

DPL'S NEWS & NOTES

DELTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF AT DPL

Last year the monthly newsletter carried an article on each of the library's seven Trustees. This year I would like to feature some of our staff each month in the newsletter. As patrons you may recognize them by face or by name or not at all. Being creatures of habit, many patrons only use the library at specific times or days of the week and so that just a few of the staff become familiar. This month we will begin with our Youth Services.

Ms. Marjorie Bowerman serves currently as the Children's Librarian. She has been on staff here at the Delta Public Library for 34 years. Prior to being Children's Librarian, Marj worked as a library assistant, assistant director and even served as interim director for several months. If you have had the pleasure of accompanying a child to story time or to the summer reading programs you know how well organized Marj is in providing stories, activities and crafts for the various age groups she serves.

Helping with the Children's services is Ms. Laura Roth who selects and processes new juvenile print materials. She also weeds old books out to make space for the new and keeps track of the Accelerated Reader books. Laura is responsible for the ordering and processing of all magazines and newspapers for the library as well. She also purchases and processes books for the Genealogy area, as well as doing obituary searches for local area people.

Mrs. Janice Hales was once a fulltime staff member here at the Delta Public Library before retiring after 21 years of service as the Children's Librarian. She now works part time providing Outreach Story Times to the local preschools so that children who are unable to attend the in house library story hours can still become acquainted with the library and develop good listening skills.

Mrs. Michelle Toller became the library's Teen Coordinator last summer. She is responsible for the selection and processing of all Young Adult print materials, as well as planning, providing teen activities and programs for teens. She recently instituted a T'ween program for those kids in Grades 4, 5, and 6. Michelle also serves as the library's graphic artist and is most often found at the main circulation desk greeting and helping patrons.

TAX FORMS

Federal, State and Village Tax forms are available as we receive them from the respective agencies. Forms will be located near the front entrance. Forms not found there will most likely be available in the reproducible binder at the front desk. Reproducible forms may be copied on the public copier for \$.10 per page/side. Forms may also be downloaded from the Internet and printed for \$.25 per page/side. Library staff cannot provide any tax advice or information.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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

BOARD NEWS

Kalli Hintz was sworn in at the January Board of Trustees meeting to serve a full seven term as Library Trustee. Kalli has served on the library board since November 2001 when she filled the unexpired term of Mark Knapp. She has presided as Board President since 2006. Her term will expire December 31, 2015. The board welcomes her back and appreciates her leadership.

WINTER MULTI MEDIA SALE

We're making room on the shelves for new acquisitions, so check out what we have available for sale. Books on Tape, Videos, Magazines and Books located on carts at the front of the library can be yours for a donation to the library.

LIVE LONGER---READ

New research by the National Endowment of the Arts states that people who read for recreation live an average of seven years longer than people who don't read. In addition, readers tend to be more engaged in their community, more likely to vote, attend a museum or sporting event and be a volunteer. NEA Chairman Dana Goia states, "...with fiction, we give the author permission to guide our thinking. It gives us the ability to empathize with another being...and that's what triggers civic engagement."

In other words, we live a happier, fuller, connected life for a longer period of time! Grab your library card and come on over to the library for a good read!

BOOK DISCUSSION

Julie and Romeo by Jeanne Ray

Romeo Cacciamani and Julie Roseman are rival florists in Somerville, MA., whose families have feuded for three generations. Romeo's son Tony and Julie's daughter Sandy attempted an elopement in high school but were spotted. Now it's the turn of widow Romeo and divorced Julie, who meet at a small business seminar and fall into a passionate love affair that their families are determined to hinder as well.

This book will be discussed at the Delta Public Library on Monday, February 23rd, at 7:00 PM in the Library's Activity Room. Copies are available in regular, large print or audio book and can be found on display 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.

SENIOR BINGO

On February 4th the library will be hosting BINGO for SENIORS 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! This event is always the first Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions please call Delta Public Library at 419-822-3110 and ask for Candy.

FAMILY PROGRAM

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE 2

The library will be having its second "Death by Chocolate" program for the whole family. The event will be here at the library on Saturday, February 7, at 2:00 PM. Indulge yourself in a variety of chocolate activities, such as chocolate taste tests, chocolate fondue, and chocolate bingo. Please call the library at 419-822-3110 or stop in to sign up! Registration is required.

Teen Nook News

Don't have anything to do? Bored with the same old routine? Come join us for **"Wii Play @ Your Library"** the last Friday of each month. Teens can play the Wii from 2:30 to 5:00 PM. All teens and tweens are welcome. Game Day is scheduled from 1:30 to 5:00 PM on early dismissal days from. This past month we played Mario Kart! What a ride!

"The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas" by John Boyne is this month's book discussion. I can't tell you what the book is about, but I can tell you the book has been produced into a movie. Plan on viewing the movie here at the library in March!

Here are some dates to jot down:

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Craft with candy @ 3:30 PM

Friday, Feb. 13

Book Discussion @ 4:30 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Game Day @ 1:30 PM

Friday, Feb. 27

Wii Play @ your Library @ 2:30 PM

T'ween Talk

From Michelle

Hello TWEENS! (If you are in the Grades 4-6, then you are classified as a Tween). A Board of Tweens has been established and will help create and plan activities. Tweens may also join us for the teen games and crafts as well. Tweens may participate in discussing *The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas*. (Caution: this book is for young adults and may be too advanced for younger tweens). However, if you would like to talk about your favorite book, let me know so I can inform the board. I am looking forward to working with you in this new venture.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

STORYTIME

Storytime for 4-5 year olds continues for two more weeks on Tuesday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 10th. Themes are "Books, Reading & the Library" and "Valentines Day."

DIAL-A-STORY

For those days when it's too cold or wet to come to the library, Dial-A-Story is a great way to entertain your child. Stories last approximately 3-4 minutes and are changed on a weekly basis. Just call 419-822-5200 to listen to a familiar fairy tale, poem, or to learn about an important holiday.

Feb. 2: GROUND HOG DAY

Feb. 9: VALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 16: GEORGE WASHINGTON & THE CHERRY TREE

Feb. 23: SPINDLE, SHUTTLE AND NEEDLE

TODDLER TALES

Storytime for 2-3 year olds begins on Tuesday, February 17 at 10:00 AM. Please register by calling 419-822-3110 to make sure there is room for your child.

The themes will be:

Feb. 17: Growing Big

Mar. 3: Monkey Tales

Feb. 24: Jumping Kangaroos

Mar. 10: Colorful Stories

VALENTINE FUN

Debbie Krauss will present a Valentine craft on Tuesday, February 10th at 4:00 PM. Children will be painting and decorating a heart-shaped plant poke to give to

Mom or Grandma. Class is limited to 16 children, so please register early by calling 419-822-3110 or signing up at the children's desk. (Children should wear old clothes or an apron.) Also, don't forget to pick up a "Valentine Mystery" activity sheet at the children's desk and enter our special prize drawing.

READING RAINBOW CONTEST

The 15th annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest is now in full swing, so get out your paper, pens and crayons! This contest is open to children in Kindergarten-Third Grade who have written and illustrated their own books. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition and be invited to a special appreciation event at WGTE in Toledo. Entries will be accepted through March 13, 2009. Winners will be announced in April. Rules and entry forms are available at the library, or you may print your own copies from the internet at <http://pbskids.org/readingrainbow/>.