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WAY REPLACEMENT LEVY APPROVED ON AUGUST 5

Way Library's four-year 1.5-mill replacement levy met with approval by City of Perrysburg voters in the August 5 election. Voting for the tax levy were 1,302 (61.4%) and against, 818 (38.6%).

"We are so pleased that Perrysburg voters supported our levy issue," said Way Director Nancy J. Kelley. "Thank you for believing in us and judging us to be good stewards of public funds."

Mrs. Kelley noted that the levy ensures adequate funding for the next four years.

As promised, building maintenance tasks like interior painting and carpet replacement will begin in January 2009. A young adult librarian will be hired, and an increased materials budget will allow for the purchase of more best-sellers. New computer software will enable the library's computer classes to utilize the most current software programs. Way's strong programs for adults and children will continue.

"We really are the 'hub' of the community," said Mrs. Kelley.

Summer reading 'metamorphosis' meets w/approval



Way Library's Summer Reading Program was expanded this year to draw in a wider audience - tots to senior citizens - and the "Catch the Reading Bug" theme proved particularly contagious. Children learned about insects and made insect critters in a variety of unique programs, and at least 525 readers devoured countless books and competed for prizes. Along with logging impressive reading stats, more than 175 young adults enjoyed Friday movies in the "Don't Bug Me I'm Reading" program. Adults attended six special summer reading events.



The 10,000-plus books read by summer reading club participants of all ages set a new record. Along with spectacular children's programs such as those presented by ventriloquist Vikki Gasko and BGSU entomologist Daniel Pavuk, Way treated adults to workshops on cake decorating and flower arranging. More than 100 adults took a vicarious journey along Route 66 with local photographer Doug Grosjean.



Summer reading prize winner Kate Waltermeyer, right, with Way assistant director Janel Haas.

Way's summer programs opened in June with a fascinating Topical Tuesday presentation by Afghanistan expert Thomas Goulttierre which attracted a record number of participants. At the Perrysburg Post Office-Way Library Passport Fair, roughly 100 passports were processed. Old books were value assessed at Way's first-ever book evaluation event. In the grand prize drawing (a \$100 Target gift certificate) for adult readers, Kate Waltermeyer was the winner. **Everyone** won by reading, reading, reading in Summer 2008.

Pleasures & Pitfalls of Writing and Publishing by Sally Wright Sept. 30



Sally Wright, author

Local author Sally Wright will speak at Way Library on Tuesday, September 30, at 7 p.m. Author of the Ben Reese university-archivist/ex-WWII-Scout mystery series, Ms. Wright will present a talk entitled "The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Writing and Publishing." Join us for this informal inside look at a writer's life.

Refreshments will be served.

Ms. Wright will include anecdotes from her experiences researching and writing the Ben Reese series based on a real-life archivist/scout. The third book in the series, Pursuit and Persuasion, was a Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allan Poe Award Finalist.

The most recent novel in the series, Watches of the Night, concerns the Scientific Tech Teams which the U.S. and Britain sent into German territory to search for Nazi scientists during World War II.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Ms. Wright did graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle. She has lived in northwest Ohio since age 3.

St. Luke's talk 9/10: meals for diabetics

Certified diabetes educator Marilyn Bame will speak on Carbohydrate Counting : A Practical Meal-Planning Option for People with Diabetes, on Wednesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. If you or a loved one have recently been diagnosed with diabetes, don't miss this St. Luke's Hospital-Way Library program.



'Emmanuel's Gift' Sept. 26

Way's Reel Art foreign/art film series will start the 2008-9 season with "Emmanuel's Gift," a 2006 English-language film about Emmanuel Ofori Yeboah. Born in Ghana with a deformed right leg, he became a hero after riding a bicycle across Ghana. Join us for this free film Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

CSI Sept. 8 to help college students

Way Public Library will host "CSI" (Constantly Seeking Information) @ Way, an informational evening for current and future college students. This event will be held in the lower level Technology Lab of Way Library on Monday, September 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Librarians from Owens Community College Library and Way Library will show students how to use library resources to locate books, journal articles, and websites for assignments and research papers. The OhioLINK Catalog, OhioLINK Databases, Way Public Library databases and the Owens Catalog, accessible from home, work, or the library, are among the library tools that librarians will describe and demonstrate.

Using the computers in Way's technology lab during this workshop, students will log onto and explore the catalogs and databases which are available.



Perrysburg Kiwanis Club president Jane Eaton, middle, and board member Don Rhoda present Way Library Director Nancy J. Kelley with a donation for the youth services department. The money was used to purchase children's books on tape.

Youth Services announces fall programs for children & young adults

The youth services department is gearing up for an exciting line-up of fall activities. Children: watch the kiosk in the youth area for news on FLASH: Spiderwork Chronicles on Sept. 11 and Culture Club (Scotland) on Sept. 16. Young adults: join us for Pixel Art on Sept. 12 and the fourth annual Chalk Walk on Sept. 19. Decorate a sidewalk square to be judged by the people who attend the Harrison Rally Sept. 20.



