



# Along the Way

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## WAY DESIGNATED A 'STAR LIBRARY' ONCE AGAIN

Way Library has been recognized by the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service as one of the top 20 libraries in the nation in its spending category (\$1-5 million). With annual expenditures of \$1.6 million, Way Library was ranked 19th and given a "Four Star" status in the results released November 15, 2009.

The new LJ Index, first released in February 2009, organizes data and ranks libraries into star tiers much like Michelin guides. The "second round" results just released are based on 2007 data.

In this latest ranking, 7,268 libraries were rated but only 258 earned "Star" status based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer uses. Way experienced a small decline in its standing but 84 libraries were added to the \$1-5 million expenditure category in this most recent survey.

At the lower end in the expenditure category, Way still fared well. "We are proud of our standing as one of the nation's top libraries," said Director Nancy J. Kelley.

## 2010: Lincoln talk, Underground Railroad programs

Way Library will take a "Journey on the Underground Railroad" this spring, thanks to a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act Choose to Read Program. On December 8, Way was chosen to receive support for programs on the Underground Railroad, including a visit/talk by Ann Hagedorn, author of "Beyond the River: The Untold Story of the Heroes of the Underground Railroad." More details will be in the next library newsletter.

Historic Perrysburg, Inc., and the library will mark the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday (Feb. 12), with a program on Thursday, February 11. Author Randy Buchman (photo at right), Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Defiance College presently serving as Defiance city historian, will speak on "Lincoln's Ohio Connections."



## Snow Ball family fun night scheduled for January 22



Warm up! Snow Ball is right around the corner! On Friday, January 22, 7 to 9 p.m., the library will re-open for games & activities. This annual event offers winter-themed fun for people of all ages.

Enjoy miniature golf, paper airplanes, toss across, ice fishing & "skating," and new activities like Kiddy Karaoke. Anyone who donates a new or gently used winter wear accessory will be eligible for a book give-away that evening.



## MOCK CALDECOTT: VOTE JANUARY 18 IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA

## Paul Newman, other film fare

Legendary film star **Paul Newman** passed away in 2009. Way Library will honor his memory with films on successive Sundays in January at 2 p.m.:

January 3—Left-Handed Gun; Jan. 10—Torn Curtain; Jan. 17—Absence of Malice; Jan. 24—Nobody's Fool.

For **Black History Month**, Way will present a Sunday afternoon movie at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 7, "Sergeant Rutledge," John Ford's 1960 film about a black cavalryman accused of murder. Mike Hough will be the guest film scholar.

**Reel Talk** classic films are at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 14—Fahrenheit 451, to be joined by the Wednesday morning book discussion group, and on Thursday, February 11, "Zoo in Budapest."

**Reel Art** foreign films are at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings—on January 29, "Word Play," a documentary on crossword puzzler maker Will Shortz, on February 19, Man on Wire, a French film.



## Sculpture DVD now in local history

A film of the October 10 dedication and unveiling of the Town Pump Statue recently was given to the library's Local History Room. Pictured above, l-r, are the filmmaker, Trisha Ashenfelter, a student of Perrysburg High School technical writing teacher Kathy Housepian; Perrysburg Schools business manager Richard Jones; Lee Anne Kleeberger, sculptor Ralph Kleeberger, and library director Nancy J. Kelley.

## Recent memorials

### In Memory of Ruth Alexander

Kenny and Theresa Alexander

### In Memory of Peter Bernard

Delores Wambold

### In Memory of Mike Dean

Dave and Janell Vickers

### In Memory of Al Enk

Sue and Bob Sweny

### In Memory of Jaryd Gilts

Rick and Mary Beth Gilts

### In Memory of Jane Robinson Helman

Bobbi Crosson

Alanson and Judith Wilcox

### In Memory of Nanny Mae

The Gressman Family

### In Memory of Carol Orser

Jack and Joanie Foster

Karl Meyer

Richard and Mary Meyer

Pat Munger

Peter Orser

### In Memory of Iris Rudolph

Randall Hunt

### In Memory of Waldo Schauweker

Beverly Seeman

### In Memory of Richard Schneider

Maria Escobar

### In Memory of Robert Welch

Barbara and Jim Wright

### In Memory of Jack C. Williams

Wanda L. Williams

## Jan./Feb. Events

Jan. 1 — Library Closed.

Jan. 3 — Paul Newman Film: Left-Handed Gun, 2 p.m.

Jan. 6 — Homeschoolers: Martha Speaks, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 — Reel Talk: Fahrenheit 451, 10 a.m.

Jan. 8 — YA Accessory Swap, 3-5 p.m.

Jan. 9 — Preschool Fair, 9:30 a.m.— noon

Jan. 10 — Paul Newman: Torn Curtain, 2 p.m.

Jan. 12 — Homeschoolers' Book Talk: Runt, 2 p.m.

Jan. 17 — Paul Newman: Absence of Malice, 2 p.m.

Jan. 18 — Mock Caldecott Vote, all day.

Jan. 21 — PBS Club: Pearl Harbor, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 22 — Snow Ball Family Fun Night, 7 p.m.

Jan. 24 — Paul Newman: Nobody's Fool, 2 p.m.

Jan. 25 — Financial Aid 101, 7 p.m.

Jan. 27 — Homeschoolers: Mad Scientists Club, 2 p.m.

Jan. 29 — YA Crafts, 3:30-5 p.m.

Jan. 29 — Reel Art: Word Play, 7 p.m.

Feb. ? — Friends Book Sale, TBA. Check our website!

Feb. 7 — Black History Month Movie, 2 p.m.

