**LibraryWise: News and Notes from the Greenwood Reading Center**

This weekend, we’re celebrating two very important parts of our culture here in the United States; Flag Day on Saturday, and Father’s Day on Sunday. Sunday is also important for another reason, but only if you want to stop in and wish a certain library aide a happy birthday! While Flag Day is not an official, federal holiday (sorry, no day off on that one, folks!) it’s important to recognize the importance of the banner that signifies our great country. First adopted in 1777, the Stars and Stripes has changed only in the number of stars gracing her blue field. The holiday is also a prime example of the slow moving nature of our bureaucracy. First proposed in 1865, it wasn’t until 1919 that the president designated Flag Day as June 14, and it wasn’t until 1949 that Congress declared that day as official.

In contrast, it took less than fifty years for congress to designate the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day, from the time it was first proposed in 1910. Dads matter! While this column cannot possibly cover all the ways that fathers are important in the home, we recognize that without them, the family is far worse off. Two books in our window celebrating dads: Higher, Higher! by Leslie Patricelli shows a dad pushing his daughter on the swing and The Coolest Beard by Betty Tekle shows the sweet nature of a father-son relationship, and how that relationship- seeing dad set the example of true manliness- helps a little boy want to grow up into a worthwhile person, too.

Our next library board meeting will be held on June 16 at 7:00pm here at the Reading Center. All are welcome to attend- just as with our Mystery Meal on the 26th at noon!

FAQs: Our hours are Monday 2:00-7:00pm, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm, Wednesday 11:00am to 4:00pm. Homework Helpdesk is on Mondays. We have free internet use via Wi-Fi or public-use computers, fax capabilities and can make copies for a small charge. Yes, you can find us on Facebook! Contact us at (607) 225-4553 or [greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com). Visit us on the web at: greenwood.stls.org