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YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY: THE HEART OF 'MAIN STREET'

As Perrysburg grows and changes, as it becomes the site of new commercial developments and O-I's headquarters, area residents are attempting to revitalize our downtown and at the same time preserve and protect its unique "main street" ambiance.

Perrysburg has a lovely downtown. And most people would agree that for 120-plus years Way Library has been one of its most important landmarks.

A visit to the library was high on the agenda June 8 when DART (Downtown Assessment Resource Team) representatives came to town to help local leaders examine whether Perrysburg should become a designated Main Street Community.

Way Library was represented at the community-wide Main Street meeting held on June 9 at the Carranor Club.

Like downtown business owners, library administrators are struggling to come up with creative solutions to economic realities. State budget cutbacks due to economic restructuring threaten the future of public libraries much the same way traditional Main Streets are jeopardized by the proliferation of big box retail stores and strip malls.

Watch for next month's newsletter article on the "final version" of the state budget and a prediction of how cuts in library support will impact Way and other Ohio libraries.



Way Library is a busy community hub — in the summer, winter, fall and spring. Above, members of the Brooks family recently rode their bikes to the library on a sunny summer day.

Way Library to remember V-J Day in August

On Thursday, August 11, at 1 p.m., Way Library and local veterans again will mark the 60th anniversary of a significant event of World War II in a commemorative program here at the library.

V-J (Victory in Japan) Day—August 15, 1945 – was a day many people remember. Area residents sharing their memories will include Bob Hufford, Ann Pilkington, Carlos Cordova, Charlie Kopp, Art Koskinen and James Beer. American Legion Post officers Bob Romaker and Leo Darmo-

fal will assist Way local history librarian Richard Baranowski in coordinating the afternoon's activities. A video with original film clips will be shown.

The organizers hope to have a variety of mementos and artifacts in the display cabinets on the lower level of the library. In addition, Way's collection of at least 350 photographs of local veterans of all wars will be displayed.

Anyone who wishes to contribute stories or display items should call Mr. Baranowski at 419-874-3135 x110.

PBS Program Club, book discussion groups meet throughout summer

Those of us who love great books and thought-provoking television programs don't believe in summer breaks. Rather, with increased leisure time, we dig in and enjoy our hobbies even more!

The **PBS Program Club**, started by Way Library and WBGU-TV (Channel 27) about one year ago, will meet at 11:30 a.m. on June 16, July 21 and August 18. On June 16, the topic is a Frontline episode: **"Is Wal-Mart Good for America?"** to air on Tues., June 14, at 9 p.m.

Way's Wednesday 10 A.M. **Book Discussion Group** will review "Madam Secretary" by M. Albright on July 6, "Empire Falls" by R. Russo on August 3 and "Killer Angels" by M. Shaara on September 7.

The **Evening Book Discussion**, which meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, will discuss "Leap of Faith" by Queen Noor on July 7, "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck on August 4 and "Lovely Bones" by A. Sebald on September 1. New participants are welcome in all three groups.

FAMILIES TO LEAD ADULT-CHILD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP IN FALL

Jan Barley, volunteer coordinator of Way's new Adult-Child Book Discussion Group, reports that the fall sessions will be led by some of the families who have been participating in the Sunday afternoon group.

Youths ages 8-11 and their adult companions—a family member or a friend—will meet between 2 and 3 p.m.

- October 2, led by Julia and Susan Edinger.
- November 6, led by Sarah and Betsy Bangley.
- December 4, led by Kate, Emma and Jane Faehnle.

For information or to register, call 419-874-3135 x116.

Summer EBay classes to be held

Summer is the time for yard sales and auctions....but here at Way Library you can learn all about selling items on EBay. For the first time, by popular demand, our EBay classes taught by librarian Becky Locke-Gagnon will be held during the summer.

Register for either of two Saturday morning sessions: June 18 and July 16, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. You must pay your \$25 class fee at the Information Desk when you sign up for the class.

Summer reading opens

At right, Kaylie, 5, and Garrett Ward, 8, are some of the many children who have passed through the castle gate to sign up for the 2005 Summer Reading Program at Way Library.



Way Library's summer reading program — "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds," for children ages preschool through sixth grade, and "U-Knight & Read" for youths ages 11 through high school — has begun.

See the calendar on page 3, visit our web page, or pick up a brochure at the library. Reading has its own rewards, but we will offer plenty of other incentives to read this summer...and oodles of programs with a Middle Ages theme. The idea is to keep your reading skills alive over the summer — while having more than a little fun, of course!

Way programs featured in 'Ohio Libraries' magazine

Of about 13 unique programs recently featured in the Spring 2005 issue of the magazine Ohio Libraries, two took place at Way Library this winter.

They were **LOL at the Library**, a January program which included films by students of Perrysburg High School teacher Kathy Housepian and a performance by the Toth faculty-student choir, and **Game Plan for College Admissions**, a February session reviewing the steps needed to apply for college. We agree—they were great examples of how "Ohio libraries offer something for everyone."

Way Café is perking up

It's new!



