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## Servicios para Hispanohablantes

Tenemos muchos servicios para hispanohablantes en la biblioteca pública. Hay libros en español y materiales para aprender inglés, incluyendo un programa del Internet, Mango, para aprender inglés y otros idiomas.

En la biblioteca hay cuatro bibliotecarias que hablan español. Querrían ayudarles a ustedes con todas sus preguntas. También hay un programa bilingüe para los niños, la Hora de Cuentos, los martes a las 6:30 de la tarde. ¡Vengan a visitarnos en la biblioteca!

# THE LIBRARY LOWDOWN

NEWS, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND MORE!

# Story Programs for Children & Families

We offer several different story time programs to help build a foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading. Each unique story time provides a fun atmosphere and safe environment for child & caregiver to bond and share time together at the library.

Story time programs introduce young children to stories, songs, and movement activities to match the ages and attention spans of the children attending and incorporate the early literacy skills that children must master before they can learn to read. These literacy skills include phonological

awareness, vocabulary, print motivation, narrative skills, print awareness and letter knowledge.

Babygarten: For children from birth to 24 months. Delight and stimulate your baby's senses with books and music. Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30 AM.

Toddler Time: For children ages 2 and 3. Introduces basic literacy skills through books, rhymes, music and movement, and creative activity circles. Alternate Wednesdays, 9:30 AM.

**Story Time:** For children ages 4 to TK. Designed to help your pre-

schooler get ready to read through books, rhymes, music and movement and creative activity circles. Wednesdays, 11:00 AM.

### **Bilingual Family Story**

<u>Time:</u> Story time designed for families interested in learning Spanish or English. Stories and songs are offered in both English and Spanish. Tuesdays, 6:30 PM.

## **Family Story Time:**

Saturday morning story time designed for families. 10:30 AM.

Visit our website or contact Judy at **722-2138** for specific dates and times.

**Introducing our Early Literacy Station!** This is an all-in-one digital learning computer with 55 fun learning programs for children ages 2-8. Programs in English and en español.

# The Owl's Nest

We have an exciting new opportunity for your child (ages TK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade) to practice reading with an older, more experienced reader! Your child will use fun interactive games, worksheets, books, and writing activities to practice their reading skills. *Whoooo* ever said learning to read was boring? Contact Judy at **722-2138** if you are interested in learning more about this program. Readers & reading volunteers welcome!



### MORE AT SIOUX CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Adult Book Club

Come join a fantastic and diverse group of adults to discuss a variety of books! Once in a while we share a potluck meal or have a movie night to watch and discuss a book-turned-movie. The library will provide a copy of the book of the month if you will provide the discussion! We always have a snack, always have coffee, and always have fun. Talk to Hillary at the library for more details.

#### Fall Book Club Schedule:

September 15Life of Pi by Yann Martel	
October 20Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidde:	r
November 10Digging to America by Anne Tyler	
December 15	

# **Adult Winter Reading Program**

In January and February, an adult winter reading program will be offered through the library. We'll hunker down in the cold winter months and shake off the post-holiday blues together! We'll post details at the library, or you can contact Hillary with questions.

utreach: our Outreach Department delivers books to senior residence facilities & homebound Sioux Center readers. A librarian is also available to provide story programs at registered home daycare providers. Contact Laurey for details.

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We love our volunteers! We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities at the library for all ages. These include reading with a child in our new Owl's Nest program, assisting with preparation of crafts for the children's and youth programs, assisting during Story Times, washing books in the children's section, dusting, shelf reading, and many other creative activities that meet your skills and passions.

Contact Judy at 722-2138 for more information.

## 2011-2012 by the Numbers

People visiting the library	400,072
Items checked out	201,567
New materials added	6,401

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# Young Adult Programs & Events

The library has several ongoing programs for students in grades 5-12. On the second Saturday of every month, a Teen Advisory Group meets to provide input into library programs for teens. We also have a monthly game tournament or gaming day where teens can compete or just play games for an afternoon.

On the second Tuesday of the month, we offer a Writing Club where aspiring writers can meet and

get input from each other on their current projects.

There is also a monthly craft afternoon where students can come after school, make a few things and then take them home.

Also, be on the lookout for a Jr. High book club and check out our online Young Adult book club on Goodreads.com. For more information about times or dates for any of these programs, visit our website or contact Erin or Lindsay.



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