

DPL'S NEWS & NOTES

DELTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF AT DPL

FEATURED THIS MONTH IS OUR THREE STUDENT PAGES

Shelby Potter is our senior page having worked here since the summer of 2007. She is a senior at the Delta High School and is planning to enter the University of Toledo this fall to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Ryan Albrecht and Eric Mann both joined the library staff last summer. Ryan is a junior at the Ohio Virtual Academy and also takes classes at Lourdes College in Sylvania. His plans for the future include becoming a minister.

Eric, also in his junior year of high school, attends Delta High School. His career interests involve the field of computers.

Students interested in becoming pages at the library should be well organized, be able to alphabetize and understand the Dewey Decimal numerical system, be detail oriented, have a good working knowledge of computer technology and demonstrate good communication skills. The page job is a very physical one as well, as the pages are responsible for shelving all types of materials. They must have the ability to stand for long periods of time as well as lift, bend and carry heavy items.

Other duties may include: assisting patrons in locating materials or in using computers or copiers; covering new books; mending and repairing materials; maintaining orderly work areas; and deleting materials from catalog system. Pages are also responsible for raising and lowering the flag; caring for the library's interior plants; outdoor maintenance and grounds keeping and special projects as assigned. As training and experience progresses, students are also instructed to work at the circulation desk to checkout and check in patron materials.

The position of student page is a vital part of the smooth operations of the library. The library in turn is an excellent training ground for the future work force. It provides opportunities to work not only with the public sector but also with information and technology. Many of the Delta Public Library students have been able to secure jobs while at college in the university library due to their training here.

The library will be looking for one student page mid summer to fill a vacancy when Shelby leaves for college. Applications will be taken after June 1st.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 12-18th, 2009

Every year all types of libraries across the nation celebrate National Library Week. The event was first observed in 1958 by the American Library Association. This year's theme is "Worlds Connect @ Your Library".

NY Times best selling author and actress Jamie Lee Curtis serves as this year's Honorary Chair. She invites everyone to join her in connecting to their world at the library, as she does.

National Library Week not only pays tribute to libraries as centers of learning, it also gives thanks to local librarians for their knowledge and expertise. Tuesday, April 14th is National Library Workers Day. Join us in celebrating libraries and librarianship by making a connection @ your library!

NORTHWEST CHAPTER CONFERENCE April 24th, 2009

The **library will be closed Friday April 24th all day** so that library staff can attend this event in Toledo, Ohio at the Dana Conference Center. Each year the library personnel in Northwest Ohio converge to network and attend library related workshops as part of their continuing education.

Board members of the Delta Public Library will be attending a Trustees dinner the evening before the conference where the issues of reduced state funding will be presented.

Patrons can use the exterior book drop on the east side of the building to return all materials that day. The library will resume regular hours on Saturday, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

LIBRARY RECOGNITION DINNER April 30th, 2009

Library staff, trustees and their guests will meet, eat and greet on April 30th at a 6:30 PM dinner to be held at the Swanton Health Care facility where staff will be recognized for their service to the Delta Public Library. Special recognition pins will be awarded to Director Patricia Grover and to Fiscal Officer Sandra McCullough for 15 years each; to Michelle Toller and Siobhan Beavers for 5 years of service each; to Shelley Heising, Ryan Albrecht and Eric Mann one year of service each.

The recognition dinner began 9 years ago in order to recognize the 25th and 20th work anniversaries of three employees. Everyone enjoyed the socialization and opportunity to gather as staff and trustees so much that the board elected to continue the dinner every year thereafter.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Songs Without Words by Ann Packer

Liz and Sarabeth's childhood friendship deepened following Sarabeth's mother's suicide when the girls were 16; now the two women are in their 40s and living in the Bay Area. Responsible mother-of-two Liz has come to see eccentric, bohemian Sarabeth, with her tendency to enter into inappropriate relationships with men, as more like another child than as a sister or mutually supportive friend. When Liz's teenage daughter, Lauren, perpetuates a crisis, Liz doubts her parenting abilities; Sarabeth is plunged into uncomfortable memories; and the hidden fragilities of what seemed a steadfast relationship come to the fore. (Publishers Weekly)

This book will be discussed at the Delta Public Library on Monday, April 27th, at 7:00 PM. in the Library's Activity Room. Copies available in regular, large print and book on cd can be found on display in the library. For those unable to attend the book discussion, you are welcome to leave a written comment at the library's main circulation desk or e-mail them to bairdca@oplin.org with the message BOOK DISCUSSION.

