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Worthington Public Library

# Friends Newsletter

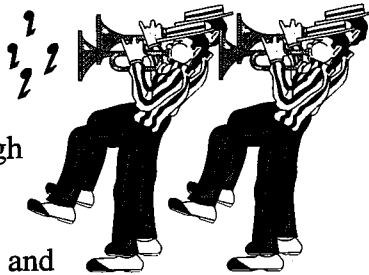
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## Old Worthington Library Opens!

The BIG NEWS this summer is the opening of the newly remodeled, expanded, and improved Old Worthington Library. Long-time patrons have been awaiting this day eagerly!

The doors opened **Monday, August 11**, and the opening celebration is set for **Saturday, August 23**.

The festivities begin at 8:30 A.M. with a parade from Jubilee to the Library, led by the Thomas Worthington High School Marching Band. There will be a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, and the doors will open at 9:00 A.M.

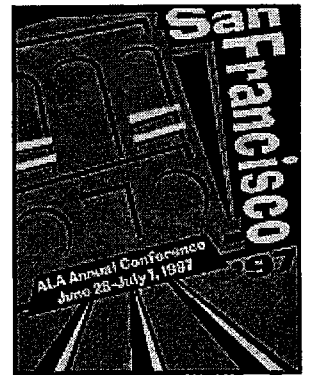


The Worthington Historical Society will display their *Celebrate the Architecture* model in the lobby. We will staff a membership table and open the gift counter all day. There will be refreshments and tours of the library throughout the day, as well as Appalachian music, a young adult scavenger hunt, and activities in Bookingham Forest.

As usual, many Friends are sharing in the preparations for this event, so we hope to see you there! ❖

## Friends Sponsor Librarian at ALA

Danna Rubel, a children's librarian, was our guest at the annual meeting of the American Library Association (ALA) in San Francisco this summer.

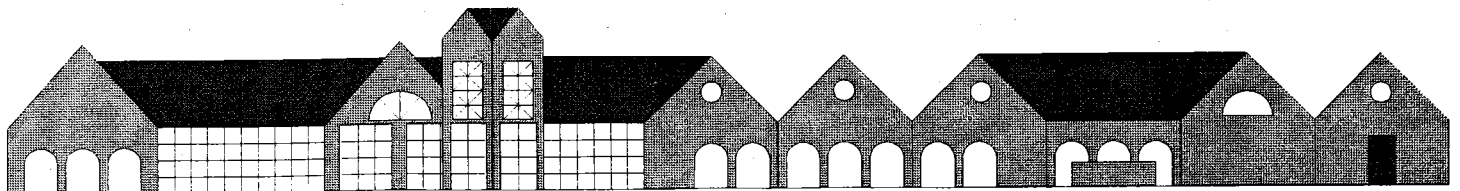


As she toured the city, Danna said "You could spot the librarians right off. They're the ones loaded down with HW Wilson bags, maps in hand, stopping to help other tourists find their way around!"

The theme of this year's conference was the importance of libraries to children. Danna reports that a major concern was how to handle technology in the library setting so it provides a service to children without overwhelming the main purpose of the library -- encouraging kids to read books!

Danna also discovered the *Top Ten Secrets of Friends* and presented these to our Board. Like past attendees, Danna came back feeling that the Worthington Public Library is a truly superior institution!

Danna was stationed at the Northwest Library, but now she brings her insights and ideas to the Old Worthington Library. Look for her in Bookingham Forest! ❖



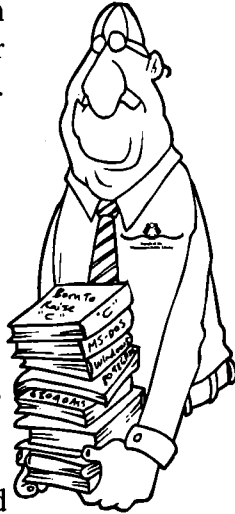
## Letter from the President

### Promises made, promises kept . . .

It's been an exciting few years for us all! When the Library promised the community a new Northwest Library and an enlarged, renovated Old Worthington Library in the space of just a few years, many people reacted with disbelief or dismay.

There was concern over the Old Worthington Library closing, and using the annex as a temporary facility. There were obstacles to overcome in construction, staffing, and other logistics. There were books to move. There were more books to move!

But our library staff and administration looked on every obstacle as an opportunity. In the midst of difficult circumstances, they provided quality service with grace, dignity, and sensitivity to the needs of the community. A good sense of humor hasn't hurt either!



