



PIGEON TALES

Beginning Genealogy, Part 2

Jane Taylor of the Tri-state Genealogical Society was here on the afternoon of March 25th to introduce us to some of the methods we might use in tracing our ancestry. She provided several hand-outs with helpful hints, as well as some forms commonly used in genealogy. Those who attended enjoyed her presentation so much that they requested a follow-up program, which will be held on April 22 from 2-4:00, with Jane once again on hand to guide us. Anyone with an interest in genealogy is welcome to attend, even if you missed the first program. Please stop in or call 483-2651 to sign up so we can provide adequate seating and materials.

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Early Closing Time

Please note that due to Staff Training, the library will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30th rather than the usual 7:00.

One Book, One County Events

One Book, One County is a collaborative program in which the libraries of St. Joseph County invite you to read and discuss issues raised by a single book. This year's selection is *Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman (see p. 2 for more information on this book). In conjunction with this program, we will be holding a special Open House for our patrons on Wednesday, April 15th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will be featuring some of the sights and culinary experiences that we imagine Rita might have encountered in her travels!

Members of the Lunch and Lit Club will be enjoying a special treat at their meeting on Monday, April 27th, when Rita will be joining them for a discussion of her book over a light lunch.

We would also like to encourage you to attend the program at the Three Rivers Public Library on Monday, April 27th at 7 p.m. where the author will make a presentation, followed by a reading and book signing. Pamphlets with complete details of the One Book, One County activities can be picked up at most local libraries.

New Books in April!

Cecelia Ahern *Thanks for the Memories*
 Elizabeth Berg *Home Safe*
 Harry Bernstein *The Dream: A Memoir*
 Carol Higgins Clark *Cursed*
 Mary Higgins Clark *Just Take My Heart*
 The Winner Stands Alone *Paulo Coelho*
 Sandra Dallas *Prayers for Sale*

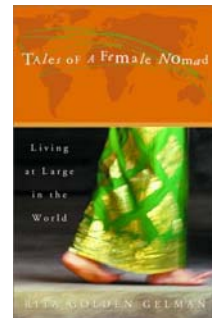
Diane Mott Davidson *Fatally Flaky*
 Ted Dekker *Boneman's Daughters*
 Heather Graham *Nightwalker*
 Carolyn Hart *Dare to Die*
 Iris Johansen *Deadlock*
 Debbie Macomber *Summer on Blossom Street*
 James Patterson *The Eighth Confession*

Lunch & Lit Club

Tales of a Female Rita Goldman Gelman

Amazon.com Review

When Rita Golden Gelman traveled to Mexico during a two-month separation from her husband, she hoped to satisfy an old craving for adventure and, in the process, rejuvenate herself and her marriage. Little did she know it was the beginning of a new life, not just as a divorcée, but as a nomad of the world. Since 1986, Gelman has had no permanent address and no possessions except those she can carry. She travels without a plan, guided by instinct, serendipitous opportunities, and a remarkable ability to connect with people. At first her family and friends accused her of running away, but Gelman knew she had embarked on a journey of self-discovery and a way of life that is inspiring and enviable.



The Lunch & Lit Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. Stop in to pick up a copy of the current book if you'd like to join us!

Friends of the Library

Friends Members: You might like to start thinking about the Mother's Day Store and how you would like to contribute. Will you volunteer your time by helping run the store? Would you rather help by preparing items for sale? When Easter candy goes on sale, remember that Hershey's Kisses are great additions to many of the gifts we have on hand. Bring your ideas to the meeting in May!

Friends Wanted! If you would like to join the Friends of the Library, please fill out this form and return it to the library with \$3.00 for your annual dues. Members take part in various activities which benefit the library and provide for things that might not otherwise fit into the budget. The group meets about once every four months.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address: _____
 Email address _____

Story Hour Begins



Spring is just around the corner, and that means it time for Preschool Story Time to begin! This program is designed especially for children ages 3 –5, but not yet in kindergarten. You don't need to sign up to attend, just come when your schedule allows.

April dates are: 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 10:00-10:30

Spring Break Activities

Looking for something fun to do over Spring Break? Check out these special activities that we have planned for you! All activities will take place from **1:30-3:00 p.m.** and are open to all elementary-aged students.

Game Day Monday, April 6th

Get together with your friends and play Guess Who, Pictureka, I Spy, Uno, and more.

Kite Creations Tuesday, April 7th

Decorate your own kite with markers, then take it home and give it a whirl!

Please note: you must sign up for this program.

Bottle Cap Mania Wednesday, April 8th

Put on your thinking 'cap' and see what you can create using bottle caps and glue.

Fancy Nancy Party Thursday, April 9th

Hear a story and play a word game to win pieces of your Fancy Nancy costume, enjoy refreshments with your fancy friends!

Please note: you must sign up for this program.

This One's For the Girls

This month, we will be welcoming veterinarian Dr. Arver, from Lake Area Veterinary in Sturgis. She will discuss what it takes to become a veterinarian, the rewards of the job, and other possible careers in the field. The date for this program is to be announced ... watch the library for further details. *This One's For the Girls* is a series of programs designed for girls in 6th grade and older.

Earth Day 2009

This year, Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22nd. If you're looking for new ways to be earth-friendly, stop in and check out our great selection of environmentally-conscious books. Bring the whole family and see us at the Earth Day celebration at the fairgrounds in Centerville on Saturday, April 18th between 11:00 and 1:00.



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April Calendar

- 1 Story Time 10:00
- 2 After School Craft 3:30

Spring Break Activities

1:30-3:00

- 6 **Game Day**
- 7 **Kite Creations ***
- 8 **Bottle Cap Mania**
- 9 **Fancy Nancy Party***
- 15 Story Time 10:00
- 15 Open House 5:30-6:30
- 16 After School Craft 3:30
- 18 Earth Day at Fairgrounds
- 22 Story Time 10:00
- 22 Genealogy 2-4:00*
- 23 After School Craft 3:30
- 27 Lunch & Lit Club 11:30*
- 27 One Book, One County
Three Rivers Library 7:00
- 29 Story Time 10:00
- 30 After School Craft 3:30
- 30 Closing Early (5:00)

***You must sign up to attend these programs.**

Coming in May

- 12 Bill Jamerson
- 21 Friends' meeting

Services for Library Patrons

- **Inter-library Loan:** We can help you find just the book you're looking for. If we don't own it, we should be able to get it for you through our state-wide interloan program.
- In addition to our regular fiction and non-fiction holdings, we also have **large print books** and **audio books** (tape and CD).
- **Movies:** Patrons may borrow movies at no cost for 2 days at a time.
- **Computers:** We have 16 public use computers.
- **Free Wireless Internet:** just bring your laptop!
- **Genealogy / Local History:** Visit our History Room! We have census records and some newspapers on microfilm; we have many obituaries, family histories, and scrapbooks. Patrons can access Heritage Quest online at the library and at home ... ask us how!
- **Home Delivery:** We offer free delivery services for the homebound. Please call for more information.
- **Online Database:** Visit our website and click on "Online Catalog".
- **Miscellaneous Services:** copies .15; laminating .75 for an 8.5 X 11 sheet; fax (sending) \$2 for the first page, \$1 for each additional page; fax (receiving) \$1 for up to 10 pages; .25 for each additional page.



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