

Blue Earth County Library System

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LEGAL NAME

Blue Earth County Library System

CLASSIFICATION

Family / Youth / Community

TAX STATUS DETERMINATION

Non Profit

FEDERAL I.D.

41-6005763

CONTACT PERSON

Tim Hayes, Director

MISSION STATEMENT

The Blue Earth County Library System will provide access to resources, services, activities and information of local interest that encourage life-long learning in a cost-effective manner.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Blue Earth County Library System serves citizens in Mankato, Mapleton and Lake Crystal as well as locations throughout Blue Earth County via the Bookmobile. The library continues to provide patrons with current fiction and non-fiction books, reference aids, magazines, newspapers, audio books, DVD's and other material for all ages. The library also provides free internet access and databases designed to assist library users with a vast array of information and technology.

WHO BENEFITS & HOW

Young and old patrons alike enjoy a variety of programs and services to enhance life-long learning. Story time for children is a regular activity that the library provides Tuesday mornings and evening and Thursday mornings. Special events include Dr. Seuss's Birthday, a Halloween Costume Party, Christmas programs and the library's annual Bookmark Contest. The Summer Reading Program keeps young readers busy with weekly programs and events which feature musicians, storytellers, animals, jugglers and airplane rides. The Summer Reading Program provides incentives and prizes to help keep reading skills sharp over the summer and helps develop a habit of reading that will assist young patrons throughout their lives.

For the adult patrons, the library offers author events and informational programs as well as computer classes to assist people in learning the uses and functions of the internet and the library's automated card catalog. The library also offers free wireless internet service and databases which include Ancestry.com and Westlaw. The library has a comprehensive collection of large print books, books on CD and tape and assistive technology for the visually impaired. Audio/Visual equipment can be rented and meeting rooms are available for the general public.

Many programs and events are sponsored through the strong partnership between the library, local businesses and service organizations. The community recognizes and appreciates the value the library provides to the citizens of Blue Earth County and surrounding area and makes use of the variety of resources the library has to offer.



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