

WHAT'S NEW AT THE BRILLION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Family program kicks off at Brillion Fest

Make plans to join us on Saturday, June 9th at Peter's Park for Brillion Fest and Mr. Pete. This family program will start at 11 am under the covered structure. Mr. Pete is a seventh-grade teacher in Germantown. He plays drums, piano, guitar and ukulele and sings. His show will have skits, dancing, jokes and audience participation. Make plans on attending this kick-off family program being held at Brillion Fest.

Genealogy to feature program on proving sources

When you are doing family research on line, you may be thrilled to find information on your relatives. But often when you look closer, the information is not correct. The next genealogy session at the Brillion Public Library will feature a program on verifying sources. The program will also talk about what sources to use and how to verify them. There will be a part of the program dealing with Mayflower and DAR genealogy and the process and sources to use. Our presenters will be Dean Wallace and Carol Moore with some Library input. Program date is Wednesday, June 6th starting at 1:30 pm. The program is open to anyone with an interest in genealogy, local or family history. You are welcome to bring along any questions or suggestions you may have on verifying your research. If you have questions about this quarterly genealogy program, contact the library at 920-756-3215.

Friends to hold Book Sale

The Brillion Library Friends will be holding their annual book sale June 7-9th. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this sale. Sale dates and times are Thursday, June 7th from 12-8 pm; Friday, June 8, from 8am -4 pm; and Saturday, June 9th from 8-12 noon. Saturday will feature an all you can carry sale.

Storytime to return on June 4th

Storytime will take a break until June 4th when our summer time storytime takes place. Our summer theme will be "Libraries Rock!" and will include a read-to-me program where the children are read to. Storytime books count. Storytime will be offered twice a week with a Monday session at 6:30 pm and a Tuesday program at 9:30 am. Storytime is open to all preschoolers through Kindergarten age youth. Schedules are available from the Library.

Book Talking selects new book for June

Book Talking in June will feature another Grapevine presentation by the Calumet County Health Department. The featured book is "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked to build. At 50, she is a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a world-renowned expert in Linguistics. She has a husband and 3 grown children. When she becomes disoriented and forgetful, a diagnosis of Alzheimer's is made, which will change her relationship with her family and the world. Program date is Tuesday, June 26th at 1:30 pm. with Calumet County Health Department personnel leading the discussion. The discussion on the book will also be held at West Haven on Thursday, June 28th. Copies of the featured book are available from the Brillion Public Library. Come join us!

Book Review

The book discussion group read this true story of a horse called Snowman. The book, "The Eighty-Dollar Champion" by Elizabeth Letts is the subject of this review.

Harry de Leyer came to the United States from Holland after World War 1. He loved horses back there and loved farming. He came to the United States to make a better life for himself and to help his family back in Holland. He trained and worked with horses here. When a horse owner in the Pittsburgh area refused to give him a raise, he quit and found a job in New Jersey. He would go to horse auctions and try and buy cheap horses that had potential. When he was late for an auction, a man was loading up some horses that were being taken to slaughter.

Harry used the last \$80 in his pocket to buy and have the horse brought to his property. He began working with this horse who they called Snowman. Snowman was a loveable, calm horse who would listen to Harry. Harry began training him as a riding horse. When he needed the money, he would sell Snowman to a neighbor for \$160. Snowman jumped the neighbor's fence and came home. Harry would return the horse to the neighbor and they put the horse in a higher fenced in area, which didn't keep Snowman in for long. The neighbor finally attached a large tire to the horse. Several days later the horse showed up with the tire and chain at Harry's place. Harry bought Snowman back as he saw the heart in the horse and started training him to jump.

The book talks a bit about horses in American history, and about the development of the sport of horse racing and horse jumping. We learn a little bit about Harry deLeyer and his life and family. The book is an interesting read. The background on horses and horse-racing is a bit dragged out. The epilogue is interesting and more detail would have been nice. All in all, I would recommend this book.

To check out and read “The Eighty-dollar Champion” by Elizabeth Letts, stop in at the Library or place your own hold through the online catalog found through the website.

Hours at the Library

Regular hours are Mondays 8-8; Tuesdays 9-8; Wednesdays and Thursdays 12-8; Fridays 12-6; and Saturdays 9-12. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 28th. Summer hours will start on June 1st.