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Library offers new e-newsletters to help you find books

Are you always looking for a good book to read? Want to know what the library staff recommends? Or what's new aboard the Bookmobile? Are you curious what the top 15 New York Times Fiction or Nonfiction bestsellers are? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you should sign up for Bloomington Public Library's new BookLetters e-newsletter service.

BookLetters is a service provided by the publishers of *BookPage*, and funded by the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library.

BookPage is a monthly publication which reviews new fiction and includes author interviews. Using content from this database, the library is able to offer sixteen BookLetters, with topics ranging from staff picks, lifestyles, new fiction, and teenZone. The library will be adding more BookLetters in the fall. See the current list in the box (above). Newsletter descriptions are available on the registration page.

Each BookLetters e-newsletter is unique, and provides reviews or annotations for three to 20 book titles, along with the book jacket image. Each list includes a link to the library's catalog, so you can quickly find out the item's call number, or if it's checked out you can place it on hold. The audio and DVD lists include preview clips.

Bookletters are e-mailed to your inbox on a monthly or weekly basis, depending on the newsletter. The subscription page will tell you

how often the newsletter comes out. If you don't want to receive lists via e-mail, you can view the current BookLetter online. From the sign-up page (under See & Do/newsletters), click on the newsletter name to view the most recent list.

Along with topical booklists, two e-newsletters focus exclusively on authors and illustrators. The weekly "Meet the Author" e-newsletter takes you behind the scenes with profiles of today's top authors. You'll find out what inspires and motivates your favorite writers and get a revealing glimpse of the person behind the book.

The monthly "Meet the Illustrator" is in a question and answer format and includes drawings by the featured illustrator. Contributors range from Caldecott Medal winners to rising stars in the field of picture book illustration.

To subscribe to a list simply click on "Newsletters" on the

See & Do menu on the library's home page at www.bloomingtonlibrary.org. Then click on the Bookletters link and you'll be taken to the subscription page. From this page you can view each list to get an idea of its content, and also check which list(s) you would like to receive. You do not need a Bloomington Public Library card to subscribe to this service.

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Mon-Thur	9am-9pm
Fri & Sat	9am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

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Out & About

Hear the library talk books on WJBC AM 1230 at 10 a.m. July 9, 23 and August 6, 20.

The library will have a booth at the "9th Annual Neighborhood Block Party" at 401 W. Jefferson St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., August 4.

The mission of the Bloomington Public Library is to provide a helpful and friendly place for people of all ages to gain access to and enjoy the world of information; to support lifelong learning; and to be a partner for coping with change.

Summer concerts bring variety of music to patio

The library's patio will be rockin' on Friday nights in July with our summer concert series. Performances begin at 7 pm, and will be held in the Community Room if it rains.

The Old Men Boys repertoire runs the gamut from cowboy songs to fiddle tunes to Irish traditional, with a generous helping of folk music. Don't miss this local favorite on July 13.

You will be tapping your foot to the infectious beat of David Berchtold on July 20. Influenced by a variety of artists including Chet Atkins, Doc Watson, Gregg Allman, and Leo Kottke, his music is propelled by a hard-driving alternating thumb and plenty of blues licks.

Finally, the left-of-center bluegrass group Leftover Biscutz will perform on July 27 with renditions of songs from bluegrass icons, country music legends and pop artists.

You can preview the concert music by visiting the library's Web site, www.bloomingtonlibrary.org, and selecting the summer concerts link under "See & Do." If you can't wait for the shows or want to get yourself in the mood, check out some of these folk and bluegrass CDs from the library.

David Bromberg's command of folk and blues tradition shine on *Try Me One More Time*, a back-to-basics album with the assured touch of a man who has nothing to prove.

Inspired by personal loss and grief, Lucinda Williams' *West* cuts right through the bone.

A Hundred Miles or More by Alison Krauss is more than just a collection of cuts from soundtracks, side projects, tribute albums, and guest duets. Together with a few previously unreleased tracks sprinkled in she creates an album with musical variety and depth.

Genre-bending pianist Bruce Hornsby and multi-instrumental virtuoso Ricky Skaggs have united on their self titled work *Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby* that expands the terrain of bluegrass.

If you are a fan of the wide variety of instruments used by many of these artists, join us at the library at 6:30 pm, July 24 for "Silly Songs on Outrageous Instruments." Local musician Dale Evans will bring perform songs on funny instruments.



Seen at the library. . .

A City of Bloomington Fireman donned protective gear and read stories to children during "Blast off with stories" on June 13.

photo by Marilyn Kraft.

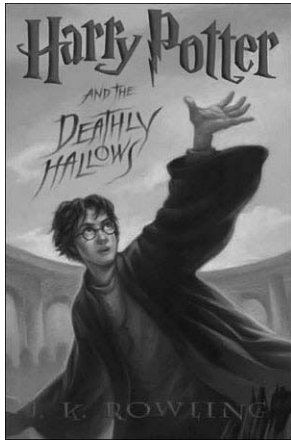
I can do what?! Use a library meeting room

The library offers three meeting rooms for individual and group use. The library has two study rooms, and a Community Room.

