

## FROM THE LIBRARY

The 2010 Summer Reading Program – Make a Splash, Read! – will be here quicker than we think. The Program will begin on June 2. We have most of the performers planned and we'll be deciding on the remaining crafts soon. Erin and I will be attending the summer reading workshop on Thursday sponsored by the South Central Kansas Library System to network with other libraries about crafts, performers and activities. Please continue to save cereal boxes for us for one of the crafts. Open the ends so that the boxes can be stored flat until we need them.

High school seniors, did you know that the Friends of the Valley Center Library offer a scholarship? The Friends offer an annual \$250 scholarship for a graduating senior at the Valley Center High School. The senior must be in the current graduating class, must be enrolled in a college or university accredited in Kansas, must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and must be in the top 50% of the class. The applicant must provide a schedule of completed community service and provide a 250-300 word essay (typed, double-spaced) on the following topic: **The Importance of the Library in the Community**. The application can be submitted to Janice Sharp at the Library by the March 31 deadline.

Teens – mark your calendars for Friday, March 12 for the St. Patrick's Day party. If you have questions, email Erin at [teens.valleycenterlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:teens.valleycenterlibrary@yahoo.com). We realize the party will be at the beginning of spring break but we're hoping for great participation.

Have you read a great book lately? We'd love to hear about a favorite book you've recently read. Some of us like mystery, some like romance, some non-fiction, and some read a mixture of all of the above. One I finished recently was **Winter garden** by Kristin Hannah. It's the story of Evan and Anya and their two adult daughters. On Evan's death bed, he makes Anya promise to tell their daughters the whole fairy tale she has told in parts during the girls' years. Reluctantly, Anya begins what turns out to be her life story growing up during the Stalin regime in Russia. When the daughters hear the story, they finally understand why their mother had been distant during their life. I'll admit that I had doubts about the book when I started. After a point, it became difficult to put down. Have your tissues handy when you get to the end!