Way Public Library Newsletter October 2020

Reading is always in season.

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News from Way

Happy Autumn, friends!

Do you find that your reading habits change with the seasons? When you think about it, there's no compelling reason they should. Yet, we often hear people say that they enjoy different types of books during different times of the year.

We're all familiar with "beach reads"--those fun novels that usually don't require much from the reader but a willingness to escape reality for a bit. They are perfect for easy summer days.

In the fall, as days are shortening, some readers may find themselves beckoned by old classics and books with comforting or nostalgic themes. Of course, fall is also the season when ghost stories and tales of horror become chillingly apropos.

Are you apt to take up more serious reading during winter? Epic tomes don't seem quite as formidable when combined with long evenings by a crackling hearth. A thousand-page biography? No problem! Put another log on the fire.

Classifying spring reading may not be as intuitive as the other seasons, but books with themes of hope and fresh starts seem like a good fit.

Luckily, there are no rules dictating when, what, and how we can read. When you come to Way Library, we are truly delighted that you want something, anything, to read! No matter what you are in the mood for, our shelves are your shelves.

Reading, of any kind, is always in season here.

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In Appreciation of our Library Boards

Who they are and how they serve us

In the fall of each year, Way Library has a tradition of honoring our Boards. Since we can't meet together to express our appreciation this



year, we want to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge their invaluable service and devotion to Way Library.

Way Public Library Trustee Board

Our Trustee Board is the governing board for the Library. As policy makers and budget keepers, these hard-working volunteers do an incredible job for us. Working through the pandemic this year has been especially difficult, but they have shown outstanding dedication and support throughout every challenge. We are so grateful for the time they volunteer to govern Way Library!

Trustees pictured, from left to right, are John Aubry; Dr. William Davis; Megan Artz; Joanie Foster; Peter Casey III-Board President; Colleen Boff; not pictured, Anderson Alcroft.

Way Public Library Foundation & Friends (WPLFF) Board

The current WPLFF Board members are Jeffrey Smith, Chair; Dick Sipp, Vice Chair; Sandy Snyder, Janel Haas, Megan Artz, William J. Davis, Beckie DeMars, Jim Euting, Seth Hudson, Terri Lee, Molly Mack, David Munger, and Todd Sattler.

The Foundation & Friends Board is a completely separate entity from the Trustee Board. This board manages all of the private donations received by the Foundation. They administer the Annual Campaign, sponsorships, book sales, and the Foundation & Friends portfolio. Meeting quarterly, they make important decisions on how best to assist the Library within their mission guidelines. We are so appreciative of the volunteer time this board gives to help the Foundation & Friends, which in turn benefits the Library immensely. Did you know that all of our programming and most of our special projects are funded by WPLFF? Without this organization and its leadership, Way Library would not be what it is today.

Special Hours to be Modified

For seniors and others at higher risk

Way Library continues to offer special hours for those age sixty and over and the immunocompromised on three

mornings each week. Beginning Tuesday, October 20, the special hours will be modified.

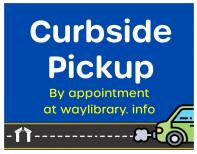
The new special hours will be from 8:00am until 9:30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Way Library requests that only those who fall into the senior or immunocompromised categories utilize the library during the special hours.

Curbside pickup service by appointment will be available for all library patrons regardless of age during the special hours.

Curbside Pickup Service

Schedule expanded

Way Library offers Curbside Pickup service for those who would like contactless delivery of library materials. Books and other physical items may be checked out using the service.



Beginning October 20, we will increase the number of appointments available by adding the hour from 8am until 9am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

There are three easy ways to request materials and schedule your curbside pickup appointment. Get all the details on our **website**.

Welcome our New Systems Administrator

Meet Jeffrey Coyne

We are very pleased to announce that Jeffrey Coyne has joined the staff of Way Library as Systems and Web Services Administrator.

A North Royalton native, Jeff has lived in the Toledo area for the past twenty years. He earned both his BBA and



MBA degrees from the University of Toledo.

