

LIBRARY COLUMNS
2009

Notes From The Library

by Acting Director, Sandy Porter

As we approach the holiday season, it will be getting busier at the Eaton Rapids Public Library. There are several big events planned. During the week of Veteran's Day, November 9-14, stop in to the library and write a note to a soldier overseas. We will have special paper available and plenty of pens, pencils, markers or whatever you need to make your note or picture special. The cards and letters will be collected all week and then sent overseas in time for the holidays. We want all ages to participate and lots of mail for us to send. Mail from home is always special to those who won't be able to come home for the holidays and we need to tell every soldier how much we appreciate what they're doing for US! Please stop in during any of our open hours during that week and take a minute or two to say Thanks.

The Library Friends will be having their last Used Book Sale of 2009 on Saturday, November 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They have lots of nice, used books to choose from and the prices are right! Be sure to stop by and choose some to have on hand for those long, cold winter evenings by the fire.

As usual, we will be participating in the Hometown Family Christmas on Saturday, December 5. Stop in to the Library to hear a story read and visit with Clifford, the Big Red Dog. The Eaton Rapids Schools Support Staff always do a great job with this storytime.

We continue to receive new books every week and they don't stay on the shelves long. Remember, if you don't see that new bestseller you were looking for, you can always reserve it and we will let you know when it comes in for you. We hope to see you in the Library soon!

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What's New At The Library?...It's July!

by Sandy Porter, Acting Director



Above is Eaton Rapids Library Board of Trustees President Nancy Pople accepting a check for the children's computers from Library Friends President Salli Harding.

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The computer equipment was purchased for us by the Friends of the Eaton Rapids Public Library, by funds from their used book sales and the recent spring silent auction that they held at the Library. We are very grateful for their generosity and their support for our Library. With their help, we have been able to fund projects that we would not be able to afford on our own. A big Thank You!!

In addition, the children's computer table and chairs were purchased from funds donated to the Library in memory of Mrs. Joyce Zona. We are always appreciative of memorial donations made to the Library. A special book or equipment for the Library is a fine way to ensure a lasting memorial for a friend or loved one. Thank you to all who contributed in honor of Mrs. Zona and to her family for allowing us to make these purchases.

July will be a busy month here at the Library. On Tuesday, July 14th, we held our Design a Mask Workshop. 48 children attended and made some really impressive and imaginative masks! And we all had a fun time in the process. On Tuesday, July 28th, we will have our Dance Workshop with Patty Villanueva at 1:00 p.m., upstairs at City Hall. Patty is a talented dancer and this should be a great workshop to learn all about dance. This workshop is FREE and open to all. On Thursday, July 30th we will be holding our Sidewalk Chalk Art day from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of the Library. (In case of bad weather, our rain date is Thursday, August 6th.) We invite all ages to come help us decorate our sidewalks. We will provide the chalk - you provide the artistic talent! Our Sleepytime Storytime continues every Wednesday evening from 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. We hope you will bring in your little ones for a few bedtime stories at the Library. Our Tuesday Board Game days continue, as well. It's been nice to see a few families stop in to enjoy a game of Life or Candy Land. And of course, Summer Reading is still in full swing! There's still plenty of time to sign-up and read those books and collect your prizes.

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Courtesy photo

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