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Money, Money, Money!

Village Clerk, Joel Dutenhoefer, has put some of his currency collection in the Display Case for the month of January. Joel started collecting about 12 years ago when his father left him a small collection of bills. He didn't buy the expensive rare ones.

Joel keeps his collection in a safe and attends trade shows and auctions. The big one is the Paper Money Exbo in Chicago every March. One of the things that intrigues him the most is the beautiful art work on the large currency bills. His favorite is the Black Eagle Silver Certificate on the second shelf.

The first shelf is dedicated to these large United States Notes. There is an 1862 \$1 note which introduced the term "Greenback." The portrait on it is of Salmon P. Chase, the Secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln.

Next is an 1868 "Rainbow" note so called due to its generous use of color. George Washington's portrait and a vignette of Columbus sighting the new world makes this a beautiful bill.

The 1907 \$5 "Woodchopper" note depicts a pioneer family in a rustic setting with Alexander Hamilton's portrait on it.

The 1917 \$1 note is the last of the large size currency and features George Washington and Christopher Columbus sighting the new world.

Bills downsized with the 1928 \$1 note to economize during the financial turmoil of the 1920s. This is a limited issue currency circulated only in Puerto Rico.

All series 1928 C \$5 notes featured a portrait of Abraham Lincoln on the front with the Lincoln Memorial on the back.

Silver Certificates take up the second shelf and replaced some silver coinage. The currency was backed by the equivalent amounts of silver. The 1953 A \$10 silver certificate has a large "10" to the left of Hamilton's portrait. The 1934B \$5 one has a large blue "5" to the left of Lincoln, and the 1934 \$1 one has a large blue "1" next to Washington.

The 1928B \$1 series silver certificate is known as the "Funny Back" or "Monopoly Note" because of the large ONE engraving which makes it look like fake money.. Series 1923 \$1 silver certificate is the last of the large \$1 ones. The 1899 \$1 silver certificate is known as the "Black Eagle" because of the detailed rendering of the American Eagle. It features portraits of Lincoln and Grant.

The third shelf is devoted to Gold Certificates which were used almost exclusively in inter-bank channels to settle gold accounts. The 1906 \$20 note features gold ink color and large Roman Numerals for the denomination. The 1922 \$10 one used gold color and Roman numerals. Michael Hellegras, the first treasurer of the United States, is the portrait and the back is a brilliant orange color.

The 1928 \$10 note is smaller and retained some of the gold ink with Alexander Hamilton as the portrait. The 1928 \$20 bill is the last issue of notes with gold ink design and has Andrew Jackson

on it. The 1928 \$20 Federal Reserve Note looks like a modern \$20 bill, but was redeemable in gold and has Jackson on it.

Federal Reserve Notes fill the fourth shelf and are backed by trust in the U. S. government. The 1914 \$5 & \$10 notes are large with portraits of Lincoln and Jackson. The 1934 \$5 & \$10 notes show changes in ink. The 2006 \$5 & \$10 notes are the most current and feature subtle color, watermarks, and other characteristics to prevent counterfeiting.

Be sure to compare the delicate art designs and colors of these various bills. The largest bills are the most artistic because the space allows more attention to detail.

Thanks, Joel.

Friends' Meeting

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the Friends will meet at the library at 7:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join the Friends and to attend these meetings.

Membership dues ended December 31, 2008 so renew your membership NOW! Thanks.

Items on the agenda include: Silent Auction, Halloween & Holiday parties, Giving Tree, and Membership Drive.

Book Group

The Monticello Book Discussion Group will be reading and discussing THE UNDOMESTIC GODDESS by Sophie Kinsella. Pat Sellon will be leading the discussion. If you've ever felt like

walking out of your job and ending up in the middle of nowhere doing something completely different from your training, this book is for you. Pick up a copy today, enjoy the read, and come with lots of comments and questions.

Patrons "Ho Ho Hoed the Holidays!"

Our Christmas Gift Giving Tree was covered with faces of Santa Claus and Snowflakes and it looked great. Thank you all for your generosity during these tough financial times. Because of you, \$910 was raised for a new laptop computer. Thanks to everyone who remembers the library with monetary gifts at Christmas and throughout the year. We really appreciate your support. You are terrific patrons.