The library's Community Room, located on the lower level, seats about 100 people in chairs or 50 people at tables. Kitchen facilities are also available. Meetings must be free and open to the public. There shall be no admission charges, no solicitation for donations, or selling of products or services at the meetings. The meeting rooms are not available for private parties, social events, or crafting or other personal artistic projects. Commercial groups will be charged a small fee to use the room. To reserve the Community Room, call 828.6091, option 0.

During the renovation the library added two quiet study rooms upstairs. These rooms are available for up to two hours at no charge for groups of two to six individuals, such as students studying together, tutors, or small private clubs. The rooms may be reserved one week in advance by calling 828.6091, option 2. If the room is not reserved or in use, small groups in the library may request it. Both rooms have a dry erase board and are a part of the library's wireless network.

Harry Potter quiz answers. Take quiz on page 4.



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone What number bank vault contains the Sorcerer's Stone at Gringotts? 731; Who was the first to think Harry would be a good seeker? Professor McGonagall; Who is the ghost of the Gryffindor House? Nearly Headless Nick. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** Who was driving the car that saved Harry from being locked up in his room at the Dursley's house? Ron; Who found Harry in Knockturn Alley? Hagrid; How long had it been since the Chamber of Secrets had last been opened? 50 years. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban** What did the Weasley's buy Ron with their winnings? A new wand; What is the Inn Keeper's name at the Leaky Cauldron? Tom; Who were the two new teachers? Lupin and Hagrid. **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** What is the Goblet of Fire? Cup that selected who competed in the Tri-wizard Tournament; Which dragon did Harry have to go against in the first task? a Hungarian Horntail; Who put Harry's name in the Goblet of Fire? Crouch. **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** Who is Grawp? Hagrid's half-brother; Why was Harry called to the Ministry of Magic for a hearing? for using magic outside of school. According to the Prophecy, who else could Voldemort have chosen as his equal? Neville Longbottom. **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** What birthday does Harry celebrate in the sixth book? 16; Who is the new Minister of Magic? Rufus Scrimgeour; What is Spinner's end? a street; Who inherited Number 12 Grimmauld Place? Harry Potter.

Authors with July birthdays

Celebrate an author's birthday by reading a book by them!

- July 2: Jack Gantos
Rotten Ralph or Joey Pigza series
- July 11: Patricia Polacco
Something about Hensley's
- July 28: Beatrix Potter
Peter Rabbit series
- July 29: Sharon Creech
Replay: a new novel
- July 31: J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter series

May Quiz Answers

The Hubble Telescope was launched in 1990. The world's largest optical telescopes are located in Hawaii. The sun's nuclear reactions occur at the core. The hottest planet is Venus. Most asteroids orbit between Mars and Jupiter. Comets are made of ice, gas, and dust. The three main types of galaxies are elliptical, spiral and irregular. United States, Europe, Russia, Japan, Brazil and Canada are the six space agencies that maintain the International Space Station. Astronauts live and work on the International Space Station for 195 days.

Summer Flag Etiquette



The Flag Code formalizes and unifies the traditional ways we give respect to the flag. In honor of Independence Day, here are some guidelines if you plan to fly the "Stars and Stripes" this summer.

A citizen may fly the flag any time he wishes. It is customary to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset. If displayed at night it should be lighted.

The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or floor.

When the flag is displayed from a staff, the union should be at the peak of the staff. When hung from a wall, the union should be at the top. When displayed from the same flagpole with another flag, the flag of the United States must always be at the top. When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. The flag should be at the center and at the highest point of a flag display.

If you need to dispose of a flag, contact your local American Legion Post or Scout Troop to inquire about the availability of this service.

Information provided by usflag.org

Keep up with the latest items on the Bookmobile by registering online for "New Aboard the Bookmobile" an e-newsletter at the library's Web site www.bloomingtonlibrary.org. This newsletter comes out every three weeks and is delivered to your e-mail inbox. See more about BookLetters on page 1.

The Bookmobile now has a small Hindi collection available for check out.

Bookmobile stops may be cancelled due to weather or mechanical problems. Listen to WJBC (1230 AM) radio station to find out if the Bookmobile is not running.

The Bookmobile serves residents of Bloomington, and the Golden Priarie Public Library District,

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Online

On the library's home page, select My Account. This takes you to the instruction page. Click on the link to see your list of items checked out, and renew items. You'll need to enter your library card number and PIN.

By Phone

Call 828.6091 and select option 2 at the prompt. Be ready to give your library card number and ask us to renew all items that are due.

@ the library

Bring your library card to the Check Out Desk.

Get ready for the final Harry Potter book with a quiz!

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Answers provided on page 3. Celebrate the next book with Earn Your O.W.L at 3 pm, July 19.