Topical Tuesday program on political speechwriting set for Sept. 16

Have you thought about the role that political speeches are playing in this year's presidential election? On Tuesday, September 16, at 7 p.m., Way Library's Topical Tuesday discussion series has invited James M. Hodak, M.A., Owens Community College associate professor, to take us inside the world of political speech writing. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

In "The Speech Writer as Manipulator: Perspectives on How Persuasion is Pursued through Rewards and Fear," Mr. Hodak will review the use of both classical and contemporary means of fear and reward to persuade audiences for political gain. Questions and feedback from the audience will follow this talk.

The recipient of a bachelor's degree in political science and an MA in speech communication from East-

tern Michigan University, Mr. Hodak worked as a public affairs assistant and wrote and edited speeches for the late Michigan State Senator J. Vaughn of Detroit. In this country and in Japan, he has taught speech, English, and presented seminars on American history, rhetoric and culture. The author of articles for the Speech Communication Teacher and the Toledo Blade, Mr. Hodak is also a member of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. He lives in Wood County with his wife Laura and two daughters.



In the Oct. 21 Topical Tuesday, Way will team with the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area to discuss Women's Suffrage. Part of this event will be

Fall computer class schedule features free courses, new offerings

In appreciation for the passage of our operating levy, Way Library will offer free computer classes this fall. Registration is now open; call or stop by the Information Desk for more information. We will offer our usual introductory and intermediate level courses in Word 2007, using a mouse, email, Excel, Windows, power point and using a digital camera. In addition,

Way systems administrator Travis McAfee will teach the following new Tuesday evening (6:30 p.m.) classes:

Sept. 9: Buying a Computer; Sept. 30: Learning on the Web; Oct. 7: OpenSource Hardware; Oct. 14: Exploring Online Communities; Oct. 28: Blogging; Nov. 4: Protecting Your Computer and Your Identity.

NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- Interested in tracing your genealogy but don't know how to get started? Becky Visser, self-taught genealogist, will be on duty in the Way Library Local History Room on Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning September 8 to help you begin the search for your family roots. "Genealogy is like putting together a complicated puzzle or reading a mystery - it's challenging but fun," says Ms. Visser.
- Way's Technical Processing Department processed an average of 67 items each day during the first six months of 2008. We added 8,826 items to the collection during this period.
- Gannett News Service has released a database comparing 9,200 public library systems across the country during the years 2002-2006. Way Library ranked 21st in the nation in the category of highest circulation per capita, and was tied for 11th in libraries with the most Internet-capable public computers per capita. We're a busy place!



September Events

- September 1 — **Closed** for Labor Day.
- September 4,11,18,25 — Time for Twos.
- September 8 — CSI@ Way, 6:30 p.m.
- September 9 — Preschool Story Time sessions begin.
- September 10 — Health Lecture, 7 p.m.
- September 11 — FLASH: Spiderwick Chronicles, 4:30 p.m.
- September 12 — Pixel Art for YAs, 3:30 p.m.
- September 16 — Culture Club (2nd-5th graders): Scotland with Jan Barley, 4:30 p.m.
- September 16 — Topical Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- September 17 — College Admissions, 7 p.m.
- September 18 — PBS Program Club, 10:30 a.m.
- September 19 — Rally Day Chalk Walk, 3:30 p.m.
- September 20 — Friends' Book Sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- September 24 — Play Readers Group, 7 p.m.
- September 25 — Reg. opens for Mother Goose, Red Cross Babysitting Class.
- September 26 — Reel Art: Emmanuel's Gift, 7 p.m.
- September 29 — Small Business Basics, 5 p.m.
- September 30 — "Pleasures and Pitfalls of Writing and Publishing," by author Sally Wright, 7 p.m.

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Game Plan for College Admissions with Carmelita Crocker Sept. 17

As high school students head back to the classroom, they may need to jump start their college search with good advice on this challenging time of their lives. Way Library will hold a fifth annual "Game Plan for College Admissions," led by college consultant/counselor Carmelita Crocker, on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. There is no pre-registration, but students are asked to come to this seminar with a parent or guardian. For more information, call Karen Rothman, 4149-874-3135 x134.

Ms. Crocker will review the basics of applying to college: visiting schools, taking college boards, finding scholarships, meeting timelines, and setting goals.



Carmelita Crocker, counselor.

KeyBank staff helps at library

For several years, Key-Bank employees have "made a difference" by spending an afternoon in volunteer service at the library. This year volunteers helped to clean shelves and do lawn work, as pictured in the photo at the right. Thank you, Key!



Small Business Basics set for Sept. 29

Dan Slifko of SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business) will once again lead a workshop on the ABCs of setting up a new business. This free event will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. on the lower level of the library Monday, September 29.

Anyone who has lost a job due to the recession may wish to investigate the steps involved in starting a company. Register by calling Karen Rothman at 419-874-3135 x134.

Co-sponsored by the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, this workshop covers the fundamentals of name registration, licensing, business entities, financing, taxation, insurance, business planning, employees and marketing.