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WAY LIBRARY TO MARK 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Way Public Library will mark an important milestone this year — the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Step back in time to 1881: Local attorney Willard Way has just left \$15,000 to the village of Perrysburg with instructions that the funds be used for a public library. Miss Harriet Hurlburt uses interest from the donation to set up a 1,000-volume borrowing library in her home at 118 Louisiana Avenue.

Everyone is invited to step back in time to attend the old-fashioned birthday celebration we have planned for Friday, April 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Future editions of this newsletter will include news of this community party. Through this event we hope to show our appreciation to everyone for making the library such an important part of the community for 125 years!



Above, the original Way Library, constructed in 1892, photographed c. 1939-1940. Below, an entry in the 1916 Centennial Parade honored the library and other notable "firsts" in city history.



In the meantime, do you have memorabilia (i.e. old cards) or special stories about Way Library? Please share them with us. Email meyerma@oplin.org, or call 419-874-3135 x100.

'Felons, Flappers and Foul Play' to be staged Feb. 25

The 2006 Mystery Play tickets are now on sale at the Information Desk of the library. Tickets are expected to sell out.

Physical Therapy Consultants, for the third consecutive year, is the major sponsor of the Way Public Library Foundation fund-raiser. "Felons, Flappers and Foul Play" will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, with the library totally transformed into a jazz bar milieu. It is 1925, and Alshifton "Shifty" S. Capades, the owner of renowned Chicago speakeasy the Gilded Gardenia, has been murdered.

The suspects will be brought to life by an all-star cast including Kim Henderson, Bill Irwin, Molly Mack, Myra McClure, Mike Olmstead, Mark Perry, Cindy Taylor and Jeff Turner.

It is up to you to solve the crime. Along with enjoying the ambiance, delicious hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, participants will be helping the library support programming and build the Way Public Library Endowment Fund. Tickets are \$65 per person this year. For more information on tickets or sponsorships, call 419-874-3135x139.

Richard Sipp joins Way Board

Richard Sipp has been appointed a trustee of Way Library, replacing Dr. Steve Kiechel, whose second term ended in December. Mr. Sipp is associate director for operations at the Bowling Green State University Student Health Service. He is president of the Perrysburg Youth Soccer Association and a former president of the Perrysburg Rotary Club. An avid library user, Mr. Sipp and his wife Annette, a Perrysburg Junior High School teacher, are the parents of Ellen, a BGSU student, and Christine, a resident physician at the University of Vir-



New trustee Mr. Sipp is welcomed by library director Nancy J. Kelley.

'Study Abroad 101' on Feb. 12

Way Library will hold "Study Abroad 101" on Sunday, February 12, at 3 p.m. This panel discussion is directed toward high school students who are thinking of studying abroad in college.

Along with providing tips/practical advice, the discussion will focus on these philosophical issues: the importance of breaking down stereotypes and viewing the world from other perspectives; security concerns; the development of skills which will assist students in their future careers. Panelists will include Cynthia Whipple, director of BGSU study abroad programs; Celeste Robertson, former Peace Corps volunteer and assistant director of the BGSU Career Center; Travis Chapman, Fulbright scholar who took construction management students to Kenya, and Sarah Bradley, BGSU student who has studied in Spain and France.

Way Library Foundation looks at results of community survey

During its Annual Campaign, the Way Public Library Foundation asked for opinions on library programs. Nearly 150 people responded to the survey.

Of the 16 categories of "types of programs of greatest interest" to the respondents, the top four choices were Author Visits (54 votes), Travel (48), History (43), and Book Discussion (41), followed by Genealogy (34), Crafts (33) and Music Recitals/Concerts (32).

In response to the question, "Which age group would you like to see the library staff focus on for upcoming

programs?" respondents chose Adults 35-55 years old and Seniors 55-plus in equal measure (46 votes each); "Family," 45 votes, and "high school," 29.

The majority of respondents favored programs held in the Evening (63 votes), and the vast majority (91) preferred programs which take place during the week rather than on weekends (35).

Anyone who would like to request a specific program or service is asked to call 419-874-3135x139. These suggestions are always appreciated.



Way walls, cases hold art treasures

Just about every month of the year, art connoisseurs can find plenty to interest them in a trip to Way Public Library. In January, artist Lisa Zook Brenner had a display of paintings in the lower level gallery (pictured above left). These art displays are arranged through the Perrysburg Area Arts Council. At right, a beautiful display of antique ice skates from the collection of Russ Herner, and a lovely penguin collection, were displayed in January as part of "Snow Ball."

Need help? It's tax time again

Way Library will offer AARP free tax preparation assistance again this year.

Appointments are available beginning February 1; just call the Information Desk to set up a time.

The volunteers ask that you bring a copy of last year's tax return as well as all IRA forms that show income.

The Way Public Library Foundation is providing a copier for the volunteers. They will meet with taxpayers in a specially equipped room on the library's lower level. The library has served as a tax help site for at least 31 years.

