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WAY 125TH PARTY TO FEATURE OLD-FASHIONED FUN

You are invited to an old-fashioned birthday party!

Way Library turns 125 this year, and the staff is rolling out the red carpet for a community party on Friday, April 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. Just some of the events:

- Musical entertainment, 7-8 p.m.: the Perrysburg Symphony Chorale, the Suburban Singers and the Woodland Junior Jazzers.
- Juggling, hula-hoop demos, 7-8 p.m.
- Courtesy of Historic Perrysburg, meet some of the cast and characters involved in Way's founding.
- Old-fashioned children's games, 7-8 p.m.: marbles, hopscotch, jacks, whirligigs, yo-yos, ball in the cup.
- Free birthday cake and treats.

The winners of our 125th anniversary contests will be awarded their prizes. It is not too late to join in the fun:

- **Where's Willard?** Each Wednesday a poster with a photo of Willard Way moves to a new location. Clues to his whereabouts are on a sign in the main aisle of the library. At each site, he leaves a trace of his presence, so pick up an entry blank and begin your journey around town. Each location has an answer (secret word.) Turn in your entry by noon, April 21.
- While the deadline for the **children's creative writing contest** has passed, the fun of reading and judging these wonderful essays has just begun. Prizes will be awarded at the party.

P.S.: No RSVP necessary! Just come.

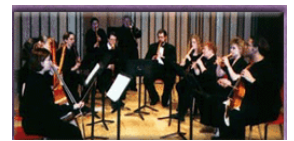
Historic Perrysburg, library to present Ted Ligibel lecture

Dr. Ted Ligibel, director of the Eastern Michigan University historic preservation program, will speak at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, in the first commissioned lecture of Historic Perrysburg, Inc. In this free program held at and cosponsored by Way Library, Mr. Ligibel will talk about arts and crafts bungalows such as the Perrysburg house pictured here. Refreshments will be served.



BGSU Early Music Ensemble at Way Library Mon. April 10

The Early Music Ensemble of Bowling Green State University, directed by Dr. Mary Natvig, will perform early 17th century English music on period instruments at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10, near the Way Café. Refreshments are included. The performance will feature poetry from the period rendered by BGSU Theater Department Chairman Ron Shields and Professor Lesa Lockford.



April Events

- April 1 – Digital Photography, 9:30 a.m.
 April 2 — Adult/Child Book Discussion: “So Be It,” 2 p.m.
 April 7 — Reel Art@Way: “Witnesses,” 7 p.m.
 April 8 — Ebay class, 9:30 a.m.-noon
 April 10 — Early Music Ensemble, 7 p.m.
 April 11 – Perrysburg Bungalows, 7 p.m.
 April 17- Culture Club: Australia, 4:30 p.m.
 April 18 — PHS Symphony Strings, 7 p.m.
 April 20 — PBS Program Club, 11:30 a.m.
 April 20 — FLASH: Mrs. Frizzle Celebrates Earth Day, 4:30 p.m. (online signup).
 April 21 — 125th Birthday Party, 7-9 p.m.
 April 24 — Small Business Workshop, 6 p.m.
 April 26— Turn Off the TV event, 4:30 p.m.
 April 28— Dance, Dance Revolution for Young Adults, 3:30 p.m.

Document preservationist E. Honneffer at PAHM-Way meeting on April 26

Eric Honneffer, document conservator at BGSU’s Collections’ Preservation Lab in Perrysburg, will speak on “Preservation of Old Photos and Documents” at 7 p.m. on Wed., April 26, at the library.

Anyone who needs to take care of old photos or papers of historical value will be interested in this free program jointly sponsored by the Perrysburg Area Historic Museum Board and Way Library. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Honneffer has lectured and conducted workshops on the care of documents for many organizations including the Ohio Genealogical Society, Ohio Library Support Staff Institute and Ohio Associations of Historical Societies and Museums. His humor and insights make this potentially dull topic very interesting. Questions? Call Joann Ward, 419-874-8424.

