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WAY LIBRARY THANKS PERRYSBURG VOTERS

Perrysburg voters approved a four-year, 1-mill Way Public Library operating levy at the polls on March 2.

The levy passed, with 2,701 (65 percent) votes in favor of the additional tax, and 1,457 (35 percent) opposed. About 33 percent of registered city voters turned out for the primary election.

“The victory margin was very gratifying,” said Library Director Nancy Kelley. “We can thank our loyal patrons and the steering committee and volunteers who helped get the word out.”

Of 15 library levies on the ballot throughout Ohio, nine, including Way’s 1-mill effort, were successful.

Through its first-ever operating levy, the library hopes to raise about \$475,000 annually for four years to replace revenue lost due to state budget cuts.

Mrs. Kelley has announced that the library will reopen on Sundays beginning September 12.

“We will not see proceeds from the levy until February 2005. But the trustees have asked us to come up with the funds for Sunday hours in the fall,” she said.

The library staff is revisiting its meeting room policy. Non-profit-status community groups once again can meet free of charge on the lower level of the library. To schedule a room, call 419-874-3135.

In September 2002, to compensate for decreased state funding, the library implemented meeting room rental fees — one of several steps taken to balance the books and keep library programs intact.



It’s time to celebrate a successful levy campaign. Above, the Support Your Library Committee learned of the levy victory at Peppercorns on March 2.



From left, Library director Nancy Kelley, librarian Janel Molyneux and board member Mary Thom Williams.



Committee member Lee Gagle shows the vote tallies as they come in on March 2.

A freeze on budgets for books, magazines, and DVD/CDs was part of the library’s approach to cost containment. The levy has passed, but increases in these budgets will be very conservative as further state cuts may be on the horizon, Mrs. Kelley said last week.

The library staff does plan to supplement youth programming — one item on the “wish list” of people in the community who were surveyed last year.

See this issue of Along the Way for information on a new afternoon movie series for youth. The first film was shown last Monday. The series is free, at Way Library.

Events in April **Way introduces email notification**

April 6 — Reading to the Dogs, children's area, 7 p.m. This Tuesday evening series runs through April 27.

April 12 — Young adult film series: Holes. Youth Activity Center, 3 p.m.

April 18 — National Library Week begins.

April 19 — TV Turn-off Week begins.

April 22 — Reel Talk: I Was a Male War Bride, lower level, 10 a.m.

April 26 — Young adult film series: Shrek. Youth Activity Center, 3 p.m.

April 27 — D-Day program, 1 p.m.

April 28 — **Book Sale**, 12– 4 p.m. Specials on History and Politics.

May 1— Thank You for Passing the Levy **Book Sale**, 9 a.m.— 3 p.m.

The library has a new service for patrons who wish to receive email notification concerning overdue items or interlibrary loans which are being held for them.

Friendly reminders will help you keep track of outstanding library materials and streamline the process of ordering books from other libraries.

Here's how to get started:

- Point your web browser to the library's site: <http://www.waylibrary.info>
- Click on the Online Catalog link.
- Click on the "My Account" tab.
- Type in your library card barcode number and your PIN (the last 4 digits of your phone number, unless you have changed it in your profile.
- Click the "log-in" button.

- Scroll down to "Email information," enter your email address and click the "Update" button.
- That's all there is to it! You will automatically begin receiving notices for overdue items, items on hold, and courtesy reminders to help you avoid late fees.
- If you change your email address, just navigate back to "My Account" and update your information. It's very simple!

Thanks to passage of our 1-mill operating levy, the library staff can ensure full use of technology to improve services.

Just think of the old days of hand-stamped books and "what you see is what you get"...If Way didn't own the book, you were out of luck!

Chamber donates \$1,000 to Foundation

The Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce recently made a generous \$1,000 donation to the Way Public Library Foundation.

Chamber vice president Dave Dewey presented a check to Library Director Nancy Kelley at the Chamber's February 18 luncheon.

The Chamber also donated \$1,000 to the gymnasium project of the Perrysburg Heights Association.



Left to right, at the Chamber's February luncheon, Foundation administrator Lisa Richard and Library Director Nancy Kelley accept the donation from Dave Dewey, Perrysburg Chamber vice president.

Reel Talk, April 22: **I Was a Male War Bride**

Way's classic film series Reel Talk will feature "I Was a Male War Bride," at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 22. Admission and refreshments are free.

The 1949 film stars Cary Grant and Ann Sheridan.

Mike Hough, film program coordinator at the historic Ohio Theatre, is guest speaker.

Internet 'smarts': New 'PAMS' system begins in April

Beginning this month, Way Library is revamping its Internet Access system. Distribution of "smart" cards has begun, and the new system is expected to be up and running by mid-April.

Smart cards cost \$1, but each patron who purchases one will be given \$1 free printing/photocopying.

The new system, "PAMS" (Public Access Management System), will help protect children and bring the library into compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Parents will sign permission forms which provide four different filtering levels for their children: Default (no chat or sex sites), Teen Appropriate,

Safe Harbor, and Research Only. All adults get Default.

The new system will automatically extend your usage time if computers are available.

