LOCAL NEWS

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program: Reading Road Trip

Hop in, friends! We're going on a reading road trip! This summer, we'll hit the road with an important stop at your local library in the Valley. During your stay, you'll explore all the fun reading has to offer—while earning badges on a virtual BINGO card! You'll collect badges for logging your reading, completing activities and earning BINGO. It's fun. It's easy. It's free! May 29-July 31, 2023. Download the Beanstack app to get started! All ages.

Tween Scene: Road Trip: Seattle

Pack your bags, we're hitting the road! The first stop on our tween road trip is Seattle. Don't worry, there's no rain in sight! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks inspired by this cool Pacific Northwest city. Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Climb On!: How to Start Climbing

Join expert climber, Roger Fritz, and avid climbers, Wayne Finley and Usama Altayeh, to learn everything you'll need to know to confidently start climbing. Attendees will learn about indoor/outdoor climbing, the many types of climbing, essential climbing gear and where to climb in the area. Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Smarty Pants: Have Balloon, Will Travel

Smarty Pants is back! This time he'll join us on our reading road trip by motorcycle, rocket ship and hot air balloon. This one-of-a-kind production is fun and interactive for all ages featuring magic, comedy, storytelling and, of course, larger than life balloons! Friday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m. All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Water Sensory Bins

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us on the library lawn for water play featuring a variety of sensory bins. Dress to get wet. Friday, June 16 at 10 a.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us, Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m., for a hands-on craft/activity all about the book "Going Places" by Tonya Bolden. Ages 7-9. Stop by the library to pick up your copy of the reading.

Travels to the National Parks

Into the mountains we go, to lose our mind and find our soul! Join historian RJ Lindsey as Stephen Mather, Conservationist and first Director of the National Parks, on an informative and engaging historical tour of America's National Parks. We'll learn about the individuals who were essential to the development of the National Parks, and embark on a Mather Mountain Party: a ten-day camping trip with writers. congressmen and other influentials who were persuaded to develop and preserve a park system for the enjoyment of future generations. Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

Teens: Cupcake Wars

Put your creativity, imagination and sweet tooth to the test! Tie on your aprons and complete fun decorating challenges judged by your friends. Tuesday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Front row from left to right: David Head (director, OCHS), Marlene Hobbs (director, OCHS), Christa Young, Kris Gilbert (vice president, OCHS), Jan McMillan (treasurer, OCHS), Julie Mastney (100WWC), Julie Mann (100WWC) and Karen Urish (100WWC). Back row from left to right: Maja Shoemaker (100WWC), Jennifer Bakener (100WWC), Dede Forrest (100WWC), Pam Steele (100WWC), Becky McCanse (100WWC), Debby Katzman (100WWC) and Michal Burnett (Facebook administrator and tours and programs director at OCHS. Photograph provided by April Bold (100WWC).

100 Women Who Care of Ogle County donate to OCHS

OREGON — The Ogle County Historical Society of Oregon was the May recipient of the 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County philanthropic donation amounting to $7,000.

Part of this gift will be put to immediate use to cover necessary porch repairs, deep cleaning expenses, additional costs from hail damage, all of which have depleted cash on hand.

The rest of the funds will be used to purchase preservation supplies, the restoration of donated artifacts, and costs associated with research and scanning services.

Ogle County Historical Society is sustained through donations and the work of volunteers. Ogle County researchers and museum visitors are welcome at 111 N. 6th St. in Oregon. Call 815-732-7545 for visiting hours and/or appointments.

100 Women Who Care meets four times per year to award a sizable donation to a deserving charity in Ogle County. For information about this group, contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com.

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Chess Club

Thursday, June 1st, 3:30 pm. Are you a chess rookie, a seasoned veteran, or just looking to sharpen your skills? Join us Thursday, June 1st to meet with other chess players for some friendly competition in a relaxed environment. Any age or skill level is welcome. Please call the library to indicate your interest or for more information.

Summer Reading Program

Our summer program, Oceans of Possibilities, for toddlers through 5th grade begins June 13th and 14th. Toddlers and preschoolers will meet on Tuesdays and Kindergarten through 5th grade will

meet on Wednesdays. Both programs begin at 10:00 am. Please call the library to register or for more information.

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

Soft Plastic Recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. Thank you!