TEL Amendment on horizon

Watch for updates in this newsletter on the TEL (Tax Expenditure Limitation/Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights) Amendment to appear on the November 2006 ballot. The Ohio Library Council, Way Library Director Nancy Kelley, and others across the state are concerned about the detrimental effects of an amendment which makes no provision for the current source of state funding for Ohio libraries.

‘WOW’ Humanities lecture May 9

As part of the WOW (Way Over the World) travel series, Way Library will present George Kalbouss, Professor of Russian Literature at Ohio State University, speaking on “**St. Petersburg and Moscow— Opposing Cultural Meccas**” on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Professor Kalbouss will address two currents in Russian culture: to be one with or to reject the West. Russian art, architecture and music are featured in examples of each current.

LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES

- The Way Library Children’s Department and the Perrysburg Elementary Parents Association will celebrate **Turn Off the TV Week** (April 24-30) on Wednesday, April 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m., with puzzles, Mad Libs and story telling.
- **Way Director Nancy Kelley** recently joined host Catherine Pratt on WBGU-TV’s “**60-Plus**” program to describe the kinds of library programs of greatest interest to senior citizens.
- Way Library will continue its activities honoring veterans on Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m. with a program on the **Medal of Honor** by retired history teacher Conrad Lippincott. A collection of WWI and II memorabilia will be displayed.

Young Artist Concerts April 18, May 5

The 2006 Way Library **Young Artist Series** funded by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund will offer two unique concerts this spring.

The Perrysburg High School Symphony Strings and Young Artist soloist **Alizabeth Nowland, harpist**, will present a free concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at the library.

The orchestra has prepared ensemble pieces such as the first movement of the Symphony No. 29 by Mozart (he’s now “twice as old” as Way Library—250 years old!) and a lively collection of fiddle tunes. Come see the spectacular results of steady growth in the Perrysburg Schools’ string program. A Young Artist Reception will follow the performance.

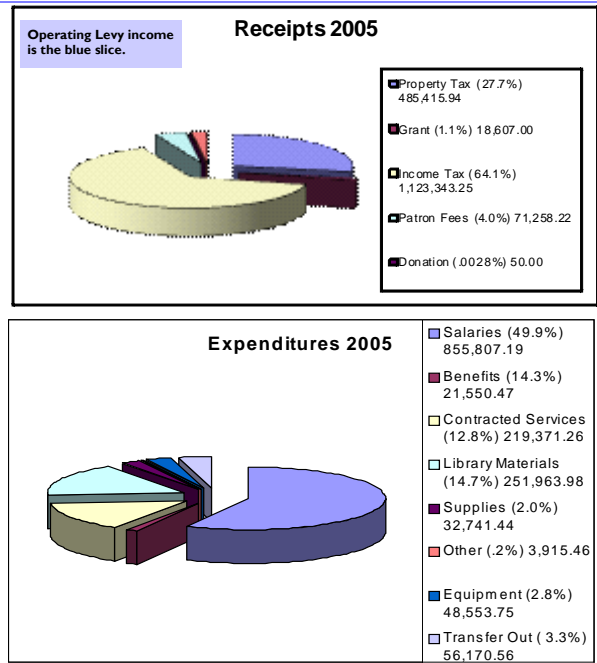
Celebrate **Cinco de Mayo** here at the library with a specially arranged Friday evening Young Artist Concert by the classical guitar quartet of Bowling Green State University. It’s set for Friday, May 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

Way Library 2005 Annual Report

Way Library had another busy year in 2005. Although total circulation (516,256: 19.1 per cardholder) was slightly down compared to 2004 (due largely to the new one-week circulation time for videos and DVDs), the library remains the busiest library in our 65+-library SEO network.

Interlibrary loans grew substantially once again: 104,130 items were either sent to or received from other libraries in the SEO consortium, up from 92,581 in 2004. Way was visited by 346,424 people in 2005 (compared to 330,200 in 2004). Our website received 144,629 visits for the year (an average of 13,148 each month).

