

Colby library gears up to celebrate special week in April

National Library Week is celebrated each year in April. This is a time when libraries of all types and the people who use them come together with the American Library Association and its Campaign for America's Libraries to celebrate the contributions of all librarians, librarians and library workers in our nation's schools, campuses and communities. Libraries today are enjoying a golden age in which public, school, college and university libraries are

flourishing not only within the physical confines of bricks and mortar, but also in the continuously expanding Internet universe. Any notion that books are passé, library stacks have been outpaced by memory sticks, or libraries are obsolete is simply untrue. In fact, libraries and librarians today are more relevant than ever. The facts speak for themselves: library use is up nationwide. More than 2 billion items were checked out last year, and librarians serve



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Library Link

nearly 1.8 billion visitors annually. At Pioneer Memorial Library alone, we had an average of more than 170 people through the library doors each and every day. Keep in mind that is not an exceptional day — that is simply an “average” day. The scary part is where our great nation would be without an institution promoting literacy.

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Help offered on dealing with junk mail, calls

Plans for this article were to discuss the No-Call for telemarketers and No Junk mail, but I decided I could go much more in depth on the discussions.

I cannot believe it is nearly five years since we first did this, it appears that time really does fly by. I did the no junk mail and it has worked great, and with much less junk mail going to the recycling bin or to the landfill.

There is a lot of information for this, for those with computers go to <http://www.junkmailstopper.com> and follow the instructions. It is very interesting to read all of their information, but if you do not have a computer: First, contact DMA by sending a postcard requesting that they stop sending junk mail from companies you have never ordered anything from, include your name, address and request to “activate the preference service”

This will stop junk mail from those companies which you have never contacted.

This will stop junk mail from these companies for up to five years.

Your name will be put on a delete file that is updated four times a year — January, April, July and October — and made available to direct mail and telephone marketers.

Two or three months after your name is entered into file, solicitations you receive should decrease. However, your registration will not stop calls or mailings from organizations not registered with the DMAs Mail and Telephone Preference Services.

Continue below to find out how to get in touch with some of those companies and stop junk mail from them also:

DMA Mail Preference Service
P.O. Box 9008
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

They also have the same service for telemarketers.

Write them at this address:
Telephone Preference Service
P.O. Box 1559
Carmel NY 10512

The article I researched said America on-line is the biggest junk mail offender; call (800) 827-6364 and demand to be removed from their list.

The Kansas no call list is (888) 382-1222 or (866) 290-4236 for the TTY.

Or you can go to the attorney general's web site and do the same online.

The instructions are very easy to follow.

The Federal no-call list: www-telemarketing.donotcall.gov, this go round for the federal no-call list will start Sept. 1 unless you have never registered. You can register on-line, very easy to do.

Another topic that has come up in some discussions is making funeral



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Chat with Rosalie

arrangements for yourself.

Each of us knows that we will die. Why not make it easier for our families? I had a brother die suddenly, a sister killed two days later, and my mother died three months later, so that made me very aware of making our final arrangements and having the plans written out or filed with the funeral home.

The web site for the State of Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts has a wealth of information as does the local mortuaries. Preplanning your funeral arrangements on the web site has the following topics to read and consider: What it means, the process, pre-financing, pricing, al-

ternatives to a traditional funeral, regulating the funeral industry and some things to remember.

There is much more information on the web site or from the local funeral director to help you make your decisions. Should a person decide to do all this, do not forget to tell your children or close relative you have made the arrangements.

Give them a copy of your wishes, tell them or someone you want to know all your plans where your important papers are and so forth. Most people should have a power of attorney done.

Who knows when something like that could be needed?

At the same time, make sure your children or close relative knows about your insurance policies, where they and all your important papers are located. Until next time, stay well.

Editor's note: Rosalie Seemann, secretary of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, offers the preceding column as a way to inform older readers about changing topics. She will answer questions or provide information about the agency on a monthly basis. Readers may submit questions by writing Seemann at: Chat with Rosalie c/o Rosalie Seemann, 426 Hale, Levant, Kan. 67743, or by emailing: rseemann@st-tel.net. The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is part of a national network of agencies created in 1973 by the Older Americans Act. It is a private, nonprofit organization with the responsibility of administering Older American Act programs in the 18 counties of northwest Kansas.

While libraries serve as a foundation for literacy, they also reflect the identity of a community. Pioneer Memorial Library is a physical gathering place, a crossroads for people of all ages, ethnicities and economic means, complete with information professionals — librarians — fostering in-

quiry and assisting with interpretation of information both onsite and online. Thank you Colby for making literacy a priority. Education and literacy are essential to staying competitive in a global society. There's nothing obsolete about that. Mark your calendar this month to support and celebrate National Library Week at Pioneer Memorial Library. A book review will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday during National Library Week April 15-21. Lunch will be served. Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 West Fourth and open seven days a week. Winter hours are 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 p.m. - 4 p.m. For information contact the library at 460-4470 or visit our website at www.colby-library.com. As always, we are here to serve you.

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