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# Check It Out!

The Newsletter for the Vicksburg District Library

## News and Notes

The Vicksburg District Library is searching for a wonderful Youth Services Librarian with an interest and experience in working with children ages 0-18. More information is available inside and at our website.

While we carry out the hiring process, there will be no youth programming, including storytimes and Teen/Tween programming.

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We're on the Web!  
[www.vicksburglibrary.org](http://www.vicksburglibrary.org)

## Adult Winter Reading Program

### *"A Taste for Reading"*

Winter in Michigan is one of the best times to stay in and stay warm with a good book or movie. This year's Adult Winter Reading Program at the Vicksburg District Library gives you the chance to earn rewards for doing just that by registering for our program, "A Taste for Reading".

Beginning January 2nd and running through March 22nd, registered adults will win a fantastic "Vicksburg District Library" prize after reading, watching, or listening to any ten items from the library (excluding children's items). Your items can be books, e-books, audiobooks, or DVDs from our collection. Turn in your circulation receipts to keep track of your progress.

Participants who read or listen to 15 items will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing, to be held March 22nd. After the first grand prize entry, participants will receive another entry each time they use another 5 items. This year's prizes are:

**Grand Prize: \$60 Gift Certificate for Main Street Pub**

**Second Place: \$40 Gift Certificate for The Vault**

**Third Prize: \$30 Gift Certificate for Jaspare's**

Remember, sign up begins Friday, January 2nd and the program runs through March 22nd. The Grand Prize drawing is on March 23rd!



## We're Hiring! Full Time Youth Services Librarian

**Purpose:** To provide library services to children and teens. Duties include planning and conducting programs which would include programs for babies (ages 1yr to 2yr.), toddlers (3-4) and preschool (4-5). Also programs for children grades 1-5, Tweens grades 6-8, and Teens 9 and up. Other duties include helping children with reference questions, on computers, coordinating with schools and parents and long term planning for children and teen services with the Director.

### Essential functions:

#### Programming:

- Plan and conduct weekly children and teen programming

- Plan and conduct a seven week summer reading program

  - Year round planning & preparation, Raising funds to meet expenses, Scheduling performers for Summer Reading programs, Promoting the program at the schools, Prepare and implement reading logs, activities and prizes, Plan and conduct an end of Summer Reading party, Have a goal of increasing number of participants and books read each year

- Plans and/or conducts performers and other programs for children and teens throughout the year

### Collection Development:

- Select books, videos, audio tapes and cd's for the Young Adult and Children's collections

- Weed the Young Adult and Children's collections

- Keep sections in order

- Keep in touch with trends, fads and events that will effect collection development

Prepare handouts, displays, bulletin boards and other promotional materials

Educate children and teens in how to use the library's resources

Enforce library policies and procedures

Assist at circulation desk as back-up when needed

Other duties as assigned by the Director

Attend monthly staff meetings

Able to work night and weekends as needed

### Qualifications:

#### Education

- Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education

- Prefer Masters Library and Information Science with specialty in Children's Services

#### Work Experience:

- Minimum: Entry level-Consult with some experience of working with children and teens

- Prefer: At least one year experience working with groups of children

#### Other:

- Must have the ability to read, write, have basic math and computer skills

- Must be able to count money, make change and balance cash receipts

- Must be able to interact with the general public

- Must have ability and enjoy working with children and teens

## Adult Programming

### Book Discussion Group

Thu. Jan. 8, 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

January we'll be reading any holiday favorite that you choose.

### Knit Wits

January 15, 9-10 am

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

### Bridge

Every Tuesday 9:30-Noon

### Tech Tutoring

By Appointment

Troubled by tablets? Worried about Word? Looking to join Facebook or Twitter? Whatever your technology needs, call us for an appointment—we're glad to help you figure it out!

## Vicksburg District Library Online

Check us out online! Ms. Kristy developed a wonderful new website for us. Visit the library's website at <http://www.vicksburglibrary.org> to see the new look. Got feedback? Email us at [info@vicksburglibrary.org](mailto:info@vicksburglibrary.org) or stop in for a chat!

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**Winter Reading Program**  
JANUARY 2 - MARCH 22  
ALL WHO READ SEVEN TO TEN BOOKS AT LEAST \$1000 AND A MORE COMPLETE 15 ITEMS - RECEIVE AN ENTRY FOR THE GRAND PRIZE, EVERY 5 ADDITIONAL ITEMS EARN ANOTHER ENTRY.  
Grand Prize: \$400 Gift Certificate for Main Street Post  
Second Place: \$400 Gift Certificate for The Vault  
Third Place: \$300 Gift Certificate for J&B's  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

**WE'RE HIRING!**  
Join us at the Vicksburg District Library as our Full Time Youth Services Librarian. Create programs and provide services for our youngest patrons.  
Read more about it here:  
Children and Teen Services Librarian

**NOVEMBER AMNESTY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**  
More than THIRTY kids and teens are now able to check books out again after our special amnesty month! And we have this wonderful stash to help South County fill their shelves for the holiday season. We will leave the display up for a week or so, to see if anyone would like to add to the pile before we take it all over to South County. Thank you very much to everyone who gave so generously, and WELCOME BACK to the kids and teens who came in for amnesty!

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## Goodbye Ms. Kristy!

The Vicksburg District Library wants to extend a heartfelt thank you and reluctant Good-bye to Ms. Kristy Zeluff, our incomparable children's librarian and Assistant Director. Ms. Kristy has accepted a position as Assistant Director at the Parchment Community Library, and will leave Vicksburg at the end of December.

During her time at Vicksburg, Ms. Kristy has created wonderful, stimulating story times for the littlest residents of the Vicksburg community, presided over immensely fun Summer Reading Programs that brought hundreds of children into the library to read, play, and even make slime! Ms. Kristy has also worked hard



to improve the experience of library users by taking on important projects, such as a complete overhaul of our website. Most of all, Ms. Kristy has been a consistently warm, friendly, enthusiastic face that library users from zero to 100 look for when they visit us. We will miss her very much, but are very happy for the Parchment community and excited to see all the things this wonderful librarian will accomplish there.

## Tax Form Issues

Libraries across the country recently received very unfortunate news from the IRS. According to the text of their email "While we had committed to waiting until next year to making changes to the Tax Forms Outlet Program, the situation has changed. As you may be aware, IRS appropriations were significantly cut in the 2015 Omnibus Appropriations bill recently passed by Congress. Unfortunately this puts us in a position where we have very few options. We want to honor our commitment to you by providing some key products, but we cannot deliver nearly what we have in the past...Unfortunately, we are unable to offer Instructions for Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Your patrons can obtain copies of Instructions through: [IRS.gov/Forms](http://IRS.gov/Forms) - to view and download, [IRS.gov/orderforms](http://IRS.gov/orderforms) - to order tax products to be delivered by mail or 1-800-829-3676 - to order tax products to be delivered by mail."

The Vicksburg District Library and the American Library Association will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated on any changes.