

VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY - LibraryNews #043 - November 7, 2006

The Theme is "New!" After a short hiatus, Vista Grande Public Library is pleased to re-institute the publication of this on-line newsletter.

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NEWSWORTHY EVENTS

The Annual Ice Cream Social and Auction was held for the sixth year in a row, bringing in a sizeable portion of the library's operating budget. Thanks to all who donated, cashiered, performed, counted, scooped, painted, directed, and welcomed the residents of the region to this signature event. You can already mark your calendars for Sunday, August 26, 2007 for next year's Ice Cream Social.

The FREE Wednesday tutoring program is up and ready to accept students for tutoring in math, science, English, and history. Services are available on Wednesdays from 4pm to 9pm each week. Tutors who volunteer for the program represent the best of our community...committed achievers who feel they have a stake in helping our children succeed. Have a reluctant reader? Bring them in. Your eighth-grader struggling with Algebra? Count on us. Teenager in your household oblivious to the natural world? We'll get them interested.

NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Barbara Hagood has been hired as the new director for the library and has been on the job for two months now. Barbara comes to the library with many years of service to cultural entities and the nonprofit world and is a 17-year resident of the community. She brings a passion for grassroots organizations and the people who work in them. Barbara also serves as Administrative Director of Museum Development Associates, a nonprofit dedicated to helping small and rural museums improve operations and infrastructure. She previously served as Deputy Director for the Museum of New Mexico with oversight for Exhibitions, Marketing, Conservation, Museum of New Mexico Press, Central Registration, and Statewide Educational Outreach. Barbara CAN BE REACHED via email at LibraryDirector@VGLibrary.org

NEWLY RE-VAMPED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The library hosted its first "Volunteer Coffee" on October 3, using it as an opportunity to bring together the existing corps of volunteers with new recruits. Eldorado Supermart donated pastries and Las Chivas Coffee Roaster donated the coffee that kept everyone awake and alert.

Plans are to implement regular bi-monthly meetings of the volunteers and provide training in multiple aspects of library operations. The first training session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 9 am, with sessions to follow the second Tuesday of January, March, May, etc. The first session will cover the basics of circulation procedures and training in how to conduct community assessment surveys. Subsequent programs may cover topics that include children's programming, cataloging, low-cost marketing, library displays, and computer data entry. All current and potential volunteers are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

LOOKING TO HIRE NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Wanted: Fun-loving, patient, not-too-serious soul that likes children, to help establish comprehensive youth programming at the library. Should have, or be eligible for Level 1 New Mexico licensing. Working with the Library Director and 40+ volunteers, this person will help make VGPL THE PLACE TO BE for the young and young-at-heart. Do you know someone who has 20 hours a week to give (actually, they will be paid), Saturdays included? This is a great opportunity to make a difference, instilling the love of reading, discovery, and involvement with life. Please call Barbara Hagood at 466-4747 or LibraryDirector@VGLibrary.org to make an appointment for an interview.

MINI BOOK SALE & OPEN HOUSE

Because of the success with "first Saturday" donation days, we have decided to hold a Mini-Book Sale & Open House on Saturday, December 2nd, 9 am to noon. The sweet smell of cinnamon and cider will enhance your book-buying, as will the opportunity to purchase gift baskets containing the best pre-read selections. Choose Oprah's best packaged with bath salts and body lotion or hard-boiled detective storied packaged with...

This is a great way to give to help the library and do your holiday shopping at the same time.

BOOKS NEW TO THE COLLECTION

We are re-organizing the "NEW" section at the front of the library to indicate those books that are recently published and those that are new to our library.

We have begun placing our Fall orders, taking advantage of sales and promotions that put new life in the stacks. Keeping up with the New York Times Review of Books, we have added the following:

Audacity of Hope, by Barack Obama
The Collectors, by David Baldacci
The Road, by Cormac McCarthy
The Book of the Dead, by Douglas Preston (local author)
The Mephisto Club, by Tess Gerritsen
Blood and Thunder, by Hampton Sides (local author)
An Inconvenient Truth, by Al Gore
Lisey's Story, by Stephen King
Under Orders, by Dick Francis
Echo Park, by Michael Connelly
The Innocent Man, by John Grisham
State of Denial, by Bob Woodward
I Like You, by Amy Sederis
For One More Day, by Mitch Albom
Thunderstruck, by Erick Larson
Dangerous Nation, by Robert Kagan
Dear John, by Nicholas Sparks
Hundred Dollar Baby, by Robert B. Parker
Letter To A Christian Nation, by Sam Harris
Act of Treason, Vince Flynn
God Delusion, by Richard Dawkins

We have also placed an order that will complete our collection for the Battle of the Books, all Pulitzers in fiction, and all Newbery Medal winners. These are just a few of the titles you will see in the coming weeks. Come in often and check it out!

To view our catalog and reserve books, visit us online <http://www.vglibrary.org> <<http://www.vglibrary.org/>> . For more information on the VPGL, call 466-READ(7323) .

VGPL HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 1~6

Wednesday: 1~9

Friday & Saturday: noon ~ 5

Closed: Sunday & Monday

THE VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY, It's Your Community Resource! The Vista Grande Public Library, a nonprofit membership corporation, opened in April 2001 for the residents of the southeastern area of Santa County, on whom it depends for financial survival. Virtually 100% of VGPL's annual operating budget is funded by donations, not government funds or tax dollars. Without the help of residents of area communities, this public library would not exist.