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A REPORT FROM DIRECTOR NANCY KELLEY: FINAL STATE BUDGET: FLAT LIBRARY FUNDING

This spring, while state legislators hammered out the biennium budget, Ohio public libraries asked library patrons across the state to send a message to Columbus.

Thanks to those of you who contacted Ohio congressmen. Your support for public libraries obviously influenced the budget's final form. We dodged the bullet of a proposed 5 percent cut in the LLGSF (Library and Local Government Support Fund), but a freeze in state funding will be in effect for the foreseeable future. In addition, through 2010, libraries with operating levies will be held harmless from the effects of the elimination of tangible personal income tax. In light of long-term funding challenges, this is a relief: Way's 1-mill levy has most definitely helped us overcome the effects of lost state revenue.

There are still some dark clouds on the horizon. Flat funding is just that....flat. Essentially, we see it as a "lack of expected increases." While everything else goes up in price, libraries are expected to make do with what we have...or find new ways to produce revenue.

The Governor's proposal to allow libraries to charge for certain services is troublesome in many ways. Many of us feel that this provision, left intact in the final budget, erodes the basic principle of public libraries: Free access to every aspect of our information-based society.

More ominous is the TEL Amendment, a proposed change in the Ohio Constitution that Secretary of State Ken Blackwell would like to see on the 2006 ballot. Effectively, TEL (Tax Expenditure Limitation) would eliminate the state fund earmarked for public libraries.

Way Library, local veterans remember VJ Day

On Thursday, August 11, Way Library and American Legion Post 28 marked the 60th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day. About 120 people heard area residents recall the day Americans celebrated the end of World War II.



An important part of Way's commemoration was the unveiling of the handsome framed photograph collage of 400-some military veterans.

Jan Samples, whose engineer father worked on nuclear research at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, holds up a newspaper announcing the end of the war. In the right photo, helping with the program were Elizabeth Dunipace, Carlos Cordova, Jean Potts, Jan Samples (front row), Charlie Kopp, Bob Romaker, Bud Fisher, librarian Richard Baranowski and Art Koskinen (back row).

TMACOG needs help planning local highways, bikeways, bus & train routes. Visit its display here at Way, "On the Move: 2007-2035," and fill out a survey.

Sept. 11: Bob Boyd to speak on his new local architecture book

On Sunday, September 11, at 3 p.m. local author C. Robert Boyd will present a slide show preview of his new book, "Perrysburg Architecture," part of the Arcadia Publishing Company series "Images of America."



The book features photographs of 150 of Perrysburg's most distinctive historic homes, public facilities and commercial buildings. Information on the history and architecture of each structure is included. During his talk, Mr. Boyd will add fascinating details on the many interesting families who have lived in these beautiful homes. Signed copies of his book will be available for \$19.99, and refreshments will be served.

What's your...

GAME PLAN FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS?

Is your teenager overwhelmed before he even begins the college application process? On Wednesday, September 28, at 7 p.m. high school guidance counselor Carmelita Crocker will guide teens and a parent/adult companion through the steps they should take to apply to college. Sign up online for this free program: www.waylibrary.info

Creating a "Game Plan for College Admissions" is a critical first step in finding and getting accepted to the college that is best for you. Mrs. Crocker's power point presentation will provide a timeline and a strategy to follow. Way librarians will supply resource and database lists that will be helpful during the college search.

Reel Talk, Reel Art to resume

Reel Talk, Way's Thursday morning classic film series featuring a post-film speaker, will resume this fall at 10 a.m. October 20 with a Ginger Rogers/Ray Milland film, "The Major and the Minor." "The Night of the Hunter" on November 17 and "I'll Be Seeing You" on December 15 will follow. Films and refreshments are free.

Reel Art, our Friday evening foreign/art series, will start up again on October 14 in the main floor activity room of the library. "Together" will begin at 7 p.m. On Friday, November 11, "Green Fingers" will be shown. Refreshments and admission are free of charge.

PBS Program Club honored

The PBS Program Club, a joint endeavor of Way Public Library and WBGU-TV, recently was honored at a Public Television conference in Boston. Deb Boyce of WBGU-TV accepted the outreach award. Way Library was the first library to partner with Channel 27 in forming a PBS Program Club. To join, call Mary Meyer, 419-874-3135x100.

Wanted: Tech Team Volunteers

Help staff the lower level tech lab once a week for a 2-3-hour shift this year. Must be over 18 and computer savvy. Call/email Jody, 419-874-3135x103; strohjo@oplin.org

'Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince' released at gala party

On July 15 more than 200 people joined the magic merriment at Way Library's first "Harry Potter Party." At the stroke of midnight, patrons checked out copies of the latest HP book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

In the hour leading up to the release, there were dozens of fun & creative ways to pass the time. Everyone had a ball!



