

# Selden readers circle globe

By Judy Rogers  
Selden Public Library

The Selden Public Library concluded their summer reading program "One World, Many Stories" on Monday. This annual program met on Mondays during the month of June. An average of 30 readers participated each week along with numerous parent volunteers.

The first week found the readers in Australia where they stamped their passports and learned about life down under. The second week they explored the jungles of Africa and painted jungle scenes on the windows next to the library. The third week they held a Mexican Fiesta and enjoyed a story read in Spanish, danced the Mexican Hat Dance, and were treated to an outdoor piñata. The final week found them in Japan for the final stamp in their passports. Readers made handheld fans and played a chopstick and rice relay game in the grass. Certificates and prizes were distributed.

Marsha Rogers, library board president said, "We appreciate all the volunteers, parents, and read-



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Jerrit Koerperich and Ava Brantley enjoyed a relay game using cotton balls and chopsticks during the last day of the summer reading program "One World, Many Stories" at the Selden Public Library. The readers learned about Australia, Africa, Mexico, and Japan during the four summer reading sessions.

ers who make our summer reading program a success. Even though the program has concluded for this year, I encourage children and

their parents to continue to visit the library and enjoy the books and other services available to them throughout the year."

## Speaker looks at presidential libraries

A special program about Presidential Libraries will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Visitors Center of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene.

Don Wilson is the chief executive officer of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Foundation. Wilson will present "Presidential Libraries: National Treasures or Modern Pyramids?" focusing on the history of presidential libraries, as well as on what

their future may hold.

Wilson has held a variety of administrative positions in state and federal historical institutions. He was Historian and Deputy Director of the Eisenhower Library from 1969-1978 and Archivist of the United States from 1987-1993.

The program is free and open to the public. Reservations can be made on Facebook or by calling 877. RING.IKE.

## Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Victor Flores-Rodriguez, 43, Fort Worth, Texas, April 12, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, obstruction of official duty, unlawful use of communication facility, possession of drug paraphernalia, no drug tax stamp, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Saturday to other agency.

- Shiloh Rae Crandall, 26, Excelsior Springs, Mo., June 10, possession of depressant with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of school, conspiracy, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, no drug tax stamp, endangering a child, Thomas County Sheriff, released Monday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Aldemar Eufrazio-Rodriguez, 23, Columbia, Mo., June 20, illegal alien, Thomas County Sheriff, released last Wednesday to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

- Alejandro Menes-Guzman, 27, Missouri, June 20, illegal alien,

Thomas County Sheriff, released last Wednesday to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

- Taylor Michael Green, 20, Springfield, Mo., June 21, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Friday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Andrew Norman Russell, 37, Solana Beach Calif., June 21, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Thursday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Rafael Na Castro, 23, Colby, last Wednesday, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released Saturday on recognizance.

- Kayla Jean Bennett, 19, Colby, Friday, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on bond.

- David Patrick Block, 41, Kansas City, Mo., Friday, driving under the influence (third or subsequent), Logan County Sheriff's Office, released same day on

\$5,000 bond.

- Alan Michael Goetz, 21, Grinnell, Friday, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services of Thomas County, released Sunday for time served.

- Skylar Kay Justice, 18, Colby, Friday, theft - less than \$1,000, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.

- Larry Leroy Mayer, 70, Brewster, Friday, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on bond.

- Terrence R. Kiefer, 31, Colby, Sunday, protective custody/mental, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day to treatment facility.

- Gregory Thomas Mead, 41, Colby, Monday, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on bond.

- David Allen Rogers, 31, Waverly, Mo., Monday, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County Sheriff/Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.



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### Primary Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

**Leadership Specific** - Be personally accountable for performance of employees in reporting area and achievement of area's goals and strategies, teach employees in area to be likewise personally accountable. • Demonstrate organization's leadership skills and traits as outlined below • Serve as role model for Company's Guiding Principles and actively and vocally exhibit behaviors which champion its Vision and Mission and align with its direction • Engage in regular, consistent performance management, including coaching, teaching, appraising, and mentoring

**Position Specific** - Oversee, promote and direct safe, cost efficient, compliant, reliable operations and maintenance of assigned locations/facilities • File and review required reports in timely, accurate manner • Assist with development of Region's operational budget, manage local budget effectively • Provide hands-on supervision for employees, including planning, assigning, and directing work, recommending promotion/progression, appraising performance, rewarding and disciplining, addressing complaints and resolving problems • Provide input into system operating plan, including personnel requirements, material needs, subcontract requirements, facility needs, and tooling and equipment needs • Direct resolution of operational issues to ensure minimum costs and prevent operational delays • Help teach and ensure direct reports are aware of and comply with Company, government, and customer policies, procedures, and regulations, including Collective Bargaining Agreement • Maintain confidentiality of sensitive, confidential, proprietary, private information Develop positive, partnering relationships with customers in area and local governmental representatives

### Skills and Traits

**Leadership Specific** - Unquestioned integrity • Visionary • Accountable • Teamwork orientation • Communication • Proactive • Change championing • Willing to take measured risks • Uncommon commitment • Trust • 100% Compliance • Partnering Attitude • Life-long learner

**Position Specific** - Analytical • Problem-solver • Ability to think on your feet • Detail-oriented • Ingenuity • Strong interpersonal skills • Customer-service orientation • Forward thinking • Ability to remain calm in very sudden, high-stress situations • Strong verbal communication skills • Ability to work daily with employees without Assertive • Ability to take unpopular positions

### Minimum Physical Requirements

• Ability to work regular, extended hours including weekends and evenings with little or no notice • Ability to travel overnight up to 20% by automobile and/or plane, sometimes for extended periods of up to two weeks • Ability to communicate and interact effectively with all levels within and outside of the organization both verbally and in writing • Ability to effectively handle significant amounts of stress that arise unexpectedly for brief periods that may last several days up to several weeks (i.e., ensuring a construction project is in place on time, on budget, etc.) • Ability to simultaneously manage several projects • Ability to work outside for extended periods in potentially extreme weather conditions • Ability to wear required personal protective equipment • Ability to work around high noise levels using PPE • Ability to work around chemicals associated natural gas industry

### Qualifications

**Minimum** - Associate Degree or 2-year certificate of completion from accredited institution or trade school • Valid driver's license and insurability • Experience analyzing data and preparing compliance reports, statements, and projections • Experience communicating data and concepts in a manner understandable to a wide range of individuals from diverse backgrounds • Experience working in both a scheduled/structured and unscheduled/unstructured, deadline-driven environment • Ability to teach area of expertise one-on-one and in small groups • Ability to effectively manage costs within an overall budget structure • Intermediate level computer skills in Microsoft Office Excel and Outlook, basic level skills with PowerPoint and Word • Ability to understand, interpret and apply applicable local, state and federal regulations and reporting requirements (i.e., DOT/PHMSA, OSHA, etc.) **Preferred** - Experience in a leadership position (including serving as a nonprofit board leader, coach, etc.) • Bachelor's degree • Operations experience with high-pressure pipeline systems • Knowledge of operations, maintenance and construction practices relating to pipeline operations • Knowledge of Company's Operations & Maintenance manual • Aptitude toward mechanics, construction • Knowledge of natural gas transmission industry • Experience understanding, interpreting, and applying applicable local, state, and federal regulations and reporting requirements

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