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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: LIBRARY TO BE ON MARCH BALLOT

In the primary election on March 4, 2008, Way Library will turn to you — the voters — and ask for financial support.

The library's current 1-mill levy will expire at the end of 2008. After careful study of our budget and the current status of state support for Ohio libraries, the Way Board of Trustees has decided to replace this levy with a request for a 1.5-mill levy for our municipal library. This will raise \$840,254 per year, beginning in calendar year 2009. This amount represents 39 percent of our income each year. At its meeting on November 20, Perrysburg City Council approved a resolution forwarding the levy to the county auditor. It is expected to be approved this month and placed on the March 4 ballot.

The owner of a \$200,000 house currently pays \$62.00 each year; with the replacement levy, that amount will be \$91.88, or 25 cents a day.

Levy Kickoff

3 p.m., Friday, January 11
Schaller Memorial

If the levy passes, Way Library will:

- Keep in stride with new technology.
- Continue after-school, adult and senior programming.
- Maintain Sunday hours.
- Increase DVD, CD, book budgets.
- Keep open the "Bonus Level" for 11-14 year olds.
- Continue our tradition of excellent service.

If the levy fails, Way Library must:

- Close on Sundays.
- Reduce staff and material budgets.
- Forego technology updates.
- Reduce hours and programming.

Friends and supporters are asked to join us at our levy kickoff at Schaller Memorial, 3 p.m. on Friday, January 11.

~Nancy J. Kelley, Way Library Director



Foundation fundraiser: 'Dancing aWay with the Stars'

The 2008 Way Public Library Foundation fund-raiser, "**Dancing aWay with the Stars**," will be held Saturday, February 23, beginning at 6 p.m. Way's adaptation of "Dancing with the Stars" will feature six local celebrity dancers paired with six dance professionals. All proceeds of the annual fund-raiser benefit the programs, services and special projects of the library.

Tickets go on sale at the Info Desk Jan. 7. Show times will be at 7, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:15 p.m.; be prepared to select a show time when you purchase your tickets. Two additional venues will provide continuous entertainment throughout the evening. The Foundation is excited about this departure from the "mystery play" format

which the Foundation fundraiser has utilized for four years running. Call this year an intermission, with an even bigger, better mystery to follow next year!

The popular Foundation annual fundraiser always sells out. Four-hundred tickets, at \$65/ticket, will be sold this year. Although a play is **not** the thing **this** year, great food, great music and a total transformation of the library will once again occur! As in past years, the major sponsor will be Physical Therapy Consultants and the band is the Wrecking Crew. The organizing committee is comprised of Joan Foster, Nancy Beckman, Julie Olmstead, Karen Fleming, Peggy Fuller and Lisa Richard.

Topical Tuesdays January 15: 'The Gender Gap in Political Knowledge'

Way Library will open this highly political year with a discussion of "The Gender Gap in Political Knowledge: Do Women Know Less Than Men?" at our Topical Tuesdays series on January 15 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at this free program.

This fascinating topic is the research topic of Drs. Melissa Miller and Shannon Orr, assistant professors of political science at Bowling Green State University. They will share the results of their research comparing the political knowledge of American men and women. Studies indicate that men know more than women about government and politics. Is this true? Is there a gender gap in political IQ? How do we measure political acumen? Join us on January 15 to share your opinions and ideas on this issue...Bring your spouse or significant other as well!

Dr. Miller has a Ph.D. in American Government from Northwestern University. In addition to her research on how race, class and gender issues affect political participation, Dr. Miller is studying press coverage in the 2008 presidential primary—the results of which will be shared in a future Topical Tuesdays program.



Shannon Orr

Melissa Miller

Dr. Orr has a Ph.D. in public policy and environmental policy from Wayne State University and has researched the tension between economic development and environmental protection in the national parks.

Holiday musical play set for Dec. 16

Random Acts, a Toledo-based performance troupe, will present a free musical "The Ghosts of Christmas," at the library on Sunday, December 16, at 2 p.m.



In this spoof with original music, a theater troupe has arrived to perform an experimental version of "A Christmas Carol"...but several actors are missing and must be drafted from the audience. Who will play Tiny Tim? Who will get the turkey? What in the DICKENS is going on? The audience will solve the mystery and sing along in a hysterical "rap-up"!

NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- The library will host Intermediate Latin classes for "graduates" of the 2007 Latin classes. The course will begin on Thursday, January 17.
- **Topical Tuesdays** on February 19 will feature Sandra Bihn, Western Lake Erie WATER-KEEPER Assn: "Lake Erie: Its Condition and Challenges," co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area.
- Have you changed your email address recently? If so, please inform the Circulation Desk so that courtesy/overdue/hold notifications will not bounce back to us. You also may make the changes yourself by logging on to your account.
- The Way Library Foundation annual campaign letters have been mailed. Last year's campaign raised \$30,000 which helped to fund programs, services and special projects at the library.

Great Black Swamp video Dec. 20



The PBS Program Club co-sponsored by WBGU-Channel 27 will feature "The Story of the Great Black Swamp" on Thursday, December 20, showing the award-winning WBGU-PBS documentary at 10:30 a.m. and discussing it at 11:30 a.m.

This show is the story of our area, so swamp-ridden that efforts to settle it were thwarted for thousands of years. It took courage and determination to "tame" the swamp and transform it into productive farmland.

