We’re so glad to have you back in Natchitoches.” These are the sentiments I’ve heard many times over during the past two months; heartfelt words from Natchitoches residents who have made moving home even sweeter. And truly, my family is glad to be home. Lots of things have changed since my husband and I moved away ten years ago, and yet many of the best parts of the Parish have remained the same. We’ve had the opportunity to experience Natchitoches as visitors over the years, which allowed us to appreciate its uniqueness, charm, slower pace, and culture; now we’re positioned to take root as permanent residents and work hard to make a difference in the community we’ve loved for years.

I’ve hit the ground running (with a smile) each morning at the library – evaluating our policies, programs, and services, while also getting to know the staff and patrons. I’ve quickly realized what a knowledgeable and friendly group of people I have the privilege of working alongside each day. I appreciate their work ethic; they see value in the services we offer and strive each day to serve the residents of Natchitoches Parish to the best of their abilities. They are the reason this library is moving forward.

Over the next couple of months you’ll notice a few changes taking place at the library. One of the most significant changes involves the addition of a branch. We are hopeful that the grand opening of the Northeast Branch of the Natchitoches Parish Library will be celebrated before the start of the New Year. We are proud of the progress so far and look forward to opening the doors to our patrons in Campti and the surrounding areas.

We are also implementing two new services to our patrons – WiFi to go and Library Express. WiFi to go will provide portable Internet devices for checkout to residents with a standing. Along with our in-house computer lab, computer training classes, and laptop checkout program, we’re certain that this will move us one step closer in bridging the digital divide.

Library Express extends library services to homebound patrons who are physically unable to come to the library. Depending on an individual’s residence with the parish, library materials are either hand-delivered or mailed directly to a patron’s home. I encourage everyone to check out these new services and tell us what you think about them. As we all strive for a better tomorrow, I look forward to discovering new ways the Natchitoches Parish Library can assist you in meeting your informational, recreational and educational needs.
New at YOUR Natchitoches Parish Library!

In an effort to provide current educational information and services to every patron in the parish, the library is proud to introduce several new services beginning this September. Library Express, a homebound and books-by-mail service, extends traditional library services to residents of Natchitoches Parish who are physically unable to come to the library. Depending on an individual’s residence within the parish, library materials are either hand-delivered or mailed directly to their home – for FREE! To qualify for Library Express services, patrons must reside within the Parish, have a valid library card in good standing, and meet the terms of the program. Parish residents interested in learning more about the Library Express service may pick up an application in-person at the library or print one from the library’s website, www.youseemore.com/natchitoches. Completed applications may be dropped off at the library, emailed to amy@natlib.org, or faxed to 318.357.7073.

Another new service debuting this month is WiFi to go. Five portable Internet devices are available for check-out on a first-come, first-served basis. Similar to the library’s laptop check-out policy, WiFi to go devices will be checked out for a period of three days and cannot be reserved ahead of time. Each household may only check out one device at a time; devices may be checked out again after a one week waiting period per household.

Another new feature in the library is the addition of three iPads in the children’s area. Children are encouraged to take advantage of the fun and educational apps on the iPads. In addition to the new iPads, we are also introducing Family Story Time. This story time for all ages will begin with a song, followed by a story and end with a small craft.

For more information about this or future programming and services, please contact the Natchitoches Parish Library at 318-357-3280 or like the library’s Facebook page.

Summer Reading Round-Up

The Natchitoches Parish Library would like to thank all of our patrons who joined, supported and attended the children’s and teen’s 2015 summer reading programs. It was very successful with almost 1800 children participating in the program and almost 70 teens. Now we would like to introduce everyone to the 2015 Grand Prize Winners:

Listener Grand Prize Winner: Adam Beck

Reader Grand Prize Winner: Matthew Carpenter

Grandma’s Peach Cobbler

From: Rosalind
Serves: 8

Prep Time: 5 Min
Cook Time: 45 Min

Ingredients

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<td>2 cup</td>
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Instructions

1. Melt butter in 13x9 baking dish. Mix milk, flour, and sugar. Mix well...pour batter over melted butter, then spoon peaches and juice over the top of your batter. Place into a preheated 350 degree oven and bake until crust has come to the top and has browned (usually takes 45 minutes to an hour)

Notes

You can use any canned or fresh fruit for this recipe. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream for a real treat!