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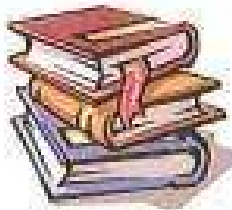
September 2021

TAILS & TALES~Summer Reading Program 2021

The last day of the children’s Summer Reading Program was on Tuesday, August 3. The kids earned approximately 1500 badges from fun challenges that included learning how to do the chicken dance, reading books for 20 minutes, and blowing bubbles outside. The Pre-Readers earned numerous rubber ducks to fill their bathtubs. Families also picked up weekly craft bags and shared their completed creations with library staff. We loved seeing all of the fantastic creations.

Thanks to all the kids who participated and thanks to the families who shared pictures of their great artistic works. It was a great summer !

"The way to have a friend
is to be a friend."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



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This group played the “Herd the Balloon Animals” game in week 5.



Luke & Emily with all the badges they earned this summer!



The new button maker bought for this program is so easy to use!



Teen Summer Reading

The teens had some fun things to do this summer. Their Take and Make bags involved making a book hedgehog, a galaxy jar, an infinity cube, a dragon egg, a read stand, and a dragon ornament. Teens also had reading badge challenges similar to the kids where they could earn cool badges and enter in a drawing for prizes. The closing program, a Teen Murder Mystery Pizza Party, had a good turnout with fun for all. Congratulations to the four winners. We hope to see you throughout the year and next summer.



Adult Summer Reading

We tried something new this year, and there was a good response.

With seventeen adults participating and turning in an average of seven reading/challenge entries, it has been great seeing people completing the entries. We hope everyone had fun with the challenges, and it was great to see all the reading entries.

Congratulations to those who won.

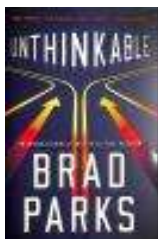
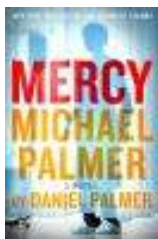
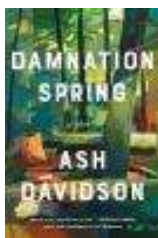
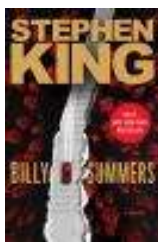
We look forward to doing more fun things over the year with “Take and Makes”, programs, and exciting reading opportunities.



New Items

Fiction

Another kind of Eden by Burke, James Lee
 Billy Summers by King, Stephen
 Blind tiger by Brown, Sandra
 Bloodless by Preston, Douglas J.
 Cat & mouse by Patterson, James
 The chase by Harris, Lisa
 Civil War stories by Bierce, Ambrose
 Class act by Woods, Stuart
 Damnation spring by Davidson, Ash
 Did I say you could go by Gideon, Melanie
 Down range by Moore, Taylor
 False witness by Slaughter, Karin
 Fortune favors the dead by Spotswood, Stephen
 The godmothers by Aubray, Camille
 The guide by Heller, Peter
 The guilt trip by Jones, Sandie
 Heartbreak for hire by Hartl, Sonia
 Hell's Jaw Pass by O'Hara, Max
 The house on Mango Street by Cisneros, Sandra
 The light of Luna Park by Armstrong, Addison
 The madness of crowds by Penny, Louise
 Maple leaf harvest by Anderson, Catherine
 Mercy by Palmer, Daniel
 Million dollar demon by Harrison, Kim
 Mrs. March by Feito, Virginia
 My husband's daughter by Robinson, Emma
 Not a happy family by Lapena, Shari
 The other passenger by Candlish, Louise
 The paper palace by Cowley Heller, Miranda
 People we meet on vacation by Henry, Emily
 Radar girls by Ackerman, Sara
 Redwood Bend by Carr, Robyn
 So we meet again by Park, Suzanne
 Such a quiet place by Miranda, Megan
 Sustaining faith by Oke, Janette
 A terrible fall of angels by Hamilton, Laurel K.
 Unthinkable by Parks, Brad
 Vortex by Coulter, Catherine
 The weight of memory by Smucker, Shawn
 Where the truth lies by Bailey, Anna
 The women's march of the 1913 woman suffrage procession by Chiaverini, Jennifer
 Yours is the night by Dykes, Amanda



Large Print

Billy Summers by King, Stephen
 Blind tiger by Brown, Sandra
 Bloodless by Preston, Douglas J.
 Class act by Woods, Stuart
 Complications by Steel, Danielle
 Down range by Moore, Taylor
 Falling by Newman, T. J.
 False witness by Slaughter, Karin
 The final girl support group by Hendrix, Grady
 The heathens by Atkins, Ace
 It's better this way by Macomber, Debbie
 Night music by Moyes, Jojo
 The noise by Patterson, James
 Such a quiet place by Miranda, Megan
 Vortex by Coulter, Catherine
 The women's march of the 1913 woman suffrage procession by Chiaverini, Jennifer
 Yours cheerfully by Pearce, A. J.



