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New @ RHCL

ADULT FICTION

- ◆ *Everything's Coming Up Josey* by Susan May Warren
- ◆ *Here Comes the Bride* by Whitney Lyles
- ◆ *Sequence* by Lori Andrews
- ◆ *Outsider* by Diana Palmer
- ◆ *Dollar Daze* by Karen Gillispie

ADULT NON-FICTION

- ◆ *Love in the Second Act* by Alison Leslie Gold
- ◆ *Hope Diamond* by Richard Kurin
- ◆ *Buy, Keep or Sell?* by Judith Miller
- ◆ *Every Contact Leaves a Trace* by Connie Fletcher
- ◆ *Town on Beaver Creek* by Michelle Slatalla

JUVENILE

- ◆ *Building With Dad* by Carol Nevius
- ◆ *Pirate Bob* by Kathryn Lasky
- ◆ *Pirates* by John Matthews
- ◆ *Shadewell Shenanigans* by David Lee Stone
- ◆ *Infernal Devices* by Philip Reeve

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Lake reflections

Lake Contrary to live again in program by Clyde Weeks

While Worlds of Fun comes easily to mind when thinking about amusement parks, Lake Contrary in south St. Joseph was the site for entertainment for many decades in the 1800s and 1900s.

At 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, local author and historian **Clyde Weeks** will discuss the lake's history in a program at the Belt Branch. Audience members can bring their lunches, and the library will provide drinks and snacks.

Weeks, who operates the Robidoux Row Museum, was born and raised in the river bottom land near Lake Contrary. In 1992, he published the book "Lake Contrary: Days of Glory: 1880-1964."

Lake Contrary and its cool water and

breezes have attracted area residents since the mid 1800s. Hotels were built around the lake in the 1870s, and a small amusement park was in operation before the turn of the century. **Bob Ingersoll** took over the park in 1901 and, with the help of his wife, **Anna**, built it into one of the finest parks in the region.

Among the park's attractions were a dance hall, band shell, restaurants, merry-go-round, roller coaster, water ride, race track, fairgrounds and sailboats on the lake. But being in the Missouri River floodplain came with a price - the park was devastated by floods in 1949 and 1952. The park never fully recovered after the 1952 flood and finally closed in 1964.

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The board meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The January, April, July and October meetings are at the Savannah Library. All other meetings are at the library's Administrative Office, 1912 N. Belt.

Friends of RHCL

Friends of the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library supports the library through volunteer and fund-raising efforts. Membership is free with meetings in March, June, September and December.

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Austen tea party

Omaha event celebrates life, books of British author

Omaha Public Library hosted a tea party Saturday, Dec. 9, to celebrate Jane Austen's birthday, which is Dec. 16. The party coincided with the monthly meeting of the Omaha chapter of the Jane Austen Society of North America.

We were instructed to bring our favorite tea cups, and I chose one I bought from the American Library Association that features the Dewey decimal number for tea, 641.3372.

Omaha Public Library Director Rivkah Sass, who was Library Journal's Librarian of the Year for 2006, was the host of the tea party. Omaha author Timothy Schaffert was the guest speaker, and it's been said he is the next Jane Austen. He discussed his upcoming book and read passages from it and a few Austen novels.

An informal survey used to draw names for door prizes was given. Some of the funnier questions were "Which male character would you like to be stranded on a deserted island with," "most annoying character," "favorite Jane Austen book," "most romantic



Jenny Ellis (left) and **Amanda Kovac** met **Rivkah Sass** (center), Library's Journal's 2006 Librarian of the Year at a **Jane Austen** tea party in Omaha.

character" and "who was the best Mr. Darcy in the movie versions of 'Pride and Prejudice' - Laurence Olivier, Colin Firth or Matthew MacFadyen?"

The tea was provided by The Tea Smith, an Omaha tea shop. I drank their jasmine tea. My friend who accompanied me to Omaha, Amanda Kovac (a former RHCL page), and I liked the tea so much we tracked down the shop in a strip mall close to Crossroads Mall. I bought some green tea mints.

Stay tuned - a Jane Austen tea party is in the works for Rolling Hills.

- Jenny Ellis

Savannah Branch library assistant

Winter Reading Program set for adults

The 2007 Adult Winter Reading Program kicks off Jan. 15 and challenges participants to read four books by March 16.

To participate, adults can pick up program packets at the Circulation Desk beginning Jan. 1 and turn in their first book after Jan. 15. They must read four books in all, each one from a different genre. The genres

include romance, biography, childhood book, science fiction or fantasy, Western and mystery.

Participants will receive prizes for completing each book, and parties are planned at the Belt and Savannah branches to celebrate those who successfully complete the program. The parties will feature prize drawings, refreshments and book discussions.

