

December Brings A Flurry Of Activities To The Yankton Library

BY KATHY JACOBS

Yankton Community Library

Our story times will continue through Dec. 15. Then we'll take a break and begin again on Jan. 4, 2012. Story times will meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Baby and Me lapsit will reconvene on Jan. 4, running through Feb. 9. These sessions are held on Mondays from 5:30-5:50 p.m. and Wednesdays, from 11-11:20 a.m. This interactive program for infants from birth through twelve months and their caregivers, helps stimulate brain development while strengthening bonding between the infant and caregiver through rhymes, songs, finger plays, board books, and shakers.

Toddler Time, a program for children ages one to three years, introduces children to music, actions, songs, finger plays, short books, and nursery rhymes. Children and their caregivers sing, dance, and learn new rhymes together. This six-week session begins on Jan. 5, running through Feb. 9, meeting from 11-11:20 a.m. on Thursdays.

Join us for our after school movie *The Santa Clause* on Dec. 8, at 3:45 p.m. Because of the holiday, that will be the only movie we show during the month.

Lauren Fosheim, Yankton County Youth Development Program Assistant, continues to bring great programs to our teens. The program on Dec. 13, 3:45 p.m., is *Making Mozzarella*. There is a limit of twenty participants per program and teens are asked to register in advance. Look for more programs in Jan. as we will continue this partnership throughout the school year.

The Library and Parks and Recreation are partnering to bring Parents' Night Out to the community on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Summit Activities Center. Children ages 5-12 are invited to spend an evening listening to stories, making Christmas crafts, eating pizza, and swimming while their parents enjoy an evening out. Parents can register their children at the library or SAC. The cost for the event is \$5.00 per child, with scholarships available upon request. Registration closes on Friday, Dec. 9. This event is limited to forty children, so register as soon as you can.

The LifeServe Blood Donation Center will be at the library on Friday, Dec. 16, from 8-11 a.m. The blood supply is very short. Please consider making a donation of blood as one of your holiday gifts. One unit of blood

can save up to three lives.

Readers Anonymous will discuss *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, on Dec. 6. This club, which is always open to new members, meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 1 p.m.

Between the Lines book club will discuss *Heaven Is for Real* by Todd Burpo on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m. This book club, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., is open to new members as well.

The library will have its traditional "sock tree" during the entire month of Dec. for anyone who has fines.

Everyone is invited to bring socks of all styles and sizes as part of your holiday giving. All socks will be donated to the Contact Center.

If you are looking for a unique gift idea and one that will keep giving the entire year, consider giving a library card to someone on your list who lives outside the City limits of Yankton. Stop at the desk, and the staff will gladly help you. Library bags are another great stocking stuffer, no matter what the age. A library bag is the perfect place to store your library items at home. It's a great way to teach your children how to keep track of library items.

The library is experiencing space issues and we feel it's time to begin talking about them. Therefore, we are offering public tours on specific days and times. Next month's tours will be on Dec. 6, 4 p.m.; Dec. 16, 1 p.m.; and Dec. 19, 11 a.m. The tour will take a little under an hour and participants will be able to ask questions as we move through the library. If you belong to a group or organization who would like a tour at a different day and time, please contact Kathy to make arrangements. Groups are also welcome to hold their meetings at the library and take a tour as their program.

The library will be closed Dec. 24-26 and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Dec. 27. We will be closed on Jan. 1-2, 2012.

Friends of the Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10-12:30 p.m. Friends are happy to accept gently used books for their sales.

Did you know that in 2010, a total of 59,147 easy, junior and young adult items were checked out by patrons!

You can contact the library at 605-668-5275 or e-mail me at kjacobs@sdln.net. View us online at <http://tiny.cc/YLibrary> or visit us on Facebook by searching Yankton Community Library.



Front-Wheel-Drive Trucks Might Be On The Way

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

Hi, guys! I've always wondered why there aren't any front-wheel-drive pickups. I would think they'd be a nice alternative to more-expensive four-wheel-drive pickups, and a lot easier to handle than rear-wheel-drive pickups on slippery roads. Got any insights to offer on this? — Rick

RAY: It's been done, Rick. Volkswagen made a pickup version of its front-wheel-drive Rabbit from 1979 to 1982. You can tell what a smashing success that was by all the Rabbit Pickups you see on the road these days!

TOM: It can be done, of course. Toyota even has a prototype of a hybrid front-wheel-drive pickup that's been floating around for a few years. So someone probably will do it at some point, especially as the demand for better fuel economy increases, and pickup-truck sizes decrease.

RAY: Such a truck might be useful for "light-duty picking up," but there are two design issues that make it somewhat



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

undesirable as a traditional work truck.

TOM: First, there's very little weight in the back of a pickup, even with rear-wheel drive. And if you remove the drive shaft and rear differential, you leave almost no weight back there. That means when the pickup bed is empty, there's no weight to keep the rear wheels pushed down to the ground.

RAY: That would make the rear end of the

pickup vulnerable to sliding around — which would cause you to lose control of the vehicle.

TOM: And while electronic stability control can help, it's got to start with something to stabilize! You can deal with that by increasing the size of the passenger cabin and adding a real back seat and/or rear doors. But then you leave less room for the bed.

RAY: The other problem is that when you load up the bed with heavy materials, you weigh down the rear axle and "lift weight" off the front axle. So, if you had a heavy load in a front-wheel-drive pickup truck, you could find yourself in a situation where you'd have a tough time getting traction from the front wheels.

TOM: So we may yet see a front-wheel-drive pickup truck at some point. But it's going to be a "lifestyle" vehicle (i.e., designed to help you look cool), not a real work truck.

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MORE 'THANKFUL' LETTERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Additional letters describing what area readers were thankful for this Thanksgiving season were received after our deadline. We will be running them throughout the week as space allows.

**Wynot Public School
5th and 6th Grade
Kevin Bruening**

I am thankful for MW3.

I am thankful for MW3. MW3 is Modern Warfare 3. We just got it and it is great. There is survival mode, online, special ops, and campaign. Modern warfare 3 has new guns, kill steaks, and maps.

I like survival mode but I rarely play special ops and campaign. Survival mode is new. You try to get to farthest level. Once you get past level 3 you should have boxes that you get guns, air support, and equipment.

Online is when you play against other people you level up to get new guns and kill steaks.

Special ops is what I call "mini mission." You do little mission to get stars that show you come did the mission on what ever type of hardness you are.

I think WM3 is better than Black ops, WM2, WM1, Call of duty 4, 3, 2, 1. That is what I am thankful for WM3 ROCKS!!!!

Justin J. Lange,

I'm thankful for my house. These are some reasons why I'm thankful for my house.

I would not have a bed to sleep in. I would die from the cold if I didn't have a house to keep me warm. In the summer I would die from the heat if I didn't have a house to keep me cool. I would not have a shower to keep me clean. If I don't have a house I wouldn't have a place to keep my food. My cold food would spoil if I didn't have a refrigerator to keep it cold. I would die if I didn't have a house. I love my house!!!

Valarie Dowling

I am thankful for cats. I like cats because they are soft. I put them on my lap and pet them. I play with them. Gene my dog, chases the cats around. They like it. They run and hide. I give them baths. Gizmo likes his bath because he sits there and doesn't scratch me. I use a towel to dry him off. Then he is nice and soft and I love him up. This is why I am thankful for cats.

Julia Eskens

The number one thing I am thankful for is family. My family is kind of crazy but I love them. My dad takes me fishing, hunting, and does crafts with me. My mom helps me do my homework, cooks, cleans, and helps me a lot with problems. My brother Ryan is in college but we play games, have snow ball fights, and talk about our week. My brother Kyle is in high school and about to graduate so we go to school together and we do the same things as I do with Ryan. Yep my family is kind of weird. I also am thankful for friends if we did not have them would we be bored for our whole lives. I love my friends like sisters because I don't have any sisters. That is what I am thankful for.

Lucas Thingstad

I am so thankful for the veterans of the U.S.A. They work their butts off every day, to keep you and me safe. The only reason we are standing here

today is because of all the veterans. I think if it were not for them we would not have any good technology we have today. I have a grandpa that was in the army. I do not want to tell you all his exciting yet "sometimes not so true" stories. I think if I was in the war I would turn back the first time one of my men died. That is why can't express this enough that I ♥ all the veterans in the world.

Maddy Pick

Thankful for Doctor

I'm thankful for doctors because they make you have a healthier life. When I go to the doctor they always check to make sure I am healthy. If I get sick they give me a prescription for medicine. Some doctors do surgery. My mother had surgery and the medicine failed so the doctor had to get more and she went right back to sleep. When they finished surgery it was successful and she got to come home. Also some doctors are in the delivery section. Then there are some who just check up on people to make sure they are okay and don't need any more medication or help. There are also many other types of doctors. That's why I am thankful for all the doctors that help keep people healthy and support their life.

Ethan Koch

What I am thankful for: I'm thankful for a house to live in. a roof over my head and walls around me to keep me warm and to keep me cool. The roof keeps the rain, snow, and hail off me so I'm safe.

I'm thankful for a school to teach me. To teach me thing I'm need to know when I'm older.

