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Mary Meyer, Editor

## WAY SEEKS APPROVAL OF 1.5-MILL RENEWAL LEVY

Way Library will ask voters to approve a 1.5-mill renewal levy for operating funds at the polls in 2012. On October 4 Perrysburg City Council approved a resolution of necessity to move forward on our levy request.

If approved by the voters, the levy will provide \$922,699.32 annually for four years, providing approximately 49 percent of the library's income. The owner of a \$100,000 home will continue to pay \$46.00 per year. Property owners who qualify for a homestead exemption will pay \$34.00 per year. The library's current operating levy expires December 31, 2012.

The Way Library Board of Trustees studied the library's finances in light of an expected continued erosion in state funding. As recently as 2001, state support represented 93% of our budget. The library passed its first operating levy in 2004. During special meetings held this summer, the Trustees decided that by continuing to monitor expenditures and increase efficiency, the library could ask for a levy renewal, rather than an increase. The economy adversely affects everyone, and the library staff is especially cognizant of that fact, given the increased use of our services by patrons impacted by hardship and unemployment.

The levy is expected to be on the ballot in March or May—the presidential primary election. Watch for more information on the levy in future issues of this newsletter.

## Historic Perrysburg and Way to present Civil War talk

In partnership with Historic Perrysburg, Way Library will join in marking the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War with a lecture on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 2 p.m.

Way local history librarian Richard Baranowski and historical researcher Tom Boltz will present a talk, **“From Drummer Boy to General: Wood County's Role in the Civil War.”**

Mr. Boltz will cover county officers and enlisted men including forgotten local hero Colonel Arnold McMahan. A Defense Intelligence Agency analyst who returned to northwest Ohio with his wife Jean after retiring, Mr. Boltz received a master's degree in history from Bowling Green State University. A member of the Wood County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, Mr. Boltz has lectured and written articles on Civil War history.

Mr. Baranowski will talk about little known General Patrick Slevin. Mr. Baranowski, with undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toledo and Wayne State, has written numerous articles on local history and is well known for his series of videotaped interviews of both local residents and US military service veterans.



Richard Baranowski and Tom Boltz will speak.

## Way, LWVPA Topical Tuesdays Nov. 15 Confessions of Food Editor Neman

Way Library and the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area will take a light-hearted look at food and the never-ending debate on how and what we should eat at a Topical Tuesday talk on November 15 at 7 p.m.



In his talk entitled "Confessions of a Food Editor," Blade food editor **Dan Neman** will give an inside picture of life as a connoisseur of fine food and drink. He will address some of the latest controversies in diet and nutrition and answer questions on healthy eating in today's fast paced/fast food world. Refreshments will be served at this free event.

Mr. Neman has been Blade food editor for more than a year. Previously he worked at the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Richmond News Leader for a combined 24 years, as well as in Texas at the Bryan-College Station Eagle. A native of Cincinnati, he graduated from the University of Chicago.

## 'Golden Girls of the Silver Screen' and other free films in Nov., Dec.

On consecutive Sundays in November, Way will present a movie series called "Golden Girls of the Silver Screen," starring some of film's most glamorous and skilled actresses. All films begin at 2 p.m.:

November 6: "Poor Little Rich Girl." November 13: "Strawberry Blond." November 20: "Mother Wore Tights." November 27: "Mogambo."

These movies feature actresses such as Alice Faye, Shirley Temple, Rita Hayworth, Olivia de Havilland, Betty Grable, Ava Gardner and Grace Kelly. Special guest speakers have been invited to share their expertise and knowledge of these classic films. Refreshments will be served.

The Reel Art foreign films supported by Skotynsky Financial will present "Autumn Spring" (Czech) on Friday, November 18, at 7 p.m. and "Letters to Father Jacob" (Finnish) on December 9 (7 p.m.) Reel Talk classics will show "The Canterville Ghost" at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, and "Week-End in Havana," on Thursday, December 8 (10 a.m.)

## News & Notes at Way

- November 6-12 the library will hold "**Food for Fines**" week. We will accept one can of food for each dollar owed for old fines, and one can per overdue item returned that week. The food goes to the Perrysburg Christian United Food Bank.
- **Credit cards** can now be used for paying fines, fees, charges for copies, faxes or class registrations.
- Save the date: **Snow Ball** is January 27, 7-8:30 p.m.!
- Would you like to make a special holiday centerpiece? Way's own Lynn Fleure will teach **A Feast for the Eyes** on Monday, December 12, at 7 p.m. Class size is limited to the first 20 who sign up and pay the \$10 fee before Dec. 5. Refreshments, door prizes included!
- **Franchising** with Tracy Rickman will be held Tuesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. At this free event, learn all about franchising and whether it will work for you.
- **Financial Aid 101** with Owens financial aid counselor Betsy Johnson, is set for 7 p.m. Monday, November 14. Grants, scholarships, loans and FAFSA will be covered at this free program.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



The library recognized our many volunteers on October 11. Above, l-r, Carol Harrison, Toni Sturton, Patty Nevolis, Way director Janel Haas, and Mary Depinet. Below, l-r, Pat Mauk, Mary Turain, Barbara Blem and Becky Swartzbeck.



