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LIBRARY'S ROLE AS COMMUNITY CENTER GROWS

People in this community increasingly see Way Library as a Community Center, and to fulfill this new role, Way staff members and our fine Friends and Foundation are working hard to discharge these responsibilities with skill and creativity.

In 2004, we began several new programs to widen the base of people who regularly use the library, including an art/foreign film series, ReelArt@Way; a PBS Program Club co-sponsored by WBGU-TV, and genealogy workshops.

Sundays provide new opportunities for programming. **Sunday Sounds at Way** with live music by Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra musicians premiered in September. Watch for a oboe duo on November 21 and the Academy Brass Quintet on December 12. Enjoy the sounds of great classical music while you rediscover the joys of spending Sunday afternoon surrounded by good books at Way.

We also have some good old-fashioned fun in store for you, with plans in the works for a **Laugh-In** on a Sunday afternoon in January. Perrysburg High School students from The Cellar will show their creative, award-winning videos to an audience desperate for some relief from the gloomy winter weather we are certain to experience by then.

Another new program planned for Sunday afternoons is a **Parent-Child Book Discussion Group**. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter. Tentative plans are for a

discussion open to children in grades 3-5 (ages 8-11) and one parent or adult reading companion. Three different books will be discussed on January 30, February 27 and April 1 at 2 p.m.

All these upcoming programs will be featured in future newsletter issues .

Also, be prepared for special programs on **College Admissions** and **Workforce Readiness**.

The Way Public Library Foundation is currently engaged in Strategic Planning and is investigating several opportunities for events, including a summer/fall fund-raiser...in the parking lot!

The Foundation's 2004 **Mystery Play** will be hard to top, but the cast of the 2005 play, "Mayhem at the Manor," is determined to try. The play, scheduled for February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in a library transformed into a manor house, is certain to sell out so get your tickets early. Sales begin here at the library on December 1. Be part of this exciting event!



On October 21, Reel Talk resumed for another great season. Left to right, guest speaker Joe Espen with Ruth Leck, Mary Donnelly and Rita Rihacek at the showing of "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Arts of the Season on November 13

The Friends of Way Library and the Perrysburg Area Arts Council will jointly present Arts of the Season, an invitational arts festival, on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lower level of the library.

Visitors will be voting for their favorite booth, with a People's Choice Award of \$100 offered to the winner.

For information on renting a booth, contact Marti Zallocco, PAAC artistic director, 419-873-ARTS.

Local musicians will provide holiday background music, and volunteers will help children

create holiday art. Gift-wrapping will be available.

The Friends of Way Library will have a booth at the Café during Arts of the Season. Included in the sale will be laser-cut holiday ornaments and new books (including children's) at bargain prices. Music CDs, some of Christmas music by a wide range of artists, will be sold for \$2 each. "Perrysburg Revisited," books and posters will be given away free at the Friends' booth.

Art on sale will include hand-carved hobby horses, hand-crafted and glass bead jewelry, glass art, wall hangings and scarves made from feathery yarn.

November Events

November 3—Ebay class, 6 p.m.

November 13 — Arts of the Season, 9 a.m., lower level of the library.

November 13 — Ebay class, 10 a.m.

November 17— Ebay class, 6 p.m.

November 18 — Reel Talk: Flying Down to Rio, 10 a.m.

November 18 —Book Sale, 4-7:30 p.m.

November 19 — Reel Art@Way: The Station Agent, 7 p.m.

November 21 — Sunday Sounds at Way: Flutist R. Smith and oboist K. Schulak, 2 p.m. Way Café.

November 25 — Thanksgiving. The library is **CLOSED**.

Drop-In Story Times: See page 4.

Reel Talk, Reel Art set for Nov. 18, 19

Reel Talk, Way's classic film series, will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, airing the 1933 movie "Flying Down to Rio," the first film to star both Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

A special guest speaker will discuss the film and answer questions. Admission and refreshments are offered free of charge. A prize drawing will be held. For more information, call 419-874-3135, x 110.

ReelArt@Way, the library's new art and foreign film series, got off to a good start last month.

On Friday, November 19, at 7 p.m. "The Station Agent," an English language Sundance Festival award winning film released in 2003, will be shown free of charge in the lower level meeting rooms. This is the story of a loner who inherits an abandoned railroad station in the middle of nowhere. Enjoy!

PBS Program Club to meet Dec. 9

Because of timing of PBS shows and the upcoming holidays, the Way-WBGU PBS Program Club has re-scheduled its Nov. & Dec. meetings.

The club will meet once, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, to discuss "Touching the Void," which will air on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 9 p.m.; Nov. 22, 1 a.m. & 4 a.m., and Nov. 28, 1 p.m. "Touching the Void" is a classic tale about mountaineering.

Perrysburg High School's 'The Cellar' donates DVD to library

Perrysburg High School English teacher Kathy Housepian and two of her talented students, seniors David Sankovich and Alex Babich, recently donated two DVDs to Way. They are from the 1st and 2nd seasons of "The Cellar," the unique literary magazine/website created by PHS's tech writing class.

