“The intelligent choice . . . where friends and learning come together”

QUILT DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hosted by Table Rock Quilt Guild
Kimberling Area Library Community Room
45 Kimberling Blvd, Kimberling City
417 739-2525, www.kalib.org

TICKETS FOR SALE ON THE QUILT PICTURED ABOVE - Drawing is March 16

Guest Speaker
‘Midnight Quilter’ – Angela Walters

Unique Boutique items will be available for purchase

ADMISSION: $10.00, includes door prizes, refreshments and light lunch

All proceeds benefit the Kimberling Area Library, 501 c (3)

HOLIDAY CLOSING
The library will be closed on Saturday, April 20. Volunteers will enjoy a day off in observance of Easter weekend. Normal hours will resume again on Monday April 22: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
THE PREZ SAYS . . .

My time spent as a volunteer has caused me to reflect on the value of our library, especially since we are a one hundred percent volunteer operation. Although I am retired, I spent much of my career traveling and spending time in many communities in many states, and I noticed that the one thing that every vibrant community had in common was its library. Then I started to second guess myself—was it just me thinking that or is my perspective really valid.

A report by the Pew Research Center titled “How Americans Value Public Libraries in Their Communities” should make each and every volunteer extremely proud of the work we do collectively. Here are a few of the things from that report:

- 91% of Americans either have used a public library or said another household member uses a public library.
- People ages 30-64 are more likely than younger or older respondents to say many of the library services are “very important,” as are parents with minor children.
- Of people ages 65 and older with some public library experience, 65% say that having a quiet and safe place to spend time at the library is important to them and their families overall,
- 42% of those who are currently looking for a job say that using internet, computer and printers is “very important” to them and their families, and 68% of job-seekers say it is either important or very important overall.
- 43% of individuals living with a disability say internet, computer and printers is “very important” (67% say it is important overall), as well as 48% of those with a health problem that makes reading difficult (69% say this is important to them and their families overall).
- 56% of internet users without home access say that access to internet, computer and printers is “very important” to them and their family, and 77% say it is important overall.

49% of those not in the workforce say receiving assistance from a librarian in finding information is “very important” (including 47% of retired respondents).

Those living with a disability (56%) or with a health problem that makes reading difficult (59%) are also more likely than others to say that librarian assistance is “very important” to them and their families.

After reading this article, I was pleased with my observation about libraries in general from several years ago and to know that “our” efforts at KAL truly have a profound impact on people and communities. To learn more of what was in this article visit: http://www.pewinternet.org/2013/12/11/section-2-public-libraries-importance-and-impact/

In our last board meeting, our director reported that circulation in January 2019 was up compared to 2018 and the largest increase or demand was for electronic books which are at an all-time high. Our “Meet the Authors Festival on February 2 was very successful with 39 authors attending. Several reported that our festival is one of the best in the state. Our “Learning on Wednesday” and Children’s area continue to be very popular programs.

Our community room use continues to increase. While our core function as a library is books, we are rapidly becoming more than that in Kimberling City and the surrounding area. We received a sizable grant from Tri-Lakes Realtors in January and will receive a sizable grant from Neighbors and Friends in March.

I hope you will take just a few minutes of your time to reflect on the foresight and wisdom the founders of the KAL had almost twenty nine years ago. Yes, in July 2019, our library will be 29 years old. Along with their foresight and wisdom and each volunteer’s dedication, we have built something that is and will have a lasting impact on the community and the people of Kimberling City and its surrounding area.

Jim Adams, KAL Board President

LEARNING ON WEDNESDAY (LOW)

On March 13, at 10:00 a.m., Nutrition Therapy Practitioner, Jodelle Fitzwater, presents “Jump Start Your Metabolism!” an informative and interactive class designed to help you understand the power of real foods and real lifestyle practices to balance and regenerate you from the inside out. She will provide answers and solutions to such questions as: Tired all the time? Inability to lose weight? Sick of fad diets? Sleep issues? Trouble focusing? Brain Fog? Inflammation Worse? Imagine how much better your life would be if you had abundant energy, stable moods, a faster metabolism, better sleep, and overall vibrant glowing health!

All LOW programs are free to everyone and are at 10 a.m. in the community room. Come and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee and breakfast bread as you listen to the presentations. The April and May Learning on Wednesdays are still in the planning stage. Please watch for the flyers located at the front desk of the library for these upcoming events.