Tribute to Sue

On Saturday, Nov. 18, Rolling Hills libraries lost **Sue Paxton** from our library family. Sue was a member of our Board of Trustees (serving as board secretary) and an ardent library user and supporter.

She took her trustee responsibilities seriously, attending video conferences on how to be a better trustee. Sue attended Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City last year, visiting with our legislators and speaking up for libraries.



Sue Paxton

Sue was always excited about what we were doing at the library. She was a regular at Classy Seniors programs and our musical events and was looking forward to spending Saturday, Dec 23, at the library hearing the holiday harp music.

I never thought of Sue as an older person because she was so enthusiastic about life and willing to give anything a try. She believed in doing her civic duty and giving back to her community. Sue knew how to say “No,” but when she said “Yes,” her whole heart was in it. If she was going to do a job, it was to be done well and with enthusiasm

Sue Paxton was a lady of conviction, faith and courage. She looked her impending death square in the face and pronounced it her “next great adventure.” She instructed her friends that she would be waiting for us in Heaven. We were to be good enough to get there but not too good to not have fun until we came.

The Rolling Hills libraries and the Savannah community have lost one of their best.

Bon voyage, Sue.

– Barb Read
Rolling Hills director

Classy Seniors to view TV comedy

Classy Seniors will present the Reader’s Digest television program “100 Funniest Moments: Favorite Moments of the Stars” on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The program, which features routines by **Carol Burnett, Abbott and Costello, Lewis and Martin** and others, will be shown at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Belt Branch and at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Savannah Branch.

Computer classes offered again

The Reference Department is offering computer classes on Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Savannah Branch.

“Introduction to EBay” is planned for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Participants must have an e-mail account and know its password so they can access it from the library. “Basic Internet” will follow at 4-6 p.m.

Participants must register at the Circulation Desk, paying a \$5 registration fee that will be refunded at the class.

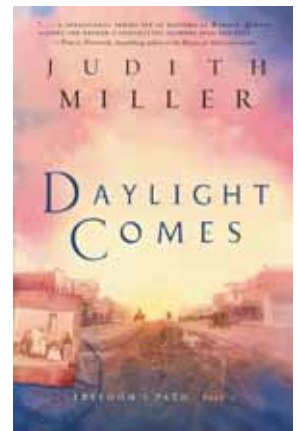
Author Judith Miller to speak here

Inspirational author **Judith Miller** of Topeka, Kan., will speak Friday, Jan. 26, at the Belt and Savannah libraries.

Miller has written three books – “First Dawn,” “Daylight Comes” and “Morning Sky” — in the “Freedom’s Path” series published by Bethany House.

Miller will speak at noon at the Belt Branch and at 2:30 p.m. at the Savannah Branch. Drinks and desserts will be provided by the library.

In case of inclement weather, the programs will be rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 2.



Knitting class offered in Savannah

Savannah Branch manager **Sandra Keiffer** is offering a free six-week session of “Beginning Knitting” starting Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The class is open to youths 12 years old and older and adults and will be offered from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 14. The class is limited to 12 people and will feature books from the library and demonstrations.

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY LIBRARY CLOSED	2	3 SCRAP & CHAT 6:30 p.m. Belt PURL GIRLS 6:30 p.m. Belt	4	5	
7	8	9	10 BEGINNING KNITTING 3:45 p.m. SV LAKE CONTRARY PROGRAM BY CLYDE WEEKS Noon, Belt PURL GIRLS 6:30 p.m. Belt	11	12	
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY LIBRARY CLOSED	16 CLASSY SENIORS: 'FAVORITE MOMENTS OF THE STARS' 1 p.m. Belt	17 BEGINNING KNITTING 3:45 p.m. SV CLASSY SENIORS 1 p.m. SV SCRAP & CHAT 6:30 p.m. Belt PURL GIRLS 6:30 p.m. Belt	18 INTRO TO EBAY 1:30-3:30 p.m. SV BASIC INTERNET CLASS 4-6 p.m. SV	19	20
21 Happy birthday, Patsey Jan. 17	22	23	24 BEGINNING KNITTING 3:45 p.m. SV PURL GIRLS 6:30 p.m. Belt	25	26 BROWN-BAG AUTHOR'S LUNCH WITH JUDITH MILLER Noon, Belt & 2:30 p.m. SV	27
28	29	30 STORYTIME 11 a.m. SV	31 STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV BEGINNING KNITTING 3:45 p.m. SV PURL GIRLS 6:30 p.m. Belt	1 STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt ALONZO WESTON PRESENTS 'STORYTELLING BECOMES NEWS' Noon, Belt	Friends Bookstore @ the Belt Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. M-Th & noon-3 p.m. F	



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