

U.S.D. #350 St. John- Hudson

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May 2015

Superintendent's Corner

Author Todd Whitaker reminds us that it is people, not programs that determine the success of our schools. We know that the effectiveness of the teacher in the classroom is the most important factor in student success. It does not matter how many computers we buy, which textbook we have, or which professional development program we use. The teacher is still what makes learning happen for kids.

The week of May 4th is teacher appreciation week. I'd like to publicly express my thanks and appreciation for the teachers in our community and around the state. I've been blessed to be associated with some great teachers in my life.

Speaking of great teachers; we are fortunate to have some great, experienced teachers here at USD 350. The down-side of that experience is that they want to retire one day. That day has come for some of our teachers. Mrs. Pound, Ms. Wibright, Mrs. Frink, and Mrs. Dickson will all be retiring at the end of this school year. We are sad to see them leave, but wish them all the best in retirement.

Board member elections were held earlier this month. We will be adding three new members to our board of education when they take office in July. Darin Brummer, Derek Foote, and Debby Waddle will be replacing Stan Woodward, Bill Milton, and Tom Garner.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. The last day of school for students is May 19th. School will dismiss at 11:00 that day and no lunch will be served. This is a busy time with many activities and ceremonies to celebrate student accomplishments.

Our senior class will have their final day of school on May 13th. We will celebrate these students' accomplishments at class night on Friday, May 15th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Commencement will be held at 4:00 in the main gym on Saturday, May 16th.

The USD 350 Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides an avenue for patrons, businesses, and organizations to financially support to the mission of St. John-Hudson schools. Our Foundation really captures the giving spirit

of this great community. The Foundation accepts donations to support student scholar-ships, library funding, and various student and school programs. Donations can be non-specific or given for a particular purpose.

Recently the Foundation board announced a donation to the school to replace the old sound system in the auditorium and to purchase computers and iPads for student use. Recently, memorials funds have been established to help replace old classroom doors and the marquee sign. If you are interested in giving to the Foundation, feel free to contact my office.

Finishing up this school year, our budget is consuming much of our thoughts and efforts. We work hard to be efficient in our school district; this is important. But we'd rather be focused on what is best for kids than simply cutting costs. There is a big difference between "cheap" and "efficient."

The legislature passed a new finance formula recently. This new formula provides a "block" of funding based on the current year's budget. The next two years will see an increase of funding of about 0.4% and 0.8% in operating funds. This is well below what is expected for increases in basic costs due to inflation.

While this is not a good situation for schools in Kansas, we are in a better situation than most other districts in the state. This is because our enrollment has increased in each of the last three years. Many districts are dealing with large cuts to their current year budget and into the next two years.

Since our enrollment increased more than expected this year, we are required to amend our budget. You will see a legal notice in this week's paper showing this amendment. This will allow the district to receive the additional state aid for the additional students, but will not affect our local tax rates. The school board will hold a hearing and approve this amendment at the May meeting.

As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with *Purpose, Passion*, and *Pride*.

-Josh Meyer – USD 350 Superintendent



JOB-a-THON

tudents from St. John High School attended the annual Job-a-Thon in Pratt on Wednesday, April 8th. Job-a-Thon is a hands-on career fair for selected students from Stafford, Pratt, Barber, Kingman, Commanche, Kiowa, and Harper counties. Students from 15 high schools were present. Each of the schools were awarded points based on the number of students that they had in attendance and the percentage of students that were possible, their interview skills and job applications.

St. John High School students who were there had a very strong team scoring very high against the next highest points from another school. For winning 1st place, the students were presented with the first annual traveling trophy for this event and \$200 for use in their classroom. Members of the team were Bradley Blue, Clay Cooper, Troy Devine, Christy Garcia, Kirkland Hudson, Brayan Ramirez, Elizabeth Ramirez, Klayton Rodarmel, and Kristi Weiser. Troy and Kristi scored among the top five students out of approximately 110 for the interviews. We are very proud of these students.



