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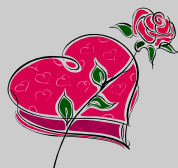
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'VENGEANCE IN VEGAS' TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LIBRARY

"Vengeance in Vegas," Way Public Library Foundation's fourth annual interactive murder mystery, will be presented on Saturday, February 24, at 6 p.m. The \$65/person tickets— expected to sell out quickly due to the popularity of this event— may be purchased at the Information Desk. All proceeds benefit library programming and the Way Library Endowment Fund.

For the fourth year, Physical Therapy Consultants is the major sponsor. Sponsorship levels include Sherlock Holmes (\$5,000); Private Eye (\$2,500); Crime Scene Investigator (\$1,000); Witness Protection Program (\$500); And the Suspects Are (\$250), and It's A Cover Up (\$100). For more information on becoming a sponsor of the 2007 mystery play, call 419-874-3135x139.



Mystery Play Cast: Seated, from left: Larry Dillin, Holly Perry and Walt Churchill. Standing, l-r: Julie Olmstead, Nelson Evans, Terry Powell and Carolyn Walton.

On February 24, the library will be transformed into the Perridice Palace, one of Las Vegas's best known casinos. Earlier that evening the casino's co-owner, Bill D. Way, went down for the count. While gathering clues and attempting to figure out which member of the cast of suspects committed the murder, you will enjoy fabulous food throughout the library. The Wrecking Crew will provide live entertainment following an evening of mystery.

FOURTH BEST HONORS, AUTHOR VISITS HELP WRAP UP WAY LIBRARY'S 125TH CELEBRATION ON HIGH NOTE

2006 was a great year for Way Library. Along with holding many special activities to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our founding, Way was recognized by the Hennen American Public Library Ratings as fourth best library in our size category nationwide.

The year-long celebration of our birthday culminated December 7-8 with an author visit by historian Douglas Brinkley, a Perrysburg native, a project co-sponsored by the Perrysburg Schools and Historic Perrysburg, with major support by the Ohio Humanities Council. ~Cont. on p. 4>>



Author/historian Doug Brinkley, center, with Schools Superintendent Mike Cline and Way Library Director Nancy J. Kelley.

Snow Ball at Way Library February 2



Hundreds of people enjoyed last year's Snow Ball Family Fun and Games Night. This year's ball: Friday, February 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Way Public Library Foundation, this event will include many children's games and bingo for ages 11-14.



For ages 2-5: snowball throw, toss across, bowling, penguin pitch, ice fishing, tower of boxes, crawl tunnels and stories by the fireside. For 6-10 year olds: putt putt golf, basketball, air hockey, paper airplanes, sudoku, crafts, rock wall & bingo. Seasonal refreshments, magic shows and fun for all!

'Cool Running,' other films on tap

As part of a continuing effort to highlight the accomplishments of residents and former residents, screenwriter **Lynn Seifert** of Perrysburg has been invited to speak at Way on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Ms. Seifert, the author of the screenplay for "**Cool Running**" starring John Candy, will open the evening describing how she came to write this comedy inspired by the true story of Jamaica's first Olympic bobsled team. The movie will be shown, and Ms. Seifert then will answer questions about the production. The event is free, and snacks will be served.

On Thursday, February 15, at 10 a.m. **Reel Talk** will feature the 1936 comedy "**My Man Godfrey**," starring Carole Lombard and William Powell. On Friday, February 16, at 7 p.m. **Reel Art** will present "**Tortilla Soup**" (2002, English-Spanish).

Health series to begin Feb. 14

Way Library and St. Luke's Hospital are partnering to present informative lectures on health, beginning Wednesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. with a talk by **Karen Sherman, RN**, cardiac rehabilitation coordinator, on "**Chest Pain: When Minutes Matter.**" What do you do if you feel chest pain? How do you know if it is a heart attack? Should you call 911? The information at this free event could save your life!

Art house cinema set added

The Essential Art house distributed by Janus Films, a 50-disc commemorative collection celebrating the best art house cinema of the past 70 years, has been added to our collection. Great international film directors such as Bergman, Fellini, Kurosawa, Lean and Truffaut are included. Titles can be borrowed for one week. A complete title list is available in the Foreign DVD section, or can be searched on the Catalog.

New Book Discussion Club Lists

Way Library's book discussion groups are off and running with new sets of titles for 2007.

Upcoming book selections for the Monday Evening group — Feb. 19: 1776; March 19: Tsotsi; April 16: Snow; May 21: White Teeth; June 18: A Simple Plan; July 16: No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency; Aug. 20: Polio: An American Story; Sept. 17: Madame Bovary; Oct. 15: The Devil in the White City; Nov. 19: Mayflower, and Dec. 17: The Echo Maker.

Thursday Evening Group—Feb. 1: The Glass Castle; March 1: My Sister's Keeper; April 5: New York Burning; May 3: 1,000 White Women; June 7: Life of Pi; July 5: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night; Aug. 2: Digging to America; Sept. 6: Snow; Oct. 4: Rise and Shine; Nov. 1: Tender Is the Night; Dec. 6: The Piano Tuner.

The Family Book Group will begin the year on Sunday, Feb. 4, with a book on anorexia, "Perfect."

Foundation thanks legacy donors

The Way Public Library Foundation would like to thank the following individuals for their recent commitment to the Way Library Legacy Campaign initiated in 2000 to establish an endowment fund for the library. For information on supporting this effort, call Lisa Richard, 419-874-3135x139.

