



Check It Out!

The Newsletter for the Vicksburg District Library

News and Notes

Story Times

Toddler Time: 10:15 Mon.
Baby Time: 9:30 Weds.
Preschool/Family Time:
10:30 Weds.

***No storytimes from
Dec. 11- Jan. 3***

Tuesday December 2

2:45-3:25: Middle School
Book Club @VMS Library

Thursday December 6

9am Adult Book Discussion

Thursday December 11th

5-7 pm : Candy Cottages

Thursday December 18th

9am Knitting Club
6pm Board Meeting

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We're on the Web!
www.vicksburglibrary.org

A New Look

Next time you're online, hop over to www.vicksburglibrary.org and take a look at our brand new website! Assistant Director Kristy Zeluff has spent over a year creating this great new look, which we hope you will find attractive and easy to use. We'll be tweaking and updating over the coming weeks, and would love any feedback you would like to offer. Send us an email at info@vicksburglibrary.org, call us at (269) 649-1648, leave a comment on our Facebook page, or stop in for a chat.



A Generous Gift

This November, the Vicksburg District Library and our youngest patrons received a very generous gift from the Gary Sisters Foundation. The non-profit philanthropic foundation, which is based in Kalamazoo, focuses on supporting education, public library, and youth. To that end, the foundation gifted the Vicksburg District Library with a \$3200 grant for the purchase of a new AWE Early Literacy Station.

The Early Literacy Station is a powerful educational tool for children ages two to eight, with over 70 different learning games and applications that cover areas such as math, science, reading, geography, language, creativity, and so much more. The new AWE station offers 16 more games than our older station, a touchscreen for easy use, the security of an offline experience, and increased opportunities for collaboration.

We are so grateful to the Gary Sisters Foundation, and so excited to see our youngest patrons playing and learning with the latest technology!



Children's Corner/Tween Events

December Story Times

Toddler Time

Age 18 months—3 years
Mondays 10:15am—11am
December 1 and 8

Baby Time

Age Infant—18 months
Wednesdays 9:30am—10:00am
December 3 and 10

Preschool Story Time

Age 3 years—5 years
Wednesdays 10:30—11:15
December 3 and 10

Reading Buddies

Would your little one love the chance to read with an older tween or teen? Or do you know a teen or tween who would be a great reading role model? We are hoping to start a Reading Buddies club that pairs younger and older kids to create enthusiasm for reading. Please contact Ms. Andrea or Ms. Kristy at (269) 649-1648 or info@vicksburglibrary.org for more information.

Candy Cottages

December 11, 5-7 pm

We supply the materials, you supply the creativity! The event is an open house, so come when you can, but please do register, as space is limited. Come enjoy building, music, and fun!



Teen and Tween Happenings

We will not hold regular Tuesday 3-4 Teen Scene and Thursday 4-5 Tween Hangouts during December. Read on to find out what we WILL be doing this month:

Teen and Tween Candy City

Thursday, December 11 from 5-7: Come to create your own candy architecture, or volunteer to help set up and build candy cottages with the younger kids. Fun!

Middle School Book Club At Vicksburg Middle School

Grades 6-8
Tuesday, December 2
2:45-3:25 pm



Come discuss the latest books you've been reading with Ms. Kristy, Andrea and the VMS librarian, Ms. Margo. What did you love? What did you hate? There will be snacks!

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Recommendations:

Books:

The Goddess Girls by Holub
The False Prince by Nielsen
Ever by Levine
Chobits (manga)
The Cryptid Files by Flitcroft
The Fablehaven Series by Mull

Movies:

Maleficent (PG)
The Boxtrolls (PG) (Jan. 20)

Music:

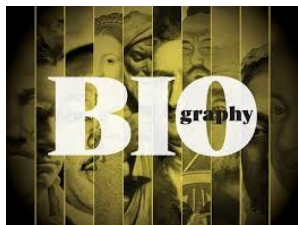
1989 by Taylor Swift

Adult Programming

Book Discussion Group

Thu. Dec. 4, 9-10 am

Sit in the comfy chairs in front of the fireplace with coffee and baked goodies and enjoy discussion of an author or book! For December we'll be reading any biography or memoir.



Bridge

Every Tuesday 9:30-Noon

Tech Tutoring

As needed

Bring your laptop, e-reader or cell phone, and get one on one help with tech issues.

Put Yourself on Display!

The display case in our lobby has seen some fascinating and beautiful displays over the years, from the heartwarming and informative DHS display on foster care to the beautiful hand-crafted instruments or button collections of our patrons to the current Santa Bears display. Whatever your passion, we'd love to have you sign up for a month in 2015 to put up a display. Contact director John Sheridan at jsheridan@vicksburglibrary.org or at 269-649-1648 for more details or to sign up.

Knitting

Thursday, December 18, 9-10 am

All needle-crafters, beginners to experts, are welcome to join us by the fireplace at the library for our knitting group.

Quilters

Monday, Dec. 15th from 7-8

Saturday, Dec. 20th from 10 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27th, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

How do I get that book, CD, or movie I've been wanting?

Option 1: Melcat

As members of MEL (the Michigan Electronic Library), Vicksburg Library patrons are able to borrow materials from almost all the libraries in Michigan. Recently we've added the option for adults over 18 to borrow movies and CDs too.

- Go to mel.org/melcat and search for the item
- Enter your library, name, and library card number to login
- Click "Get This for Me" to have it delivered here

Option 2: Materials Request

Every month we order new books, movies, video games, music CDs, audiobooks, and reference books. We love to get suggestions from our patrons for what they would like to see in the library. You can fill out a green "Materials Request Slip" at the circulation or reference desks to ask that we buy an item. If you put your name and phone number down, and if we buy the item, it will automatically be reserved for you as soon as it comes in. Ask any staff member if you'd like help or more information.

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Looking Ahead

December

Monday Dec. 1st Toddler Time 10:15

Tuesday Dec. 2nd Bridge 9:30-Noon

Tuesday Dec 2nd VMS Book Club AT THE VICKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY from 2:45 to 3:25

Wednesday Dec. 3rd Baby Time 9:30

Wednesday Dec. 3rd Preschool Story Time 10:30

Friday Dec. 5th Ladies Library Auxiliary 10-3

Monday Dec. 8th Toddler Time 10:15

Wednesday Dec. 10th Baby Time 9:30am

Wednesday Dec. 10th Preschool Story Time 10:30

Thursday Dec. 11th Candy Cottages from 5-7

Thursday Dec. 18th Knit Wits 9-10am

Thursday Dec. 18th Board Meeting 6pm

Due to the Holiday Season:

No Storytimes from December 11th to January 3

No Teen Scene or Tween Hangouts this month

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

DECEMBER 24

DECEMBER 25

DECEMBER 31

JANUARY 1

Job Posting

The Vicksburg District Library is hiring a Children's Librarian. This is a part-time job, 30 hours per week. Some evenings and Sundays required. The Library offers paid vacation beginning in year 2 and paid holidays off.

Provides library services to children from birth through elementary school. Services include planning and conducting story hours, planning and promoting summer reading programs and special programs, selecting children's books, helping children with reference questions or computer use, giving guidance to parents, and coordinating with the schools to prepare for assignments on special topics, collaborate with the teen librarian to coordinate programming and work with the Director in long-range planning for children's services and the library.

Qualifications: Ability to read, write, do basic math, computer literate including graphics, ability to successfully interact with the public, college degree required, MLS preferred. At least 2 years of previous work with children required. Call 269-649-1648 or stop in for an application!