Facts about May

According to the early Roman calendar, May was the third month. Later, the ancient Romans used January 1 for the beginning of their year, and May became the fifth month. May has always had 31 days.

Several stories are passed around to show how the month of May was named. The most widely accepted explanation is that it was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Her name related to a Latin word that means increase or growth.

May is one of the most beautiful months of the year in the North Temperate Zone. Usually the snow and ice are gone and the hot temperatures haven’t arrived. The first garden begins to sprout in May. The wild flowers are blooming, and the trees and grasses have turned green. Wild flowers that bloom in different parts of America are the forsythia, dogwood, violets, and jack-in-the-box. Many birds have built their nests, and mother birds are sitting on the eggs, which will soon hatch.
MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day 2011 is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 30 in 2011). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service, first enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War. It was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end. Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 auto race, held since 1911 on Memorial Day.

The library will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

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KLAS USERS’ CONFERENCE 2011

The KLAS Users’ Conference was held in Raleigh, North Carolina on April 12-14, 2011. Digital Realities was the theme for the Conference. I was so excited about attending the KLAS Users’ Conference this year because it allowed me the opportunity to meet the Keystone staff put the voices with the faces. There was opportunity for hands-on-training and networking among the different library representatives that attended for three full days. It also gave me a chance to pick up new tips and techniques that could be used for bettering customer service.

One of the new features that KLAS presented was the WebOPAC. The updated WebOPAC will allow patrons the opportunity to download books online. It effectively extends the range of customers, allowing anyone with a computer to have book access. It also will allow patrons to see the recently added titles, different availability formats, and different media type. It can sort books by reading level, subject, or language and enables you to filter out unwanted categories. There are several other new features KLAS is working on but the WebOPAC really stands out and will really benefit the patrons that like to browse the collection.

As a result of me attending the KLAS Conference I will be able to better service your needs. I am available to walk you through downloading books from BARD or guiding you through the WebOPAC. Please feel free to call the Library if there is anything that you need assistance with. I’m here to help you.
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NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins.