

October Happenings At The Yankton Library

BY KATHY JACOBS

Director Yankton Community Library

Story time is now in session with several story times each week. Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Children will enjoy stories, songs, activities and crafts with weekly themes. All preschool children and their care providers are welcome.

Our Baby and Me lapsit program will hold the first and third Mondays of each month, from 5:45-6:05 p.m., with a repeat of that session on the first and third Wednesdays, from 11:30-11:50 a.m. Infants from birth to twelve months and their care provider will enjoy a time of interactive rhymes, songs, finger plays, short stories, poems, and manipulatives, while they snuggle on the laps of their care providers. Baby and adult will be guided through one-on-one interactions that will stimulate the infant's brain development while strengthening bonding.

After school movies will be held on Oct. 14 and 28, beginning at 3:45 p.m. We will show "Karate Kid" on Oct. 14. Watch for a press release and posters on our Oct. 28 movie title.

Our first Brown Bag was well attended. Mark your calendar for 12 noon on the second Wednesday of each month to attend other topics. On Oct. 13, we'll host a presentation on iPads and Kindles. This will be an introductory session to show you the unique features of each device. We'll host Jeremy Skrenes from Wireless World on Nov. 10. He'll present holiday tech gift ideas in multiple price ranges. On Dec. 8, Becky Shank from Harold's Photo will present on digital cameras, explaining the features of various types of cameras for gift-giving and personal use.

"What Is the What," a novel by Dave Eggers, is the One Book South Dakota read that we will be discussing on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m., with Jamie Sullivan as our facilitator. "This novel is based on the life of Valentino Achak Deng who, along with thousands of other children, was forced to leave his village in Sudan at the age of seven and travel hundreds of miles by foot, while being pursued by militias, government bombers, and wild animals, crossing the deserts of three countries to find freedom. His new life in the United States, while full of promise, brings heartache and new challenges." Pick up your book today and join us for what is sure to be a fascinating discussion.

On Oct. 26, we will join libraries across the nation in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the publishing of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird." Jamie Sullivan will lead our discussion and Rich Lofthus will share the historical background of the novel. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the movie will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Librarians voted this beloved



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story the best novel of the 20th Century, and the movie was proclaimed one of the 100 Greatest American Movies of All Time by the American Film Institute.

Gregory Peck won the Best Actor Academy Award for his portrayal of Atticus Finch and the film won the Best Adapted Screenplay Oscar. You won't want to miss our celebration of this story that uses an historical setting to address the complicated relationships of parents and children and the racial tensions within our country. Check out a book from the library today.

Readers Anonymous will discuss "The Children's Blizzard" by David Laskin on Oct. 12. This club, which is always open to new members, meets the second Tuesday of each month, at the library, at 1 p.m.

The evening book club meets the third Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., at the library. Their next meeting will be Oct. 19.

Patrons donated 35 tubes of toothpaste and 41 bottles of shampoo during our Food for Fines week. We will collect soup and crackers Oct. 16-24, with all donations going to the Contact Center.

The library recently received a generous donation and decided to purchase several television series as patrons seem to appreciate their availability. All available season have been purchased for the following series: "The Big Bang Theory," "Boston Legal," "The Dresden Files," "Friday Night Lights," "Glee," "The Hills," "Lost," "Monk," "NYPD Blue," "Seinfeld," "The Sopranos," "24" and "Wanted: Dead or Alive." We also purchased the newest DVDs in both the "Foyle's War" and "The Tudors" series, keeping us current with those series.

Beginning Oct. 5, the library will be featured on the KYNT Morning Show the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Keep up with all that's happening at the library by tuning in to AM 1450.

Friends of the Library will hold their monthly book sale on Oct. 2, 10-1. As always, they continue to accept donations of gently used books to stock their shelves. The Friends' sale is the first Saturday of each month.

Did you know that in 2009, the library meeting room was used 448 times for a total of 1,041 hours!

You can reach the library at 605-668-5275 or e-mail me at kjacobs@sdln.net. View us online at <http://www.yanktonsd.org/yankton/library/index.php>.

