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WAY, HISTORIC PERRYSBURG HOST FITZGERALD EVENT

Historic Perrysburg, Inc., and Way Public Library are pleased to jointly present a commemoration program on the sinking of the **Edmund Fitzgerald**. This special event marking the 30th anniversary year of the Nov. 10, 1975, wreck will be held at the library on **Wednesday, March 23**, at 7 p.m. This program is free and open to the public, but because of limited seating we are asking anyone who wishes to attend to register on our website: www.waylibrary.info, beginning March 7.



The Edmund Fitzgerald, St. Mary's River, 1975. Photo by Bob Campbell.

The speakers at the 7 p.m. meeting will be Jene Quirin and Larry Elliott, board members of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society who not only are well versed in the history and lore surrounding the wreck but who both have personal experience diving and photographing the remains of the ship in Lake Superior off Whitefish Point.

In conjunction with this event, the library is videotaping reminiscences of area residents who were directly or indirectly affected by this tragedy. One participant will be Tom Walton, editor of *The Blade*, whose uncle perished in the mysterious sinking and who was himself a crew member of the *Fitzgerald* during a break from college.



Restored Fitzgerald bell now in the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum.

The Oral History Tape and the displays of artifacts, pictures and reminiscences are expected to be an important part of the March 23 event here at the library.



"Every Man Knew" by David Conklin. Available online at the Shipwreck Coast Museum Store.



Port side of Fitzgerald's pilothouse, July 1994. Photo taken by speaker Jene Quirin from the submersible Clelia.

Youth program to be part of March 23 event

Young people may have heard Gordon Lightfoot's hauntingly beautiful ballad on the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*.

At 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, young adults can hear the song, see a video depiction of the tragedy, and hear an abbreviated rendition of the same presentation which Gene Quirin and Larry Elliott will give to an adult audience later in the day.

In conjunction with the evening program [see above] sponsored by the library and Historic Perrysburg, Way will offer this unique opportunity for young people to learn about the sad events of November 10, 1975, as well as recent efforts to locate the sunken freighter and raise its historic bell.

The program designed for students grades 5-8 is free of charge, and there is no advance registration.

'Open to Interpretation' to showcase Perrysburg High School Speech Team Mar. 6

Way Library will host a special afternoon with the Perrysburg High School Speech Team on Sunday, March 6, beginning at 3 p.m. The dramatic and humorous interpretative competitors will follow up their trip to the state speech tournament on March 5 with a public performance the next day of their award-winning routines.



The PHS Speech Team: District Champions.

Featured performers will be Trent Dorner, district champion in humorous interpretation, "Barefoot Boy with Cheek"; Allie Hovland, district champion in dramatic interpretation, "Thief of Tears"; Megan Lyons and Jo Jo Ginn, district runners-up in duo comedy, "Once Upon a Wolf"; Katy Baldwin, "Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge," and Jackie Kemp, "Deaf Day."

The Friends of Way Library will provide refreshments at this free event.

March Events

March 4 — Senior Day (Cookies w/the Commons), Way Café, 1:30 p.m.

March 4— The Pizza Challenge, 3:30-4:30 p.m., youth activity room.

March 6— "Open to Interpretation," PHS Speech Team, Way Cafe, 3 p.m.

March 12— Red Cross Babysitting, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

March 17—PBS Program Club, 11:30 a.m., youth activity room.

March 18 — Reel Art@Way: "Spellbound," lower level, 7 p.m.

March 23— Edmund Fitzgerald programs, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

March 26—EBay class, 9:30 a.m.

March 31 — Reel Talk: "Footlight Parade," lower level, 10 a.m.

Way Board of Trustees elects 2005 officers

The Way Public Library Board of Trustees officers were re-elected for a second term. They are President Jack Wanick, vice president Elaine Bishop and secretary David Munger. The board includes Rose Marie Gerkovich, Stephen Kiechel, MD., and Mary Thom Williams.

Library Director Nancy Kelley will be discussing the impact of Governor Taft's new budget on libraries. Beginning in Jan. 2006 and continuing from 2007, public library funding will be reduced 5%. A proposed 21% cut in personal income tax may negatively impact libraries in years to come.



Pizza Challenge!



Is it a Marco's? Pizza Hut? Young people ages 11-14 are invited to sample & identify pizzas at Way 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4!

Digital photography workshops in March

Trainer Steve Gagle will lead a series of workshops on digital photography on four Saturdays in March. Each session costs \$10; classes will be limited to 15 participants. Sign up at the Info Desk.

- March 5—How to buy a digital camera (Meeting Rooms A & B).
- March 12—How to use your new camera (Way Library Tech Room).
- March 19—Photo shoot/composition of photos (at 577 Foundation).
- March 26—Enhancing your digital photos with Photoshop Elements 2.0.

Preparing students, adults for the future



Way Library recently held two workshops, "Game Plan for College Admissions" and "Rev Up Your Resume." Left photo, college admissions consultant Carmelita Crocker, left, discusses college options with Camilla Chan, who, attending with her son Alan, was one of about 85 participants. Center photo, 16 people benefited from hands-on training in Way's tech lab during the two-session Resume workshop in early February. Standing in photo at right, career consultant Deborah James helps participant Marianne Borkosky with her resume.

