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Communicating with Animals

Animals lovers often describe a special heart-centered connection with the animal companions in their life. Learn how to become aware and open to understanding the animals at a deeper level. We invite you to join this gathering of fellow animal lovers on Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m., and open your heart and mind to this natural and intuitive connection. Please Register at the Reference Desk or call 347-7111 ext. 2.

Around the World on 88 Keys

The Friends of the Library's Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 6:45 p.m. Following a brief business meeting, the musical program, 'Around the World on 88 Keys,' will begin approximately at 7:00 p.m.

'Around the World on 88 Keys,' is a solo piano recital, to be performed by Bradley piano faculty member Dr. Joshua Russell. The

recital will feature solo piano music representing various cultures and regions around the world, including Korea, the Middle-East, Haiti, Poland, Russia, Italy, and the United

States, as well as African-American spirituals.

It also will feature rare, virtuosic transcriptions of favorite songs, such as Figaro's aria from Rossini's opera The Barber of Seville and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

As an expert on the piano music of Haiti, Dr. Russell has performed across North America, Europe, and Haiti, including two concerts at the Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

He has frequently lectured at major national music conferences.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 347-7111.



National Library Week

Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. This National Library Week, celebrated annually April, join libraries across the nation as we celebrate all that libraries have to offer.

The Pekin Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by rewarding our library card holders. Everyone who checks out a book during National Library Week, April 9-16, will be automatically entered into a drawing for three

baskets of prizes. Basket 1 is 'Movie Mania,' which includes a theater gift card, popcorn, candy, and a DVD. Basket 2 is 'Meals for Month,' with four \$20 gift cards for dinner out. The third basket is 'Play in Pekin,' with Dragonland Passes, Putt the Magic Dragon Passes, a YWCA Swim Pass, and a Bowling Gift Certificate.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. For more information, please contact the library at 347-7111.



From the Director... *Jeff Brooks*

We are near the end of the second year of our three year plan to improve library services and facilities, and I am very satisfied with all that has been accomplished by our staff. Of course, there are the obvious improvements that you notice when you first walk in: the new west entrance hallway, new plaza doors, and a brighter lobby with seating, coffee, new books and magazines. We've improved security by using radio frequency tags on all library materials and installing security gates. This technology enabled us to install our self check system which provides more privacy and speeds up transaction time.

Please stop by our two service departments, Youth and Adults, to see the several changes in furnishing and arrangements. Thanks to our 2010 Annual Fund proceeds, we were able to create a new quiet reading area. The 2011 Annual Fund proceeds will help us purchase new large print shelving so we can shelve the collection higher off the ground for easier browsing.

We've implemented many new services, too many to include them all here, but I will see what my editor will let me squeeze in: For Youth Services, we started "Baby Steps" to initiate babies (under 18 months) into the library experience and promote early literacy. Storytime video recordings are now available on our website and on youtube, in case you missed it at the library. Homework help is also available online both in the library and from your home through our subscription to Tutor.com. For adults, we have a new service called Career Transitions to help you with resumes, cover letters, preparing for interviews, and job searching. For two years in a row, we've presented a One Book, One Community series of programs which ended in author visits to Pekin. We've initiated many other types of programs that have had great attendance, and have brought back and expanded on computer and new technology workshops. Speaking of new technology, our ebook reader classes have been a huge hit and look for those to continue, too.

So that's just a glimpse at what has been happening at your library lately. Next month I will paint a picture of our 2011-12 projects, and maybe a little beyond.

Online Database Spotlight: *ReferenceUSA*

Need to find all the clothing stores in Peoria, the CEO of Mattel, or a supplier for copper wire? Go to the library's online database, *ReferenceUSA*, to search twelve million businesses in a single click!

The Pekin Public Library offers a variety of free online databases accessible through the library's website. One of the most popular is *ReferenceUSA*. This database is a subscription database that contains information on more than twelve million U.S. businesses and one million Canadian businesses. Data is compiled from Yellow Page and Business White Page telephone directories; annual reports, 10-Ks and other SEC information; federal, state, provincial and municipal government data; Chamber of Commerce information; leading business magazines, trade publications, newsletters, major newspapers, industry and specialty directories; and postal service information.

Here are some sample questions that *ReferenceUSA* can provide answers for: 1: I'm interested in working for Caterpillar; how can I find out more about the company?; 2: I need a listing of all the county courts in Illinois; 3: Who is the CEO of Nike?; 4: How can I find suppliers of medical equipment in the Peoria, IL, area?

Accessing the database is simple: go to the library's homepage at www.pekinpubliclibrary.org. Once the user reaches the homepage, click on 'Reference Desk' to access a variety of databases, then click on 'Business Information' to reach *ReferenceUSA*. For additional help, you can contact the library's Reference Desk at 347-7111 ext. 2.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Springtime Crafts

Saturday, April 1, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Library's Community Room

For families with children ages 9 & under. Create your own ceramic masterpiece with the help of Peek-In Pottery! Please register at the Youth Services Desk, or by calling 347-7111 ext. 3.

Springtime Crafts for Tweens

Saturday, April 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Library's Community Room

For kids ages 10 & up. Create your very own ceramic masterpiece with the help of Peek-In Pottery! Please register at the Youth Services Desk, or by calling 347-7111 ext. 3.

Family Activity Hour

Saturday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

Enjoy fun stories, activities, and snacks for the whole family! Listen to the book, 'Caps For Sale,' and other hat books. We will make caps of our own and a monkey, and we will have other hat fun! Please register at the Youth Services Desk.

Recycled Art Day

Saturday, April 23 during library hours

Youth Services Department

Celebrate Earth Day by making your own piece of recycled art! Choose from one of four different projects made from stuff you'd probably throw away! Come to the Youth Services Department anytime throughout the day and put your creativity to work!

Library Announces 2011 Annual Fund

In the past two years, The Pekin Public Library has continued to improve our facility and services thanks to the community's support of our Annual Giving Campaign.

Our renovated lobby, the self-check system, and the updating of our Adult and Youth Service areas are all examples of our improvements.

To ensure the continued success of the Library as an information center for our community, we invite you to support our Annual Giving Campaign. While your tax dollars pay the Library's utility bills, fund trained staff members, and provide materials for the shelves, the Library has the potential to be so much more.

That's why the Library Board of Trustees is asking for your donation to make our great Library even better. Your

monetary gift will supplement public funding for the purchase of new shelving for our Large Print books.

All gifts will be acknowledged in the Library's newsletter and through a donor recognition display in the lobby. Donors will be recognized at the following levels: Reader (\$25); Bookworm (\$50); Benefactor (\$100); Author Society (\$250); Carnegie Society (\$500).

A gift to the Library's Annual Campaign is also a wonderful memorial for a friend or family member you wish to honor.



2011 Annual Fund Drive

Please join the Library Board of Trustees in making a donation and helping to keep our Library a strong, dependable and free

resource to our residents. We would appreciate your gift to the Library no later than May 31, 2011.

Name: _____

Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

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Please make your check payable to: **Pekin Public Library** (the library is a 501 C(3) nonprofit organization).

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Teen Scene

Teens Get Crafty!

Saturday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

Teens in grades 7-12 will create their own ceramic masterpiece with the help of Peek-In Pottery! Please register by March 28 at the Youth Services Desk, or by calling 347-7111 ext. 3.

Silent Library: Teen Edition

Saturday, April 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

Open to teens in grades 7-12, teens will participate in challenges based on the popular MTV series. Space is limited. Call the Adult Services Desk at 347-7111 ext. 2 to register.

Teen Book Group

Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

The April selection to be announced. Please register and pick up books at the Reference Desk.

