July Arlington Library News

- **We are closed July 4 observing our nation's birthday**
- Every Tuesday, Adult Program, Coffee and Conversation
- Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 PM, Summer Reading, Gilbertson Nature Center Program
- Saturday, July 11, 10:00-11:00 AM, Summer Reading, Guest presenter with Patriotic Program
- Saturday, July 11, 8:30-12:00 PM, Open House displaying Arlington historic archive pieces
- Saturday, July 18, 10:00-11:00, Summer Reading, American Jamboree with Jan and Summer Reading finale with prizes being awarded
- Tuesday, July 28, 3:30-4:30, Adult program, Book Club, Reader's Choice of an American History book

Happy Birthday, America! 250 years is quite impressive! All the struggle and sacrifice to build this wonderful country. Our Founding Fathers had the vision and fought to create a government with freedom and rights for all. Let us embrace this freedom and learn all we can to protect what they built for us. Come in and search through our collection finding the history of this great accomplishment. **We will be closed Saturday, July 4, in observance of our nation's 250th birthday.**

America's 250th Birthday Fun Facts

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve Richard Henry Lee's resolution to declare independence from Great Britain. July 4, 1776, Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson that explained the colonies' separation from Great Britain and the rights of the colonies to self-governance. July 8, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was first read at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. July 9, 1776, General George Washington had the Declaration of Independence read aloud to the Continental Army in New York City and the statue of King George III was pulled down.

Upcoming Events

Arlington Days is the weekend of July 10,11, and 12. The library will hold an open house Saturday, July 11, from 8:30 to noon with the historical archives on display. Some very interesting finds and photos are waiting to be discovered. During that time period the Summer Reading Program will have a presentation on flag etiquette. Lots of interesting information will be shared on the reasons behind the ceremonial folding of the flag. Refreshments will be served on the library lawn. Watch for us in the parade. We will have a library float.

Summer Reading is in full swing and winding down. Wednesday, July 8, at 3:00 PM Gilbertson Nature Center will present a program which fits into our summer theme of "Plant a Seed, Read." Our final Summer Reading date will be July 18 with Jan's patriotic theme, and our prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be present to receive a prize.

Geri-Fit is on summer break through July and August, but will return in the fall. We don't want to lose our skills, and we will have much to share.

Because of the lack of interest, the Summer Feeding Program was discontinued on June 18.

Other July Events include:

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to whenever, Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday, July 28, 3:30-4:30 PM, Book Club, patrons are invited to choose a book about America that speaks about what holds and keeps us proud of our heritage and/or informs us of how we became the nation we are today. Information will be shared as we discuss the books we have read.

New Books include:

Easy Reader– The Very Greedy Bee by Steve Smallman. "In a beehive lives a very greedy bee. While all the other bees work, the greedy bee spends all day slurping nectar–and he won't share with anyone!

One night, the very greedy bee, full from feasting on nectar all day, falls asleep on a flower and can't find his way home. How will he get back to his hive?"

YA–Young Adult– Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld. "*Leviathan* is the first book in a trilogy that takes place during the early days of World War I. In this world, the war is fought between the Darwinist world powers and the Clankers. The Darwinists, which include the British Empire, Russia, and France, rely on fabricated beasts, animals that are genetically engineered in a lab using Charles Darwin's discoveries on how to mix DNA strands from different species. The Clankers, which include Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire, rely on intricate, diesel-powered machines that can walk and run at high speeds while firing machine guns and cannons."

Adult Fiction–Upward Bound by Woody Brown. "Upward Bound is not a place anyone dreams of spending their days. The dreary adult daycare center for Los Angeles's disabled community is, for many of its clients and staff, a place of last resort. This includes Carlos, a young aide who lost his mother as a boy and now works there alongside his beloved sister, Mariana; Jorge, the gentle nonspeaking giant whom Carlos seeks to befriend (and prevent from escaping); Tom, a beautiful young man with cerebral palsy who pines for Ann, the summer lifeguard at the center's pool who feels out of her depth. Then there's Dave, Upward Bound's director, who came to L.A. to pursue an acting career but now channels his passion into staging an overly ambitious holiday show starring the center's irrepressible clients. Framing these intertwined narratives—and connecting them in surprising, shattering ways—is the riveting and sometimes ironic testimony of Walter, a recent community college graduate who, after a family tragedy, must return to the company of his disabled peers."

Keep enjoying your summer and celebrate a bit. Come check out a book or DVD that either refreshes or enlightens you on the history of our country. Until next time…….. Keep Reading!