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Extension Services help spread joy



Kelly Minnich shows off some of the bookmarks created by Head Start preschoolers that will be given to our nursing home patrons.

Extension Services has been a staple here at the library for quite some time now, but we are constantly trying to serve our patrons in new and creative ways.

Kelly Minnich, who handles all of the nursing home selections, will be putting bookmark creations from three Head Start

preschool classrooms into our upcoming deliveries. The preschoolers and their teachers decorated around 170 book-

marks. Kelly, who recently started making book selections for nursing homes involved in our program, wanted to give them something special.

After this supply of bookmarks is depleted, she plans to work with other local preschools as well.

The Extension Services program is always taking on new patrons. For information on how to be added to their delivery schedule, contact the library at (937) 548-3915.

Library preparing Keckler collection for display

One of the last things you would think to find in a library would be an historic stamp collection, but that is exactly what will be on display at GPL late this summer.

The stamps, among other items, are all a part of a collection that once belonged to Cyril and Virginia Keckler, owners and founders of Vakeck Kennels here in Greenville. The Kecklers were well-known around the world for their champion Great Danes. Later in life, Virginia was also a highly-respected dog show judge.

The collection was donated to the library in July of 2020 by Alice Browne-Eberhart, whose father, Dr. E. Westbrook Browne, was a close friend of the Kecklers.

When the collection was first acquired, not much was known about the Kecklers or Vakeck Kennels. But through months of research, their story has emerged as one of inspiration and intrigue.

The exhibit containing the Keckler collection is expected to be on display beginning in August. It will also be made available digitally thanks to a Library Services Technology Act grant from the State Library of Ohio.



Cyril and Virginia Keckler are shown with two of their champion Great Danes. The Vakeck Kennel Collection will be on display at GPL later this year.

Library celebrates Earth Day with seed kits



To celebrate Earth Day, which fell on Thursday, April 22, GPL handed out free seed kits to interested patrons.

Each kit included a peat pot filled with seed start and a packet of seeds. 36 kits were created by Kelly Minnich with seeds from our Growing Harvest Seed Library. A variety of plants were offered including marjoram, lemon basil, green twister coneflower, and giant coral zinnia.

If you missed out this time but would like to participate, Kelly plans to make more kits available this fall as well as next year on Earth Day.

Lots of changes happening in the Audio/Visual Room

There have been many exciting changes happening at the library lately. The new book drop, reopening to the public, among others. But the most noticeable changes have come in the Audio/Visual Room!

More shelving has been added for both DVDs and audiobooks, allowing for those collections to continue to grow in order to better serve our patrons. New signs have also been put up in hopes of making things easier to find.

The most exciting change comes in the addition of a new category to our DVD collection. We have created a Classics section so you won't have to search each genre for your favorite classic movies. They will now all be located together between the Adventure and Drama collections.

We will also be adding a sub-section to the TV Series genre where made-for-TV mysteries will be featured, including *Garage Sale Mysteries*, *Aurora Teagarden*, and more!

We invite you to stop in any time during our regular business hours to take a look! Hope to see you soon!



Summer Reading Program just around the corner

The 2021 Summer Reading Program in the Children's Department will look a lot like it did in 2020.

Unfortunately we are still unable to have our weekly performers. However, we will still have reading sheets for kids to fill out with some incentives as well as prize drawings.

Although we are unable to have our traditional Summer Reading Program, we hope that you will still participate. Regardless of whether or not you do, we hope you'll come in and see us to get books and Story Time To-Go Kits! We have some fun new kits for you to enjoy, including lightning bugs, swimming, and picnics!

In addition to our kits, we will continue to have our virtual Story Times posted both on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

The reading program will start June 1st and will run through July 31st. Beginning June 1, you will be able to come into the library to sign up, or you can sign up online through a link on our Facebook page.



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