

# *DPL'S NEWS & NOTES*

## *DELTA PUBLIC LIBRARY*

### *SEPTEMBER 2009*

#### *THE ROAD AHEAD FOR OHIO LIBRARIES*

**As you are most likely aware, state funding for libraries will be significantly reduced for the next two years. As the major portion of Delta Public Library's revenue comes from state funding, the staff and trustees are in the process of brainstorming ideas on how to further reduce expenses here at the library.**

**Obviously some concessions will need to be made by all parties involved including our patrons and public. Our goal is to continue to provide quality service to the community but on a reduced scale. There may be fewer new purchases of all types of materials, fewer programs, reduced public service hours and a plea for more support from the community for donations and contributions.**

**The exact amount of reduction of state funding is unknown at this time but we have been informed that it may well be up to 35% in 2010. In preparation for such a drastic cut, we will begin to curtail hours and services to some extent in 2009 with further reductions next year as events warrant.**

**The good news is that because the community has been supportive in the past by passing operational levies, we have been able to maintain and improve our library building to its existing state and all scheduled projects have been completed to date.**

**We won't be shutting and locking our doors, so to speak, but we will be shutting off the lights a little sooner each day. Ironically with a depressed economy, more and more people rely on free library services such as public internet, DVD's and all types of educational and recreational reading materials. The economic road ahead for the next biennium will be bumpy to say the least, but we will continue to serve our community the best we can with what we have. So keep traveling to your library!**

*Library Closed Labor Day September 7<sup>th</sup>*

#### *LOOK UP, LOOK DOWN, LOOK ALL AROUND*

**As you enter the library through the back doors, be sure to look to your right in the colorful bench area. You will notice that we have installed four engraved wooden plaques that depict the buildings that have housed the Delta Public Library through the years. Each plaque also includes a brief narration of the history of the library.**

**If you look down as you enter you will see a bright and colorful new carpet area directly in front of the Children's circulation desk. See if you can find the greetings spelled out in the animal carpet squares.**

**If you look to your left into the children's area, you may be able to see two new multi-colored bean bag chairs. The kids certainly enjoy sitting there and reading! The children's area renovation is now complete!**

### HOW DOTH OUR GARDEN GROW?

Currently the front lawn garden boasts bright geraniums and petunias along with roses, decorative grasses and small shrubs. There is still plenty of room to add plants and we hope that the community will come forward and add to our garden. We are looking for spring bulbs and summer perennials so that next year our garden will have daffodils, tulips and all sorts of flowers blooming all the time. Contact Director Patricia Grover if you would like to donate bulbs or plants at 419-822-3138.

### BANNED BOOK WEEK- September 26-October 3

Read any "banned books" lately? You might be very surprised to find out what books have been challenged for banning. Each year the American Library Association promotes a "Banned Book Week" to make the American people aware that even today there are challenges to free speech, publishing and the right to read. Delta Public Library will be having a display of challenged books and the ALA's guide to as to why and by whom. Please stop by to look at the display and celebrate our constitutional right to read.

### Register for a library card and Win...

September is traditionally "Get a LIBRARY CARD" month. Delta Public Library averages about 50 new registered patrons per month over the year. As 2010 is our 84<sup>th</sup> year as a state chartered public library, we would like to challenge the staff and community to have 84 new patrons register for a library card this month. If you have never had a library card with us or are not a current patron in our data base, you will qualify as a new patron. You must be 5 years of age and have a parent or guardian sign your card if you are a student 18 years old or younger. Adults must present a current address and photo ID. All new registrant's names will be entered into a drawing with the winner chosen at random. Three names will be drawn for a "FINE FREE" coupon for up to a \$1.00 fine. Bring in the whole family to get registered. There is something for everyone here at Delta Public Library.

## BOOK DISCUSSION

*Together* by Tom Sullivan with Betty White

Sometimes you can't see what matters most until it's gone.

Brenden McCarthy feels like he's lost everything: his fiancée, his independence, and his passion for life. All due to one tragic misstep while mountain climbing that cost him his sight.

But he's about to gain the last thing he ever expected.

A big-hearted black Labrador named Nelson who's given one last shot at being a Seeing Eye dog.

Both are beyond hope and resigned to live alone. And both are about to experience a bond of friendship that develops when they least expect it.

*Together* is a heartwarming story for anyone who's ever lost sight of what matters most in life . . . but has hope that there's more.

