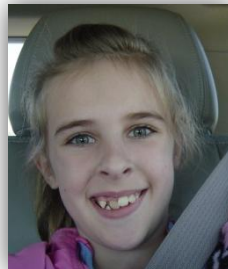




**CRAFT DAY WITH JILLIAN**

Jillian's Craft Day this month taught the fine art of spool knitting. Each of the attendees was presented with a special Jillian made knitting spool, thirty yards of yarn and instructions for "casting on" and knitting with the spool. Everyone caught on to the process quickly and spent the rest of the time knitting, talking and laughing. The group will meet again in a week when Jillian will give instructions on "casting off". The final products will be compared and the one with the longest rope will win a five dollar gift certificate to Union Station. Each person will then take their project and knit it into a hot pad. By the end of the day it became obvious whoever was to win the contest would have to put much effort into their rope during the week to get the longest rope.



**WE HAVE A WINNER**

The winner of the longest spool knitted rope is Allison Harvey. She made a rope of 10 yards and nine inches! For her effort she won a \$5 gift certificate to Union Station. The spool knitting group was joined by Logan and Daniel Cross and Tina Morgan. Spool knitting will continue each week and will be joined by "Jillian Teaches Knitting." Jillian will be showing beginners how to "cast on", knit and cast off. The class is open to every one of all ages. Even if you have never knitted before, come to the library and let Jillian show you how to do it. Jillian will provide supplies for those who don't have them. If you already have knitting needles, bring them to the class.



**VOLUNTEERS AT THE LIBRARY**

Several people have been actively volunteering at the library helping out with many of the duties necessary to keep the library running smoothly. Their duties include shelving books, refinishing the park bench, cutting the grass, covering books, cleaning and dusting, straightening the shelves and helping patrons. Many thanks to those volunteers, including Marcia & Marv Carman, Beth Harvey, Nell Petry, Sharon Drake, Mary Hyland, Chris Rosebrock, Kathy Hitchcox, Marion Heater and many others.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The library still needs more volunteers. Even if you don't want to work in the library we still need people with ideas to plan activities, arts and crafts, fund raisers, write silly newsletters, update our web site, plan and/or present classes, assist patrons on the computers or any other activity you would be interested in performing. Sign up at the library and come to the Friends meeting (every second Monday of each month at 5PM in the library). You are even entitled to free membership in the Friends of the Library group.



**KNITTING FOR CHARITY**

The Friends of the Library invites everyone to participate in knitting washcloths to be included in Christmas baskets. Knitters will meet in the library from 10 till noon every Saturday starting the Saturday following Heritage Day. Yarn and needles will be provided to those who need them. No experience is required. Even if you don't know how to knit someone will be there to assist and train you. The washcloths are simple projects, so even if you think you can't knit, come and try this project. Anyone from seven to seven hundred can learn to make the washcloths.



**NEW BOOKS THIS MONTH**

There are several new books at the library this month. Come in and check out the new book section by the computers, just beyond the DVDs and CDs.

**Adult non fiction**

**Edible Wild Plants: Wild Foods From Dirt To Plate** by John Kallas. Imagine what you could do with eighteen delicious new greens in your dining arsenal including purslane, chickweed, curly dock, wild spinach, sorrel, and wild mustard. This book divides plants into four flavor categories -- foundation, tart, pungent, and bitter. Categorizing by flavor helps readers use these greens in pleasing and predictable ways. According to the author, combining elements from these different categories makes the best salads.



**Adult fiction**

**Mystery: An Alex Delaware Novel** by Jonathan Kellerman. Alex Delaware, the L.A. psychologist and crime-solver, returns to tackle another tricky case. A woman has been murdered, her body mutilated. Homicide detective Milo Sturgis, Delaware's frequent partner, brings Alex into the case, hoping for some insight into the psychology of the killer. Alex is surprised to discover that the victim is familiar to him; Alex and his girlfriend saw her at a restaurant only hours before her death. But how can Alex and Milo expect to find any usable clues when the restaurant is now out of business?

**The Girl Who Played with Fire** by Stieg Larsson. Lisbeth Salander once again finds herself paired with journalist Mikael Blomkvist on the trail of a sinister criminal enterprise. Only this time, Lisbeth must return to the darkness of her own past (more specifically, an event coldly known as "All the Evil") if she is to stay one step ahead--and alive.

**The Bourne Dominion** by Robert Ludlum. The Bourne Dominion is the ninth novel in the Bourne series. Jason Bourne is searching for an elusive cadre of terrorists planning to destroy America's most strategic natural resources--and needs the help of his longtime friend, General Boris Karpov. Karpov, the newly appointed head of Russia's most feared spy agency, FSB-2, is one of the most determined, honorable, and justice-hungry men that Bourne knows. But Karpov has made a deal with the devil. In order to remain the head of FSB-2, he must hunt down and kill Bourne. Now, these two trusted friends are on a deadly collision course.

**Heartache Falls** by Emily March - Married for more than twenty years, and with her children out of the nest, Ali Timberlake has come to Eternity Springs alone. She's looking for answers to heartbreaking questions and searching for something that's missing deep within herself. Taking a lease on the Bristlecone Cafe in pursuit of a lifelong dream, Ali feels revitalized as she becomes part of this charming mountain town. But a big piece of her is still back in Denver with her husband, Mac, a successful judge--and a man who isn't going to let the woman he loves leave without a fight. When Mac shows up in Eternity Springs--sexy, seductive, and determined to win his wife back--he experiences the wonder of the place that has given Ali such feelings of happiness and belonging. He wants that for her, but even more, he wants that *with* her. Ali has found a special place for her heart. But is there still enough room left in that heart for him?

**Young Adult Fiction**

**The Final Warning: A Maximum Ride Novel** by James Patterson. Maximum Ride is a perfectly normal teenager who just happens to be able to fly, the result of an out-of-control government experiment. Max and the other members of the Flock--six kids who share her remarkable ability--have been asked to aid a group of environmental scientists studying the causes of global warming. Their ability to fly could help the scientists conquer this epic problem. The expedition seems like a perfect combination of adventure, activism--and escaping government forces who watch the Flock like a hawk. But even in Antarctica, trapped in the harshest weather on our planet, Maximum Ride is an irresistible target in constant danger. For whoever controls her powers could also control the world.

**TRUST FUND**

The Union Township Friends of the Library has established a trust fund with the Branch County Community Foundation to support non-operational activities of the library. This will not only pay for the arts & crafts activities for the kids, but also paid programming such as puppet shows, visits from the Kalamazoo Nature Center, the Red Cross babysitting class, Drummunity, building nest boxes and other classes and events put on at the library. The money will be invested by the Foundation to provide a continuous source of revenue for library activities. Except in the case of extraordinary circumstances, such as building remodeling or expansion, only the earnings and not the principle of the trust fund will be used to pay for activities. Donations of any amount may be given to the Union Township Friends of the Library and turned in at the library.

**INTERNET SCAVENGER HUNT FOR TEENS**

Use your Internet search skills to find the answers to the following questions. If you really need to cheat, the web site with the answers is listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

1. What are the seven principles of Leave No Trace?
2. What is ectodermal dysplasia, what areas of the body does it affect and is there a cure?
3. What is SOA Watch?
4. What does Hosanna Industries do, where is it located and when did it start?
5. When was Cover Me With Love founded and what do they do?
6. When was Amnesty International founded and what started the campaign?
7. Where is your nearest Big Brothers Big Sisters Chapter?
8. What are five different volunteering opportunities available with Volunteer Patagonia?
9. What is the major focus of the projects of La Esperanza Granada and where is it located?
10. What is Change.org?

**EXCUSES FOR NOT RETURNING A BOOK**

- ... my mother took it camping and lost it.
- ... I didn't take it out!
- ... cuz my cat peed on it and it smells too bad.
- ... it flew out the car window on the 69 Freeway and was devoured by an 18 wheeler!

Answers to Scavenger hunt can be found at:  
<http://www.scavenger-hunt-guru.com/online-scamenger-hunts.html>