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JULY TEEN PROJECT TO GO BAGS

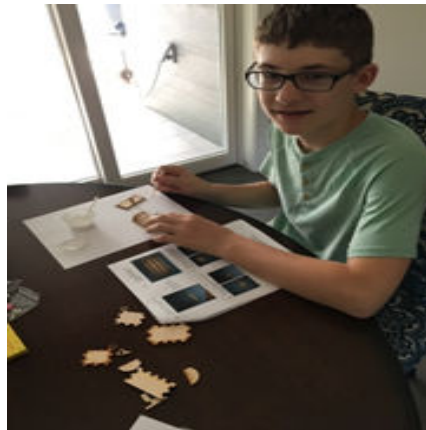
By Kirsten Wood

July was the month for the Teen Project to Go Bags here at the library. We gave away over 100 bags over the four weeks which was awesome!

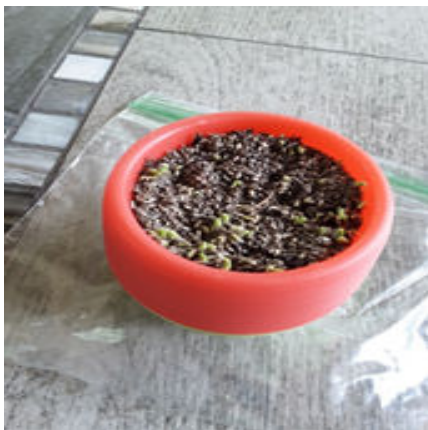
Our teens made blackout poetry using discarded book pages and sharpies, treasure boxes, Six Word Stories, chia pets, origami cranes, and sand art bottles.



Sydney's cool paper crane.



Henry and Bobby putting together their treasure boxes.

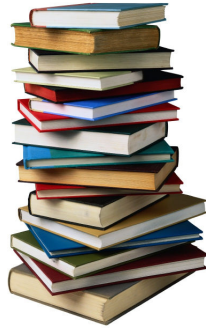


Alyssa and Brianna's Chia Pet with sprouts.



Thanks again to TEAM Tobacco Free for giving us beach balls, Frisbees, and pens for everyone. These are the very cool string bags everyone got for the last week!

BOOK SALE



August 1-31

Mon-Thu 9am – 6:30pm

Friday 9am – 3:30pm

Saturday 9am – 2:30pm

- Max of 6 people at a time.
- Call 402-296-4154 x24 to reserve a time slot.
- Bring your own bags and boxes.
- Masks Recommended



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ADULT PROJECT TO GO BAGS

The kids and teens had fun “to go” projects. Now adults can get fun “to go” projects!

Plattsmouth Public Library is offering Adult Project “to go” bags starting August 4th and ending August 25th.

Bag pick up is on Tuesdays.

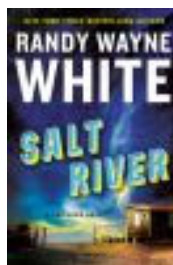
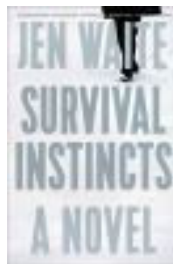
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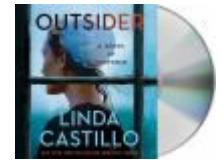
New Items

