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Bloomfield, Missouri - Local businessman, Norman Harty, made a considerable donation of \$125,000 to the Bloomfield Public Library for a major overall. On Saturday, June 25th the Bloomfield Public Library was officially dedicated with an Open House that included Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder giving the address.

The library was already full of material and well organized, but one had to go from room to room to find their reading materials. Now there is plenty of room for their Children's Story Hour and Summer Reading Program with a open floor plan. It just has that open feel along with the stained hard wood floors and stacks and stack of books.

There is now a newly designed work state for the librarian and eleven separate computer work stations.

Bloomfield Mayor Bill Aslin spoke to the guests first giving much credit to Librarian Linda Meyers for her contribution during the renovation project. Jim Mayo, Stars & Stripes Museum and an expert on Stoddard county history gave a brief overview of the beginnings of the Bloomfield Public Library.

"Twelve women formed a book club and met every week," commented Mayo. "and it all began in the early 1900s. They called themselves The Round Dozen."

Peter Kinder spoke on the accomplishments of Mr. Harty. "Many if not most of Norman Harty's good works have gone unheralded, without a ceremony as we see here today," Kinder said. "in the 35 years that I have known him, he has been extremely generous in

many areas for many causes."

"He comes from good stock and people who looked you in the eye and dealt with you humbly and honestly," continued Kinder. "His character is demonstrated in not only his business dealings, but in his lifetime works. He is repeatedly helped his fellow man."

Harty followed Kinder in a brief address with these words, "Bloomfield has a very proactive Library Board and saw this renovation to completion. I thank Mr. Mayo for working behind the scenes and I think contractor Jim Gingerich for his work as well." Harty had a vision to better the community of Bloomfield and through his generosity he was able to fund this project. He ended with, "It is never too late to further educate yourself."

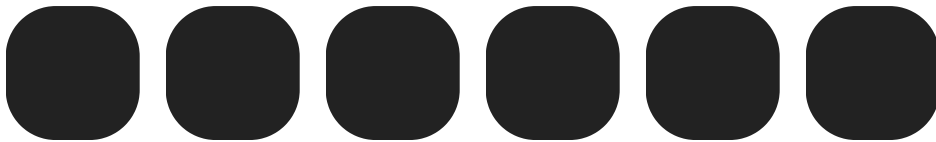
Congratulations to the Bloomfield Public Library. If you haven't had a chance to see their new furnishings, shelving, floors, and computer stations stop by at 200 W. Seneca.

Shown in the photo from left to right: Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, Norman Harty, and Billy Pat Wright, representing the office of Senator Doug Libla.

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Dexter, Missouri - Keller Library Summer Reading Program hosted "Nature's Olympians" with Animal Tales, providing "edZOOcation" for everyone!

More than 170 children and adults packed the library on Wednesday to witness some of nature's most exotic animals from all over the world. These animal athletes utilize very unique abilities to compete and survive in the wild.

The zoo keeper was fantastic with the crowd showing them snakes, a very large frog, a Chinchilla, a Red-Foot tortoise, and a baby kangaroo who enjoyed hopping around the room and eating from Librarian Pam Trammell's bowl full of goodies.

Photos of the event can be seen on the ShowMe Times Facebook page. If you would like more information about Animal Tales click [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, July 6th at 11:00 a.m. "Ready, Set, Tumble, and Cheer" with Courtney Potts of Dexter Tumbling and Cheer will present the Summer Reading Program.

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Dexter, Missouri - Please join Regional Healthcare Foundation at their 1st Thursday on July 7th.

This Thursday, July 7th located at 529 North Walnut, Dexter, Missouri, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with proceeds going to support their Mother-to-Mother Program. Your wonderful donation for gently used items will make a difference in a young mother's life.

If you would like to donate rather than shop, please consider your gently used items for others to purchase. You may drop off your items at their office on Grant Street or contact Linda Ulm at (573) 624-0365 and she can schedule a time to meet with you.

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EZ Portable Buildings to Host Open House

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EZ Portable Buildings to Host Open House

Dexter, Missouri - EZ Portable Buildings will host an Open House beginning at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 30th. The Dexter Chamber will have a Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 p.m.

EZ Portable Building representative will be on hand to answer all of your questions or help custom design your building. Come out and enjoy delicious hotdogs on the grill with chips and refreshments. EZ Portable Buildings is located at 1503 W. Business Hwy 60 next to TropicalSno.

A Kinder, an Outdoor Mosquito Repellent Lantern, and baskets of goodies from Always Tan and Pink Zebra Candles will be raffled. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and the drawing will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

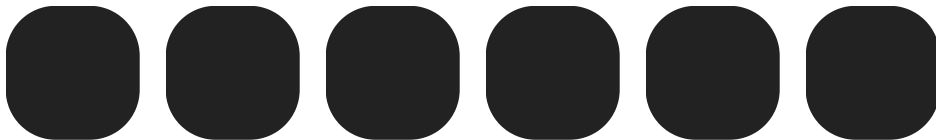
Tours will be provided for all of the buildings as well as great door prizes.

For more information contact Carole Sims at (573) 624 - 3203.

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Keller Library Summer Program with Carrillo's Martial Arts

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Keller Library Summer Program with Carrillo's Martial Arts

Dexter, Missouri - More than 170 children and adults packed the library on Wednesday to see Ray Carrillo of Carrillo's Martial Arts Studio demonstrated self-defense moves at the Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"

Several defense techniques were demonstrated for children of all ages and could be put to good use by adults as well. Carrillo would show the most common way of trying to get away from a potential kidnapper, then he would have his students demonstrate the "self-defense" way. Students had a wonderful time learning while they watched his students demonstrate.

Carrillo's Martial Arts Studio is located at 16 S. Walnut Street in Dexter. You can also check out their website by clicking [HERE](#) or their [Facebook page](#).

On Wednesday, June 29th "Nature's Olympians" will be presented by Animal Tales at 11:00 a.m.

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