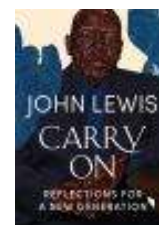
Audiobooks

Another kind of Eden by Burke, James Lee
 Billy Summers by King, Stephen
 Class act by Woods, Stuart
 Falling by Newman, T. J.
 The guilt trip by Jones, Sandie
 It's better this way by Macomber, Debbie
 The madness of crowds by Penny, Louise
 The other passenger by Candlish, Louise
 The paper palace by Cowley Heller, Miranda
 The rehearsals by Christie, Annette
 A slow fire burning by Hawkins, Paula
 Such a quiet place by Miranda, Megan
 Unthinkable by Parks, Brad
 The women's march of the 1913 woman suffrage procession by Chiaverini, Jennifer



Non-Fiction

Carry on by Lewis, John
 Dark agenda by Horowitz, David
 American Marxism by Levin, Mark R.
 The big burn by Egan, Timothy
 Fodor's essential England by Andrews, Robert
 The girls who stepped out of line by Eder, Mari K.
 Hallelujah anyway by Lamott, Anne
 How I saved the world by Watters, Jesse
 Journal of a trapper by Russell, Osborne



New Items...Continued from page 3.

Non-Fiction Continued

Love people, use things by Millburn, Joshua Fields
 Modern freezer meals by Rosen, Ali
 The quiet center
 Speechless by Knowles, Michael J.
 Starting & building a nonprofit by Pakroo, Peri
 This is your mind on plants by Pollan, Michael

Teen

#NoEscape by McNeil, Gretchen
 Broken throne by Aveyard, Victoria
 Contagion by Bowman, Erin
 Cool for the summer by Adler, Dahlia
 Disclose by Charbonneau, Joelle
 Dustborn by Bowman, Erin
 If you, then me by Woon, Yvonne
 Immunity by Bowman, Erin
 One great lie by Caletti, Deb
 Rules of the game by Frey, James
 Where secrets lie by Gibson, Eva V.
 Wilder girls by Power, Rory

Teen Graphic Novel

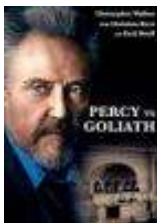
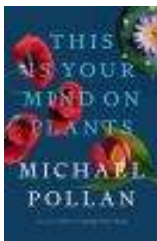
Haikyu!! Volume 4, Rivals! by Furudate, Haruichi
 Persona 5.1, 5.2 by Murasaki, Hisato

Video

Here today
 Hitman's wife's bodyguard
 Keeping faith. Series 3
 The last champion
 The little Prince = Le petit prince
 Mid90s
 Midnight in the switchgrass
 The Neighborhood. Season 1
 Percy vs Goliath
 Queen bees
 A quiet place. Part II
 Righteous blood
 Shakespeare & Hathaway : private investigators. Season 1, 2, 3
 Spiral : from the book of Saw
 When Hitler stole pink rabbit

Easy

Best day ever! by Singer, Marilyn
 Bird Boy by Burgess, Matthew
 Construction site on Christmas night by Rinker, Sherri Duskey
 Cozy by Brett, Jan



Dakota Crumb by Michalak, Jamie
 Duck on a tractor by Shannon, David
 Duck soup by Urbanovic, Jackie
 The Electric Slide and Kai by Baptist, Kelly J.

Free to be elephant me by Andreae, Giles

Hold this! by Scoppetone, Carolyn Cory
 Norman's first day at dino day care by Julian, Sean

Once there was a house, a house that was a-- home by Smith, Alex T.

One little bag by Cole, Henry

Pink and Say by Polacco, Patricia

Principal Tate is running late! by Cole, Henry

The sleepover and other stories by Ruzzier, Sergio

Star crossed by Denos, Julia

Time for school, little blue truck by Schertle, Alice

Tiny bird by Burleigh, Robert

Two many birds by Derby, Cindy

Where is my balloon? by Bernstein, Ariel

The world needs more purple people by Bell, Kristen

The worm family has its picture taken by Frank, Jennifer

The worry box by Chiew, Suzanne

Juvenile Fiction

Bad Kitty joins the team by Bruel, Nick

Both can be true by Machias, Jules

A call to arms by Cube Kid

Finding Junie Kim by Oh, Ellen

The fourth suit by Harris, Neil Patrick

Kitten trouble by Bruel, Nick

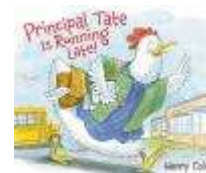
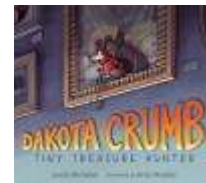
Lucy doesn't wear pink by Rue, Nancy N.

