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The dancers who will entertain, from left: Marianne Borkosky, Jeff Lever, MariAnne Wozniak, Joe Smith, Lorie Clark, Juan Artiaga, Gerri Walczak, Matt Miller, Debby Peters, Neal Hopkins, Paulette, and Reeve Kelsey.

### All star cast prepares for Dancing aWAY

The cast of the Way Public Library Foundation fund-raiser "Dancing aWAY with the Stars" is hard at work preparing dance moves to dazzle the audience at the gala event planned for Saturday, February 28. All proceeds from this sixth annual fund-raiser benefit the Way Library Endowment Fund.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. Tickets, available at the library Information Desk, are sold for specific shows: 7, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:15 p.m. Each show will feature six local celebrities paired with six dance professionals trained under the supervision of Matt Miller of The Dance Clinic and Paulette of Paulette's Studio of Dance. Included are music by Hepcat Revival, great food, a silent auction and a total transformation of the library.

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# Along the Way

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Mary Meyer, Editor

## LIBRARIES IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE IN HARD TIMES

Way Library, and libraries across the nation, are experiencing a growing surge in usage and popularity stemming from the financial crisis. Public libraries have much to offer people during hard times — free computers and WiFi, resources on jobs and careers, books and no-charge videos, and programs that not only educate and entertain but also specifically address the challenges we currently face in this country.

One of the most effective of all public services, U.S. libraries use fewer than 2 percent of all tax dollars to serve two-thirds of the public. These services are particularly appreciated when economic hardship strikes. The library can serve as an information equalizer. People who have lost their jobs come to the library to log in to job search sites or fill out online applications. They access career information, workshops on training and education, resumé assistance and other services. >>Continued on p. 2

### Way, PAHM: War of 1812 seen by Fort Meigs soldiers

February 17



Rick Finch,  
Fort Meigs site manager

In partnership with the Perrysburg Area Historical Museum, Way Library will host Fort Meigs Historic Site Manager **Rick Finch** on Tuesday, February 17, at 7 p.m. Mr. Finch will speak on "In Defense of the Northwest: Fort Meigs in the War of 1812" from a unique vantage point: the soldiers themselves as they relate their part in the local battles that turned out to be the turning point in the war in favor of the American forces.

Mr. Finch will describe the significant role played by the fort in the western theater. It was the scene of two British sieges and one of the largest amphibious landings during the war. Site director since 2005, Mr. Finch has undergraduate degrees in business management and history and a master's degree in historic preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

### Way, LWVPA joint program: 'Why Greenland Matters'

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area and Way will present the next lecture in our Topical Tuesday series on February 24 at 7 p.m. In "Why Greenland Matters," Blade environmental reporter **Tom Henry** will describe his 10-day trip to Greenland and the research for his four-day series on climate change. With undergraduate degrees in journalism and political science, Mr. Henry has a master of arts from Ohio State University; at OSU he was one of eight journalists from across the U.S. to win a Kiplinger fellowship.



Tom Henry, journalist

"Symbols like polar bears trivialize one of mankind's most complicated and perplexing issues," says Mr. Henry. He will discuss the connection between climate change and people. Greenland is the home of 56,000 people, many of whom are native Inuit.

## Genealogy workshops scheduled

Bonnie Cousino and Way librarian Richard Baranowski will again teach one-part Introduction to Genealogy classes on Saturday, March 28, and again on Saturday, April 4, 1-3 p.m., in the lower level Tech Lab. Discover the joys of knowing more about your ancestry and family history. Register for this free class at the Way Library Information Desk, 419-874-3135 x119.

## Ides of March to be celebrated

In a free program scheduled for Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m., Marcia Nauts, teacher of the popular Way Library Latin classes, will help us celebrate the Ides of March and learn more about Ancient Rome and its lasting influence on our world.

## 'Cabin in the Sky' February 8

The library will supplement our regularly scheduled Reel Talk and Reel Art film series with a special film for Black History Month.

"Cabin in the Sky," a 1943 all-black musical starring Ethel Waters, Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong, and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, will be shown on Sunday, February 8, at 2 p.m. in the Family Activity Room. Guest speaker Mike Hough will lead a discussion on the film.

**Reel Talk:** February 12, 10 a.m.: "Broadway Melody of 1938," a musical about a girl who dreams of making it on Broadway. On March 12, at 10 a.m.: the 1947 film "Black Narcissus," adapted by a novel by Rumer Godden about a British nun ordered to establish a convent in the remote Himalayan mountains.

**Reel Art@Way:** February 13, 7 p.m., "Saint Ralph." A 14-year-old boy who has had his share of misfortune sets a goal of winning the 1954 Boston Marathon. On March 13, 7 p.m.: "Liam." A 7-year-old boy grows up in Liverpool during the 1930s.

## Libraries important to everyone in hard times, Way offers direct help

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In addition, the library staff is committed to a direct effort to assist the economically challenged. Among the programs/services we offer are:

- ◆ For nearly 30 years we have been a site for AARP tax assistance. Appointments begin February 4. Schedule an appointment at 419-874-3135 x119.
- ◆ The U.S. Census Bureau is using our meeting rooms for a job opportunity testing site. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010.

## China with the Samples, February 1

Jan and Gary Samples of Perrysburg will share slides and information on their recent tour of China in the Family Activity Room of the library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 1. They will focus on Shanghai and Beijing.



Jan and Gary Samples

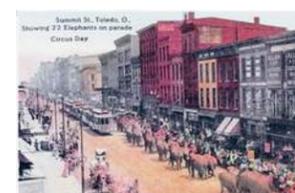
Join us for vicarious world travel - the perfect way to spend a wintry Sunday afternoon. Light refreshments will be served at this free program.

