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SUMMER READING: GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Super sleuths and daring detectives, sharpen your skills: the **2007 Summer Reading Program, Get a Clue @ Your Library**, will begin Monday, June 11. With support from our friends from O-I, the many activities and events planned will help young people keep their reading skills alive over the summer months. Online registration for programs that do not have a fee will begin Thursday, May 31, at 9 a.m. (www.waylibrary.info). Register at home or from a public computer at the library.



The **Summer Reading Club** will issue prizes and stickers the week of June 11 through the week of July 16. "Make-up Week" will be held July 23-28, as long as prize quantities last. Preschoolers may participate by having books read to them. **Vacation Arts Venture** registration must be done in person beginning Mon., June 4, with payment (checks payable to Friends of Way Library) due upon registration.

Along with the regular story hours held throughout the year, the library will offer the following free programs:

- **Zeemo the Yo-Yo Man** will perform for 1st-4th graders Thurs., June 14, 2-3 p.m.
- Children's author **Diane Ochiltree** will entertain at a mid-afternoon **Pajama Party** for children of all ages on Thurs., June 21, 2-2:45 p.m.
- **The Black Swamp Intertribal Foundation** will help children of all ages "**Learn More About Native Americans,**" on Thurs., June 28, from 2 to 3 p.m. No registration is required for this event.
- A **Blue's Clues Party** will be held for 3-5 year olds on Fri., July 6, 10-10:45 p.m.
- **Stevens Puppets** will present "**Sleeping Beauty,**" to children of all ages on Thurs., July 12, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Harry Potter fans of all ages can join Jan Barley as she takes "**A Visit to Hogwarts,**" on Fri., July 13, 2-3 p.m.
- Children 1st-4th grade can meet us at **W.W. Knight Preserve** for "**Mysteries of Nature**" on Thursday, July 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Celebrate the release of **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: The Last and Final Book**, at Diagon Alley (Way Library), Fri., July 20-midnight, July 21.
- **Mike Hemmelgarn** will entertain with juggling, ventriloquism and fun based on book clues: **Get a Clue @Your Library**, Thurs., July 26, 2-2:45 p.m.
- **Magic Classes**, Mondays and Wednesdays, July 16,18,23 and 25.
- **Book Discussion** for 9-12 year olds: Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliet, Mon., June 25, 12:30 p.m. A mystery will be discussed Mon., July 23.
- **Read to the Dogs** will be held each Monday evening in July for 1st-4th graders. Signup is at the Youth Services Desk beginning June 1.

Youths, ages 11-14, can enjoy "YNK: You Never Know" this summer. **Movies** (with mystery themes and a light lunch) will be shown 12:30-3 p.m. on June 15, June 22 and June 29. On Friday, July 6, agent/investigator Ed Biederstedt will present "**CSI.**" On Friday, July 13, from 6-8 p.m. a **Treasure Hunt**, with pizza, will be held. Join in on the Visit to Hogwarts and the Harry Potter release party, as well!

Art from Children's Literature

The Family Activity Room of Way Library has walls decorated with signed and numbered prints from some of the most beloved children's books. Recently, "I Am Your Good-night Kiss: You Are My I Love You," by Satomi Ichikawa from "You Are My I Love You" by Maryann K. Cusimano became the 11th art work in the collection, thanks to a memorial donation to the Foundation in memory of Dan Gerkovich. For more information on donating memorial art work, contact 419-874-3135 x139.



Rose Marie Gerkovich, Way Library trustee, and her husband Al with the Ichikawa print donated in their son's memory.

Small business workshop May 14

Way Library, with the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, will present a Small Business Workshop at the library on Monday, May 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

This free, three-hour seminar called "Charting Your Course: Startup Business Basics" will be taught by Dan Slifko of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce. Funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Small Business Development Centers of Ohio, this class teaches the basics of name registration, licensing, taxation, insurance, employee hiring, marketing and financing.

Reserve a spot in the class by calling Chamber director Sandy Latchem, 419-874-9147, or Way librarian Karen Rothman, 419-874-3135x134.

'Taking charge: keeping your life in balance' talk set for Friday, May 4

Kathryn Kilpatrick, M.A., will be at the library on Friday, May 4, 1-3 p.m. to talk on "Taking Charge of Your Life: Keeping Your Life in Balance." This free program is co-sponsored by the Manor of Perrysburg, Bowling Green Manor and the Wood County Committee on Aging.

Ms. Kilpatrick spoke last October on "memory fitness"; now she will address the issue of how lifestyle choices impact your ability to recall. She will help you determine if you have too much on your plate. If you have trouble saying no or feel like there are not enough hours in the day, this program may help you set your priorities. No registration is required.



Kathryn Kilpatrick



May — a great time to create your summer reading list



As summer approaches, it's time to think about all the good books you'd like to read during that long-awaited vacation. Check out the best seller and classic book lists available at Way, and get started!

The Way Book Discussion Groups continue to meet, and summer is a wonderful time to join in the fun.

The Thursday evening group will discuss "Life of Pi" by Y. Martel on June 7, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night" by M. Haddon on July 5, and "Digging to America" by A. Tyler on August 2.

The Monday evening group will read "A Simple Plan" by Scott Smith (a Sylvania, O., native) on June 18, "The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency" by A. McCall Smith on July 16, and "Polio: An American Story" by D. Oshinsky on August 20. The Wed. a.m. group will read Z. Smith's "On Beauty" June 6, "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by K. Edwards on July 11 and "Skeletons on the Zahara" by D. King on August 1.

In the months of March and April group members enjoyed hearing speeches by historian Dr. David Oshinsky and popular author Jody Picoult when these authors visited Toledo.

Then...when you come home from vacation, come back to the library! Here's an excerpt from D. Tammet's recent best seller "Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant":

"It was always good to be home. It was where I felt safe and calm. There was only one other place that made me feel the same way—the local library. Ever since I had been able to read I had made my parents take me on a daily trip to the little brick building with graffiti on its walls, and inside, a room with shelf after shelf of color-coded, plastic-covered children's books and brightly colored bean bag seats in the corner. I visited the library every day after class and during school holidays, no matter the weather, and would stay for hours, **Cont. on page 3>>>>>**

2007 Way Annual Report: Expanding services, programs, usage

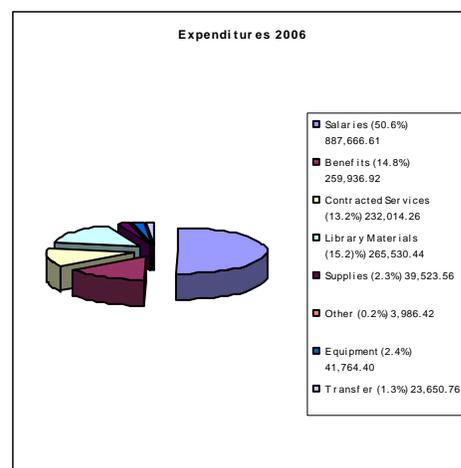
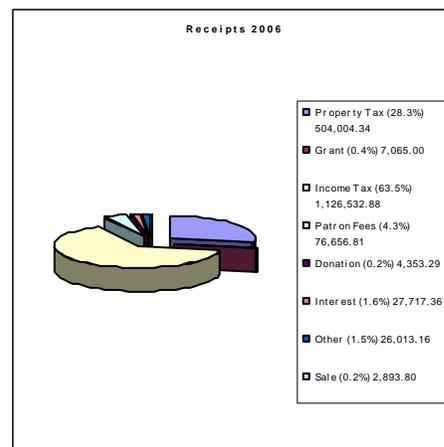
Way Public Library had a banner year in 2006. Not only did the library observe its 125th anniversary with gala events, Way Library was named **fourth best library nationwide** in its size category by the prestigious Hennen American Public Library Ratings. This is an honor that everyone in the community can take pride in achieving.