What does Jeff do when he's not overseeing our computer systems? For one thing, he is a backpacking and camping enthusiast with a goal to visit every national park. (That's 421 parks, in case you're wondering!)

Please help us give Jeff a warm welcome. We are excited to have him on board, and hope you can meet him soon.

New Art Exhibit

Rob Vanitvelt's work on display

Hauntingly familiar images are now appearing at the library courtesy of local artist Rob Vanitvelt.

Stop by and see if you can identify all the literary "monsters" he has depicted in his signature style of house paint on dropcloth.



Baker's Way

A pan for all seasons

Want to try something a little different from a traditional cake? If so, we recommend one of the many 3dimensional cake pans in our collection.

Look in the "Animals" category for a duck, lamb, bear, or bunny. In the "Miscellaneous" category, find a train,



car, ice cream cone, snowman, and many others.

Give a 3-dimensional cake a try, and kick your dessert presentation up a notch!

See what's in the Baker's Way collection.

Book Donations on Pause

Future donation dates to be determined

At this time, unfortunately, we are unable to accept further donations of books and other physical materials.

Way Public Library Foundation & Friends thanks all those who brought in books during the recent donation drive-thru days. Due to the overwhelming number of books received in September, all donations are temporarily halted until the thousands on hand can be quarantined and processed.

Please hold on to your treasures for us if you can! Future donation dates (more than likely in December or later) will be announced in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Gently Used Books for Sale on Main Level

October Book Sale and Media Sale cancelled

The October Book Sale and the Media Sale, both sponsored by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends, have been cancelled. It takes dozens of volunteers to set up, operate, and tear down these massive sales. Although the 2021 Book Sale dates



have not been established, the Foundation & Friends hope they will reoccur sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, WPLFF's **Specials** rack is back and located on the main floor at Way. These "like new" hot titles are available every day at unbeatable prices. New titles will be added regularly. All proceeds benefit Way Library.

The Foundation & Friends are also working on a modified book sale format that may allow book sale fans to shop in a safe way. Details will be announced on Way's website and on Facebook when available.

Returning Items to the Library

Important information about check-ins

Once you return an item, please remember that our safety protocol requires that it be placed in isolation for seven or more days before it is checked in. **This means that returned items could possibly remain on your account for up to ten days.** You will not, however, incur any late fees, and you will still be able to check out additional materials.

All library materials you are returning should be placed in either the exterior book drops or one of the two book drops located in the outer vestibule before entering the lobby.

Please do not hand materials to curbside pickup staff or Circulation Desk staff.

There is a special table available near the Circulation Desk for the return of *Beyond Books* items, puzzles, and cake pans.

Zoom Rooms

Reserve a Virtual Meeting Room

Do you need a virtual meeting place for your group, organization, or business to use? Would you rather not pay a fee for it?

Our free Zoom Meeting Rooms can accommodate a maximum of 100 people and can be reserved for up to two hours, Monday through Friday. Groups can reserve a Zoom Room for a maximum of two meetings per month.

Reserve a Zoom Room.

Please call Technology Specialist Rachel Henck Bentley at 419-874-3135, x106 with any questions.

Election Day Closure

Exercise your right to vote!

Way Library will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Voting is an integral part of your rights and one of your primary privileges as a U.S. citizen. It's also a civic responsibility, so don't forget to go out and do your part!

Your Mental Health is Important to Us

Know how to get help

More than likely, mental illness is much more common than you think it is. It is so common, in fact, that it affects every one of us, either directly or indirectly.



Saturday, October 10 is World Mental Health Day. If you are experiencing new levels of anxiety or stress, you are not alone. If you or someone you know needs mental health assistance, please call one of the numbers below.

National:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK(8255)

Wood County Crisis Line: 419-502-HOPE(4673)

Crisis Text Line

Text HOME to 741741

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 and press 1, or text 838255

The Friendship Line

Helpline for those age 60 and over 1-800-971-0016

The Trevor Project

Helpline for individuals that identify as LGBTQ, call or chat available: 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678

NAMI Wood County - National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need. More importantly, NAMI Wood County is your local contact for information on mental illness, providing education, support and advocacy for people living with a mental illness, the family and friends that support them, and the Wood County community.

