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SUMMER READING: MAKE A SPLASH AT WAY

Children can cruise into Way Library this summer to keep their reading skills alive over school break. The theme for the 2010 Summer Reading Program is **“Make a Splash.”** Online registration for non-fee programs will begin Tuesday, June 1, at 9 a.m. At home, go to www.waylibrary.info; at the library use a public computer or ask a youth services librarian for assistance.



In the **Summer Reading Club**, children receive incentives to read; prizes and stickers will be issued June 14 through July 23; “make-up” week is July 26-30. Along with the usual Mother Goose, Time for Twos and Preschool Story Time, these free programs will be offered:

- ◆ **That’s Cartooning with a “Sea!”**— Learn to draw maritime with Jeff Nicholas. Thursday, June 17, 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Trip to W.W. Knight Preserve** — Meet at the preserve parking lot for a wetland tour. Thurs., June 24, 1:30 p.m.



- ◆ **Toledo’s Own Imagination Station** — Join us for water adventure. Thursday, July 8, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Mike Hemmelgarn** — Bring the entire family to see this entertaining magician, ventriloquist and comedian. Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. Ice cream on the patio following the program.
- ◆ **Dominic Catalano**, children’s illustrator — At this event co-sponsored by Prizm, Mr. Catalano will draw his “Mouse Island” (author, Eve Bunting) character. Thursday, July 15, 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Under the Sea** — Stories, games, crafts for children 3-6 years. Thursday, July 22, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Beauty and the Beast** — Steven’s Puppets will present two shows, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., for children ages 6-10, Thursday, July 29.



Magic Classes, Page Turners’ book discussions, Read to the Dogs and Doodlebug Art camp return this year.

Community Read spotlights Underground Railroad

In April Way Library presented a series of programs on the Underground Railroad. Supported by a Choose to Read Ohio grant awarded to the state library from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, Way was one of 13 libraries or school systems statewide to receive funding for programming on a book by an Ohio author.

Way selected Ohio author Ann Hagedorn and her book “Beyond the River: the Untold Story of the Heroes of the Underground Railroad.” Ms. Hagedorn was the keynote speaker and her description of the Ripley, Ohio, branch of the Underground Railroad, was followed by presentations by Dr. Mary Stockwell and Judy Justus on the escape routes as slaves travelled north in Ohio to Canada. Patrick Johnston of the Toledo MetroParks presented a youth program. More than 50 people attended book discussions and more than 170 attended programs.



Keynote speaker Ann Hagedorn, right, with Way director Nancy J. Kelley.

'In the Tank for Obama?' to be part of Topical Tuesday Series on May 18:

Miller and Peake to present final results of BGSU media bias study

In 2009 Dr. Melissa Miller and Dr. Jeffrey Peake of Bowling Green State University presented to a library audience the preliminary results of their ambitious study of media bias in the 2008 Presidential Election. They will return on Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. to give the full results of their research study which examined and content coded more than 2,000 newspaper articles and editorials.



Dr. Melissa Miller



Dr. Jeffrey Peake

In a presentation "In the Tank for Obama? Press Bias and the 2008 Presidential Election," Drs. Miller and Peake will address the accusations of pundits,

political operatives and media analysts that the media covered Barack Obama more favorably than John McCain during the 2008 Election. Surveys suggest that the public also perceived a pro-Obama bias.

Miller and Peake scrutinized press bias in various ways, beginning with the amount and tone of coverage afforded each candidate. Employing Max Weber's theory of charismatic authority as well as theories of masculinity, the researchers analyzed the traits used to characterize each candidate. Factoring in frontrunner, editorial bias and market responsiveness theories, hypotheses about media bias were reached and tested.

Get ready for 2012! Implications for the next presidential election will be discussed.