Fiction

The alpha's abused by Wolf, Ember P
 Alter ego by Freeman, Brian
 The Black Swan of Paris by Robards, Karen
 Boardwalk summer by Fisk, Kimberly
 Called to protect by Eason, Lynette
 Critical doubt by Freethy, Barbara
 The curious charms of Arthur Pepper by Patrick, Phaedra
 Dead end by Mehl, Nancy
 Dead silence by Caroll, Robin
 The devil's bones by Haines, Carolyn
 The dilemma by Paris, B. A.
 Generation by Meredith, Peter
 The golden cage by Lackberg, Camilla
 The half sister by Jones, Sandie
 He started it by Downing, Samantha
 Holding out for Christmas by Dailey, Janet
 A house of ghosts by Ryan, William
 The Lost and Found Bookshop by Wiggs, Susan
 Malorie by Malerman, Josh
 Nothing can hurt you by Goldberg, Nicola
 Maye
 One to watch by Stayman-London, Kate
 The order by Silva, Daniel
 Outsider by Castillo, Linda
 Peace talks of the Dresden files by Butcher, Jim
 The queen enslaved by Meredith, Peter
 The queen of the dead by Meredith, Peter
 The queen of the war by Meredith, Peter
 The queen unthroned by Meredith, Peter
 The revelators by Atkins, Ace
 The safe place by Downes, Anna
 The shadows by North, Alex
 Silent shadows by Walters, Natalie
 Summer at Lake Haven by Thayne, RaeAnne
 The summer deal by Shalvis, Jill
 The sun also rises by Hemingway, Ernest
 Survival instincts by Waite, Jen
 Survivor song by Tremblay, Paul
 The vanishing half by Bennett, Brit
 A walk along the beach by Macomber, Debbie
 What my sister knew by Laurin, Nina
 What you wish for by Center, Katherine
 White lies by Krentz, Jayne Ann
 A woman alone by Laurin, Nina

**Large Print**

The lies that bind by Giffin, Emily
 The Lost and Found Bookshop by Wiggs, Susan
 On Ocean Boulevard by Monroe, Mary Alice
 Salt River by White, Randy Wayne
 A week at the shore by Delinsky, Barbara

**Audiobooks**

1st case by Patterson, James
 28 summers by Hilderbrand, Elin
 The dilemma by Paris, B. A.
 Last girl standing by Jackson, Lisa
 The Lost and Found bookshop by Wiggs, Susan
 Near dark by Thor, Brad
 Outsider by Castillo, Linda
 The safe place by Downes, Anna
 The shadows by North, Alex
 A walk along the beach by Macomber, Debbie
 The wife who knew too much by Campbell, Michele

Non-Fiction

Democracy in one book or less by Litt, David
 Don't worry, be grumpy by Ajahn Brahm
 Hitler's first hundred days by Fritzsche, Peter
 The last outfitting station on the Missouri River, 1864 to 1866 by Wadsworth, Erick L.
 Magnolia Table by Gaines, Joanna
 Mayo Clinic guide to your baby's first years
 Nature's best hope by Tallamy, Douglas W.
 Night of the assassins by Blum, Howard
 The road and other liars by Miller, DE
 Unfinished business by Gornick, Vivian

**Teen**

1:35 AM by Cawthon, Scott
 Step closer by Cawthon, Scott

Teen Graphic Novel

Five nights at Freddy's The silver eyes by Cawthon, Scott
 Heartstopper Volume 1 by Oseman, Alice
 Lumberjanes by Stevenson, Noelle
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 My hero academia 24 by Horikoshi, Kohei
 My hero academia Vigilantes 1-7 by Furuhashi, Hideyuki

**Video Games**

LEGO Marvel collection
 Super Mario maker 2

New Items...Continued from page 3

Juvenile Graphic Novel

The Bad Guys in the dawn of the underlord by Blabey, Aaron
 Bird & Squirrel all tangled up by Burks, James
 Bird & Squirrel on the edge! by Burks, James
 Geronimo Stilton: the graphic novel, The sewer rat stink by Stilton, Geronimo
 Hilo Book 6, All the pieces fit by Winick, Judd
 Monster Mayhem by Eliopoulos, Chris
 Nat enough by Scrivan, Maria
 Owly : the way home by Runton, Andy

**Easy**

The camping trip by Mann, Jennifer K
 Chicken talk by MacLachlan, Patricia
 Everyone's awake by Meloy, Colin
 Fire truck vs dragon by Barton, Chris
 Give bees a chance by Barton, Bethany
 Hat tricks by Kitamura, Satoshi
 The hundred-year barn by MacLachlan, Patricia
 I'm trying to love rocks by Barton, Bethany
 It's not my fault! by John, Jory
 Just like a mama by Duncan, Alice Faye
 Koala is not a bear by Gray, Kristin L
 Letters from Bear by David, Gauthier
 Lift by Le, Minh
 A new green day by Portis, Antoinette
 Pete the cat and his magic sunglasses by Dean, James
 Pete the cat and the missing cupcakes by Dean, Kim
 Rita & Ralph's rotten day by Deedy, Carmen Agra
 The stray by Ruttan, Molly
 Thank You, Omu! by Mora, Oge
 This is my daddy! by Hout, Mies van
 We will rock our classmates by Higgins, Ryan T.
 You matter by Robinson, Christian

