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## Weekly Prizes for Teens

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Grand Prize: 8 GB Ipod Touch

## It's Summer Reading Time!

How do you win prizes for reading? Participate in our Summer Reading Program, and you could win great prizes! For every book read, teens and adults simply submit a ticket into the weekly drawing for gift cards to local stores and restaurants. All entries collected will be eligible for the grand prize drawing, held on August 1, a Nook E-reader for adults and an Ipod Touch for teens. The kickoff begins June 4, and tickets for teens and adults will be collected through July 30 in the Adult Services Department. In addition, check out these great summer programs! (Teen programs on page 4).



### Wed., June 1: Adult Book Discussion Group, 2:00 or 6:45p.m.

This month's selection is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. January 1946: writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name. Please register at the Adult Services Desk.

### Wed., July 6: Adult Book Discussion Group, 2:00 or 6:45 p.m.

This month's selection is *South of Broad*, by Pat Conroy. Charleston, S.C., gossip columnist Leopold Bloom King narrates a paean to his hometown and friends. In the late '60s and after his brother commits suicide, then 18-year-old Leo befriends a cross-section of the city's inhabitants, including an astonishingly beautiful pair of twins, Sheba and Trevor Poe. The story alternates between 1969, the year Leo's

coterie stormed social, sexual and racial barricades, and 1989, when Sheba, now a movie star, enlists them to find her missing gay brother in AIDS-ravaged San Francisco. Please register at the Adult Services Desk.

### Sat., July 9: Acrobat Laura Ernst, 2:00 p.m.

International award winning performer Laura Ernst will blow you away in this family show. As seen on 'America's Got Talent,' Laura opens the show inside her human-sized hamster ball and keeps it all rolling with amazing stunts performed with juggling, hula hoops, flood light poi, fire and aerial fabric. This is an outdoor show, so bring your lawn chairs!

### Tues., July 12: Comedy Hypnosis by Cheryl, 6:00 p.m.

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### Wed., July 13: Harry Potter: What Legends are Made of, 6:30 p.m.

The Harry Potter books have been a phenomenon for the past 15 years. With the release of the final movie, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the story comes to an end. Look back at all seven books and figure out what magic made the world embrace this story. Presented by ICC Professors, Dr. Susan Hillabold and Pamela Dewey. Please register at the Adult Services Desk.



## From the Director... Jeff Brooks

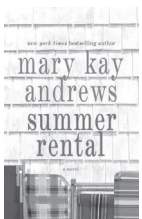
Between 2009 and 2011, we lost over 100 years of library experience through the retirements of several long-time staff members. Not only did we lose their experience, but also some organizational history went with them, and I am sure we'll be reconstructing that history for some time.

As an example, a few months ago I recalled in my newsletter column the story as I learned it about the return of the old clocks to the new library. I later received a visit and documentation from Lois Ziebold, who was very gracious in schooling me on our library's history.

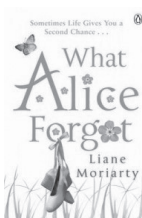
It turns out that the Friends of the Library was only responsible for the return of the grandfather clock. The grandmother clock purchased at the auction by the Pekin Civic Chorus and stored in the homes of various chorus members over the next several years. When Lois became president of the Woman's Club in 1978, her project was to return the clock to the library. She located the clock, which was then being stored at the Chamber of Commerce, and with the permission and blessing of chorus members, had it restored to working order.

The clock, which was originally presented to the library by the Pekin Women's Club over 75 years prior, was delivered on a morning in 1979, and was, as she writes, "returned to its rightful place where it now graces the adult section of the library," thanks to the efforts of these two wonderful Pekin organizations.

## Don't Miss These New Sizzling Summer Reads



*Summer Rental* by Mary Kay Andrews. Ellis, Julia, and Dorie. Best friends since Catholic grade school, they now find themselves, in their mid-thirties, at the crossroads of life and love. Ellis, recently fired from a job she gave everything to, is rudderless and now beginning to question the choices she's made over the past decade of her life. Julia—whose caustic wit covers up her wounds—has a man who loves her and is offering her the world, but she can't hide from how deeply insecure she feels about her looks, her brains, her life. And Dorie has just been shockingly betrayed by the man she loved and trusted the most in the world...though this is just the tip of the iceberg of her problems and secrets. A month in North Carolina's Outer Banks is just what they each of them needs. Andrews novels are always full of humor and female characters you want to be friends with. A story about girlfriends spending the month at the beach should be a great beach read.



*What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. Alice wakes up on the floor of spinning class thinking she's 29, happily married, and pregnant with her first child. In reality she's 39, had three kids and in the middle of a bitter divorce. This compelling tale will resonate with all wives and moms as you read to figure out what happened with Alice and her marriage and the mysterious Gina person everyone seems reluctant to mention to Alice. The young Alice and old Alice duel it out in her brain, and of course you wonder what will happen when Alice does remember.



