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The search is on for next Library Director

The Bloomington Public Library Board of Trustees has hired the Vernon Hills firm of John Keister and Associates to conduct a nationwide search to help hire the next director of Bloomington Public Library.

The firm made two visits to Bloomington in late February to gather information about the Library and insights about the characteristics the board, staff, and community leaders hope to find in the person who will ultimately replace former Director Georgia Bouda, who retired to South Carolina after serving as the Library's director for nine years. Bouda's last day of work was December 4, 2015.

Interim Library Director Terry Lindberg said that Keister took away from this visit that the Library needs "someone who's experienced and politically savvy; someone who is forward-thinking and



Walter
"Terry"
Lindberg



John
Keister

recognizes that the future of the library is heavily involved with collaboration, with community involvement, and with technology; and someone who can motivate and lead a very talented and very experienced staff."

Keister and Associates intends to advertise the position through both national and local channels. The firm has also posted an informational website about the search.

That website can be located at johnkeister.com/bloomington/. Applicants desiring full consideration should submit to Keister and Associates their cover letter, resume, and three professional references by Wednesday, April 6. By early-to mid-May, the firm expects to be holding final interviews with the board and the selection committee, conducting reference checks, and presenting an offer from the Bloomington Public Library Board of Trustees to the preferred candidate.

"The goal is to be thorough and to make sure we bring the right people for final selection. We think it will take a couple of months. We're less concerned about giving ourselves a deadline than we are about getting it done right," Lindberg said.

Minecraft programs return to BPL

March tournament awaits teens;

April program planned for kids

Teen Minecraft Tournament

*Monday, March 21, Wednesday,
March 23, Friday, March 25*

Registration Required

Teens are invited to register with a partner and join this epic survival tournament that will declare the Minecraft Champion of Bloomington Public Library. If you don't have a partner, sign up solo, and we'll pair you up. The winning team from each round will return for Championship Play on Friday, March 25, at 1pm. Prizes will be

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Tax assistance continues through April 18

Tax assistance remains available in the Library's Community Room on Mondays and Thursdays through Monday, April 18. On dates when assistance is available, volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will aid in completing returns from 9:15am-1pm

with the last return each day started no later than 12:15pm. Help is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Those seeking assistance should bring their W-2, social security card, social security statements, and tax forms to the

Community Room.

A social security card or statement is required for anyone whose name appears on the tax return.

There are neither age nor income restrictions to receive aid.

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Hours

Mon-Thur: 9am-9pm
Fri & Sat: 9am-5pm
Sunday: 1pm-5pm

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Library one of numerous Money Smart Week hosts

Money Smart Week is a national public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. It began in 2002 as a coordinated effort of the Money Smart Advisory Council, a diverse group of more than 40 Chicago-area organizations working together to promote personal financial literacy.

During 2016, Bloomington-Normal's Money Smart Week will take place the week of April 23-30. Throughout the week, more than 40 free classes will be offered on topics ranging from critical changes to Social Security, exploring housing options, funeral pre-planning, improving financial wellness, and much more.

Money Smart Week events are hosted by partner organizations including financial institutions, libraries, government agencies, media and nonprofit organizations.

Saturday, April 23

Children's Story Time (for kids)

10 Steps to Financial Freedom (for adults)

Both children and adults can learn about money in these simultaneous programs. Children can enjoy a money-themed story time at 10am in the Story Room while their parents and other adults learn about 10 Steps to Financial Freedom in the Community Room. The 10-Steps workshop will teach you to manage finances, eliminate debt, set goals, and save for the future. This program will be presented by the Foundation for Financial Education.

Children age 5 and under require adult supervision.

Wednesday, April 27

New Financial You

Leslie Geissler Munger of the Office of the Comptroller will share budgeting techniques and ways to cut costs at 9:30am in the Community Room. Attendees will also learn the difference between a credit report and a credit score.

ID Theft, Scam, and Fraud

At 11am in the Community Room, Leslie Geissler Munger of the Office of the Comptroller will provide tips to help you protect yourself and your information from identity theft. Share your concerns and learn ways that identities are stolen.

Save Money at Your Home or Business with a Do-It-Yourself Energy Audit

Marcus Ricci of the Ecology Action Center will talk about "energy hogs" and how you can save money with improved lighting, HVAC, water heating, and plug loads. Meet at 12:30pm in the Community Room.