**Juvenile Fiction**

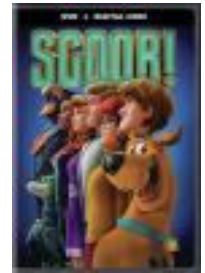
After the worst thing happens by Vernick, Audrey
 The Amelia Six by Gray, Kristin L
 Camp out by LaReau, Kara
 Dear Beast by Butler, Dori Hillestad
 Diary of an awesome friendly kid by Kinney, Jeff
 A high five for Glenn Burke by Bildner, Phil
 King & Kayla and the case of the unhappy neighbor by Butler, Dori Hillestad
 The Lumberjanes Book 3, The good egg by Tamaki, Mariko
 The Lumberjanes Book 2, The moon is up by Tamaki, Mariko
 War horse by Morpurgo, Michael
 Wondrous Rex by MacLachlan, Patricia

**Juvenile Video**

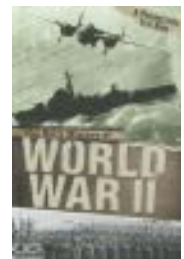
April fools fright
 Lego DC Shazam! Magic and monsters

Video

As a man thinketh
 The best of enemies
 Billions. Seasons 1-4
 Black and blue
 Bloodshot
 Charlie's Angels
 The good doctor. Seasons 1, 2
 The last full measure
 Richard Jewell
 Sanditon
 Scoob!
 SEAL team. Seasons 1, 2
 Star Wars rebels. Seasons 2-4
 Trolls world tour
 Underwater
 The Windermere children

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

Easy paper projects by Woodley, Maggy
 LEGO DC super heroes visual dictionary by Dowsett, Elizabeth
 Long-armed Ludy and the first women's Olympics by Patrick, Jean L. S.
 The mosquito by Gravel, Elise
 On the horizon by Lowry, Lois
 The split history of World War II by Rose, Simon
 What is NASA? by Fabiny, Sarah
 What is the Panama Canal? by Pascal, Janet B.
 What was the Hindenburg? by Pascal, Janet B.
 What was the San Francisco Earthquake? by Hoobler, Dorothy
 What was the Wild West? by Pascal, Janet B.
 Where is the Empire State Building? by Pascal, Janet B.
 Where is Walt Disney World? by Holub, Joan
 World of glass by Greenberg, Jan

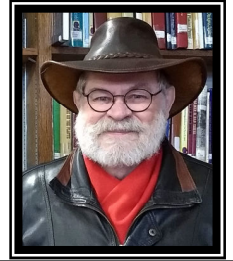
**Adopt-a-Book**

The black swan by Robards, Karen
 The half sister by Jones, Sandie
 He started it by Downing, Samantha
 A house of ghosts by Ryan, W.C.
 Nothing can hurt you by Goldbbberg, Nicola Maye

A complete list of new titles can be found on our website, www.plattsmouthlibrary.org, under New Titles.

August 1945: Plattsmouth and the End of WWII

Harlan Seyfer, Plattsmouth Main Street Historian

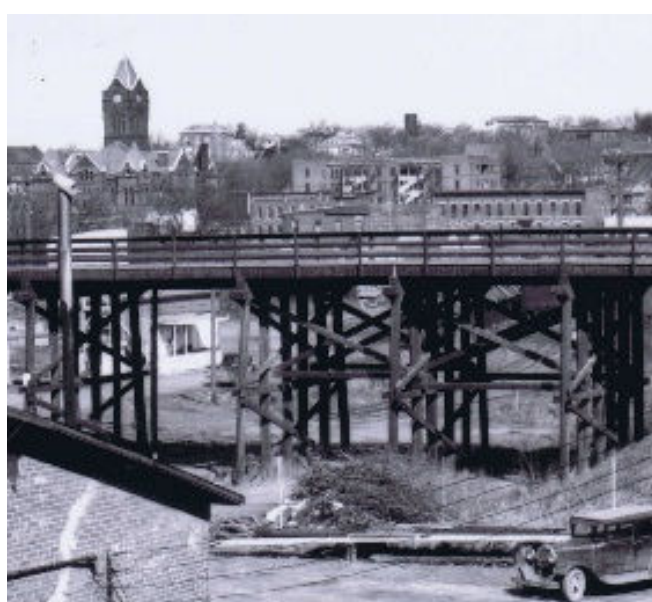


Seventy-five years ago this month – August 1945 – World War Two ended. The German government had surrendered on May 7. Of the Axis, only Japan remained.

