Friends of the Library

Newsletter

Spring 2001

Friends members hear about these events first!

Upcoming Events

Your help needed to plan library’s future

Please answer the following: "I wish the Library..."

Perhaps you said "had more parking," "offered more computer training classes" or even "would stay the way it is." Whatever your Library Wish List includes, let us know next week during Future Search.

During the conference, which is scheduled March 27 and 28 and is sponsored by the Friends, we’ll decide the future of library service in Worthington based on your suggestions.

We want to hear from the entire community—parents, teachers, students, business people, frequent library patrons and people who’ve never visited the Library. In order to accurately plan our future, we need as much input from as many people as possible.

Facilitated by an expert in strategic planning for libraries, Future Search sessions (there are two each day) will focus on the future of library services and the changing role of libraries.

Each session will be different and you are welcome to attend one or all four. Everyone will be encouraged to participate and offer feedback about what they want in an ideal library.

The first session will focus on the library’s history, giving participants a sense of perspective before they look ahead and begin to discuss new ideas and potential changes in later sessions.

Information gleaned from the Future Search conference will be used to prepare a three-year strategic plan. The Library’s Board of Trustees last —see Future Search, reverse side

Save the date! Spring book sale is May 5

Plan to pick up all your summer reading material at the next Friends book sale—Saturday, May 5.

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

As always, volunteers will be needed to help bring books up from our lower level storage room and arrange them on tables by category on Friday, May 4.

Friends who volunteer to help set up for the sale get to shop early!

Call Lisa Fuller at 645-2620, if you’d like to volunteer for a two-hour set-up shift.

Friends Funds

Your membership $$$ make our libraries fun and educational!

Author visits

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends, two popular writers will soon be meeting with and talking to eager fans of all ages at Northwest Library and Old Worthington Library.

Ohio resident Margaret Peterson Haddix will visit Northwest Library on Saturday, March 31. Haddix is the author of several critically-acclaimed books for children and young adults including Running Out of Time; Turnabout; Don’t You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey; Just Ella and many others.

Children, teens and parents are invited to bring their lunches to this informal author event, which will begin at noon in the Meeting Room.

Jennifer Crusie was born Jennifer Smith in a small Ohio town on the banks of the Auglaize River. A graduate of Bowling Green University, she is hailed as one of the best romance writers of our time. Her novels include Welcome to Temptation, Crazy for You, Manhunting, Tell Me Lies and The Cinderella Deal.

You can meet Crusie on Sunday, April 1 at 3 pm in the Old Worthington Library Meeting Room.

Happy Birthday!

It’s been five years since Northwest Library opened its doors and the Friends will help mark the occasion by sponsoring a birthday celebration and open house on Monday, April 16 from 3-7 pm in the library Meeting Room.

Far North Library location considered

Worthington Libraries is currently exploring the possibility of building a library in the northeast area of its service district.

While the Library purchased 3,792 acres in 1995 to preserve the option of a future northeast library, voters would need to pass an additional operating levy for it to become a reality.

Partnerships are being explored, including one with the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department to cluster the library with a new recreation center to be built directly east of the library’s land.

We’re also discussing cooperative library service with the Delaware County District Library, since its service district is directly north of ours. —see Far North Library, reverse side
Spring brings lots of changes to Library

A new location, a new logo and a new way of finding out about library programs and events—be sure to check out all our exciting changes!

www.worthingtonlibraries.org

More than just a redesigned version of the library’s Web site, Worthington Libraries Online is a “real” library you can visit without leaving home. With WLO, you can reserve and renew books, read magazine articles, check stock prices, e-mail a reference question and much more.

Another new WLO feature is “My Library.” Opening a “My Library” account is easy—all you need is a library card—and you can customize your own library page with the resources and Web sites you use most often.

New logo

Worthington Libraries has also updated its logo (at right). The new logo is representative of a turning page—as in “turning the page on a new era of library service.”

