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More next month!

Foundation dancing event raises \$22K+

On February 28 more than 400 people swayed to the dance music and enjoyed the tantalizing food and sumptuous environment at "Dancing aWAY with the Stars." The Way Public Library Foundation raised more than \$22,000 for library programs and for the library Endowment Fund.

By popular vote, the winning dancing duo: MariAnne Wozniak and Joe Smith.



Photos, clockwise from top left: dancing pro Paulette with Reeve Kelsey; pro Matt Miller with Olga Christina Boone, age 100, and our wonderful dancing cast.

Free senior programs focus on memory and advance care planning on April 30

Kathryn Kilpatrick, consultant, will lead two free workshops at the library on Thursday, April 30. At 1:30 p.m. "Memory Tune-up" will give seniors ideas to enhance memory skills. At 7:30 p.m., Ms. Kilpatrick will lead "It's Still My Life: Advance Care Planning" on creating a plan to prepare for future care and treatment of the elderly. Sponsored by Kingston, Heritage Health Care & Manor of Perrysburg. To register, call 419-874-3135x109.

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Along the Way

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WAY RECEIVES 5-STAR RANKING IN NEW LJ INDEX

We are proud to share the good news with our friends: Way Library has been given the highest ranking, a 5, in the new Library Journal Index of Public Library Service. The 2009 edition of the LJ Index, based upon 2006 public library statistical data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, was released Feb. 15.

Way Library is the only library in Wood County or northwest Ohio to receive a 5-star rating based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer uses.

With annual operating expenditures of \$1.6 million, Way was one of only 10 libraries across the country in its \$1 to 5 million annual expenditure category to receive the "5" rating.

Instituted by Library Journal and sponsored by Baker and Taylor's Bibliostat Connect web-based statistical analysis software for public libraries,

the new Index organizes its data into star tiers much like Michelin guides.

Of 7,115 public libraries in the country which were rated in the Index, only 256 earned a 3,4 or 5-star ranking.

Way Director Nancy Kelley pointed to the excellent results that Ohio libraries posted in the Index. Fifteen Ohio library systems received a "5" - more than any other state. Ohio libraries have suffered state funding cuts in recent years, but they have turned to operating levies and other sources of income to compensate.

Mrs. Kelley said she is grateful that Perrysburg residents recognize the value of our library as an information center and gathering place. She listed the following factors that contributed to Way's placement: "Community support, friendly staff members, state financial support, the Friends of Way Library, Library Foundation, and excellent trustees who know their role and work well with the staff."



Worlds Connect April 12-18: National Library Week

"Worlds Connect @ Your Library"

is the theme for National Library Week, April 12-18. This week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Public, school, academic and special libraries participate. At Way, we have planned a number of activities for the week:

- ◆ **April 12-18:** Compete in the 'Willard Way Illustration Award' contest! Go to the children's desk for details.
- ◆ **April 14:** Kids 'N College, 7 p.m. (See description, page 3).
- ◆ **April 16:** PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m. Go to www.waylibrary.info

for information on the program pick.

- ◆ **April 16:** The "FLASH" (Fun Library After School Happenings) for children ages 7-11, with an American Girl, Samantha's Party theme, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **April 16:** St. Luke's-Way Health Series: Can You Hear Me Now?, 7 p.m. Discussion on hearing and hearing loss with Hyman Hearing Center.
- ◆ **April 18:** Way's National Library Week celebration will culminate with a concert of operatic arias and duets on the main floor of the library. See page 2 for more information.

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M-Th 9 am — 8:30 pm
F-Sat 9 am — 5:30 pm
Sun 1 pm — 5 pm (seasonal)

Mary Meyer, Editor

Concert supported by Baldoni fund to feature operatic arias April 18

In a concert supported by the Way Public Library Foundation's Baldoni Fund, Toledo Opera young resident artists will perform a free concert of arias and duets from the operatic repertoire on Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m., on the main floor of the library.

The singers, hired through audition in New York, will take a break from their Opera on Wheels performances at more than 60 area elementary schools to present this special concert highlighting some of the most beautiful music written for the operatic stage. The artists are mezzo soprano Abby Powell, tenor Tyler Thompson and bass-baritone Cory Clines.

Ms. Powell, with bachelor and masters degrees in music from the Juilliard School, has performed in a variety of roles and received awards and scholarships. Mr. Thompson is currently an apprentice artist with the Sarasota Opera Winter Festival. Mr. Clines has sung with the Boston Lyric Opera and was a Utah District Finalist in the 2008 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

L. Paul Baldoni (1929-2007) was a long-time Perrysburg physician who was a talented photographer, music devotee, and an enthusiastic supporter of Way Library and president of the library board.

Centerpiece workshop April 8



On Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Way staff member Lynn Fleure will conduct a workshop on creating spring flower arrangements. Bring a breath of fresh air and touch of spring into your home by completing this make-and-take program.

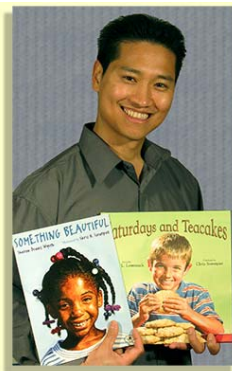
Class size is limited to 20. Register by paying the \$15.00 fee at the Information Desk by April 1. Refreshments and door prizes will be part of this fun and creative evening.

