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WAY EVENTS - TAKE THE CHILL OUT OF WINTER

Way Library has planned a number of events to take the chill and dreariness out of winter. Join us on the following dates for an interesting variety of programs:



- Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m.: Book signing/author talk by local author **Jan Wahl**. Mr. Wahl, the author of short stories, essays and children's books, will discuss his new book "Through a Lens Darkly." As a motion picture script writer, he spent years in the film industry and worked with luminaries from the Golden Age of entertainment. In his book, he shares encounters with stars like Louise Brooks, Lillian Gish, Rita Hayworth and Robert Mitchum. Refreshments will be served.

- Free movies on Thursday and Friday, December 11 and 12: **Reel Talk** classic film "Remember the Night" (10 a.m. on Thursday) and **Reel Art** foreign/art film "Sunset Story" (7 p.m. on Friday evening). On Thursday, January 8, Reel Talk will present "Grapes of Wrath" at 10 a.m., joined by Way's morning book group.
- Saturday, January 17, 6 p.m.: **Bobbie Burns**: An Evening of Scotland. Enjoy the culture, food, literature and music of Scotland. This unique event will include a buffet, entertainment by a harpist and piper Jeff Klein, "Parade the Haggis," readings from Scottish literature, and singing Auld Lang Syne. Cost upon registration is \$10.00.
- Friday, January 23, 7 p.m. It's time for another **Snow Ball!** Our fourth annual family fun night will include many activities, stories, and games as well as ice skating in the Family Activity Room and snacks/beverages in the Way Café.
- Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m. Free outreach concert on the library main floor by 6-8 flutists from the **BGSU flute studio**.



Snow Ball 2008

Way's Topical Tuesday Series asks: Does Race Still Matter? **Harris-Taylor to speak on Obama Inauguration Jan. 27**

One week after Martin Luther King Day and the Inauguration of our country's first black President, Way Library's Topical Tuesday series will host journalist and corporate communications specialist Marlene Harris-Taylor in a unique Topical Tuesday lecture "**The Inauguration of an African-American President: Does Race Still Matter?**"

In this talk scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. Ms. Harris-Taylor will discuss the historic aspects of the Obama presidency. Was race a significant factor in the 2008 primary and presidential elections? Did Obama's ~**Cont. on page 3**>



Marlene Harris-Taylor



Culture Club plans 'itinerary'

Way's Culture Club for school-aged children is in its fourth year, and plans are being made for new programs on Monday or Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Would you like to give children the opportunity to learn about the culture, customs, clothing and national foods of your native land? Call Youth Services at 419-874-3135x116. Past programs have included Poland, Bulgaria, Malaysia, Scotland, Bangladesh- we have yet to repeat a country in



The Brahmes talked on India.

Financial Aid 101 set for Jan. 26

College has never seemed more expensive for those families feeling the effects of economic recession. At "Financial Aid 101," on Monday, January 26, from 7 to 8 p.m., discover what kinds of financial assistance are available for college students and how to apply for them. (Snow date for this program: January 28.)

Betsy Johnson, director of financial aid at Owens Community College, will discuss types of aid, the difference between scholarships and grants, how to search for aid, apply for loans, and fill out FAFSA forms. This is your opportunity to ask questions that will help you clarify your financial aid options.

Recent memorial donations

In Memory of Kevin Emch

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Job help, Medicare Info Dec. 8 & 9

Job Solutions of Wood County and **PENTA Adult & Continuing Education** will be at the library Monday, December 8, 7-8:30 p.m., to review resumes, discuss interviewing skills, show job search websites and provide information on health, business & tech careers.

On Tuesday, December 9, 10-11 a.m., Lynn Heskett of the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, will give tips on how to enroll for 2009 Medicare prescription drug coverage. Learn the various parts of Medicare A,B,C, & D and stay abreast of changes.

Dec./Jan. Events

- Dec. 5 — Young Adult Game Night, 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Red Cross Babysitting, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Dec. 7 — Jan Wahl Book Signing, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 8 — Job Connections for Job Seekers, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — Medicare Information, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 11 — Reel Talk: Remember the Night, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 12 — Reel Art: Sunset Story, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 14,21,24,25,28 — Closed for Holidays.
- Dec. 16 — Holiday Story Time, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 18 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 31 — Library closes at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1 — Library Closed.
- Jan. 8 — Reel Talk: Grapes of Wrath, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 17 — Bobby Burns Evening, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King Day. Library is open.
- Jan. 23 — Snow Ball Family Night, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 — BGSU Flute Studio Concert, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 26 — Financial Aid 101, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 27 — Topical Tuesday: Does Race Matter, 7 p.m.

The library is **closed**: Dec. 16, 24,25,28, and Jan. 1. We close at 5:30 p.m. on December 31.

'Dancing aWAY' tickets on sale Jan. 6

"Dancing aWAY with the Stars II" will be presented at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Proceeds from this sixth annual fund raiser go to the Way Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund which is critical in protecting the future of the library.