E-mail notification

Now you can use any computer to find out about all the programs and events the library has scheduled. Just visit our Web site and sign up for e-mail notification. You can also fill out a form available at the Circulation Desk at either Old Worthington Library or Northwest Library.

WORTHINGTON LIBRARIES

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Winter sale success!

Last month’s book sale was a great success, thanks to the help of the following Friends volunteers: Irene Candy, Marilyn Carter, Emma-Jean Cole, Pamela Hanson, Eileen Kebee, Gretchen Northrup, Ginny Ronning, Carol Verny and Mary Lee Wennerkehr.

The sale generated over $800, minus expenses, for the Friends and our libraries and cleared out a storage room that had become crowded since the last FOL sale in September.

Advertisements in area community newspapers brought book buyers from all over Columbus, including New Albany, Westerville and Upper Arlington.

The next Friends book sale is planned May 5 (see related story on reverse side).

Welcome and thank you to the following people who’ve joined our organization since November!

• Sheldon & Jacqueline Chizever
• David Cromer
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from Future Search

adopted a Leadership Agenda in October 1997.

All four Future Search sessions will be held in Griswold rooms C and D of the Clarion Hotel, 7007 N High St. The two morning sessions will run from 9 am – noon, following a continental breakfast. Lunch will be served at noon and both afternoon sessions are scheduled from 1–4 pm.

Bring your thoughts and ideas—even your complaints—about the library, its programs and services to Future Search. For information or to RSVP for lunch, call 645-2620.

DesignGroup, the company that designed both the Northwest Library and the renovation of Old Worthington Library, have been hired by the City of Columbus as the architects for the Recreation Center project.

Last month, the Worthington Libraries Board of Trustees voted to work with DesignGroup to prepare a design schematic for the possible Far North library location.

The Board will spend the next few months evaluating the possibility of placing a library levy on the November ballot.
WL Board puts third building on hold

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A partnership between the two library systems does not look likely.

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—see Levy, back page

Upcoming Events

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Book sale to blend trend and tradition

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Plus we're also doing a service by recycling our books back to the community."

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Calendar

of Events

Wednesdays through September 19
Market Day Book Sale Sorting, 3 pm* Old Worthington Library Friends storage room (lower level of library)
*Evening hours are available; call 645-2620, ext. 247 or 250 for more information.

September 21
Market Day Book Sale Set-up, 9 am-5 pm Village Green northeast quadrant
Market Day Book Sale Members-Only Pre-Sale, 6-8 pm Village Green northeast quadrant

September 22
Market Day Book Sale, 9 am-5 pm Village Green northeast quadrant

October 10
Lance Brown: Vintage Music, Jazz, Blues & Humor, 7 pm Old Worthington Library Meeting Room
Friends Funds

Summer Reading Program
Worthington Libraries staff is nearing the end of a busy summer for children, young adults, and adults with this year’s summer reading programs, sponsored by the Friends.

Adventure Readers, the children’s program theme, ended Aug. 4 and was a record-breaker—over 5,000 children signed up! Unique programs from the Richens Timm Academy of Irish Dance and the Ohio Wildlife Center entertained and educated hundreds.

The young adult and adult theme, Bookstock, has been as well-received as Adventure Readers. Participants in each program, which runs through Aug. 25, get great prizes after reading a specified number of books and have a chance to win the grand prize, a $50 gift certificate for adults and an Canon camera for young adults.

Staff picnic
Approximately 75 Worthington Libraries staff and board members and their families turned out June 15 to root, root, root for the home team at this year’s summer picnic at Cooper Stadium. The Columbus Clippers defeated the Norfolk Tides and, thanks to the Friends, those picnickers who attended were treated to a buffet meal and a birds-eye view of batting practice.

Staff support is an important Friends function and those who attended last month’s summer picnic at Cooper Stadium had a great time. Above, the welcoming scoreboard. At left, fun during the seventh inning stretch.

from Book Sale, front page

special pricing plan for newer and collectible books.

Newer hardbacks and paperbacks (copyright date 1998-2001) will now cost $5 and $3, respectively.