Lucy finds her way by Rue, Nancy N.

Lucy out of bounds by Rue, Nancy N.

Lucy's "perfect" summer by Rue, Nancy N.

The minor third by Harris, Neil Patrick

**Adopt-a-Book**

The guide by Heller, Peter

The guilt trip by Jones, Sandie

Such a quiet place by Miranda, Megan

Vortex by Coulter, Catherine

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

Action Taken and Justice Concluded: Part 3 of the Johnson Gang

Harlan Seyfer, Plattsmouth Main Street Historian



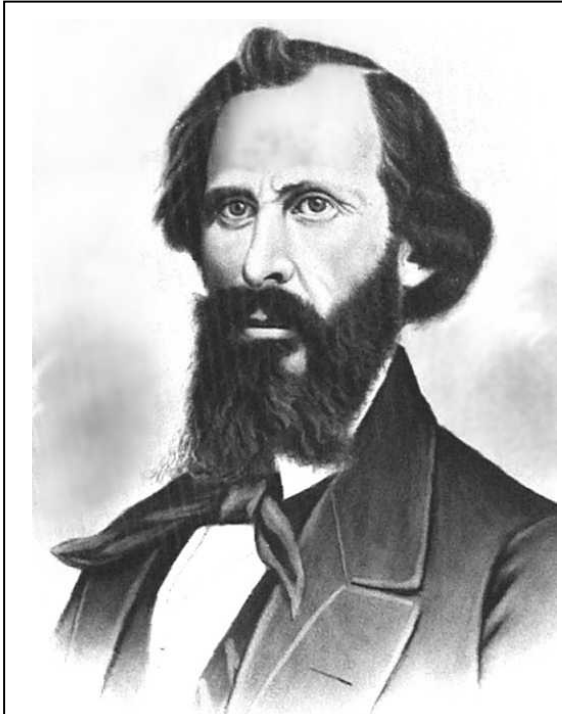
“Old Man” Lewis Johnson never could abide by rules. He would rather uproot his family and move on, keeping pace with the frontier, than be constrained by any legal mumbo-jumbo. Regrettably he was also bad-tempered.

The Johnsons traced their roots back to Tennessee, where Lewis was born around 1795 and his wife, Margaret, around 1797. By 1830, Lewis and Margaret were living in Saline County in central Missouri.

In 1837, the area in northwest Missouri known as the “Platte Purchase” became available for settlement. This added six counties to the Missouri, one of which was Nodaway County bordering Iowa. Sometime between 1840 and 1850, the Johnsons took up residence in that county.

They weren't in Nodaway for long. When Mills County was created in 1851, Lewis moved his restless brood again. In Mills County, across the river from Plattsmouth, the story of the Johnsons gets interesting.

Lewis and his eldest son John filed preemption claims, paying the government land office \$1.25 an acre for a quarter section each. Both lands were less than a mile southeast of today's Glenwood.



William McCord was Cass County Sheriff in 1857, and later became Colonel of the First Nebraska during the Civil War. Shortly after he assumed office, the Johnson Gang disappeared.

The History of Mills County, published in 1881, describes what happened:

There are such things as "sports that kill." At a time of festivity and general good-feeling at a shooting match near Glenwood, June 25, 1853, occurred the killing of a Mr. Creech by Lewis Johnson. Mr. Creech, in company with others who loved the pastime of Nimrod, had been hunting through the brush and undergrowth in search of game, south of Glenwood. In the course of their expedition they encountered a party of men engaged in target shooting, upon the results of which large sums of money were being freely betted. They had been at the scene of shooting but a short time when Lewis Johnson brought forth a young man, who, he claimed, could mark the highest score of any man in the party for a certain sum of money. Mr. Creech stepped forward and promptly accepted the challenge, and the shooting began. On footing the score it was found that Mr. Creech had won. Johnson dissented from the decision of the judges and declared that he would "fight before he would give up the money." Creech agreed to call the shooting a draw, for he was a favorably disposed person and willing rather to suffer imposition than to engage in any kind of violence.

