

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

November 1, 2010

**Voting Day – Tuesday, November 2nd –
Polls are open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.**

Voice of the City: As you have no doubt noticed from the articles in *The Herald Journal*, there will be a non-binding item on the ballot Tuesday relative to the establishment of a County-wide library system. Council member Terrie Wierenga, who is assigned the coordination responsibility with the Library, served on several of the recent committees looking at ways to achieve a county-wide system. She has researched and offered to the Mayor and Council a synopsis relative to this issue and what we currently have with the Richmond Library. The following items are extremely abbreviated from her original report, but we feel you should be aware of them:

- Funding is not adequate to cover the expense of changing the current 4 to 5 software programs being used by the different libraries into a single program. All of the bar-coding on holdings would have to be changed and new software purchased as well as new equipment. Then someone would have to re-enter ALL the data for each holding into the new system.
- All services touted by the proposal are already available at the Richmond Library. We already allow County residents to utilize our services without charge.
- Our current staff provides an excellent level of personal service to the patrons,

including taking items to citizens unable to negotiate the stairs at the entrance. We have no guarantee that our current staff would retain their jobs or their current salaries and benefits under a County system, nor is there any current guidance as to whether we would have any say in “new hires.”

- We already offer a multitude of programs including story hour for preschoolers; summer story hour for children of all ages; lectures on a broad series of topics; classes in English as a second language; computer literacy and the list goes on.
- Our staff has obtained many federal, state, and local grants the full amount of which goes to support our Library.
- Currently we pay about \$25 per residence or business per year in property tax to support the Library. The County projection is nearly \$70. This would result in about a \$45 per year tax increase for services we already enjoy.
- Our Library is one of the few remaining Carnegie libraries in the State of Utah. We have no space for a dedicated area for proposed courier service without removing some of our current holdings. Left unanswered is whether the library

would remain as is or if it would be relocated elsewhere.

- The bookmobile provides an extremely valuable service to many of our smallest population areas in the County and should be considered a mobile branch of the library.
- Our Library joins with other smaller libraries to provide services, coordinate training, and participate in other opportunities.

The ballot proposal essentially asks if a county-wide system should be established. While I support it in theory, the proposed budget is woefully inadequate to join the disparate programs and firm details are lacking in how the system would be implemented. **Terrie Wierenga**

Mayor's Report: On the local ballot we will have the opportunity to voice our opinion on the formation of a countywide library system. This vote is actually just an opinion vote. The County Council is not bound by this vote in any way and, in fact, can currently form a countywide library if they so desire without a vote from the citizens. The following is the language that will appear on the ballot:

Shall the Cache County Council establish a countywide library system?

A countywide library system would provide library service to all Cache County citizens from multiple branch library locations. Citizens could select library materials online, and then pick up and return the materials at any of these branch locations. A dedicated property tax would be levied to support the operation of the countywide library.

**Citizens who live in municipalities that already have a library funded by a property*

tax (Logan & North Logan), would continue to pay about the same for a countywide library system as they are now paying for library service.

**Citizens living in other municipalities, and those living in the unincorporated area, would pay a library property tax at the same rate as those in Logan and North Logan, which would be about \$82 per year on a home with a market value of \$193,000, which is the average home value in Cache County.*

FOR () AGAINST ()

I have reviewed this proposal thoroughly and as your Mayor I do not support the formation of a countywide library system at this time. The establishment of a new tax in this time of economic turmoil is not wise. Local libraries already serve the citizens of our county and through inter-local agreements could expand services to provide most of the claimed advantages of a new countywide library system. Again, I encourage that all citizens be involved, **vote**, and make your voices heard. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Monthly Safety Tip: Remember to change your batteries in your Smoke, and CO Detector annually. Pick a day that is easy to remember to do this a birthday, holiday, day light savings, etc. Besides replacing the batteries annually, you should check the operation of your Smoke, and CO Detectors monthly.

You should have Smoke Detectors in every bedroom or in the hall directly outside of the bedroom at the very least. Along with Smoke Detectors, you should have a CO Detector on every level of your home.

Richmond City Fire Department

Sub-For-Santa: Cache County Sub for Santa is seeking those that would like to sponsor a child/children for the 2010

Christmas season. If you are interested in helping provide Christmas for those in need, contact the Cache County Sub for Santa office at 752-6315. Our office hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please call the above number for our address (in transition). We would need gifts to our drop-off site by December 11th in order to distribute them accordingly. If you feel like you cannot sponsor a child or family directly, cash donations are also appreciated. Please send donations to: Cache County Sub for Santa, P. O. Box 4603, Logan, UT 84323.

