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WAY TRUSTEES OPT FOR 1.5-MILL LEVY ON AUG. BALLOT

The Way Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its regular meeting on Thursday, January 24, to take the steps necessary to place an operating levy on the August 5 special election ballot.

The levy request is a four-year replacement of the existing 1.0-mill levy with an increase of 0.5 mills for current expenses. The library's current 1.0-mill operating levy expires at the end of this year.

If approved by the voters, this levy will raise about \$860,410 annually for four years, providing approximately 39% of the library's income. Currently, the owner of a \$200,000 house pays \$62.00 per year; with the new levy, that will increase to \$91.88, or 25 cents per day.

The library board discussed the pros and cons of an August levy vs. a November levy, concluding that an August levy was worth the additional cost considering the immediate loss

of revenue which would occur if a November issue failed: Without operating levy funds, Way would need to take drastic action to curtail the library's budget, including closing on Sundays and other undetermined days, reducing staff, and trimming >>>> **Cont. p. 2**



Director Nancy J. Kelley welcomes new trustee Zach Clark.

Way, Historic Perrysburg to host Fallen Timbers talk March 12

On Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., Way Library and Historic Perrysburg, Inc., will present a free lecture by **Dr. G. Michael Pratt**, anthropology professor and associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies at Heidelberg College, entitled "**Discovering the Fallen Timbers Battlefield: the Archaeology of a National Historic Site.**"



Dr. G. Michael Pratt

On August 20, 1794, the allied American Indian tribes of the Old Northwest attacked the advancing Legion of the United States commanded by General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. For more than 200 years the actual site of this historic battle remained unknown. Dr. Pratt's 1995 archaeological survey determined its location and led Congress to create the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site. In his talk at Way Library, Dr. Pratt will describe how his team used multifaceted remote sensing to discover the battlefield location and, during follow-up surveys in 2001, sites of potential casualties.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Dr. Pratt received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Miami University and his master's and doctorate in anthropology from Case Western Reserve. He directed the UT Regional Ohio Historic Preservation Office until 1981 when he began teaching at Heidelberg College. From 1981 to 1984 Dr. Pratt directed a public archaeology project at the 1794 British Fort Miamis in Maumee. In addition to his teaching and administrative duties at Heidelberg, he has served three terms and as chairman of the Ohio Historic Preservation Advisory Board; he also is a former president and trustee of the Ohio Archaeological Council.

NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- The Foundation's fund-raiser, "Dancing aWAY with the Stars," will be history by the time this newsletter is printed. Thank you to all who helped with this event—the organizers, volunteers, sponsors. See the April newsletter.
- Visit the Local History Room to view the WWII photo collage compiled by **Harold Dishong**.
- Spring is on its way, and shedding pounds and getting in shape for shorts weather may be on your agenda. Way has added DVDs to its Exercise collection: "Get Ripped! With Jari Love and Cal Pozo," "Leslie Sansone: Walk Away the Pounds," "The Firm —Cardio Sculpt Fusion with Emily Welsh," and "Cathe Friedrich's Hardcore Series —Core Max and Butts & Guts."



The Toledo International Youth Orchestra

will present a concert at Way Library on **Sunday, March 16**, at 2 p.m. This group of outstanding young musicians conducted by Yang Kun Song performed at Way prior to touring China last year. This year, listen to the beautiful classical music which they will perform in Europe when they travel there March 20-30.

These students will be building international good will through cultural exchange. Wish them "bon voyage" on March 16. Admission and refreshments are free, thanks to support by the Karen Morley Khan Fund.

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<<allocations for material purchases. Programming and technology updates would be put on hold.

As Trustee Dick Sipp told the board, "Our responsibility is to the community. This library is too valuable an asset to take a chance at losing it or decimating it. We must go on the ballot at the earliest opportunity, which will be in August. Every effort will be made to assure that the Perrysburg community will keep our fine library."

After experiencing losses of revenue due to cutbacks in state funding, Way Library was one of many libraries in the state that turned to local support through property levies. We passed our first operating levy four years ago. Cutbacks in library funding continue to plague Ohio libraries. The Ohio Library Council predicts a continuing erosion in state funding in the near future.

"We are looking at every means possible to be fiscally responsible and to save on the costs involved with running our library," said Nancy J. Kelley, Way Library director.

"However," she added, referring to a resident's suggestion to the county commissioners, "the possibility of merging with the county district library in Bowling Green is **not** supported by our board of trustees or by our staff. We work with the county library through WoodLink and many cooperative ventures. We feel strongly that the Perrysburg community needs and deserves its own library."

Gadgets & Gizmos Mar. 6: TVs

Learn about the latest in TV technology at the second session of "Gadgets and Gizmos" on Thursday, March 6, at noon.



Best Buy and Way staff began these informal, educational sessions in February (pictured above). Through the month of May, on the first Thursday of each month, get a close-up look at the latest new devices in a relaxed setting at the Way Café area of the library. No questions are considered too "stupid"! You'll be amazed how much you can learn when you "start simple." Confused about all the new TVs on the market? Join us March 6!

St. Luke's lecture Mar. 17: Dash diet

Marilyn Bame, RD,LD,CDE, will be the guest speaker at the next St. Luke's Hospital-Way Library Health Lecture. At this free talk at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 17, Ms. Bame will speak on "The Dash Diet: One Way to Manage High Blood Pressure."