This book will be discussed at the Delta Public Library on Monday, September 21, at 7:00 PM. in the Library's Activity Room. Copies available in regular and large print 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:

October 26: *Lace Reader* by Brunomia Barry

November 30: *The Necklace* by Cheryl Jarvis

December 21: *The Shack* by William Young

Thank You!!!

A big "thank you!!!" to everyone who helped make the children's Summer Reading Club a big success! Ryan Albrecht, Alpha Lambda Society, The Andersons, Barb Anderson, Elizabeth Bauer, Laura Bowerman, Jeanne Bratton, Butterfly House, Burger King, Chamber of Commerce, Culler family, Delta Atlas, Delta Physical Therapy, Delta Village, Dr. Dermanelian, Eagles, Eagles Auxiliary, Edison Birthplace, Edwards Insurance, Eppard family, F & M Bank, Fahringer Insurance, FRIENDS, William Furlong, Louise Gilson, Donna Graves, Tim Hartman, Bill Heckler, Kalli Hintz, Kerns Heating & Cooling, Joyce Kinsman, Deb Krauss, Katie Lane, Jayne Lozer, McBride family, Major Magic, Eric Mann, Cassandra Manzo, Marco's Pizza, Museum of Carousel Art, No Strings Attached, Ohio State Fair, Pisanello's Pizza, Pizza Hut, ServPro, Shelby Potter, Marilyn Roth, Paul Schultz, Skye Cinema, Elaine Sneider, Nannette Sturtevant, Subway, Scott Sullivan, Tin Cape, WGTE, Betty Wood and Angela Young.

### *Teen & Tween News*

Have you ever wanted to visit another country? Put on your walking shoes as we travel the world! September 15 starts Hispanic Heritage Month. To celebrate we will be traveling to Honduras. Come and enjoy some authentic foods from Honduras as well as local crafts. Keep your eyes open for the next destination in October!

On September 18, the schools will have early dismissal. The library is offering a game day for you at 1:00 PM! Come in out of the heat and enjoy some fun with your friends.

#### **Activities for this Month:**

- September 15 Movie @ 4:00 PM  
*X:Men Origin: Wolverine* PG-13
- September 18 Game Day @ 1:00 PM
- September 22 Around the World @ 4:30 PM
- September 25 Wii Play @ 2:30 PM
- September 29 Ani-Maniacs @ 4:00 PM

### *CHILDREN'S NEWS*

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

Anytime of the day or night your child or grandchild can call 419-822-5200 to listen to a folktale, short story, fairy tale or myth. Stories are updated weekly:

Sept. 1 *Country Cat*: Find out why cats chase mice.

Sept 7: *Ants & The Grasshopper*: A carefree gardener chides the ants for working so hard in the hot summer, then finds himself out in the cold.

Sept. 14: *It All Balances Out*: A perceptive young man is not about to be fooled by a merchant who says mice eat iron.

Sept. 21: *Johnny-Cake*: A round makes a square meal for a clever fox.

Sept. 28: *Injun Summer*: John McCucheon's homespun story.

## **READ-TO-ME PROGRAM**

If your child can't "bear" to go to bed without a bedtime story, why not register for our read-to-me preschool reading club: "Track Down a Good Book With Papa Berenstain."

Registration begins August 24th and the reading club runs through the month of September. Children ages 2-5 who have not yet started Kindergarten are invited to participate. Parents will receive a reading log to take home and record the titles of books they've read to their child. The reading log may be returned to the library at any time during the month and the child will receive one sticker for every two books read. At least four books must be recorded in order for the child to receive a certificate of completion and a prize bag.

An Awards Day will be held at the Memorial Hall on Friday, October 2nd at 10:30 AM. Elaine Sneider of Adventures in Education will present a program on bears, with stories, a game and a craft.

The reading club is limited to 48 children, so be sure to register early!

## **LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH**

September is "Library Card Sign Up Month", and the Delta Public Library wants to make sure your child has the smartest card of all-a library card! Studies show that children who read at home or use the library perform better in school and continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Children in Grades K-3 who receive a new library card will have their picture taken, receive a free activity booklet, and a chance to win a fine free coupon.

## **MOVIE CONTEST**

Children in Grades K-3 can stop by the children's desk between September 1-17th to enter our movie contest. Just guess the number of "clouds" in the jar and you could win a free ticket to the upcoming movie, "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" based on the best-selling book by Judi Barrett.