

# **Delta Public Library**

## **September 2008 "News and Notes"**

### **GETTING TO KNOW US HERE AT THE LIBRARY**

FEATURED THIS MONTH IS LIBRARY TRUSTEE KATHLEEN DOWLING

Kathy Dowling decided to become a Library Trustee because as a former second grade teacher, she knew how important the library and reading was in the lives of her young students. She wanted to be involved in keeping Delta Public Library a wonderful place for both children and adults to gather. Since her appointment in 2004, she has assisted in the decision making for the changes and improvements to the building over the last few years. Kathy feels that our library is very innovative and likes that we are constantly trying new things to improve the way our limited space is utilized.

She is a native of Perrysburg, Ohio. After high school, Kathy attended Bowling Green State University graduating with a Bachelors of Education. Since retiring from PDY schools after 31 years of teaching service, she has been working as a travel agent with NW Ohio AAA in the Toledo area. She loves traveling with Tom, her husband of 42 years and visiting her grown children. Kathy's dream trip would be a train trip across the United States and then the return trip across Canada.

Her daughter Missy is married to Chris Buehrer and they have two children Claire and Nathan. Daughter Kara has three children: Noah, Sam and Lucas with husband Andrew Curran.

When she has time, she loves anything to do with yarn as well as reading mysteries, detective stories and historical romance. Kathy currently serves as secretary on the Library board.

### **DISPLAYS NEEDED**

We are need of folks willing to share their collectibles, hobbies, or arts and crafts with the library and the public. We currently have openings for October and November of 2008 and most of 2009. Our front lobby display case can accommodate both large and small items in a secure manner. Individuals and organizations are welcome to participate. Currently Joseph Eppard has a fine display of HOT WHEELS and collectible toy cars and trucks in the lobby display case. For more information, call the library and ask for Candy.

### **Delta library construction has begun**

The Delta Public Library's south entry project has finally begun! All patrons should be prepared to find parking along Main or Lincoln Streets, in the lot on corner of Wood and Palmwood just north of the library, or in the south bank parking lot. Better yet, we encourage everyone to put on their walking shoes to get lean and go green. Walking is one of the best cardiovascular exercises and of course, it saves you buying gas for the car. If you choose to ride your bikes, please park them in the bike rack out front or in the grassy area along the sidewalk. And remember to use the FRONT entrance of the library for the next few months.

The south entry project involves closing off the current rear entry so that area can become much needed storage space, eliminating clutter in the Activity Room. The new entry design provides 4 foot wide sidewalks with railings leading to handicap accessible doors from both the east and the west into a vestibule. An interior sliding power door facing south will bring patrons directly into the children's area. The new vestibule entry will provide the public with easy access for not only handicapped patrons but also for families, the elderly and very young patrons alike.

We hope the final product will more than alleviate the inconvenience patrons may experience for the next couple of months while the renovation project is taking place. We plan to stay open during the renovation, however, should we need to close for a short period of time, we will endeavor to let the public know in a timely manner.

So in the meantime, pump up the bicycle tires, dust off the walking shoes and save your gas money by biking or walking to the FRONT door of the library! Go lean, go green, go to the front of the library!

## **BOOK DISCUSSION @ the Library**

### ***Tall Grass* by Sandra Dallas**

Thirteen-year-old Rennie Stroud finds her hometown of Tallgrass, Colorado, changed forever when the government builds a Japanese internment camp in the rural area and the prisoners become the target of the townspeople who believe Japanese-Americans are the enemy.

***Tall grass*** will be the book for discussion at the Delta Public Library on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Libraries 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](mailto:bairdca@oplin.org) with the message BOOK DISCUSSION.

Upcoming:

Oct.27: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

Nov.24: *Into the Wild*

Dec.29: *New Years Quilt*

## **Senior Bingo on the Road**

Due to construction being done at the library Senior Bingo is hitting the road. We will be playing bingo at the United Methodist Church at 101 Northwood, with the Hands of Grace Adult Day Care. We will be at the church on September 10 and October 1 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Large print cards used along with the numbers projected on the wall.

As always there will be refreshments and prizes. Don't forget to mark your calendars you won't want to miss it.

