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LIBRARY PREPARES FOR SUMMER W/RICK HILL VISIT; PERRYSBURG NATIVE WROTE PETE ROSE BIOGRAPHY

Summer is on its way, and Way Library will put everyone in the mood with a special **Meet the Author** event at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, in the Youth Activity Center of the library.

Rick Hill, actor/director/screenwriter who is a 1971 Perrysburg High School graduate, will discuss his "tell-all" book, "My Prison Without Bars," written in partnership with legendary baseball star Pete Rose. Mr. Hill will

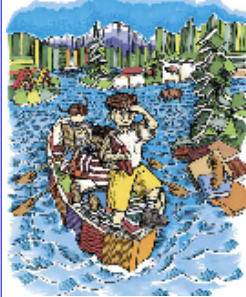
answer questions from the audience and sign copies of the book available for purchase that evening.

In "My Prison Without Bars," Pete Rose admits that he betted on baseball. Mr. Hill will discuss Rose's admission and share interesting details about the three-plus-years he and Mr. Rose spent writing the book.

Join us at the plate!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM HAS LEWIS & CLARK THEME



Discover New Trails at Way Public Library!

The Youth Services Department soon will hit the trail with its 2004 summer reading program based on a Lewis & Clark theme, **Discover New Trails**. The program begins June 14 and runs through July 31.

June and July will be packed with activities planned by our children's librarians in a collaborative program with libraries in 23 other states. The Friends of Way Library sponsor Way's summer programs to encourage boys and girls to continue reading and to stay mentally active during the summer break.

Get Lost @ Your Library is the theme for the Young Adult (ages 11-14) summer reading program. New this year are weekly programs selected just for this age group. Watch for Way's version of the popular TV show "Fear Factor," Design Your Own Web Page, Mehndi Henna Art, and Beading. Young adults who turn in a review form for each book they read are eligible for weekly prize drawings.

Younger children keep track of the books they read on a reading log kept at the library, receiving a small prize and a different sticker each week.

Students in the Perrysburg school system will receive flyers at school. Other children may pick a schedule up at the library. For programs without a fee, registration may be done online at www.waylibrary.info beginning Thursday, June 3. Fee-based programs will take registration at the library beginning on June 7.

PHS student-made videos donated to library



Jeff Pettit, left, owner of Artistic Memorials, and Jackie Derr, PHS business education teacher, donate a student-created video to the Local History Room of the library.

“Home-grown” is what a Local History collection is all about. Teacher Jackie Derr recently helped Way’s collection grow by donating videos created by home-town students in her business classes at Perrysburg High School.

One video showcases a local business, Artistic Memorials. Ms. Derr promises that videos from this series on area companies will be donated as they are completed.



Way outreach librarian Deborah DiGennaro, center, with Ms. Derr and John O’Riordon, featured in a student video as the “Idea Man.”

Another video was a cooperative project with Perrysburg senior citizen John O’Riordon. A faithful participant in intergenerational programs at the library, Mr. O’Riordon was filmed by students as he demonstrated his imaginative hobby—making useful items out of recycled products.

Events in May

May 1 — Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

May 5 — EBay class, 6-8 p.m.

May 7 — Moms Of All Kinds, Youth Activity Center, 1:30 p.m.

May 8 — EBay class, 10 a.m.-noon.

May 10 — Young adult film series: Shiloh, 3 p.m.

May 13 — Meet the Author: Rick Hill, Youth Activity Center, 7 p.m.

May 13 — Registration begins for Red Cross Babysitting Courses.

May 19 — EBay class, 6-8 p.m.

May 22 — EBay class, 10 a.m.-noon.

May 27 — Mother Goose Time registration begins online.

May 31 — **Memorial Day –Closed.**

AARP volunteers assist 241 taxpayers at Way

AARP tax preparation volunteers had possibly their busiest season ever, assisting 241 individuals and clocking 382 hours at their office on the lower level of the library.

Coordinator Walter Hales said he appreciated the new work stations set up by Tom Apel, Way building and grounds supervisor. AARP volunteers were Dick Currie, Jim Flannery, Ray Watson, Tom Weidner, Bill White, as well as Rose Marie Gerkovich and Bob Turain who also volunteer in Maumee.



Way’s AARP tax volunteers are all smiles on April 14, the last day of assisting local residents with their tax preparation. Standing, from left, Jim Flannery, Bob Turain and Rose Gerkovich. Seated is local coordinator of the service Walter Hales.

Meeting Room Policy

The Way Library Board of Trustees is reviewing minor changes in the library’s Meeting Room Policy. After passage of the March 2 operating levy, free use of the rooms for groups showing proof of non-profit (501-c-3) status has been restored.

A brochure on meeting room usage will be available to the public after the final rules are formulated. Keep posted!

Wireless Internet now offered through Buckeye CableSystem

Way Library has become the first public institution or library in Wood County to offer wireless Internet access to patrons. The library now



Way Library systems administrator Jody Stroh.

is a site for Buckeye WLS, the wireless access product of Buckeye CableSystem.