Total circulation increased from 516,256 in 2005 to **521,046** in 2006. Audiovisual items remain a significant portion (26%) of this figure. **Interlibrary loans** again shot up: from 104,130 in 2005 to **133,626** in 2006. **Annual attendance** at the library was **356,356** (compared to 346,424 last year), or a weekly average of 6,853.

Electronic resource usage (visits to our library website and usage of the library catalog) was **259,948** in 2006.

In 2006, the library held **539 programs**, up from 423 in 2005. Of the 15,559 people who attended, more than 12,000 were children or young adults. Among the major programs and activities in 2006:

- Story hours, book-focused children's programs, Culture Club.
- Author visits by Douglas Brinkley, a Perrysburg native, and Ohio children's authors Cindy Chima and Dominic Catalano.
- 10+ concerts/musical events including young artist recitals.
- Way Over the World travel series, computer classes, workshops on genealogy, setting up a small business, studying abroad, college preparation, memory fitness and resume preparation.
- Family fun nights like "Snow Ball," and young adult game nights.
- Four book discussion groups and a PBS Program Club.
- Topical Tuesdays discussion series, programs on history and local architecture, the Reel Art and Reel Talk film series.
- Way Foundation mystery play, "Felons, Flappers and Foul Play."



St. Luke's skin cancer talk on May 9

At the next lecture in the St. Luke's—Way Health Series, scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m., Perrysburg dermatologist Christy Lorton, M.D., will discuss various forms of skin cancers, the most common form of cancer in the United States. She will explain the importance of self-exams and what to look for to determine if a physician should be seen. Skin cancer is almost always curable if treated in its early stages!

Refreshments will be served at this free program.

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>>> often until closing time. The library teemed with quiet and order that always gave me a sense of contentment. The encyclopedias were my preferred reading material, though they were heavy to hold so it was necessary to sit at a table with one laid out in front of me."

Library tutoring program in 2nd year

Way Library recently concluded its second annual tutoring program designed to help third graders in all four public elementary schools prepare for the Reading Achievement Test in May.

Twenty-nine third graders were tutored February through April by 15 Perrysburg High School students who are SOS tutors. The tutors, supervised at the high school by math teacher Kris Harvey, helped the children at the library, using materials from Reading A-Z.com.



Tutor Lauren Johnson, left, a PHS junior, helping third grader Estefania Serrano. Standing, tutoring program coordinator Chris Kaiser, Way circulation supervisor.

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May Events

- May 4 — Memory program by K. Kilpatrick, 1-3 p.m.
- May 9 — St. Luke's Health Series: Skin Cancer by Christy Lorton, M.D., 7 p.m.
- May 11—Dance Dance Revolution, 7-9 p.m.
- May 14—Small Business Workshop, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- May 17—PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- May 23—Play Readers Group: Wit by Margaret Edson, 7 p.m.
- May 28—**Closed** for Memorial Day.
- May 31—Registration begins online for free Summer Reading programs and for Red Cross Babysitting on June 12-13, July 10-11, and August 1-2.

New Thomas the Train table at Way

Emma and Benjamin, at right, are just two of the children who have enjoyed playing with the new Thomas the Train table in the children's area of the library. The table has proven to be popular with library patrons, young and old.

This acquisition was made possible by Ben Franklin Crafts of Bowling Green and the Way Public Library Foundation.



Way Back When....

The Perrysburg Journal of Saturday, March 12, 1898, printed the "Way Library Seventeenth Annual Report to the Council of the Village of Perrysburg." It included the past year's expenditures, totaling \$1,112.23, including \$77.03 for fuel & lighting, \$249.99 for the librarian, and \$655.28 for purchases of books and periodicals. Of the 10,443 books that were taken out, 6,474 were fiction, 1,961 were "juveniles," and, among delineated categories, 73 were "German literature," and 9 were "romance." Patrons were assessed fines totaling \$9.50. There were a total of 5,788 books in the collection.