Thanks to: Carolyn Johnsrud, Patricia Wiedmer, Anne Schultz, Sheri Winters, Kellisa Briggs, The John Blumers, Barb Zurfluh, Steve Scanlan, Therese Goehring, Shirley Kummer, Sara Cozzens, Gwen Thoman, Elaine Pence, Carolyn Meyer, Aline Schuerch, Norm Schmid, Claudia Sickinger, Karen Marti, Ramona Loughan, Jeanne Henson, Aleta Scherer, Alex Blohowiak, Kay Argue, Lynn Witt, Marlis Silver, Julie Havens, Erin Kleeman, Jamie Bourquin, Bob & Barb Getman, Duncan McGonagle, Rebecca Wahl, Barry Scheel, Pat Sellon, Doris Renshaw, Rock & Max Ordman, Mike Keough, Kenneth Brzeziwski, Angela Karch, Megan Ball, Tracy Ace, Ruth Wittenwyler, Sharon Briggs, John Zanoya, Lonna Arn, Anna Webster, Mary Hyde, Bob Love, Carolyn Hilliard, Tim Stewart, Susan Goodley Dial, David & Tillie Dial, Roger & Madeleine Doolley, Gertrude Waelchli, Julie

Schmitt, Eleanor Guthrie, Hilda Baumgartner, Shelly Truttman, Rachel Rufer, Liz Quinn, Traci Studer, Denise Pinnow, Dawn Jordan, Maxine Styers, Mike & Mary Davis, Karen Talarzyk, Joel Dutenhoefer, Claire Bruns, Becky Seffrood, Janice Wytenbach, Kathy Ritschard, Diane Bettin, Nancy Aquino, Jill Crouch, Janet Wahl, Larry & Cyndi Foley, David & Annie Porter, Donna Durtschi, Bernice Olson, Sally Roe, Kathy Workman, Mary Macke, David Baker, Sr. family, David Baker, Jr. family and the Cathy Fink family.

The Santa Faces and Snowflakes are on the front table ready to be picked up by you if you want them!

New Hours

The library has added new hours to its schedule for 2009. We are now open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12. Pam Schilder will be here on Tuesday mornings and Eliza Freeman on Thursdays. We are open an extra 30 minutes on Monday mornings too.

We hope these extra hours make visiting your library more convenient and enjoyable for you. Remember you can check out lots of materials from the library for free. You don't have to purchase books, CDs, DVDs, Audio Books, magazines, or newspapers. You can join book discussion group, bring your kids to Story Time and more.

Santa Winners!

The winners of the Santa Candy Counting Contest are: Kendel Bourquin and Jacy Rufer for first place with their exact guess of 42. Jennifer Curry and Austen Waelchli were second with 41, and Owen Ace & Nathan Wiedmer

were third with 40.

Look for another Counting Contest on the table. There are snowballs in a snowman jar so guess how many are in there and win more prizes.

New DVDs

Some of the newly purchased DVD titles include: HAMLET 2; RESIDENT EVIL - DEGENERATION; SURFER DUDE; BEETHOVEN'S BIG BREAK; THE DUCHESS; EAGLE EYE; GHOST TOWN; NIP/TUCK SEASON FIVE; THE TENDER TRAP; SOME CAME RUNNING; NONE BUT THE BRAVE; MARRIAGE ON THE ROCKS; THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN ARM; BANGKOK DANGEROUS; THE TUDORS SEASON 2; AN AMERICAN CAROL; PINEAPPLE EXPRESS; SWINGTOWN SEASON 1; AMERICAN GIRL-CHRISSE STANDS STRONG; RIGHTEOUS KILL; DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO; LOST SEASON 4; THE DARK KNIGHT; THE HOUSE WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS TREE; RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR; THE MUMMY—TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR; MAMMA MIA;& THE PRINCE & ME—A ROYAL HONEYMOON.

New Adult Books

New titles include: RUNNING HOT by Jayne Ann Krentz; FIRE & ICE by Julie Garwood; MARRIED IN SEATTLE by Debbie Macomber; HOME DESIGN IDEAS by Caroline Clifton-Mogg; CASTING SPELLS by Barbara Bretton; CRUEL INTENT by J. A. Jance; FLEECE NAVIDAD by Maggie Sefton; & PROMISE TO BELIEVE IN by Tracie Petersen.