

March 2015



Check It Out!

The Newsletter for the Vicksburg District Library

News and Notes

Mondays at 10:30
Toddler Story Time

Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30
Preschool Story Times

Thursdays at 10:30
Baby Story Time

Tuesdays at 9:00 am
Bridge

Thursday March 5 at 9 am
Adult Book Club

Friday March 6, 1:00-4:00 pm
Ladies Library Auxiliary

Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 pm
Teen Scene (Begins March 18)

Thursday March 19 at 9am
Knitting

Thursday March 19 at 6:30
Board Meeting

Wednesday March 25, 4:30-5:15
Tween Scene

Check us out on



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

Red Cross Blood Drive at the Library

On Friday, March 20th from 10 am to 3 pm, the Vicksburg District Library will host a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please consider attending and donating blood to this important organization.

From the Red Cross:

Why Donate Blood?

Donated blood means life to countless people in our community. Every day across the United States, approximately 39,000 blood donations are needed by people in potentially life-threatening circumstances. Blood can be needed by accident victims, premature babies, those being treated for cancer or blood disorders, and even those who may need routine surgery. Some people need on-going blood transfusions to live with various illnesses.

Imagine if giving blood was part of everyone's life. What kind of difference could that make? For nearly 5 million people who receive blood transfusions every year, *your donation can make the difference between life and death.*

What to expect:

Come prepared, have a light meal and plenty to drink. Bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Bring the names of medications you are taking.



Children's Programming

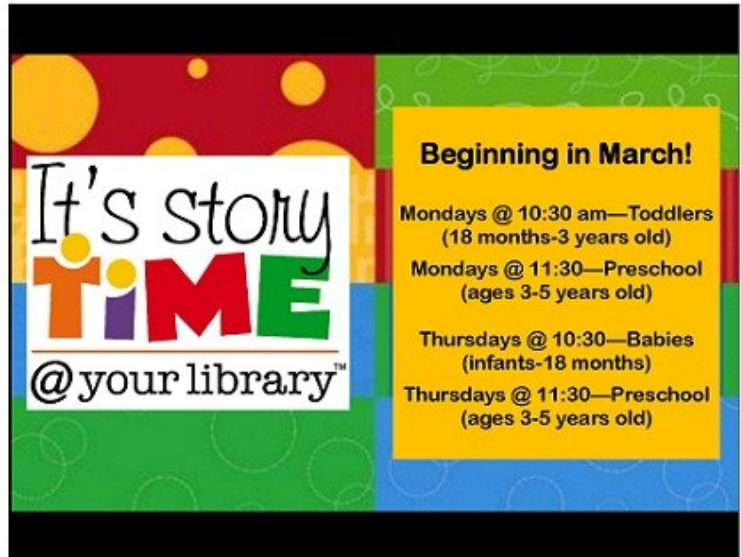
Toddler Story Times (18-36 mos):
Mondays at 10:30

Preschool Story Times (3-5 yrs):
Mondays & Thursdays at 11:30

Baby Story Times (0-18 mos):
Thursdays at 10:30

Come join Mrs. W for stories, songs, activities and play! She can't wait to meet the little ones and their families!

*Age ranges are only a suggestion



IT'S BACK!!!
Beginning on March 18
Wednesdays, 3-4:00 pm

Teen Scene

Starting March 18, on Wednesdays from 3-4 teens are invited to join Mrs. W in the downstairs meeting room for some fantastic activities – and snacks! Games, crafts, friends and fun!

March Dates are:

March 18 and March 25

Tweens

Tweens, mark your calendars for two great programs with Mrs. W in March.

March 17th at 2:45: VMS Book Club at the Middle School Library– snacks and discussion.

March 25 at 4:30: Tween Scene at the Library!



Adult Programming

Book Discussion Group

Thu. March. 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

March we will be reading books about our United States First Ladies

Knit Wits

March 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— Just a few weeks left!

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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Tax Forms at the Library

Federal Forms:

We have forms 1040, 1040A and 1040 EZ

Due to budget cuts, the IRS has informed us that they will not send any other forms or instructional booklets. We have printed copies of the instruction booklets from the IRS website that you may check out for one week, or we can print them for you at .10 per page. We can also copy and/or print many additional forms from the IRS website, at a charge of .10 per page. The IRS also suggests that taxpayers obtain forms through:

IRS.gov/Forms - to view and download,

IRS.gov/orderforms - to order tax products to be delivered by mail

1-800-829-3676 - to order tax products to be delivered by mail.

State Forms:

We have State of Michigan 1040 instruction booklets, 1040 forms including Schedule W, and the Home Heating Credit booklet. The instruction booklet contains many forms you may need. Others can be printed for .10 per page.

Why no instruction booklets?

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."