest librarian, has been a fan of books and libraries for a long time. Sam's love of libraries began in seventh grade when she worked as a volunteer at her local library dusting and reading the stacks. By eighth grade she had decided that she wanted a career in Library Science and in December of this year she will complete her Master's Degree in Library Science at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Sam earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science at St. Cloud State University. Throughout the years, Sam has worked in various types of libraries including academic libraries, public libraries, k-12 libraries and multitype libraries. When she takes time off from working on her degree, Sam enjoys reading and one of her favorite recent series has been *The Hunger Games*. Anything by Jane Austin is her choice when it comes to summer reading.

Be sure to stop by the reference desk to welcome Sam to Willmar.

Friends' Dues

If 9/10 or earlier is written and circled on your address label, it means that it is time to pay your Friends' dues. Please use the form on the back of the newsletter when paying your dues. Thank you.

Friends By-Law Change

At the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting in October, the Board of Directors is suggesting that the following change be made to the by-laws. Article VIII, Section 3, currently reads, "The Board shall appoint an auditor, not an Officer, to audit the Treasurer's books annually." The change to the by-laws would read, "The Board shall have an independent review of the Treasurer's books annually." This change was suggested after an audit of the books by Anfinson Thompson and Company in 2010. A copy of the audit is available at the library for anyone interested.

Larry Schiller and Chris Beyerl prepare to draw the winning raffle ticket of the 2011 Raffle.



Bits and Pieces

The Friends Winter Raffle netted \$1975 which will be used towards the purchase of materials for the library collection. Thanks go to Larry Schiller for donating the beautiful table for the raffle and to all of the local merchants who donated over 40 prizes.

The Willmar Public Library tutoring program began in December and will continue throughout the school year next year. Tutors are available at the library on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for students in grades K-12. If you are interested in volunteering as a tutor contact Ryan at the Library.

Best wishes to John Houlahan, Pioneerland Library System Director on his retirement. The Friends have appreciated John's many years of service to the Pioneerland System.



One World, Many Stories

CALLING ALL WORLD TRAVELERS!

Willmar Public Library launches its summer reading program!

Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the Willmar Public Library presents “**One World, Many Stories**” during the summer reading program. Children will explore places from Oceania to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The 2011 summer reading program is open to young people, preschool through incoming 5th graders, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, reading club and more. “**One World, Many Stories**” runs from **June 6 – August 12**. The following is a listing of the many summer opportunities.

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- June 10 **Wild Adventures with Your Library** - This will be a special program in which
4:00 – 5:00 stories will be read and children will learn to create all sorts of animal art. For ages 3 – 10, no registration is necessary.
- June 11 **MN Zoo Bus Trip** – This is a chance for children, ages 3 – 10 and adults, to visit the MN Zoo. The bus will leave at 6:30 Saturday morning. Call the library at 235-3162 to register for this trip, there is a limit of 44 participants. This project is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage fund. There is no charge for this event.
- June 14 **Nature Interpretation Through Art** – It’s time to let loose your creativity
1:00 – 3:00 and explore your artistic talents! Join a Prairie Ecology Bus Center (PEBC) Naturalist and explore nature with a different eye – an artist’s eye! Participants will learn creative techniques for observing their surrounding through a scavenger hunt at Robbins Island to find their artistic tools. This event will be held at the Guri Endresen Shelter for children GRADES 3 – 8. Parents must drop off and pickup their children. Call the library at 235-3162 to register. This event is limited to 25 students. This project is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.
- June 14 **Father’s Day Story Hour** - guest reader/dad, Justin Banken
6:30 – 7:15 Justin loves books and reading. This program is for all dads out there who want to share time with their children. Crafts and special activities are planned for ages preschool through age 10.
- June 23 **A Masked Ball Story Hour** with the Willmar Fest Queens and ambassadors.
9:00 – 10:00 The queens will be reading stories about big dances and glamorous balls!
10:30 – 11:30 Come dressed as a prince or princess and have fun doing a craft. This is for preschoolers through age 10. Call the library at 235-3162 to register.
- June 22, 29, **“One World Many Stories” Story Hour** – All world
July 6, 13, 20, 27 cultures share stories. This summer children will be introduced to other cultures



Information Overload?

With over 100,000 books, 45,000 newspapers and 100,000 government documents published in the US each year, in addition to 27 million sites on the Internet, you know the information you need has to be out there. Now, if you only knew where to start. How about with your librarian? The Willmar Public Library is fortunate to have very knowledgeable people ready to help you wade through the avalanche of information you encounter everyday.

Always in the know with the most current information, our librarians work with everyone from students writing papers, to new parents looking for the latest in child-care, to local businesses needing fast facts and figures. As we become less sure of our place in today's information age, our librarians help to insure that all people have access to the information and skills to effectively access, use and evaluate information in all formats.

If you are seeking a way to dig yourself out of the avalanche of information around us, ask one of our librarians. They can help you find what you need.

Puppets Anyone?



A young library fan checks out the new puppet theater and hand puppets purchased with Legacy Funds through the SW Minnesota Humanities Council and matching funds from Friends of the Library. The theater and puppets are located in the Children's area of the Library.

Teen Beat

By

Ryan McCormick



Greetings and salutations! At long last, we return to summer—those magical days of sunshine, lemonade, baseball and, of course, good times at the library.

We will once again be offering a Teen Summer Program for those in grades 6-12 (that is, entering sixth and exiting twelfth). This year's theme is "You are here." There will be two parts to the program and participants can partake in either or both of them. The first part is reading. If a participant reads eight books over the course of the summer, we will reward them with a book of their choice. Along the way we'll have weekly raffle drawings for "teen approved" prizes. For each book read, participants can enter their names into the raffle.

The second part of the Summer Program is events and we have a lot of great ones planned. These events will be a lot of fun by themselves, but there will also be incentives to attend the events. Participants can pick up a map and, if they visit six of the ten "locations" listed by the end of the summer, they will have an additional chance to win great prizes. "Locations" include attending library events and visiting other organizations in the community. For a complete listing of this summer's teen events, visit our webpage at www.willmarpubliclibrary.org/teen.html.

The maps and other information on this year's Teen Summer Program will be available by June 6th. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please speak with any librarian at any time. Thank you to the Friends of the

The April Poetry Slam Even was an excellent opportunity for young poets to learn from professional storyteller and