What Does a Healthy Diet Look Like

With the release of the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines, many are confused about what to eat and what to limit. Dietician Julie Dostal will teach attendees to choose nutritious foods at 2pm in the Community Room.

Credit Building Basics

Grace Nichols of Mid-Illini Credit Union will teach the basics of building, managing, and repairing credit. During this 3:30pm Community Room program, we'll take a look at credit security and the benefits of a fresh start.

10-at-a-Time Meal Planning

Are you ever overwhelmed by meal planning? Do you want to save money by eating at home? Learn to save time and money by planning 10 meals at a time. Meet at 6:30pm in the Community Room.

Thursday, April 28

Managing Your Reputation on Social Media

We will look at how you can maximize your marketing reach on social media while maintaining control of the exposure you experience when using the internet. This program is part of our Small Business Series with SCORE. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Community Room.



During our April 16 workshop with The Tool Library, we'll be making outdoor planters. Registration is required and limited to 10 participants.

BPL, Tool Library team to offer planter workshop

Make Your Own Outdoor Planter during our 10am Community Room workshop with The Tool Library on Saturday, April 16. Participants will each create their own outdoor planter for their porch or patio.

Supplies will be provided. Due to the tools we'll be using, participants will need to sign a liability waiver.

Registration for this workshop is required and limited to 10 people.

Registration opens Monday, April 4, at 10am and can be completed in person at the Library, by phone at 309-828-6093, or online at BloomingtonLibrary.org.

Hairmasters to teach up-dos, makeup just in time for prom

Monday, April 18

Hairmasters Institute of Cosmetology, Inc. will demonstrate fun and easy up-do hairstyles and makeup tricks that teens can recreate for prom or any other special occasion. Meet from 6:30-8pm in the Community Room.

We want your email address.

The Library is able to automatically email hold notices and reminders about upcoming due dates to customers. To benefit from this service, simply ask a staff member at any of our Service Desks or on the Bookmobile to add your valid email address to your account.

Stop by Library during Area Arts Showcase

As part of the 2016 Area Arts Showcase, Bloomington Public Library will display 40 drypoints and etchings from its coveted McCurdy Art Collection from 9am-2pm on Saturday, May 7. The collection includes work from artists including but not limited to Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas, James Whistler, Charles Méryon, Francisco Goya, and Joseph Pennell.

During the annual showcase, artists, musicians, thespians, writers, etc., will present their talents at various galleries, studios, restaurants, and businesses, within and near Downtown Bloomington.

The showcase begins Friday, May 6, as part of Downtown Bloomington's monthly First Fridays activities, and will continue Saturday morning. Because the Library closes at 5pm each Friday, the McCurdy Collection will only be displayed on Saturday.

About the Nora H. McCurdy Collection

Nora McCurdy, a Bloomington socialite who traveled with relatives to Europe around the turn of the century, began collecting artwork as she traveled.

In May of 1922, her daughter, Laura McCurdy, donated her mother's collection of etchings to Withers Public Library (pre-



Seen in the foreground is Mary Cassatt's "Portrait" (Kneeling in An Arm-chair), ca. 1903, one of the works that make up the Library's McCurdy Collection. Forty pieces of the collection will be on display in the Community Room from 9am-2pm on Saturday, May 7, as part of the Area Arts Showcase.

decessor to Bloomington Public Library). The etchings were hung in the Committee Room at Withers. When Bloomington Public Library was built in 1977, the etchings were transferred to the new facility.

Support flavor, boycott bland with Destihl, Red Raccoon Games

Thursday, April 7

Are you curious about how craft beer can elevate your dining experience? Meet at Red Raccoon Games, 309 N. Main St, Bloomington, where Alex Maffei of DESTIHL Brewery will help us explore beer sensory evaluation and pairing methods, understand the historical evolution of beer and common beer styles, and comprehend evaluation methods used in beer and food pairing. This program begins at 7pm and is open to those ages 21 and over. Seating is available for 30 people, so get there early!

Small businesses to benefit from SCORE

Each program in the Small Business Series with SCORE begins at 6:30pm in the Community Room.

Thursday, March 24

Go! Growing Your Business

You don't need to go it alone; there is help out there. We'll discuss local sources to assist you in starting and growing your business.