Jane and Robert Anspach, Augustine Family, Lois Bigelow, Lois and James Chandler, Mary and Tony Clark, Christopher and Darla Clark, Country Garden Club, Bea Cseplo, Bill and Patti Jo Fantozz, Anne Ferrell, Kate Foster Foundation, Ed and Nancy Kelley, Steve and Julie Kiechel, Dave and Sue Kienzle, Brenda and Joe Majdalani, Clint and Pat Mauk, Mike and Janey McIntyre, Marilyn and William Mitchell, Lee and Jan Odegaard, Dwight and Judy Osterud, Elizabeth and John Rank, June and Joseph Roshe, Rick and Mary Sabin, Ben and Gina Salpietro, Susan and Jeffrey Smith, Jack and Annette Wanick, Marjorie Wellstead, Peter and Polly White, Anne and John Zachman.

LWVPA, Way to join forces for Feb. 27 immigration program

Way Library will partner with the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area for our next **Topical Tuesdays** program. **Dr. Karen Johnson-Webb**, BGSU associate professor who holds a joint appointment at the Center for Regional Development and the Department of Geography, will speak on **Immigration** on Tuesday, February 27, beginning at 7 p.m.

Drawing upon her expertise in Latino labor migration, Dr. Johnson-Webb will speak about the social and economic effects of immigration.

Genealogy workshops in March

After attending noted genealogist Lolita Guthrie's lecture on starting the search for your family history, Way patrons may wish to sit down at the computer keyboard and get started. Way Library's two-part genealogy workshops, led by consultant Bonnie Gilmore-Cousino, will help you use the software that is best for your search.

The free classes are scheduled for March 10 and 17, and again on March 24 and 31, from 1-3 p.m. in the library's Tech lab. Sign up online or at the Information Desk beginning February 12. Class size is limited to 16.

Noted genealogist Lolita Guthrie to talk on 'Researching Your Family: Getting Started'



Way Library and Historic Perrysburg, Inc., are pleased to present Lolita Guthrie, well-known genealogist and cemetery preservationist, in a Tuesday, February 20, program beginning at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the library. This program is free, and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Guthrie will speak on "Researching Your Family: Getting Started." She will share her passion for family history as well as many valuable techniques for beginning a search for your family roots.

In 2006 Mrs. Guthrie was recognized on the national level as the recipient of the third annual Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor Award. Nominated by the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS), Mrs. Guthrie was inducted into the Volunteer Hall of Honor at the Federation of Genealogical Societies' Annual Conference in Boston.

She is currently president and projects coordinator of the Wood County Genealogical Society Chapter. She has been a long-time chair of the OGS Cemetery Committee. From 1993 to 2005 she served as a member of the OGS Board of Trustees, and in 2006 was named an OGS Fellow for her special projects, volunteer work and skill in accomplishing goals for the society.

AARP tax help starts February 5

For more than 25 years, Way Library has hosted the AARP Tax-Aide Program. This year the weekly program of tax preparation for seniors and low/medium-income individuals and families begins February 5.

Thanks to assistance from the AARP Foundation and the IRS, the library site will have computers installed with IRS Tax-Wise software for use by the 10 Perrysburg volunteers.

As in the past, persons seeking this free service should telephone the library, 419-874-3135 and press "2", for an appointment. Taxpayers will be asked to fill in an information sheet when they arrive for their appointment. You are asked to bring your social security card and, if new to the site, photo identification, as well as copies of 2006 tax returns and all W-2s, 1099s and any other income forms and records of deductible expenditures (medical, taxes, interest, contributions, etc.) if you itemize deductions.

February Events

February 1—Registration for FLASH begins.

February 2—Snow Ball Family Fun, 7-9 p.m.

February 4— Family book discussion:

"Perfect" by Natasha Friend (2004), 2 p.m.

February 8 — Registration opens for Red Cross Babysitting Class (March 12-13).

February 12—Read to the Dogs, 7 p.m.

February 14 — St. Luke's chest pain program, 7 p.m.

February 15 — Reel Talk: My Man Godfrey, 10 a.m.

February 15—FLASH: Pirates, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

February 16—Reel Art: Tortilla Soup, 7 p.m.

February 19 — Young Adult Movie, 2-5 p.m.

February 19 — Culture Club: Bulgaria, 4:30 p.m.

February 19,26 — Read to the Dogs, 7 p.m.

February 20 — "Researching Your Family" lecture by Lolita Guthrie, 7 p.m.

February 24—Library Closes at 2 p.m.

February 24 — Foundation Mystery Play, 6 p.m.

February 25 — Library Closed for Annual Cleaning.

February 27— LWVPA-Way: immigration, 7 p.m.

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Way Library 125th anniversary celebration ends on high note



Above photo: Doug Brinkley, left, spoke to PHS history and humanities classes. Below, William Hablitzel, M.D., also spoke and signed books in December.

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More than 500 people attended one or more of the components of the two-day Douglas Brinkley author visit and educational encounter: lectures at Perrysburg High School, an afternoon reception at the library and an evening speech at Perrysburg Junior High School.

Way Library would like to thank the Ohio Humanities Council, Historic Perrysburg, the Perrysburg Schools, American Legion Post 28 and the Friends and Foundation of the library for making this event such a wonderful success.



Above, J.D. Justus, former classmate of Doug Brinkley, at the reception. Below, 125th anniversary contest winners.



The library staff thanks everyone in the community for the patronage and support that have led to our recognition as one of the finest libraries of our size. The Hennen ratings, announced in the November issue of American Libraries magazine, are based on usage and operating data collected from 9,076 libraries by 50 state library agencies. The data reflects circulation statistics, staffing levels, hours open, numbers of visitors and materials, and funding levels. We are proud to be considered fourth best in our category and pledge to continue Way's tradition of exemplary service.