Please join me and our Friends Board in extending an enormous **THANK YOU** for a job well done to Meribah Mansfield, Bobbi Richards, Bonnie Mitchell, and the staffs of the Northwest and Old Worthington libraries.

### Look for us in the lobby

When you visit the Old Worthington Library, you'll find our ongoing book sale and our new gift counter in the lobby.

We've graduated from a somewhat rickety peddlers' cart to a glass-front display case. The new counter provides ample storage and a permanent spot to display merchandise. Those volunteers who fondly (or perhaps not so fondly) remember the hassles of loading and unloading the cart, and who became quite skillful at putting wheels back on, will discover their patience has been rewarded.

We're fully stocked with great gift ideas, so check us out and take advantage of your 10% members discount. If you have some spare time, consider volunteering at the gift counter. Give me a call at 899-9272 or stop by the counter when it's open.

### Volunteers needed

Worthington now has two busy libraries. Lots of activities and special programs are planned for both, and the Friends plan to be present for all of them.

Many of your favorite programs sponsored by the Friends are returning to the Old Worthington Library this fall. **Armchair Travelers** will entice you to points near and far. Looking for a new spot for lunch? Join your friends and neighbors for **Book and Bag**.

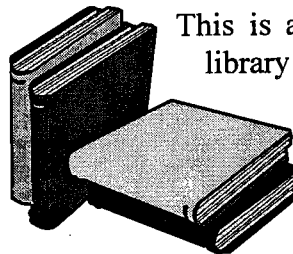
Get involved with your library and your community; let us know what is important to you. Call Carol Brieck at 899-9272 or Carol Ottolenghi-Barga at 645-2620 if you would like to be involved with these or other activities. There are many opportunities to volunteer -- we need your energy and your smiling faces!

The money we raise from gift sales, book sales, and memberships goes for further improvements to your libraries and supports many of the guest speakers, programs, and receptions at the libraries.

To those of you who offer your time and talents on a regular basis or for special events, I can never say it often enough -- **THANK YOU!** We couldn't do it without you. ❖

### Market Day Book Sale

Preparations are under way for our annual Market Day Book Sale. The sale will be held on the Village Green from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on **Saturday, September 6**. Prices will be reduced sometime after 3:00 P.M., but we will not continue the sale to Sunday this year. There will be a Friends-only presale **Friday, September 5**, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.



This is a great time cull your personal library for books you can donate to the sale. Please call Julie Reese at 436-4672 (days) if you have books to donate, or if you can help sort, move, or sell books. Julie plans two shifts for sorting books in the Huntington building: 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays.

This is Julie's last year as book sale manager. Let's send her off with a lot of support and thanks for her hard work! ❖

