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WAY 1.5-MILL OPERATING LEVY ON AUG. 5 BALLOT

At the special election slated for Tuesday, August 5, Perrysburg city voters will be asked to pass a 1.5-mill, four-year operating levy in support of Way Public Library. This levy will replace the library's existing 1-mill levy which will expire on December 31, 2008.

Currently the levy provides approximately 29% (\$534,440) of the library's \$1,817,706 operating budget. In anticipation of decreased state funding for Ohio libraries, as well as increased costs for utilities, building maintenance, personnel, collection materials and technology, the Way library board decided to ask voters for an additional half-mill which will provide an extra \$325,969 over the next four-year period.

This levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$46.00 per year. If you are a senior with a homestead exemption, the cost will be \$34.00 per year.

Those of you who know and appreciate the many roles Way Library plays in our community will understand the importance of this levy. With its proceeds we will:

- Preserve the safety and integrity of our heavily used facility. Staffing and funds for repairs, maintenance, cleaning and service agreements are critical to the future of the library.
- Maintain existing library hours. We are open 67 hours per week, Labor Day to Memorial Day, and 63 hours per week in the summer.
- Provide necessary resources for the Circulation and Reference departments due to increased activity. Increases in circulation will necessitate increased bandwidth for circulation procedures and interlibrary loan upgrades. >>Continued on p. 2

Way Summer Reading Program for all ages this year

The "Catch the Reading Bug" summer reading program for children is off to a fantastic start. Adults are invited to join the "Red, White and You!" Summer Reading Program. There will be weekly prize drawings, leading up to a grand prize drawing on August 5. Just fill out a book review ticket, submit your entry, and enjoy the pleasure and satisfaction of good reading!

Check the library kiosk and the display near the ticket container for these special programs:

- **Cake Decorating Workshop** with Marcia Thrush of Thrush's Bakery. Hands-on practice included. Wednesday, July 9, 7 p.m.
- **"What Are My Old Books Worth?"** The library staff will assess the value of your books (limit 3-5). Saturday, July 12, 9 a.m. through 2 p.m.
- **How to Download Audiobooks to Personal Devices**, Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. Get a leg up on this new technology! >>Continued on page 4



Kay and Steve Werkman's doll house. A senior art exhibit (through July 5) opened the adult reading program.

MP3 download demo on July 15

The library world continues to change at lightning speed. Downloading audiobooks is the newest of the new technology available at Way. Visit our audiobook download station near the Information Desk and ask a librarian to show you how to search for and download an audiobook to your personal device.

Library staff will hold a demo session on Tuesday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. Join us at the OverDrive station for a hands-on look at this new service.

New outdoor sculpture at Way

A new bronze garden sculpture near the library entrance is a gift from Jim, Robert C. and Larry Foster, in memory of their parents, Robert A. and Kate Thompson Foster. Soon stepping stones and landscaping will be added to the charming scene.



Mattie Swonger, 5, and the art work

Friends of the Library to hold AV & book sales, July 17 & 24

The Friends of Way Library have two sales planned for the month of July in conjunction with Perrysburg Market Days. On Thursday, July 17, the focus is on AV. Hundreds of VHS movies and books-on-tape will be sold at 25 cents/each. On the following Thursday, July 24, the Friends will hold a regular, \$10.00/bag book sale. Going to the beach in August? Pick up great reads at great prices. All proceeds benefit library programs/services.

Summer Events

- July 2 — Doodlebug Art Camp, 2 or 3:30 p.m.
- July 4 — **Closed** for Independence Day.
- July 7,14,21,28, Aug. 4,11 — Read to the Dogs, 7 p.m.
- July 9 — Doodlebug Art Camp, 2 or 3:30 p.m.
- July 9 — Cake Decorating Workshop, 7 p.m.
- July 10 — Ventriloquist Vicki Gasko, 3 p.m.
- July 11 — YA Movie: Bee Movie, 12:30 p.m.
- July 12 — 'What Are My Old Books Worth?' 9 a.m.
- July 15 — How to Download Audiobooks, 6:30 p.m.
- July 15 — Passport Fair, 4-8 p.m.
- July 16 — Reception for Paul Baldoni exhibit, 7 p.m.
- July 17 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- July 17 — Entymologist Daniel Pavuk, 2 p.m.
- July 17 — Market Days Audio Sale, 3-7 p.m.
- July 18 — Miss Spider Party, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- July 18 — YA Movie: Kids' choice, 12:30 p.m.
- July 22 — Got His Kicks on Route 66, 7 p.m.
- July 23 — Red Cross Babysitting, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- July 24 — Friends of the Library book sale, 3-7 p.m.
- July 25 — Youth Book Discussion: Marley: A Dog Like No Other, 12:30 p.m.
- July 30 — Hot Summer Flower Arranging, 10 a.m.
- August 4-13 — Magic Classes (Mon. & Wed.)
- August 5 — Election. Don't forget to vote!
- August 21 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.

Summer Book Discussions:

- July 2, 10 a.m. Three Cups of Tea
- July 10, 7 p.m. - Girl With A Pearl Earring
- July 21, 7 p.m. - What Is The What
- August 6, 10 a.m. - Tortilla Curtain
- August 7, 7 p.m. - Memory Keeper's Daughter
- August 18, 7 p.m. - The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court.

