

Books for holiday reading at library

The following books are available at the Nicholas County Library.

"Nancy Drew - The Bluebeard House by Carolyn Keane. A handsome and dangerous Nancy on the crazy coast of Cornwall, England, where she travels to help a friend in danger.

"Nancy Drew - The Phantom of the Opera by Carolyn Keane. The wailing female and renaissance castle of romantic Venice had clues to a kidnapping case in Nancy's latest adventure.

"A Winter Place by Ruth Yaffe Rubin. A special journey to the mountains for skating in the basin for the lyrical and visually stunning book, which results in all of us in the joy and importance of discovering a special place.

"Some Bred! Pup by Maurice Sendak and Matthew Margolis. Are you sure you will see a dog in the future of this old favorite from one of the most popular children's book illustrators and writers, created in collaboration with professional dog trainer Margolis.

The Federal Book of Toys and Games, edited by Hilson Smith. A broad collection of memories of playing indoor and outdoor games, making dolls, board games, and other toys. The emphasis on electricity necessary. Here are all the instructions and diagrams you'll need.

Building for Beginners by Agnes Frank. Twenty projects for quilting, sewing, weaving, embroidery, and applique techniques. See the templates, the selection and preparation of fabric, diagrams and step-by-step illustrations with full-size pictures.

Stretch and Relax by Maxine Tobin and Marjorie Stewart. A complete day-by-day program of body stretching for anyone who wants to relax, soothe the mind and help the body. Tailored techniques without strenuous stretching, includes backache, asthma, pregnant women and how to alleviate depression and loneliness through exercise.

Family Builders by Vince Francis. The most livable laws ever over live outside the law is portrayed in a hilarious novel, which overflows with wit, satire, amusing dialogue and colorful characters.

The Fraternity of the Shroud by David Merrill. From the author of the best-selling First Blood, which was the basis for the hit motion picture featuring Bruce Campbell and the first comic strip to appear in over 2,000 newspapers, this commemorative collection of Scholier's favorite

Eye Openers

By Dr. Robert F. Pretzsch, Ophthalmologist

Eye Movements

Many bright students with good comprehension skills are slow readers. This slow rate of reading may be caused by inefficient eye movements, but may also be caused by psychological and social interferences.

When inefficient eye movements are to blame, the reader spends too much time looking at each word and every excessive flection and too often goes back over what he or she has already read (excessive regression).

Inefficient eye movements greatly interfere when the volume of required reading is high. When the volume of reading increases in the upper grades and in college, the problem not only causes slow reading, but hinders the serious student examinations on comprehension, homework and graded class. Reading becomes a chore instead of a positive experience.

A thorough eye examination can help determine if inefficient eye movements are the cause of reading problems.

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"Happy Holidays to all our Friends and Readers!"

Is It Time To Renew Your Driver's License?!

The Nicholas Co. Circuit Clerk's Office is Open Each
Sat. Morning 9 a.m. to 12 Noon for Driver's License Renewal Only!

Daily Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. including Noon Hour

Adding to the decor

Martha Livingood, Nicholas County Elementary School eighth grade, shows making Christmas decorations to use to decorate the classroom.

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"Holidays Hoedown" at Natural Bridge. If all those dancing shows and get out the low fee for Natural Bridge State Resort Park's "Holiday Hoedown" on Dec. 28. The fun begins at 2:30 p.m. with an hour monthy-style square dance and square dance demonstrations. Admission is \$2.00 and 50 cents for children 12 years old and younger.

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Eight of 10 bridges in county substandard

Eight out of 10 bridges in Nicholas County are substandard, according to an evaluation submitted to the Federal Highway Administration by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Nicholas County has a total of 71 bridges (30 over 100 feet long) with three of these structurally deficient (11) and functionally obsolete (64). Of the total 30 are locally maintained.

Every county in Kentucky has its share of "killer bridges," observed Jack Fish, president of Kenticast for Better Transportation, a statewide association of those interested in improving air, water, road and rail transportation.

"Our old, obsolete bridges with narrow clearances, bad approaches, flaky asphalt rail and high traffic volume are not wanted to still someone," Fish said.

Kentucky has 12,100 bridges - one for every 5.5 miles of road. On average, every 10 miles there is a substandard bridge. The state report shows that 1,191 of Kentucky's 12,100 bridges are substandard, based on an inspection of every bridge in the state, using federal bridge inspection standards and evaluation criteria.

