

## KRLL Script for 8/3/2018

Hi...This is Connie Gerling from the Moniteau County Library

In last week's update on the library, I stated that the library staff is preparing ourselves for a the shopping frenzy. We tried our best to be prepared, but all I can say is, it was beyond our wildest imaginations. There was a crowd of parents and kids, a day-camp group waiting outside the front door by 8:45 Monday morning. And, it didn't slow down. By 10:15, kids had cashed in \$859 in .25, .50 cent, and \$1 dollar tickets. By 5:00 Monday evening, kids had cashed in \$1,314.25 in tickets. We were stunned.

I must admit, we felt panicked, hoping there would be enough merchandise to allow everyone to have a good selection of prizes to purchase. By Thursday evening, in four days, total tickets cashed was \$2,231. This astounding amount of tickets represents lots of reading, checking-out and attending programs by our readers. An additional \$657.50 tickets were cashed at the Jamestown, High Point and Latham programs held at their schools; giving us a combined current total of \$2,888.50 in cashed tickets!

This year, seven hundred eighty six children participated in the summer reading program. Library staff presented two hundred thirty-three programs by traveling to eight daycare facilities, California Head-Start, Jamestown, High Point and Latham schools, and many programs were held at the library. The grand total of program attendance during the nine-week summer reading program is 3,529.

It is appropriate to recognize the parents, grandparent, family members and daycare providers that bring kids to the library for books and programming. They are an important component in making our program successful. The library staff thanks you for supporting our efforts as we work together to keep kids reading during the summer.

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This is Connie Gerling from the Moniteau County Library. Join me every Friday at 3:45 and Saturday mornings right here on KRLL 1420 AM, where you can learn about programs, activities and services provided by the Moniteau County Library!