Not only are newer books being separated out for special pricing, during weekly sorting sessions, Friends volunteers are also pulling collectible books from among the donations we receive almost every day. These books have the potential to sell for far more than our standard prices of .50 (for paperbacks) and $1 (for hardbacks).

The collectible books will be researched and priced accordingly. “It’s time to take our book sales to the next level,” said Friends Board President Carol Verno. “Now that the library’s state funding has been frozen, the Friends will be called upon to fund more projects. In order to keep this system one of the best in the state, we need to be ready to answer that call.

Market Day Book Sale

MEMBERS-ONLY PRE-SALE!

Your Friends membership gets you on the guest list!

DATE: Friday, September 21
TIME: 6-8 pm
PLACE: Village Green (northeast quadrant)

Saturday, September 22
Help will be needed to:
—keep book tables stocked
—bag purchases
—staff a Friends membership table
—box up books at sale-end and return them to Worthington Libraries’ storage facility

Members who aren’t available September 21 or 22 can still get involved by sorting books on Wednesday afternoons at 3 pm. Evening hours are also available; call 645-2620, ext. 247 or 250 for more information.

Thanks to the following members who’ve already agreed to volunteer:

• Jennifer Best
• Irene Candy
• Marilyn Carter
• Emma-Jean Cole
• Myra Collins
• Brenda Doner
• Bill Gilbert
• Merrianne Hackathorn
• John & Kathlyn Heywood
• Martin Jenkins
• C.G. Jones
• Kevin & Terry Jones
• Eileen Kobee
• John Litchfield
• Roger Long
• Anne McGregor
• Bill McNutt
• John Morse
• Hat O’Toole
• Jack & Mary Parrish
• Joann Patton
• Violet Postle
• Pat Radloff
• Lisa Sahr
• Judy Schomaker
• Linda Smith
• Brent Spence
• Carol Verno
• Betsy Warner
• Barbara & Dick Webster
• Mary Lee Weneeker
McCormicks earn reputation as noted historians

Authors on topics ranging from educational architecture in Ohio to Worthington landmarks, you just can't research area history without running into (figuratively and literally) longtime Friends members Robert and Virginia McCormick along the way.

Recognized throughout the state as noted authors and historians, the Worthington residents have been busy since retiring from The Ohio State University, where they were both professors.

"History is something we both loved, but it was difficult to devote a lot of time to exploring it with full-time jobs," said Virginia. "After we both retired, we flipped from focusing on our professions to focusing on our avocations!"

Virginia spent two to three years travelling around the state researching her latest book, published in January.

The book, Educational Architecture in Ohio: From One-Room Schools & Carnegie Libraries to Community Education Villages, comments on the philosophies behind the architectural styles of Ohio’s schools and colleges, libraries and opera houses.

Virginia admits even retirement doesn't afford her all the time she needs to write all the books she wants, but that once she decides on an idea, research and writing aren't difficult.

"I always have more ideas than time to do books," she said, "but the books pretty much write themselves once I have a topic narrowed down."

Local historical societies, town records and newspapers articles are usually the foundation of Virginia’s research, but for her 1990 book, Farm Wife: A Self Portrait 1886-1896, her source of information was quite different. The book was based on the diaries of her great-grandmother, Margaret Dow Gabby, who lived in Bellefontaine in the late 1800s.

Virginia and Robert have also collaborated on several books including New Englanders on the Ohio Frontier: The Migration & Settlement of Worthington, Ohio and a biography of the founder of the 4-H club movement, A.B. Graham. Another collaborative effort, Probing Worthington's Heritage, was based on news columns the pair had written for the Worthington News.

Robert has also had several books of his own published including Cockney, written about his World War II Army unit and Around Worthington, a photo book completed as a Worthington Historical Society fundraiser.

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Program to celebrate vintage music

Well-known for his "Tribute to Will Rogers" show, which the Friends sponsored last fall, Lance Brown will return to the Library on Wednesday, October 10 with a program celebrating the music of the '20s, '30s and '40s entitled, "Vintage Music, Jazz, Blues & Humor."