# Do You Know Who Your Friends Are?

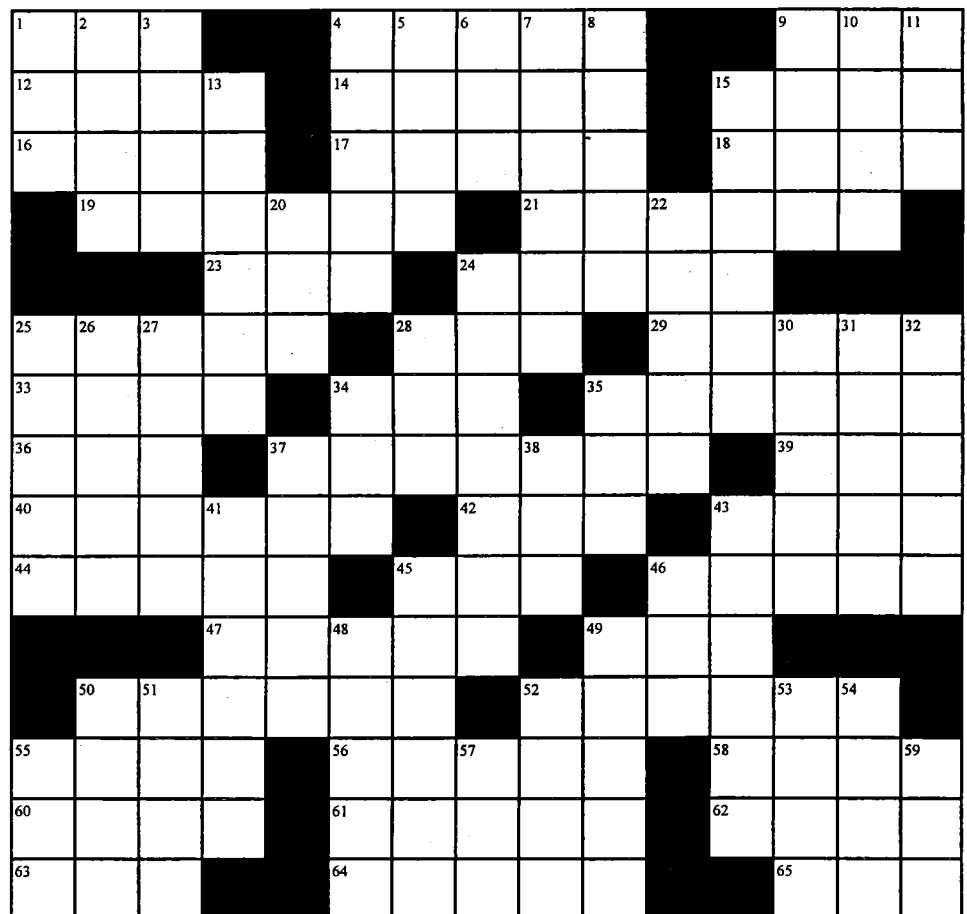
## ACROSS

1. Booksellers' org.
4. Not those
9. Short peaks
12. *Vice President, Membership*
14. Expensive watch
15. Word of woe
16. Bellow
17. Bay
18. "Death on the \_\_\_\_"
19. *President*
21. Sad
23. *Newsletter Editor*
24. Scottish lord
25. Madison Square Garden, for one
28. That girl
29. Lumps
33. Tear
34. Bambi's mom
35. PLO leader
36. Employ
37. *Where Friends meet*
39. To and \_\_\_\_
40. City in India
42. Ohio Library Council
43. Child's building block
44. Expect
45. Feather or constrictor
46. Wild
47. "Off the \_\_\_\_"
49. Noise
50. Goddess of wisdom
52. *Vice President, Programs*
55. "\_\_\_\_ Authors Series"
56. Downtown or uptown
58. Ms. la Douce
60. *Member at Large*
61. *Book Sale Manager*
62. Jump
63. Computer prog.
64. Revises
65. Suffix with *gluc* and *fruct*

## DOWN

1. Farming prefix
2. Doofus
3. From a distance
4. Instantly, in a \_\_\_\_
5. Sound of a frustrated motorist

6. Building addition
7. Fume
8. Bonus
9. DXXXVI, doubled
10. Baby powder
11. Worthington to Bexley dir.
13. *Library supporter*
15. Ms. Lansbury
20. One of the Gabor sisters
22. Irate
24. It started all the trouble at OWL
25. Resort island
26. Plant again
27. Humiliating medical procedure
28. Weep
30. Bid
31. *Ms. Ottolenghi's other half*
32. High chair
34. Most projects on HGTV
35. Curve
37. Woodworking tool
38. Librarians' org.
41. He stands next to the knight
43. Legume
45. Trumpeted
46. Alter
48. Accustom, var.
49. Hamlet extras
50. Hail at sea
51. Inside information
52. "Two Years before the \_\_\_\_"
53. Classic cookie
54. Dec. holiday
55. Approves
57. Chez Fritz
59. "The Naked \_\_\_\_"



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by Rebecca Wenden

## Members' Corner

We all know what fascinating books we can find for ourselves and our children at the library. I recently discovered the great collection of music we can find there too.

My ten-year-old daughter took violin lessons last year and was part of the fourth grade orchestra. Her teachers feel that listening to music is an integral part of learning to play an instrument. They sent home a newsletter suggesting that each child should pick ten pieces of classical music to listen to over the summer. They suggested a list of pieces, and mentioned that the Worthington Public Library has a fine selection of CDs and recordings.

Each month we profile a member of the Friends to learn how they use our libraries' resources to enhance their lives.

We went to the Northwest Library for our first selections. Wow! We found lots of music on the list and really enjoyed getting into the habit of listening to some of the great composers. I don't know if listening to classical music will really help my daughter become a better musician, but it certainly provided some peaceful moments around our hectic house this summer. If you have not noticed the great CD collection yet at the library, be sure to check it out!

*Jennifer Best, Friend and Library Trustee*

## Welcome to Our Newest Friends

*David and Doris Cook; Betty Havilcek; Holland Shepherd and Associates; Amy Hotter; Michael and Mary Kaminski; Mary Olson; Sue Poe; Tim Sergay, Jenny Hixon, and family; Sheila Sinno; Jean Six; Long Su; Blair and Kay Vermilion; Mary Lee Wenneker; Jeff, Karen, Matt, and Ben Williams; and Julia Zimmer*

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## Cast Your Vote!