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

Thank you to everyone who had a part in supporting the library in 2018. Here are some of the special gifts that came in for the holidays and to start our new year:

- The United Methodist Women of the Kimberling City United Methodist Church Donation
- Stone County Senior Citizens Fund
- Tri-Lakes Board of Realtor’s Grant Received
- Exxon Volunteer Matching Funds Program
- Authors Festival Participant’s Book Donation
- Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Grant Received
GARDEN PROGRAMS FOR 2019

KIMBERLING AREA LIBRARY
PRESENTED BY MASTER GARDENERS OF THE OZARKS
Each session is on Wednesday at 10:00, free to all, no registration required

March 20  Budget Wise Gardening: Celebrate the First Day of Spring
          MG Alice Troyke
April 17   Missouri Native Trees: Great Choices for the Ozark Landscape
          MG Amy Jackson
May 15    Putting It Together: Creating Combinations in the Garden
          MG Kathryn Kufahl
June 19   Easy Peasy: Plants, Pots and Propagation
          MG Mary O’Brien
July 17   Growing and Using Herbs
          MG Barbara Garlich
August 21 Growing Roses in the Ozarks
          MG Bill Greet
Sept. 18  Perennials for Fall Planting
          MG Kathryn Kufahl

All sessions are in the community room at Kimberling Area Library, 45 Kimberling Blvd. Kimberling City. Sessions are jointly sponsored by the library and the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks from the University of Missouri Extension, www.mgozarks.com, 417-357-6812. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Volunteers Needed for KAL . . .
The Kimberling Area Library is searching for individuals interested in volunteering at the library. The library receives no state or federal funding and is run entirely by volunteers. We currently have an opening for a Saturday morning supervisor and library director. We invite interested individuals to come by the library to complete a volunteer application and to learn more about these positions. Positions are also available in other areas of the library. If you are interested in working in a friendly and rewarding atmosphere and giving back to your community, please contact Carol Adams, Director, Kimberling Area Library at 417-739-2525.

KAL Board of Directors Annual Meeting . . .
The Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting and luncheon planned for Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. As well as celebrating the accomplishments of our volunteers, the library will hold elections for three Board of Director positions.

You Can Make A Difference!
Kimberling Area Library Association memberships are the most important source of library funding. Bring this form with your check or money order to the library front desk or mail it to:

KIMBERLING AREA LIBRARY
P.O. Box 730
Kimberling City, MO 65686

YES, I’m joining The Kimberling Area Library Association

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Name __________________________________________ Date ____________

Address _____________________________________________________________________

City _________________________ State ______ Zip ____________ Phone ____________

☐ Please save printing and mailing costs by e-mailing "Bookmark" to me at ______________________

Type of Membership

☒ Individual .... $25.00 ☑ Bookworm .... $100.00 ☑ Brick ....$500.00
☒ Family ..........$40.00 ☑ Reader’s Society ...... $250.00

I may be able to help with the following library activities:

☒ Annual Book Sale ☐ Library Volunteer ☐ Children’s Story Hour ☐ Fund Raising

The Kimberling Area Library is a Non-Profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13 will be celebrated as National Library Week 2019 throughout the USA. Melinda Gates is the honorary chair for this year’s event. Melinda Gates has dedicated her life to achieving transformational improvements in the health and prosperity of families, communities and societies. Over the last 20 years, Gates has invested more than $1 billion through her foundation’s Global Libraries initiative to enhance the power of libraries to improve lives. As co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, she sets the direction and priorities of the world’s largest philanthropy. On April 23, Gates will debut “The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World,” a timely and necessary call to action for women’s empowerment.

In honor of Library Week, KAL designates April 7-13 as "Amnesty Week". No fines will be assessed on any overdue items returned to the library during those days. This is the perfect time to make sure any “lost” items get back to their library home.

The theme for Library Week is “Libraries = Strong Communities". There couldn’t be a better theme to describe the collaboration between Kimberling Area Library and the community of Kimberling City. Make sure to visit during Library Week.

SMILE . . .
You can help raise money for the library if you shop on Amazon.com and SMILE! When you designate Kimberling Area Library as your charity of choice through Amazon’s SMILE program, a portion of your eligible purchases (.5%) goes to the library! It’s easy to choose the library – just go to smile.amazon.com, sign in with your Amazon ID (you can create one if you need to) and choose Kimberling Area Library as your charity of choice. Shopping on the SMILE program is the same as shopping on Amazon.com with the added benefit of a portion of your purchase going to KAL! Start SMILING today!

HARTER HOUSE GRANT
The library continues to participate in the community grant program provided by Harter House. At the end of each quarter we can submit receipts and then receive a 1% rebate from Harter House. This has been a great source of funding for KAL, sometimes as much as $500 per quarter.

Don’t throw away those receipts, bring them to the library where we can continue to benefit from this wonderful program. As always, the collection box for Harter House receipts is located immediately to the right when you enter the front door at the library.