



# The Circ Desk

## Last Month in Tech

This month I have been asked to write about the technology in the library and something about technology trends. Here at the library we see the importance of catering to our patrons in every way possible.

One of the ways we have done this also helps the environment. You may have noticed a new pop up window on your computer screen when you print. The software responsible for that window is called LPT-One by Envisionware. The pop up window tells you information like how much your print job will cost and where you can pick up your print job. As of now this is only available on library owned computers like those in the computer lab and Youth Services area. However, we are making plans to



expand this, making it available to all patrons by using a built in feature that installs a temporary driver to your computer that will then allow all users the ability to print on the library printer. When the driver expires it removes itself without user interaction.

I also want to take sometime to remind everyone about ELMER. This in an internal word we use to describe our Enhanced Library Meeting Room or LifeSize video conferencing equipment. This unit consists of a HD camera and a 52 inch flat panel LCD TV. With this you can conduct or perform a job interview, see and visit relatives, give a legal deposition, take a class or even see programs from anywhere in the world.

We also have a TV in the reading area with 24/7 news and weather. We also have a Facebook fan page that we give events reminders and sometimes general information about things that are happening here at the library.

The library is also doing regular podcasts about many topics. Some of the topics are about the library but some are just fun and informational. Our podcasts can be found at our website at <http://www.dcpl.info>.

If you have any suggestions about technology for the library feel free to e-mail us at [techdept@dcpl.info](mailto:techdept@dcpl.info).

—Christopher J. Dressler

## "My Love Affair with Jewelry"

*My Love Affair with Jewelry* by Elizabeth Taylor is a beautiful oversized book that details the superstar's fabled collection of gems. It's a book that takes you back to a more lavish and glamorous era in Hollywood when seemingly everybody smoked and drank and the women wore big hair and big jewels, and none bigger than Taylor's.

In this book, which includes great close-up color photography of her jewelry, Taylor shares the stories behind many

of the pieces in both good-natured, gossipy stories and touching reminiscences. You'll find out who gave her whoppers like the Krupp Diamond and the Peregrina Pearl (once owned by a Renaissance queen), and how she ended up with a pendant bearing a miniature Faberge egg.

It's hard not to be caught up in Taylor's enthusiasm, joy and love for her collection. Her relish in sharing her treasures is best put in her own words: "I

wanted to share with others so that they could get a glimpse of the joys, the thrills, and the pure happiness that these beautiful creations have given me. I hope their magic will be passed on to others, loved but not possessed, for we are all temporary custodians of beauty."

— Sam Shipley

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## New Materials

### LATEST DUNSFORD MEMORIALS

- Jacques Cousteau
- Mayo Clinic Family Health Book by Mayo Clinic
- The Letter and the Scroll
- D-Day
- Art

### LATEST HESTER MEMORIALS

- Mark Twain's Book of Animals
- Hollowing Out the Middle
- Great Plains
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Chaplin
- The Sound of Wings
- Dodge City
- Becoming Faulkner  
Tom and Jack

### LATEST PINIERO MEMORIALS

- Rainforest
- The Gold Watch
- Alturas de Macchu Picchu

## Nuevo Material

- Estuve en el Fin de el Mundo
- Ingles Gramatizado
- El Poder de el Ahora
- El Millonario Automatic
- Conflicto en el Medio Oriente
- Escucha y Cambia
- La Audacia de la Esperanza
- Ingles para Dummies





## Directors Corner

March, spring, flowers starting to bloom, birds singing in the backyard, and activities happening at Dodge City Public Library. Each year about this time we start thinking that winter is about over and summer will soon be here. Those who plant gardens are making their plans. Others may be thinking about where they want to take their summer vacation. As you prepare for these activities be sure to stop by the library



and let us help you. We have books on gardening and birds. Check and see what travel books we might have to help you plan that trip. Or if going on a trip during spring break, check out our books on tape to listen to while on that road trip.

