Chrisman Public Library News April 25, 2025

Hope you all had a nice Easter!

We had Story Time last week on Thursday, April 17 and the 13 children who attended listened to Miss Kara read "Betty Bunny Didn't Do It", written by Michael B. Kaplan and illustrated by Stephane Jorisch, about the discovery that lying isn't good and telling the truth can have its own set of rules. The second book was "The Easter Ribbit" written by Bernice Chardiet and illustrated by Charles Micucci, about a frog who helped the rabbits deliver Easter baskets. The children went into the back to create their version of carrots, made with cheese puffs/balls, ribbon and construction paper carrot tops! Our next Story Time will be on Thursday, May 1 and again on May 15 from 3:30pm – 4:15/4:30. They all left with their "carrot", snack and drink and the idea to plant jelly beans for Easter!

With the nicer weather, people are getting their gardening hats and work gloves on! The library has raised flower beds behind the library that can be rented for \$25 per bed. Last year we had people growing tomatoes, flowers for cutting, watermelons and pumpkins! These beds are paid for by individuals, therefore the produce or flowers belong to them, and unless stated, are not for the community at large. If you are interested in renting a bed for your growing pleasure, stop by the library during our open hours to claim a bed and complete the paperwork required.

Chrisman's Spring Fling is just around the corner beginning on May 2-3 with garage sales, book sale, hanging plant sale, just to name a few things going on. The library is having our second Spring Fling book sale beginning Friday, May 2 from 9am – 2pm and again on Saturday, May 3 from 8am – noon. Weather permitting, we will have books outside but if you don't see them, come inside as that will be where the action is! On Saturday, May 3 from 8am – noon will be the Spring Fling Hanging Plant sale at the gazebo across from the library. The perfect time to get your mom a hanging basket filled with beautiful flowers/plants! We hope you will stop in to see us, whether for a book or hanging plant, or both! And Saturday, stop by the American Legion for their pancake breakfast! Very good!

Beginning May 1, 2025, the library is reimplementing late fees for overdue books and DVDs! And we've raised the per day fee from \$.10 to \$.25 per day for books only. The DVDs will remain \$1.00 per day. In addition to the late fees, after one week of being late and accruing fees, a block will be put on your account and you will not be able to check out anything in the library for yourself or your family until the fees are paid and the items returned. We are terribly sorry for this but in the 2023 year, we generated over \$200 in late fees but then times got hard, which is why we waived the fees. From January 2024 thru April 10, 2025, we have waived over \$1,600.00 as people were abusing the waived fees.

## **UPCOMING MAY EVENTS**

May 1, Story Time at 3:30pm for children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A parent must stay with them.

May 2, the Pro-craft-inators will meet at 10am – 11am.

May 2 & 3, Spring Fling book sale, weather permitting, on the sidewalk in front of the library. If not outside, it will be held inside the library.

May 3, Spring Fling hanging basket sale in the gazebo across from the library, rain or shine. The perfect time to get your mom a hanging basket filled with beautiful flowers/plants!

May 7, the Chrisman Page Turners book club will meet at 6pm to discuss the Agatha Christie book "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. All are welcome and we have several copies of this book here at the library so come get your copy! May 11 is Mother's Day!