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New and Exciting Services Coming Soon...

By Jennifer Thomet

IPL has received 20 new STEM kits from Newton's Road! These kits are geared towards families who are looking for ways to experiment with technology without having to rely on screen time or other digital devices. Most of these kits are hands on, including building activities, board games, and models.

The kits vary in ages from 18 moths to adults and can be enjoyed by the whole family. Jennifer and Lorelei will demo the STEM kit, so look for their videos on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel. STEM kits will be available for checkout soon!

IPL will also have new WiFi HotSpots available for checkout.

These will provide WiFi services for patrons needing to have access to the internet who may not otherwise be able to have the internet at their home, office, or on the go. This is a great opportunity for the library to help bridge the digital divide for our patrons. We are very excited to provide this service and more information will be available soon.

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Friends of IPL

by Sarah Thompson

Warm Thanks!

It was a pleasure working with Greystone Gardens who provided our beautiful mums. We sold 402 plants and will likely clear \$1200 after sales tax and credit card fees are paid. We also had \$420 in donations in lieu of purchases.It was a successful event and we look forward to other events that are being planned. Coming soon... online book sales!

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Thank you all for working so hard to make the first-ever mums sale go smoothly. And for those who brought family and friends to help please let them know how glad we were to have them there.A true community effort!

New Teen and Tween Room

Find the material they want

IPL's juvenile collection has been reevaluated based on reading and interest level. Juvenile material with a 4th-8th grade reading and interest level have been identified with a **JT** spine label and moved into the new Teen and Tween room (formally the teen and study room). Material has been separated by genre as well. Genres include Science Fiction labeled as "SF"; Fantasy; Fiction and Non Fiction.

Let the kids decide where they belong

Wondering who belongs to the tween age group? Merriam-Webster defines a tween as "between" and "preteen". Children that identify as a tween are in the gray area of not quite a teenager, but not really a little kiddo either. But what age range does that group represent? The answer is, it depends on what group the individual identifies and relates too. The concept of a tween isn't set in stone and ages can vary from an 8-year-old to a 14-year-old.

Each family is different

Not ready for your kiddo to be a teenager? That's ok! Material with a 9th-12 grade reading and interest level have a clear "Teen" sticker above the spine label.

Ask your librarian if you have any questions or need help finding material.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone!

We are very pleased to be open to the public. We appreciate everyone's understanding, patience, and support as we try to navigate the new changes at the library. During these times, it is our goal to ensure everyone feels safe and welcomed at library. *We are here for you.* Please call or email us with any questions you may have regarding your account, our services, or our digital offerings. Renee Kelchak, Library Director