

DPL'S NEWS & NOTES

DELTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2009

GETTING TO KNOW US HERE AT THE LIBRARY

FEATURED THIS MONTH IS LIBRARY TRUSTEE JEFF MAZUROUWSKI

Jeff Mazurowski joined the library board in January 2006, assuming the unfulfilled term of John Bamonte. Jeff is a graduate of Defiance College with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Arts. He is the author of two children's books- *The Christmas Boy* and *Aurora and Boris Touch the Sky*. He and wife Jennifer, an elementary teacher in the Delta School system have two children. Daughter Erin is ten years old and son Nick is 6 years old and are looking forward to a sibling in July.

Jeff's interests include writing, playing with his children and home building projects. He has recently decided to return to school to pursue a degree in teaching special education through the University of Toledo. In the meantime he is substitute teaching in area schools.

When asked why he decided to become a board member, he cited three reasons: his obvious interest in reading and his writing of children's literature; his family's use of the library for school and for leisure reading; and because he believes the library is the single most important public building in town as it offers something for everyone of every age.

2009 IS GOING TO BE FINE!

Every year I make a small prediction as to what the Library future may hold for the patrons, services and/or the building for the year ahead. Last year's theme "2008 Will Be Great" saw us through the south entry project with some starts and stops, but the job was completed before year's end to everyone's satisfaction.

This year, we plan to continue all the ongoing services, such as Red Carpet for homebound patrons, Interlibrary Loans, Senior and Adult programs, Teen and Tween services as well as Toddler Times, Preschool Story times, Read to Me, and the Summer Reading programs. Patrons can expect to see the latest releases in DVDs, best selling books and audio materials. And, we plan to do all this on a reduced budget as funding from the state will be less due to the decrease in income tax revenue.

We do have one special project for the building and that involves the Children's circulation desk. We are working on a re-design of that area to include some cozy seating for children and parents.

Tax Forms

Federal, State and Village Tax forms will be available mid January 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.

Display Items Needed

Please help us fill our display cases at each entrance of the building. We depend upon our patrons to share their hobbies, collectibles or organizational information with the public each year. To reserve a month for display, call the library at 419-822-3110 or register at the main desk. It is always fun to see what shows up each month.

Weight Watchers Meetings

Weight Watchers continues to meet here at the library in the Activity Room at 5:30 PM on Monday evenings. New members can join at any time and will have the fee prorated for the remaining sessions. For further information, you can call Patricia Grover at 822-3138.

Last call for Community Market receipts

If you have been saving those Community Market green receipt slips to bring to the library, please do so in the very near future. Slips dated after December 31, 2008 will no longer be eligible for the Community Cash program. Receipts are worth one cent on every dollar spent to nonprofit organizations such as the Friends of the Library. We have a special collection container on the front circulation desk where receipts can be dropped. The Friends then donate the money back to the library for special programs and purchases.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm--and into Edgar's mother's affections.

Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires--spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

This book will be discussed at the Delta Public Library on Monday, January 26th, at 7:00 p.m. 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 January 7, 2009 the library will be hosting BINGO for SENIORS from 10:00 AM till 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.

Teen Nook News

We now have a Myspace and Facebook accounts as well as an email address for the Teens. The email address is deltapubliclibraryteens@yahoo.com. The TOGA team is responsible for maintaining and updating the account. So each month the account may look a bit different. Check it out!

We are having a Mystery Movie on Thursday, January 15 at 4:00 PM. You will be given the plot, the length and rating but you have to come to see if you are right. The movie is 117 minutes long. The rating is PG-13. The plot: "With the ability to time warp to 1969 to speak with his dead father, a cop is able to prevent his father's death and find his mother's killer". Some of the actors include Dennis Quaid and James Caviezel. What is your guess?

There is a craft scheduled this month, January 27th at 4:30 pm. This craft is not your typical "take home to mom" craft. We will be making edible snowman! The snowman will be made out of marshmallows, chocolate, and many other treats. Make sure you sign up or give us a call to sign you up.

NEW TWEEN BOARD!

This new team consists of 4th - 6th graders. The first meeting on January 22nd at 4:00 PM to plan out activities for their peers and also create some new ideas. Congrats to the tweens that applied to a spot on the board.

New TAB Team:

Daniel Double	Cassandra Manzo
Mark Francis Jr.	Sydney Schermond
Nate Francis	Maggie Sugg
Savannah Lech	

Events for this Month:

January 6 TOGA meeting @ 4:30 PM
January 14 Teen Game Day @ 1:30 PM
January 15 Mystery Movie @ 4:00 PM
January 22 TAB (Tween Board Meeting) @ 4:00 PM
January 27 Edible Craft @ 4:30 PM

CHILDREN'S NEWS

DIAL-A-STORY

Children of all ages can hear stories or poems on the telephone by calling the Dial-A-Story at 419-822-5200.

JANUARY 5: *Snegourka*: A little girl made of snow spends a short time on earth.

JANUARY 12: *Hole in the Closet*: Mrs. Mouse tells of the problems she is having with a hole in the closet.

JANUARY 19: *Nursery Rhymes*: Mother Goose presents her favorite rhymes.

JANUARY 26: *Beauty & the Beast*: A young girl finds that what's on the inside matters most.

DROP-IN COLORING ACTIVITY

Children up through the 3rd grade may drop-in anyday Jan 5th-10th to participate in a mitten coloring activity. Crayons, markers and other materials will be available for children to create a beautiful paper mitten which will be hung on the bulletin board as a decoration. Please stop by the Children's Desk and ask Miss Marj for the supplies.

STORYTIME

Storytime begins again! The winter session of storytime for children ages 4-5 begins on Tuesday, January 6 at 10:00 AM. Register now for stories, songs, finger plays, puppet shows, crafts and more by calling 419-822-3110.

Scheduled themes are:

- Jan. 6: Crazy About Cookies
- Jan. 13: Snowmania!
- Jan. 20: Hats, Coats and Mittens
- Jan. 27: A Bunch of Boxes
- Feb. 2: Books, Reading & the Library
- Feb. 9: Valentine's Fun

NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

It's not well known, but January 29th is National Puzzle Day! Puzzles provide great exercise for your brain. Children in Grades 1-3 (able to read on their own) are invited to join us on Thursday, January 29, at 4:30 PM for some puzzling activities. Included in the fun will be a barnyard word search, a winter hidden picture hunt, and a rousing game of Picture k a. The library will provide the puzzles and the prizes. Please register by calling 419-822-3110 or by signing up at the children's desk.