Photos, clockwise: Jane Chernykh holds a cherished copy of the book. Sara Bangley, with librarian Martha Johns, guessed within two the number of jelly beans in the jar. Singing "The 12 Days of Harry Potter" was one delightful task. Staff member Jody Stroh ties a blindfold. At midnight, clerk Moe Ibarra checks out the books. Children's coordinator Pat Maust (in the pink boa) asks for the magic password. People of all ages received magic stamps, had their fortunes told and traveled on hands and knees through a maze.



Grant writing workshop October 26

The Way Public Library Foundation is helping non-profit organizations help themselves. Along with adding resources to our collection, the Foundation will sponsor a free Grant Writing Workshop by Linda Koss, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library grants specialist, on Wednesday, October 26, at 7 p.m. To register, call the Information Desk, 419-874-3135x119.

Among the new reference books are "National Directory of Corporate Giving," "The Foundation 1,000," "Guide to a Winning Proposal," "Guide to Proposal Writing," "Foundation Fundamentals" and "Guide to Grant Seeking on the Web." Lisa Richard, Foundation administrator, acquired the books through a matching (50/50) grant, partnering with Erie Basin Resource Conservation Development, a non-profit organization which distributes the books.



Erie Basin board members Tim Brown, left, and Tom Blaha, right, with Foundation administrator Lisa Richard.

September Events

Sept. 5 — Labor Day. **Closed.**

Sept. 11—Sunday hours begin. Bob Boyd talk/slide show, 3 p.m.

Sept. 15 — PBS Club, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 16,23,30—BabyTime, 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 17 — **Book Sale**, 9 a.m.

Sept. 25 — Young Artist Recital: Saxophonists, 3 p.m.

Sept. 28 — Game Plan for College Admissions, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29 — **Dance, Dance Revolution**, 4-6 p.m. for ages 11-14.



Young Artist Series features saxophonists September 25



Matt Skitzki, above, and the Binikers, below, presented recitals in

Talented young saxophonists Jeff Heisler and Ryan Muncy, graduate students of Bowling Green State University Professor John Sampen, will perform a Young Artist Recital on Sunday, September 25, at 3 p.m. Supported by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, this series features free performances by some of our area's most talented young artists followed by receptions on Way's lower level.



The next performers: saxophonists Ryan Muncy, above, and Jeff Heisler, right.



The winners of regional and national musical awards, Ryan and Jeff have just returned from a European tour. They have a wonderful recital planned for September 25.

Way offers 'Learning Express' tests

Are you preparing to take a real estate broker test or a civil service exam? Do you have a child who is struggling with proficiency tests or studying for the Catholic High School entrance test...or, are you a student prepping for the ACT, SAT, AP, GRE, LSAT or MCAT?

Go to our website: www.waylibrary.info and click on "Magazine Articles/Research." Then, click on Ohio Public Library databases and scan the list until you find "Learning Express Library." Once you have established an account, you can choose from online practice tests in 27 areas. All practice tests include instant diagnostic score reports. In addition to hundreds of tests for people of all ages, career-building tools and writing aids also are accessible.

This two-year pilot program is funded by the State Library of Ohio and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN).

Computer Classes

Fall computer class schedules are now available online and at the Information Desk. Sign up for classes and pay the fee in person at the Information Desk (419-874-3135x119). Space is limited.

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, XP and Publisher classes in two, 90-minute sessions are reasonably priced and you keep the handout/book for home practice. Single-session classes are held on email, the Internet, scanning, CD burning and the mouse.

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You're invited on a **CHALK WALK!**



Stop by the library on Harrison Rally Day, Saturday, September 17. We're having a Book Sale, demonstrations of our new disability grant equipment, and a "Chalk Walk." Young artists will decorate the walk leading around the library. Come and enjoy their creative masterpieces!

Better yet: If you're a young sidewalk artist, compete for a prize. For more information, call 419-874-3135x107.

BabyTime, a storyhour for babies ages 6-11 months, will be offered at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7, 14, 21. For more info, call 419-874-3135x116; Online signup begins Sept. 1.

RALLY DAY BOOK SALE

Specials at 75% off;
other items, \$10 per bag.
Sat., Sept. 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Medieval program ignites interest in reading this summer



Way Library's summer reading programs—Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds for children ages preschool through 10 and U-Knight and Read for 11-14 year-olds—was an exciting and educational trip back to the Middle Ages. Hundreds of children participated in the programs and kept their reading skills alive during the summer months.

Photos, clockwise from top left: Sienna Knab with her glitter art; Kent Chovanec, winner of a zoo pass; A Back to the Wild (Castalia, Ohio) naturalist showed wild animals; librarian Martha Johns at Vacation Arts Venture; Nicole Roe, a zoo pass winner, and Knight Roger McKinney demonstrates jousting techniques.