

Junior Friends of the Library

The Library – A Portal for Past, Present and Future Knowledge

Presence of the President

Greetings all! Hello from the third edition of this marvelous newsletter! As you may or may not know, April 9th-13th was National Library Week. During this week, the Jr. Friends helped with many of the events that the library put on, including Open House. During the Open House, Jr. Friends got to display posters for our upcoming Summer Camps, and discussed the camps with those interested. The Jr. Friends also showed up to support Open Mic Night at the Library. Even with this all going on, the Jr. Friends were able to keep up work on their lesson plans for the summer. With a successful second publication of our newsletter, as well as a successful National Library Week, the Jr. Friends are well on their way of making this summer fantastic as well. We hope to see you here at the library to come spend time with us this summer.

Taylor's Timeline

Hi, I'm Taylor, a Junior Friend of the Library, and here are some things coming up that I think you might be interested in:

Our 1st annual Friends of the Library Spring Fling are kicking off May 12th, from 7-10 pm, at Houston Square. This exciting event will feature a street dance with Mario Flores and the Soda Creek Band, food vendors, and raffles, all to raise funds for a new library facility. All the prizes are being donated by local area residents and businesses. If you want to help out and join the party and you can show up around 5, then you can contact the library to let them know before the big day.

Looking for something to keep the kids busy this summer? Then come on and register for the library's many unique summer camps. Just swing by the library and pick up our brochure describing all of our fun and exciting camps

Chelsea Chats

You may be wondering what you can do for volunteer hours? Well here's the down low: you can clean the kids' area, put up books, or dust the bookshelves. The more you volunteer the more fun you have. But having volunteer hours is not all that volunteering is about, it's also about making friends and having fun. Good luck with your volunteering!

Ollie's Ocean of Books

An Enola Holmes Mystery

The Case of the Missing Marquess

By Nancy Springer

Do you love mysteries? How about secret codes? Or Sherlock Holmes mysteries? The Case of the Missing Marquess is about two mysteries that involve Enola. You may ask who is Enola? Well, you're going to have to find out yourself! I will decode some things about her: she has two older brothers (Mycroft and Sherlock); her mother has run away (find out why); and she runs away herself! See how she gets money from her mother, how she finds Lord Tewsbury, and how she lives her life in freedom of "hairpins, corsets, dress improvers" with the Gypsies on the moors!

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Interested in becoming a Junior Friend? Call (830) 931-4095 or www.castrovillelibrary.org for more information! Next meeting will be Friday, May 18, 2012 at 5:30 PM!

Keenan's Korner - Stores Forcing You to Spend More

In these tough times, people are willing to do anything to get you to spend more money, from the two-for-one sale to placing coupons for stuff you don't need in the store aisles. However, store managers, especially now, are using sneakier ways to wring your money out.

Much of what store designers do creates a practical way to make you spend more time in the store. For example, most of the popular items are placed in hard to find areas in the back of the store, forcing you to pass other items that you may have not noticed, and encouraging you to purchase them. Also, searching for an item would encourage you to ask an employee for assistance, allowing them to persuade you into a more expensive purchase ("Yes, mam'/sir, I'll show you to the cereal. Would you be interested in seeing our supply of prepackaged snacks?").

Store designers also have an arsenal of sneakier tactics. For example, many stores play music over loudspeakers as you shop. Studies suggest that playing slow-paced, popular music encourages you to spend more time shopping.

To avoid being "trapped" into spending more money, simply make a list of what you need. If an item is not on your shopping list, don't buy it. Avoid asking employees anything. Instead, ask another shopper if they have seen the item you're looking for. Also, listen to your own music, especially if it is fast-paced and you don't particularly like it, and NEVER go shopping when you are hungry!