

## Locks of Love



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Karen O'Neal of Personal Touch Salon in Colby showed Mysti Rothfuss how much hair she will be donating to Locks of Love this morning. Mysti is the daughter of Joy Rothfuss of Colby.

## Chautauqua production is almost here

It's almost the end of May and the Kansas Humanities Chautauqua production of "Bleeding Kansas: Where the Civil War Began" will be arriving in Colby before we know it.

It seemed like such a long time ago when I first mentioned it in this column and now it will be here in just a few weeks.

How exciting is that?! I hope you have been reading and attending all the programs that have been presented at the library and the museum in preparation for this event but if not, there is still time.

We have books and videos to get you ready for Abraham Lincoln, Stephen Douglas, Frederick Douglas, Clarina Nichols, David Atchison and good old John Brown who will all be visitors in our city from June 11-15.

You won't want to miss out on a single thing during this festival which will commemorate the turbulent years of the Kansas Territory when the eyes of the nation turned to Kansas shortly before the Civil War began.

The library has special brochures and special bookmarks that will describe the characters and events that will take place.

Be sure to stop by and ask anyone on the staff for a copy.



### Library Link

•JoAnne Sunderman

Speaking of Lincoln, let me mention a new book called *Lincoln's Avengers* by Elizabeth Leonard which takes an in-depth look at American justice, revenge and re-union after the Civil War. It asks the question: "Did the federal government mete out justice or revenge in response to Lincoln's assassination?"

When Lincoln was murdered by John Wilkes Booth, did you know that his Secretary of State William Seward was brutally stabbed in his sickbed?

Also Ulysses Grant who decided at the last minute not to accompany the president to Ford's Theater, may have been a target as well as Vice President Andrew Johnson. Clearly conspiracy was afoot. This book tells the dramatic story of the assassination, the roundup of suspects and the ensuing trials of all those involved in the crimes of that fateful night.

*This Is Not A Weasel: A Close Look at Nature's Most Confusing*

*Terms* by Philip Mortenson is an unusually interesting book. If they gave out awards for the oddest book titles, this one would no doubt qualify.

The author focuses on pairs of words whose meanings we often confuse, like corn and maize. (They are often used interchangeably, but they actually mean slightly different things.)

He also includes mushroom and toadstool, frog/toad, turtle/tortoise, antler/horn, ass/burro/donkey/mule to name a few. Did you know that according to the U.S. Forest Service anything under 12 feet in height is not a tree? Do yourself a favor and check this book out. You'll be fascinated with the reasons we call things what we do.

And if you have children and are going to be spending a lot more time with them once summer begins, you might want to check out "*Mom, Jason's Breathing On Me!*": *The Solution to Sibling Bickering* by Dr. Anthony Wolf. Who can deny that

bickering can take more joy out of parenting than probably any other aspect of child raising?

This book is about that very subject—why it happens, what it means and especially what you can do about it.

According to Dr. Wolf (a practicing psychologist and father of two—now grown—children), he wrote the book because he wanted to share the techniques he used with his own children.

His methods are simple and they work.

Stop by Pioneer Memorial Library soon. We are located at 375 West Fourth and are open seven days a week as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday 1-4 p.m. The library will be closed Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

For information contact the library at 462-4470. We look forward to seeing you.

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