

# **Delta Public Library**

## **February 2008 "NEWS AND NOTES"**

### **KEEP THE LIGHTS ON @ THE LIBRARY**

The Delta Public Library has been dependent on a 1 mil operational levy for the past twenty years. The current 5 year operational levy expires at the end of 2008. Therefore, the Library is asking the community to RENEW the 1 mil operational levy for another 5 years - commencing January 2009 through December 2013.

What does the operational levy mean to the library? The levy annually generates about one quarter of the library's budgeted income and is primarily used to pay the operating costs for running the library- lights, heat, air conditioning, water/sewer, telephone, fax machine, copiers, cleaning, postage, snow removal, janitorial supplies, maintenances, repairs and replacements on equipment and the building.

In other words- the operational levy keeps the lights on and the doors open for service to the community.

This issue is on the ballot for ALL voters in the PDY school district. Therefore, PDY School District's name will appear at the top of the Delta Public Library's ballot for **ISSUE #7** because they are the library's taxing authority, but the millage goes directly to the Delta Public Library.

Delta has a wonderful library filled with up-to-date materials of all types. We also provide programs and services to all ages. If you haven't been to the library lately, please stop by and see what is available to you and your family. Don't be in the dark about what your library can do for you! If you are an avid patron, please encourage others to not only use the library but to support it as well.

The Delta Public Library is a successful and well used institution in your community. Why not keep it that way?

**Voter power keeps the lights on and the doors open at the Library!**

### **NEW WEB SITE NAME & RE-DESIGN**

If you are looking for Delta Public Library online, you will now find us under [www.deltapubliclibrary.com](http://www.deltapubliclibrary.com). Thanks to staff member, Drew Gaynor, the site has been redesigned. You'll find a lot of neat drop downs, such as the Ellison Die list where you can click on a letter of the alphabet and all dies starting with that letter will appear. Check out what's happening @ the library online.

### **NEW LOOK, NEW CHOICES, NEW CHALLENGES**

The new automated circulation and cataloging system is nearly completed so that in the near future things may look a little different to patrons when they use the Online Public Access Catalogs here at the Library, or when they access our catalog website from home.

Some of the same information will be available but in a different format. For one thing, book

jacket photos may be featured next to the entry for newer items courtesy of Amazon.com. The page will be "live", so that you can actually click on the book cover and you will be linked to the Amazon.com page for further information. Patrons will also have the option to log into their own accounts from remote computers to view their own records in order to see what they have out or what they may need to renew. Patrons can also place holds or reserves for materials and can suggest new materials for purchase.

Currently the staff is in the process of learning the new system, so that by March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be able to help and guide patrons in full use of the new system. We are excited about the potential of this system and hope you will find it equally exciting and useful!

## Heart Smart Cholesterol Screening

The Fulton County Health Center will be providing cholesterol screenings in the Library's Activity Room MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 7 PM. Your \$5.00 donation will be contributed to the Heart Radio-a-Thon and will be used for cardiac related projects in Fulton County. Mark your calendars for that date! Go vote and get your cholesterol checked!

## BOOK DISCUSSION @ the Library

### ***Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* by Richard Louv**

In his groundbreaking work about the staggering divide between children and the outdoors, journalist and child advocate Richard Louv directly links the absence of nature in the lives of today's wired generation to some of the most disturbing childhood trends: the rise in obesity, attention disorders, and depression. This is the first book to bring together a body of research indicating that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children and adults. More than just an alarm, Louv offers practical solutions to heal the broken bond.

*Last Child in the Woods* will be presented by members of the Izaak Walton League at the Delta Public Library on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Library's Activity Room. Copies of the book are available at the Main Circulation Desk. For those unable to attend the book discussions, you are welcome to leave a comment sheet at the library or e-mail them to [bairdca@oplin.org](mailto:bairdca@oplin.org) with the message BOOK DISCUSSION. Copies of the book will be available for purchase the night of the book discussion.

## DEATH BY CHOCOLATE PROGRAM

The Library will be having a "Death by Chocolate" program for the whole family. Indulge yourself in a variety of chocolate activities, such as chocolate taste tests, chocolate fondue, and chocolate bingo. This event will be here at the Library on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 PM. Please call the library at 419-822-3110 or stop in to sign up!

## What's Up for Teens @ your Library

February is frosty and cold, so step inside the library and warm up with a good book or check out a DVD to take home and enjoy.

That's right . . . Starting February 1<sup>st</sup> . . . Teens ages 13 to 18 may now check out **ONE DVD** with a PG13 or lower rating. This is a trial test for the month of February. If it proves a success, we

hope to continue this on a more permanent basis.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** - Chinese New Year Event. Learn about this cultural event, sample simple foods, and play "Year of the Rat" Theme games. Bring a friend and join us in the activity room @ 3:00 pm.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** - Get together with your friends on Valentines Day @ your library. We'll gather in the activity room @ 3:00 PM, test our trivia knowledge, and enjoy sweet treats for an afternoon of heart warming fun.

## **DVD RELEASES**

### **NOW AVAILABLE:**

*The Kingdom*

*3:10 to Yuma*

*Bring It On*

*Mr. Woodcock*

*The Game Plan*

*Stardust*

### **COMING SOON:**

*Elizabeth: the Golden Age*

*Snow Buddies*

*The Brave One*

*Martian Child*

*No Reservations*

*Becoming Jane*

*Daddy Day Camp*

*The Comeback*

## **CHILDREN'S NEWS**

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

Just call 419-822-5200 to listen to a delightful new story each week.

Feb 4th THICK HEADED JACK. A rather simple boy shows that he's really quite clever.

Feb 11th VALENTINE'S DAY. Learn about this favorite holiday.

Feb 18th GEORGE WASHINGTON & HIS COLT. Young George learns a lesson of life.

Feb 25th JOHNNY-CAKE. A round bread makes a square meal for a clever fox.

## STORYTIME

The February themes for Tuesday morning storytimes (for ages 4-5) are:

Feb 5th: Pizza Party

Feb 12th: Valentine Party

## READING RAINBOW CONTEST

Entry forms are available in the children's area for the Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest. This contest is sponsored by WGTE and open to children in Grades K-3. Deadline is March 10, 2008. Please do not return entries to the library.

## TODDLER TALES

Toddler Tales (kids ages 2-3) will begin on Tuesday, February 19th at 10:00 AM. Classes are now filled, but you may put your child's name on a waiting list. There will be no craft time for toddler programs.

Feb 19 Teddy Bears

Feb 26 My Body

March 4 Beddie Bye

March 11 Bunnies

## CELEBRATE CLIFFORD'S BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Clifford! That big, loveable red dog will be celebrating his birthday on Friday, February 15th, the day after Valentine's Day. Children from preschool up through Fifth Grade are invited to come join us for a special program, beginning at 4:15 PM. We'll play a few games, watch a video, and blow out the candles on Clifford's cake. Registration is necessary, so please call the library at 419-822-3110, or sign up at the children's desk. Space is limited!