

The Next Chapter  
Council Grove Public Library Staff

With the upcoming school breaks and No School days, our staff wanted to let our patrons know about our Stop Light System. From 9:00 am – 12:00 pm is our RED light time. This means that the Library will be kept completely quiet, except on Tuesdays during Story Time, for our patrons who prefer a calm and peaceful atmosphere. From 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm is our YELLOW light time. During this time period, the Library will be a little busier as people come in on lunch breaks and visit with the staff and each other, or hold small book club meetings. From 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm is our GREEN light time. We made it so that kids who come after school can feel welcome and learn to enjoy coming to the Library. During this time, our staff will keep the volume to a dull roar, but the Library will be at its highest noise level. Libraries have a stigma for being strict and boring for kids, and we want everyone in our community, including the youth, to feel welcome at all times.

Now, we feel it only fair to warn our patrons that on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be hosting a “Noisy Day” for the kids in the community. This means that for the entire day we will let the kids play on the computers, play video games, watch movies, and make all the noise they want. This way the kids are out of the house and parents and guardians can finish last minute Christmas details. So, for \$3.00 kid, you can send your children over the age of 8 to the Library for a day of fun, pizza, and small prizes. **Parents must RSVP by noon on December 21<sup>st</sup> so that we can order enough pizza.** Watch for our flyers around town and keep an eye on our website and Facebook for more information.

This year we are having our first Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser. If you are running out of time to wrap your Christmas gifts, you can bring them to the Library and our staff will wrap, place tags, and place bows on them so you don't have to! We will even house them until the 22<sup>nd</sup> for a small fee. Just call the Library for our prices or look around town for our flyers. All proceeds go to purchasing books and supplies for the Library. Please come down and support our fundraiser.

If you grabbed a tag from our Care and Share tree at the Library, please return the gift with the tag attached on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank everyone who grabbed a tag from the tree so that others can have a Merry Christmas.

Our staff would like to let everyone know that the Library will be closed on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are closed this day so that we can spend some time with our families to celebrate Christmas. The Library will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be no story time that Tuesday.

Finally, we are excited to announce that Rodney Pretzer will be coming to the Library on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to talk about his new book “Faith-Filled Life Journey”. We will put out more information closer to the date. Rodney will be one of many local authors to have a book in our Library.

For questions or information, please call the Library at 620-767-5716.