Wil Clay visit, veterans' taping held

Way Library joined in on the pre-holiday festivities and the "Stars and Stripes" holiday parade on November 10 by hosting children's author/illustrator Wil Clay and taping veterans' recollections.

Local history librarian Richard Baranowski filmed, among others, Perrysburg veterans Charlie Kopp, Bob Steinecker, George Williams, Waldo Schauweker, Jane Huber, Buck Holton, Harold Dishong, Gene Eversole and Guy Delaney.

Snow Ball family night set for Jan. 25

Way Library will hold the **Snow Ball**, a family fun night, on Friday, January 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For the third consecutive year, this cure-for-cabin-fever event will make winter a bit brighter for all who attend!

Along with making crafts and playing miniature golf, youngsters can don paper plate "ice skates" and take a trip around the rink. Magic shows and fireside storytelling will be held throughout the evening. Mary Gaynier, paper-cutting artist, will teach groups of people of all ages how to create beautiful snowflake art. Bingo for young and old, legos, face-painting and other fun indoor games will keep everyone entertained.

The library will close at 5:30 p.m. and re-open at 7 p.m. for the Snow Ball. Admission and refreshments are free at this fun family event held in all parts of the library.



Way holds Staff Recognition Breakfast

At a staff recognition event November 8, seven employees, l-r, were honored for service anniversaries: Wendie Kiskaddon, 10; Meg Daley, 15; Jenny Kwiatkowski, 15; Anna Bristol, 10; Marsha Selders, 5; Karen Brigade, 35, and Robbin Click, 10 (not pictured). The Way board and the Foundation and Friends' boards also were recognized.

PHS Strings holiday music

The Perrysburg High School String Ensemble will play seasonal classics in a special tune-up for the holidays on the main floor of the library on Saturday, December 15, at 3 p.m. This sounds-of-the-season free concert will feature the talented PHS instrumentalists who hope to travel to Hungary for a musical exchange this coming spring.

Event celebrating Persian poet Rumi Jan. 13

In partnership with the Persian-American Regional Society of Northwest Ohio and the Persian Student Association of the University of Toledo, Way Library will hold a poetry reading, lecture and concert in celebration of the 800th birthday of the 13th-century mystical poet **Rumi**. This unique event will be held Sunday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the café area of the library. Events include:

- Setar music by Amin Mohaghegh, 2:30 p.m.
- Lecture on Rumi's poetry, Vali Dashti of Perrysburg, 2:50 p.m.
- Poetry reading followed by santour music, 4:15 p.m.



Viva Mexico! The culture of Mexico was the theme at the second annual diversity day on November 4 at Way Library. Above, dancers from Forklorico Imagenes Mexicanas entertained as part of this popular family program.

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on the following Sundays: Dec. 16, 23, 30, and on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 & 25. We will close at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2008. Happy holidays!

Dec/Jan Events

- Dec. 7 — Bingo for young adults, 3-5 p.m.
- Dec. 13 — Reel Talk: Neptune's Daughter, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 14 — Reel Art: Joyeux Noel (French), 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 — PHS String Ensemble holiday music, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 16 — The Ghosts of Christmas musical, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 20 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 16, 23, 24, 25, 30; Jan. 1—**Closed**.
- Dec. 29 — Red Cross Babysitting class, 10 a.m.— 4 p.m.
- Dec. 31— Library **closes** at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5 — Preschool Fair, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Jan. 7 — Read to the Dogs begins (four weeks), 7 p.m.
- Jan. 10 — Reel Talk: The Ox-Bow Incident, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 11— Way Library levy kickoff at Schaller, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 13 — Rumi poetry reading, Way Café, 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 17 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 18 — Reel Art: Butterfly (Spanish), 7 p.m.
- Jan. 21 — Martin Luther King Day (library is **open**).
- Jan. 23 — Play Readers Group: 1,000 Clowns, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 — Snow Ball family fun night, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Preschool fair, children's area

The 12th annual Way Library **Preschool Fair** will be held on Saturday, January 5, on the lower level of the library from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Parents shopping for a preschool for fall 2008 are invited to visit with representatives from local preschools.

Mother Goose story times for 12-23-month children with a caregiver will begin January 3 and last for four weeks. All classes are on Thursdays at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Books, rhymes, songs and puppets are included. Signup begins December 20.

Red Cross Babysitting will be offered on December 29, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Participants ages 11-14 are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The cost is \$25 which can be paid by check or money order upon registration. There will be a maximum of 25 students.

Read to the Dogs will be held four Monday evenings in January, beginning January 7, 2008. Children ages 6-10 will read to service dogs for 20 minutes. Registration opens on December 20.

'Ready, Set, Travel' workshop in February

Way Library will once again sponsor a three-part workshop, "Ready, Set, Travel: A Guide to Independent Travel," by Blade freelance travel columnists Claudia Fischer and Roger Holliday.



These seasoned travel writers will share their expertise and experiences in a program that explores the basics of foreign travel. While geared toward independent travelers to Europe, Fischer/Holliday's knowledge and insight will be invaluable for anyone traveling abroad in the 21st Century. Topics will include choosing the right guidebooks, putting together a realistic itinerary, packing light, using European rail, finding hotels and restaurants, money and budget, and travel documents.

This three-session workshop has a fee of \$30 and will be limited to the first 25 people who register. The classes will be held 7-9 p.m. on February 12, 19 and 26, 2008. Register by paying your class fee at the Information Desk.

Anyone who would like more information about this class is encouraged to call 419-874-3135 ext. 102 or 100.