That final month was chronicled in the Plattsmouth Journal, published twice weekly then, Mondays and Thursdays. Two headlines are sampled from each of the nine issues: one national headline and one local. As the month began, Plattonians viewed with dread the upcoming invasion of the Japanese home islands. It ended in the relief of an ordeal endured and overcome.

Thursday, August 2, 1945, the Journal's big headline read, "Fighter-Bombers Following-Up Greatest Air-Attack in History." The paper reported, "Two armadas of American fighter-bombers raked central Japan at mid-day Thursday in a follow-up to the greatest air attack in history—a 6,632 ton pre-dawn raid by 820 Superfortresses." The local news headline read, "Architect to be Invited Here for Discussion of Proposed Swim Pool." The town was motivated to consider a municipal pool after several drownings in nearby gravel pits. No swimming pool was built; nonetheless the topic of a city pool would come up off and on over the years. A swimming pool bond issue on the 1956 ballot failed to achieve the 60% required for it to pass. However, in 1964, the Plattsmouth Municipal Educational and Recreational Association struck a co-ownership deal with the American Pool Co. Construction began that November 1964. On Wednesday, 24 June 1965, the Plattsmouth Swimming Pool was officially opened. Old timers may recall that the pool was located where the dog park sits today. It was torn-down and filled-in in 2003 after being replaced by Twin Rivers Water Park in the late 1990s.

Monday, August 6, 1945, the headline was "Super-Powerful Atomic Bomb Used for First Time Sunday Against Japs." The story read, "President Truman announced in Washington that the world's most powerful explosive—the new atomic bomb...—was first used Sunday against Hiroshima. Tokyo [radio] said Hiroshima was raided at 8:20 am Monday, Tokyo time." "Tokyo said," the Journal added, "bomb incendiaries and explosive bombs were dropped on Hiroshima but beyond President Truman's brief reference to it as the first atomic bomb target, there was no information available on the raid from official allied sources." Meanwhile in Plattsmouth, Masonic Home residents were doubly entertained. Two front-page headlines read "Members of O.E.S. Hold Picnic Sunday" and "Large Crowd Attends Sing Sunday Evening." The first reported 100 members of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 189 held a picnic on the lawn for home residents over the noon hour. The second headline referred to about 200 people attending a community sign-along on the Masonic Home lawn that evening.



Plattsmouth in Late 1945: Highway 34 viaduct in foreground, zigzag stairs of Coronado Apartments, ice plant is white building under viaduct

In its Thursday, August 9 issue, the Journal recorded, "Atomic Bomb Hit All But Obliterates Nagasaki," going on to add that the crew of the B-29 that dropped the terrifying bomb radioed back "results good," indicating Nagasaki had "virtually been blown off the map by an explosion equal to that which levelled four and one-tenth square miles of Hiroshima." In local news, the Journal announced the "Most Feasible Route for Highway 75 Along West Edge of City..." The Assistant State Highway Engineer speaking before a group of Plattsmouth businessmen said that a construction start date had yet to be determined, but was in the first three-year plan following resumption of highway work put on hold during the war. Construction of the 5½ mile bypass would not, in fact, begin until 1955 and would take more than four years to be completed in late 1959.

On August 13 the paper's banner read "Answer Delivered to Japan on Sunday; World Awaits Reply." The Potsdam

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Declaration, issued by the Big Three in July demanded the unconditional surrender of all the Japanese armed forces. On August 10, the Japanese accepted “with the understanding that said Declaration does not compromise any demand that prejudices the prerogatives of His Majesty as the sovereign ruler.” Two days later, the United States replied, somewhat ambiguously, that “the authority of the emperor and the Japanese government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers.” There matters stood while the world awaited the Japanese reply. Locally, the paper announced, “FBI Called into Investigation of Dynamite Blasts.” Authorities were “seeking persons who Sunday caused dynamite explosions about two miles west of Louisville along the Platte river and abandoned nine full cases of dynamite near the scene of the explosions” along the C. B. & Q. right of way.