*Best Staged Plans* by Claire Cook. It's not summer unless your reading a book by Claire Cook, her frothy, fun novels are the perfect diversion for a day at the beach or an airplane ride. As a professional home stager, Sandy Sullivan is an expert at transforming cluttered rooms into attractive houses ready for sale. If only reinventing her life were as easy as choosing the perfect paint color. She's eager to put her family's suburban Boston home on the market, to downsize, and to simplify her own life. But she must first deal with her foot-dragging husband and her grown son, who has moved back home after college to inhabit the basement "bat cave." Sandy takes a job staging a boutique hotel in Atlanta recently acquired by her best friend's boyfriend. The good news is that she can spend time with her recently married daughter, Shannon, in Atlanta. The bad news is that Shannon finds herself heading to Boston for job training, leaving Sandy and her southern son-in-law, Chance, as reluctant roommates. If that's not complicated enough, Sandy begins to suspect that her best friend's boyfriend may be seeing another woman on the side.



*Original Sin* by Beth McMullen. Lucy Hamilton is a stay at home mom by day and a spy by night. After giving up her career as a government agent (code name: Sally Sin), Lucy is drawn back into the underworld when her arms dealing nemesis resurfaces. This is the perfect choice to keep you busy reading while you wait for Janet Evanovich's next Stephanie Plum novel (*Smokin' Seventeen*) to be released at the end of June.

# Hey Kids - Don't Forget Your Knightly Read... It's the Summer Reading Program!

It's summertime, and time for 'A Midsummer Knight's Read' with the library's annual Summer Reading Program! The Youth Services Summer Reading Program is for kids from birth to grade 6.

This program kicks off on Saturday, June 4 with the Summer Reading Kick Off Party. Come to the library anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to sign up for the program and receive your reading instructions. You can enjoy face painting, popcorn, and a drawing for a special prize! There will also be a children's book sale, with proceeds being used to purchase new materials for the Youth Services Department.

To participate, children simply read a certain time amount daily or weekly, depending on age, and record the book and author and fill in a star on the Reading Log. When all stars are filled in, the parent signs the reading log and returns it to the Youth Services department to collect the child's prize packet! Complete Reading Logs are then entered into the Grand Prize Drawing and the reader earns a free entry ticket to the Summer Reading Reward Party at Dragonland on Saturday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.

The Children's Department will offer special programs throughout the summer. Storytimes will be held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. and held again at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. These storytimes are open to children age 3 and older and will feature a special theme each week. Toddler Time, for toddlers ages 18-36 months and their parent or caregiver, will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. where they can enjoy stories, activities and interactive play with children of the same age. And *Make it and Take it Crafts* will also be available daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at no charge, in the Children's Room.

The library will also host a variety of special programs in the Community Room. The *Furry Friends Petting Zoo* kicks off the series on Thursday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. Come and meet lovable critters from peacocks to pigs, lizards to llamas, they'll be here!

*Quester the Jester* will perform Thursday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. Quester the Jester has to entertain a clueless Monarch. Although he juggles, clowns, balances, and uses magic, it is only through a fanciful improvised tale of dragons and daring, told with the aid of his audience members, that he succeeds in his Quest. Questor, and the audience, learn the value of teamwork.

Storyteller Marilyn Kinsella will visit on Thursday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. Dressed as the Old Woman in the Woods, Marilyn conjures up characters from medieval literature.

*Sit, Stay, Work, Play: All Dogs Have Their Day* will be held on Friday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. Craig Pierce and greyhound Honey will introduce children to 30 different dogs and their wide array of jobs -- from Calypso, the termite detection beagle; to Buster, the reading therapy yorkie; to Stella, the search and rescue golden retriever. *Sit. Stay. Work. Play.* is a fast-paced, smile-inducing joy... completely unleashed.

The *Swords and Roses Pirate Stunt Show* will be performed on Thursday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. This singing, sword-swinging,



all female stunt show, consists of choreographed stage combat with rapiers, in period-authentic costumes, and includes elements of family-friendly comedy, audience participation, singing, and swashbuckling. Each show features a play, an original song and at least two women fighting. There are two endings written for every show, which the audience gets to choose.

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Get ready for the release of the final Harry Potter movie with a special party on Thursday, July 14 at 2:00 p.m. Come dressed in your wizard-best! Enjoy complementary popcorn while you watch "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Part 1" and enter a drawing to win Harry Potter prizes.

And *Mad Science of Peoria* returns to the library on Thursday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. Their program, "Spin, Pop, Boom" will show amazing chemical reactions, bubbling potions, the Mad Science Plasma Ball, and tricks that defy gravity!

Finally, the *Merlin's School of Wizardry* comes to the library on Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m. Join award-winning magician Eldon Roark (a.k.a. Merlin) for a show full of comedy, audience participation, and of course magic! Then stick around to learn some of his amazing tricks!

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## Teen Scene!

**Tues., June 7: Game On for Teens, 6:30 p.m.**

Open to teens in grades 7-12. We'll be playing video games on the PS2 and Wii. Registration is required; please call 347-7111 ext. 2 to join.

**Tues., June 14: Pop Tab Bracelets, 2:00 p.m.**

Open to teens in grades 7-12. We will be making bracelets out of soda can pop tabs; please call 347-7111 ext. 2 to join.

**Tues., June 21: Teen Book Club, 6:00 p.m.**

Open for Teens in grades 7-12. We'll be discussing a book that will be chosen at our May meeting. Extra books available for checkout at the Reference Desk. Registration is required; please call 347-7111 ext. 2 to join.

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