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WAY DIRECTOR NAMED OHIO LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Way Library Director Nancy J. Kelley has been named Ohio Librarian of the Year by the Ohio Library Council. The OLC biennial awards recognize extraordinary achievement and accomplishments within the Ohio library community. Mrs. Kelley will be honored at the October 2007 Convention/Expo in Columbus.



Nancy J. Kelley

The Librarian of the Year distinction goes to the Ohio librarian who most clearly exhibits: distinguished service, professional and personal achievements, experience in developing and implementing new services, partnerships with the community to provide innovative services, and recent accomplishments as a librarian on the state and the local level.

Director since 1991, Mrs. Kelley has led Way Library to recognition as the fourth best library in its size category in the nation by the 2006 Hennen American Public Library Ratings.

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The Big Read: 'To Kill a Mockingbird' begins Sept. 13

The Perrysburg community is invited to join Way Library and its partner, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (TLCPL), in **The Big Read**.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded TLCPL a \$20,000 national competitive grant to support the community-wide reading of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird." Helped by a matching grant from the Toledo Community Foundation, The Big Read will include a talk by Toledo native P.J. O'Rourke at the TLCPL Main Branch on Monday, September 24, at 6 p.m., and by Charles Shields, author of "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee," at Owens Community College Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. The film "To Kill a Mockingbird," will be shown free of charge at the Maumee Indoor Theatre on Tuesday, October 2, at 7 p.m.

Way Library will offer two book discussions (see side bar) in this multi-faceted project designed to address the national decline in literary reading documented in the NEA survey Reading at Risk.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is a classic story of children's response to racial prejudice in a small, segregated town in the South.



EVENTS at WAY LIBRARY

Sept. 13—Way Library will hold a lunchtime discussion of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. on the lower level of the library.

Oct. 17 — Book discussion of Charles Shields' "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee," 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the book at the Way Circulation Desk one month prior to each discussion session.



Prizm paints puppet theatre

Prizm members, l-r, Tami Mielke, Ruth Koskinen, Julie Harrison (seated) and Dorothy Zemper have been busy painting a puppet theatre for the Way children's area. The Mifsud Foundation paid for the puppets and for the theatre constructed by Way building and grounds supervisor Tom Apel.

A Karen Morley Khan Concert: 'On With the Show' September 30

On Sunday, September 30, at 3 p.m. Way Library will present singer/pianist Dr. George Kalbouss, retired Ohio State University history professor who teaches and performs educational and entertaining lecture/recitals in various venues. Admission and refreshments are free, thanks to support from the Karen Morley Khan Music Fund.



George Kalbouss

In "On With the Show," Dr. Kalbouss will contrast music from the vaudeville and the Viennese traditions. Ending with a tribute to Jimmy Durante, this musical revue is sure to bring back memories of the beautiful... and humorous... music of a bygone era.

Latin class, Play Readers to resume

The library will sponsor a beginners' Latin class on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., September 6 through December 20. The \$50 cost includes a textbook.

The Play Readers group will begin its second season on Wednesday, September 26, 7-9 p.m., with "The Guys" by Anna Nelson about NYC firemen on 9/11. Questions? Call Karen Rothman, 419-874-3135 x134.

Reel Art Sept. 21: 'The Chorus'

Reel Art, Way's art/foreign film series, will open its new season on Friday, September 21, at 7 p.m. with a 2004 French film by Christophe Barratier called "Les Choristes." This heart-warming film is about an unemployed music teacher who becomes the supervisor at a juvenile rehabilitation school and sets about using the power of music to transform lives. Admission and refreshments are free!



Reel Talk films for next season

The Reel Talk classic film series at Way Library will present the following films at 10 a.m. on Thursdays during the upcoming season. Admission is free, with complimentary refreshments. A film scholar will lead a short discussion after the movie is shown.

- October 25: "Son of Paleface" (1952), starring Bob Hope, Jane Russell, Roy Rogers and Trigger.
- November 15: "Pigskin Parade" (1936), Judy Garland, Jack Haley, Betty Grable.
- December 13: "Neptune's Daughter" (1949), Esther Williams, Red Skelton.
- January 10: "Oxbow Incident" (1943), Henry Fonda, Anthony Quinn. The Wednesday A.M. Book Club will join the post-film discussion with insights about the book by W. Van Tilburg Clark.
- February 28: "Stormy Weather" (1943), Lena Horne, Cab Calloway.
- March 27: "The Thief of Baghdad" (1940), Sabu, Conrad Veidt.
- April 24: "Mr. Skitch" (1933), Will Rogers.

'STEPS TO SUCCESS' SEPT. 10

On Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the library, Wood County Jobs and Family Services will hold an informational session eight counselors from Job Solutions of Wood County on services available to those seeking employment. This program will include networking, interviewing skills, resumes and cover letters, job search websites, colleges and retraining programs, labor market information from the State of Ohio, and youth employment. Handouts will be provided. A question and answer session will follow.

