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'DRAGONS, DREAMS & DARING DEEDS' THIS SUMMER

“Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds” is the theme for Way Library’s 2005 Summer Reading Program. Online registration for programs without a fee will begin on Thursday, June 2 (www.waylibrary.info).

Boys and girls are invited to join the summer reading club at the library. Between Monday, June 13, and Saturday, July 23, young readers will enter the books they have read on their reading log at the library. Each week they will receive a small prize and sticker on their reading log. July 25-30 is “catch-up” week; as long as quantities last, children may collect prizes and stickers for the weeks they have missed.

Demo Day is June 11 (article p. 3).

Preschoolers whose parents have read to them and children through third grade will see their names in the local newspaper after they read their first book. Children entering 4th-6th grade are eligible for prizes.

Watch for these special programs:

Build a Castle:

1st through 5th graders may register online for this opportunity to build a castle. More information is at the children’s desk.



Experience the Daring Deeds of

Bats: Jerry Schneider of Vermont. Thursday, June 16, 1:30—2:45 p.m.

Experience a Knight’s Story: Visit the Middle Ages w/ Roger McKinney, a knight in full armor. Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m.—noon, or 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Puppets in the Castle: The misadventures of King Rupert and his comical knights by puppeteer Elaine Sneider. Thursday, June 30, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Vacation Arts Ventures: Wednesdays, June 15,22,29; July 13,20. \$3 fee.

For July programs, see the summer newsletter.

Way Library receives disability services grant

Way Library has received an \$18,607 federal grant from the State Library of Ohio to enhance technology for persons with disabilities. Requiring a cash match of \$6,000, the Way Library Foundation, the Perrysburg School District and the Ability Center of Greater Toledo each committed \$2,000 to the project. With these funds, the library will purchase assistive technology and expand services.



The grant committee, l-r: Deborah DiGennaro, Way librarian; Gil Lutz (w/Lexy) of the Sight Center; Amy Szymanski, Perrysburg special education teacher; Kathy Smith, WGTE Outreach Director; Way librarian Karen Rothman; Roseanne Barker, Perrysburg Schools. Not pictured: Jennifer Kirby, Tom Reuss, Diane Frazee, Anita Serda and Robert Smith.

Many organizations collaborated in this attempt to improve lives through better access to information.

Foundation has new board members

The Way Library Foundation has welcomed new board members, Dan DiSalle, Bill Irwin and Blaine Wiley.



Left to right, Dan DiSalle, Jr., Bill Irwin, Blaine Wiley, Foundation chairman Bruce Badenhop.

Daniel J. DiSalle, Jr., a real estate broker for 20 years with DiSalle Realty, is a 1984 graduate of Indiana University. He has been a member of the City Board of Zoning Appeals, chairman of the Hospice Annual Charity Golf Outing, director of the Northwest Ohio Real Estate Information Systems and a trustee of the Ohio Association of Realtors Toledo District. He and his wife Jane have five children.

William Irwin, a commercial loan officer for area banks for 40 years, retired from Fifth Third Bank in 2003. A charter member of Perrysburg Rotary, Mr. Irwin is on the WBGU Advisory Council and is a mediator for the County Juvenile Prosecutor. He and his wife Mary Ann have three children and two grandchildren.

Blaine Wiley, a Perrysburg resident since 1961, graduated from the University of Notre Dame and retired from Henry Filters in 1999. He and his wife Joan have three children and eight grandchildren.

Letter writing campaign kicked off in April

During National Library Week (April 10-17), library patrons had an opportunity to write a letter to State Senator Randy Gardner or Ohio Representative Bob Latta on customized stationery with room for a personal statement on how Way Library makes a difference in their lives.

Governor Bob Taft's proposed 5 percent yearly reduction in state library funding has passed the Ohio House and is being considered by the Senate. There is still time to write: State Senator Randy Gardner, Senate Building, Room 220, Second Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Please include your name and address with the letter.

The campaign to save Ohio libraries continues. Please let your legislators know how important library service is to our community!

It's new! Self-help holds

The staff at Way Library has one constant goal: Making procedures more patron-friendly.

To that end, the circulation staff has initiated a self-serve system for picking up interlibrary loans. After passing the circulation desk, look for the shelving unit on your right. Here, holds and reserves will be alphabetized by last name. Covered with privacy paper, items can be gathered and checked out.

We encourage patrons to use the self-help checkout station for books and audiovisual items not in security cases. Imagine, no more standing in line!

Items still will be held for two days, and patrons will receive a courtesy call to let them know items are in. We welcome your opinions on the new system.

Library Week showcases Book Lights, BookLetters

During National Library Week, Way staff and volunteers gave tours and demonstrations and highlighted our new readers' advisory shelves called **Book Lights**. Check out our Way staff "picks" notebook, "Hot Off the Press" cart and display of recommended books.

BookLetters is a way for you to get book reviews and recommendations, as well as Way Library events, sent to your home email. Sign up online or here at the library's Information Desk.

Market Days Book Sales

Book Sales will sprout up again this year in conjunction with the Thursday afternoon Farmers Market in historic downtown Perrysburg.



Opening day for the Farmers Market is May 5, and the Friends of Way Library will hold a Book Sale on that afternoon from 4 to 8 p.m. on the lower level of the library. There will be more to come...a never-ending harvest of books at great prices here at Way.

CULTURE CLUB AND ADULT-CHILD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP... TO BE CONTINUED!