Issues: It's Not A Sugar Problem

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI



CLICK & CLACK

Dear Tom and Ray,

So ... I'm pretty sure my ex put sugar in my gas tank. I'm positive about the sugar; can't prove that he did it. But he's crazy, and this happened the first night I had gone out on the town and was making public displays of affection with my new boyfriend. Anyway, the insurance company didn't seem to think this was a very big problem, and paid for me to get the filler tube and tank cleaned out and a new fuel pump. However, now that my '06 Xterra is back, when I get up to around 45 miles per hour and above, there is a shake and a thrumming sound in the car. And when the gas goes under 1/3 of a tank, the fuel gauge drops to "E." Above that, the "Distance to Empty" computer reading does some weird things. Any idea if pulling out the tank and fuel pump could have contributed to these problems? I'm clueless, and I'd really like some backup for when I deal with the insurance company and shop so I don't have to shell out more dough if I don't have to. Thanks! - Marisia

TOM: Note to all disgruntled and criminally insane ex-boyfriends and -husbands out there: Generally speaking, putting sugar in a gas tank will not harm an engine.

RAY: Right. My brother knows this because each of his ex-wives dumped sugar into his gas tank!

pump and the fuel-level sending unit (which tells the gas gauge and the "distance to empty" computer how much fuel is left in the tank) are one unit on this car.

RAY: So they put in a faulty one, they put it in incorrectly or they damaged it while installing it. In any of those cases, it's up to them to make it all work right.

TOM: And while that could be the cause of the shaking, the shaking could be something else your ex did to the car (like loosen lug nuts, in which case you need to talk to the police as well as your mechanic). But make sure your mechanic test-drives the car and the shaking is gone before you accept the car back.

RAY: Start by letting your insurance company know that the car has not been fixed correctly, and that you plan to take it back to the mechanic who did the work and ask him to look at it again.

TOM: Then, do that. Let him know that it's not fixed yet. Explain the symptoms that you're getting, and ask him to take another look. And as you explain the symptoms, watch carefully, and you'll probably see an "Uh-oh, it sounds like I screwed up that job!" look in his eyes. Good luck, Marisia.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

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State Cancer Program Screens 17,000 Women

PIERRE — As October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaches, the state's breast and cervical cancer program is marking a milestone. The All Women Count! Program has screened more than 17,000 women in its 13-year history, diagnosing 187 cases of breast cancer and 29 cases of cervical cancer.

"This milestone would not be possible without the 300 screening sites and 900 providers across the state that do these valuable screening tests for women," said Norma Schmidt, Program Director for the program. "Partners such as the American Cancer Society, Women's Cancer Network, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Wellmark Foundation and John T. Vucurevich Cancer Care Institute also play an important role in making it possible for women to get these life-saving screenings."

All Women Count! provides mammograms and Pap smears to women who are income and age eligible. Eligible women age 40 to 64 can receive a mammogram and women 30 to 64 a Pap smear. A mammogram is a safe, low-dose X-ray of the breast that detects breast cancer in its earliest, more treatable stages. A Pap smear is a screening test that detects cervical cancer in its early stages.

Gender and race are the major risk factors for developing

breast cancer. Aside from being female, age is the most important factor affecting breast cancer risk. Seventy-seven percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer are age 50 and older. The older a woman gets the higher her risk of developing breast cancer. This is why it is important that older women continue to monitor their health and see their doctor for routine screenings.

"Early detection really does save lives. Breast cancer survival rates continue to improve and there are now over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.," said Dr. Mary Milroy, breast surgeon and medical consultant for the All Women Count! Program. "This October, no excuses, schedule your mammogram and encourage your friends to do so also. Know that you are taking an important step towards good health."

To find out if you are eligible for the All Women Count! Program, call the local community health services office, your health care provider, or the Department of Health toll free at 1-800-738-2301 or see the web at <http://doh.sd.gov/AllWomenCount/>.

Increasing the number of people screened for chronic diseases including cancer is a key objective of the department's Health 2020 Initiative.

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

Learning To Be Still

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

I love to sit outside and be very still until some little creature appears and begins to go about its business, and here is another poet, Robert Gibb, of Pennsylvania, doing just the same thing.

FOR THE CHIPMUNK IN MY YARD

I think he knows I'm alive, having come down
The three steps of the porch
And given me a good once over. All afternoon
He's been moving back and forth,
Gathering odd bits of walnut shells and twigs,
While all about him the great fields tumble
To the blades of the thresher. He's lucky
To be where he is, wild with all that happens.
He's lucky he's not one of the shadows
Living in the blond heart of the wheat.
This autumn when trees bolt, dark with the fires
Of starlight, he'll curl among their roots,
Wanting nothing but the slow burn of matter
On which he fastens like a small, brown flame.

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