## February/March Events

- Feb. 1 — China with Gary & Jan Samples, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 2,9,16 — Reading to the Dogs, 7 or 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 — Time for Twos begins.
- Feb. 8 — Black History movie, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 12 — Reel Talk: Broadway Melody, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 13 — Reel Art: Saint Ralph, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Toledo Postcards program, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 17 — Lecture on War of 1812, Rick Finch, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — PBS Club: Inside the Spy Factory, 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 19 — FLASH: Star Wars, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23 — Play Readers Group: Doubt, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24 — Culture Club: Paris, France, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 — Why Greenland Matters lecture, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 27 — Intergenerational program: Mardi Gras, 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 — Dancing aWAY event, 6 p.m. Library closes 2 p.m.
- Mar. 1 — Library closed for annual cleaning.
- Mar. 12 — Reel Talk: Black Narcissus, 10 a.m.
- Mar. 13 — Reel Art: Liam, 7 p.m.
- March 13 — Babytime begins.
- Mar. 15 — Chamber Music Contest Concert, 3 p.m.
- Mar. 16 — Ides of March program, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 19 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 19 — FLASH: Kites, 4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 25 — Job Connections for Job Seekers, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 28 — Genealogy Workshop, 1-3 p.m.

- ◆ On every other Monday evening (February 2, 16, etc.), the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Way hosts Sue Fyten of HR on Demand to discuss job leads in the lower level Tech Lab.
- ◆ Way will repeat the very useful "Job Connections for Job Seekers" on Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Representatives from Job Solutions of Wood County and Penta Career Center Adult Education will help with individual counseling, resume writing, interview skills, training programs and financial assistance to pay for them.

## Author, editors of Toledo postcard book to speak, sell & sign books February 15



Toledo's history can be told through colorful postcards, and that's what author Ken Levin and editors Sandy and John Husman will do at Way Library on Sunday, February 15, at 2 p.m. "You Will Do Better in Toledo: From Frogtown to Glass City," their coffee-table book portraying hundreds of Toledo postcards, will be available for sale/signing.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Levin gathered the most comprehensive collection of historical Toledo postcards. With a bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster and a master's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Levin proudly tells the history of Toledo during its flourishing years, when picture postcards also enjoyed their heyday.

Mr. Levin will be joined by Sandy and John Husman. Mr. Husman is the author of Baseball in Toledo, Mud Hen Memories and Toledo: Our Life, Our Times, Our Town, v. 1. Join this threesome for a fun and colorful look at local history.

## Chamber music contest winners recital

🎵 The winners of the 2009 Bowling Green State University Chamber Music Competition will perform a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, in the library. The third annual competition sponsored by the BGSU College of Musical Arts will be held on February 21 & 22. An informal reception with refreshments also will be held.

This Karen Morley Kahn concert is a Pro Musica outreach event. Formed to support BGSU musical arts by providing student scholarships and travel awards, Pro Musica grants prizes to the winners in each division of this contest. Last year's winning ensemble went on to win second place in the Boston International Chamber Music Competition.

## NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- ◆ The Way Play Readers Group will read John Patrick Shanley's Tony Pulitzer Prize winning "Doubt" (now a film) at 7 p.m. on Mon, Feb. 23.
- ◆ Way Library's Local History Room was featured in Ohio Magazine's January 2009 issue as "Best Place to Dig Up the Past."
- ◆ Mardi Gras will be the theme for the February 27 Fridays with My Friend intergenerational program. Children ages 4-5 and their senior citizen friends will make festive masks and sing songs. To register, call 419-874-3135 x109.

## Way's book discussion groups anticipate great reading in 2009

Way Library's four book discussion groups have kicked off the new year with books to satisfy and stimulate. New members are encouraged to join the evening or the inspirational groups at any time! Books February-December 2009 are as follows:

**Wednesday 10 a.m. Group:** February 4, In Defense of Food; March 4, Madonnas of Leningrad; April 1, Poet of Tolstoy Park; May 6, The Worst Hard Time; June 3, Seeing a Large Cat; July 1, Bonesetter's Daughter; August 5, Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night; September 2, Boy in the Striped Pajamas; October 7, Plain Secrets; November 4, Tender is the Night, and December 2, Funny in Farsi.

**Thursday 7 p.m. Group:** February 5, Grace that Keeps This World; March 5, Maltese Falcon; April 2, Boy in the Striped Pajamas; May 7, Loving Frank; June 4, I See You Everywhere; July 2, Alchemist; August 6, Molokai; September 3, Born on a Blue Day; October 1, Liar's Club; November 5, Skeletons on the Zahara, and December 3, Year in Provence.

**Monday 7 p.m. Group:** February 16, Ladies of Liberty; March 16, The Book Thief; April 20, Out Stealing Horses; May 18, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao; June 15, Predictably Irrational; July 20, Prep; August 17, Age of Innocence; September 21, Infidel; October 19, Unaccustomed Earth; November 16, A Mercy, and December 21, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society.

**Thursday 9:30 a.m. Group (Inspirational):** February 26, Safely Home; March 26, Molokai; April 23, Havah: the Story of Eve; May 28, From a Distance; June 25, Deeper Water; July 23, Peace Like a River; August 27, A Lady of Hidden Intent; September 24, Joshua's Bible; October 22, A Month of Summer; November 19, In High Places, and December 17, The Paper Bag Christmas.

The groups are led, respectively, by Way Library Director Nancy Kelley, Assistant Director Janel Haas, Public Information Specialist Mary Meyer, and Technical Processing Assistant Peggy Fuller.