## **WEIGHT WATCHERS MEET HERE**

In June a Weight Watchers group began meeting here at the library. The group was formed as an "AT WORK" program although one need not be an employee of the Delta Public Library to join. The structure is bit different in that members pay an up front fee for a seventeen week program rather than weekly or monthly fees. The group meets Monday evenings at 5:30 PM with weigh-ins beginning at 5:15 in the Library's Activity Room. The hour long meeting is lively and informative. Although the group is about half way through the 17 weeks, new members can join at any time and pay a pro-rated fee. Life-time members are welcome to weigh in with us. For further information, you can contact leader Nola Rosebrock [lnl@bright.net](mailto:lnl@bright.net) or come to a meeting. No meeting Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>/Labor Day.

## **NEW TEEN COORDINATOR NAMED**

Michelle Toller has accepted the position of Teen Coordinator as of July 1st. Michelle has been gearing up for fall events and programs-see her article below.

Michelle has been on staff here at the library going on five years and has had many responsibilities. She has been working the main circulation desk since the beginning of the year. She and husband Jason have two children. Daughter Abbi is a first grader at Delta Elementary and son Eli will turn two in October. Michelle holds a Bachelor's degree in Youth and Family from Kentucky Christian University. Husband Jason is the Youth Minister at the Delta Church of Christ.

# Teen Nook News

HEY TEENS! I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know all of you.

This month there will be a survey posted under the dry erase board. Please complete the form and answer the riddle correct to receive a prize. Also this month I will be taking applications for those interested in joining the Teen Advisory Board aka TAB.

Events for the next couple of months will be few and far between due to the construction to the back entrance. As soon as the Library's Activity Room becomes available to use, watch the Nook for posted events.

There is also a new section just for new YA books and graphic novels.

Michelle Toller, Teen Coordinator

## NEW STAFF

Welcome to several new employees who have joined the staff since we last published our newsletter. Michelle Heising joined us in June to replace Sue Leitner as our audio-visual librarian. Shelley, as we call her, also takes care of our overdue materials as well as the inspirational and large print books. She and husband Greg have two daughters. Lindsey is a second year college student and Katherine, a seventh grader at the Delta Middle school.

Also joining the staff this summer as student pages are Eric Mann, son of Cindy and William Mann and Ryan Albrecht son of Vicky and Jeff Albrecht. Eric is a junior at Delta High School and Ryan is a junior at the Ohio Virtual Academy. The two new pages replaced Drew Gaynor who will be attending Ohio Northern University majoring in engineering and Julia Hafner who is attending college in Lakewood, Ohio majoring in digital media and film directing. Drew has accepted the position of Webmaster for the library and will be working remotely from Ada, Ohio.

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

### DIAL-A-STORY

Kids-don't forget you can call 419-822-5200 at anytime of the day or night to listen to a story over the telephone. Our stories for September include:

Sept. 1: Coyote & the Blackbirds

Sept. 8: Donkey in the Lion's Skin

Sept. 15: Three Little Pigs

Sept. 22: Town Mouse & Country Mouse

Sept. 29: Piglet Brother

### SUMMER READING THANKS

The library would like to thank everyone who presented programs, donated prizes or cookies, sponsored t-shirts, or volunteered in any way to make the 2008 children's summer reading club a success. One hundred eighty five children registered and 3025 books were recorded.

The top boy & girl readers were James Bozarth (305 books) and Alexandria Lee (152 books). They received a pizza package from Pisanello's Pizza. Runners-up were Bransen Reynolds (270 books) and Samantha Keil (100 books). They received a bug kit and candy.

### READING ROCKS!

"Reading Rocks!" is the theme for this year's READ-TO-ME program geared for Preschool children age 2-5. (This is a mini version of our summer reading club.) Parents may register beginning the week of August 25th and receive a dinosaur reading log to record the titles of the books they read to their children. Children will receive one brightly colored dinosaur sticker for every two books recorded. Everyone who has at least 5 books recorded by September 30th will be invited to attend our Award's Day

on Wednesday, October 8th at Memorial Hall. Children will have a roaring good time with Elaine Sneider as she reads a story, plays games, and helps the children make a dinosaur craft. Certificates and prizes will also be awarded! This program is limited to 40 children, so register early.

## **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Children must be at least five years old and have their parent's signature in order to receive a library card. Stop by the library and pick up your child's most important school supply of all!