

## Library Note for April 23, 2012

In order to keep our collection up-to-date and relevant, the Guthrie Memorial Library is constantly adding new books, DVDs, and other items. Most of the additions are purchased new by the library, but we also accept gently used, recently published donations from our patrons. Last year we added more than 7,000 items to the collection!

Unfortunately, the library doesn't have infinite space and as new items come in, others have to go. Periodically our staff "weeds" the collection, removing books that aren't being used, are no longer accurate, or are too worn out. Having lots of books is wonderful, but if they are books that nobody is reading or even worse provide bad and outdated information, then they are just taking up valuable space on the shelves.

What happens to the weeded books? Many of them remain in our collection, but are moved into our basement storage area. If you're searching our catalog for a book and it says it's in storage, just ask at the main desk and the staff will be happy to retrieve it for you. If we decide that a book no longer has any place in the collection or if duplicate copies are donated to us, the Friends of the Library will sell it in the café area of the adult library. Most books sell for twenty-five cents to two dollars and all proceeds go to support the library.