

SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES 7 PM

No August or September movie scheduled.

Watch for when the next movie will be.

Movies are held in the Swan Room, bring your snacks, lawn chairs, family and enjoy the movie. **Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult!**

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Library Lunches during a pandemic...what is it like???

It's like life for everyone else, it's been nothing normal and everything a little (or a lot chaotic)...BUT there have been some very good things come out of it. The lunch program that was started five years ago to feed kids in the summer and in 2018 expanded to include one day a week senior lunch and grew in 2019 to include senior exercise brunches EXPLODED! As of the end of July they have fed over 10,000 meals since the pandemic started in March. Starting March 23rd, Retia Grant and her crew of volunteers began feeding school kids and seniors with grab and go lunches. When the school started their feeding and delivering program the library backed out of feeding kids and concentrated on feeding the seniors. Chris Waddell, director, joined volunteers Retia Grant, Reta Sanders, Dian Dotts and Linda Elder to provide a lot of meals. They were also joined by Beverly Burke, Susie Whitcraft, and Annette Viner and others at time to prepare and send out meals five days a week. Then came the shortages, you couldn't find meat, potatoes, as well as paper products, so Miss Retia was scrambling to make meals from what she could find. Some days there were four or five different menus sent out.

La Cygne is what is known as a “food desert” because we don't have a grocery store that has fresh meat and produce and seniors were afraid to leave town to go buy food, some seniors wore masks as they came to pick up meals, learned to wait in line, social distancing to get their meals. Even days when Meals on Wheels ran out of food, they would call and the crew would send out meals as needed to help them out too. March ran into April and April into May and while some things got better, the need seemed to increase. We had planned to stop senior meals before Memorial Day and just do kids meals for the summer, but there was still a huge concern for the seniors needs, so the senior program continued along side the kids.

We had some funds from WalMart grants, Heartland Round Up Grants, and many local donors, which were matched by an anonymous donor to sustain the program. When we couldn't purchase meat, we were able to purchase a whole beef, thanks to donations, and get it processed into hamburger to feed our people. THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED AND THRIVED THIS SUMMER WITHOUT THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF PATRONS AND FRIENDS WHO GAVE ANYWHERE FROM \$1 TO \$1000. Others in the community gave food products and some days Miss Retia had to be very creative, but there was always plenty of food. There were many supporters who dropped money in the donation can and we don't have your names to give you a specific thank you, but know you are appreciated and those listed here gave donations at least once during this time period and you are greatly appreciated. Kay Voorhees, Kyle & Pat Carstens, Greg & Retia Grant, Fontana Church of Christ, Dennis Yeamans, Blaire Burke, LaHarper Heights, Marci Stainbrook, Connie Capps, Fontana Christian Church, Janet Reynolds, Johnna Ross, Tom Patterson, Bob Stainbrook, Joyce Clark, Vickie Barber, Vicki Keller, Norma Pease, Robert Curtin, Candy Teagarden, John & Barbara Yeast and there are a few others that I might have missed, but know you are definitely appreciated. We were fortunate enough to receive some Covid 19 funding for meals program through the CDBG funding, which will help with expenses incurred.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, lunches have been delivered to Linn Vallley,(Thanks to Maggie Peterson for organizing and all the folks who picked up and distributed these meals) and on Tuesdays, the lunches for most of the kids have been packed and taken to the park. (Thanks Jamie Curtis & family for transport and Laura Covell & girls for helping serve). Meals end on August 12th. Thanks for support.

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Programs in the Park!

Starting on Tuesday, June 2nd the library will be sponsoring “Programs in the Park” in conjunction with our kids summer lunch program and our performers brought to us by the Baehr Foundation grant through 1st Option Bank. We will serve grab & go lunches from 11:30 to noon, before the program.

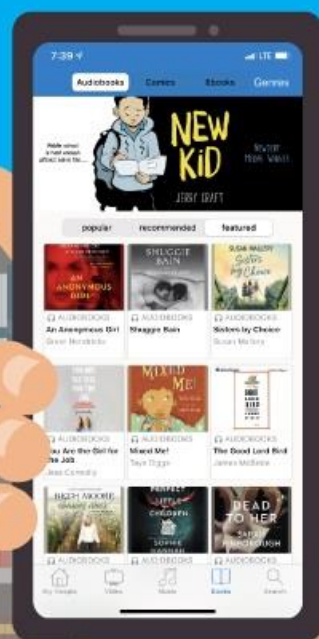
Aug. 4—Jester Tells all at noon with Happy Faces Entertainment.
August 11—Dino O'Dell Tall Tales Music & Stories of the Imagination at noon.



WATCH FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER TO SEE WHAT OUR PLANS ARE FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES, MOVING BOOKS AND FURNITURE, AND PREPARING TO OPEN OUR NEW ADDITION. WE ARE SHOOTING FOR AN OCTOBER 1ST DATE IF ALL GOES WELL. BUT REMEMBER WE CAN DO CURBSIDE AND DIGITAL SERVICES NOW.

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JULY PHOTOS& EVENTS

Open for Curbside & Virtual Services ONLY until Oct. 1st

Due to the fact that we cannot accommodate the suggested social distancing requirements, the Board of Directors met at their monthly board meeting and made the decision to remain closed until October 1st. Our first and foremost concern is for our patrons health and safety and with a multitude of things going on with covid and construction related, it was decided that this was the best way to handle it and if the status changes and we are able to open safely prior to that date we will.

This does not mean your librarians are on vacation...to the contrary we are working harder than ever to provide you as many services as possible and as easy as possible. We are just a phone call away and we can do everything but let you come in and browse the collections (which about 18 racks of shelves are missing and contents are stored on wooden carts) and play on the computer. Here's what we can do for you during this time:

- Curbside service—call us at 757-2151 and tell us what books you would like to check out (use our online card catalog <https://lacygne.biblionix.com/catalog/>)
- Online story times —MWF at 9:15
- Online exercise and Bingo and Conversations with Kathy and Conversation Starters are available for our seniors until Aug. 12th.
- Programs in the Park on Tuesday with performers sponsored by a Baehr Foundation grant from First Option Bank Trust Department. (Through August 11th)
- Lunches for kids and seniors sponsored by the Friends of Library and dedicated donors to this self funded program. Lunches end Aug. 12th.
- We still will make copies & faxes for you, just call us and bring it to the door.
- We will notarize for you when Chris or Janet are available, again call and bring to door.
- Coming soon 30 minute computer use by appointment only. We will have a computer set up and hooked to printer where you can sign up and use that computer for 30 minutes. No gaming, videos, during this time, for necessary use only. One session per day ONLY. This will be between 1 PM and 3:30 PM M-F. **STARTING AUGUST 13TH.**



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BUILDING PROGRESS



FREE BOOKS FOR ALL CHILDREN BIRTH THROUGH AGE FIVE!

Dolly Parton

Imagination Library Funded for children of Linn County!

Linn County Early Childhood Advisory Council today announced it will fund Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Linn County. Dolly Parton Imagination Library will provide books for children ages birth to five thank to Kansas Masonic Literacy Center and Kansas Health Foundation Grant.



"We're excited that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is available for the children in Linn County," said Janet Reynolds, La Cygne Librarian. Parents as Teachers is the Local Champion for this Linn County initiative.

People interested in learning more about Dolly Parton Imagination Library should contact their local Linn County library, Linn County Health Center, Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start, or school to get application.

About Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation has mailed well over 100 million free books in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and the United States. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.4 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring them to dream. The impact of the program has been widely researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.