Operating levy on August 5 ballot

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- Stay current with today's technology and training to meet the growing needs of our patrons. Our public computers had more than 4,000 log-ons last month alone. Our computer classes are free or almost free. Our technology plan ensures staggered replacement of computers so that we remain up-to-date in hardware & software.
- Continue to provide free programs and special events for the community. As a community hub, Way has increased its programs from 174 in 2002 to 537 in 2007.
- Maintain current policies on meeting room usage including free use by non-profits.
- Increase services to our young adult (ages 11-14) population. Way's past two strategic plans have pointed to the importance of additional services for this age group. Perrysburg Junior High has expressed concern about reading scores, and we would like to support efforts to help young people become life-long readers. An experienced young adult librarian will be hired.
- Maintain our vast collection: books, audiobooks, downloadable e-books, DVDs, music CDs. Costs of these items constantly increase. Should the levy fail, all materials budgets will be cut 30-50%.



Public reception, art display to honor L. Paul Baldoni, M.D. (1929-2007)

Way Public Library will hold a photographic exhibit and reception honoring the memory of long-time Perysburg physician L. Paul Baldoni. An exhibit of Dr. Baldoni's prize-winning photographs will open July 7 on the lower level of the library. A reception featuring a performance by young singer Elise Matney is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Dr. Paul Baldoni, a beloved family doctor who was also a talented photographer and music devotee, was an enthusiastic advocate for Way Public Library. As president of the library board, he helped to arrange the land purchase for an expanded library facility.

The extensive opera collection of Dr. Baldoni now belongs to the library and soon will be available for circulation to all patrons. The board will dedicate a section of the library in his memory and possibly offer an annual operatic concert.

This project will be supported by funds derived from the sale of Dr. Baldoni's photographs. They will be displayed July 7 through August 2 in the gallery on the lower level of the library.

At the July 16 reception, Elise Matney will sing a selection of arias, the photographs will be on display, and refreshments will be served.

'The War of the World' focus of WBGU-PBS Program Club July 17

The PBS Program Club co-sponsored by Way Library and WBGU-TV Channel 27 will watch the final segment (The Cold War) of a three-part documentary called "The War of the World," at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 17. The discussion will follow at 11:30 a.m. on the lower level of the library.



NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- The Way Library Levy Committee is looking for volunteers to help spread the word about Way's 1.5-mill operating levy on the August 5 ballot. For more information on volunteering for a yard sign, placing telephone calls or other tasks, visit the levy website: supportyourlibrary.info. Or, you may email Library Director Nancy J. Kelley at kelleyna@oplin.org
- Beginning July 1 there are some exciting changes in the way you can search the Ohio Public Library Information Network online databases. Included are easier and faster ways to access information resources such as KnowItNow, ReadThis Now, Homework-Now, and topic-specific information such as "What Tree Is it?" Visit our homepage and click on Research Databases under the Adult Services heading. Remember, you can do this at home if you have a library card. Stop surfing...start finding!
- **Sunday** hours will resume on September 7. The library will be closed on July 4 and on September 1 for Independence and Labor Day holidays.
- Richard Baranowski, Way local history librarian, is still seeking service veterans who would like to participate in the taping of war history memoirs for the U.S. Library of Congress Veterans Project. Call him at 419-8784-3135 x110.



New print added to art collection

Bearing a special surprise, Way Director Nancy J. Kelley recently visited a story hour led by children's librarian Martha Johns. After Ms. Martha read Rosemary Wells' story "Max's Bunny Business," Mrs. Kelley showed the children the latest print that will be hung on the wall of the Family Activity Room - a signed and numbered print illustration of Max. The children were delighted.

This is the 12th art work added to the collection. To donate or for information, call 4149-874-3135 x139.

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Passport Fair on July 15

The Way Library-Perrysburg Post Office Passport Fair will be held Tuesday, July 15, from 4 to 8 p.m. on the lower level.

To obtain a passport for the first time, applicants must apply in person with two photographs, proof of U.S. citizenship and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license. To expedite processing, you may download an application from the Department of State website and bring the completed form with you.

Call the Post Office for fees/rules. Passport photos will be taken in the library at the Fair for a fee of \$15. The Department of State says that passport processing is currently taking less than four weeks.

What Are My Old Books Worth?

Staff members will help you assess the value of 3-5 old books on Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Online services such as AbeBooks will be used.

Way adult summer reading program

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- **Passport Fair.** The Perrysburg Post Office will process passport applications, 4-8 p.m. Call the Post Office for information on fees and what to bring with you. Tuesday, July 15, 4-8 p.m. on the lower level of the library.
- **Doug Grosjean:** "Got His Kicks on Route 66": A son, a Jeep, a trip on historic Route 66. Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.
- **Hot Summer Flower Arranging,** a workshop by Lynn Fleure. Wednesday, July 30, 10 a.m.

Young adults: Don't forget the Friday movies, with lunch, at 12:30 p.m.: July 11: Bee Movie, July 18, 'kids' choice.'



At the Senior Art Fair Reception, from left, Ruth Bell at the piano; Sandy Morse with her husband Bob's carousel horses; Edward Marks with his art work.