



The Library Connection

Fitchburg Public Library e-newsletter

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Building update

The building is really taking shape. According to Senior Construction manager, Rob Weise, the windows and roof are being installed. Work is also progressing on the exterior brick and stone work.

Inside, the rooms are becoming easier to distinguish because the stud walls are going up. In addition, Weise announced that ductwork, electrical wiring, and plumbing piping have been started. In fact, some of the wall work is complete enough to begin hanging drywall. The construction team is working hard to finish the building enclosure so that interior work can continue.

To see the progress, check out our pictures on facebook. You can also watch video of the time-lapsed progress (<http://fitchburgcitylibrary.com/liveWebcam.asp>) as well as of the building tour on January 19th (<http://www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/departments/library/building.php>).

Hiring Update

We just posted three management positions (Access Services, Adult Services, and Youth Services) for the library. This is a rare opportunity to be a part of a staff that is preparing to open the city's first public library. The library is expected to open in July, less than six months away.

Apply today! Applications materials are available online at www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/departments/library/index/ or at Fitchburg City Hall (5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711). Completed applications must be received at City Hall by **4:30 p.m., Friday, February 25, 2011.**

This just in

Check out the new tab on our website, Reference & Research! It features links to a number of databases found in Badgerlink, a state funded project. Subjects of these databases include: auto repair, business, health, literature, newspaper, reference material, science, and social science (<http://www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/departments/library/Research.php>). There are databases for children and adults.

In addition, there is a link to AskAway (<http://www.askaway.info/>). This service provides librarians to answer your questions 24/7!

Teens

1) Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week is coming up during the week of March 6-12! This is a national initiative whose purpose is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technology.

In honor of this celebration, we are sponsoring a Teen Gaming Nite on Friday March 11th (see details below). It will feature the following: Wii Mario Kart Tournament and prizes, Guitar Hero, Laptop computers with games and the internet, board & card games, and refreshments.

The library is also encouraging entry in the "Why I Need My Library!" video contest. Teens ages 13-18 can work alone or in groups to create original videos on why they think libraries are needed now more than ever. There are prizes for first, second, and third place. The deadline is April 18th. Check out this link for details: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/whyneedmylibrary/index.cfm>.

2) Teen Library Council

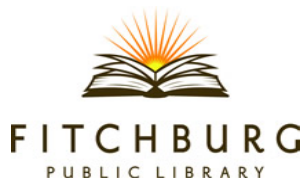
In November 2010, the library started a Teen Library Council. The purpose of this group is to encourage teen reading, promote the library to teens, make the library more teen friendly, and to advance teen involvement in the community. Activities include meetings (monthly when the library opens), compiling ideas for collections and program planning, as well as special projects as determined by TLC members. There are many benefits for membership. This includes: meeting new people, great experience to put on your resume, acquire community service hours, develop teamwork skills, have fun & become involved, and free food.

The library is still accepting applications! You can pick up an application at City Hall (5520 Lacy Road) or by visiting our website (<http://www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/departments/library/index.php>).

Event Calendar

Go Big Read- "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" Book discussion: Thursday February 24, 7-8:30pm, Fitchburg Room, Fitchburg Community Center (5510 Lacy Road)

Teen Gaming Nite: Friday March 11th, 6-9pm, Oak Hall Room, Fitchburg Community Center (5510 Lacy Road)



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