Connect with us on Facebook

Let's be friends!

Become a part of our active and growing social community. We post breaking library news, important announcements, and service updates on our page.



We also share photos, host book discussion groups and other events, and feature fun, engaging content. Join us now!

Events and Activities for Adults

Topical Tuesdays

Political Knowledge

Way Library and the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area welcome Dr. Melissa K. Miller, Professor of Political Science (BGSU), on Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm for a virtual presentation on political knowledge.



Is there a gender gap when it comes to

political knowledge? Do women really know less than men about politics and government? Dr. Melissa K. Miller has conducted innovative experiments to answer these questions. Though decades of research have documented a gender gap in political knowledge, Miller demonstrates that the gap is merely an artifact of the way it is measured. Her talk sets the record straight.

Dr. Melissa Miller is an expert on American politics with a specific focus on elections and voting behavior, women in American politics, public opinion, and the media. She teaches courses in American Government, Political Parties, Voter Behavior, Women in American Politics, and Research Methods.

Advance registration is required. Please register <u>here</u> or by calling 419-874-3135, x119. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants at least 24 hours before the discussion.

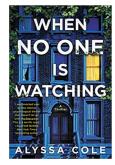
Book Discussion

When No One is Watching

Join Dr. Carole Bell and Dr. Nicole Jackson for a discussion of Alyssa Cole's *When No One is Watching* on Sunday, October 18 at 2pm.

From Dr. Bell's recent review in *BookPage*: "Alyssa Cole's latest triumph incorporates elements of both psychological

thriller and social horror. Its finale is a bit macabre, much like *Get Out*, and there is a romantic subplot as well, just as there was in Hitchcock's masterpiece. But Cole's story is also highly original. She is drawing directly from today's turbulent social currents and grim realities, crafting a nightmare from everyday terrors, both large and small."



Join us for what is sure to be a lively and fascinating discussion of this new thriller, and stay for the question and answer session where we will be joined by author Alyssa Cole. The discussion will take place on Zoom and registration is required. Please register **online** or by calling (419)874-3135, x119.

Romance Book Club

Soul to Keep

The Romance Book Club continues with a virtual discussion of *Soul to Keep* on Wednesday, October 21 from 7-8:30pm.

The discussion will take place on Zoom, and registration is required. Register **online** or by calling 419-874-3135, x119.

Crafts for grown-ups

Created by Stephanie

Stephanie Coil, Programming Specialist, is in the mood for autumn and Halloween decor! This time she's creating an easy book page craft for you.



Keep an eye on our **<u>Facebook</u>** page. That's where we'll make the announcement when Stephanie's next take-home craft becomes available. Kits may be picked up in the library or **<u>by appointment</u>** via curbside delivery while supplies last.

Though take-home kits are first come, first served, you can still make your own crafts by following the detailed instructions on our website.

See Stephanie's archived crafts.

Events and Activities for Youth

Story Time News

Virtual Story Times

Gather around! Toddler Time, Mother Goose, and Preschool story times have all resumed. Catch Miss Melissa, Miss Alisha, Miss Crystal, and Miss Alyssa as they bring fun new stories to you via our YouTube channel.



New this fall! Get a craft to go along with each Preschool Story Time session. Pick up the take-home craft kit at the Youth Services Desk or make a <u>curbside appointment</u> for contactless delivery.

An announcement will be posted on our **Facebook** page every time a new story is released.

You can always view new and archived story times on our **YouTube channel.**

Bookaneers Book Club

Ages 8-12

The Bookaneers Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday,



October 8 from 4:15-5:15pm to discuss *The Creature of the Pines (The Unicorn Rescue Society-Book 1)* by Adam Gidwitz.

Register here.

Contact Alisha Nolin with any questions at alisha.nolin@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135, x107.

Homeschoolers' Book Clubs

Join in on Zoom

Homeschool book clubs are meeting via Zoom this fall.

