Libraries

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about libraries?
- What kinds of materials have you seen at the library?

Definitions:

- Pamphlet – a thin book that has a paper cover, written to give information about some topic
- Organize – to set in order, arrange

Reading

Many people in the United States place a high value on reading. Libraries have a large amount of reading materials. Libraries are free. It doesn’t cost anything to have a library card or to check out books.

Libraries have more than just books. Libraries have magazines, newspapers, maps, pamphlets, audiotapes, videotapes, records, CDs, and computers. The Marshall Lyon County Library has newspapers in Spanish and English. It also has some bilingual books that are written in both Spanish and English, and Somali and English.

If you need help finding anything at the library, ask one of the librarians. The librarians work at the library and help people find what they need. They can help you get a library card. They can help you find books, movies, and much more!

Libraries often organize community activities. The Marshall Lyon County Library plans special presentations by speakers. It hosts cookie baking and cake decorating contests. The Marshall County Library also has book discussion groups and internet classes.

Many libraries have a children’s department or room. Libraries often have story hours for children. During story hour, children listen to books read to them out loud. The Marshall Lyon County Library has story hour for children ages 2 to 5. Call or stop by the Library to find out more information. The phone number of the Marshall Lyon County Library is 537-7003.

There is also a library at Marshall Adult Basic Education (ABE). It has great books for all levels of reading! Check out some books for yourself and your family. It’s very important to read with your children every day. Research proves that young children who are read to daily do better in school. If you want your children to do well in school, read with them! Ask your teacher for more information about the ABE library.
Understanding

1. Why do you think libraries are important? ____________________________________________

2. Why is it important for people to read? _____________________________________________

3. What do you like to read? What do people in your family like to read? ___________________

4. What does the word bilingual mean in this article? _____________________________________

5. What kind of community activities does the Marshall Lyon County Library provide? ______

6. How much does it cost to use the library? ____________________________________________

7. Who can you go to for help at the library? ___________________________________________

Writing

Option A: Write about your experiences at a library.

Option B: In your own words, write about what new information you learned about libraries.

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