Programming continues to grow at Way. A total of 423 programs were attended by 9,234 people, up from 8,442 in 2004. Of these programs, 298 were for children or young adults, attracting 6,772 young people to the library.



Reel Art/Talk Small business startup workshop April 24

Reel Art@Way will feature a Croatian film, "Witnesses," on Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m. This Vinko Bresan film, which tells in Rashomon-style of a crime in a Balkan village, won the Berlin Film Festival Award in 2004.

Reel Talk will feature "Rose Marie" on Thursday, April 27, at 10 a.m. Both film series are free, with complimentary snacks.

The Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Way Library, with funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration and Small Business Development Centers of Ohio, will present "**Charting Your Course: Start-up Business Basics**," on Monday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. This is a free three-hour seminar on getting a new business started.

Reserve a spot by calling Chamber director Sandy Latchem, 419-874-9147, Dan Slifko, 419-243-8191, or librarian Karen Rothman, 419-874-3135 x134.



Toledo Chamber presenter Dan Slifko.

WBGU-PBS Club to discuss 'Holy Warriors'



The WBGU-PBS Program Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, to discuss "Holy Warriors," a drama-documentary to air at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19. Filmed in the Middle East, this program provides a startling new view of King Richard the Lionhearted's struggle to save Jerusalem from Muslim conqueror Saladin in 1187.

For more information, call Mary Meyer, 419-874-3135x100.

FLASH April 20: Earth Day w/ Mrs. Frizzle

It's that time of year! Join Mrs. Frizzle as she celebrates Earth Day at the library on Thursday, April 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20.

This **FLASH** (Fun Library After School Happenings) program with crafts and stories is for children ages 7-11. Online signup begins on April 6.

Fridays with My Friend May 5: Let's Get Buggy

In early February, children ages 4-5 and their senior citizen friends made snowflakes (photo at right). On Friday, May 5, the Fridays With My Friend intergenerational program will feature bugs. At "**Let's Get Buggy**," 1:30-3 p.m., seniors and children will turn their names into wiggly, squiggly bugs, listen to "The Very Lazy Ladybug," eat buggy treats and sing buggy songs. Online signup begins



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Mystery Play raises more than \$32,000 for programming, Endowment

The Way Public Library Foundation's third annual interactive murder mystery, "Felons, Flappers and Foul Play," was well received by a sellout crowd on Saturday, February 25, raising more than \$32,000 for the library's programs and the Endowment Fund.



More than 440 guests attended the event in the library—magically transformed into a 1920 Chicago speakeasy. Five of the guests solved the mystery: Harry Lumbar, played by Mark Perry, committed the murder in the band storage room with poison on the clarinet.



Cast, crew and hundreds of volunteers contributed to the third annual interactive mystery play.

The cast of suspects included Mr. Perry, Molly Mack as Dottie Dimples, Mike Olmstead as Senator Vito D. Beale, Kim Kenderson as Cass Pajamas, Bill Irwin as Numbers Nickowski, Cindy Taylor as Jazzie Ann Swanky, Jeff Turner as Tony Rigitoni, Myra McClure as Sissy X. Capades. Wrapping up all the loose ends again this year was Bruce Brechin in his role as Detective Allan Pinkerton.

Planning Committee members included Kim Henderson, Joan Foster, Janel Molyneux, Kim Nickerson, Lisa Richard (chair), Lea Skotynsky, Rozanne Stepnick, Luella Smith and Liz White. Kerri Wilde was the director, and script editor was Dwight Osterud. Marge Gallagher served as rehearsal assistant, sponsorship chair was Debby Peters, and building supervisor was Tom Apel. The decorating committee was chaired by Lea Skotynsky and Kim Henderson, and the character rooms were designed by a committee supervised by Luella Smith and Rozanne Stepnick.