

Drumright Celebrates Literacy Month

March is Literacy Month for The Rotary Foundation; and, in celebration of Literacy Month, Drumright Rotary Club hosted a representative from Drumright Public Library at Friday's meeting. Rotarian of the day, Jena Drake, introduced Marjorie Harris from Drumright Public Library as her guest and program.



Jena Drake, Marjorie Harris, Lena Vee Deeds

Marjorie has been working at the library for many years and told our club about many of the benefits available locally and some of the day to day responsibilities required for a successful library.

Anyone is welcome to come into the library and utilize the seven computers. And several of Drumright's citizens take advantage of this service. Having quick access to the internet and printing, is a valuable tool for students, job seekers, and many others. "Maintaining the computers can be a job all in itself", says Marjorie. Copying and faxing services are also available for a small fee.

With tax season here, the Drumright Public Library is a source to get needed tax forms. Of course, the IRS stopped sending physical forms a few years ago. Now, every library is sent a disk to allow printing off any required forms.

The Drumright Public Library has recently moved to a bar code system. Even though, the transition was a lot of work, it makes keeping records straight much easier. When new books are received into the library, all data about each book has to be entered into a computer and receive a bar code. In fact, new library cards containing a bar code have recently been issued for patrons as well. Brenda Grisham, Director, took a photograph of the outside of Drumright Public Library and used that for the new bar-coded cards.

There is a lot of behind the scenes work to run a library. Drumright Public Library has to follow the guidelines set forth by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in Oklahoma City. One example is the Summer Reading Program. This program was created to give children an opportunity during summer vacation to gain knowledge and awareness for the local library. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries sets a different annual theme. The Drumright Public Library's Summer Reading Program is currently held in June each year. Stop by Drumright Public Library to get more information about this year's Summer Reading Program.

The Drumright Public Library serves the Drumright area including Oilton, Olive, Cushing and Shamrock. It's easy to apply for a library card by completing a short application including contact information. Even children can apply to have their very own card. There are some restrictions on items that can be checked out by children. With each library card, an individual can check out up to three items for two weeks. Fines are \$.10 per day after that and if the fines tallies above \$3.00, then check out privileges are revoked.

Brenda also works with Drumright Public Schools to try to have the books available that are on the student's reading lists. The library also provides areas for tutoring meetings. And if someone has a special request, the staff does all they can do to help with that.

Running a library is a business. There are weekly and monthly reports, board meetings, state guidelines, etc. and the staff here in Drumright does a wonderful job making it look seamless. The Drumright Public Library Board meets quarterly and contains five members: Lena Vee Deeds, Tom Caldwell, Alene Saulsbury, Abby Thompson and Marjorie Harris. Board meetings are open for the public to attend.

Please stop by the Drumright Public Library and talk to Brenda or Marjorie and check out what a wonderful opportunity awaits you in your next book adventure.

Our other guests were Tanya Rhoten and Myra Reid from Rotary Club of Cushing.

Please join us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Odessa Dyer.

If you would like more information about Drumright Rotary Club, please contact us on our FaceBook page, Drumright Rotary Club, or go to our website

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