

Friends Newsletter



Friends of the
Worthington Public Library

Spring 2000

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Volunteer Recognition Day

The library wants to show its appreciation for its volunteers. If you are a Friend who has sorted books, worked at the gift counter or filed in the Worthington Room you are invited. Thank you for helping to make the library a wonderful place. The Special Program and Reception will be held Sunday, April 9 at 2 pm in the Northwest Library Meeting Room. See you there!

Special Book Sale

We are running out of storage space thanks to all the generous donations. All types of books will be available for sale on Saturday, May 13 from 11 am - 5 pm in the Old Worthington Library Meeting Room. The proceeds will benefit the Worthington Public Library!

The Faces behind the Literature

Author Visits

Pete Hautman writes for teens and adults. He will read and discuss some of his works. Two teen favorites are *Stone Cold* and *Mr. Was*. His work is distinguished by his realistic portrayal of young adults. His young characters are often faced with tough, sometimes dangerous, situations that inevitably force them to make life-altering decisions. *Kirkus Reviews* called *The Mortal Nuts*, a novel for adults, "as blissful as a ton of cotton candy." Other novels include: *Mrs. Million*, *Ring Game* and *Drawing Dead*. He will also visit McCord and Kilbourne middle schools.

Locations:

Northwest Library Meeting Room
Monday, April 17 7 pm

Old Worthington Library
Meeting Room
Tuesday, April 18 7 pm

National Library Week

Mark your calendars because the library has a full author and event schedule to celebrate National Library Week, April 9 -15!

Community Breakfast

Calling all Friends – join us for the Worthington Community Breakfast to celebrate National Library Week. Come mingle with other Worthington community members! The breakfast buffet will be held at the Old Worthington Library Meeting Room on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 am.



Bruce McMillan is an author and photo-illustrator. He has written over 40 books, including *Eating Fractions*, *Growing Colors*, *Nights of the Pufflings* and *Wild Flamingos*. He will read and talk about his travels to Antarctica and Iceland, where he photographed penguins, puffins and "summer ice."

Bruce McMillan, a fitting grand finale to National Library Week!

Locations:

Northwest Library Meeting Room
Saturday, April 15 10:30 am

Old Worthington Library
Meeting Room
Saturday, April 15 2 pm



LIVE! At the Library 2000

Sponsored by the American Library Association and the Friends of the Worthington Public Library

The two year project offers grant opportunities for libraries, authors, artists and arts organizations to present theme-based cultural programs for library audiences. Literary, visual and performing artists explore important issues and ideas that face communities all across America. This program is an initiative of the American Library Association, with major support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund.

The Worthington Public Library in cooperation with the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (our partner in LIVE! At the Library 2000) presents our first two authors!

Sharyn McCrumb is an internationally-acclaimed *New York Times* best-selling author. Her work has been honored with several major crime fiction awards, including the Edgar, Agatha and Macavity, as well as, two Best Appalachian Novel Awards. McCrumb created the *Ballad Novel Series*. She is a third-generation Appalachian resident and refers to the Ballads as "colored scraps of legends...fragments of rural life and local tragedy" woven into books that capture life in Appalachia.

Books:

If I Ever Return...Pretty Peggy-O
The Rosewood Casket
The Ballad of Frankie Silver

Locations:

Northwest Library Meeting Room
Thursday, March 16 7:30 pm

Chris Crutcher is a well known and respected writer of young adult literature in America. He is praised for his honest portrayal of young people and his keen understanding of their lives. He often uses sports as an opening into the lives of his characters, who defy the "jock" stereotype and deal with difficult subjects - death, divorce, drug abuse and AIDS. His work is sensitive (with

humor) and stresses the positive attributes of dignity, honor, courage and tenacity.

Books:

Running Loose
The Crazy Horse Electric Game
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes and Ironman

Locations:

Old Worthington Library
Meeting Room
Wednesday, May 3 4 pm

Northwest Library Meeting Room
Wednesday, May 3 7 pm



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Calendar

June

Sign up for summer reading program @ Old Worthington Library's Fiction/AV Desk or Northwest Library's Information Desk.

July 13

"Double Indemnity" starring Barbara Stanwyck & Fred MacMurray, 7pm OWL Meeting Room.

