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Attn. Children 2nd-5th grades:
Culture Club's fall schedule will
include Pakistan & Cambodia.

Free films on the agenda

Reel Art and Reel Talk, Way's free art and classical film series, pick back up in the fall. An extra treat: a "Spend Sunday afternoon with Cary Grant" film series Nov. 1,8,15,22.

Reel Art opens on Friday, September 25, at 7 p.m. with "A Man Named Pearl," the inspiring story of a self-taught topiary artist. On Friday, October 23, at 7 p.m., a Spanish film "Under the Same Moon" tells the story of an illegal immigrant who prays to be reunited with her 9-year-old son still in Mexico.

Reel Talk debuts with "Having a Wonderful Time" on Thursday, October 8, at 10 a.m. Canoe and canoodle at Camp Kare-Free with Ginger Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Lucille Ball and camp social director Red Skelton.

'Blithe Spirit' to be read Oct. 26

The Way Play Readers Group will resume meeting in the fall on Monday, October 26, at 7 p.m. The group will read Noel Coward's witty comedy about a couple who hold a séance and accidentally summon Elvira, the man's late wife. Three's a crowd, even in the afterlife!

Sisters to perform on violin, piano Oct. 25

Maria and Ekhterina Bessmeltseva wowed the audience at a library concert this summer. They will return with a new program of classical pieces for the violin and piano on Sunday, October 25, at 2 p.m. The concert and reception are free and open to the public.

These award-winning Russian musicians are sisters who have received scholarships to study music in the U.S. They will play Vivaldi's Four Seasons: Spring & Winter, Bloch's Nigun, the Beethoven Romance in F Major, and Czardas by Monti.



From left, violinist Maria and pianist Ekhterina Bessmeltseva. They are graduate students majoring in music performance.

Jack Shaffer on steam trains Oct. 4

When trains rumble through Perrysburg, some recall the steam train era. Jack Shaffer, retired medical librarian and long-time Perrysburg resident, will share stories from his days as a young road brakeman. On Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m., travel back to 1950 with this free talk: "Railroading on the New York Central During the Last Days of Steam."

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Along the Way

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LIBRARY FUNDING SLASHED 31% IN STATE BUDGET

In the past month, Ohio public libraries have been reeling in response to cuts in the Ohio Public Library Fund (PLF) of \$84.3 million over the next two years.

In June, Governor Ted Strickland proposed cuts in state library support in the 2010-2011 budget totaling \$227.3 million (50%). In July, the Ohio General Assembly restored some library support. The Ohio Department of Taxation estimates that libraries will experience a 31% decrease in funding due to PLF cuts and lowered tax revenue in 2009.

Way Library - and all libraries across the state - thank the citizens of Ohio for telephoning, emailing and personally contacting their elected representatives to influence the lawmakers' response to the Governor's initial proposal.

This incredible show of support underscores the importance of libraries in the

challenging times that we face. Not only do people turn more and more to the free resources and services that libraries provide, libraries have directly responded to the recession by offering job search help, homework assistance, greater computer access, and computer skill and resume workshops or classes.

Thanks to the generous support of our local taxpayers, Way Library has an operating levy which provides for 45% of our revenue each year. According to **Director Nancy Kelley**, this has spared us from some of the draconian cuts put into place by libraries that rely solely on state funding. "But we have reduced the materials budget by nearly 23 percent. We have made changes in weekend scheduling and mileage reimbursement and are stepping up our efforts to build the library's endowment fund as well as the number of memorial book donations from our loyal patrons," she said.

Library launches cost-cutting paperless, 'green' effort

Way Library wishes to alert patrons that effective September 1, paper overdue notices will no longer be mailed out. Instead, the library will send out email notifications on overdue items. Send your email address and/or comments to this address: waycirc@oplin.org

Due to budget cutbacks, the library is looking at ways to cut costs. This new policy is expected to save Way Library nearly \$5,000 each year in postage, paper and printing. The staff is evaluating other environmentally friendly ways to save costs and increase efficiency.

Dr. Hussain: book signing, healthcare talk in Sept., Oct.

Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, professor emeritus of thoracic cardiovascular surgery at UT College of Medicine and op-ed columnist for The Blade, will visit Way Library on two separate occasions this fall. Join us for either or both of these free events:

- ◆ Sunday, September 20, 2 p.m.: Dr. Hussain will read from and sell and sign copies of his new book, **Treading a Fine Line**.
- ◆ Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m. In this **Topical Tuesday** lecture, Dr. Hussain will discuss the "big picture" on **health care in the U.S.** and the latest developments in its reform.



S. Amjad Hussain, M.D.

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Mary Meyer, Editor

Way book clubs grow by one

Just about any person can find a book group at Way Library to satisfy his or her busy schedule and reading tastes. We have added a new group which will begin discussions this fall. Led by Way librarian Karen Rothman and Andre Criner, the new club will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 16, the group will discuss "Suite Francais" by Irene Nemirovsky; on Oct. 21, the book will be "The Stone Diaries" by Carol Shields.

Check the Way kiosk for a brochure detailing the reading lists for our Wednesday morning, Monday and Thursday evening groups, as well as our Inspirational Fiction club on Thursday mornings.

Age of Vaudeville concert/talk Sept. 27

Retired professor George Kalbouss has twice charmed Way audiences with his entertaining concert/lectures.



George Kalbouss performed at Way in 2006 and 2007.

Dr. Kalbouss will be back by popular demand to present "The Age of Vaudeville," on Sunday, September 27, at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served at this free concert.

The songs of Fannie Brice, Ted Lewis, Eddie Cantor, George M. Cohan and Al Jolson will be featured.

New programs for teens this fall



Teens expressed their creativity during a Summer Reading program.

Way Library now has a librarian, Adria Pugh, to serve the needs of the "young adult" (11-14 year old) age group. Ms. Pugh encourages teens to join the Way Teen Board and help to plan activities. She is working on the following unique and fun upcoming events:

- ◆ 'A Passion for Fashion: Purse Swap & Movie,' Tuesday, Sept. 8, 3-5:30 p.m. Trade in your gently used purses, handbags and totes for a new style. Stay to watch a "fashionable" movie.
- ◆ Teen Gaming Area Kickoff, Monday, Sept. 21, 3-5 p.m. Stop by the new Teen Gaming Area. A new game will be available each month in this awesome new addition to the library's teen area.
- ◆ Teen Flix: You Choose the Movie, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 3-5:30 p.m. Drop in after school to enjoy a movie and popcorn with friends. Choices: Journey to the Center of the Earth, 10 Things I Hate About You, and Coraline.
- ◆ Board Game Blast, Friday, Oct. 16, 3-5 p.m. Bring your own game or use one of ours; win prizes!
- ◆ Book vs. Movie: Inkheart, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 3-5:30 p.m. Watch the movie and then discuss the movie and book. Copies of the book will be available to check out one month before this event.
- ◆ Halloween Foodie Fun, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3-5 p.m.

Sept./Oct. Events

- Sept. 7 — Closed for Labor Day.
- Sept. 8 — YA program: A Passion for Fashion, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 10 — Resume Workshop, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 13 — **Sunday Hours Resume.**
- Sept. 17 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 17 — FLASH: Aloha from Hawaii, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17 — Franchise Opportunities, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19 — Rally Day **Book Sale**, 9-3; after 2, \$5/bag.
- Sept. 20 — Dr. Hussain Book Reading/Signing, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 21 — Teen Gaming, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 25 — Reel Art: A Man Named Pearl, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 27 — The Age of Vaudeville Concert, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 28 — Game Plan for College Admission, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 29 — Teen Flix: You Vote, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 29 — Topical Tuesday: Iran, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 — Steam Railroading by Jack Shaffer, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 5 — Small Business Basics, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 — St. Luke's Lecture: Seasonal Flu, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Reel Talk: Having a Wonderful Time, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 15 — YA Board Game Blast, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — FLASH: A-Haunting We Will Go, 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 — YA movie/discussion: Inkheart, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 20 — Topical Tuesday: Health Care, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 23 — Fridays With My Friend: Pirates, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 23 — Reel Art: Under the Same Moon, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 25 — Violin/piano duo in concert, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 26 — Play Readers Group: Blithe Spirit, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27 — YA Foodie Fun, 3 p.m.