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Teens to build Google Cardboard

Wednesday, April 6

More and more, smartphones are being adapted to suit many purposes. The combination of powerful electronics and high-resolution screens makes them perfect for use in virtual reality. Those age 12-18 are invited to join us as we assemble Google Cardboard, a kit that turns your smartphone into a virtual reality headset! Participants must have a smartphone which is running Android version 4.1 (Jelly Bean) or later and is less than 5.7 inches in size diagonal. We'll meet from 6-8pm in the Community Room.



Marvel Party planned for teens

Thursday, May 5

Teens will celebrate the upcoming release of *Captain America: Civil War* with a party at Normal Public Library from 5-7pm. Games, crafts, and food will put you in the mood for the new movie.



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Apps, employment, and privacy, oh my!

Upcoming computer classes offer something for everyone

Wednesday, March 16

Email for Beginners

Participants will learn to sign up for an email account, to send and receive messages, and to maintain an email account.

If you've already got an account but have trouble using it, this class is for you. Basic knowledge of using a mouse and keyboard is required. Meet in the Community Room at 2pm.

**Registration is open.*

Wednesday, March 30

Job Search Basics

Look at some common job-seeking websites and learn how to search and apply for jobs online. An email address is required. If you do not have an email address, please arrive 15 minutes early in order to begin the email account sign-up process. Meet in the Community Room at 2pm.

**Registration is open.*

Wednesday, April 6

Social Media

Participants will learn to share and connect with others using social media accounts. They will also learn how to receive up-to-date news from social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and



Pinterest. Meet in the Community Room at 2pm.

** Registration opens Monday, March 21, at 10am.*

Monday, April 11

There's an App for That!

Did you know that there are thousands of eBooks and audiobooks, dozens of the most popular magazines, and learn-at-your-own-pace online language courses available to you as a BPL cardholder? Join us in this informal session from 5-6:30pm in the Community Room as we cover all the apps for those library freebies available for your mobile device. No registration required.

Wednesday, April 13

Internet Personal Privacy and Safety

Much of today's communication takes place via the Internet, so how do you maintain privacy in the virtual world and why is it important? Jennifer Flaig, Information Technology Senior Research Analyst at Heartland Community College, will provide tips for protecting your privacy online including how to surf the Internet safely, how to choose passwords, and deciding what and how much to share on social media. Join us in the Community Room at 7pm to learn more. No registration required.

Wednesday, April 20

Resumes with Microsoft Word

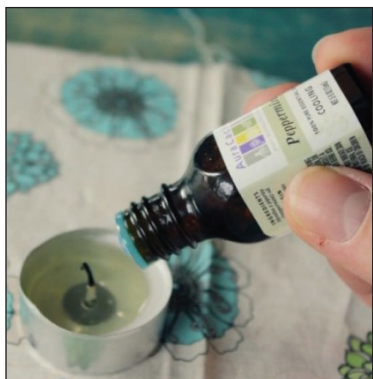
Create a professional looking resume using the templates available in Microsoft Word and basic formatting tricks. Meet at 2pm in the Community Room.

**Registration opens Monday, April 4, at 10am.*

**Some computer classes require registration. When registration is required, that can be completed in person at the Library, by phone at 309-828-6093, or online at BloomingtonLibrary.org. Classes requiring registration are limited to 10 people. If capacity is reached, a waiting list will be started.*

Register early; adult DIY programs fill up fast!

Registration is required for each DIY program, and space is limited to 10 participants who are age 17+. A waiting list will be created when a class is full. Registration can be completed in person at the Library, online at BloomingtonLibrary.org, or by phone at 309-828-6093. Registration opens on a different date for each program. The date is indicated with each program description below.



Monday, March 28

Essential Oil Candles

We'll be making essential oil candles using soy wax and a variety of oil fragrances at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Supplies will be provided.

Registration opens at 10am on Monday, March 14.

Monday, April 25

Book Clock

Make a clock out of a book at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Bring with you your favorite book with its cover intact or choose from our selection. Supplies will be provided.

Registration opens at 10am on Monday, April 11.

Monday, May 23

Watercolor Fabric

At 6:30pm in the Community Room, create a custom scarf using watercolors. Supplies will be provided.

Registration opens at 10am on Monday, May 9.

Photography

You may see Library staff taking photos during Library programs. These photographs may be used in both print & digital promotional material. If you'd like to keep yourself or your child from appearing in these promotions, please make our photographer aware of your wishes.

