



The Garfoot Gazette

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Newsletter of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

RESUME AND COMPUTER ASSISTANCE!

Free resume assistance now offered through the library

Do you need help creating an effective professional resume? Are you worried about gaps in your work experience or the appropriate format for your resume? A local volunteer with eight years of experience is available to work with you. Contact Kate Murphy at 798-3881 to set up an appointment.

Computer Help

Are you interested in taking a class at the library to learn basic information about computers, the Internet, and how to set up an e-mail account? We are hoping to offer a series of introductory classes beginning in January 2009, and we would like to know your preferred topics and days/times that tend to work well for you. Please contact Kate Murphy at 798-3881.

*If you are interested in working on the basics in your own home, "Mouserise" is a good place to get started:

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mouserise.htm>

*GCF LearnFree.org is another great way to learn at your own pace:

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computer/topic.aspx?id=15>

We are always willing to provide one-on-one computer assistance to our patrons. Please contact the library in advance to set up an appointment at 798-3881.

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30pm as we discuss Anne Fadiman's *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*.

Subtitled "A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures," this book won the National Book Critics' Circle Award for General Non-Fiction. Please contact Kate Murphy with any questions at 798-3881.

GREEN NEWS

The Xmas Tree Conundrum

Before the invention of the artificial Christmas tree, the only debate was whether to buy a Fraser fir or a Scotch pine. When the artificial tree came along, many a household reveled in the knowledge that they wouldn't be tweezing dry needles from their bare feet in July.

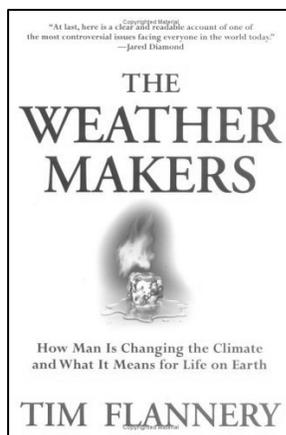
In more recent years, the debate has revolved around artificial versus real tree and which tree choice is best for the environment. If you think that reusable artificial tree is a better environmental bargain, think again. Even if you resurrect that fake tree for years to come, it's still the most ecologically harmful choice. Artificial trees can contain lead and PVC, cause allergic reactions and are most often constructed in China.

When you purchase a locally grown tree, you're investing in the United States economy, supporting the business of local tree farmers and, you're not purchasing a tree that came from 7000 miles away. Still worried about cutting down a tree? Pine and fir trees are crops so when a farmer cuts one down, a new one is planted. Once the holidays are over, you can have the tree shredded and use the chips for mulch.

(Source: *E: the Environmental Magazine*, November/December 2008 edition)

ECO-TALK BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the Eco-Talk Book Group on **Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.** for a discussion of Tim Flannery's *The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing the Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth*. Flannery's highly readable account of one of the most controversial problems facing the planet is an authoritative account of the overwhelming science behind climate change. Please contact Kris or Pam with any questions at 798-3881.





Teen Read Book Club – Nov. 10

In honor of this year's theme for Teen Read Week, "Books With Bite", the Teen book club is reading *Twilight*, by Stephanie Meyer. Please join us for a hauntingly appealing book discussion on **Monday, Nov. 10th from 4:15 to 5:15**. There will be some delicious "bites" for you to enjoy while we discuss the book. Copies of the book are available at the desk. When you sign up for the book group, you can enter to win two free tickets to the Evening Premier showing of the new movie, *Twilight!* Any teen (12-18) is welcome to join the group on the 10th, but please sign up at the desk in advance, whether or not you need a copy of the book.

New Book Displays

We have set up a new book display area for Juvenile Fiction and Non-fiction in the Intermediate section, next to the butterfly chairs. You will also find graphic novels, humor books and recorded books on these shelves.

New Young Adult Fiction books are now on the low wooden bookshelves in front of the windows in the Teen section. Check 'em out!!

Down on the Farm

Join us this fall for a series of storytimes on all things related to farms.

Wigglers and Giggles: Tuesdays @ 10

You can also think of this as "Toddler Tuesdays" - these programs are designed for babies and toddlers. We will learn fingerplays, sing songs, and read very simple stories. Preschoolers are, of course, welcome to come, too!

Mark your calendars:*

November 4th and 25th
December 2nd, 9th and 16th

Big Kids Booktime: Wednesdays @ 10

These programs are designed for Preschoolers, children 3-5 years old. We read stories, sing songs, and at least once per 4-week session, have a craft or activity. If you have younger children, or even older ones that need to express their physical or vocal exuberance, please bring them out of the room. You are welcome to bring them back in when they are ready to sit quietly again! Toys will be available in the children's area.

Mark your calendars:*

November 5th and 26th
December 3rd, 10th and 17th

**It may be helpful to note that the schedule follows a pattern of four weeks on, then two weeks off.*

Special Program - Nov. 12

Join us at **10:00 on November 12th** for a special program of "Autumn Harvest Fun" with guest artist Nancy Giffey. Nancy will lead the group in some dramatic games and an art activity. This program is for 3-5 year olds, and requires pre-registration. Please sign up at the front desk. There is a limit of 15 children for this program.