July 15

Haggler's Day Book Sale!! 9am - 5pm OWL Meeting Room

July 20

"Sunset Boulevard" starring Gloria Swanson & William Holden, 7pm OWL Meeting Room

July 27

Author Visit by Billy Wilder biographer Ed Sikov, 7pm OWL Meeting Room

August

Sign up to volunteer for Market Day Book Sale

September 8

Market Day Book Sale members-only Pre-Sale!! 6-8pm Village Green

September 9

Market Day Book Sale all day Village Green

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Book Sale Planned

Haggler's Day, the giant community garage sale held every July on downtown sidewalks, is a Worthington tradition. This year, the Friends will be involved.

On July 15, from 9 am-5 pm, a Friends Haggler's Day Book Sale will be held in Old Worthington Library's Meeting Room, 820 High St.

Due to the nature of the sale, books will not be priced. Instead, customers can haggle, offering as much (or as little) as they want. All offers accepted with a minimum of haggling!

Just think, you can stock up on your summer reading supply for vacations, picnics and between innings at your children's softball games for next to nothing!

Children's books, cookbooks, mysteries, biographies, bestsellers—you're sure to find what you and your family are reading at the Haggler's Day Book Sale!

Volunteers Needed to Prepare for Market Day Book Sale

The Friends of the Worthington Public Library will hold its annual Market Day Book Sale on Saturday, Sept. 9, on the Village Green in downtown Worthington. The special members-only pre-sale will be held Friday evening from 6-8 pm.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends have collected more than 200 boxes of books. In the days leading up to the sale, the Friends will need help sorting and transporting (to an off-site storage area) the remainder of the donated books (more continue to arrive each day).

On the morning of Friday, Sept. 8, a rental truck will deliver the books to the Friends tent on the Village Green. From that point forward, it's a race against the clock to get the truck unloaded and the book tables ready for the 6 pm start of the members pre-sale. We really need extra help to get everything done on time. We also need volunteers to help run the sale on Sept. 9. If you're interested and available to help in the weeks prior to the sale and at the sale itself, please call Lisa Fuller at 645-2620.

Additionally, if you know of an organization that would be interested in receiving any books left over from the sale (we no longer have additional storage facilities after the sale), please give Lisa a call.

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Summer Reading Program

Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library have a busy summer planned for children, young adults and adults with this year's summer reading programs, sponsored by the **Friends**.

Escape to Book Island is this year's theme for the children's program, which runs through Aug. 5, and they are invited to do just that with fun prizes as rewards. Unique visits from a pirate, a knight, a Civil War soldier and more are certain to entertain and educate.

The young adult and adult program themes, *I Know What You Read Last Summer* and *There's Something About Reading* respectively, promise just as much fun. Participants in each program, which runs through Aug. 26, get great prizes after reading three, six and ten books and have a chance to win the grand prize, a \$50 gift certificate to Marcus Cinemas.

You and your family can sign up now for the programs at Old Worthington Library's Fiction/AV Desk or Northwest Library's Information Desk.

Billy Wilder Film Fest & Author Visit

Plan to join us at Old Worthington Library this summer as we celebrate the work of Billy Wilder, legendary writer, producer and director.

The celebration, which is completely funded by the **Friends**, includes the screening of two Wilder classics, *Double Indemnity* and *Sunset Boulevard*, and a visit by Wilder biographer, Ed Sikov.

Double Indemnity, starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray, will be shown on July 13; *Sunset Boulevard*, with Gloria Swanson and William Holden, on July 20. Both screenings are free and will start at 7 pm in Old Worthington Library's Meeting Room, 820 High St. Dave Filipi, Curator of Media Arts at the Wexner Center for the Arts, will introduce both films.

On July 27, Ed Sikov, author of *On Sunset Boulevard: The Life & Times of Billy Wilder* will read and sign copies his latest work.

Pieced together from interviews, biographies and other resources, *On Sunset Boulevard* examines Wilder's early life in Austria and his eventual rise to the top in Hollywood.

Sikov's presentation is scheduled in Old Worthington Library's Meeting Room at 7 pm on July 27. It is a free event.

Community Relations Assistant Hired

Welcome to Hillary Kline, the newest addition to the Worthington Public Library's (WPL) Community Relations Department!

Hillary comes to WPL from the Ohio Dental Association (ODA), where she planned the organization's annual convention and contributed to their monthly newsletter.

She was also in charge of ODA's Membership Department, and she'll be putting her expertise in that area to work for the Friends. She will assist WPL Community Relations Coordinator Lisa Fuller and the Friends Board in determining ways to recruit new members and retain current ones.

