

Library offers more than books; fall programs to begin

to us at colbykslibrary@yahoo.com.

And, if you are really enthusiastic about it, we invite you to donate it to the library for others in our community to enjoy. You are what helps make this library to be so great!

This week I have read a few books—mostly mysteries. The first is from the series “The Cat Who...” by Lilian Jackson Braun, which is about a new reporter who inherits two cats from an eccentric art collector.

In the book *The Cat Who Came to Breakfast* we find that the reporter and the Siamese cats go to “Breakfast Island” where, together, they solve a mystery of sabotage and murder.

In this book you will learn about dominoes, nature and numbers, which are sub-themes the author cleverly weaves into the story.

Our library has 37 items by this

author, 11 audio taped books and 26 printed books. Braun's most recent book is "The Cat Who had 60 Whiskers."

If you would like to download books to an MP3 player (or Windows Media Audio or WMA), then the State Library of Kansas has eight different books in this series available.

To access them, log on to <http://kansas.lib.overdrive.com> and follow the instructions.

The library fall programs are swinging into action this next week.

The first "Booked for Lunch" will be held Wednesday. I will be speaking on my experiences while serving children of the poor and needy that lived on "Smokey Mountain," the Manila garbage dump located in the Philippines. Thereafter, "Booked for Lunch" will hold the first Tuesday of each month.

Judy Kleinsorge, Pioneer Me-

morial Library children's librarian has put together a wonderful program schedule for toddlers, preschoolers and families for the fall. Tuesday is the first Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5 years old). Parents and caregivers have a choice of attending either at 10:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. Toddler Story Time (ages 18 mos. to 3 years old) begins Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.

Family Night follows the preschool format and is open to all members of the family.

This gives school age children, working parents and their siblings a chance to participate all together.

We believe these positive stories and activities can enrich each member of the family while also drawing on these shared times together.

Judy has also scheduled a Mid-dler's program called Ad-Lib At Da Library! It starts Saturday,

Sept. 13 from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m.
This monthly event begins with a "Movie Tyme."
For comfort, middle school students might want to bring their own seat cushion. The library in Motion Field trip is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11. Find out details by attending the Movie Tyme on Saturday.
I have added to the library's Web site a new resource Teen Web page for students' homework helps and enjoyment. Several valuable Web sites are listed.
You can either just simply type in <http://www.colbylibrary.com> and then go to the right hand side of the page and click on High School/Teen Center or type in the direct address is <http://www.colbylibrary.com/webpages/HighschoolStudentLinks.htm>. And, remember the Homework/Study Center, located in the library's basement, is now open and staffed for middle and high

school students. New computers work stations are available there for students' study needs. Middle school students may use the Homework/Study Center between 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. and high school students between 5:50 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Remember, this is National Library Card Month. Sign up to be a new card carrying library member and your name will be placed in a drawing to either win a \$10 certificate for either ice-cream certificate or coffee.

New Pioneer Memorial Library
Fall hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We are located at 375 West 4th Street, Colby.

We encourage you to enjoy our Wi-Fi Hot Spot in the lobby and have a cup of "Joe" while you surf the Internet.

MANHATTAN — As the summer months wind down, wheat farmers start gearing up for planting season.

Getting a good stand of wheat during the optimum time in the fall is an important first step in getting good yields, said Jim Shroyer, K-State crop production specialist.

"Often, problems with plant growth and development later in the year can be traced back to poor emergence or inadequate root growth and tiller development in the fall and early winter," Shroyer said.

He described important steps producers can take to improve their chances of getting a good stand of wheat:

- Proper tractor speed. It is best to use a tractor speed of between 5 and 6 miles per hour in most cases when drilling wheat.
- Proper, uniform seeding depth. The ideal planting depth for wheat in most cases is about 1.5 inches.
- Firm seedbed. One of the most common problems in wheat stand establishment is planting into loose, fluffy soils.


Having a good closing system behind the drill openers, with adequate down pressure, should help.

- Plant during the optimum time. In general, wheat should be planted somewhere around the Hessian fly-free date.
- Adequate soil fertility. In general, producers should apply at least part of their nitrogen needs before or at planting time to get the plants off to a strong start.

If the soil is low or very low in phosphorus or potassium, these nutrients should be applied at planting time as well so that the plants benefit early in their development.

- Using a seed treatment. Fungicide seed treatments may help


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