Upcoming Events

- May 1 — Friends of Way Book Sale, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- May 2 — Toledo Opera Outreach Concert, 2 p.m.
- May 4 — Election—don't forget to vote!
- May 6 — Job Search: Best Foot Forward, 7 p.m.
- May 17 — Play Readers: Rumors, 7 p.m.
- May 18 — Topical Tuesday: Election Bias, 7 p.m.
- May 20 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- May 21 — YA: DIY Business Cards, 3:30 p.m.
- June 1 — Summer Reading Registration Begins.
- June 15 — YA: DIY Ice Cream, 2 p.m.
- June 17 — Cartooning with a Sea!, 3 p.m.
- June 18 — YA: Game On Tournament, 2 p.m.
- June 19 — Red Cross Babysitting, 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- June 22 — YA: Get Crafty: Watercolor Painting, 2 p.m.
- June 25 — YA: Game On Sponge Toss, 2 p.m.
- July 6 — YA: Teen Flix, 2 p.m.
- July 8 — Imagination Station, 2 p.m.
- July 9 — YA: Battleship Tournament, 2 p.m.
- July 12 — Mike Hemmelgarn & Ice Cream, 7:30 p.m.
- July 13 — YA: Get Crafty: Sea Creatures, 2 p.m.
- July 15 — Illustrator Dominic Catalano, 3:30 p.m.
- July 16 — YA: Get Crafty: Duct Tape, 2 p.m.
- July 20 — YA: Get Crafty: Sand Art, 2 p.m.
- July 22 — Under the Sea Story Time, 10 or 1:30 p.m.
- July 23 — YA: Get Crafty: Flip Flop Painting, 2 p.m.
- July 24 — Red Cross Babysitting, 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- July 27 — Red Cross Pet First Aid Course, 2 p.m.
- July 29 — Beauty and the Beast, 11 and 1:30 p.m.
- July 30 — YA: Game On: Over Under Water Game, at Commodore Park, 2 p.m.

Pick up a monthly event calendar at the library kiosk!

Way 6th in nation in latest ranking

In the 10th edition (2010) of the Hennen American Public Library Ratings, Way Library once again was named to the top 10 in the nation in its population category. Among U.S. libraries serving 10,000-25,000 people, Way was ranked sixth out of 1,764, moving up from 10th in the 2009 edition of the rankings.

In all, the Hennen system ranks more than 9,000 libraries in 15 areas using federal data. Thomas J. Hennen, Jr. developed the rating system 10 years ago, and it has become widely recognized as a method to compare public libraries across the nation.

Way trustees attend state council event

Library Director Nancy Kelley and trustees Mary Thom Williams, Rose Marie Gerkovich and Matt Skotynsky recently attended the 2010 Ohio Library Council (OLC) trustee dinner in Bowling Green.

Participants agreed that one of the most interesting aspects of the event was the presentation of results from a statewide poll on the public perception of public libraries. Conducted by the OLC, this survey of more than 800 registered voters across the state found that most respondents feel that public libraries should fall in the middle in importance for state tax funding priority—below state roads and public schools but above state colleges and state parks. 86% of respondents said they or a household member had gone to a public library in the past year. 88% rated the quality of their library excellent or good. 86% felt that libraries "are a good value compared to other public services."

Concert by Toledo Opera Outreach May 2

Way Public Library will present a free Toledo Opera Outreach concert on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. on the main floor of the library. Four professional singers from Toledo Opera Outreach will sing selections from some of the greatest operas. Admission, refreshments are free.



J. Cresswell



D.L. Scott



A. Cavagnaro



L. Finkel

This concert is sponsored in collaboration with the Way Library J. Paul Baldoni Opera Fund, the Way Public Library Foundation and the Toledo Opera Guild. The Baldoni Opera Fund was set up to honor the memory of long-time Perrysburg family physician Dr. Paul Baldoni (1929-2007) and to support musical activities and build the classical music/opera collection of Way Public Library.

