The Village News

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Village of Coal Valley 3rd Annual Holiday Decoration Contest Winners

Congratulations to our two winners for the Coal Valley Lights contest 2018. The winners are the Crosby's at 140 W 2nd Street and Hamilton's at 508 E 9th Ave Ct. The awards were presented at the January 2nd meeting. Thanks to all who made nominations. Coal Valley looks great in lights!!

Mayor Mike Bartels extends congratulations to Karlyn Crosby as winner of the Coal Valley Holiday Decoration Contest at the January 2nd Coal Valley Village Board Meeting.

CV Fire Protection District Notes

Dave Dunham, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief

submitted by William Head, Assistant Chief

Calls for December 2018

0	Car Fire
3	10-50 (Auto Accidents)
0	Natural Gas/ Downed Power Lines
34	EMS
0	Structure Fire
1	Fire Alarm
0	Cancelled per Rock Island County Dispatch
0	Hazadous Materials
0	Citizen Assist
0	Carbon Monoxide Detectors
0	Fire Prevention
0	Brush Fires
1	Mutual Aid Given- Blackhawk FPD
1	Auto Aid / Colona Fire Prot. Dist.
0	Mutual Aid Received
0	Illegal Burning
0	MABAS 39 Call Up
0	Flood Duty
0	River Rescue
40	Total calls

The members of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District combined to provide 210.5 hours of service during the month of December.

They consisted of responding to emergency calls from the citizens of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District, aid to our neighboring communities, participation in Fire and EMS related trainings, and other activities.

Fire Protection District now provides ambulence service

Beginning January 1, 2019 Coal Valley Fire Protection district will once again provide ALS (Advanced life Support) Ambulance service to the residents of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District. Previously this service was provided by a contracted Ambulance service.

Please like us on Facebook

Please like and follow us on our new Facebook page at Coal Valley Fire Protection District.

Garbage rates to increase- Christmas tree pickup on January 16

The Village of Coal Valley Water-Sewer-Garbage Department has announced that Coal Valley residents will see a slight garbage increase effective January 1st, 2019.

The current rate for monthly garbage removal is $15.24 and the new rate will be $15.75 a month. The cost of an extra recycling cart will also have a slight increase from a current rate of $3.18 to the new rate of $3.29 per month with the cost of an extra garbage cart will remain the same at $4.00 a month.

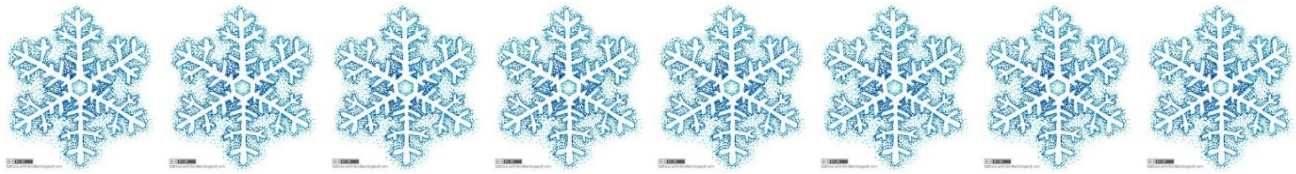
If you have a Christmas tree to be discarded, Republic Services will be picking up Christmas trees on Wednesday January 16, 2019. Remove all lights, ornaments, and stands from the tree. Make sure the tree is not wrapped in any plastic or placed inside a plastic bag. Please put the tree at the curb.

The Coal Valley Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents' Day.

STAMPS ARE GOING UP IN PRICE ON JANUARY 27th, 2019!!!

Get Signed Up For Direct Withdrawal!!!

The Village of Coal Valley has the capability to offer monthly direct withdraw for your water/sewer/garbage bills at no additional cost. Save on stamps, checks and the time to drop payments off. We will take care of it for you!!! Visit our website at www.coalvalleyil.org or fill out the attached authorization form and drop it by the Village Hall.



AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC DEBITS

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____

I hereby authorize the Village of Coal Valley to initiate credit/debit entries to my (our) Checking/Savings Account, indicated below at the depository financial institution named below.

☐Checking Account ☐ Savings Account.