It's time to elect a new Board of Directors! There will be plenty of new faces on the 1998 board, so come meet the candidates and let your vote be counted.



Our annual meeting will be **Sunday, November 23, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Northwest Library. The meeting is open to the public, although only members may vote.

This is your chance to review our accomplishments over the last year and participate in planning for 1998.

Following the business meeting, light refreshments will be served, and John and Kathlyn Heywood will entertain us with slides and tales of their past year in Norway. We hope to see you there! ❖

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Our nominating committee (Mary Lou Baker, John Heywood, and Bill McNutt) is still hard at work selecting an ideal slate of board candidates.

Board service is a tremendously rewarding activity. If you have the time and interest to serve on the Friends board, please contact any member of the nominating committee. They can supply you with job descriptions and other background information to give you an idea of the time commitment and responsibilities for each position.

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## Cover Girl

The cover of the October *Library Journal* features our own Meribah Mansfield, Director of the Worthington Public Library! Meribah serves as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Public Library Information Network, more familiarly known as OPLIN.

Don't let the acronym scare you! OPLIN's mission is both simple and profound: to provide equality of access to an astonishingly wide range of information to all Ohio citizens.

As Meribah says, "The public library has always been a great equalizer, and must continue this role in the electronic age." In the three years since the idea for OPLIN was conceived, all but one of the state's 250 main public libraries, and 328 branch libraries have acquired the tools to connect their patrons to the Internet and commercial databases.



Why has Ohio taken the lead in bringing public library users into the information age? Meribah credits the support of Governor Voinovich and our state legislature: the legislature appropriated over \$12 million to fund OPLIN for 1996 and 1997. Equally important is the long history of cooperation among Ohio libraries, dating to the 1967 founding of OCLC.

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## Welcome to Our Newest Friends

Thanks to Tanya Goff and her loyal volunteers, we signed up almost fifty new members this summer!

Our total stands at 444, including 5 juniors, 87 seniors, 106 individuals, 121 families, 71 supporting members, 20 patrons, 13 super friends, and 21 honorary members.



Honorary memberships are awarded to local businesses who donate goods or services to the Library or the Friends.

We heartily welcome our newest Friends, and hope to meet many of you at the annual meeting.

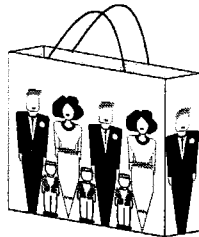
Betty J. Andreas; Ralph Arthur; Maria Teresa Beck; Carol Bratha; Dave and Thomas Buchanan; Clara Bunk; Leon Chang; Cassandra Clancy; Marie Coffield; Loretta Cory; Mrs. Richard C. Deeg; Roland Elderkin; Margaret S. Foster; Cindy Frankland; Mary Gins; Suanne Goings; Richard Graham; E. Ann Greiffendorf; Merrienne Hackathorn; Jean Hall; Patricia Harmon; Chris, Alex, and Greg Highley; Dan Hissom; Carlos Hoyt; Steven and Donna Jackson; Jubilee Foods; Mohammed Karimnamazi; Joe Kearns; Susie Kneedler; Rich Landis; Jean Lineberger; Susan and Richard Ogden; Tom and Sara Ogg; Joan Ottolenghi; Jim and Lee Ann Parsons; Stephanie Rescek; Linda Rice; Sharon Riskedahl; Armand Romano, Jr.; Sue Schregardus; Maxine Staiger; Monica Swint; Deborah Telfer; Charlotte Theibert; James Tighe; George Yeager; Lois Yoakam; Warren Wowczuk; Frances Wider; Michael Womer. ♦

### A Reminder to Our Current Members

Your prompt renewal will save us the expense of repeated mailings, and allow us to dedicate more funds to supporting the Library.

## Gift Counter News

The sparkling new gift counter at the Old Worthington Library attracted oohs and ahs at the grand opening. And the upcoming holidays provide us with a great opportunity for fund raising through gift sales. We need a few more volunteers so we can expand the hours. Please call Carol Brieck at 899-9272 to find a shift that is convenient for you. ♦



## Join the Friends Today!

Complete this form and attach a check payable to Friends of the Worthington Public Library. Return your application to the Circulation Desk at either library, or mail it to the Friends at 820 High Street, Worthington Ohio 43085. You will receive a Friends membership sticker for your library card.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone (Day/Evening)

E-mail Address

### Membership Level

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 18) | \$ 5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (over 60)  | 7.50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual        | 10.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family            | 15.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting        | 25.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron            | 50.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super Friend *    | 100.00  |

\* A book will be donated to the library in the name of each Super Friend.

