



Library Report to the City Council – June 2017

Database Changes



The State Library has renegotiated the consortium database contract. Libraries that choose to join the consortium will convert from using EBSCOHost to Gale for doing research and accessing journals. Included in the consortium package is online access to *Chilton Auto Repair*, *Credo Reference*, and *Transparent Languages*. Library staff know that patrons will appreciate access to Chilton’s manuals and the library will exchange our *Pronunciator* language learning program for the new plan. The cost formula for public libraries will be \$25 base fee plus 6 cents per capita based on the 2010 Census or \$410 for Oelwein. This is an excellent value for all four products especially when we account for discontinuing our current language learning program which would have been renewed at a cost of \$495.

New Program for Summer Reading



Librarian, Katie S., is visiting Arlington Place once a week to include residents in the Summer Reading Program. Participants earn tickets for reading and attending programs. Each earned ticket gets entered into the prize of their choosing in hopes that their ticket will be drawn at the final party. Prizes include a puzzle, a large print book, a coloring book, and a flowering plant.

Check out the library’s website or Facebook Page for Summer Reading Program activities offered throughout the month of June for children, teens, and adults. All ages can earn tickets to win fabulous prizes!

Inventory Completed



An inventory of all circulating library materials has been completed. 655 items were deleted as unaccounted for or lost over a three-year period. The value of these items totaled \$9,466.



New Building Maintenance Plan

A month-to-month list of building maintenance work that is to be completed by the library staff and custodian is ready to be implemented. This plan will be helpful in tracking the progress in keeping the building safe and in good working order.