Customers of Buckeye Express will be able to use the service free. Library cardholders with laptops will receive a 20 percent discount off the standard non-member price.

“We are pleased to forge this cooperative relationship with Way Public Library,” said Allan Block, managing director of parent company Block Communications.



Allan Block, right, managing director of Block Communications, parent of Buckeye CableSystem, with Way Library Director Nancy Kelley and Dave Huey, president of Block Communications. The library activated the cable connection on April 13.

News and Notes

Along The Way, this library publication, has a new look and feel in the past months. We are interested in feedback: What would you like to see included in our newsletter? What news and information is helpful to you, our library users? Please see the backside of this page for contact information. Email, call, or write in your suggestions!

The *Lost and Found* bin contains several jackets, three pairs of subscription eyeglasses, two cell phones, key sets and jewelry. Check the bin in the lobby or ask at the Circulation Desk!

The Friends are still selling *Entertainment* Books at \$25.

Way patrons: sold on EBay

The EBay classes at Way Library have grown so popular that the technology lab has scheduled four classes during the month of May.

To register for the \$10 class, visit the Information Desk. For more information, call 419-874-3135 x119.

The classes will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, May 19, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Selling on Ebay is easy — and fun. Items don't have to be antique; car parts, costume jewelry, videos, postcards, backpacks, books, computer parts and clocks are just some of the items that can be sold. Bring your item(s) to the class so we can take photographs of them!



The show will go on!

Organizers of the Way Public Library Foundation's first-ever murder mystery "Who Whacked Willard at Way?" are already at work making plans for next year's event.

Above, cast members Jody Alexander and Wayne Koskinen, with Library Director Nancy Kelley, reminisced about this year's play at a special Appreciation Brunch on St. Patrick's Day. The library staff took this opportunity to thank mystery play volunteers, as well as members of the Support Your Library Levy Committee.

*****News Flash*****
Sunday library hours
return September 12!

Veterans mark 60th anniversary of D-Day at library program

On April 28 Way Public Library continued its partnership with local veterans in a special program, "D-Day and D-Day+: A Recognition Day."

The program honored veterans and commemorated the 60th anniversary of the famous June 6, 1944, battle. Way librarian Richard Baranowski organized the event along with American Legion Post 28 Historian Leo Darmofal, who served as moderator. About 140 people attended.

Introductory remarks were made by Legion Post Trustee Robert Romaker, and a video was shown.

Perrysburg attorney Carlos Cordova was one of six survivors of a 40-member unit of the First Infantry Division that stormed Omaha Beach. He spoke, along with fellow member

of L Company George Folk, David Fought, Oscar Lofgren, Harold Goeke and Herbert Rettig. Verna Miles, whose late husband served, described The Home Front, and Witzler-Shank secretary Marianne Reissig, introduced by funeral home director Keith Custer, spoke about her father, Lt. Col. John H. Mathews, who died in the first wave and was the highest ranking officer to be buried in the Omaha Beach cemetery. She was 7 at the time.

Bud Fisher reviewed the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.



D-Day veterans Harold Goeke, standing, and George Folk and Carlos Cordova, seated l-r, with D-Day battle medals.



Photos:

Clockwise from above: Moderator Leo Darmofal; D-Day speakers; Veteran Glenn Cousino shows his D-Day memorabilia to St. Rose eighth graders; St. Rose students; Marianne Reissig; students w/display items; Verna Miles.



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Moms of All Kinds



*May 7:
Fridays With
My Friend*

Way Library's intergenerational program "Fridays With My Friend" will salute "Moms Of All Kinds" on Friday, May 7, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Youth Activity Center.

Children ages 4-5 may register online or by calling Deborah DiGennaro, 419-874-3135x109.

Participants will sing songs, listen to stories about moms of all kinds, and craft a special gift for mom's (or grandmom's) special day coming up on May 9.

The snacks and activities are offered free of charge.

Mural panel no. 3 to be installed on May 28



Janine Ody of Cristallo Glass, commissioned artist for the mural. Expects to install panel no. 3 on May 28.

The second panel of the "Way Back When" mural, a self-sustaining project of the Way Library Foundation, has been hung. Panel #3 will be hung May 28, with sales now beginning for the fourth and fifth (final) panels. Leaves cost \$40; call Elaine Bishop, 419-874-0254, or Robin Gillmore, 419-874-0940.



Shannon Mack, 4, with her mother Molly Mack, a board member of the Way Public Library Foundation, search for leaves on panel no. 2.

Career information available through Way & Penta

Public libraries in the Penta County Vocational District service area now have free access to the Ohio Career Information System database, thanks to Suzanne Andrews of the Penta Career Center. Previously this valuable service was available only through public and private schools and to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

You do not need your library card to access this site. It contains valuable information on careers, colleges & universities, and job search links. Try it at home: <http://ocis2004.ode.state.oh.us>. Use this case-sensitive password, ohiocis03, and this username, WayPL, when you go to the site.