Book Talk (Ages 8-12) Monday, October 19 1:30-2:30pm *Two Naomis* by Rhuday-Perkovich and Vernick Register <u>here</u>.

Page Turners (Ages 12-16)

Monday, November 2 1:30-2:30pm *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman Register **here**.

Unless stated otherwise, Miss Alyssa will select books that can be borrowed digitally with the Hoopla app on a phone, tablet, or computer.

If you have questions about homeschoolers' programs at Way, please contact Miss Alyssa at

alyssa.bullock@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135, x127.

S.T.E.A.M.

A fun way to learn!

Watch for kid-friendly educational videos presented by our Youth Services staff. Did you miss one of our S.T.E.A.M. videos? Access them all on our <u>YouTube</u> <u>channel.</u>



Pizza and Pages

Teen Book Club for ages 12-16

Pizza and Pages will meet online on Thursday, October 15 from 4:15-5:15pm.

This month we will discuss the bestselling novel *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco.

Register here.

For more information, please contact Crystal McNeal, Teen Librarian, at crystal.mcneal@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135, x113.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Sponsored by Perrysburg Kiwanis Club

It's never too early to start your child on the path to literacy. Join Way's **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**



program and see what a positive difference early reading can make in your child's learning experience.

Participation via curbside pickup is available for those who prefer it.

Please contact Melissa Tallis, Youth Services Coordinator, at 419-874-3135, ext. 116 or email melissa.tallis@waylibrary.info with any questions.

New Books Hot Off the Press

New Fiction in October

Moe's Bookmark

Moe Ibarra of our Circulation Department is an avid reader, especially of contemporary authors. She is always ready to help you with a book recommendation. Here are some brand new titles she thinks you may like!



Click a title to perform a search for these items in our catalog. Please note that some books may not be available for holds until closer to their release dates.

Elsewhere

Dean Koontz October 6, 2020

The Searcher

Tana French October 6, 2020

Troubles in Paradise

Elin Hilderbrand October 6, 2020

<u>A Time for Mercy</u>

John Grisham October 13, 2020

<u>Silent Bite</u>

David Rosenfelt October 13, 2020

<u>Invisible Girl</u>

Lisa Jewell October 13, 2020

A Song for the Dark Times

Ian Rankin October 13, 2020

Jingle All the Way

Debbie Macomber October 13, 2020

Three Women Disappear

James Patterson and Shan Serafin October 26, 2020

<u>The Sentinel</u> (a Jack Reacher novel) Lee Child and Andrew Child October 27, 2020

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop

Fannie Flagg October 27, 2020

Truly, Madly, Deeply

Karen Kingsbury October 27, 2020 <u>The Noel Letters</u> (the Noel collection) Richard Paul Evans October 27, 2020

<u>Shakeup</u>

Stuart Woods October 27, 2020

New Inspirational Fiction in October

Here are some new inspirational fiction titles selected for you by Moe Ibarra. Click on a title to request a hold. Some titles may not be available for holds until later in the month.



<u>**Backlash</u>** (Capital Intrigue Book #2) Rachel Dylan</u>

Twice as Nice Amish Romance Collection Jean Brunstetter and Wanda E. Brunstetter

<u>An Amish Christmas Wedding</u> (four stories) Amy Clipston, Kelly Irvin, Kathleen Fuller, and Vannetta Chapman

Forever by Your Side (Willamette Brides Book #3) Tracie Peterson

Her Secret Song Mary Connealy

<u>The Kissing Tree: Four Novellas Rooted in Timeless</u> Love

Karen Witemeyer, Regina Jennings, Amanda Dykes, and Nicole Deese

The Sowing Season

Katie Powner

COVID-19 Safety Measures

Safety measures implemented

Policies and procedures to keep you safe

The safety of our community and our staff has been our number one priority as we have reopened the building. Careful planning and much work has gone into creating an environment which meets the

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stringent safety standards outlined by the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC.

Some very significant changes will be apparent as soon as

you enter the building. Please read the following important information so that you will be prepared for the new policies and procedures in place during this phase.

