

Happenings at the Lewistown Public Library – June 8



Lewistown Public Library is the proud recipient of The National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) new Picturing America initiative. Picturing America provides an innovative way for citizens of all ages to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's great works of art.

As one of the over 56,000 schools and public libraries nationwide to receive the program, we now have access to this high quality, free resource that we are using to engage our patrons with discussions of our nation's art, history, civics, literature, and more!

The images of people, places, and events illustrating American history give our patrons a chance to better understand our country's past and its ideals. What better way to see the courage of a great leader than through Emanuel Leutze's *Washington Crossing the Delaware*? How better to appreciate the power of American democracy than through Norman Rockwell's *Freedom of Speech*? These masterpieces are opening our community members' eyes to America's rich history and culture while also providing an introduction to the broader world of the humanities.

These wonderful reproductions will be on a rotational display throughout the library during the next nine months. Please come in and enjoy this great collection.

For more information on the program, you can visit the Picturing America Web site at: www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov. Feel free to peruse the site, and check out the images and the great links included. Sit down with your kids and start conversations about the beautiful masterpieces!

Picturing America is distributed by the NEH in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA).

Upcoming Meetings

The Lewistown Public Library Board's regular monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday** June 11 at 11:30 am. A budget planning discussion will be held on Thursday June 18 at 10:00 am. Both meetings are open to the public and are held in the upstairs meeting room of the Library.

Family Summer Reading Program Under Way

Individuals of all ages may now register for this year's program "Be Creative @ Your Library." Aspects of creativity in art, drama, and music will be featured in our weekly programs. Open to all ages (child to adult), the program rewards time spent reading with weekly and grand prizes.

Program activities in June:

Wednesday, June 17 @ 1:30, Stories & Craft (Ages 6-12)

Friday, June 19 and 26 @ 10:15, Stories, music and playtime or craft for babies – age 5.

Saturday, June 20 and 27 @ 12:30, Set the Stage with Matt Simpson and Collin Barth (drama skills)

Wednesday, June 24 @ 1:30, Art with Cheryl Bennes.