

Farnam Public Library News Letter

September 2014

Services offered by the library: For the individuals who cannot get to the library, please call, 569-2318. I will deliver items from the library to you. A public library is for everyone to use.

Teen Board: Our Library Teen Board members are: Pamela Peterson, Hannah Wesphal, Sarah Einspahr, and Cole Crisman.

Our **summer reading program** didn't do well. No children showed up. The library will try another young children's reading program in September after school starts. Check the library website for updates. <http://libraries.ne.gov/farnam/>

We are starting a **cake pan collection** at the library. The North Liberty Public Library, IA and Gothenburg Public Library have donated novelty cake pans to help get our collection started. Anyone who would like to donate cake pans, please drop them off at the Library. You can still check them out to use but don't have to find space to store them. Please come and take a look at the variety we already have.

The residents who have put in time as volunteers helping with the sidewalk project are (and if I missed anyone, I do apologize): Dan Widick, Rod Klein, Ron Adkisson, Martin Atkinson, Tommy Bauer, Joyce Bauer, Gary Davis, Jim Donner, Larry Fry, Charley Johnson, Calvin Krepcik, Kent Larson, Roger Lungrin, Dave Moore, Darrin Norby, Jeff Olson, Cliff Transmier, Steve Trusdale, Wes Trusdale, and Ren Widick.

Aug. 22, on north Dawson St, Ginger Norby's lemonade was very welcome and quite refreshing. The pictures were taken by Dorthy Anders.



The **YCIP** kids did very well at their car wash. 22 cars at \$5 each, made them \$110. That's a lot of washing. Great job, kids!

The next **Farnam City Council** meeting is Sept. 15. Check flyers for time.

Clyde's Bar & Grill: Monday night special: Dine – In ONLY !!

Hamburgers - \$1.50

French Fries - \$1.00

ONLY Bud Beer - \$2.00

Lunch Menu every Wed. is Super Nachos OR Smothered Burrito

Fri. is Chicken Fried Steak

Sat. is Mexican and Off-the-Menu

(Mon, Tues, and Thurs are different each week.)

Stop in at the **Second Chance Store** and browse awhile. Enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with Betty and Doris.

--Anything's possible when the community and the library work together.--

TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A community novel is one that is collaboratively conceptualized, written, illustrated, narrated, edited and published by members of your community. The library invites writers to each contribute a chapter to advance the group's story. Twenty (20) chapters, twenty (20) authors. Each continuing chapter is written in one week by a different author.

We have the first two books from 2012 and 2013 in the Farnam library now. The books from 2014 have been pre-ordered from the Topeka/Shawnee County Library. After the Book Launching and Author Signing, the autographed books will be mailed to the Farnam Public Library.

- 1.) Capital City Capers - Paperback – September 5, 2012: mystery/adult
(This was checked out & read. I'm told that the first chapter starts off a little slow, then BANG!)
- 2.) SpeakEasy - Paperback – August 15, 2013: mystery/adult
- 3.) Superimposed – Paperback - September 28, 2014: mystery/adult
- 4.) Spirits of Oz – Paperback - September 28, 2014: mystery/teen

You can check out the books at the Farnam Public Library or read the books on-line for free.

The Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library has the “downloads” on their website.

<http://tsopl.org/community-novel> On the right side: “Past Community Novel Projects”

I found this in our filing cabinet.

Monopoly

(You'll never look at the game the same way again)

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape. Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of "safe houses" where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks – they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, "games and pastimes" was a category of item qualified for insertion into "CARE packages", dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were regional system. When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

- 1.)** A playing token containing a small magnetic compass
- 2.)** A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
- 3.)** Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a "rigged" Monopoly set – by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POW's who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that "Get Out of Jail Free" card!

I realize most of you are probably too young to have any personal connection to WWII (Dec. '41 to Aug. '45), but this is still interesting.