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FOUNDATION TO STAGE 2006 INTERACTIVE MYSTERY FUND-RAISER: 'FELONS, FLAPPERS AND FOUL PLAY'

The Way Public Library Foundation will present its 2006 interactive mystery fund-raiser on Saturday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for "Felons, Flappers and Foul Play" will go on sale in early January. A sell-out crowd is expected, so get your tickets early. Many levels of sponsorship are available; call 419-874-3135 x102.

The library will be magically transformed into the renowned Chicago speakeasy, the Gilded Gardenia. It's 1925, and club owner Alshifton "Shifty" S. Capades has been murdered. As a guest sleuth, you will spend the evening attempting to solve this nefarious crime.

Guests will enjoy fabulous food throughout the library. A cash bar is available. Live entertainment will follow the mystery.



The 2006 Interactive Mystery Cast

The suspects are, in the top row, from the left: Stepper LeBoutillier, Bill Irwin, Mike Olmstead, Kim Henderson; seated, l-r: Mark Perry, Myra McClure, Jeff Turner and Cindy Taylor.

Once again, the major sponsor is Physical Therapy Consultants. Proceeds from the 2006 interactive mystery benefit the Foundation's Endowment Fund. The focus of fund-raising this year is on adding and improving programming at the library. Your support is critical to the success of this effort.

Holiday Charity



Each holiday season, Way Library selects a charity to support. This year everyone is encouraged to donate to the **Cocoon Shelter**, a safe living environment for victims of domestic violence located in Bowling Green. Bring unwrapped items to our Christmas tree; there is a Wish List there. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Way Public Library Foundation thanks all those who have responded to the 2005 Annual Campaign. Surveys are still being accepted. Survey results will be published in this newsletter.

2005 Preschool Fair

If you are shopping around for a preschool for a child or grandchild, you won't want to miss the 10th annual Preschool Fair at Way Public Library.

This free event on Saturday, January 7, from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the Youth Activity Room of the library, will showcase Perrysburg preschools and offer the opportunity to meet with their representatives.

The 2006 edition of the Perrysburg Preschool Directory will be available at this year's fair.

Lighthouse program set for Dec. 4

Local lighthouse craftsman/artist Terry "Murphy" Murray will speak at Way Library on Sunday, December 4, at 3 p.m.



Lighthouses by
Murphy models.

The Toledo studio of Lighthouses by Murphy recently was the scene of filming for a History Channel program on the Nantucket Lighthouse. Here at Way, the artist who built the large-scale model used in the film will provide an overview of the subject gleaned from more than 40 years of researching, visiting and then recreating many of the world's greatest lighthouses.

A display of the artist's work will be on the lower level of the library. Some lighthouses will be on sale that day.

Children's activities heat up this winter

The long winter passes by more quickly for children who visit the library on a regular basis. Way Library always offers plenty of fun for children during the cold months!

FLASH (Fun Library After School Happenings) will be all about **trains** on Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m. This book-focused series is for children K-5th grade; online signup begins on Dec. 1. For second through fifth graders, Culture Club on Monday, Dec. 19, will feature a presentation by Grace Shover on China (online signup starts Dec. 8.) Registration opens on Dec. 22 for Mother Goose storytime on Thursday mornings in January, and on Jan. 5 for Preschool Story Time (Tuesdays, Wednesdays in Jan.).

Reel Talk Reel Art

Reel Talk, Way's Thursday morning classic film series, will feature "I'll Be Seeing You," a poignant Ginger Rogers/Joseph Cotton wartime love story, on December 15. On January 12, the film will be "Wuthering Heights." Way Library's A.M. Book Discussion Group will open the year with this Bronte classic and attend Reel Talk in conjunction with its discussion. Reel Talk begins at 10 a.m. and features a guest speaker, free admission and refreshments.

After a holiday break, **Reel Art**, Way's free Friday evening art film series, will resume on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. with a French title, "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not," about the relationship between a young student and a married doctor. Is it a love affair or a one-sided obsession? This film is intriguing and suspenseful.

Children's Book Week

Way Library celebrated Children's Book Week November 14-18.

Patrons voted for their favorite book, and Way staff members were invited to submit a photograph along with the name of their favorite book as a child.



The "Staff Childhood Favorites" display will be in the children's area until Dec. 10. As you will see, Way staff members began their love affair with books at an early age. Match these adorable children with grownups on the Way staff!


PBS Club Dec. 15: The Persuaders

The PBS Program Club cosponsored by the library and WBGU-TV will meet on Thursday, December 15, at 11:30 a.m. to discuss a Frontline episode, "The Persuaders," which will air on Tuesday, December 13, at 9 p.m.

This documentary examines how marketing practices reflect cultural/political changes.

Bring a brown bag lunch and your thoughts and ideas about the program. New members are always welcome. Call Mary Meyer at 419-874-3135x100 for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES

- Are you a student planning to study abroad? Way Library will hold a workshop on Sunday, February 12, at 3 p.m. on the ins and outs of **foreign study**. More details will be in the February newsletter.
- **FAFSA on the Web** worksheets are now at the Information Desk, along with other college-related forms and information.
- The **2006 Computer Class Schedule** will be available online or at the Info Desk on December 12. Classes include how to use a mouse, Windows, Internet & email; basic Microsoft Office such as Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher; digital photog- 

Book Discussion Groups set course for 2006

Two regularly scheduled Book Discussion Groups meet here at the library each month, and they are busy selecting books for next year.