1. If you feel sick or are exhibiting symptoms, please stay at home until you have fully recovered.

2. Appropriate face coverings must be worn correctly by all staff and all patrons age 3 and older at all times inside the library. For everyone's safety and in accordance with recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC, a face covering requirement has been added to the Library's Rules of Conduct. The complete Rules of Conduct may be found on display in the library and on our website.

According to the CDC, an appropriate face covering should fit snugly against the side of the face, **covering nose and mouth with no gaps**, and be secured with ties or ear loops.

For those unable to or unwilling to wear a face covering or to wear one correctly, reasonable accommodations will include delivery of CORE library services (checkout of materials and reference service) via digital services and curbside pickup.

3. Please practice social distancing of at least 6-feet apart from others at all times. Visual reminders are in place to help you. The children's play area is not available, and some furniture has been removed to reduce congestion. Plexi-glass shields have been installed at service desks, computers, and the self-checkout station.

4. Occupancy of the building is limited to 60 guests at a time. This rule is in effect to facilitate social distancing.

5. Wash or sanitize your hands often, and refrain from touching your face. Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the main level.

6. If you are returning items to the library, please deposit them in one of the exterior book drops, the exterior audiovisual slot, or in the new, special book drops located in the vestibule. The



book drops at the Circulation Desk are not in use until further notice. Please do not hand your returning items to library staff or place them on the Circulation Desk.

There is a designated table in the Circulation Lobby for the return of Beyond Books items, cake pans, and puzzles.

We want to remind you that when you return library items, there will be a delay before you see them removed from your account. All returned library materials are currently placed under a quarantine period of at least seven days. It could be up to 10 days in some cases before items show as returned on your account. This will not affect your ability to check out more items, nor will it result in fines.

7. When browsing, unwanted items that have been handled must be placed on one of several conveniently located "re-shelving" carts. Items will be collected by staff and sanitized or placed into quarantine for the recommended interval before returning them to circulation.

Though we can't eliminate all risk, we have carefully followed recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC to put rigorous safety protocols into place. This includes frequently scheduled cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch surfaces, quarantining of all returned library materials for at least seven days before check-in and return to the shelves, contactless checkout options, and extra training for staff members.

Other temporary changes to expect

1. A limited number of public computers are available and will be sanitized regularly.

Staff members will be able to assist with logging in to computers, however, assistance with specific tasks or websites will not be available due to



social distancing measures. Computer usage is limited to an initial 90 minutes per individual per day. An extension of up to 90 minutes of additional time may be available if no one is waiting for a computer.

Free wifi remains available throughout the building and in an area covering a large portion of the parking lot.

2. Statewide delivery service for items requested from other libraries has resumed, but delays may be possible, as some participating libraries are operating on reduced schedules.

3. The Quiet Study Room is closed to the public while it is being used to quarantine returned library materials.

4. The lower level of the library is off limits until further notice.

5. All library programming will continue to be virtual rather than in-person for the time being. Public meeting spaces in the building remain closed, but community members are encouraged to sign up to <u>reserve a free</u> <u>virtual Zoom meeting room</u> on the library's website. Way Library's Zoom Rooms can accommodate up to 100 participants for up to two hours.

6. We are currently unable to accept any donations of books, DVDs, CDs, or other physical materials. Please do not bring in books to donate, and please do not

place them in the book drops. An announcement will be made by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends when physical donations can once again be accepted.

7. Challenges and uncertainties related to the Coronavirus persist. As circumstances change we will adapt our policies and procedures accordingly. For the most up-to-date information, keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page.

Not quite ready to come into the library?

We can still help you!

If you don't feel comfortable about coming to the library just yet, we understand, and we can still help you!

You can contact us by phone at 419-874-3135 to get any answers you need. You can use our <u>Curbside Pickup</u> service to check out fresh reading materials. You may use our <u>Ask-A-Librarian</u> feature on our website 24/7. And you are also welcome to call 419-874-3135, x354 for a technology help consultation with one of our tech experts.

Just let us know how we may be of assistance.