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CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 10-16

Way Library will join our nation's libraries in celebrating National Library Week, April 10-16. Our local focus is **"Getting to Know Your Library Better."**

For example, did you know that in the comfort of your own home, you can renew your books or order items from any library in our SEO system? Did you know you can receive important news and information on library books and services via email?

Sunday, April 10— During regular library hours, 1-5 p.m., volunteers will man a computer station to show you how to efficiently and effectively search our catalog and order the library materials that you need. Tours of the entire library will be held at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. At 3 p.m.: Sarah Kessans and Emily Kohl: **Rowing Across the Atlantic Ocean.**

Monday, April 11— Library tours led by our director and assistant director: 11:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12— Workshop for high school students and parents:

"Everything You Should Know Before Taking the SAT and ACT." Led by test prep coach Carol Hall at 7 p.m. Register online: www.waylibrary.info



Friday, April 15— Reel Art@Way: "Osama," 7 p.m. Inspired by a true story, this Golden Globe-winning drama is a powerful and moving story of a 12-year-old girl who disguises herself as a boy in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

Saturday, April 16— Friends of Way Library **Book Sale**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Volunteers assisting library staff during the week include Lee Gagle, Suzanne Zampino, Jenny Rimer, Cristy Seely, Barbara Blem and Ruth Lucius.

'Mayhem' raises funds for Way Endowment

The Way Public Library Foundation's interactive murder mystery on February 26, "Mayhem at the Manor," raised more than \$23,000 for the Way Endowment Fund—nearly twice the amount raised in last year's inaugural event.

Foundation administrator Lisa Richard chaired the event, assisted by Joan Foster, Virginia Keller, Janel Molyneux and Lea Skotynsky. Mrs.

Skotynsky, co-chair Kim Henderson and their 11-member decorating committee magically transformed the library into the manor house of murder victim Iman Ilbredde. Guests enjoyed the elegant décor and the fabulous food while they attempted to solve the mystery. The cast was magnificent. Music by The Wrecking Crew followed the unveiling of the murderer.

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Legion display continues at library

The collection of veterans' photos in Way's center aisle continues to grow, thanks to the efforts of Way local history librarian Richard Baranowski and American Legion Post 28 historian Leo Darmofal.

The local Legion post's photos archives were not formally archived until Mr. Baranowski and Mr. Darmofal began the project. They started with 250 photos, some of which were unidentified; after an article on the project appeared in the Messenger Journal, at least 50 photos were added to the collection. A poster-size photo collage of more than 100 World War I veterans, created by charter Legion member Gus Schlect in 1932, with portraits



Bob Boyd, left, and Bob Thomas admire Gus Schlect's World War I panorama.

numbered and named, is a unique, visually pleasing and interesting piece of local history.

While the collection has been loaned to the library by the Legion, the library has digitally copied these items for its local history archives. A booklet with biographical sketches will be kept in the Local History Room as well as given to the Legion.

April Events

April 1 — Senior Day (Cookies w/the Commons), Way Café, 1:30 p.m.

April 2,9,23,30—Genealogy Workshop

April 3— Adult/Child Book Discussion, "Shiloh," 2 p.m.

April 10—National Library Week open house/tours, 1-5 p.m.

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April 21—PBS Program Club, 11:30 a.m., youth activity room.

April 28 — Reel Talk: "The Thin Man," lower level, 10 a.m.

April 29—Open House for retiring staff member Peggy Pile, 3:30 p.m.

Country Garden Club completes pledge

The Country Garden Club of Perrysburg has completed its \$75,000 pledge to Way Library. The final \$15,000 payment was made during the CGC luncheon at the library on March 14.

The five-year donation went toward landscaping not covered by the construction budget for the renovation/expansion of the library approved by voters in 1999. Thanks to the CGC, the



Way Library Director Nancy Kelley, left, and Country Garden Club President Jan Landwehr.

"new" library that opened in 2001 featured handsome landscaping and new patio furniture.

Cross-Atlantic rowers to speak here on April 10

In town for the Glass City Marathon, former Purdue University rowers Emily Kohl and Sarah Kessans will speak at Way Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 10—part of opening day of National Library Week.

The duo will attempt to break the women's cross-Atlantic rowing record when they compete in the Woodvale Atlantic Rowing Race in November 2005. Come hear about their upcoming adventure!

PARENT-CHILD BOOK TALK ON APRIL 3

The third in a series of Adult/Child Book Discussions will be held Sunday, April 3, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Youth Activity Center. Youths, ages 8-11, and an adult companion are invited to join the discussion.

The book is "Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds. The Friends of the Library will provide a copy. Call 419-874-3135x7.

You are Invited:

Peggy Pile, Way Library youth services coordinator, is retiring at the end of this month. Stop by the youth activity room of the library from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, to wish her well.