Burn Permit Extension?? – As we go to press there is a slight chance that burn permits *might* be extended past the October 31st date. If you are interested, please call (435) 932-0234 after November 1st and they can tell you if the season has been extended and provide a permit number if it has. (As a side-note burn days are now also determined by the air pollution level present and anticipated. From reading in the newspaper you are aware of the particulate factor resulting in “yellow” and “red” days. This data must also be consulted as well as humidity, etc., to allow or disallow burning.

Roll-on, Roll-off Bins: The last day that the roll-on, roll-off bins located at the Black & White pavilion will be available is Saturday, November 20th. The bins will then be removed until next spring. There will be a designated area close to the B&W pavilion (marked by a sign) where natural Christmas trees can be deposited and picked up by the Cache Service Area. We thank you for your cooperation and support of the bins this season.

If You Are Going to Remodel: We received notice from the Department of Air Quality that the U.S. E.P.A. has established new rules relative to painted or coated

surfaces. “...disturbs or removes painted or coated surfaces greater than 6 square feet in a room on the interior or 20 square feet on the exterior of target housing or child-occupied facilities build before 1978...it may be subject to the new rule. If you contract any type of job involving painting or coatings on building constructed before 1978, be sure you are certain that the company is licensed in accordance with this new rule.

Craft Fair: A reminder that the craft fair will be taking place on Friday, November 5th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., and again on Saturday, November 6th from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. This is being held in the Community Building at 6 West Main.

E-mail address change: Effective immediately new e-mail addresses are in effect for the City. The plan is to have specific addresses for the Mayor and each Council member in the near future. For right now:

Richmond Library – library@richmond-utah.com

City in general (City Manager) – richmondcity@richmond-utah.com

Treasurer – richmondtreas@richmond-utah.com

Maintenance supervisor – richmondmbr@richmond-utah.com

Library News Views: “If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.” - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Lost at the Library: A small pink purse with a plaid heart sewn on the front and a teddy bear keychain attached to the handle has been left at the library. If this is yours, you may pick it up from the lost and found box.

Thanks to the teens for the great fun during Teen Read Week and a big thanks to the Youth Council for their support and help

with the activities. Congratulations to the winners of the guessing contests: “The Hunger Games” has been checked out 70 times at our library (tied winners were Chelisa Peck & Stacie Chatterton); the total number of teens who visited the library during the month of September was 328 (winner was Braydon Christensen); the number of mints in the jar was 158 (winner was Katelyn Reese). The book drawing winners were Garrett Mortensen, Dominique Rogers, Tilden Ball, Janessa Reese, and Ross Sanderson. Come in and see what teens have selected as “recommended books” – a total of 32 titles were submitted. Thanks Teens!

Library Lecture: Thursday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m., Brooke Parker R.D. will present “Feel Good about the Way You Look!” Brooke is a registered dietitian, earning a bachelors degree in dietetics from Utah State University in 1999. She currently works for USU as the student body dietitian, specializing in eating disorders. She is passionate about helping women overcome disordered eating and body-image issues and is considered one of the best body-image counselor in the state of Utah. Brooke Parker will also be sharing secrets for developing a positive body image from her new book, **Love Your Body**. You’ll learn how to replace negative thoughts about yourself with positive, motivating thoughts and your “skinny jeans” will no longer have the power to determine your mood. **Love Your Body** will be available for purchase at the library and Brooke will sign copies after the presentation.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

- Nov. 7 Fall Weather
- Nov. 11 It’s Dark
- Nov. 18 Family Time

Nov. 25 NO Story Time - Thanksgiving

New Children Books:

Ten new *Beast Quest* titles by Adam Blade

Four new *Butterfly Meadow* titles by Olivia Moss

Sophie, the Sapphire Fairy & Lucy, the Diamond Fairy by Daisy Meadows

Three new *Enola Holmes Mystery* titles by Nancy Springer

Audio: *Nick of Time & The Time Pirate* by Ted Bell

New Teen Books:

12 titles of *Cirque Du Freak* series by Darren Shan

Halt’s Peril by John Flanagan

The Wizard of Mars (Young Wizard Series #9) by Diane Duane

The Lost Hero by Rick Roirdan

Million-Dollar Throw

Adult Books:

You’ve Been Warned by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

The Black Sun, The Geneva Deception & The Gilded Seal by James Twining

Die for You & Fragile by Lisa Unger

The Legend of Shannonderry by Carol Warburton

A new Barbara Cartland display with 236 titles

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day and Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 25-27, for Thanksgiving Holiday.