According to the report, Kentucky has 80 bridges on the Federal and state lists that are structurally deficient and 3,098 that are functionally obsolete. Most of these bridges are on the state's major highways and arterials.

Of the state's bridges that are functionally obsolete - 1,950 are structurally deficient, and 1,148 are functionally obsolete.

OVER THE YEARS bridge maintenance and reconstruction projects have been postponed and the amount of aging bridges have been repeatedly reduced for safety.

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Classroom carols

Mrs. Charlene Herring class enjoys the coming yuletide season by singing Christmas carols in their classroom. School will be decorated Friday for the holidays, remaining open 2

delivery trucks are required to carry the weight it was designed to carry it must be inspected at least once a year.

Most states routinely inspect only a small percentage of the total number of bridges. But in Kentucky, all bridges are inspected.

The state's current construction plan provides for repairing 38 substandard bridges to 100 percent of the current rate of improvement, using available state and federal funds. That would take more than 70 years to solve the state's existing bridge problem, Fish said.

Kentucky ranks 22nd among the states in total number of bridges and 20th among the states in terms of deficient bridges, according to FHWA's national survey.

A structurally deficient bridge is one that has been determined to be unsafe only as closed to traffic, or that will be rehabilitated completely to restore safety. A functionally obsolete bridge is one where current lanes, load carrying capacity, clearance or narrow approaches that may be a danger to safe travel.

A structurally deficient bridge may also be obsolete.

EVAN BRIDGES is assigned a load rating which is the load level at which vehicles can safely travel on a multiple period without affecting bridge life. Hospital use of bridge by vehicles that exceed the load rating causes a significant reduction in bridge life through fatigue.

The fact that a bridge is functionally obsolete or structurally deficient does not mean it is necessarily unsafe to use. With proper load posting and enforcement many structurally deficient bridges continue to serve traffic. Both posting and enforcement are a problem in some areas.

The most significant aspects of substandard bridges are economic road and safety. From the standpoint of one-lane bridges and narrow approaches that may be a danger to safe travel - an severely deficient weight limit - can cut off essential services, add shipping costs to businesses and farmers, and reduce the ability to haul products and materials, and play havoc with the daily lives of the people who depend on these services.

Even people who do not live on bridges affected by the condition, the bridges must be replaced. This is a very expensive process.



A little nun with a big heart

An 84-year-old nun lives in her favorite town, yet this is no ordinary woman. Sister Adair, a nun in northern Pennsylvania, has been named "Woman of the Year" by a national service agency.

The story of this 84-year-old nun who has dedicated her life to the poor, the elderly, and the needy in a little town in the mountains of Pennsylvania. Sister Adair, the 84-year-old nun, is a woman of many talents. She is a nun, a teacher, and a volunteer. She has spent her life serving the poor, the elderly, and the needy in a little town in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Record keeping regulations affect business property

The Internal Revenue Service has issued temporary and proposed regulations on recordkeeping requirements for the business use of automobiles and certain other property.

The regulations result from Public Law 99-414, in which Congress amended the Internal Revenue Code. The regulations are effective for tax years beginning after 1984. They require that taxpayers maintain adequate records or by sufficient evidence corroborating the taxpayer's own statements.

The regulations are derived from the legislative history of P.L. 99-414 and will provide guidance to taxpayers on the application of this new recordkeeping requirement.

The new regulations clarify that contemporaneous records are not required and include several exemptions. These include a special rule for vehicles used primarily for pleasure.

'Women's Decade'

In 1975, the United Nations launched the International Decade for Women. It is a decade when women were to devise ways to improve the lot of all women throughout the world. This special period in women's history is based in the Women's Decade Beyond Beginnings, being founded Dec. 31 at 8 a.m. EST.

Folk artist exhibit

Paintings by Cheryl Kenney and wood carvings by Mark Kenney, Vanover folk artists, are on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the University of Kentucky Art Museum, Art Center Gallery, 404 South Limestone Street. The exhibit will run through Jan. 24 and is free and open to the public.

CORRECTION

Men's Polywool Suits as advertised at Carter's GOING OUT BUSINESS SALE in last week's Mercury are \$99.90 and NOT \$9.99 as the ad stated

Merry Christmas - Happy New Year

Yuletide Cheer

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