In the fall the Youth Services Department will resume two new programs, a Monday afternoon Culture Club teaching youth about life in other countries and a Sunday afternoon adult-child book discussion group. Both new projects have received rave reviews!



Staff member Linda Rutz shows items from Papua New Guinea at a Culture Club meeting.

Young Artist Recitals slated for June

June is the month for graduations, weddings.....and musical events! On June 15 and 22, Way Library is pleased to present two recitals in its 2005 Young Artist Series, funded by a generous grant from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund.

The Binikers in Recital

On Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. the talented Biniker family will perform. Samantha, age 16, Alex, 14, and Nicholas, 12, are pianists who have won top honors at the OMTA Buckeye Competition. They also are award-winners, respectively, on the marimba, cello and violin. Samantha, Alex and Nicholas will perform as soloists and as a trio on June 15.

Young Artist Jazz Piano Recital

Matthew Skitzki, an undergraduate piano literature and jazz studies major at Bowling Green State University, will perform a solo jazz recital on Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. The Gene Parker Jazz Camp is being held that same week. Let's call it Jazz Week! in Perrysburg!



The series opened with a spectacular vocal recital on April 17. Top photo, from left: Kevin Bylsma, pianist; Kisma Jordan, soprano; BGSU voice teacher Myra Merritt; Alena Gorina, pianist, and Rizo Arellano, countertenor. Below photo, the concert venue: the lower level of the library.

May Events

May 5 — **Book Sale** on Farmers Market Opening Day, 4-8 p.m.

May 6 — Senior Day (Cookies w/the Commons), Way Café, 1:30 p.m.

May 6—Fridays With My Friend: "Let's Get Buggy," 1:30-3 p.m.

May 19— Reel Talk film series: "Horse Feathers," 10 a.m.

May 19—PBS Program Club, 11:30 a.m., youth activity room.

May 29, 30—The library is **closed** because of Memorial Day. Sunday hours will resume on September 11.

Online signup for our summer reading program begins on Thursday, June 2. Demo Day is Saturday, June 11, and summer reading club begins on Monday, June 13.

Library collecting old flags

Bring your tattered or unserviceable American flag to the library between now and Flag Day (June 14), and it will be turned over to the American Legion for proper disposal at its annual Schaller Memorial service. Drop flags off at the Circulation Desk.

The Way Library - American Legion Post 28 partnership continues. From left, Post members Joseph Stockner, Bob Romaker, Earl Orendorff, Bill King, Leo Darmofal and Al Gerko-vich at Way's veteran



Edmund Fitzgerald tapes still available

More than 200 people remembered the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in a March 23 program co-sponsored by Historic Perrysburg, Inc., and Way Public Library.

Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Museum speakers described their efforts to raise the bell from the sunken ship. John Randolph, above, sang Gordon Lightfoot's ballad, and Blade editor Tom Walton, w/mike above, and others contributed to the Oral History Tape. Copies (\$10) are still available.



L-r, Stepper LeBoutillier and Becky Visser of Historic Perrysburg with speakers Jene Quirin & Larry Elliott.

Library News & Notes

- There is still room in the May 6 (1:30 to 3 p.m.) Fridays With My Friend intergenerational program **Let's Get Buggy**. Call Deborah DiGennaro, 419-874-3135 x109, to register for this free program.
- Can't find the leaf you purchased on our Way Back When mural? Thanks to volunteer Tammy Scheuermann, we have a guidebook which will help you! Ask at the Children's Desk.

Medieval Life Demo Day set for June 11

Ever wondered what life was like in the Middle Ages? Bring the entire family to the lower level of the library on Saturday, June 11, to see a recreation of medieval life by the non-profit educational organization called Society for Creative Anachronism. The event is a great way to ignite some enthusiasm for our Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds summer reading program!

Demonstrations will be held in candle dipping, greyhounds, heraldry, storytelling, medieval bookmaking and medieval clothing.

This free event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 11.



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Pat Maust hired as new youth services coordinator

Way Library bid a fond farewell to youth services coordinator Peggy Pile who retired at the end of April. Ms. Pile began working here in 1986 and was named director of youth services in the summer of 1994.



New youth services coordinator Pat Maust, right, with retiring coordinator Peggy Pile.

Pat Maust began work as Way's new youth services coordinator on April 19. A Swanton resident, she has 15 years experience as a children's librarian, most recently at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County in Austintown, Ohio. She has a master's degree in library science from Kent State University.

The library staff hosted an open house and reception for Mrs. Pile on Friday, April 29.

The Way Café is now open for business under new management. Stephen R. Beam of Espresso Four Seasons, Inc., will sell specialty coffees, chai and other teas, smoothies and baked goods at the Café.

Way 'connects' with Senior Center

Senior citizens who attend the Perrysburg Senior Center can now go online to surf the web or set up an email account right at the Center, thanks to a collaborative effort between Way Public Library and the City of Perrysburg.



Janel Molyneux, assistant director of Way Public Library, shows the new computer at the Perrysburg Senior Center to Carl Fosnaugh.

The library donated a computer and technical assistance in installing it and getting it up and running.

Way Librarian Richard Baranowski held an introductory computer class which was attended by about 20 people. Lee Gagle and Dave Sieja, volunteers at the library, have stopped at the Center to answer questions and assist seniors in setting up accounts online.

Way will start up a new series of technology lab computer classes in September. The schedule will be released in August.