SAFE Team attends Safety Conference

Six members of the St. John High SAFE team attended the 21st Annual Kansas Transportation Safety Conference, March 31 and April 1st in Wichita. Students were privileged to hear keynote speakers, attend breakout sessions that dealt from topics on DUI prosecution, impaired driving, road hazards and safety, crashes, and distracted walking. They also had fun during SAFE Festival celebration competing in several activities. Students also mingled with many emergency personal and civil employees from the national, state and local sector. They also had an opportunity to talk to over twenty exhibitors that promoted safety. Students also shared their public safety message with thirty other schools SAFE teams.

Morgan Krankenberg was awarded SAFE student of the Year, for sharing her crash and seatbelt use testimony to the Kansas House and Senate Transportation Committees this winter. Master Trooper Jeff Schawe was awarded the People Saving People Award for his effort in implementing SAFE programs in all Stafford county schools. Last year SAFE programs increased the average teen seatbelt usage by 18.3 percent.









Top L to R:Students witness a mock drunk driving simulation, pose for photo op at festival, Laura Moore, Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, State SAFE Coordinator steps in for a quick pic with team and Trooper Schawe, Morgan receives her S.O.Y award from Chris Bortz, Manager of the Bureau of Traffic Safety Technology at KDOT.

2014-15 St. John Jr. High AND High School BASKETBALL DVD ORDER FORM

Mrs. Kinnamon's Media Technology class is taking orders for DVDs of the 2014-15 basketball season. The cost is \$.50 per DVD with one game per DVD.

Please write the desired quantity below. Return with payment by May 8th to Tara Kinnamon.

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Please note: We will wait until several orders have compiled to make duplicating the DVDs quicker and more efficient so it may be mid-May before orders are completed. Thanks for your patience!! Contact Mrs. Kinnamon with questions: tkinnamon@usd350.com

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- Can You Hear the Number?
 Moving Molecules
- Capillary Action
 Zoom!
 What do Engineers do?

The Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library
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Invite you and your family to a
FREE "STEMtacular" Family Night

Tuesday, June 2nd
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

@ the library (406 N. Monroe)

Come kick off your summer by exploring the power of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.













OFF THE SHELF



Ida Long Goodman Memorial

May 2015



STAR WARS JEDI Training Academy

The Jedi Council invites Padawans to complete training at Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library

Your Jedi training adventure begins on

4th May 2015 **5 to 7 pm**

Training exercises are free and open to recruits of all ages.

Jedi attire encouraged.



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Did You Know?

The library offers the use of the community room no charge? Can't beat that! Ask us how.

Our Library Looking Toward The Future

Minutes from March 30, 2015 community forum

In attendance: Tom Taylor, facilitator, Mr. Meyer, Christie Snyder, Barbara Graves, Mark Bryant, Mary Pat Haddican, Michael Hathaway, Charlene Hill, Felicia Norton, Debby Waddle, Mary Fatzer, Helen Hullman, Jan Stadalman, Ardis Witt, Carolyn Dunn, Julie Fox, Bob Mercer and Andrea Siefkes.

Also interested and shared ideas but unable to attend: Randee Olive, Marlis Lakey, Joe Snyder, Lisa Cornwell, Natalie Clark

After the sharing of ideas, two main areas of need were identified: marketing and promoting the library better, as well as finding out what the needs and wants are of the community.

While the library offers a variety of services, programs and materials, the non-library users don't seem to be aware of these things. Currently the library puts news articles in the local newspapers and the school newsletter. For patrons who have given us their e-mail, e-blasts are sent, posters are put up around town advertising events, Christie posts upcoming events and information on Facebook. The Facebook account is linked to Twitter so a shorter version is tweeted. We have had a booth at Jubilee and a float in the parade several times, with very little impact. Because we have such a small staff, Christie looks for a lot of passive programming.

Some other ways to reach the community were to ask local businesses like Dillions and Dollar General that use sacks, to put flyers to advertise library activities. It was suggested that the after school program, LIFE, students could walk the town to put door hangers on homes. Short notices could go on the city bill. Door to door visits are an option but with a small staff, time would be a problem. Setting up a table at home sporting events to promote the library could give as a higher profile.