Depository Name: _____

City:_____

Bank Routing #:_____ Bank Acct.#_____

Start Date:_____

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Please attach a voided check with this authorization form and return to:

Village of Coal Valley

P.O. Box 105

Coal Valley, IL 61240

January Happenings from the Robert R. Jones Public Library

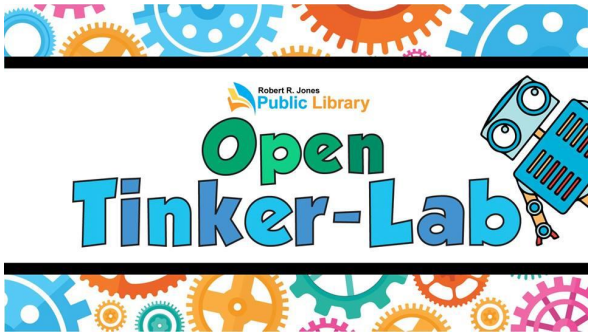
www.robertrjoneslibrary.org

Recurring Events for Adults

Mondays - 10:00 a.m. *Needle Arts Craft Group*
Bring your embroidery, knitting, quilting, etc., and join us for a morning of needlecraft.
Beginners are welcome!

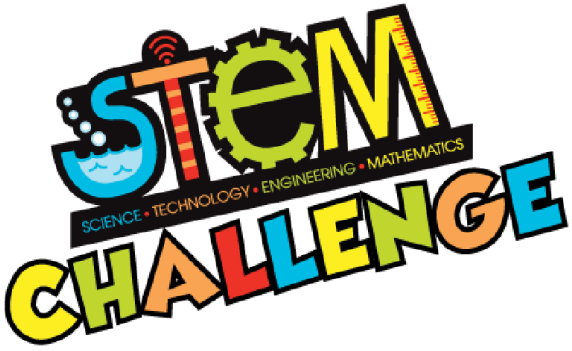
Tuesday, January 15th - 6:30 p.m. *Valley Readers Book Club*
Contact the library's reception desk to place a hold. We welcome new members!

Programming for Families



Open Tinker-Lab
January 19th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Children of all ages and their grown-ups are welcome to join us during Open Tinker Lab to explore, imagine, create, and learn. We'll make available a handful of selected kits and other materials such as robots Spheros and Ozobots, modular electronic component blocks like Makey Makey boards, and other favorites like Bloxels. Continuously inspired by how children of all ages find excitement with experimenting through different art materials and processes. Open Tinker Lab is designed so that children can learn how to foster their own curiosity and creativity. We'll provide accessible materials (revolving the types of materials available each session) without highly structured steps or directions so that children are free to experiment with new processes and tap into their own innate creativity. Examples of materials include washable paint, pipettes, unconventional brushes and other painting tools, Play-Doh, plastic carving tools, dot dabbers, foam, etc. Given the open-ended nature of the format, children 12 and younger must be accompanied and supervised by their grown-up during Open Tinker Lab. This program is developed pursuant to a Library Services and Technology act grant administered by the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Programming for Kids



S.T.E.M. Challenge
For 1st - 8th Graders
January 8th; the second Tuesday each month from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Come to the library for a fun activity that involves STEM! Show us what amazing things you can make when given a design challenge and a limited budget. Bridges? Towers? Catapults? Who knows what you may come up with! We'll provide the supplies, you only have to bring your imagination. Registration is required.

Toddler Tales Storytime for all ages
Every Thursday morning from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Your pre-readers will improve literacy skills that they need for their upcoming kindergarten year. This storytime features longer books which are accompanied by a variety of activities, including finger plays, sings, rhymes, simple crafts, and a healthy snack. No registration is required.

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Programming for Tweens and Teens

Decorate Your Own Donut Squishy
For 4th - 12th Graders
January 9th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Come to the library Wednesday, January 9th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to make unique, one of a kind Kawaii inspired donut squishies! This program is open to all ages, but ideal for middle school boys and girls. Space is limited.

Pages 'n Pizza
For 6th - 12th Graders
January 3rd; the first Thursday each month from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Our teen book club's getting a new delicious twist! The only thing better than a great book is a great book with a slice of pizza. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stop in to talk about that month's book selection, munch on pizza and do a book-themed craft.

Bullet Journaling 101
For 5th - 12th Graders
January 31st; the last Thursday each month from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
A bullet journal is a one-of-a-kind way to track the past, organize the present, and plan for the future. Join us each month for all the essentials as we learn the basics of this versatile way to plan and journal. Each session will focus on three seasonal templates for creating your own year-round bullet journal. The program includes a free starter journal and pen, inspirational templates, tips, tricks, and ideas; essentially everything you'll need to get started. You'll leave each class with some solid strategies on how to keep up with your planning and goal setting for the months ahead!

LEGO Club – Challenge
January 7th and 21st; the 1st and 3rd Monday each month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Hear a story, design an amazing creation with a weekly theme, and let your imagination run wild.
This club is suitable for boys and girls grades K - 5. Legos will be supplied (donations are always welcome).

