

# Happenings



Jacksonville Public Library

August 2011

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## *Under Construction*

There will be some exciting changes at the library during August! We will be getting a new circulation desk in the Youth Department, a new door for the West entrance and the brick patio will be modified as well!

We have been waiting for a long time for the new circulation desk and we are excited that it is finally coming! As a result, the Youth Services Department will be open during construction, but all circulation needs will need to be taken care of upstairs in the Adult Department. The new circulation desk should take 2 to 3 days to complete. The new desk will feature a new book return location and the overall design should allow for a better flow for patrons and staff.

The new door will replace the outside wooden door under the awning. The new door should withstand the elements a little better than our current door. There will be an alternate entrance available while this work is underway.

If you have ever visited the Library during a rain storm, you know why we are changing the brick pavers that make up our patio area. There are several low spots that pool water, so the bricks will be taken up and leveled out to allow water to drain away. We appreciate all of your patience as we work to improve the Library and make it function better for everyone.

## *Destination: Republic of Georgia*

Join us for another interesting and inspiring trip by Jennifer Smith. This time we are heading to the Republic of Georgia! Come see the sights, learn the history and the future of this changing country with this program: **"Destination: Republic of Georgia, A New-Old Nation in the Making."** It will be a fascinating journey!  
**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00PM in the Meeting Room, free of charge.**

## *A Mid Summer Knight's Read is History!*

We can put one more Summer Reading Program in the history books now that a Mid Summer Knight's Read is officially over! We had lots of fun even if it was just a bit hot outside. Our summer focused on knights, castles and all sorts of medieval fun. We made dragons, shields, swords, stained glass, and so much more! There were movies, a bunch of new entertainers, story time and events for teens as well! We had fabulous attendance at many of our events; a big thank you to everyone for coming out in the heat to join us!

We had 402 kids from birth to teens register for summer reading, with the Pre-K crowd making up a good portion of our readers! Our top readers for the Pre-K set were: **Eliana Salcido** (First), **Drew and Evan Gillespie** (tied for Second) and **Ophelia Olive** (Third). The top readers for the K-6<sup>th</sup> graders were **Alexis and Paul Schrieber** (tied for First), **Quincy Olive** (Second) and **Andrew Asama, Kaitlin Risen and Adriana Smith** (tied for Third place).

The top teen reader was **Lauren Leischner** with 30 books! The Grand Prize winner, **Autumn Risen**, won a trip for four to Chicago on Amtrak with four passes to the Field Museum! Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you for making this a great summer for all of us at the Jacksonville Public Library!

## August Events at the Jacksonville Public Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Story Time 10AM, 3PM	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Story Time 10AM, 3PM	11	12 JPL Board Meeting 11AM	13
14	15	16	17 Story Time 9:15AM, 4PM	18	19	20
21 Destination: The Republic of Georgia 4PM	22	23	24 Story Time 9:15AM, 4PM	25		
28	29	30	31 Story Time 9:15AM, 4PM			

Change in  
Story Times!

## *Old vs. New Circulation Desk Designs*

The old Youth Services Circulation Desk was designed for older technology. There were two large “bins” in the old desk, one was used for a Gaylord machine that was used to checkout items. The other large “bin” was there to hold patron’s library cards. You used to be able to come to the desk, tell the librarian your name and they would look up your card number for you. The advantage was that cards were never lost, the disadvantage was that it took quite a bit of time to keep everything organized. Hold requests made for a very complicated system to organize!

As you know, we no longer work that way. Our circulation system is internet based, allowing access to our card catalog 24/7. This allows you to put a book on hold from home, check your account and so much more. The old circulation desk was not designed for computers and wires running everywhere. Some of the drawers no longer work and it was not ADA compliant. If you ask any staff member, they can tell you that it’s not very comfortable to work behind the desk. The counter top material has been breaking off for years and it is worn out on top.

The new circulation desk will have several features. It will have a privacy block that will allow the staff to work without exposing potentially private patron information. It will also have a new book return with two slots on the west side that will allow patrons to return items without having to work their way around patrons waiting to check out. This will be a big help especially during summer reading when the Youth Services Department can get very, very full! The desk will extend farther as well, allowing the staff to have lots of room to store supplies without interrupting the aesthetic look of the desk. We will also be moving our Relia cabinet behind the desk which should allow patrons the chance to see what treasures we have available for checkout! We will also have new teen shelving space. Our patience is appreciated as we upgrade the Library!

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Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9AM-9PM, Fri. 9AM-6PM, Sat. 9AM-5PM