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Library Hours
 Monday-Thursday: 10 am–8 pm
 Friday: 10am-5pm
 Saturday: 10am-3pm
 Sunday: 2pm-4pm (September-May)

Christmas Tree of Books

Every year, the library has a tree of children's books on display from the library's wish list.

These books have already been purchased and a patron can choose any from the tree to "sponsor" to be dedicated in honor or memory of someone special; an official plaque will be placed in the book for a personalized message.



Coloring Workshop

The holidays can be a stressful time and too often we get caught up in the chaos that we forget to take care of ourselves. The library is offering a workshop for anyone who wants to take a deep breath and relax—or if you just enjoy coloring.

Our coloring workshop is open to teens and adults and will offer a variety of designs to choose from, including assorted coloring pages, bookmarks, and greeting cards. This is the perfect opportunity to relieve stress and perhaps even check another item off your list for the season by creating a gift for someone in your life. The coloring workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments and festive music will be provided along with paper and pencils. Stay tuned for our next coloring program in the spring!



ARSL Conference

In October, Library Director Roslin Thompson attended the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference in Fargo, North Dakota. This year, the conference theme was "North of Normal," promoting the idea that libraries can think outside the box with different programs and services. Libraries are already well-versed in this practice, but conferences inspire new ideas, provide opportunities for networking, and encouraging change that can be implemented across the country.

There were librarians from Maryland to California and everywhere in-between; small town, country, district, and state libraries all serving their community's in the best way possible. We all learn from each other.

—Roslin Thompson



International Film Fan Club

The library recently started a fan club for people who enjoy international films.



This month's film will be shown on Thursday, December 1 at 6 p.m. "The Fairy" is a charming tale of an ordinary man whose

life becomes anything but after a visit from a mysterious guardian angel.

Stay tuned for our next film on Thursday, January 19. We will be traveling to Iran where a brother and sister will take us on a heart-warming journey that starts with a pair of lost shoes.



Teens & adults welcome!



FOOD for FINE\$

The library hosted an amnesty week leading up to Thanksgiving. Anyone could bring in canned food in exchange for waiving up to \$50 in fines from their library account. Over 100 cans were donated to Helping Hands and more than \$50 was waived from patrons' accounts.



Book Club

The Book Club meets every 2nd Monday.

January: *The Ruth Suckow Omnibus*

February: *Chaperone* by Liane Moriarty

Living Windows

The theme for the 2016 season was "Songs of the Season," and the library chose to decorate their window in the former U.S. Cellular window as a "Winter Wonderland."



Library staff enjoyed unseasonably warm weather as they passed out tootsie rolls, bookmarks, pencils, coloring books and stencils to young visitors.

Gifts & Memorials

Memorials can be made in memory or in honor of someone special, and can take the form of a book dedication, purchase of furniture, or a donation to the library expansion.

Donations can make a great gift during the holiday season.

And don't forget your donation is tax-deductible!

Library APPreciation

In this issue, we would like to highlight Freegal, an app available to any library cardholder.

Freegal is a service that can be accessed in the library, at home or through a mobile app. Each cardholder can download 5 songs or 3 music videos per week. This can save each user an average of \$1 per song, which would add up to \$240 a year! Both contemporary and classic artists are offered through Freegal's Sony music catalog.

If you're already using this service, please fill out a form available at the front desk to share what you like about Freegal.

If you would like to learn more, stop in the library or go to our website and click on the link: www.knoxville.lib.ia.us.



December Programs

The library will host several programs during the holidays.

On Wednesday, December 21, the Knoxville Middle School Band will perform in the library meeting room at 1:30 p.m.



During the winter break, Holly will offer fun activities, starting with decorating gingerbread on Thursday, December 22 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.



The following week, children from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to a LEGO hour on Wednesday, December 28. Younger ages (Kindergarten-2nd grade) will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Older kids can attend in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30 p.m.



To cap it off, the library will host Mike Prestby and his Frosty's Wintertime Magic Show on Thursday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome! Frosty will be available for pictures at the end of the show.

The Sugar Plum Fairy Ball will not be held this December.



A Sweethearts Daddy-Daughter Dance is planned for Saturday, February 4, 2017!

Holiday Hours

**Saturday, December 24:
Closed**

**Sunday, December 25:
Closed**

**Monday, December 26;
Closed**

**Saturday, December 31:
10 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 1;
Closed**

Happy Holidays!