

BOOK GROUP INFORMATION

Edge Initiative Gives Patrons Computer Privacy

Edge is a management tool that helps libraries align their technology resources to community priorities. Edge guides libraries to set measurable, strategic goals for digital inclusion and to engage government and community leaders in meaningful discussions about technology needs and plans. Edge is led by the Urban Libraries Council and developed by a national coalition of leading library and local government organizations with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Caruthersville, like many small libraries, used the initial Edge assessment to gain a sense of where it stood among its peers in terms of services provided to their community members. Seeing where it could improve, the library made key decisions unlocking its potential for tech resources and services, especially in terms of outreach to the community and the content it could offer.

"The Edge program, for our library, showed us our strengths, which made me proud—and pointed out some ways to improve," said Teresa Tidwell, director of Caruthersville Public Library.

According to Tidwell, Edge recommendations were key in making the decision to step up privacy measures and outreach efforts in order to allow Caruthersville residents to take advantage of their e-government resources. "We publicized the amount of help we can give patrons on computers, when there was a misunderstanding with some residents who thought they could come in and sit down and we would type in all of their information to get a loan or other application containing social security numbers or banking identification. Additionally, Tidwell said that the library stepped up its privacy technology, which allowed residents to feel more comfortable with inputting sensitive information while at the library.

"We have installed privacy screens on one bank of computers, tightened the filters on all of the patron computers, allowing those doing taxes or sensitive information on sites filtered on the regular computers to use a laptop computer. This has worked very well, because this gives them the privacy they need at a table in the library rather than at the bank of computer.

The Caruthersville Area Arts Council Bookgroup is reading "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles for their big summer read and will meet together again on September 27th. Read the book now and then join this welcoming group for the discussion.

Don't forget about the Bootheel Bookworms, our online book group on Facebook—Reading "Girl, Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis. This group has no meetings but they do love to read. Contact Nikki Riggs or look at our page on Facebook at Caruthersville Public Library.



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Fall is a good time to settle in and enjoy some reading, listening, or viewing pleasure. Let us be your FREE Readbox or Netflix. Let us be your free Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Audible for eBooks and audiobooks. Let us keep you supplied with new bestsellers. We buy the books so you don't have to.

The only price for you is a Caruthersville Public Library card.

Cybrarian to Bring Changes

Beginning in September, Caruthersville Public Library will begin using a new service – Cybrarian. As part of our continuing efforts to protect patron privacy (See back page of this newsletter), this will enable our patron computers to reset themselves, logging each user out and wiping clean the files that they may have had installed. This will enable everyone who uses our patron computers to have peace of mind that their information will not be accessed by anyone else.

The only change for our patrons will be that each person will need to have their library cards, since the Cybrarian system will need the last five digits of that number. Patrons will then log in on the screen with the last five digits in the library card number and will not have to do any further sign ins or sign outs. A session is for one hour, but patrons will be able to log in for additional sessions several times on their own.

Caruthersville Public Library is hoping that once we get past the beginning hiccups of this service, it will bring a new feeling of safety and confidence in using the patron computers at the library without the fear that someone else might be accessing the information from a previous computer session.



Surfday Movies at the Library

Movies begin at 1:30 p.m.

September 2- LIBRARY CLOSED for Labor Day

September 9 - "Safe House"

September 16 - "Enough"

September 23 - "Girls Trip"

September 30 - "The Post"

"The only ticket you need is your valid library card."

New Books for September:

- "Echoes of Evil" by Heather Graham
- "Depth of Winter" by Craig Johnson
- "Fright or Flight" by Stephen King
- "Leverage in Death" by J. D. Robb
- "Shadow Tyrants" by Clive Cussler
- "In His Father's Footsteps" by Danielle Steel
- "Field of Bones" by J.A. Jance
- "Safe and Sound" by Erin Michaels
- "Dark Scaries" by Christine Fedias
- "Killing the SS" by Bill O'Reilly
- "A Legacy of Spies" by John LeCarré
- "Killing England" by Bill O'Reilly
- "June 73" by James Patterson
- "Influencer" by Carl Weber
- "Outside the Wire" by Jason Keeler
- "Walking Shadows" by Faye Kellerman
- "You" by Carollase Kepner

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH – TELL YOUR FRIENDS!