Jenny Cresswell, soprano; Lucy Finkel, soprano; Dustin Scott, tenor, and Adam Cavagnaro, baritone, will sing pieces such as the duet "O soave fanciulla," and aria "Mi chiamano" from La boheme, the "Jewel Song" from Gounod's Faust, "Dies Bildnis" from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," "Ah, fuyez douce image" from Puccini's "Manon Lescaut," and others. As in last year's Outreach event at Way, the singers will talk about their pieces and interact with the audience after their performance. People of all ages are invited to attend.

News & Notes at Way

- ◆ **Job Search Presentation Skills** on Thursday, May 6, 7-8 p.m., will help job seekers put their best foot forward during the effort to gain employment. Interviews, "elevator" speeches, and phone/email communication will be covered by Sue Fyten of HR on Demand. For information, contact Karen, 419-874-3135 x134, rothmaka@oplin.org
- ◆ The **Way Player Readers** will enjoy reading Neil Simon's suburban farce "**Rumors**" on Monday, May 11, 7-9 p.m.
- ◆ The **AARP Tax Preparation** volunteers have wrapped up another successful year of helping low and middle income taxpayers with their tax forms. At their busy headquarters at Way Library, the volunteers help those who book appointments at the Way reference desk. The tax team assisted more than 500 clients with their taxes, electronically filing federal, state and school district taxes for more than 450 individuals.
- ◆ Way local history librarian **Richard Baranowski** has an article, "Oral History," in the Toledo History Museum Quarterly, volume 3, 2009. Mr. Baranowski's article was previously published in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal.

Way Public Library Foundation — Recent memorials

In Memory of Robert Mills

Jerry and Sherri Bannister
Joseph and Betty Brainard
Karen Brigode
Beverly Dennis
Tibble Foster
Jack and Joanie Foster
Mary and Bud Gartz
Patricia Munger
Pat and Clint Mauk
The Millers
Patricia Munger
Peter Orser
Jim and Anne Szumigala
Earl and Phyllis Witzler
Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Swing

In Memory of Melba Alford

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Way Library Staff

In Memory of Barbara Applegate

Julie Brown
Jean and Dean Duston
Jack and Joan Foster
Phyllis Gallo
John and Cindy Meloy

In Memory of David Wilson

Jean and Dean Duston

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Westervelt's Wedding Anniversary

Rhea Longenecker

In Memory of Betty Kozlowski

Karen Brigode
Hal and Melissa Munger
Mary Meyer

In Memory of Kermit Rudolph

John and Cindy Meloy
John and Lorrell Meloy
Mark and Heather Meloy

In Memory of Lois Bigelow

Jack and Anne Ahern
Julie and Steve Kiechel

In Memory of Nancy Lewis

Charles and Robin Reed Metz
Phyllis Gallo
Erma Pulsing
Dave and Carolyn Sargent
Anna Bristol
Karen Brigode

In Memory of Christie Roberts

Kevin Baker

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Going Green at Way

Way Library continues to search for ways to cut costs in an environmentally friendly fashion.

Our motto? Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Along with previously mentioned cost-saving steps the library has taken, we are proud of:

- ◆ Motion sensor lights in the bathrooms save electricity.
- ◆ Using programmable thermostats limits HVAC use.
- ◆ Recycling of plastic bottles and aluminum cans takes place.
- ◆ Boxes that we receive material in are re-used for shipping things out. Packing material, including Styrofoam "peanuts," are recycled.

Thanks to all who help with these efforts!

National Library Week bike raffle

Way Library capped off a successful celebration of National Library Week by announcing the winners of the NLW Bike Raffle. Meijer donated two children's bicycles to mark the occasion. Pat Maust, youth services coordinator (pictured at right), drew the winners' names: Claire Seevers, 6, and Michael Eades, 11.

The 220 contest entrants submitted many creative statements about why "I love Way Library":

I love Culture Club. – Jessica, 7.

I love books!! This library rocks because it has activities, contests, audio books, books & movies. What more could you want?
– Eishat, 10

It's a place where I can escape in all my favorite books.
–Hannah, 10.



Claire Seevers, 6.



Michael Eades, 11.