The lead headline of August 16 announced “Japan Stalls Dispatch of Surrender Mission as Fighting Continues on Some War Fronts.” Japanese Emperor Hirohito had intervened, ordering his government to issue a statement accepting the surrender terms. The American people were informed of the surrender on August 14, sparking widespread celebrations. There were delays, but on August 19, a Japanese delegation flew in a specially marked plane to Ie Shima, Ryukyu Islands, where they were placed on a USAAF C-54 for the final leg of their journey to Manila, where they ironed out details of the surrender. “Arrests Made in Dynamite Mystery Near Louisville,” read the local headline, reporting that three Omaha youths had been arrested. A gravel pit worker reported the license number of a car that he saw at his pit. Found at the home of one of the youths “was a veritable arsenal of machine guns, rifles, pistols and ammunition said to have been taken from the university [of Colorado] armory at Boulder.” All three young men were sentenced to three-year prison terms.

On August 20, the big headline was “Americans to Make Landings on Japan Within Ten Days, Mac Arthur Says, as Jap Envoys Return Home with Orders.” The “invasion” was to be accomplished peacefully. On the home front, things were beginning to shift to a happier normal as indicated by “Cass County Fair Grounds Takes on Gala Atmosphere.” The fair had not been held since 1941, and 1945 would be its 25th anniversary at the Weeping Water location.

The war had exacted a horrific price on Japan. In the August 23 Journal, a front page headline revealed “Allied Air Raids Took Huge Toll in Japan, Nips Say.” The figures were coming in, “One fifth of Japan’s more than 200 [largest] cities were ‘almost completely wiped out’ in allied air raids with a death toll of 260,000, Radio Tokyo said Thursday. Nearly 10,000,000 people—one-sixth of the population of Japan—were killed, wounded or rendered homeless.” A day after the Radio Tokyo announcement, the Japanese air defense headquarters admitted “that 480,000 person were killed wounded or left homeless by [the] two American atomic bombs.” In Cass County, the good news was “...Fair Draws Big Crowd for Opening Day,” which “opened with the ‘Parade of Nations’ – 25 riders, each carrying the flag of one of the united nations, led by the American flag.” The fair board said the fact this was the first fair in four years contributed to the larger number of exhibits and the large size of the first-day crowd.

The August 27 Journal banner was self-explanatory, “Scene Set for Occupation of Japan as ‘Bull’ Halsey Leads Fleet into Nip Bay.” The paper described the scene, “Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey’s mighty flagship Missouri, leading a 100-mile long procession of allied warships, anchored in the shadow of Fujiyama Monday and waited impatiently for minesweepers to clear a channel into Tokyo Bay.” Meantime in Plattsmouth, the “Eagles Picnic is Attended by Big Crowd on Sunday,” of five to six hundred people. Clearly folks were relaxing at the war’s end.

As the month neared its conclusion, August 30 the paper reported, “MacArthur Sets Up Yokohama Headquarters as American Flag Raised Over Big Jap Naval Base.” Mac settled into Yokohama’s Grand Hotel from which the Emperor’s palace in the heart of Tokyo could be seen. Locally, “Food Donations for [the] Canteen are Asked Saturday.” The Canteen was in Omaha’s Union Station where “Service men and women traveling on over-crowded trains stop for refreshment and rest.” These included “hospital trains, filled with battle-wounded.” Contributions were asked to be dropped off at St. John’s Hall in downtown Plattsmouth. Contributions from townsfolk who could not deliver them were picked up by the Boy Scouts.

A month that began with a looming, bloody invasion of Japan ended in collective relief. The greatest war ever fought was finally over. Plattsmouth’s sons and daughters in service would be coming home.



Sixth Street (U.S. 73-75) in Late 1945: tallest building is Parmele Theater, stand pipe water tower in distance, Plattsmouth Hotel on corner (minus its dome) Photo courtesy Harrison Caldwell heirs