

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library is offering free return of materials thru August 31. Check your shelves, under the bed, in book bags or in your vehicles. Log onto our automated system (<http://valleycenter.polarislibrary.com>) using your patron number on the back of your cards to verify if you have overdue items. Your password is a 4-digit number – ignore the **last** digit of your patron number then use the previous four numbers. Another way to check your account is to email valleycenterlibrary@yahoo.com or call the Library to check on your account. We're trying to save you money and we would like our materials returned so that others may use them.

In conjunction with our automation system, it is vitally important that you keep your personal contact information updated. When we are trying to notify anyone about materials – currently requested or past due, we must have current phone numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses. We appreciate your cooperation in providing this information when you're in the Library.

The Library is now providing a monthly publication – Book Page – that highlights new books that are being release for that given month. The cost of Book Page has been donated by a patron who believes that “reading is life”. We appreciate her generosity.

The fall series of book discussions sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council will begin at 7 PM, on Monday, August 31, with a discussion of *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott. This series – **Award Winners** – includes two National Book Award winners, a National Book Critics Circle Award winner and a Pulitzer Prize winner. *Charming Billy* is a National Book Award winner. Please consider joining us for this discussion series held at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

Story times will begin after Labor Day. Our Tuesday story time for children two years old by Sept. 1 will begin on Sept. 8. Our Wednesday or Thursday story times for children three years old by Sept. 1 and not yet in Kindergarten will begin on Sept. 9 and 10. All story times are held from 10:30 to 11 AM. Preregistration is required to allow staff time to prepare.

We continue to monitor attendance in the Library. During the last two weeks, we have had 1,400 patrons come into the Library. Since the beginning of January, we have had 22,700 patrons in the Library.