In more than one way, the Way Café, now managed by Stephen R. Beam of Espresso Four Seasons, Inc., is perking up the light & spacious west wing of the library. Above, LaTonia Miller, left, serves a smoothie to Patrick Riccitelli, a Perrysburg High School senior.

Young Artist Recitals this summer: June 15: Piano/strings w/The Binikers

The extraordinarily talented children of Nick and Jane Biniker of Toledo will share their beautiful music in a rare joint recital at Way Library on Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m.



The Binikers: Samantha, 16, Alex, 14, and Nicholas, 12, will present a string/piano recital on June 15.

The second recital in the 2005 Young Artist Series, this concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. A generous grant from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund supports these concerts.

Samantha, 16, will play piano and marimba. After studying piano with Barbara Foote, she now is a piano student of Frances Renzi and a marimba student of Robert Bell, Toledo Symphony President/CEO. As a pianist she has won first place in the OMTA Buckeye Competition on regional and state levels, the OMTA/Graves solo competition, and the Toledo Symphony Young Artist Competition. On the marimba, she has soloed with the Toledo Youth Orchestra, played in the TSO's Formal Schmormal concerts and won a Toledo Symphony League Remembrance Fund Scholarship.

Alex, 14, a piano student of Barbara Foote, also has won the regional and state OMTA Buckeye Competition, junior high level. A cello student of Robert Clemens, Alex has been principal cellist of the Toledo Junior Youth Orchestra for two years, winning Remembrance League awards.

Nicholas, 12, who studies piano with Barbara Foote and violin with TSO concertmaster Kirk Toth, is associate concertmaster of the TJYO and was alternate winner of the Graves piano competition. Nicholas, Samantha and Alex have all won Monday Musicale scholarships.

June 22: M. Skitzki, jazz piano

Matt Skitzki, an undergraduate jazz studies and piano performance major at Bowling Green State University, will perform a **Young Artist Recital** on Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. A reception will follow.



Matt Skitzki, jazz pianist.

Matt has studied classical piano with Betty Zimmer at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Dr. Robert Satterlee at BGSU. In the annual Marjorie Conrad Peatee Art Song Competition, he won first place in the graduate division in 2004 and third place in the undergraduate division in 2005.

A jazz student of Rick Gleason, Russ Schmidt, Brian DiBlassio and Tad Weed, Matt has performed with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra. He also is an honors student, a German minor and was awarded the University Professors' Scholarship at BGSU.

Summer Events

June 15 — Young Artist Recital: the Binikers, 7 p.m.

June 16 — PBS Program Club: 11:30.

June 16 — **Book Sale**, 4-8 p.m.

June 18 — Ebay class, 9:30 a.m.

June 22 — Young Artist Recital: Matthew Skitzki, 7 p.m.

July 11 & 12 — Red Cross Babysitting Class, 5-8 p.m.

July 16 — Ebay class, 9:30 a.m.

August 3 & 4 — Red Cross Babysitting, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

August 11 — V-J Program, 1 p.m.

Summer Reading

June 13 — Heraldry, 2 p.m.

June 16 — Bats, 1:30 p.m.

June 20—Lotions & Potions, 2 p.m.

June 23 — Experience a Knight's Story, 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

June 27 — Papermaking, 2 p.m.

June 30 — Castle Puppets, 1:30 p.m.

July 7 — Book Making, 1:30 p.m.

July 14—Back to the Wild, 1:30 p.m.

July 18—Glitter Art, 2 p.m.

July 21— Medieval Dogs, 1:30 p.m.

July 18-27— Magic Workshops.



Let's Get Buggy!

Fridays With My Friends took on insects as its theme on May 6. Watch for Pumpkins on Parade in the fall (Friday, October 7).

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Meeting room registration can now be done on website

Way Library has four meeting rooms on the lower level, and groups may now sign up to use the rooms on our website: www.waylibrary.info.

Click on adult programs on the upper left corner of the home page and then go to the "meeting rooms" option.

A Guide to the Meeting Rooms containing policy and rules for usage is available at the Circulation Desk. Groups with 501c3 status may use the rooms without charge. All the information necessary to register can be provided online, but the reservation is tentative until it is confirmed by email.

Thanks to passage of an operating levy in March 2004, the library was able once again to offer free use of the meeting rooms to non-profit organizations and to re-open on Sunday afternoons during the school year.

Memorial donations help to build Way's classical CD, other special collections

Dedicating a book in memory or in honor of a loved one is a unique way to pay tribute to that special person. The Way Library Foundation also accepts donations which are pegged to a particular subject area or genre.

Family members of the late Harriet Murdock suggested that staff members use memorial contributions to enhance the library's classical music collection. More than 30 CDs were purchased in memory of Mrs. Murdock, a professional cellist and a teacher. Through their thoughtful donations, area residents have remembered their friend and honored her special interest.

Ask for the Foundation's brochure, "Dedicate a Book," at the Information or Circulation desks. All tax-deductible donations are recognized with inscription plates on purchased items.



Left to right, Perrysburg High School students Joe Thompson, Casey Wheelless and Anna Ballmer check out the new additions to Way's classical CD collection. Joe and Anna, seniors, played viola and Casey, a sophomore, is a violinist in the award-winning PHS Orchestra directed by Michael Smith.