Amount Enclosed

Application Date

### Volunteer Interests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Sales            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Homebound   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Newsletters |                                      |

### GIFT COUNTER HOURS

MONDAY . . . . . 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
 TUESDAY . . . . . 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON  
 . . . . . 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
 SUNDAY . . . . . 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.



## Members' Corner

We profile a member of the Friends in each newsletter.

In this special edition, Library Director Meribah Mansfield pays tribute to Carol Briek, President of the Friends.

The Friends' elections this November herald a bittersweet moment for me. While new board members bring an exciting influx of vitality and fresh ideas to the Friends board, I am sorry that Carol Briek will be leaving the position of President.

Last year, at my request, Carol agreed to continue as President for 1997. The Library had been through two of the most challenging years that I have experienced in my 25 years as a librarian. I knew that we had one more rough year ahead of us, and I was confident that it would be smoother with Carol at the helm of the Friends.

During Carol's three-year tenure as President, the Worthington Public Library opened the Northwest Library; evacuated the Old Worthington Library because the roof failed; then repaired, remodeled and expanded the Old Worthington Library.

Throughout it all, Carol was unstinting in her support of the Library's efforts, donating thousands of volunteer hours and coordinating other Friends volunteers who worked at the Library, baked goodies, held fundraisers, and more.

I am very grateful to Carol for the time and effort she gave to all of us, and very proud to count her as a friend, as well as a Friend.

*Meribah Mansfield*  
Director, Worthington Public Library

## Cover Girl (continued from page 1)

If you have not yet taken advantage of our new 'wired' library, it's time to get your feet wet! Meribah's story in the *Library Journal* will give you a sound background. Or attend CyberSchool at the Library.

When you face that computer for the first time, you won't be alone--our library staff is trained to help you.

The Worthington Public Library is uniquely positioned to guide every patron into the age of online access to global information. Take the plunge! ♦

## Fellow Officers Speak Out

"We are fortunate to have Carol's energy and initiative. She takes care of the behind-the-scenes details that make it all happen."

*Bill Mattox*

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"Carol's outstanding leadership and tireless work has benefitted the Friends, the Library, and ultimately, our whole community."

*Tanya Goff*

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"Carol's love of the Library inspired her to lead us in the rejuvenation and successful operation of the Friends."

*Gary Kopp*

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"Carol's dedication to the Friends made it a pleasure to serve with her. She set a high standard for our organization and the board."

*Marge Fenton*

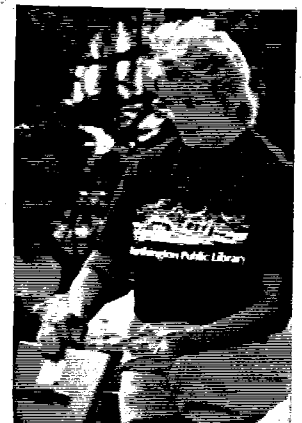
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"Carol's personal grace and warmth motivates us all to do our best for the Friends and the Library."

*Rebecca Wenden*

## Market Day Book Sale

A big THANK YOU to Julie Reese for managing another successful book sale! Julie is stepping down for a well-deserved rest after training her able successor, Tammy Collins. Together, this team netted about \$2,400 for the Friends, despite the logistical difficulties presented by ongoing construction at the Old Worthington Library.



*Treasurer Marge Fenton*

You don't have to wait for next September to find great bargains on used books. Shop the ongoing book sales at the Old Worthington and Northwest Libraries.

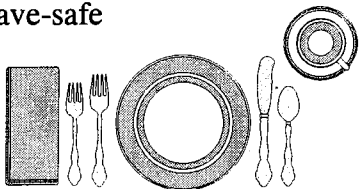
Your donations of current fiction, non-fiction, and children's books are always welcome. Drop off your books (in good condition, please!) at the circulation desk of either library. We regret that we cannot accept textbooks or encyclopedias. ♦

## 'Library Warming' Wish List

We're nearing the final phase of the Old Worthington Library's expansion and remodeling, and it's time for some finishing touches.

We would like to stock the staff kitchen and provide the library with catering supplies for public events.

For the staff kitchen we need: table service for 16 (dinner plates, bowls, small plates, glasses, and silverware); microwave-safe bowls and containers of various sizes; dish towels; and no-iron table cloths.



For hospitality we need: serving bowls and trays; serving spoons and forks; large no-iron table cloths; and a tea pot.

If you can supply any of the items on this wish list, please contact Carol Ottolenghi-Barga at 645-2620. ❖



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