The morning group, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except in January when it combines its discussion w/Reel Talk on January 12), always announces its list of books at its holiday party in December. The **evening** group, which meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, is accepting new members. Here's what's in store for 2006:

Jan. 5, *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, S. Dai; Feb. 2, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, L. See; March 2, *Into the Wild*, J. Krakauer; April 6, *The Kite Runner*, K. Hosseini; May 4, *Cry the Beloved Country*, A. Paton; June 1, *The Namesake*, J. Lahiri; July 6, *The Birth of Venus*, S. Dunant; Aug. 3, *Unwise Passions*, A.P. Crawford; Sept. 7, *The Bookseller of Kabul*, A. Seierstad; Oct. 5, *Goat*, B. Land; Nov. 2, *Mrs. Kimble*, J. Haigh, and Dec. 7, *The Kitchen Boy*, R. Alexander.



Way staff honored

The Friends of Way Public Library recognized the Way staff and board of trustees at a breakfast on October 27. The following employees were honored on their service anniversaries (pictured above, l-r): Tom Apel, buildings and grounds supervisor, 15 years, Karen Rothman and Richard Baranowski, librarians, 5 years.

Dec./Jan. Events

- Dec. 3— **Book Sale**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dec. 4 — Adult-Child Book Discussion: "The Penderwicks," 2 p.m.
- Dec. 4 — Lighthouses by Murphy program, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 7, 14 — Read to the Dogs, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 11 — Young Artist Recital, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 15 — Reel Talk: "I'll Be Seeing You," 10 a.m.
- Dec. 15, Jan. 19 — PBS Program Club, TBA, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 15 — FLASH: "All Aboard the Way Train," 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 — Culture Club: China, 4:30.
- Dec. 24,25,26 — **Closed.**
- Dec. 27, 28— Babysitting Class, 9:30.
- Jan. 1,2 — **Closed.**
- Jan. 7 — Preschool Fair, 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 8 — Adult-Child Group, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 12 — Reel Talk: "Wuthering Heights," 10 a.m.
- Jan. 13 — Reel Art: "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not," 7 p.m.
- Jan. 27 — "Snow Ball," 7-9 p.m.
- Jan. 29 — Young Artist Recital, 3 p.m.

Snow Ball Family Fun Night set for Jan. 27

At our Harry Potter Party, everyone discovered what a ball it was to be in the library after hours. Soon it will be time for another ball....a Snow Ball at Way Library Family Fun and Games Night!

On Friday, January 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., the library will open the doors for Snow Ball. The theme is winter fun. Among the activities that family members can take part in are a snowball throw & an ice cube relay race. Make and fly your own paper airplanes.

For the little ones, there will be ring toss, ice fishing, pin the kleenex on the polar bear, twister and stack the boxes. Children can dress up in costumes (either bring your own or try ours) and take pictures in the Dress-up Corner. Dance, Dance Revolution will be back, and karaoke will be available. Play a board game, or make a craft. Don't care for winter sports? Try golfing in the book stacks or sitting by the fireside listening to a story.

Russ Herner's antique ice skate collection will be on display beginning in mid-January, with items added specially for Snow Ball. Do you like penguins? Penguins will be on display—flocks of them. The library hopes to arrange a special opportunity for youngsters to Meet the Perrysburg Hockey Team.

Last year in January, the library lifted the gloom of winter with "LOL at the Library." This year, it's Snow Ball. Join us in January!



The after-hours Treasure Hunt on Nov. 11 was a big hit. Above, the winners.

A 'little' Information:

In the month of October, Way's reference desk librarians answered more than 3,000 information-related questions.

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Young Artist Recitals set for December 11 & January 29

The 2005 Way Library Young Artist Series will wrap up a successful year with a flute recital by **Anne Lake**, 16, on Sunday, December 11, at 3 p.m. Assisted by a grant from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, all recitals and post recital receptions are offered free of charge.



A junior at Bowling Green High School, Anne played solos with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and the Toledo Youth Orchestra this year. She won first place in the OFMC Agnes Fowler Competition. In 2004 she placed second in both the Bluffton College Young Artists Competition and the Heidelberg College Pacesetter Competition. In 2003, she soloed with the Prague Radio Symphony on tour in Europe.

Anne is now a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. In 2004 she was principal flute of the OMEA Northwest Regional Orchestra; in January she will play with the OMEA All-State Band. The daughter of William and Emily Lake, Anne also plays piano, hand bell and violin. She is concertmaster of the BGHS Orchestra. She hopes to win a position as a flutist in a major symphony orchestra in the future.

Violinist **Sarah Connelly**, a Perrysburg resident and former library employee, will open what we hope will be another exciting year of Young Artist Recitals at the library. Sarah will perform on Sunday, January 29, at 3 p.m. A 2004 Perrysburg High School graduate, Sarah is a violin performance major at Bowling Green State University. A Toledo Youth Orchestra soloist in 2004, Sarah's goal is to attain a master's degree in



violin performance and join a traveling performance ensemble. She is the daughter of Robert and Lisa Connelly of Perrysburg.

Sarah studied this past July at the Ionian Summer Music Academy in Greece. A member of the Perrysburg Symphony, she teaches violin and plays in church and theater orchestras. At BGSU she is active in student government as a music representative.