Feb. 9 — Homeschoolers' Book Talk, 2 p.m.

Feb. 11 — Reel Talk: Zoo in Budapest, 10 a.m.

Feb. 11 — Lincoln Lecture: R. Buchman, 7 p.m.

Feb. 12 — YA Anti-Valentine's Day Party, 2-4 p.m.

Feb. 15 — YA Gaming Tournament, TBA.

Feb. 15 — K-College: Start Saving Now, 7 p.m.

Feb. 17 — Homeschoolers: Computer Class, 2 p.m.

Feb. 18 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 19 — YA Movie Bingo, 3:30-5 p.m.

Feb. 19 — Reel Art: Man on Wire (French), 7 p.m.

Feb. 24 — Homeschoolers: History Hikers, 2 p.m.

## Way's Topical Tuesday Series

### 'The History and Challenges of Ohio's Charter Schools' set for Jan. 19

Representatives from the Lucas County Educational Service Center Office of Community Schools will be at the library on Tuesday, January 19, at 7 p.m. to present a program on charter schools.

Part of the library's Topical Tuesday Series, this event will feature information on the history of charter schools; past, present and future challenges, and the educational programs they offer as an alternative to traditional schools. Anyone who is baffled by the concept of community schools will be given the opportunity to ask questions about this relatively new educational option.

Representing the LC Educational Service Center Office of Community Schools, Ohio's largest charter school sponsor with 70 schools statewide, will be Executive Director James N. George; Educational Consultant Frank Stoy, and Director of Horizon Science Academy— Toledo Dr. Engin Blackstone.

In addition, staff members, students and parents from a local charter school will provide personal testimony regarding the impact their school has had on their lives. Refreshments will be served at this free event.

### LWVPA, Way to present emergency response center director Feb. 23

The Topical Tuesday lecture at 7 p.m. on February 23 will be a joint effort of Way Library and the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area (LWVPA).

**Michael Cornell**, director of the Owens State Community College Center for Emergency Preparedness, will speak on "**Chemical/Explosive Hazards in Northwest Ohio.**" Refreshments will be served at this event.

Mr. Cornell will give a brief overview of chemical hazards and simple steps to take in an emergency. He will share information on OCC's state-of-the-art Center for Emergency Preparedness, specifically designed to

assemble multi-disciplines and present realistic, hands-on training based on real-world scenarios.

Before coming to Owens, Mr. Cornell as Director of Emergency Services for the US Department of Defense, and, prior to that, director of Hospital Employee and Community Services for Walter Knox Memorial Hospital and Commander of the Idaho National Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He has conducted homeland security training. A critical care paramedic, he has more than 20 years experience as a special operations field medic and fire captain.

### Way book groups release 2010 lists

The kiosk in the main entry area of the library contains a special guide to our Book Discussion Groups. Best of all, the new 2010 reading lists for all four book clubs are side by side in this brochure. Compare, contrast, find a group that suits your interests. All but the long standing Wed. morning group are accepting new members for the upcoming year.

### Way staff tours Mazza at U. Findlay

Way staff toured the marvelous Mazza Museum at University of Findlay in December. L-r, hosts Dr. Melissa Cain and Terry Olthouse, Way librarians Pat Maust and Kathy Kahl.



### EMPLOYEES' SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Recently Way recognized the following employees for service anniversaries:

Linda Fatica, five years; Janel Haas, 20 years; and Ophelia "Moe" Ibarra, 30 years.



L-R, Linda Fatica, Moe Ibarra and Janel Haas.

### Perrysburg Preschool Fair Jan. 9

The Perrysburg Preschool Fair on Saturday, January 9, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, will once again give local parents the opportunity to one-stop-shop for a preschool for the fall of 2010. Come visit with representatives from many preschools and get more information on the programs and personnel at each school.

Also available on January 9 will be the new edition of the free Perrysburg Preschool Directory. After the fair, the directory will be available at the library.

For more information, call 419-874-3135 x116.

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### Going Green at Way

The "Green" Committee at Way Library is working hard to make sure the library is making decisions that have a positive impact on our environment.

- ◆ Did you know that every public computer station in the library is turned off at night? Shortly after closing they undergo an update immediately followed by an automated shut down. In the morning, a staff member turns them all on with the click of a button.
- ◆ For the second year, a brine solution will be applied to the parking lot when it becomes snowy or icy. Phosphate, which causes damage to cement, will no longer be used to melt the library entranceway this winter.
- ◆ Way's "paperless" drive continues. Paper overdue notices are no longer mailed out, saving the library nearly \$5,000 yearly in postage and other related costs.

### Dancing away ticket sales now open

Tickets are on sale for the 2010 Foundation fund-raiser, Dancing aWay with the Stars III, to be held Sat., Feb. 27, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person. Physical Therapy Consultants is the premiere sponsor; Matt Miller is the dance trainer.



Celebrity dancers are, l-r, Jeff Norman, Dr. Beth Christoff, Bob Mack, Becky Beebe, Dave Hancock and Sandy Latchem (not pictured).

### Get Ready for College

- ◆ **Financial Aid 101** — Monday, January 25, 7-8 p.m. (Snow date: Jan. 27.) Betsy Johnson from Owens Community College will explain the various types of financial aid and provide tips on how to fill out a FAFSA form.
- ◆ **Kindergarten to College: Start Saving Now** — Monday, February 15, 7-8 p.m. A year of college at BGSU or UT now costs more than \$16,000! Ken Judy from the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority will help parents/guardians of elementary and middle school aged children learn how to start saving for college.