Attention Job Seekers!

The library's Job Search Lead Group will meet Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 12 & 26. On Thurs., Sept. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. during a free **Resume Review** in the Tech Lab, Job Solutions of Wood County will show a tutorial and help you rewrite your resume (bring it on a flashdrive or rewritable CD-R or DVD-R). Register at the Info Desk.

Topical Tuesday Sept. 29: Neil Englehart on Iranian Elections



Dr. Neil Englehart

Dr. Neil Englehart, associate professor of political science at Bowling Green State University, will open the 2009-10 Topical Tuesday series on Tuesday, September 29, at 7 p.m. He will speak on "The End or the Beginning of Iranian Democracy?" As events in Iran unfold, this event promises to be informational and timely.

Dr. Englehart teaches courses in comparative politics and international relations and has done research on state formation and failure, colonialism and human rights, with a focus on East and Southeast Asia. He received a bachelor of arts in history and East Asian Studies from Oberlin College in 1987 and his PhD in political science from the University of California at San Diego in 1996. Prior to coming to BGSU, he taught at UC San Diego, Northwestern University, Lafayette College and the Chataqua Institution. Dr. Englehart and his family live in Perrysburg.

College help on & at the Way

What's Your Game Plan for College Admissions?

- Way Library's free program in which college admissions expert Lita Crocker explains the ABCs of applying for college (visiting campuses, taking the ACT, etc.)- will be held Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m.

Everything You Want to Know (Except the Answers) about the ACT & SAT - On Monday, October 19, at 7 p.m. Ed Zarnick from Huntington Learning Center will explain the differences between the tests and how to decide which students should take.

Franchise, small business programs

Get a leg up in the business world with these programs. Registration is requested: 419-874-3135 x134.

- ◆ **Franchise Opportunities**, Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m. Tracy Rickman, FranNet franchise consultant, will provide information on the franchise industry in an informal atmosphere.
- ◆ **Small Business Basics**, Monday, October 5, 5:30- 8:30 p.m. Dan Slifko of SCORE will cover the basics of setting up a small business.

Recent memorials

In Memory of Adelaide Morse

Barbara Coon
Patricia Munger

In Memory of Rosemarie Burley

Mike Sibbersen

In Memory of Leona Newman

Elizabeth Andrus

In Memory of Mary Ann Skotynsky

Judith Breese
Karen Fleming
Ann and Gary Hontz
Nancy and Ed Kelley
The Laird Family
Harry and Jackie Limmer
Lonnie Lutz
Tom and Allison Mackin
Carolyn and Marty Marsh
Bonita Murray
Larry and Linda Odegaard
Dave and Lisa Richard
Tom and Linda Schmauch
Cheryl Sokoll
Connie Trainer
David Walbom

Dedicate a Book! Pick up a brochure at the lobby kiosk.



1,000+ children enjoy summer reading

Heart-felt thanks to everyone who helped with or participated in the 2009 Summer Reading Program. 2,306 prizes/stickers were issued to readers; 1,068 children attended programs.

Prizes were donated by Mr. Freeze, The Daily Grind, Perry Falls Mini-Golf, Wendy's, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Chick-fil-A, Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel and Sonic. The generous support of Owens-Illinois enabled the library to host the many exciting programs which took place during Summer Reading.

Aloha from Hawaii September 17

In this FLASH (Fun Library After School Happenings) program on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 p.m., children ages 7-10 can play games, hear stories and make crafts with a tropical flair. Dress Hawaiian! Online registration begins Sept. 3.



Fridays with My Friends October 23

The theme for the next intergenerational program, set for Friday, October 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m., is pirates! Online registration for 4-5 year-olds begins Sept. 23. Senior citizens can call Wendie Kiskaddon to register: 419-874-3135 x107.