"I really think Hillary is going to be an asset to the Library's team," said Lisa. "She's a hard worker with lots of energy and great ideas."

Hillary's responsibilities also include designing Library promotional materials and developing a staff newsletter.

Membership Survey

By now, each of you should have received a Friends membership survey in the mail. The focus of the survey is to find out how satisfied members are with the Friends organization and their member benefits. We'll report the results of the survey in an upcoming newsletter. In the meantime, we ask that you complete your survey and return it to the Friends office as soon as possible. If you didn't receive a survey, please call Lisa Fuller at 645-2620.

May Book Sale a Success

On May 13th, the Friends held a very successful book sale in the meeting room of Old Worthington Library. The one-day sale made close to \$1,000. Another sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 15—details on front.



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New Friends Welcomed

Thank you to the following people who've joined our organization since the beginning of the year:

- ◆ Robert Amerine
- ◆ Marjorie Antrim
- ◆ Betty Barbe
- ◆ Eugene Brown
- ◆ Robert & Jane Cardwell
- ◆ Courtney Chapman & Barbara Avery
- ◆ Bob & Sandy Cobb
- ◆ Jill Dardig
- ◆ Dorie-Ellen Eisenman
- ◆ Evelyn Gawisek
- ◆ Karen & Pete Huling
- ◆ Dick & Judy Hunter
- ◆ Nancy Jones
- ◆ Richard Long
- ◆ Thomas & Kim Moske
- ◆ Henrietta Nichols
- ◆ Violet Postle
- ◆ Carol Sullivan
- ◆ Christine & Carol Togni
- ◆ Leslie Zuk
- ◆ Eileen Watson



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Calendar



of Events

Nov. 30

Friends Annual Meeting, 7 pm
Northwest Library Meeting Room

December

Happy holidays!

January

Sign up to volunteer for a two-hour
shift at the February book sale. Call
Lisa Fuller at 645-2620.

Feb. 17

Winter book sale, 9 am-5 pm
Old Worthington Library Meeting
Room

Upcoming Events



Friends members hear
about these events first!

Friends annual meeting set for Nov. 30

The Friends of the Worthington Public Library will hold their annual meeting on **Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 pm** in the Northwest Library Meeting Room, 2280 Hard Road.

The agenda includes discussion of 2000 finances and the election of new Board members. All members are invited to attend this meeting. For more information, please call Lisa Fuller at 645-2620.

The following are nominees to the Friends Board of Directors:

Pamela Hanson

Pamela has been a Worthington resident since 1988. She holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is currently employed as a materials

planner administrator at Oasis Corp. Pamela has served on the Leadership Worthington Board of Trustees since 1998. Her son, Scott, is a recent graduate of Thomas Worthington High School. Pamela states that she loves books and reading and is frequent library user.

William K. Northrup

Bill has served public education for 33 years, taking his first high school principal position in 1980, and retiring as principal of Worthington High School in 1998. He now serves as a partner in Conrath, Northrup, and Rhinehart Associates which is a full service educational consulting firm. Bill is married with three children and four grandchildren.

Plan now to attend Friends winter book sale — Feb. 17!

Book donations have been arriving steadily since the Market Day Book Sale helped us clean house in September (see *related story*). Now it's time to mark your calendars for the **first Friends book sale of 2001—Saturday, Feb. 17.**

The sale is scheduled from 9 am-5 pm in Old Worthington Library's Meeting Room, 820 High St.

Come prepared to stock up on the rest of your winter reading!

As always, volunteers will be needed

to help bring books up from our lower level storage room and arrange them on tables by category. Set-up will be all day Friday, Feb. 16. Call Lisa Fuller, 645-2620, if you'd like to volunteer for a two-hour set-up shift.



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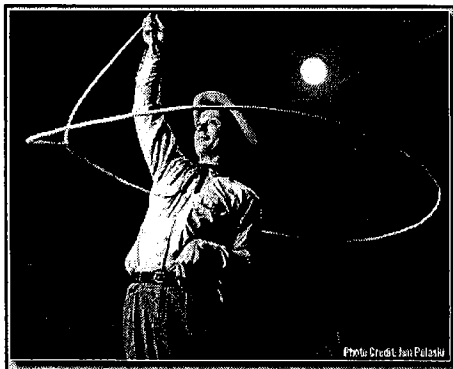
Community enjoys "visit" from legend

Over 30 people gathered at Northwest Library last month to experience a *Tribute to Will Rogers* by Chicago entertainer Lance Brown.

