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**Library has something for everyone
Program services various counties**

By Heather Mathias
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Since the new library was dedicated on January 9, 1987 after being removed from the Buffalo Trace original, there has been a new crop of librarians.
These include Tilia Fawcett, Curtis Robinson, Mary Lee Campbell, Maggie Montgomery and Rita Snelling.
The present librarian, serving since 1986 is Doris Anderson. Working both in the library and on the bookmobile are Jane Buckler and part-time, Martha Silbert. Serving on the library board are Linda Hooper, chairperson, Sally Watkins, vice-chairperson, Faye Blain, treasurer, Judy Judig, secretary and Floyd Marshall, member.
As Anderson explained, "The board meets 12 times a year, as is required, and works up a proposed budget for the following year."
"They discuss and decide library policies such as book selection and the rules for the meeting rooms."
Members on the board are appointed by the county judge-executive and may serve only two terms.
Anderson added, "The board also works very close with our county librarian, Sarah Kelly."
She attends regular meetings of the state and sees that rules and regulations the state made are carried out.
A pilot program that the Nicholas County Library is participating in, which the board approved, is the new Audio Books Selection.
"The books are mostly mysteries, westerns, love stories and other novels on cassette that we provide on a rotating basis," said Anderson.
"The names Franklin, Scott, Nicholas, Bourne, Clark, Woodford and Anderson continue to make selections monthly so that all counties receive the same choice for a different set of selections."
"Some of the books are condensed but many are whole stories that are read by the original author of the book," said Anderson.
"The volumes are provided for anyone in the community that would like to check them out of the library."
Audio Books were not created with just the handicapped and visually impaired individuals in mind although it is an excellent service for those that would otherwise not get to read," said Anderson.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Travel abroad to the Orient learning experience for company trainees

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A sister of a neighboring country and husband of a native Nicholas County woman has traveled to foreign countries to learn new skills, a new culture and has made many friends along the way.
Harry Havens of Millersburg completed training for the new Toyota plant in July of 1987.
After Havens completed physical, a personal interview and was hired on September 28, he was told he would receive future training in Japan.
When asked if he was surprised about training in Japan he replied, "I had a good feeling of doing family work on the basis of a 1 year forty contract and the job had had no idea about the time or place, when I would start or when I would go."
"After the interview with the supervisor of a department and a letter from the Human Resources Department I had a better idea."
Havens was more than qualified for his job as team leader in the body weld assembly because of his past job record.
"I had worked at U.S. Shoe for 14 years."
"They had the same concept of assembly line, reduced inventory and keeping the product moving."
"The only thing different was the product we would be making."
All the trainees took four days of pre-Japan training to get ready for a new culture and to prepare for some of the broader terms they would be hearing.
"I took that long to receive our visas and passports."
"We also had a get acquainted supper at the Campbell House in Lexington so that we could get used to originally Japanese food," Havens said.
After leaving from Bluegrass Field on October 2, with stops at Chicago and San Francisco, Havens' final stop was the Osaka airport in Japan.
"From there we trainees took a bus to Nishinomiya, Toyota's international training facility," said Havens.
Havens kept up with the new book books with weekly phone calls from his wife, Jo Ann, and a regular mail order of a native Nicholas County woman.
"The time difference was not completely opposite of ours."
"When Jo Ann would call whether she got the kids off from school it would be right after work at 8 p.m. where I was."
"The English language newspaper helped us keep up with the World Series and any major thing that went on in the United States," said Havens.
The trainees stayed in dormitories close to Toyota City, 15-20 miles away.
"The rooms were downright spacious according to Japanese standards."
"We did receive first-class treatment all the way, everywhere we stayed and everything we did," said Havens.
"Another major difference in Japan and America is the food."
"No Kentucky beans and corn bread could be found but we did have McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken."
"The fast food restaurants were in every half again in price compared to what they would be here, but they were fairly cheap places to eat according to Japanese standards," said Havens.
"The trainees did find some traditional Japanese dishes tasty."
"Although it was not a real meal, which is basically raw fish, did like the pork shabubab, shabu, rice and seaweed."
"What impressed him the most about the Japanese people?"
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Harry Havens

When looking at all the angles and have an answer that will not front page news and a real shock to the people.
"However, I do not think they are ignorant of the rest of the world. It is an open question of what the rest of the world is doing and what it is really like, it is different."
"The Japanese people are very respectful and not so suspicious of others as we are."
"In my opinion they are locked into the time of the United States 60's and early 80's."
"I mean they do have a lot of pride but they have a sense of humor, courtesy and really matters that America has lost," said Havens.
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