PARENT-CHILD BOOK TALK

The new Parent-Child Book Discussion Group will meet Sunday, March 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss "Ramona's World" by Beverly Cleary. Young readers ages 8-11 (third through fifth grade) and their adult companion may pick up a free copy of the book, courtesy of the Friends of Way Library, after signing up online for the program.

Foundation dedicates ‘Way Back When’ mural

The “Way Back When” mural, a self-sustaining project of the Way Public Library Foundation, was dedicated on Sunday, February 5. About 660 leaves were purchased by area residents.

Foundation Chairman Bruce Badenhop and Way Library Director Nancy Kelley welcomed about 60 people to the afternoon ceremony. Artist Janine Ody of Cristallo Architectural Glass described her effort to create the hand-formed ceramic and cut glass tiles which comprise the mural. Featured in the design are many historic landmarks of the Perrysburg area.



Above, Way Public Library Foundation Chairman Bruce Badenhop speaks at the dedication ceremony. At left below, l-r: Way board member Elaine Bishop, Robin Gillmore, Lisa Richard, and mural artist Janine Ody. Photo below: After the mural dedication, Jan and Gary Samples presented a slide show tour of their bicycling trip along the Danube River.



Legion Photo Display

Through April, the library’s center aisle will be lined with a historic photo display of area veterans.

Friends of Way

Along with supporting programs here in the library, the Friends have been “spreading the word” far and beyond, in various ways. In recent weeks they have:

- Donated a bag of books for U.S. troops in Iraq.
- Sent books, pens & pencils to school children in rural South Africa as part of the “Reading is Leading” program.
- Donated a bag of children’s books to Sunshine Children’s Home.

Merlin Magnifier here



Anyone with vision difficulties may wish to get to know **Merlin!** Thanks to financial assistance from the Perrysburg **Sunrise Lions Club**, the Merlin Magnifier, located near the Periodicals section of the library, has enabled people to magnify their reading material up to 60 times.

This full-color, auto-focus device with closed-circuit television system will help you read newspapers, magazines, and other materials. Ask at the Information Desk for a demonstration or call 419-874-3135 x109 for more information.

Genealogy workshops in April

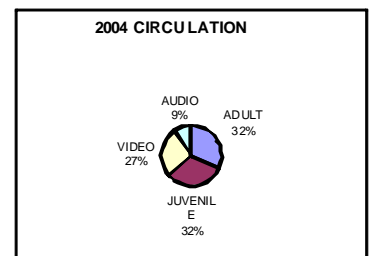
Way Library will hold two, two-part genealogy workshops for those who wish to get started on the rewarding process of tracing their family roots. Part I will serve as an Introduction. In Part II participants will learn how to use Ancestry Plus and other Internet resources. The following classes are free but you must preregister at the Information Desk or by calling 419-874-3135 x119.

- Part I: Saturday, April 2, 10—11:30 a.m.
- Part II: Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m..
- Part I: Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
- Part II: Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Your Way Public Library: a busy place for busy people

Way Library showed increases in circulation across the board in 2004. Adult circulation was up 5 percent from 2003, and juvenile circulation rose 7.2 percent. DVDs and videos continue to contribute to total circulation statistics, with AV materials about one-third of the total circulation. [See graph at right.] Posting large increases were classic DVDs, foreign DVDs, children’s feature and non-fiction DVDs. Videos are less in demand, due to changes in technology.

The **SEO Consortium**, of which Way is a member, has broken new ground in annual circulation statistics, 11,830,460 in 2004, up 5.1% from 2003. There was an 18.6 percent increase in holds and a whopping 87.4% increase in self-renewals, thanks to the iPac system. Managing your own account is great for busy people, and librarians here at Way will help you get started...just ask!



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Way, PCU collecting hygiene items for area distribution

During the month of March, Way Public Library is helping Perrysburg Christians United (PCU) collect personal hygiene products as an adjunct to the monthly food collection/distribution in the Perrysburg area.

The collection box, with a list of suggested donations, will be in the lobby of the library.

World Culture talk April 4: New Guinea

The **Culture Club** for second to fifth graders will meet again on Monday, April 4, at 4 p.m. in the youth activity room.

Linda Rutz, Way Library's head of technical services, will discuss **Papua New Guinea**. Mrs. Rutz and her family lived in New Guinea for three years.

There is no preregistration for this program.

LOL at the Library held in January

Who ever said that January had to be a dreary, grim experience? At LOL (Laugh Out Loud) at Way Library on January 23 more than 200 people proved that you can still laugh and have fun even in the depths of winter. The Toth Faculty/Student Choir, humorous videos by the Perrysburg High School Cellar Crew, Trent Dorner as the Cat in the Hat, Karl Edinger's hula hoop artistry, and George Smith's skills as an emcee all combined to create a memorable, mirth-filled Sunday afternoon at Way Public Library.



The Toth Faculty-Student Choir, directed by music teacher Mary Ann Hughes.



Funny faces, Groucho Marx glasses, and silly hats were sported by many audience members as they watched the videos created by Kathy Housepian's Cellar Crew at Perrysburg High School.