Read to Dogs! - Bow Wow with Books
January 17th; the third Thursday each month from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Improve your child's reading and communication skills by reading to an animal! Elementary school-age readers are invited to read to a certified listening therapy dog. Therapy dogs are great listeners and provide an inviting environment for children to practice their reading skills. Children may select a book from our collection or bring one from home or school. No registration required.

Robert R. Jones Public Library

Coming Soon!

PROJECT next GENERATION

PNG - Stop Motion Animation Workshop
For 4th - 12th Graders
A Four Week Workshop Coming in February
Bring art alive one frame at a time! Do you dream of rocket ships blasting into space, heroes battling monsters, or robots dancing disco? Bring your dreams to the digital screen with animation! Stop motion is an animation technique used to make a physically manipulated object appear to move on its own. We provide the equipment. You provide the imagination. The possibilities of endless. This is a four-part series and attendance at all four sessions is recommended. Registration is required and space is limited. This program is developed pursuant to a Library Services and Technology act grant administered by the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Additional Information

E-news: Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter if you'd like to receive information regarding programs and services we offer. Sign up at the library in person, call 799-3047 to get signed up, or e-mail coalvalleylibrary@gmail.com

Snow removal responsibilities in the village

The Village of Coal Valley wishes to remind residents of the importance removing snow from sidewalks and proper snow removal from driveways and other areas.
SNOW REMOVAL
All abutting property owners shall be responsible

To remove within a reasonable time from the portion of any public sidewalk abutting said property all snow and ice.

To refrain from putting, pushing, blowing of otherwise depositing any snow removed from a public sidewalk of private property upon any improved public roadway.

For purposes of this Section, "reasonable time" shall mean that snow removal shall be within twenty-four (24) hours after cessation of a snowfall, or, if a snowfall ceases in the nighttime hours, within twenty-four (24) hours after sunrise.
PENALTY.

Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be in accordance with Title I Division V Chapter 1 Section 3 of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Coal Valley for each offense.

No parking on village streets & alleys after 2 inches of snow

The Village of Coal Valley wishes to remind residents of parking regulations during snow emergencies.
PARKING PROHIBITED DURING SNOW REMOVAL

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a vehicle to remain on any Village Street, Avenue, alley, cul-de-sac or village parking lot within the Village following a snowfall occurrence of two inches or more: Whenever the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police, perceives an emergency to exist in the Village; or in any section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other natural phenomena which create hazardous conditions or impede the free movement of fire, police, health, emergency or other vehicular traffic or otherwise endanger the safety and welfare of the public, the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police may declare an emergency to exist. Primary notification will be made by sending Notification of Snow Emergency to the local media with a request to broadcast the emergency. Any agent or employee of the village designated to enforce the parking ordinances of the city is hereby authorized to cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this section to be towed from any street, alley, cul-de-sac, or village parking lot. In such a case, the owner of the vehicle may be assessed the cost of towing and any storage charges in relation thereto, subject to the owner's right of appeal to the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police. This ordinance applies to all Village streets and roads, there will be no signs posted about moving vehicles when we have a snow fall of 2 or more inches.

Bicentennial School News

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2019 – 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

It is that time of year when Bicentennial School is pre-registering next year's kindergarten students. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be at least 5 years old by September 1, 2019. Please mail or drop off the form below to Bicentennial, 1004 First St, Coal Valley, IL 61240. You may also call the school at 743-1614 with your child's name, address, phone number, and date of birth.

The school will then send you an invitation to the pre-registration activities. Bicentennial's Pre-registration Open House will be Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:30-7:00pm. Students are invited to come to the school event; they will have an opportunity to see their new classroom and meet the teachers.

Pre-Registration Information Request

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email:

PTA News

Coal Valley PTA Meeting, Membership, and More: Interested in helping out your school and meeting new people? Join PTA! Bicentennial has a very active and involved PTA that has done many things for the students. Last year our PTA gave back a total of $10,616 to our school which was able to fund flexible seating stools for each classroom as well as making a large donation towards the outdoor space. Principal Etheridge has planned in the future. Meetings this year are on the following Tuesday nights: Jan 8th, Feb 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, and May 7th. They are held at 6:30 in the Bicentennial Library. Need a sitter? Don't worry! Childcare is provided. We try to keep the meetings to one hour or less. Membership cost is $7 for a single and $9 for a couple. For each time you attend a meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize and each child that attends will be entered too! Any questions please contact Heather Schmooke, 1st Vice President.