

## **Delta Public Library April 2008 "News and Notes"**

### **CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK "JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE @ YOUR LIBRARY"**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Library Week. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association. All types of libraries across the country will celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and their librarians April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

I don't know what your life would be without a library of some sort in it, but I know mine would be sadly lacking. I first became acquainted with library services when I was in grade school through the Sandusky County Library Bookmobile. Even today I can conjure up the smell of the books as I would climb aboard the steep bus-like steps. There weren't as many choices as a regular library but I managed to find my limit and encouraged my younger sister to take as many as she could as well. Eight books didn't last very long over the three week loan period, but after reading them I played bookmobile with our combined collection. I, of course, was the librarian.

My first real job as a teen was as a page at the branch library in the town where I lived. After high school graduation, I progressed to the Main Library in the county seat, where I worked as a library assistant at the circulation desk, held story times for preschoolers, shelved books and even worked on the same bookmobile I used as a child. While working there I attended college classes in the evening for two years. I left to attend college fulltime where I worked part-time at the Bowling Green University Library.

I moved to Columbus and worked at Ohio State University Library system helping to convert their paper catalog to a computerized system. After that project ended, I landed a job with the Columbus State Hospital providing libraries services to the institutionalized. I left there after 4 years to finish my degree and spent the next 10 years as a school media specialist and teacher in Michigan. I returned to public library service part-time in Fayette, Ohio which led me here to Delta as the Director where I have been for almost 14 years!

How great it has been to have a career and a life encircled by knowledge. But what has made it the most worthwhile is sharing that knowledge through books and all forms of media with all types and ages of people: from my younger sister to preschoolers to college students to patients to school students to the general public. The process has come full circle for me as I have the privilege to provide quality library services here at Delta Public Library to every age group again! I celebrate libraries every day!

**Patricia Grover, Director**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to PDY voters for your support at the polls. The 1 mil 5 year renewal of the library's operational levy passed by a 58% margin. We are relieved that we will not have to run a levy campaign again in the fall nor begin planning for a reduction of service hours, staff and programming!

We are keeping the lights on at the library!

**STATE STATISTICAL REPORTS**

Every year all Ohio public libraries are required to file a statistical report with the State Library. The figures indicate circulation usage, programming totals, service hours, staff information, and borrower numbers. We were happy to note that our circulation has again increased over the previous year. Listed below is an abbreviated 2007 report for Delta Public Library.

Total Registered Active Borrowers 8286  
Annual Hours of Service 2868  
Total number of materials 46,732  
Audio/visual circulation 42,109  
Juvenile circulation 45,813  
Total overall circulation 125,675  
Interlibrary loan borrowed 2613  
Total Programs presented 251  
Total attendance at programs 4017  
Dial a story users 1936  
Staff 7 fulltime, 6 part-time

## **NORTHWEST CHAPTER CONFERENCE**

The annual Northwest Chapter conference will be held **April 18<sup>th</sup>** in Toledo Ohio at the Dana Conference Center. The library **will be closed that day to the public** so that the staff can attend educational sessions. Library policy states that staff shall be encouraged to attend educational library workshops each year to enhance and expand their knowledge of library services. This regional conference provides an excellent opportunity to network and attend a variety of topics in a day long event.

Please remember that you can return materials in the exterior book drop located on the east side of the building whenever the library is closed.

## **BOOK DISCUSSION @ the Library**

### **The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck**

Set during the [Great Depression](#), the [story](#) focuses on a poor family of [sharecroppers](#), the Joads, who are driven from their home by [drought](#), economic hardship, and changes in the agriculture industry. In a nearly hopeless situation, they set out for California's Central Valley along with thousands of other in search of land, jobs, and dignity.

The Grapes of Wrath, part of the county-wide "Big Read", will be the book for discussion at the Delta Public Library on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. in the Library's Activity Room. Copies of the book are on display in the library along with a calendar of events of other programs going on during the month. For those unable to attend the book discussions, you are welcome to leave a written comment at the library's main circulation desk or e-mail them to [bairdca@oplin.org](mailto:bairdca@oplin.org) with the message BOOK DISCUSSION.

## **April is National Poetry Month**

"Let the rain kiss you.  
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.  
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.  
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.  
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.  
The rain plays a little sleep-song on our roof at night--  
And I love the rain."  
- Langston Hughes, 1902-1967, *April Rain Song*

**"Spring in the world! And all things are made new!"**

- Richard Hovey

## **TEEN NEWS**

### **What's Up for Teens @ your Library**

April is the month of showers so get out of the rain and join in the fun @ your library.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** is Movie Day at the Library for teens and tweens in grades six through twelve. Your favorite snacks, popcorn and pop, will be provided. Bring a friend, relax and enjoy a movie @ your library. Movie begins @ 3:00 p.m.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** We'll be rockin' the afternoon away with Guitar Hero II. This is PDY early release day so the fun begins at 1:00 p.m. in the activity room. We've been informed that the competition is ready to rock, so warm up those fingers and be ready to play!

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** We're gearing up for our Teen Summer Reading Program. There will be a meeting for TAB members to help plan programs for this year's theme "Expect the Unexpected @ your library." The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the activity room.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Sands of Time" Poetry event. Students may submit and read an original poem or submit and read a favorite. When the votes are in, we'll be creating a new 2008 Sand Art Project for the Teen Book Nook. Program begins @ 3:00 p.m.

## **CHILDREN'S NEWS**

### **DIAL-A-STORY**

The telephone number to listen to Dial-A-Story is 419-822-5200. Stories change weekly. April's schedule is :

April 7th: **My Own Self** : A little boy learns—in a most unusual way— to mind his mother.

April 14th : **Wylie**: This is a story from Scotland about a sheep dog who does wonderful things.

April 21 : **Tiger, Brahman and Jackal** : A priest is saved from the hungry clutches of a tiger by a clever jackal.

April 28 : **Ants & the Grasshopper** : A carefree grasshopper makes fun of the ants for working so hard in the hot summer.

### **STORYTIME**

Storytime for 4-5 year olds (and mature 3 year olds) continues through the month of April on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM. The themes are :

April 1: Wiggle Worms

April 8: Splash

April 15: Just Ducky

April 22: A Bug's Life

April 29: Kites

Please call the library at 419-822-3110 to register.

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

"Join the Circle of Knowledge" as we celebrate National Library Week April 13th –19th. Children can expand their **knowledge** of other countries by attending a program presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsey on Wednesday, April 16th, at 4:00 PM. Elizabeth was born and raised in England during World War II and has many interesting stories to tell! She'll be bringing some special items to show us and will be ready to answer questions you may have about Jolly Ole England. Tasty English treats will also be available. Registration is necessary. Please call the library or stop by the Children's Desk to sign up. This program is open to children up through Fifth Grade.

Also, a special contest will be held in honor of National Library Week. Preschoolers-Fifth Graders may pick up an activity sheet at the Children's Desk which asks them to circle the items you will find at the library. The winner will receive a prize– a choice of his/her own book from the prize bag!