It is very important to find out the needs and wants of the community so the programming and services of the library matches the needs and wants of our community. A survey is needed. There was discussion about how to do this to include non-library users. First a questionnaire is needed. Christie will get samples to look at to help develop our own. Felicia will help with putting it together when a decision is made. Many of the ways suggested in promoting the library listed above could be used to get the word out about the survey. An online survey and hard copy would be offered. It was suggested to take the iPads with us to Jubilee or around town and ask if folks would take a quick quiz. We would administer it at that moment. The older students of the LIFE program may also be able to be trained to give the quiz. An incentive to take the prize needs to seriously be considered.

Lots of ideas were offered for programming and services. It was suggested to always consider incentives and food at events.

Library Scavenger Hunt
Video/Book discussion
Movie series
Metal Detecting Class
Gun Carry Class
Volunteer tax help
Mine Craft activities
Business Incubator & Education
AudioVisual Lab
Beginner Computer/Internet classes
iPhone/iPad
Sunflower e-library
Kansas State Library Internet resources
Organize digital photos



A suggestion was made to revisit the web page and see if it could be made more user friendly and more offerings for adults.

Mommy and Me (Oh, and Daddy too) Library Visits

For those of you who have infant to 3 year olds (not all ready attending preschool) this year's *Mommy and Me class* is wrapping up-only two more sessions! Songs, finger plays, and of course books and stories will help you connect with your little one, other Moms, Dads or caregivers. Cindy Allen, former Learning to Bridges preschool teacher, is leading the activities.

The class meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10:30 to 11:00 am while school is in session. The next session is May 5 with the theme, *Moms are the Best*. It's never too late to start! Call the library or e-mail us with your name, child(ren) and contact information. ilgml@usd350.com or (620)549-3227

May 5 Moms Are the Best

May 19 Summer Fun!

Mother
[muh-th-er] -noun

 One person who does the work of twenty. For free.

See also 'pietist,' and a 'saint.")

Superintendent's Super Reads

Check 'Em Out!

Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library staff is excited to have a superintendent who lover to read. Mr. Meyer has made recommendations and encouraged USD 350 staff members to read several authors and titles. They have been well-received. We have some of the titles and wanted to share those with you. Mr. Meyer is an avid enough reader that we thought we'd create an new column for our newsletter. As we share his finds, we invite you to check them out and read them!

The Seed by Jon Gordan

A business fable to help you discover your purpose in work and life. Josh, an up-and-comer at his company, is disenchanted with his job. Challenged by his boss to take two weeks to decide if he really wants to work there, Josh takes off for the country, where he meets a wise farmer who gives him a seed and a promise: find the right place to plant the seed, and his purpose will be revealed.

American sniper: the autobiography of the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history by Chris Kyle; with Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen

Chris Kyle recounts key battles, talks openly of the blood and pain of war, and provides a rare, firsthand glimpse into the elite world of the Navy SEALs.

It Worked for Me by Colin Powell

It Worked for Me is filled with experiences and lessons learned that have shaped the public service career of the four-star general and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. He combines the insights he has gained serving in the top ranks of the military and in four presidential administrations with the lessons he's learned from his immigrant-family upbringing in the Bronx, his training in the ROTC, and his growth as an Army officer. It is considered by many to be a brilliant and original blueprint for leadership.





Community Prairie Pocket Garden

Minutes from the Committee Meeting on April 17, 2015

Attending: Christie Snyder, Anna Minnis, Mary Pat Haddican, Amy Collins, Rita Schartz, and Mary Fatzer Unable to attend but interested: Shannon Smith, Shannon Snyder, Darlene Behnke, Sharon Walker

Christie opened the meeting with an introduction to how the Prairie Pocket Garden came to be something the library wanted to do with the encouragement from library board member, Mary Pat Haddican. We would like the garden to be butterfly – pollinator friendly.

Action Steps

Christie will contact Esai Macias of Macias Lawn Service, about tilling the grass for the garden which is to be approximately 25 X 30 feet behind the Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library sign wall on the south side of the library. We will plant Monday, April 27 beginning at 4 pm. All are welcome to bring gloves and join in the fun!

We decided it was best to plan the plot with the long range in mind. Amy Collins and Rita Schartz helped create a list of some plants to get us started. Mary Pat will check in with Amy who offered to draw up a plan for the garden and could order the butterfly bush through the city's vendor, John Deere Landscape. Christie will call Dyke Arboretum, Hesston, to check to see if we can buy plants ahead of time and pick them up the weekend of April 24-26 at their native plant sale.