Get smart and get your own "smart card": You can't use a Way computer without one!



Let there be music!

On March 20, the Perrysburg Symphony Chorale, conducted by Wayne Anthony, recreated "The Wind in the Willows" in a special concert in the children's area.

It's New!

Movies for Young Adults

The library has begun showing feature films twice a month for young adults to enjoy. Teens enjoyed "Tuck Everlasting" this past week. Upcoming films:

- April 12, 3-5 p.m.— **Holes.**
- April 26, 3-5 p.m.— **Shrek.**
- May 10, 3-5 p.m.— **Shiloh.**

News and Notes

The Way Library Foundation welcomes two new board members: **Joan Foster** and **Debbly Peters.**

Toledo Area Parent informs us that Way's story time has won most popular story hour honors. See their April issue.

Lost anything important recently? Way's **Lost and Found** has keys, eyeglasses and other sundry items. Ask at the Circulation Desk.

Do you wish to honor and remember a special friend or family member who has passed away? Your gift will be publicly recognized...and greatly appreciated!

D-Day program April 28

A special library program to commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day (June 6) and to recognize battle veterans is planned for Wednesday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. American Legion Post 28 is co-sponsoring the event.

Local residents will discuss the role they played in the invasion or "D-Day plus." Post 28 Historian Leo Darmofal will serve as moderator, and documentary video of D-Day will be shown. Carlos Cordova, Omaha Beach veteran, will be one of the featured speakers.

Anyone who would like to speak, serve as an information source or display military memorabilia should call the library, 419-874-3135.

Foundation mystery play fund-raiser sells out in its first year

The Way Public Library Foundation astounded and amazed by raising \$13,500 in a spectacularly successful first venture – an interactive murder mystery entitled "Who Whacked Willard at Way?" Proceeds benefited the Endowment Fund.

With tickets sold out two days before the event, the play was staged on February 28, transforming the library into the Manhattan brownstone of murder victim Willard Volt. Of the 310 amateur sleuths bent on solving the mystery, four were prize winners: Jim Carns, Lynda Fox, Micki Hambro, and Brenda Irwin.

The planning committee was comprised of Lisa Richard, chair; Libby Marsh, Phyllis Mauerhan, Lea & Matt Skotynsky, and Becky Williams, joined by Kim Henderson and Judy Hagen as decorating chairs. Bravo, one and all! Interested in helping to plan next year's play? Call Lisa Richard at 419-874-3135,x170.

Hats off to everyone involved, including the main characters, played by Joan Foster, Don Fraser, Jody Alexander, Patrice Spitzer, Marge Gallagher, Dwight Osterud, Ken Cappelletty and Wayne Koskinen.



Above, the exciting conclusion: the arrest of Emma Tayshon by local officer Mark Wasylshyn. Four guests "guessed" the answer: Jim Carnes, Lynda Fox, Micki Hambro and Brenda Irwin.



Photos, clockwise, from above: *Ellie Vator (Becky Williams) & Town Doctor (Jack Wanick). *The Warnimonts arrive. *Mikey X. Spiane (Dwight Osterud). *Arman Goodall (Wayne Koskinen). *Mabel Sable (Jody Alexander). *Liza Lott (Joan Foster), Emma Tayshon (Patrice Spitzer) & Fd'n board member Molly Mack. *Fitz Auvanger (Ken Cappelletty). *Spam Spayed (Don Fraser). *Lera Luscious (Marge Gallagher). *A sleuth gathers information from the Princess.



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2003 Way Library Annual Report and Statistics

Way Library was a busy place in 2003, with 29,796 card holders, up from 28,686 in 2002.

Closing on Sundays caused a 3.9 percent decline in circulation. But our avid users still checked out 518,695 items, an average of 17.4 items per card holder, in 2003. Of these items, 212,406 were from the juvenile collection.

Interlibrary loans increased 12.9 percent in 2003. In all, 72,851 ILLs were transacted. Other interesting statistics:

Annual patron count: 299,364.
Ave. weekly patron count: 5,757.
Attendance at juvenile programs in 2003: 5,963.
Annual informational questions: 71,084.
Items in collection: 109,979.

“We are lifting the freeze on purchases of various library materials. Funds from the new levy will be collected beginning in January 2005,” said Library Director Nancy Kelley.

Computer classes —104 sessions in 2003 — attracted 663 participants. More than 1,300 patrons visited the tech lab during open hours.

“It’s quite interesting that circulation divides evenly — one-third in adult, one-third in juvenile and one-third in audiovisual,” observed Mrs. Kelley.

Feature DVDs were most widely circulated among A-Vs, with 29,572 checkouts. Adult nonfiction was the largest single category of all circulating items, with 49,112 “hits” in 2003. Popular areas were

the 600s: business, medicine, cookbooks and car repair.

Are children still reading? You bet they are. Patrons checked out 22,906 Easy Reader Blues, 22,305 juvenile nonfiction and 22,942 picture books in 2003.

With 24.20 full-time-equivalent employees in 2003, the library operates on fewer staff hours than we did when we occupied a building half the size!

2003 Circulation

