



Programming for adults is booming at the Library

We have another example of our library's "big city services in a small town library." Of course, we have programming for kids of all ages, literally birth through high school. However, a great deal of programming is aimed at adults.

Personally, I think there's something for everyone. Here's a run-down.

The newest endeavor is the **Stitchers Club** catering to those interested in any fiber craft. Examples of fiber crafts are quilting, sewing, knitting, rug hooking and more. A series of three sessions is scheduled, all on the first Mondays of the month. The first was March 2, but the other two are ahead of us, April 6 and June 1. This is a drop-in opportunity from 10 – 3. People should bring a project and are welcome to bring sewing machines or use ours. Also, everyone is welcome to bring lunch.

For years, the library has had **Friday Coffee and Crafts** starting in the fall and running up to just before Christmas. The regulars for Coffee and Crafts, though, went rogue declaring that they didn't want it to end at Christmas when they need to make things all year long. So that's what's happening. Drop in **any Friday from 10 – 12**, and you are free to access our making equipment for die cutting, the heat press, and craft odds and ends. Get inspiration and ideas from others, too.

Beyond the Books began last fall with cooperative sessions on various topics between the library and Winter Village (formerly Independence Village). Sessions rotate between the library and Winter Village, and the public is always welcome. Topics have ranged from How to Get a Library Card to the Right Book Format for You and are held the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30. You might be interested in the two remaining sessions, one on Google, Siri, and Alexa and another on Free Music and Magazines.

Friday Night Movies is another staple on the schedule. This Friday is the last movie of the season. You are, if you're over sixteen, invited to see **Harriet** this Friday at 6:30. Snacks are always provided, and you're also free to bring your own.

Book Club Kits are both a resource and an encouragement for books clubs. You do the "programming," and we supply the books. A book club kit is checked out to one person in your book club and returned all at once by that person within eight weeks. The kits are non-renewable but there is plenty of time to pass out books at one meeting, discuss them at another meeting, and return them on time. We currently have at least seven kits. Examples are

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, The Moment of Lift, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, and Where the Crawdads Sing. Each kit normally includes one audio book, one large print book, and ten regular print books, not to mention discussion questions. You can also, with some notice, request that a book club kit be created using a book your group would like to discuss.

Books for Lunch, the library's own book club which has been going for several years, meets the second Tuesday of each month (other than July) from 12:30 – 2:00. Lunch is included, of course. We have an eclectic group of readers and have a great time. Each person discusses what she or he has been reading which gives the rest of us ideas for future reading. If you haven't had time to read lately, that's fine, too. Come anyway.

Mah Jongg meets every Thursday at noon upstairs at the library. Whether you've never played before or are an experienced player, you'll be welcome. We play the American version of the Chinese tile game. Although the game is challenging, it's fascinating and fun.

In addition to all these regularly scheduled events, Judge Christopher Nuechterlein's series of **Constitutional Seminars** will resume mid-April and run through June. Watch for announcements.

Remember, we have more than books. We also facilitate and encourage building special interest communities within our larger community.

See you at the Library.

Upcoming Events: March 6 at 6:30, **Friday Night Movies at the Library** will show **Harriet**. **Books for Lunch** meets Tuesday March 10, at 12:30. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram so you don't miss anything.