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The proposition so exasperated Johnson to such a degree that he at once made an assault on Mr. Creech, struck him on the head a violent blow with his gun, and also in the face, the ramrod entering the eye. From the wounds received, Mr. Creech died in forty-eight hours.

A Mills County grand jury issued a manslaughter indictment against Lewis and he was arrested. County sheriffs were escorting him to Des Moines for trial when they were overtaken by a group of men with a writ of habeas corpus. Lewis was returned – not to Mills County – but to Council Bluffs, where he was tried and acquitted.

The same Mills County grand jury also indicted John for “assault with intent to commit great bodily injury” AND charged John Johnson, his younger brother Seth, and four buddies for arson. The defendants obtained a change in venue to Council Bluffs, where there is no evidence the cases were ever brought to trial. One might excuse Mills County citizens for suspecting miscarriage of justice.

Meanwhile, Nebraska Territory was opened for settlement in June 1854. At the first territorial election on 12 December 1854, Lewis and his sons John and Seth were listed as registered voters in Martin’s Precinct, today’s Plattsmouth Precinct, in Cass County.

On the Nebraska side of the Missouri River, Lewis pursued one of his favorite occupations: purveyor of homebrew whiskey. It had a popular reputation, judging from his customers, all prominent farmers and local civic leaders. Unfortunately for Lewis, his reputation followed him from Mills County and the ill behavior of his offspring didn’t help one bit. His customers turned on him by testifying in Cass County’s first grand jury investigation that they had witnessed him “selling intoxicating liquors” to themselves. While issuing ten indictments against Lewis, the grand jury released fourteen other indictments against his sons and their friends for assault and battery and riot.

Interestingly, all ten Cass County grand jury indictments of Lewis referred to “Lewis Johnson late of said county.” This did not necessarily imply that that he was absent from Cass County. The jury and court appear to have used this phrasing freely if the defendant could not be quickly or conveniently found. For example, on the same date, it indicted Wheatly Mickelwait for assault against Zachariah Cardwell, the jury used the same “late of said county” in referring to the Mickelwait. Mickelwait would be elected Plattsmouth’s first mayor less than a year later. (No record could be found of Mickelwait’s case coming to trial.)

Back to the Johnsons. Clearly, the family were not considered good neighbors. Many of the people testifying against Lewis had lived in Mills County before moving to Cass and still owned property in Iowa.

Early Cass County historian Albert Child noted of the times, “There was no machinery for assessing fines; no jails or prisons; hence little or no attempt was made to grade the punishment according to the offense.”

Cass County vigilantes drowned Lewis Johnson and at least three other undesirables in the Missouri River during the spring of 1857.

No investigation was undertaken and no charges were brought. Newly elected in 1857, Sheriff William D. McCord knew the necessities and limitations of his office. Later commanding officer of the First Nebraska during the Civil War, McCord may have known the need for action and was willing to expedite the outcome.

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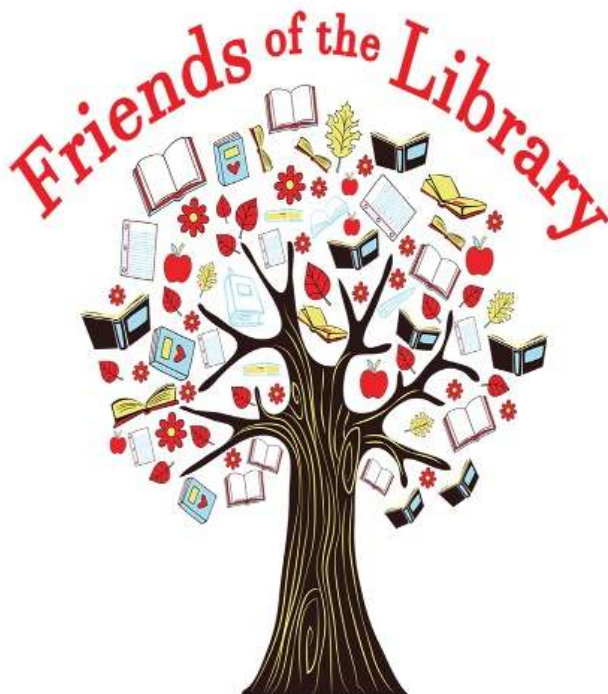
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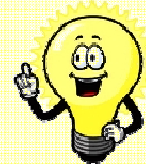


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- Copies
- Table and chair rental (free with library card)
- Cleaning CDs and DVDs



September 2021

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26	27 Woodcarvers Noon-3pm Adult Craft Bag	28	29 Storytime 10-10:30 Library Board 5:30	30 Storytime 10-10:30		

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