As soon as the DVDs are catalogued, they will be available for check out. The students hope to follow up 'Cellar' honors—including a first-place state award for an instructional video—with a "live road show." Stay tuned for a special showing of Cellar videos at a Laugh-In here at the library in January.



From left, PHS English teacher Kathy Housepian, PHS seniors David Sankovich and Alex Babich, and Richard Baranowski, Way Library local history librarian.

Help is...*in* the Way: Tech Lab expands hours

Having trouble with your computer? Never fear—help is not only *on* the way, it's right here in the library's technology lab on Thursday afternoons.

The Tech Lab on the lower level of the library is open every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring in your questions. A question is never considered too "simple."

No registration is necessary. Walk-ins are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The help desk is staffed with knowledgeable staff and volunteers, and the assistance is geared toward the novice computer user. If you are unable to come in, send your question to volunteer Lee Gagle

at leewgagle@toast.net, with help in the subject line, or call 419-4-3135 x136 and leave a message.

In addition, the tech lab has expanded its hours, thanks to the assistance of one of our new work study students. The new hours are:

- Monday — 3 - 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday — Lab closed.
- Wednesday — 5:30- 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday—3- 8:30 p.m.
- Friday — 3- 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday—1 - 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday—Lab closed.

Way reminds everyone that computer classes continue to be offered, with schedules and signup available at the Information Desk.

Sunday Sounds at Way

Roselyn Smith, flutist, and Kathy Schulak, oboist, will present special music on Sunday afternoon, November 21, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Way Café.

Sunday Sounds at Way is presented by the Way Public Library Foundation and the Friends of Way Library to celebrate the reopening of the library on Sundays. After a two-year hiatus caused by budget cuts, 1-5 p.m. Sunday hours were restored in September.

The Academy Brass Quintet is scheduled to play on Sunday, December 12, at 3 p.m.

Mystery Play tickets to go on sale Dec. 1

Tickets will go on sale December 1 for "Mayhem at the Manor," the 2005 Mystery Play fund-raiser of the Way Public Library Foundation. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. throughout the library.

The 2004 Mystery Play sold out, so don't delay your purchase.

New Century Club presents peace books to library

On behalf of Perrysburg's New Century Club, founded in 1900 as a literary and social club, Thelma Smith, current vice president, donated two books on world peace to Way Public Library Director Nancy Kelley.

The books are "The Unconquerable World: Power, Nonviolence and the Will of the People" by historian Jonathan Schell and "The One-Hour Activist" by Christopher Rush.



Thelma Smith, New Century Club vice president, and Way Library Director Nancy Kelley, with the books on peace added to Way's collection.

Recognition breakfast held for Way staff, board, Fdn. & Friends

Way Library held its annual staff appreciation event on Tuesday, October 19 — this year, a continental breakfast honoring staff members, the board of trustees, the Friends and the Foundation. The whole (Way Library) is greater than the sum of its parts, humming along each year to provide a full range of services to the growing Perrysburg community.

Three staff members received special recognition, respectively, for 5, 15 and 25 years of employment: Angie Tammarine, Janel Molyneux and Ofelia "Moe" Ibarra.



Board President Jack Wanick was recognized, along with fellow trustees Elaine Bishop, David Munger, Rose Marie Gerkovich, Stephen Kiechel and Mary Thom Williams.



Employees reaching anniversary milestones at Way this year are, left to right: Ofelia "Moe" Ibarra, clerk/periodicals, 25 years; Janel Molyneux, librarian/technical services, 15 years; Angie Tammarine, page supervisor, 5 years. Each received a gift.

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10 A.M. ON DEC. 1, 7, AND 15.**

NO SIGNUP IS NECESSARY!

Library transformed by 'Halloween happenings'

Way Library ended the month of October on a scary note: witches, ghosts, goblins and assorted creatures passed through the doors during day-time preschool trick-or-treat.

The library's intergenerational program featured "Pumpkin Patch Magic" with magician Dave Sieja.



Haunted house craftsman Don Coffey and Lauren Christoff, 5, admire the house as it is moved into its new neighborhood: the library.

Way serves as polling place on Election Day



Election 2004 soon will be history. Way Library serves as a polling place for Precinct A, and our staff expects a large turnout of voters casting votes for the Presidential, state and local candidates on Tuesday, November 2.

State Senator Randy Gardner stopped in to the library in the busy weeks before the election to drop off a new Ohio flag at the Circulation Desk. Above, he couldn't resist doing a little "campaigning" as YMCA kindergartners filed into the library. One youngster solemnly informed the senator that her mother was running for President.



Right photo, from left Karen Studenka, Chris Voland and Angie Tammarine accept the flag.

A library card: your most valuable asset

Of all the belongings in your wallet (or perhaps it is dangling from your keychain), your library card may very well be the most valuable.

"A library card signifies the opportunity for endless learning and enjoyment for all people," says Clara Bohrer, president of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association. According to a 2002 ALA poll, about 62 percent of Americans have a library card. Join the crowd — get one!