Anyone interested in sponsorships should contact Julie Liebenthal, 419-215-7879. Tickets go on sale Monday, Jan. 6, at the Information Desk. Show times are 7, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:15 p.m. Guests must purchase a ticket for a specific show; an early sell-out is expected.

This event will feature six local celebrities paired with six dance professionals who will train under the supervision of Matt Miller of The Dance Clinic and Paulette of Paulette's Studio of Dance. The premiere sponsor for this special evening is Physical Therapy Consultants.

Guests can expect great food, a total transformation of the library, a fantastic dance competition, and music throughout the night by Hepcat Revival. New to this year's festivities is a silent auction.

Holiday Storytime on December 16

Way Public Library will present a drop-in Holiday Story Time for children ages 3-6 on Tuesday, December 16, at 10 a.m. in the library.



This program will include stories about gingerbread men and a craft activity. Children who cannot attend the story time are encouraged to stop by the Children's Area December 16 through December 20 to make a gingerbread man for our holiday mural.



The BGSU Graduate String Quartet performed a Pro Musica Outreach Concert for an audience of 100+ in the library on Sunday, November 16. Watch for future Karen Morley Khan Series events!

Topical Tuesday on the Obama election/inauguration....cont. from p. 1

<<<candidacy transcend race? Will his ascendancy to the Office of the Presidency cause a definitive breakthrough in U.S. race relations? One week after attending the Inauguration, Ms. Harris-Taylor will share her insights and lead a discussion on this historic event.

Now an Owens Corning senior communications specialist, Ms. Harris-Taylor has been a documentary producer and the host of "The Journal," a weekly public affairs program on WBGU-PBS. She was nominated for an Emmy for "The Hines Farm Blues Club."

Ms. Harris-Taylor also has worked as a producer for National Public Radio's Morning Edition program in Washington, D.C., and in television and radio in the Toledo and Columbus markets. She is a member of the Public Advisory Board for WBGU-PBS. She is the secretary for the NW Ohio Chapter of the Public Relations Society Board, a member/historian of the Toledo chapter of Jack & Jill of America, and is past president of the NW Ohio Black Media Association.

A graduate of Ohio State University, she has a master's degree in mass communication from Miami U.

Way librarians offer gift ideas for upcoming holiday season

Way librarians are often asked for ideas on holiday giving. Here are some gift suggestions from our staff.



Nancy Kelley, Way Library director, recommends:

- ◆ *Loot: The Battle Over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World* by Sharon Waxman, 2008. Following a tour of the grand museums and their collections, the author talks about the items that were illicitly obtained and takes up whether they should be returned to their countries of origin.
- ◆ *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski is a novel by a master storyteller about a line of unusual dogs and the family that raises them. At 576 pages, this book is for a long weekend!
- ◆ *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. This is a delightful novel comprised of letters about the inhabitants of a small island occupied by the Germans during World War II.

Pat Maust, youth services coordinator, suggests the following books for the young ones on your gift list:

- ◆ The picture book *Animals Are Sleeping* by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Gary R. Phillips. Sleeping animals, pictured individually or in mother-child pairings, are shown in their natural habitats and poses. A calm, soothing text winds down to a "good night, sleep tight" conclusion.
- ◆ The reader *Houndsley and Catina and the Quiet Time* by James Howe reveals what fun it can be to stay indoors after the winter's first snowfall.
- ◆ Juvenile fiction *39 Clues* by Rick Riordan. The first installment of a projected 10-book series, *Maze of Bones* mixes suspense, peril and puzzles in a fast-paced read. The book contains clue cards and a website....webkins for older readers.
- ◆ For young adults, *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart. This is a funny manifesto for the anti-Gossip Girl gang.

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Connor Gifford, former resident and the author of a collection of history vignettes called "America According to Connor Gifford," returned to Perrysburg on Nov. 8 to ride in the Veterans Day Parade and read and sign books at Way Library.

More than 100 people attended the book signing and reception at the library, including Mayor Nelson Evans, with a proclamation declaring Connor to be Perrysburg's ambassador to those with special needs, as well as many former Perrysburg teachers such as Kitty Turner, left, and Renee Jayne, right.

Librarians' gift ideas ... cont. from p. 3

Debbie DiGennaro, reference/outreach librarian, suggests:

- ◆ *Katie Brown Celebrates: Simple and Spectacular Parties All Year Round* by Katie Brown. Make any celebration, birthday party, family reunion a hassle-free, fun time.
- ◆ *The Fussy Eaters' Recipe Book: 135 Quick, Tasty and Healthy Recipes that Your Kids Will Actually Eat* by Anabel Karmel. The title says it all!
- ◆ *The Art and Soul of Baking* by Sur La Table includes 250 recipes including yeast-based and quick breads and pizza.

Richard Baranowski, local history librarian, recommends:

- ◆ *Pieces of My Heart: A Life* by Robert Wagner features never-told-before stories and a candid account of the actor's marriage to Natalie Wood.
- ◆ *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* by Jon Meacham. Our seventh president established our banking system and granted independence to Texas.
- ◆ *Warner Brothers and the Homefront Collection* is a DVD collection of wartime morale-boosting musical comedies.