

Family

Keep up with tech books

The Library's annual Blowout Book Sale starts Saturday and ends Sunday, Aug. 1. The first two days are for the early bird who is willing to pay full price and get first choice on items being sold. Each day thereafter the prices are reduced. Please check our signs in the library or the Pioneer Memorial Library website for details (colbylibrary.com).

This week I want to share about books that businesses and the general public can use to keep up with the technology curve. Our library has added a number of new books that deal with this subject. I will discuss these beginning with the basics to the more difficult and obscure.

The first is for those who need help or remedial instructions on computer use, Internet and e-mail access. You will want to review the book, "Absolute Beginner's Guide To Computer Basics," fifth edition, by Michael Miller. It covers setting up a computer system, learning Windows 7, Microsoft Works, Office, Excel and PowerPoint. It also discusses installing software, setting up a home network, routine maintenance for your computer, dealing with common problems and protecting your computer from viruses, spam and online cyber attacks.

Miller includes information on using the Internet for selling things, paying bills, watching videos, creating WebPages. Also included are organizing and editing photos, burning CD's, downloading music, using your computer with an iPod or iPhone, and making digital movies.

We also have a book on "Windows Vista For Dummies," by Andy Rathbone, and the book "All A Twitter: A Personal and Professional Guide to Social Networking with Twitter."

Two other books we have are on use of the iPod: "The Pocket Idiot's Guide to the iPod," by Damon Brown is a very basic book that explains different types of iPods and how they work. It gives information on iTunes, getting materials from CD's, how to use the shuffle, taking photos and accessorizing your iPod. It includes



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hints on taking care of your iPod. "The iPod Touch Pocket Guide," by Christopher Breen helps readers use the new technologically advanced touch screens. Here users learn how to do what they already can do on the larger computer. All one needs is Internet access to use the iPod Touch. This book actually has plenty of pictures to help the reader work through the various screens necessary to conduct a project on the iPod Touch.

Another item is "DSL For Dummies," second edition, by David Angell. This book has information on broadband and DSL services, information on IP addresses, proxy servers, Ethernet hubs and switches, broadband powered home, webcams, and video conferencing kits. Chapter twenty-one gives ten questions to ask about DSL Internet Service, along with a glossary at the end of the book.

A very helpful book is "Create Your Own Blog: 6 Easy Projects to Start Blogging Like a Pro," by Tris Hussey. There's a lot of information in this 249-page book. It has discussions on creating a personal or business blog, podcasting, screencasting, creating a life-stream, and making money on your blog. I know that I need to review some things in this book to help me with the libraries' blog and my personal blog. But, like you, it all take time, so I think I'll skim the book, read what I need and apply the ideas.

Another item is "Getting Started Building Websites," by Alexander Dawson. This 651 page book has information on web-hosting, styling your website, using media and images to enhance your website and writing code for HTML, CSS, Tables and FTP.

I also liked the chapter on the "Ten Commandments for Websites." It reminds me of some

rules libraries and government organizations have so all citizens can have access to your website. Limit use of flashing attention getters and write a description in the HTML area for a picture or image, as well as the proper text size for easy reading. These help the visually impaired better use a website.

The last book is for people that work in advertising, marketing, telecommunications. "ATM For Dummies," by Cathy Gadecki and Christine Heckar, is not a book on how to use an ATM bank machine; this topic is the more complicated issue of Asynchronous Transfer Mode that affects networks and websites.

A specialist in technology would be up to date on the subject, but executives and those overseeing and discussing the need for ATM purchases and technology might like to read up on the issues and advantages.

Remember the library summer hours last until after Labor Day. We open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, closing at 8 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. We are a free Wi-Fi place in Colby, come and use our resources.

Ducks missing

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — A child advocacy agency is hoping to get all its ducks in a row after more than 1,000 plastic entrants in a charity duck race floated to freedom in northeast Indiana.

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect says 17,000 plastic ducks were dropped into the St. Joseph River in Fort Wayne during the June 19 fundraiser but that only 15,000 were retrieved that day.

Spokeswoman Jennifer Boen says about 1,000 of the rogue ducks have since been recovered, and that some of the others have been spotted as far away as Ohio.

The group says it is working with the Fort Wayne Water Department to catch the remaining ducks and that it wouldn't do anything to jeopardize the beauty of the river.

Couple celebrates 25th

Avery and Whitney Schultz, daughters of Mike and Dawn Schultz of Brewster, invite friends and family to send cards to their parents to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 27.

The couple was married July 27, 1985, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby.

Cards can reach them at 419 Sixth St., Brewster, Kan., 67732.



Dawn and Mike Schultz

Political campaigns warned about robo-calls

Tuesday Attorney General Steve Six warned Kansas political campaign committees that federal law requires all telephone calls using pre-recorded messages to identify who is initiating the call and include a telephone number to reach them.

"As the primary election day draws near, voters will receive an increasing number of political robo-calls," said Attorney General Six. "Political campaigns are now on notice: I will be aggressively enforcing the law against robo-calls that fail to disclose the proper information."

Earlier this year, the Kansas Robo-Call Privacy Act, introduced by the attorney general, was defeated in the Kansas Senate. It would have set a comprehensive restriction on the calls.

"Although state law does not yet allow me to protect Kansans' privacy rights from political robo-calls, federal law authorizes me to make every effort to ensure that campaigns using robo-calls are not shrouded in secrecy," Six said.

Although there is no state law restricting these automated, pre-recorded messages, the federal

Telephone Consumer Protection Act requires robo-calls to state clearly at the beginning of the call the identity of the party responsible for initiating the call.

The call also must include the telephone number of the party initiating the call so that the person receiving the call will have an opportunity to demand not to receive any further calls. The telephone number provided may not be a 900 number or any other number for which charges exceed local or long distance transmission charges. Violators may be subject to injunctions and damages of up to \$1,500 per violation.

Kansans receiving robo-calls that do not comply with federal law should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at www.ksag.org or by calling (785) 296-3751 or (800) 432-2310.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.46
Corn (bushel)	\$3.20
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.25
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.25

Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

They worked on individual projects, watched a DVD called "Atmosphere," and then club president Marlene Carpenter led the business meeting.

Communications about several workshops were passed around, a thank you letter was read, the reunion art show location was discussed, and their membership to the Prairie Museum was renewed.

The next meeting is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10. There will be a potluck and salad luncheon available to all artists who attend.

Ladies' Golf

Nine ladies came out on Tuesday night for low net golf. First place winner was Audrey Hines; second place was a tie between Cheryl Edmundson and Becky Peterson; third place was a tie between Mary Lou Jones and Lauren Felter.

There will be no ladies' night on Tuesday, so families can enjoy the Thomas County Fair. Aug. 3 will be a two-lady scramble.

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