Rita Schartz offered to look through the list of plants we created. She created a second list that focused creating a long season and a variety of color, size and form for the first round of planting. The original list with the number of plants needed and the list of season extenders that Rita provided is listed below. Here are some other factors to take into consideration:

- The larger clumps design that we talked about will need to be taken into account. Someone who can work without symmetry needs to give that some thought.
- The grasses (bluestem) and butterfly bush need to be included.

An anonymous benefactor is underwriting the garden at this time. At the Earth Partnership for Schools Institute that Christie attended in 2012, she was given the information for an O.W.L.S. grant through the Kansas Parks and Wildlife. Rita said she would work with Christie on the grant which will help with maintaining the garden. When the library originally considered the garden, Tom Turner was interested in helping. Christie will contact him to see if this is still the case.

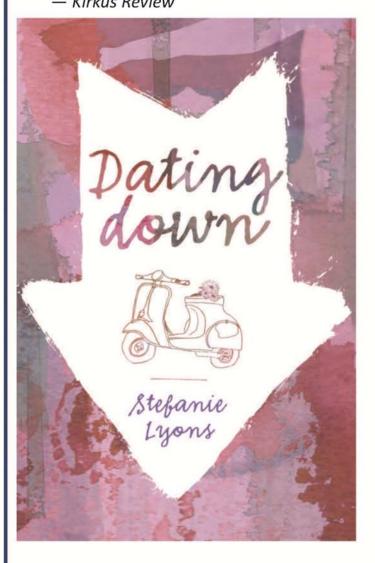
The hope is that this will become a **community** project and USD 350 teachers will use it as a learning tool with their students.

The library will be open the Saturday morning of Jubilee from 9 AM—11 AM. Be sure to drop by to congratulate Stefanie Lyons on her debut novel. Books will be available for purchase.

"Give this to Ellen Hopkins fans.

Turbulent love via turbulent poems."

— Kirkus Review



"Fast-paced and full-bodied, Dating Down is for anyone that has ever fallen for an older bad boy. AKA: everyone. Stefanie Lyons perfectly captures the sizzle and pop poetry of an electric first love. I devoured this book in one swift, crush-worthy sitting."

— Kirsten Smith, author of *The Geography of Girlhood* and writer of *Legally Blonde* and *10 Things I Hate About You*.

Book Signing With Young Adult Author



Stefanie Lyons
St. John High Class of 1990
Join us at the library
during Jubilee

Saturday, May 23rd

Pre-order your copy for signing.

Call, stop by or e-mail us at
Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library.
406 N. Monroe Ave.
St. John, KS 67576
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2015 Summer Reading Program June through July

Read through the summer and earn prizes. Activity sheets and

reading logs will be passed out the last week of school.

Family activities are included so everyone can join the fun. Fill out the contract, complete tasks, enter drawings, visit your library, and attend special events. Easy Peasy! Let's have fun reading this summer!

2015 Adult Community Wide Reading Program

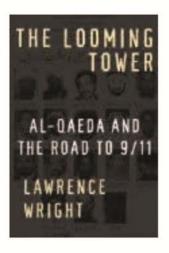


Your county librarians are teaming up again this summer to bring you fun filled activities and encouragement to read more and/or read differently this summer. We want to provide all kinds of experiences to help you ESCAPE THE ORDINARY! More info COMING SOON!

ISIS Book Study Starting

The Isis Book Study group had their first discussion the evening of Monday, April 27. The second book they will be discussing is The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 911 by Lawrence Wright. Copies are on order so if you are interested, please give us a call or stop by and we'll make sure to reserve a copy for you.

Mary Pat Haddican has organized the group. If you are interested, notify the library and we will get you in contact with her. No date has been set for the discussion of Looming Towers. After everyone picks up their books, it is usually 3 or 4 weeks before the meeting. The discussion is open to an interested parties. Join us!





Library Closed

May 24th & 25th

WHAT IS NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Go to our library catalog bulletin board at: https://goodman.goalexandria.com/7061876/bulletins.

All the most current items added to the library are listed there.

Be sure stop by and be introduced to our new library clerk, April Kelley.

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http://www.usd350.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/Library%7CLibrary%20Staff



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