Culture Club: Learning about other countries is fun: the Bryan family, above, discussed Great Britain on February 28.

'Mayhem at the Manor' gala raises funds for Way Library Endowment

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Thirteen individuals guessed the murder, the means and the motive. Many thanks to all the sleuths, guests and volunteers who made this event such a success. See you next year; the murder will take place in a jazz cabaret!



The cast of suspects takes a bow, from left: Tim Philabaum, Tim Sherman, Liz Larson-Shidler, Margo Quick, Mary Clark, Jack Wanick and Carmen Weeber-Morse. Suspects also included Dave Robichaux, below right photo, shown with Bruce Brechin, left, as Detective Superintendent Heeza Scott. In the photo at left below, Jean Duston, left, one of about a dozen individuals who correctly solved the crime, accepts her gift from Foundation board member Joan Foster.



Photos, counterclockwise from top: *Karen Morse, Barbara Coon, Polly & Peter White, Adelaide Morse. *Library Director Nancy Kelley, right, is introduced by Wrecking Crew leader Tim Tiderman. *Elaine and Allen Bishop w/Tom Mackin. *Nelson and Felicia Evans with Patrice Craig (l-r). *Carver Raire (Rev. Tim Philabaum). *Lynne and Bruce Brechin. *Morticia Balmer (Dr. Carmen Weeber-Morse) professes her guilt.

Way Library, Historic Perrysburg observe 30th anniversary of the tragic wreck of the Steamer Edmund Fitzgerald

Way Library and Historic Perrysburg remembered the tragic wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald on Wednesday, March 23. See next month's newsletter for more information on the observance.

This is the 30th anniversary of the disaster. One of the crew members who perished was Eugene William O'Brien of Perrysburg Township. Among the former crew members of the Edmund Fitzgerald who participated in the Oral History tape created for this special

event at the library were Tom Walton, Allen Sharrer, Mike Capser, Richard Orgel and Mark Lathrop. Also contributing were A.L. Bentley, Jr., and John Randolph. Other former crew members and historical groups contributed to the display of memorabilia filling the library show cases that week.

Speakers Jene Quirin and Larry Elliot from the Great Lakes Historical Society followed up their presentation at the library with a taping of "The Editors" the next morning. Continued on page 4~~

Let's Get Buggy on Friday, May 6

On May 6, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., the Fridays With My Friend intergenerational program will drive you buggy! Bugs are the theme for the day, with buggie treats, a craft project that will squiggle and wiggle, and special guest, the Itsy Bitsy Spider. Call Deborah DiGennaro, 419-874-3135 x109, to register for this free program.

PHS Speech Team featured at Way Café on Mar. 6 in 'Open to Interpretation'



The Perrysburg High School Speech Team interpretative performers who entertained at the library on March 6 included, l-r, Jojo Ginn, Allie Hovland, Jackie Kemp, Jessica Sodd, Trent Dorner and Megan Lyons. Photo at right: Speech Team Advisor Rick Rettig, his wife Katie and their twins, Sydney, left, and Jenna.

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Edmund Fitzgerald, cont.



Tom Walton, editor of *The Blade*, left, with local history librarian Richard Baranowski. Mr. Walton's uncle perished on the ship.



Mike Capser was third mate on the Edmund Fitzgerald from 1969 to 1972.



Judy and Allen Sharrer of Perrysburg. A chief engineer and one-time Fitzgerald crew member, Mr. Sharrer sailed the Great Lakes for 47 years.



As a former crew member, Richard Orgel of Perrysburg contributed mementos.

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They were the guests of the library for our 4 p.m. program and at a dinner with Historic Perrysburg members, library staff, and contributors to our Oral History tape.

Youth Services forms Teen Board

The library's Youth Services Department has formed a 12-member Teen Board to help the library meet the needs of young people in our community.

Way Assistant Director Janel Molyneux and librarian Wendie Kiskaddon are advisors for the students from Perrysburg Junior High School and St. Rose School. Teen Board members include Sidney Parkhill, Jonathan Elder, Kimberly Bryson, Joshua George, Caroline Shipman, Erika Spudie, Nick Paat, Nicole Maher, Breyden Sheldon, Morgan Bakies and Asher Reick.



Tasting pizza is a serious business, but it's fun to unwind afterward.

Thanks to contributions from local pizza vendors Marco's, Pizza Hut, East of Chicago, Little Caesar's, Original Gino's, and Hungry Howie, a Pizza Challenge was held on Friday, March 4. Teenagers like to think of themselves as pizza experts, and this was their opportunity to test their mettle.

Congratulations to winners and pizza experts extraordinaire: Cody Mohler and Matt Hamilton!