



# Along the Way

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Mary Meyer, Editor

## 'CATCH THE READING BUG' THIS SUMMER AT WAY



Summer often means more free time - especially for the young. Way Library once again will offer a Summer Reading Program for people of all ages. Let's put a bug in everyone's ear: Reading provides life-long pleasure and enrichment!



"Catch the Reading Bug" is the theme for our children's program. With support from our friends at O-I, many activities are planned. Along with our regular offerings (Mother Goose Time, Time for Twos and Preschool Story Time), the library will host summer magic classes, Read to the Dogs, a "Doodlebug Art Camp," and a special Page Turners' Book Discussion Group for ages 9-12. For other programs, see the Summer Reading calendar on page 2. Online registration begins on Thursday, May 29, at 9 a.m.



The young adult summer reading program's theme is "Don't Bug Me - I'm Reading." Included will be free movies with lunch on Friday afternoons (12:30-3 p.m.) and an opportunity to learn child care skills through our summer Red Cross Babysitting Classes.



Adults? Don't bug us out about being left out of the fun: We've planned programs on flower arranging, gardening, cooking, and crossword puzzles to supplement our book groups, PBS Program Club and other regular programming. There will be weekly give-aways for those of you who are avid readers. **Vote to Read** is the theme!

## Operating levy on August ballot reflects state funding changes

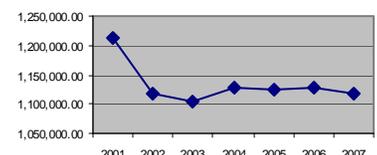
Perrysburg City Council has passed a resolution to proceed with the placement of a Way Library operating levy on the August 5, 2008, ballot. Although the library receives no funding from the City of Perrysburg, the City is the library's taxing authority. The library's current 1.0-mill operating levy expires at the end of this year.

The Wood County Board of Elections certified the resolution, which states the necessity of requesting a four-year replacement of the library's existing 1.0-mill levy with an increase of 0.5 mills for current expenses.

This levy request reflects the continuing erosion of state funding for Ohio libraries. In the March 2008 primary, 14 Ohio public libraries turned to the voters for levy support; 12 of these operating issues were successful.

Way passed its first operating levy in March 2004 after addressing state funding cuts (see above table) through various cost-cutting measures: closing on Sundays, reducing staff levels, decreasing the~~**Cont. page 2>>**

State Tax Received



## Levy reflects state funding cutbacks

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materials budget and eliminating free use of library meeting rooms. After passing our operating levy, we have been able to restore these services but have taken a cautious approach to technology acquisition and building the collection. On average, staff salaries have increased 2-3% annually. To satisfy new state/federal mandates, salaries of staff members making the minimum wage have increased accordingly. A conservative budget is projected for the

the future. The new levy request takes into consideration the continued uncertainty in state funding.

If approved by the voters, this levy will raise \$860,410 annually for four years, providing approximately 39% of the library's income. Currently the owner of a \$100,000 house pays \$31.00 per year; with the new levy, this will increase to \$46.00 per year (with a homestead exemption, \$34.00/year).

## Friends' used book sale May 1

The Friends of Way Library will hold a used book sale on the lower level on Thursday, May 1, 3-7 p.m. There is an abundance of books-on-tape in all categories, as well as literature and language books.

**Attn. subscribers:** If you would like to receive this newsletter in electronic form, go to [www.waylibrary.info](http://www.waylibrary.info), click on "For Book Lovers" and then click the link at the bottom of the page. Select from a variety of email newsletters, including library news, book news and this publication.

## May Events

- May 1 — Gadgets & Gizmos, tech demo, noon.
- May 1— Friends of the Library book sale, 3-8 p.m.
- May 5 — Small Business Basics, 5:30 p.m.
- May 9 — Intergenerational program, 1:30 p.m.
- May 14 - St. Luke's lecture: robotic surgery, 7 p.m.
- May 15 — PBS Club: Growing Up Online, 10:30 a.m.
- May 20 — Topical Tuesdays: media bias, 7 p.m.
- May 22 — New inspirational book group, 9:30 a.m.
- May 22 — Humor and 'Hattitude,' 10-noon.
- May 28 — Play Readers Group: A Trip to Bountiful (Foote), 7 p.m.
- May 28, 29 — Red Cross Babysitting Class, 5-8 p.m. (Registration opens on May 1.)

## St. Luke's series May 14: robotic surgery

Gynecologist Jonathan Detrick, MD, and urogynecologist Andrew Croak, DO, will be guest presenters at the next Way Library -St. Luke's Hospital Health Lecture. On Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m., these area physicians will speak on "The da Vinci S HD Surgical System: The Benefits of Robotic Surgery."

The word 'robot' may conjure up the world of science fiction. But, surgeons are finding that real-life robots are especially helpful in minimally invasive surgery. Surgeons at St. Luke's Hospital are using the da Vinci S DH surgical system for gynecological procedures such as hysterectomies. Women who undergo this type of hysterectomy are back to a normal routine in about two weeks. Along with urological procedures, the da Vinci soon will help with cardiac and colorectal surgery.