Judging from the applause, those who attended enjoyed the program, which was sponsored by the Friends, and lingered after it was over to share memories of and ask questions about one of the most famous people of the early 1900s.

The audience oooo'ed and ahhh'ed over Lance's rope tricks and hummed along with his period songs. The entertaining tribute also included first-person portrayals and third-person accounts of Will's life and times.

Not only Friends members turned out for the program, although there were



Rope tricks were a highlight of last month's Friends-sponsored event, *A Tribute to Will Rogers*.

many. Several families were in attendance with their young children and took the opportunity to get a few once-in-a-lifetime photos with the lariat-swinging Lance.

Readers flock to SRP

This year's Summer Reading Program was a great success on all levels. Completion rates for children, young adult and adult programs all increased!

The Friends contributed to the success of the program by funding all programming and prizes.

Grand prize winners in the Young Adult and Adult categories each received a \$50 Marcus Crosswoods gift certificate.

Here are the final statistics:

Children's—4,716 registered and 2,326 completed the program (an increase of 16.1 percent from 1999)

Young Adult—428 registered and 182 completed the program (more than twice as many as last year)

Adult—831 registered and 228 completed the program (up 12 percent from 1999)

Market Day Book Sale success story

Minus expenses, September's Market Day Book Sale generated almost \$2,700 for the Friends and our libraries.

Thank you to all members who shopped the sale on Saturday and took advantage of pre-sale privileges Friday evening. Undoubtedly, you helped make our book sale financially successful!

A special thanks goes to those Friends who volunteered their time—a resource that is fast becoming scarce—

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before, during and after the sale: Irene Candy, Marilyn Carter, Emma-Jean Cole, Wayne and Waneita Dipner, John & Kathlyn Heywood, Eileen Kobee, Bill McNutt, Ann Oakley, Jack & Mary Parrish and Lisa Sahr.

Without their hard work sorting, transporting, loading and unloading books; setting up book tables by category and keeping them stocked; and taking money and bagging purchases the event would not have been nearly as successful.

Thanks also to the numerous Friends members who baked and brought goodies throughout the weekend to keep everyone's strength and spirits up.

WPL staff assume membership duties

Move expected to enhance member service, recruitment efforts

In an effort to provide Friends members with better service, membership management was brought in-house earlier this year, and is now the responsibility of a full-time library staff person, not a volunteer.

Strides have already been made in updating information and correcting records on the Friends database as well as contacting past members and recruiting new ones.

We appreciate your patience during the transition.

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New Friends

Welcome and thank you to the following people who've joined our organization since June!

- ◆ George & Evelyn Bell
- ◆ Jean C. Bowman
- ◆ Richard Bradley
- ◆ Lou J. Briggs
- ◆ Robert & Jackie Browning
- ◆ Marcia Buban
- ◆ Steve & Vicki Buchenroth
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- ◆ Richard Furnstahl & Teresa Stankiewicz
- ◆ Sabrina R. Goss
- ◆ Marjorie B. Grove
- ◆ Susanne P. Hale
- ◆ Rebecca Harty
- ◆ Donald E. Haskell
- ◆ Jane & Scott Haynes
- ◆ Nancy Hellickson
- ◆ Jerry & Janet Henderson
- ◆ Anne Herod
- ◆ Barbara & Charles Hoffmann
- ◆ John & Linda Hood
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- ◆ Todd Russell
- ◆ Lisa Sahr
- ◆ John & Linda Safford
- ◆ Louise & Eric Shively
- ◆ Hugh & Candy Showe
- ◆ Dan Snell
- ◆ Paul & Millie Somers
- ◆ Elizabeth Sommer
- ◆ Richard & Elizabeth Surface
- ◆ Lisa Swope
- ◆ Caryl Trittipio
- ◆ Peter, Kathy & Debbie Tschofen
- ◆ Anna P. Wakely
- ◆ Naila & Steve Webb
- ◆ Virginia B. Weinhold
- ◆ Jim Wheeler
- ◆ Karen Wickliff
- ◆ Warren Wowczuk
- ◆ William & Peggy Wolfe
- ◆ Jay & DeAnn Young