

Books by presidential candidates available

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We as a nation have begun the final stretch of the national election campaign season.

Remember that the Pioneer Memorial Library has books written by the presidential candidates themselves and also items written by others about the person, their history and background. Magazine articles also can be checked out and read about the candidates. Within seven weeks we as individuals will perform our civic duty and vote for the leaders of our representative government — a privilege and responsibility in one. If you are new to the area, are now over 18 years of age or just decide that it's time you exercise your right to help choose your elected officials, you can find information about registering on the Kansas Secretary of State web page: http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections_registration.html. A one page voter registration form can be found at www.kssos.org/forms/elections/voterregistration.pdf. This one page form allows you to actually type in your information on the page and then print out the form, sign it and send it in.

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I tell you this because librarians are more than just providers of books today.

We are information specialists who want to help citizens have the resources they need to succeed, grow and enjoy their personal and business pursuits in life.

The Pioneer Memorial Library is regularly adding to what it has available for you to use and borrow.

We are constantly adding award

Agency changes child abuse reporting

TOPEKA (AP) — The state welfare agency is moving to a single telephone number for people to call when reporting possible child abuse and neglect.

A task force recommended having a single number for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

The task force said the change would streamline the investigation of complaints.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius appointed the task force after two girls in Wichita, aged 6 and 7, were removed from their step-mother's home.

Police said they'd been tortured and starved for months.

SRS already had a statewide number, (800) 922-5330, but also had six regional telephone numbers.

Those numbers will operate until Nov. 30, but on Sept. 1, callers have heard a recorded message saying they'll stop after that date.

Man admits coverup in soldier antique thefts

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A 33-year-old Leavenworth man has pleaded guilty in federal court to helping another man cover up the theft of antiques and household goods that belonged to soldiers.

Prosecutors say Christopher Wilson knew the collectible lunch boxes, decorative platters and other items had been put in storage for soldiers deployed or transferred from Fort Leavenworth.

They say Wilson also knew his Century Van Lines co-worker, Robert Kieser, was taking the goods from 1999 through 2003 and putting them up for sale.

Some of the items were sold at garage sales, while others were sold to antique shops and on eBay.

Wilson pleaded guilty to one count of misprision of a felony and will be sentenced in December. Kieser is set to go on trial in January.

winning books and books written by best selling authors.

We also try and keep up with the reading and viewing interests of our community. The following items have been added.

Fiction

"The Lace Reader" — A Novel (2006) by Brunonia Barry (A Carlotta Carlyle Novel)

"The Laughter of Dead Kings (2008) by Elizabeth Peters (A Vicky Bliss Novel of Suspense) — Peters is a New York Times Best selling author (NYT-Best Selling Author)

"Into the Fire" — A Novel (2008) by Suzanne Brockman, a NYT-Best Selling Author of the book a Force of Nature

"Finding Nouf" — A Novel (2008) by Zoe Ferraris (About life in Saudi Arabia)

"The 19th Wife" — A Novel (2008) by David Ebershoff, the author of the two books Danish Girl and Pasadena

"Takeover" — A Novel of Suspense (2008) by Lisa Black (A forensic type investigation).

"Some like it Wicked" (2008) by Teresa Medeiros a New York-Times Best Selling Author with 18 items in this series.

"Seducing Mr. Darcy" — (2008) by Gwyn Cready, the author of "Tumbling through Time."

"Heart of Stone" — (2008) by Diana Palmer a New York-Times Best Selling Author. A brand-new

long, tall Texan story

"Return to Summerhouse" — (2008) by Jude Deveraux a New York-Times Best Selling author of 34 other items.

"This Lullaby" (2004 — a gift to the library) by Sarah Dessen, the author of the Truth about Forever.

"True to Form" — A Novel — (2003 — a gift to the library) by Elizabeth Berg, the New York Best selling author of Open House and Never Change.

Nonfiction

"In His Sights" — A True Story of Love and Obsession (2008) by Kate Brennan

"The Holocaust by Bullets" — A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 million Jews (2008) by Father Patrick Desbois

"No One Sees God" — The Dark Night of Atheists and Believers (2008) by Michael Novak

"Young at Heart" — The Story of a Heart Transplant Recipient (2007) by Doris Menzies

"The Most Decadent Diet Ever" — The Cookbook that Reveals the Secrets to Cooking Your Favorites in a Healthier Way (2008) by Devin Alexander (host of Healthy Decadence)

"Teach Yourself Yoga for Health and Happiness" (2007) by Swami Saradananda

"Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (And What it Says About Us)" (2008) by Tom Vanderbilt

"The Bay of Pigs" — (2008) by Howard Jones

"Southern Storm" Sherman's March to the Sea (2008) by Noah Andre Trudeau.

"The Man on Mao's Right" — From Harvard Yard to Tiananmen Square, My life Inside China's Foreign Ministry (2008) by Ji Chaozhu.

"The Lost Spy" — An American in Stalin's Secret Service (2008) by Andrew Meier

"Loneliness" — Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection (2008) by John T. Cacioppo & William Patrick.

"In Cold Blood" — (large print edition - 2006) by Truman Capote: This is a "Kansas Read" book. A compelling account of the Holcomb, Kansas murder of 4 family members of the Clutter family. Truman Capote reconstructs this murder and the investigation that led to the capture, trial and execution of the killers

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