## Scavenger hunt winners honored

Way Library and Historic Perrysburg honored winners of the 2011 Perrysburg Historic District Scavenger Hunt on October 4. First place winners were, right photo, l-r: Karen Zalubil, Laura Bell, Travis Bell, Irma Wolf and (front) Sidney Bell. Also receiving a perfect score/first place prize are, pictured in the below photo l-r, former Historic Perrysburg president Becky Visser, Jan Samples, Judy Reitzel & Jane Spirn of the "Literary Ladies" Monday Book Discussion Group at Way Library, Darren LaShelle, and Historic Perrysburg president Todd DeBruin. Runner-up teams also were honored.



## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1 — Homeschoolers Academic Jeopardy, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 — Franchising workshop, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 4 — YA Cookie Decorating, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 — Golden Girls: 'Poor Little Rich Girl,' 2 p.m.
- Nov. 7—Homeschoolers Fun with Frog & Toad, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8 — YA Gaming: Super Smash Brothers, 2-4 p.m.
- Nov. 9 — Friends Used Book Sale, 2-6 p.m.
- Nov. 10 — Reel Talk: 'The Canterville Ghost,' 10 a.m.
- Nov. 10 — Fall Festival Fun Intergenerational, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 — Job Search Leads Group, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13 — Golden Girls: 'Strawberry Blond,' 2 p.m.
- Nov. 14 — Homeschoolers Book Talk, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14 — Financial Aid 101, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 15 — Topical Tuesday: Dan Neman, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 17— Reel Opinions, 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 17 — FLASH: My Weird School, 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18 — Reel Art: 'Autumn Spring,' 7 p.m.
- Nov. 20 — Golden Girls: 'Mother Wore Tights,' 2 p.m.
- Nov. 23 — Library closes at 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 — Golden Girls: 'Mogambo,' 2 p.m.
- Dec. 2 — YA Pizza and Pages, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 4 — Wood County Role in Civil War lecture, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Homeschoolers program TBA
- Dec. 8 — Reel Talk: 'Week-End in Havana,' 10 a.m.
- Dec. 8 — Job Search Leads Group, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — YA Movie Bingo, 3-5 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — Reel Art: 'Letters to Father Jacob,' 7 p.m.
- Dec. 11,18 — Library is closed.
- Dec. 12 — Homeschoolers Book Talk, 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 — Holiday Centerpiece program, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 — Reel Opinions, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24-26, Jan. 1 — Closed

## Friends 'Early Bird' holiday sale Nov. 9

The Friends of Way Library will help you jump-start your holiday shopping with a fine selection of just-like-new used books available on the lower level of the library Wednesday, November 9, from 2 to 6 p.m. Fill a large bag for \$15., or a small bag for \$5. Happy shopping!

**T**he Way Public Library Foundation is launching its **Annual Campaign** on November 9. Contributions from the campaign fund library programs, special events and projects, and support the purchase of books, DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, toys and research databases.

The **Willard Way Society** was established in 2011 to recognize the continuing commitment of some of our most faithful supporters. This steadfast generosity has a significant impact on the library and its ability to fulfill its mission statement. The Foundation is grateful to supporters at all levels of commitment.



## Way receives APSE award

The library was recognized by Ohio APSE (Advancing Employment, Connecting People) in a September 13 event in Worthington. As "Best Small Employer," Way was cited for "outstanding commitment in advancing employment for persons with disabilities." L-r, circulation supervisor Lynn Fleure, Way page Jennifer Kwiatkowski, and Shane Fredritz, vocational specialist from Wood Lane Community Employment Services.

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## Gala birthday party marks Way 130th

Way Library held a fun-filled 130th birthday party on October 21. Thanks to our sponsors (Edward Jones -Odegaard's, Goodremonts, Master Chemical, along with The Andersons, Connext Nation, Drs. Julius and Kay, Envirocare Lawn and Landscape, Fricker's, Midwest Tape, Ohio Snow Pros, Perrysburg Plumbing and Heating, Stanley Steemer, and Ohio CAT), more than 340 people enjoyed birthday cake and entertainment by Ragtime Rick and magician Gordon Russ.



Gordon Russ, top, Ragtime Rick Trio, at left, and 130th scavenger hunt winner Willis Beck with Way Director Janel Haas.

Fall Festival Fun, an intergenerational program, will be held Thursday, November 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Children, ages 3-5, bring your grandparent, or your favorite senior, and enjoy stories, crafts, music and snacks. Online registration begins October 20: Parents, add the name of the child's senior on the line marked 'parent/guardian.'

