

Family

Videos give ideas for projects

It is great when library patrons want to read an item that I have recently reviewed. Thanks for all of you who have made comments and encouraged me of late.



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In keeping with this summer's library theme, "Be Creative @ Your Library," I am finally getting to write about videos on artistic pursuits, photography and creative avenues in life. In preparation for the 2009 summer theme and also to grow our collection for library patrons who love to be inspired through audiovisual materials and those who actively pursue life-long learning, we applied for a grant from Thomas County Attorney's Special Law Enforcement Fund through the Thomas Community Foundation. They gave us \$1,262 to buy these video disks.

The most inspiring DVD that I have viewed so far was "A Century of Quilts: America in Cloth." It starts out by showing the work of early quilters in Emporia, and then branches out to show the 100 best quilts in America during the 20th century.

The video demonstrates how quilts have come from swatches of materials made from scraps of cloth, and then stitched together, to become awesome creations of intricate details which now include paint, embroidery thread and so much more.

This video showed how men and women alike found themselves digging within their souls to not only express their vision but the need to persevere and complete their work. Quilts were created to tell a story, write history or communicate meaning to others.

If you think quilting is boring and not an art, think again. If you believe you're able to express yourself in other types of artwork, you might find that this would allow you to use your talents to expand your abilities in other avenues not yet tapped. This video is truly inspiring!

The second DVD is "Craft in America." It covered various arts such as woodworking, ceramics, jewelry making, glass creation and more. Many artists shared their stories, art, inspiration and struggles. Each art form was unique and amazing. The beauty that was shared in much of the video shows us how the individual desired to create a place, space or item beyond the ordinary, to invoke a sense of awe, peace or drama. One artist seemed a bit over the top to me, but then artists are known to be eccentric. It is our differences that really make

our lives so interesting and full. If everyone was the same, we'd all be automatons.

A third video I watched was "How to Draw Comics the Marvel Way." Artist Stan Lee narrates the DVD using humor while creating an interesting vision of what the Marvel Way is for comic art.

John Buscema uses his drawing abilities to help the student learn how to apply the principles while actually drawing pictures. They begin by telling the viewer what they will need to complete the instructions, but I will tell you that you can begin learning to draw with this program just by using the paper, pencil, ruler and eraser.

If you are more advanced in drawing comic strips, then you might want to get a T square, pen, ink and other items recommended. What I really appreciated about this video is that it also teaches a person who draws about how forms like squares, circles and rectangles form basic drawing techniques. It also helps a person be able to grapple with obtaining correct perspective, composition, action and foreshortening within a drawing. If I were a math teacher trying to inspire students in understanding how geometry and trigonometry are found in so many avenues of life, I might see if there was a way I could adapt the principles taught in this video.

In the next few weeks, I will place these and other videos on display in our foyer. If you would like one, please come to the front desk and we will retrieve it.

We at the library are enjoying the youth of the community coming and using the basement area reserved for them on Mondays and Fridays. We have used computers, the Wii, Playstation II, played board games; kids can put together puzzles and some other fun things.

We are also just awestruck at the children's excitement as they come to summer reading events that are scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Summer reading and the time for youths using the basement are free. Don't let your kids say they are bored; help them create a thirst for exploring new materials, exper-

iences and just plain thinking out of the box this summer.

The summer reading program is divided into three distinct offerings: Weekly Storytimes, special events, and Imagination Station, a reading challenge game. Information can be found on the library website (www.colbylibrary.com), by calling 460-4470, or just stop by the library at 375 W. Fourth St. All programs are free.

The Pioneer Memorial Library summer schedule is: Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. See you at your library!

Colby grad recognized

Amanda McInay, a senior from Colby, received the Alpha Omega Academic Achievement award from Fort Hays State University's fraternity and sorority community at the awards ceremony of the annual Greek Weekend.

The award recognizes individual members achieving a 3.75 or higher grade average.

The Sigma Chi fraternity was named the 2009 Greek Weekend champions.



Colby native wed in Nebraska

Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Wentte and Randall D. Hammond were married on Aug. 28, 2008, at the Sunken Gardens in Lincoln, Neb. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Linda Harris.

Mary is the daughter of Grant and Verda Smith of Colby.

Randall is the son of Jimmy and Mary Jo Hammond of Ocala, Fla., and Ann and Larry Johnson of Cheyenne, Wyo.

The bride's son, Dason Lloyd Wentte, was her attendant. Flower girl was Abbie Raye Kummer, the bride's niece.

The groom was attended by his daughter, Christina Hammond.

The bride's sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Terry Kummer of Colby, were also in attendance. A reception for the couple was held at the Venue in Lincoln.

The couple lives in Lincoln, where the bride is an assistant manager at CJ Banks Clothing Store. The groom is a goldsmith. Their address is 2620 S. 60th St., No. 13, Lincoln, Neb., 68506. They would love to hear from friends, Mary's former students, and family.

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