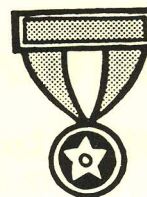


Go For The Gold In 1998



Dear Patrons,

First let me thank you on behalf of all the library staff for making 1997 a great year. We thank you for your friendly greetings, that you take a moment to chat with us, sharing a good read, and for your suggestions to help make the library the best it can be. We think we have the nicest patrons anywhere!

On to 1998! If you are one of the folks that has made New Year's resolutions, the best places to come for assistance in keeping those resolutions is your library. Are you thinking about starting your own business or investing in the stock market? Do you want to continue your education, create a smart new resume, lose weight, exercise more, landscape your house, raise tropical fish or take up a new sport? You can learn to cook fat free, repair your car, become computer savvy, plan for this summer's vacation, learn a second language, or begin to trace your family tree. With the many resources available at the library or through inter-library loan we can assist you in finding the information you need to help you reach your goals for '98.

Would you like to contact distant relatives or old friends but haven't a clue what city or state they live in? Give the reference librarian the name of the person you are seeking and a search will be made for the telephone numbers, address and state using the residential directory on the library's CD-ROM or by using "switchboard.com" on the Internet. Businesses can be located the same way.

Did you promise yourself you would take more time to enjoy listening to music or watching good movies that you missed at the theater? Check out the many selections of classical, popular, rock, country, and jazz music available at the library on CD or cassette. For your viewing pleasure the library is continually adding to its video collection of over 2100 drama, comedy, western, Sci-fiction, classic, children's and non-fiction videos.

Is your goal to become more active in '98? Attend some of the many educational, craft and health programs the library and its branches offer throughout the year. Join the Library Quilters, the Library Needlepointers or the Fit Forever exercise group. Learn drawing or cartooning from Artist Nikki Kutansky of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Stay healthy. Take advantage of free blood pressure screening held the second Tuesday of each month at the library and the second Thursday of each month at the Shelby Branch.

Are you planning to volunteer time in service to your community or are you looking to join one of the many local, state or national organizations? The library has listings of several organizations that would welcome your help. Are you interested in teaching someone to read or helping a newcomer to this country learn English as a Second Language? Become a tutor for the library! Join the Friends of the Library. They are doing wonderful things to make our library grow.

And, if relaxation is what you are looking for, what better place for spending a few hours with a good book, new magazine or daily newspaper than in the comfortable confines of the library's lounge area. You will find that our cushioned chairs and rockers face the windows that look out on the wooded area of the library grounds, letting a touch of nature in.

We look forward serving you in 1998.

Handwritten signature of Michael Furl.

Michael Furl, Director
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