

BookBytes

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Ebooks Are For Kids, Too!

The Jasmine Digital Library has added a new searching tool which provides links to the children's titles available for downloading.

The new search feature allows kids (and their parents) to directly access appropriate digital material easily. Searches can be limited by grade level, interest level, subject, and type of device. There are four separate search categories: children fiction, children non-fiction, young adult fiction, and young adult non-fiction. Book jacket displays provide a colorful peek at each title.

Consortium member libraries are working to include more material for children and young adults. Fairfield has recently purchased many of the SC Book Award titles to add to the consortium collection.

Children and young adults are encouraged to use Jasmine. There is



Chrishonda Gaither shows Fidel Cuellar how to download books to a Kindle.

no restriction on the age level of a patron using the service. All that's needed is a valid library card and pin number.

Contact Chrishonda Gaither, Community Services Librarian, at 589-8076 if you have questions about the ebook service.

The Jasmine Digital Library website is jasmine.lib.overdrive.com



Welcome to the library staff....

Eric Robinson will begin work as Deputy Director of the library on January 6.

He received his Masters in Library and Information Science from USC in December, 2012. During his degree program he was an intern here at the Fairfield County Library. He also has a BS degree in Horticulture and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Virginia Tech. He taught in the Charlotte, NC school system for many years and while pursuing his library degree he has been working for the Fairfield County Veteran's Administration office.

Eric is a native of Fairfield County and the son of Reggie and Carolyn Robinson.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Happy New Year!

Whew! As I write this the last of my family is leaving after their Christmas visits, the tree has come down, and all I have to do is get the house back into some semblance of order.

De-cluttering is always on my list of New Year's Resolutions. I have great plans to sort and throw away or donate clothes and other items that crowd my life and closets. It should come as no surprise that books and magazines are one of the biggest clutter culprits in my house.

Every year, my husband Bob (who is also a voracious reader) and I vow to sort out our books and pack some up for the Friends of the Library sale in May. Somehow, this just never gets done.

Perhaps my inability to get started is because I would much rather cozy up during this cold, gray time of year and reread an old favorite or try out a new author. This lull between the holiday rush and the beginning of gardening and yard work season is the best time of year to read.

I hope you received at least one book as a holiday present...if you didn't, come by the library and choose something to brighten up your winter days. We'll help you find a new author or start a new hobby. We even have books on simplifying, organizing and de-cluttering your life. Hmm... perhaps I should check those out!

As always, feel free to reach me by phone at 635-4971 or by email at sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on January 2nd, February 6th, and March 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- Remember the Winter Story Hour Series will be every Tuesday afternoon in February at 4:00 p.m.
- When the weather is bad and you can't come to the library, remember you can call Dial-a-Story at 635-2020 to hear a story over the telephone.



Enthusiastic tree trimmers!

The library's tree adds new hand-made ornaments each year to the oldie goldie ones made by past generations.

Tax Forms Info...

- Once again the Fairfield County Library will be distributing federal tax forms in the front lobby of the Main Library and at the Ridgeway Branch. Forms are shipped in batches by the IRS, so please be patient with the library staff as we have no control over when things arrive.
- ***The State Department of Revenue will no longer send Individual Income Tax Packets to public libraries.*** We will have information about how to request state forms.
- The library staff can download forms and make photocopies of forms, however you must know the specific forms you need. Library staff cannot provide tax advice. Charges for photocopies and printouts of tax forms will be at our regular rate of \$.10 per page.

Legal Information Program Series Continues

The series of legal information programs begun last fall will continue for the next four months. The information sessions are sponsored by the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission and the USC School of Law Pro Bono Program.

This “rural justice” project brings law students and lawyers to rural areas in South Carolina to present information on legal topics of general interest. The library is helping to facilitate the presentation of these programs in Fairfield County.

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 14: Identity Theft

Learn about identity theft, how to protect

yourself & what to do if you have been a victim

Tuesday, February 11: Child Support & Custody

Tuesday, March 18: End of Life Legal Issues

Tuesday, April 8: Expungements

All programs begin at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Central Community Center, Congress Street, Winnsboro, SC. Programs are free and open to all.

For more information contact Sarah McMaster at the library.

From the Friends...

On October 20, 2013, the Friends Fall Program featured the winners of the Rock Around the Clock Essay Contest reading their essays. The young folks were poised and their essays were impressive and entertaining! Here is a list of the winners, most of whom are shown in the photo at left. (Photo compliments of Kevin Boozer at The Herald Independent)

High School Winners:

Anna Gray Walters, RWA

Hannah Silvia, RWA

Jourdan Brooks, FCHS

Middle School Winners:

Trace Swann, FMS

Alice Anne Montgomery, RWA

Celeste Hewitt, RWA

Elementary Winners:

Ariyona Boyles, Kelly Miller

Keeley Claytor, Fairfield Elementary

Caroine Villegas-Salas, Fairfield Elementary

Congratulations to all the students and teachers who made the contest a success!



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Winnsboro, South Carolina
29180

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Fax: 803 635-7715
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Sat 9-1

Ridgeway Branch Library
175 S. Palmer Street
Ridgeway, South Carolina
29130

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Library Events ~~~ January-March, 2014

Main Library

January 2 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
January 29 at 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
February 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
February 6 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 26 at 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
March 26 at 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting

Ridgeway Branch Library

January 2 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
February 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
March 6 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour

The Library Will Be Closed

Wednesday, January 1st
for New Year's Day

and

Monday, January 20th
for Martin Luther King Day

