



# Check It Out!

The Newsletter for the Vicksburg District Library

## News and Notes

February 5, 2015

9am: Adult Book Club  
Any book by M.C. Beaton

February 10, 2015

2:45-3:25  
Middle School Book Club at VMS  
Any book you like!

February 19, 2015

9am  
Knit Wits  
Bring your hand-crafting project and join us.

Check us out on



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

## Tax Time!

Tax filing season opened on January 20th and will continue through April 15th. While you can still find many of the forms you need at the library, the IRS has made some important changes this year. Please read on for information on what we have available and how to get help if needed:

### Federal Taxes

What we have: 1040, 1040A and 1040 EZ forms. One per patron.

The IRS has informed us that due to budget cuts, they will not send any instructional booklets to us this year. If you need instructions, here are some options:

- 1) Print or order the booklets at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or 1-800-829-3676
- 2) Check out one of the copies of booklets we have. These check out for one week and cost \$1.00 for each day overdue
- 3) Ask us to print a booklet for you for 10 cents per page

### State Taxes

What we have: MI1040 with Schedule W Forms, MI1040 booklets with forms, and MI1040CR (Home Heating Credit) Booklets

### Assistance

Tax assistance is available for seniors, those making \$53,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English language speakers, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). If you qualify and would like tax preparation assistance, call 211 in Kalamazoo County or 800-906-9887



## Welcome Miss Stephanie, Children and Teens Librarian!

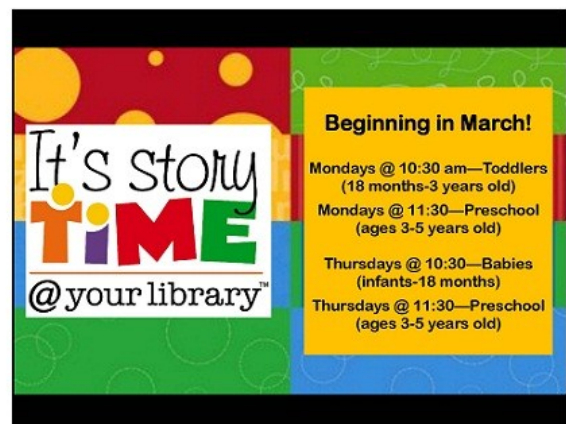


We are so very excited to welcome our new Youth Services Librarian, Stephanie Willoughby! Stephanie, a Vicksburg resident, will be taking over programming for children, tweens and teens. She has decades of experience working with children and families to create fun and fantastic events and a welcoming environment. We look forward to her bringing those skills to the Vicksburg District Library, and are already enjoying her energy, friendliness, and knowledge of the Vicksburg community.

Best of all for our youngest patrons, Miss Stephanie has already scheduled The Return of Storytimes, to begin the first Monday in March. Don't wait until March though— come in and meet Stephanie now! She's very excited to meet all the children, teens, tweens and families that are part of our library community. Welcome Stephanie!

### The Return of Storytimes

We have all missed storytimes, and are so glad to have Miss Stephanie working hard on planning fun activities, songs, and storytelling for our little patrons. Storytimes will resume in March, with some slight changes in times. Toddlers (18-36 months) will be Mondays at 10:30. Babies (0-18 months) will be Thursdays at 10:30, and Preschoolers (3-5 years) will be Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30. See you there!



### Teens and Tweens: Miss Stephanie is your librarian too!

Although everyone at the Vicksburg District Library is happy to help you, Miss Stephanie is here especially to be a resource for teens and tweens. She'll be ordering all the books you want and creating great school year and summer programs for you. If you are a teen/tween or know a teen/tween, stop in and meet Miss Stephanie. She's eager to hear your ideas for activities at the library and eager to meet you too!

## Adult Programming

### Book Discussion Group

Thu. Feb. 5, 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

February we will be reading books by M.C. Beaton

### Knit Wits

February 19, 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!

### Online Services

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.

From our website, you can click on "services" and then "my account" to log in and renew books, place holds, or simply check your status. You can also use the "Catalog" link on our website to search our holdings.

## Adult Winter Reading Program

Our Adult Winter Reading Program, "A Taste For Reading", is going strong, and there's still lots of time for you to sign up! Here's how it works: read, view, or listen to any 10 items from our library (except the kid's section) and you will win a prize. For every five after that, you will be entered in the raffle for these great prizes:

**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**

The program goes until March 22nd, so come in and sign up today!



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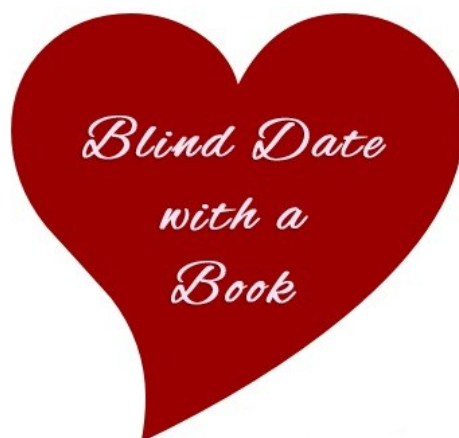
# Blind Date With a Book

How Does it Work?

1. Read the hints on the front
2. Choose a book
3. Take it home and fall in love!

If you do, it's yours forever. If not, try again!

So much  
literature to  
love!



Displays for  
adults and  
teens!

## 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.