SENIOR BINGO ON THE ROAD

On April 1, 2009 the library will be hosting BINGO for SENIORS at the Hands of Grace Adult Day Care held in the United Methodist Church of Delta, 101 Northwood Dr. from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We provide large print bingo cards, as well as projection of the bingo numbers onto a large screen. There will be refreshments and prizes. Please join us for this FREE and FUN activity!

Teen Nook News

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, we are having our 3rd annual "Sands of Time" Poetry Event. On Wednesday, April 15th at 3:30 PM, come participate by reading a poem you wrote or a favorite poem from someone else.

Due to the library closing on April 24th for our conference, the Wii Play @ Your Library has been moved to Thursday, April 23rd at 2:30 PM.

April 7, Tuesday TOGA Meeting @ 4:00 PM
April 11, Saturday Picture Hunt at 1:00 PM
April 15, Wednesday "Sands of Time" @ 3:30 PM
April 21, Tuesday Game Day @ 1:30 PM
April 23, Thursday Wii Play @ 2:30 PM
April 28, Tuesday Book Discussion @ 3:30 PM

T'ween Talk

As the weather gets warmer, we are moving one of our activities outside! "Eye Spy @ Your Library" is Saturday April 11th at 11:00 AM. You will be given a map and pictures of places in Delta. The challenge is to become familiarized with the pictures and circle the location on the map. There will be teams and prizes! Join us in our First Annual "Eye Spy" Event!

April 3, Friday TAB Meeting @ 4:00 PM
April 11, Saturday "Eye Spy" @ 11:00 AM
April 17, Friday Wii Play @ 4:00 PM
April 21, Tuesday Game Day @ 1:30 PM
April 29, Wednesday Movie "Bedtime Stories" @ 3:30 PM

CHILDREN'S NEWS

JELLY BEAN CONTEST

Stop by Miss Marj's desk between April 1 - April 10 to enter our jelly bean counting contest. All you need to do to win the candy is to guess how many beans are in the jar. In order to receive an entry form, children from Grades K-3 must use their library card to check out at least one item. (Limit one guess per day) In case of a tie, names will be put into a hat and one winner will be drawn.

DIAL-A-STORY

Dial-A-Story is a program that allows children to dial the library from home and listen to a different taped story each week. There is no charge for local calls.

April 6: *Raggylug*: A charming story about a little bunny who decides that mama knows best.
April 13: *Billy Goats Gruff*: An ugly troll is all that stands between three goats and a grassy hillside.
April 20: *Little Red Riding Hood*: Granny gets an unwelcome visitor and Red Riding Hood gets a surprise!
April 27: *Buckwheat*: An unusual tale about the buckwheat plant.

STORYTIME

Storytime for 4-5 year olds continues on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Please call ahead to check on seating availability. The themes will be:

April 7: Here Comes the Easter Bunny

April 14: Fantastic Frogs

April 21: Earth Day

Summer storytime will begin June 2nd and combines both 2 & 3 year olds and 4 & 5 year olds. Parents may register beginning April 21st.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CONTEST

A "World's Connect At Your Library" drawing/coloring contest will be held in the children's department during National Library Week, April 12-18th. Children from preschool up through Grade 3 can pick up the outline of an alien and have fun adding their own features, such as hair, eyes, ears or even twenty arms! They can color the page using crayons, colored pencils or markers and return the completed picture to the library for a chance to win a prize. All entries will be displayed in the children's area.