Elevated blood pressure raises your risk for stroke, kidney failure and heart disease. Attend this program to learn the first step in treatment—eating healthy through the Dash Diet.

Author Amy Young to visit Mar. 10

Watch for upcoming information on a visit by children's author Amy Young. She will be in town on Monday, March 10, and available at the library 2-4 p.m. to sign some of the books she has illustrated and written. They include "Belinda the Ballerina," "Belinda in Paris," and "Spike and Cubby's Ice Cream Island Adventure."

A native of Watertown, Massachusetts, Ms. Young attended the Cleveland Institute of Art and then Yale University. After graduating from Yale, she received a master of fine arts in painting from Indiana University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. In 1995, after practicing law for seven years, she became a full-time illustrator. Ms. Young now lives in Spring Lake, Michigan, with her husband and pets....the pets have played an important role in her books.



Steps to Success set for Mar. 10

With talk of recession, it is time to get a leg up in the job market. In a special presentation by Job Solutions of Wood County at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 10, Way Library will help you learn about county services available to those seeking employment.



RoxAnn Neifer and Mary DeWitt of Job Solutions of Wood County.

This program will present an overview of the state programs and services that benefit the job seeker, including information on networking, interviewing skills, resumes and cover letters, job search web sites, colleges, retraining programs, youth employment, and state labor market information.



March films include 2004 best foreign film 'The Official Story'

Reel Art @ Way at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 14, will feature "La historia oficial," an Argentinian drama that won the 2004 Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award.

An Argentine teacher starts to suspect that her adopted daughter is the child of a murdered political prisoner. Her search for the truth reveals widespread political corruption that shatters her blissful ignorance.

Reel Talk classic film series will present "The Thief of Bagdad" on Thursday, March 27, at 10 a.m. This 1940 film in technicolor is a swashbuckling romance about an irresistible thief who helps a deposed king steal back his throne.

Supported by Owens Corning, films at Way feature free admission and refreshments.

Way to change public computer management system in mid-March

Patrons who use the public computers at Way Library soon will be introduced to a new way to log on...and to a slightly different set of rules for using the PCs near the Information Desk or in the Tech Lab on the lower level.

Instead of using a "Smart Card," patrons will enter their library card number and four-digit pin, just as you do when you use the Way Catalog. If you have money on your Smart Card, it will be transferred to your new account. Your time on a public computer will be restricted to a cumulative two hours on any one day. If you have outstanding fines totaling > \$5, you will be blocked from using the public computers. One Express computer with a 15-minute limit will exist for checking email. Guests visiting from out of town may be granted a one-day pass.

Check library signs to learn when the new system will take effect. We will guide you through the steps necessary to learn a new—and easier!—way to use Way computers.

March Events

- March 6 — Gadgets and Gizmos, noon.
- March 6—Mother Goose session begins.
- March 10—Author visit: Amy Young, 2-4 p.m.
- March 10 — Steps to Success, 7 p.m.
- March 11—Preschool sessions begin (registration opens on February 28.)
- March 12 — Fallen Timbers lecture, 7 p.m.
- March 14 — Fridays With My Friend, 1:30 p.m.
- March 14 — Reel Art: Official Story, 7 p.m.
- March 15 — Friends' **Book Sale**, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
- March 16 —Youth Orchestra Concert, 2 p.m.
- March 17 —St. Luke's Health: DASH diet, 7 p.m.
- March 20—PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- March 20—FLASH: Frogmania, 4:30 p.m.
- March 20— Time for Twos registration opens.
- March 26 — Play Readers Group, 7 p.m.
- March 27—Reel Talk: Thief of Bagdad, 10 a.m.
- March 28—Red Cross Babysitting, 10-4. Bring a sack lunch. Register at Children's Desk.

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Fridays with My Friend Mar. 14: **It isn't easy being green**



In March, senior citizens and pre-schoolers ages 4-5 once again will have the opportunity to get to know one another a little better. Way's intergenerational program, Fridays With My Friend, will be held Friday, March 14, 1:30—3 p.m.; the theme is "It Isn't Easy Being Green."

Hear a hoppin' good story, "Jump, Frog, Jump!", watch your snacks jump, and make a crafty frog to take home. The "ribbeting" music will make you hop.

Jump! at the chance to register your child for this free activity by coming to the library or logging onto www.waylibrary.info. Seniors, call to register: 419-874-3135 x109.

Book Sale on March 15

The Friends of Way Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, Mar. 15, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

2008 Way Snow Ball attended by 500+

Winter can seem endless in northwest Ohio. Way Library's Snow Ball family game night has proven yet again to be a fine antidote. On Friday evening, January 25, more than 500 area residents came to this event with a wintry theme and plenty of fun activities to entertain all members of the family.

Library staff members and many, many community volunteers, including members of the Perrysburg High School Honor Society and arts group Prizm, worked hard to make this event possible. Our guest, paper artist Mary Gaynier, led a popular workshop on paper-cutting, and her elegant snowflakes were admired by all. Snow cones, cookies and treats were made by Way staff. Way staff members thank all who attended. We hope to event in winters to come.

Let it snow!

Photos:

Mary Gaynier, lower left photo, demonstrated snowflake art. This family event brings everyone together!