Upcoming programs highlight the Roosevelts

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Living History Portrayal

Sunday, May 1

Leslie Goddard, an actress and historian, will portray Eleanor Roosevelt at 2pm in the Community Room. Hear directly from the First Lady herself as she welcomes the audience to her New York cottage for tea.

Information given is drawn from Eleanor's letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, in addition to extensive research by Goddard.

Questions will be answered both in and out of character.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Sunday, May 15

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our 32nd president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Illustrated by photos and filled with stories, this 2pm Community Room presentation with historian Jim Gibbons is guaranteed to be educationally fun. If you've been to any of Gibbons'



Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt will each be the subject of their own Library program during the month of May.

previous programs at Bloomington Public Library, you know that he's a very dynamic and entertaining speaker. As Gibbons says, "Life is no mystery when you know your history."

MINECRAFT

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awarded to the winning teams of each round and the overall tournament winner. We will run the Agrarian Skies Mod, played in teams of two. Players cannot bring their own devices or use their own Minecraft accounts. The Library will provide computers and accounts to play. Play will take place in the Community Room. Registration is required and is now open. Those interested can register in person, by calling 309-828-6093, or online at bloomingtonlibrary.org. When registering, you will need to choose in which of the four rounds you wish to compete.

Round 1 March 21 ... 3:30-5pm

Round 2 March 21 ... 5:30-7pm

Round 3 March 23 ... 10-11:30am

Round 4 March 23 ... 1:30-3pm

Championship March 25 ... 1-3pm

Minecraft Mania for Kids

Saturday, April 2

Registration is required for the marathon.
Crafts and activities are open to all.

Kids in grades K-5 are encouraged to come to the Library's Community Room for a Minecraft Building Marathon and fun Mine "crafts" at our Minecraft Mania program! The Building Marathon will be organized into rounds. Six different times-



The Library's 2015 Minecraft Mania program was a smashing success with all 96 slots available in the Building Marathon being filled prior to the day of the program. Registration is required for the Kids' Building Marathon in April as well as for the Teen Tournament in March. Minecraft crafts and activities will be available to all children as the Building Marathon progresses.

lots are available. Sign up with a partner and join us in the Community Room. (If you don't have a partner, sign up solo, and we'll pair you up). Partners will have 45 minutes to use their creativity and Minecraft skills to build a structure that fits the round's theme (times and themes are listed below). Afterward, attendees can view the designs before the next round starts.

Mine "crafts" and other activities will be available to kids as they await their turn or for kids who did not secure a slot in the building marathon via registration. Each person can only register for one round. Players cannot bring their own devices or use their own Minecraft account.

The Library will provide computers and accounts to play. Registration is limited to 16 children per round.

Registration is open now, and can be completed in person or by calling 309-828-6094. (Online registration is not available).

- Round 1: 9:30-10:15am;
Ultimate House
- Round 2: 10:30-11:15 am;
Cool Castle
- Round 3: 11:30am-12:15pm;
Awesome Airship
- Break (Comm. Rm. reopens at 1:30 pm)
- Round 4: 1:45-2:30pm;
Dream Treehouse
- Round 5: 2:45-3:30pm;
Terrific Tower
- Round 6: 3:45-4:30pm;
Creepy Cave



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Current Resident or

El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros returns for 9th year

Join us from 11am-1pm on Saturday, April 30, for our 9th Annual El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Day of the Children/Day of the Books) celebration. This is a bilingual celebration of children, families, and books.

Attendees will enjoy the Wonderful Magic of Jesus Rios! Mr. Illusion! at 11am in the Community Room and musical entertainment by the band Frontera at 12pm on the patio.

From 11am-1pm, the following will be available in the Children's Department:

- Roving Clothespin Puppets
- Hispanic Crafts
- Face painting by the Zoo Lady (limited to 150 kids age 2+)
- Mini Spanish lessons with the Illinois Wesleyan University Language School for Kids
- Community service displays with bilingual information about topics such as safety, insurance, ESL classes, health services, etc.
- Free popcorn

In addition, Oogie's Food on Wheels will be selling its delicious Hispanic fare from their food truck which will be parked at the Library.



The History:

Día de los Niños is celebrated annually in Mexico.

The tradition was brought to the United States by Pat Mora, author of numerous children's books, who initiated the idea of combining children's day and literacy.

Bloomington Public Library's first Día celebration took place in 2008.