Monday evening book discussion added

With the addition of a Monday evening book discussion group, Way Library now has four opportunities to join others in discussing good literature. Along with groups on the first Wednesday (10 a.m.) and the first Thursday (7 p.m.) of the month, there is a Sunday afternoon (2 p.m.) Adult-Child Book Discussion Group. The new evening group will meet on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

After discussing "Cold Mountain" at its January session, the new group will take on "Washington's Crossing," on Monday, February 20. What better time than Washington's Birthday to talk about this fascinating account of the historic crossing of the Delaware by author/historian David Hackett Fischer. Anyone who has read "1776" will enjoy the added details about this significant historical event. Call 419-874-3135x100 to sign up.

Reading lists for all groups are on Way's website or here at the library.

Reel Art/Talk

Catch a movie at Way this month:

Reel Art @ Way, a foreign/art film series, will present "Yellow Asphalt," by Danny Veretē, on Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. The clash between modern Israel and the Bedouins is told in three desert stories.

Reel Talk, Way's classic film series, will show "East of Eden" on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. This 1954 film with Raymond Massey, James Dean and Julie Harris is based on Steinbeck's novel.

Curious George party, other children's events

Children ages K-2 are invited to celebrate the birthday of **Curious George** on Tuesday, February 7, at 4:30 p.m. This program honoring our favorite mischief-maker is one of many planned for children this month.



"Peppers and How They Grew" on Sunday, February 5, at 2 p.m.

Fun Library After School Happenings or **FLASH** for 1st-4th graders will feature crafts and games with a "Junie B. Jones" theme on Thursday, February 16, at 4:30 p.m.

Culture Club for grades 2-5 will meet on Monday, February 20, to learn all about **France**.

Preschool Storytime and Time for Twos meet this month, as well.

The **Adult-Child Book Group** for children ages 8-11 and adult companions will discuss the Margaret Sidney classic "The Five Little

Make & Take a Snowflake, February 3

On February 3, from 1:30 until 3 p.m., Fridays With My Friend, an intergenerational program, will create a flurry here at Way. Regardless of what happens with the weather outdoors, children ages 4-5 and their senior citizen friends will "Make and Take a Snowflake" on that afternoon. The video "Snowflake Bentley," a sing-along and a cool taste treat are included. Children may register online: www.waylibrary.info

Seeking 2006 Young Artists

The library will continue its Young Artist Recital Series this year, thanks to continued support from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund. Six free recitals with receptions took place in 2005.

Musicians receive a stipend and support services. Young artists interested in showcasing their talent may call Mary Meyer at 419-874-3135 x100 for more information or an application form.

Classes to include Ebay & digital photography

The 2006 Computer Class Schedule is available online or at the Information Desk. Among the popular classes offered this winter and spring are Ebay and digital photography.

Ebay classes will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. until noon. Classes are \$10. The **digital photography** classes are from 9:30 a.m. until noon: How to Use Your Digital Camera, March 18, \$10; Using Picasa to Edit Your Photographs, March 25, \$20; Taking Pictures, April 1, \$10.

Free classes are available in "How to Use a Mouse." Introductory classes in XP, the Internet and Email are \$20 each. Classes in how to use scanners or burn CDs are \$20 per session. Microsoft Office classes are taught in two sessions; the fee for each class is \$30. The subjects include introductory and intermediate Microsoft Word and Excel and beginning Publisher and PowerPoint. All fees include manuals and must be paid for at the Information Desk upon registration.

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February Events

- Feb. 3 — Fridays With My Friend, 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 — Adult/Child Book Discussion:, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Curious George Party, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 — Reel Art: Yellow Asphalt, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — Study Abroad 101, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 15, 18 — Ebay Class, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 16 — PBS Program Club, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 16—FLASH: Junie B. Jones, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20 — Culture Club: France, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23— Reel Talk: East of Eden, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 25 — Foundation Mystery Play, 6 p.m.

Way Library will **CLOSE** at 2 p.m. on February 25 to prepare for the Mystery Play. On Sunday, February 26, the library will be **CLOSED** for annual cleaning.

Kiwanis donation goes toward toys

The Kiwanis Club's annual donation to the Way Public Library Foundation went to an upgrade on toys for the children's area this year.



Pictured in the left photo is Ben Neeson, 23 months, with a new wooden train, and Colin Overton, 3, at right, with a fire truck.

Genealogy Classes set for March 4 & 11

A free two-part genealogy workshop will help you get started in tracing your family roots. Way Library will hold this popular workshop on two consecutive Saturday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lower level technology lab.

On March 4, area genealogy consultant Bonnie Gilmore-Cousino will teach "Beginning Genealogy: How to Get Started."

On March 11, Ms. Gilmore-Cousino will facilitate "Using Ancestry Library, Heritage Quest and Other Internet Sources."

Sign up for either or both classes online (www.waylibrary.info) beginning February 8. You may also register at the Information Desk or call 419-874-3135 x119. Attendance is limited to 16.