BUSINESS STARTUP WORKSHOP

"Charting Your Course," Way's Small Business Setup Workshop co-hosted by the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce and led by Dan Slifko of SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, is set for Monday, September 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This free seminar disseminates basic information on setting up a small business. To register, contact Karen Rothman, 419-874-3135 x134.

September Events

Sept. 3 — **CLOSED** for Labor Day.
 Sept. 10 — 'Steps to Success', 6-8:30 p.m.
 Sept. 13 — The Big Read: discussion of
 To Kill a Mockingbird, 11:30 a.m.
 Sept. 15 — Rally Day **Book Sale**, 9-3.
 Sept. 17—St. Luke's Series, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 18 — Topical Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 19—Game Plan for College
 Admissions, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 20—PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
 Sept. 21 — Reel Art: The Chorus, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 24 — Small Business Workshop,
 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 26 — Play Readers Group, 7-9 p.m.
 Sept. 30 — Concert: "On With the Show"
 by George Kalbous, 3 p.m.

Young readers are alive and well in our community! 100,000-plus juvenile books circulated in 2006.

College Game Plan Sept. 19

Way Library will hold its fourth annual workshop on the college admissions process on Wednesday, September 19, at 7 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary, but students are asked to bring a parent or adult guardian with them to the workshop.

"Game Plan for College Admissions" will be conducted by consultant/counselor Carmelita Crocker. Mrs. Crocker will go through basic elements of applying to college: choosing schools to visit, taking college boards, finding scholarships, meeting timelines, and ensuring successful outcomes.

2006 Circulation Stats

Topping the chart in the individual categories which Way uses to track circulation stats: feature DVDs, with 52,276 items checked out in 2006. Readers, however, are not a dying species. Do the math: Adult nonfiction (44,375), new books (21,397), adult fiction (19,533), paperback (12,821), large-print (8,585), browsing collection (7,163), romance (6,703), mysteries (5,395)...and more!

David Harris opens Topical Tuesdays Sept. 18



Dr. David Harris, nationally known authority on racial profiling, police behavior and the law, will be guest speaker at Way's first **Topical Tuesdays** of the season, scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, at 7 p.m. Dr. Harris currently serves as E.N. Balk Professor of Law and Values at the University of Toledo College of Law.

Dr. Harris will speak on "**Enforcement of Immigration Law and Local Police: Some Surprising Answers.**" In today's heated climate over immigration, many argue that local police need to begin enforcing immigration law since there are not enough federal agents to get the job done. But state and local police strenuously object to this role, saying that enforcing immigration law is just plain bad policing. Dr. Harris will discuss the implications of this debate.

Topical Tuesdays begins a full line-up of interesting programs on hot-button issues. On October 16, Dr. Neil Englehart of Bowling Green State University will speak on **Afghanistan**. On November 14, the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area will co-sponsor "**The Least Understood Branch**" about the challenges to and importance of maintaining fair and impartial courts.

Nancy J. Kelley is OLC Ohio Librarian of the Year

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From 1977 to 1980, Mrs. Kelley was manager of Dorsch Library in Monroe, Michigan, and from 1980 to 1991, she was employed by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in various capacities including Manager of Extension Services for 18 branches and two bookmobiles. She has a bachelor of arts in history and a master's in library science from the University of Michigan and a master's of art with reading education specialization from Eastern Michigan University.

Mrs. Kelley is a docent-in-training for the Toledo Museum of Art and a member of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area, the New Century Club, the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Lamplighter Dance Club and Olivet Lutheran Church Prayer Ministry Group. She has served as president of Zonta Club of Toledo I and the Toledo Area YWCA. She helped to found and has been a member of the Monroe Book Discussion Group for 41 years. She leads Way's Reel Art film series and for 16 years has facilitated the popular Way Library Wednesday morning book discussion.

Instrumental in the inception of the Way Library Foundation, Mrs. Kelley has served as its secretary-treasurer. She also served on the Norweld Board of Directors and was a member of the OLC Adult Services Action Council. She and her husband Ed raised six children and now frequently travel the U.S. to visit their 12 grandchildren. In nominating statements, Way board members, staff members, citizens and colleagues pointed to "her charm, charisma and ability to lead," "consummate professionalism," her stewardship of the library during its renovation/expansion, and her creative solutions to the financial challenges brought about by cuts in state library funding.

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Harry Potter Party one highlight of 2007 Summer Reading Program

At the stroke of midnight on July 20/21, after a festive evening of fun and magic, Way Library staff checked out the first copies of the final J.K. Rowling Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."



The 2007 Summer Reading Program included 88 programs, attended by 2,166 children and youths. Four hundred and fifty elementary and preschool-aged youngsters kept track of the books they read over the summer—and **that** is a lot of good reading!



Watch for news of upcoming youth events on the kiosk in the children's area and in the newspapers!