## Summer Reading Calendar

- Thursday, June 12, 3-4 p.m. **The Bug Man** - Jerry Schneider, will talk about "buzzy" creatures like dragonflies.. Children 1st-4th grade will create their own "bug T-shirts". Bring your own shirt or buy a heavy cotton one for \$4.00.
- Thursday, June 19, 3-4 p.m. **'Indiana Bones.'** Mike McCartney, performing artist and writer, will entertain children 1st-4th grade.
- Thursday, June 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Park Surprise: a Buggy Walk** at WW Knight Preserve. Meet at the park for a ranger-led search for creepy crawlers.
- Thursday, July 10, 3-4 p.m. **Catch the Reading Bug** with ventriloquist Vikki Gasko. She will entertain with puppets, interesting bug facts and magic. For children of all ages.
- Thursday, July 17, 2-2:45 p.m. **Cool to Creepy:** BGSU entomologist Daniel Pavuk will show 1st-4th graders his collection of insects from around the world, including some touchable live creatures.
- Friday, July 18, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. **Miss Spider Party** for children ages 3-5.

For information on these & other activities pick up a Summer Reading Club brochure at the library!

## **'Testing the Saturday Night Live Hypothesis':** **BGSU researchers share media bias study results here May 20**

Dr. Melissa Miller, Bowling Green State University assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Jeffrey Peake, BGSU associate professor of political science, will present the next Topical Tuesdays program at the library on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Their intriguing topic: **"Testing the Saturday Night Live Hypothesis: Preliminary Findings on Hillary Clinton's Press Coverage."**



Melissa Miller

with Barack Obama, she referred to the Saturday Night Live spoof: "Ask Barack if he's comfortable and needs another pillow." Has her coverage really been biased, less issue oriented, more negative?



Jeffrey Peake

These BGSU researchers studied campaign-related articles in 27 newspapers from across the country, content coding them to gauge the relative amount of coverage for each candidate, its content, its substance and its tone (negative, positive, neutral). Supported by a grant from the Center for Research Libraries and grants from the BGSU Office of Sponsored Programs and Research and the Department of Political Science, this research will allow Dr. Miller and Dr. Peake to "test the Saturday Night Live hypothesis." Join us to hear their informed conclusions!

Based on the preliminary findings of their large-scale study of press coverage of all the presidential candidates, Dr. Miller and Dr. Peake will address Hillary Clinton's contention that the media's coverage of her campaign has been more negative than that of her competitors. During a televised debate

## **Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq: what is the real war on terror?** **Afghani/Mideast scholar, a Maumee native, to speak June 26**



Thomas E. Gouttierre, a 1958 graduate of Maumee High School who is Dean of International Studies and Programs and Director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will speak at Way Library on Thursday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Dr. Gouttierre will speak on **"Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq: What is the Real War on Terror?"** This presentation is intended to focus attention on the three "hot spots" of global tension/warfare and examine these conflicts with respect to the issue of international terrorism.

The recipient of an honorary doctorate and Distinguished Alumnus Award from BGSU, Mr. Gouttierre lived and worked in Afghanistan for 10 years, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, a Fulbright Fellow and executive director of the Fulbright Foundation. He also coached the Afghan National Basketball Team.

After assuming his position at UNO in 1974, he has served as a UN peacekeeper, a Fulbright ambassador, and as a member of the International Rescue Committee's Citizens Commission on Afghanistan Refugees. He has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House of Representatives committee on International Relations. He has written books and spoken extensively on topics related to the Mideast.

## **Small Business Basics on May 5**

The Small Business Basics workshop with Dan Slifko, SCORE counselor, will be held on Monday, May 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This free class will cover name registration, licensing, business entities, financing, taxation, insurance, business planning, employees and marketing. To register, call 419-874-3135 x134.

**Growing Up Online:** How radically has the Internet transformed childhood? See and discuss this documentary at the PBS Program Club Thursday, May 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Mary Meyer, 419-874-3135x100.



## **NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY**

- **Way's new Inspirational Fiction Book Group** is still accepting members. The group which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. will read "Like Dandelion Dust" by Karen Kingsbury in May and "The Ultimate Gift" by Jim Stovall in June. Sign up at the Circ Desk!
- This Mother's Day (May 11), help your mother save \$3,600 a year on her prescription drugs. Income restrictions apply. Pick up a copy of a Social Security Mother's Day pamphlet at the library!

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## Fridays w/My Friend May 9

“A Cup of Kindness” will be shared by children ages 4-5 and their senior citizen friends at the next Way Library “Fridays With My Friend” intergenerational program on May 9, 1:30-3 p.m.



Participants will make teacup and button gifts, sing and play the “button game,” and eat button cookies. For more information, call Debbie DiGennaro, 419-874-3135x109.

## Humor and ‘Hat’itude May 22

Way Library will host the Red Hat Society in a program open to the general public on Thursday, May 22, from 10 a.m. until noon. Kathryn Kilpatrick, M.A., will speak on the role a good attitude and sense of humor can play in leading a healthy, vibrant life. Find out how you can accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative, improve communication and stay young at heart. Seating is limited at this free program with light lunch sponsored by Manor of Perrysburg, Bowling Green Manor and the Way Library Foundation. To register, call 419-874-3135 x109.

## Gadgets & Gizmos tech demo on May 1

At the Way Café area of the library at noon on Thursday, May 1, Best Buy representatives will demo **HD converter boxes**. These devices allow people to use older TVs to view new HD air-wave transmissions. Learn about this new technology and the changes it entails. Keep current with technology at Way!



## Dancing aWay event raises funds

The annual Foundation fund-raiser was presented to a sell-out crowd of 400+ on February 23. Proceeds of >\$20,000 will benefit the library and the Foundation’s Endowment Fund. Kelly Carter and John Lavella won the People’s Choice Award. Thank you, one and all, for your participation and generosity.