St. Luke's series April 16: Hearing

"Can You Hear Me Now?" will be the next topic in the St. Luke's Hospital - Way Library Health Lecture Series. On Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., an audiologist and a speech pathologist from Hyman Hearing and Speech Center will discuss the mechanics of how we hear, what causes hearing loss, and the newest techniques and technology to improve our ability to hear.

Refreshments will be served at this free program.

Chris Soentpiet at Way May 16



Way Library will take part in the 8th annual Claire's Day celebration of reading. On Thursday, May 16, author Chris Soentpiet of New York City will speak and sell books. In January youth services director Pat Maust accepted a Claire's Day grant for this event. See next month's newsletter for details.

April Events

- April 2,9,16,23 — Time for Twos, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
- April 3,10,17 — Baby Time, 10 a.m.
- April 4 — Genealogy Class with B.Cousino, 1-3 p.m.
- April 8 — Spring Centerpiece Workshop, 7 p.m.
- April 9 — Reel Talk: Watch the Birdie, 10 a.m.
- April 12 — Closed for Easter.
- April 14 — Kids 'N College, 7 p.m.
- April 16 — WBGU-PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- April 16 — FLASH: Samantha's Party, 4:30 p.m.
- April 16 — St. Luke's Series: Hearing Aids, 7 p.m.
- April 18 — Opera Concert, 2 p.m.
- April 21 — Culture Club: South Africa, 4:30 p.m.
- April 21 — Topical Tuesday: Great Estates, 7 p.m.
- April 24 — Reel Art: Blame It On Fidel, 7 p.m.
- April 27 — Play Readers Group, 7 p.m.
- April 29 — Small Business Basics, 5:30 p.m.
- April 30 — K. Kilpatrick, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- April 30 — Dia de los Ninos Story Time, 10 a.m.

Check out our Parenting Shelf! If you have child-rearing questions or need advice, these parenting books may help. Ask at the Children's Info Desk.

Business setup workshop April 29

Setting up your own business may be your response to these challenging economic times. Prospective entrepreneurs or current business owners can update and sharpen their skills at the **Small Business Basics** workshop at Way on Wednesday, April 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This program will be led by Dan Slifko of SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business).

Registration is recommended for this free seminar co-sponsored by SCORE and the Perrysburg Chamber of Commerce: 419-874-3135 x134 or rothmaka@oplin.org

Topical Tuesday Apr. 21: Preservationist/author Bill Speck on the Great Estates

Historic Perrysburg, Inc., will partner with Way Library in presenting its 2009 Commissioned Lecture. On April 21 at 7 p.m. at the library, preservationist **William Speck** will speak on "Perrysburg Great Estates: Surviving in Ever-Dwindling Numbers."

This lecture will be part of the library's Topical Tuesday Series due to its timeliness: Perrysburg's handsome historical properties are threatened; some recently have met with the wrecker's ball. What can we do to protect these endangered examples of our history and culture?



Bill Speck, above, will discuss, l-r, the Stranahan, McKelvey and Ford Great Estates.

Focusing on the Ford, McKelvey and Frank Stranahan estates and sharing many interior and exterior images, Mr. Speck will describe the features of these homes which are unique and architecturally significant.

Mr. Speck, a resident of New York City who is involved in restoration work, is the author of the three-volume "Toledo History and Architecture." He grew up in Maumee and has a graduate degree in historic preservation from Columbia.

NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- ◆ Are you interested in joining a modern classics or international book club? If so, fill out a survey at the circulation or information desks. The classics club would read books such as E.L. Doctorow's *The Book of Daniel*, Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* or Lewis Thomas's *The Lives of a Cell*. The international group would read books set in another culture and place, like Lahiri's *Interpreter of Maladies*, V. Seth's *Suitable Boy* and Ha Jin's *Waiting*.
- ◆ The **Way Play Readers Group** will read "The Importance of Being Earnest" on Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Just who *is* Earnest? Take a part in Oscar Wilde's brilliant play and find out what happens when two friends fall in love. Wit and deception take center stage in this light-hearted satire.
- ◆ Way librarians recommend "**Law You Can Use**," the weekly consumer legal information column provided by the Ohio State Bar Association. Go to your Google search box, type in "Ohio law you can use"...or come to the Way Info Desk and ask our librarians to print out a copy for you.
- ◆ Honored for service anniversaries at a recent employee recognition event were **Mary Meyer**, 5 years; **Martha Johns**, 10 years, and **Kathy Kahl**, 15 years (pictured above, from left).



\$ Kids 'N College program April 14 \$

Paying for your child's college education is a daunting task. On Tuesday, April 14, 7-8 p.m., **Ken Judy** of the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority will tell you about the College Advantage 529 Savings Plan administered by the Authority, a state agency established in 1989 to help Ohio families save for college education. Start now to save for your child's education. For details on this free program, call 419-874-3135 x 134.

UPCOMING FREE FILMS

Reel Talk classic film series will present "**Watch the Birdie**" at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 9. In this comedy, Red Skelton plays three characters- a photographer, his own father and his grandfather. A film scholar will review the film for the audience.

Reel Art@Way on Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. will feature "**Blame It On Fidel**," a drama about a middle class French couple whose 9 year old daughter must face the world on her own while her parents dedicate themselves to political causes.

"Hemingway described literary New York as a bottle full of tapeworms trying to feed on each other. When I write, I aim in my mind not toward New York but toward a vague spot a little to the east of Kansas. I think of the books on library shelves, without their jackets, years old, and a countryish teenaged boy finding them, have them speak to him. The reviews, the stacks in Brentano's, are just hurdles to get over, to place the books on that shelf."
John Updike (1932-2009)