

DPL'S NEWS & NOTES

DELTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2009

Friends of Library Auction Huge Success

The 20th annual Friends of the Delta Public Library Auction proved to be another successful venture. Even though the site of the event changed from downtown Delta to the Delta Banquet Center a mile east of town, folks still flocked to the salad luncheon and "Chinese" auction. Last year the event took in \$1900 and was topped this year at \$2677 before expenses. As almost everything is donated, expenses are minimal!

Doors opened at 9:30 AM so that people could begin to buy tickets and make their selections of items they hoped to win. Area businesses and community members were very generous with providing all kinds of items for the auction. Over 250 baskets and gift certificates were raffled off in an hour and a half. Most popular items this year were the electric roaster, laptop computer, a white pine tree and three photography certificates. But no matter how large or small, all the items were appreciated and coveted by someone. Director Patricia Grover commented on the generosity of everyone. "We truly expected a much smaller turnout for donations and participants this year due to the loss of jobs and businesses in the county, but instead we had the largest turnout we have ever had! I think this speaks well of our entire community's support for the library and for the event itself. We as a staff and Friends group try to make each year better, but it really is the community's collaboration with us that makes the event the great success it is!"

A special thanks to Jennifer Bailey, owner of the Delta Banquet Hall who donated the use of the Hall for the day. It provided not only great parking but an expansive space that accommodated the luncheon, dining and all the auction items!

And highlighting the day, Kelly Culler presented a \$500 check to the Delta Public Library on behalf of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Delta Branch. The donation is much appreciated and needed as the library has suffered a 22% funding cut this year and there are expectations that state funding will be reduced by 35% next year! So \$500 can make a significant difference as to what we do and buy next year for the library.

Proceeds from the luncheon and auction are donated to the Library by the Friends group to underwrite the incentives and programming for the five Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults.

Weight Watchers Meeting Continue

Weight Watchers meetings continue at the library on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm. Our group has been very successful in losing weight and in having a good time doing it! For further information, call Patricia Grover at 419-822-3138.

Friends Needed

The Friends of the Delta Public Library are in need of new or renewing members. The Friends have been an important part of the Delta Public Library's support system for 23 years. The group was organized in 1986 to help raise funds for expenses incurred with the addition of the children's area, as well as to provide support for library levies and extra programming items the library cannot afford. The annual auction and luncheon provides funding for the Summer Reading Programs. Membership forms are available at the library's main circulation desk. Please consider becoming a Friend in 2010! We never can have too many Friends!

Display Items Needed in 2010

The library is in need of patrons who will share their hobbies, collectibles or interests with the community by displaying them in one of our three display cases. There is a small case located in the children's area, a large floor case near the front entrance and a wall case in the foyer of the glass tower. If you have something you are willing to share for the month, please call Candy at 822-3110 to reserve a month and display area.

Weather Related Closings

In cases of severe weather or adverse road conditions, the library may choose to curtail hours, cancel programs, or close the library for the safety of the staff and patrons. Please listen to radio station WMTR 96.1 for cancellation or closing information. Any materials due on a closed day will have the loan period extended and fines adjusted. If you are unable to return materials when we are open due to weather or road conditions, please contact the library and ask for an extended loan period.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

The Shack by Wm. Paul Young

Mackenzie Allen Philips's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.

Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever. (From book jacket)

This book will be discussed at the Delta Public Library on Monday, December 21, at 7:00 PM in the Library's Activity Room. Copies are available in regular and large print and are on display at the main circulation desk in the library. 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 with the message BOOK DISCUSSION.

Teen and Tween Nook News

Merry Christmas everyone! To start the month off, we are going to have a Christmas Party. For this party, you will be making your own treat and some other surprises. Come and enjoy!

For a couple of months, we have been traveling "Around the World". This month, we will be visiting Italy! We are not going to have your typical spaghetti and meatballs. We will be eating different foods most of you have not had! Come and try a new experience of Italian foods.

Also we will be showing the movie *G-Force* for our movie this month! The anime movie will be *Black Cat!*

December 10 Christmas Party @ 4:00 PM
December 16 Movie G-Force @ 4:00 PM
December 22 Around the World @ 4:00 PM
December 29 Ani-Maniacs Anime Movie @ 4:00 PM

CHILDREN'S NEWS

DIAL-A-STORY

Dial-A-Story is a 'round the clock storyteller! You can dial 419-822-5200 at any time to listen to a new story each week:

DEC. 7: *THE VISIT TO SANTA CLAUS LAND*
DEC.14: *THE GOLDEN COBWEBS*
DEC. 21: *SNOWBALL 'S CHRISTMAS EVE*
DEC. 28: *WHY THE EVERGREEN TREES KEEP THEIR LEAVES IN WINTER*

PRINCESS & THE FROG CONTEST

Ribbit! Ribbit! Children can enter our frog counting contest for a chance to win a free ticket to see the new Disney movie, *The Princess and the Frog*. This movie is a modern twist on a classic tale, featuring a beautiful girl named Tiana and a frog prince who desperately wants to be human again. Pick up a contest form at the children's desk. Contest runs December 1 - December 11th.

CANDYLAND GAMES

Children are invited to attend our "Candyland Games" event on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4:30 PM. Come join the fun as we play some musical games on DVD with King Kandy, Grandma Nutt and Mr. Mint. There will also be a candy hunt and a spoon race. Hot cocoa will be served. Registration is necessary! Children must know their colors.

CHRISTMAS CONTEST

Preschoolers through Grade 3 are encouraged to enter our "Snowstorm" contest beginning December 14th. Help Rudolph find Santa by following the path of snowflakes for a chance to win a Christmas gift.

TODDLER TALES CONTINUE

Toddler Tales (age 2-3) continues on December 1 and December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Our themes are "Musical Tales" and "The Animal's Merry Christmas."

STORYTIME REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for our winter Storytime classes which begin on Tuesday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. and run through Tuesday, February 9th. Children age 4-5 are invited to come together for stories, puppet shows, games and crafts. Registration is necessary due to limited seating! (Any child placed on a waiting list will receive priority during registration for the spring session.)