If you haven't been to the library for awhile, come in some day after school lets out and observe the young people using the computers, playing card games, doing their homework, or just reading a book. Come in any-

time and use one of the 34 computers connected to the internet, find a book on a tape to listen to or a movie to check out to watch as a family. While you are here you can check out the latest in the news in our reading area either by reading a current news magazine, the local newspaper, or by watching the TV. Something is always happening at Dodge City Public Library. If you want a grand tour ask for the Director's nickel tour. See you soon at the library.

— Cathy Reeves

## Life and times in the Teen\_Space

"Dude! Check out this new game I found online! I bet you can't beat my high score!" This is a typical conversation that I overhear at least once a week from my post in the teen department. For being such a small area in the library, it almost always seems to be totally full of patrons, especially after school when the teens and tweens invade! What draws all these kids into the teen department? Well, most of the traffic everyday is due to the 4 computers that we have in our area, but there are also a lot of other things that the teen department has to offer.

One of our main attractions is our Thursday Stop-By-Gaming. This is a 2 hour event every Thursday where teens and tweens can come in and play various board games with their friends in the teen department. In addition to that, we also have electronic gaming every

first Tuesday and Thursday of the month, which allows the kids to challenge each other on the Playstation or Wii. Our unique programs also draw in big groups of the area youth. Whether you're a teen or tween that's interested in learning origami or the famous Thriller dance, we have you covered! A lot of the ideas we get for programs are directly from the requests and interests of the teens, so the kids usually get really excited about them.

Another thing that is really fun about our teen department, according to a group of teens and tweens that I asked, is our wide range of "cool" books and our growing collection of graphic novels. These both consist of new-age style books about topics that are exciting and interesting to many of the youth in the area. All of these elements combine to make a pretty fun and hoppin' place for teens and tweens to spend

their time! Interested in joining in on what's happenin' in Teen\_Space? You have a lot to choose from this month! March activities include:

- Tween Gaming – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-6 PM
- Teen Gaming – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 PM
- Coolest Myspace Profile Contest – March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- ShamROCK Out at the Library Program – March 17<sup>th</sup>

Wanna learn more about these events or our rapidly growing teen department? Feel free to email me at [analicjak@dcpl.info](mailto:analicjak@dcpl.info), give me a call at 620-225-0248 Ext. 212, or just come on in and visit us! — Ana Koechner

## This Months Events

- Mar 2 9:30am – 11:30am Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie  
4:00pm – 5:00pm Tween Gaming
- Mar 3 10:00am - 11:15 KS Audio Books, Music and More
- Mar 4 10:30am – 11:00am PreSchool Story Time  
4:00pm – 4:45pm Children's Story Hr  
4:00pm – 6:00pm Teen Gaming
- Mar 6 10:00am – 2:00pm Friends of the Library Booksale  
2:00pm – 2:45pm Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash for children
- Mar 9 7:00pm – 8:00pm Remember- ing and Revisiting Erma
- Mar 11 10:30am – 11:00am Pre-School Story Time  
4:00pm – 4:45pm Children's Story Hr  
4:00pm – 6:00pm "Stop by Gaming" for Teens
- Mar 15 7:00pm – 8:00pm Title Towns! Class BB Boys Basketball Champions of Kansas
- Mar 17 3:00pm – 5:00pm ShamROCK Out @ Your Library for teens
- Mar 18 10:30am – 11:00am Pre-School Story Time  
4:00pm – 4:45pm Children's Story Hr  
4:00pm – 6:00pm "Stop by Gaming" for Teens
- Mar 25 10:30am – 11:00am Pre-School Story Time  
4:00pm – 4:45pm Children's Story Hr  
4:00pm – 6:00pm "Stop by Gaming" for Teens  
6:00pm – 7:30pm Basic Computer Class
- Mar 26 9:30am—11:00am Convert It: records and cassettes to Optical disk
- Mar 30 4:00pm – 6:30pm DCPL