I'm thankful for technology to help me. Technology like guns and knives put food on the table. Technology like computers and game systems let me have fun with games also home work. Technology such as cars help you get place to place. Thos are the things I am thankful for.

Ethan Lange

I am thankful for the troops that served overseas and the veterans. The reason I'm thankful for the soldiers are that they devote all their time to go to their training. The will risk their lives and sometimes have their lives be taken all to protect our country.

In the past if they have given up when we were outnumbered against the British we would still be under British rule. Now in the present, trying to get Iraq to have a democratic government. So we have not yet given up showing the strength in our military.

When our troops come home make sure you thank them for serving our country. That is why I'm thankful for all our troops.

Ryan C. Koch

I'm very much thankful for friends and family. "like a fire friendship is a long lasting comforting flame" by Ryan C. Koch. I have been thankful for

friendship for a long time. Friends keep me company, make me laugh, and cheer me up when I'm down. The best thing is that they're always there for you and I'm always there for them, which is very important in a friendship. Family is also very important in life and that's also what I'm thankful for. They feed you when you're young, take care of you when you're older, and help you when you're an adult. Family is above all; as they say blood is thicker than water so always stick together. The best thing of all about friends and family is that they will always be with you not only physically but also in your heart no matter what.

Emma M. Folkers

I am thankful for my best friends Julia and Evvie. I am thankful for them because when I have them I have someone to hang out with, someone to talk to and a shoulder to lean on. I am thankful for sports. I am thankful for them because we have something to do in our spare time and it is a way to have fun and a way to keep in shape. I am thankful for holidays. I am thankful for holidays because it is a time of celebration and we can see our other family members and visit with them.

These are some of the many things that I am thankful for.

Dairian Greninger

I am thankful for my friends and family the reason why I'm thankful for my friends is because they are always there for me and we get to hang out together. If someone gets bored then we call them up and we plan to go to each other's houses. The reason why I'm thankful for my family is because they love me and we get to go basically everywhere together. Another reason is because we have our own little family traditions. I know my family will always be there for me. Those are the reasons of why I am thankful for my friends and family.

Jake Wieseler

The things I'm thankful for this year is pets. These are reasons why. First they are like my best friends. Second they're fun to play with if you are bored. Third they can be very funny at times. The other thing I'm thankful for this year is family. Family comfort you if you've lost something you love like a pet. They can play fun games with you or play tricks on you. They can help you with homework. They also listen to you if you have a problem. The last thing I am thankful for this year is sports. Sports are entertaining especially if you are the one playing. Another reason is because there is all kinds of sports you can play. Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, and many more. These are the things I'm thankful for this year. I just hope that hope remember the reason for Thanksgiving.

Ethan Hochstein

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for 4-wheelers because you can get somewhere faster than

walking. We have a 4-wheeler and it is fun to ride it at our farm. I am hoping for a new 4-wheeler because ours is old and slow. I am also thankful for guns. You can do a lot with guns. You can have fun, like hunting for deer, coyotes and a lot more animals. I have been with my dad and mom when they go hunting. It was fun because they shot a white-tail deer. I am thankful for 4-wheelers and guns because they are fun to use.

Joe Merkel

I'm thankful for family. The love me and give me a place to sleep and eat. I love my family because my dad is a pharmacist and he is a good role model. I'd like to be a lot of things but right now I'd like to grow up to be like my dad. I love my mom because she is a good cook and loves me too. Now I'm thankful for my brother Holden now he may be a brat sometimes but he does me favors even though I'm a bit of a jerk to him. He's of the one main reasons I'm thankful for my family. I'm thankful for all of my family even if my brother annoys me sometimes. These are the reasons I'm thankful for my family.

Landon Wieseler

These are the things I am thankful for.

I am thankful for Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us. He is very powerful. He is the biggest person in the world. He can do anything you could possibly think of. That is why I am thankful for Jesus.

I am also thankful for my family who helps me with stuff that I need help with. My parents buy food and clothes for me. They buy all of the food, milk, and water. They buy it with their own money.

I am thankful for Christmas. It is the birth day of Jesus. It is a very special day. It is special to me because he gave us life. Some people would be thankful for the presents. Not me, I am thankful for it because Jesus means more to me than the presents you get on Christmas.

Austin Burcham

I am thankful for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the game of football, and Taylor Martinez.

I learn things from watching football and it give me something to do. I look up to Taylor Martinez because he is a great guy and a good football player. Someday I wish I could play like him. He makes me want to be a better person and a better football player.

This is why I am thankful for Taylor Martinez and the game of football.

BIRTHDAY

HELEN KAISER

Helen Zithka Kaiser, formerly of Tabor, will be celebrating her 89th birthday today (Saturday) Nov. 26, 2011. A card shower is requested in her honor.



Kaiser

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