This program returns Lance, who came to the acting end of show business from the musical side, to his roots. Playing guitar and singing standard and not-so-standard novelty tunes, he'll mix jazz, swing, blues and Dixieland with humor and exaggeration.

The popularity of his shows proves that the old vaudeville prescription still holds true today—music and laughter are the best medicines in the world.

This show is sure to move your body, touch your heart and tickle your funny bone. It will begin at 7 pm in the Old Worthington Library Meeting Room.

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Friends get clean audit

We're clean. So says the certified public accountant who audited the Friends' books earlier this year.

Working with treasurer Mary Lee Wenneker, Jennifer Best, a CPA and Friends member, reviewed our financial records and declared them to be in order.

The Friends Board has already put into effect bookkeeping suggestions made by Jennifer during the audit, which was done in accordance with our bylaws.

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New Friends

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

- Joseph & Michele Devine
- Rebecca & Jack Dicke
- Brenda Doner
- Cassie & Paul Jablonski
- Werner & Jeanne Kohles
- Todd J. McDaniel
- Thomas & Marianne O'Brien
- Kishor R. Parbhoo
- Myra Pavey
- Kathy & Jeff Willis
Turn gift counter into a money-maker!

Bookmarks, book plates, magnets, cards, rubber stamps, journals, address books and toys galore—the Friends gift counter has almost everything needed to make it a huge money-maker.

It's missing just one thing: you.

Located in the Old Worthington Library lobby, the gift counter has the potential to make a great deal of money for the Friends and Worthington Libraries, but it's open less than 10 hours per week.

Currently the gift counter is open Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons and is staffed by Friends members Kathlyn Heywood and Eileen Kobee.

"There's nothing difficult about working at the counter," said Kathlyn, "and it gets lots of traffic being located in the lobby. We could really do a lot with it if we had a core group of volunteers committed to keeping it open at least 25 or 30 hours a week."

Kathlyn makes sure the counter is stocked and open special hours during Friends book sales. She also takes gift counter items to sell at the Friends tent during Market Day.

Call Kathlyn at 846-4132 to volunteer.

---from levy, front page

Library staff are studying ways to provide library service to the far north area.

Although a levy will not be on the November ballot, the Board will spend the rest of the year preparing for a possible May campaign.

About half the library's funding comes from the state. The other half comes from a property tax levy passed by voters in 1992.

Worthington Libraries will make the current levy last as long as possible by carefully examining each expenditure while trying not to compromise service. At some point, however, they'll need additional operating funds to continue providing current levels of service.

A Far North Library may or may not be part of a future levy request.

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Upcoming Events

Friends annual meeting to be Nov. 28

All members are invited to attend the Friends’ annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7 pm in the Northwest Library Meeting Room, 2280 Hard Road.

In addition to a discussion of 2001 finances and the election of new Board members, several presentations are included on the agenda.

Sheila E. Vetter
Volunteer Recognition Award

Given in memory of a Northwest Library employee who died last fall, the Sheila E. Vetter Award honors an exceptional Worthington Libraries young adult and adult volunteer. The first-ever presentation of the award, which includes a $200 U.S. savings bond for each honoree, will take place at the annual meeting.

Worthington Bicentennial Update

Anne Brown, public information officer for the city of Worthington, will update those in attendance on plans for the city’s bicentennial celebration in 2003. Anne will also discuss volunteer opportunities on major event committees including Founder’s Day, the costume ball and the wagon train.

There will also be a live action "presentation" by Worthington founding father James Kilbourne.

Worthington Memory Project

From Worthington Libraries, Susan Allen will present a demonstration of the Worthington Memory Project. This project is a cooperation with the Worthington Historical Society to collect and digitize Worthington history materials and make them widely available via the Internet.

Board of Directors Nominees

C. Myra Colflesh believes in libraries so much, that when she learned Medary Elementary School—her children’s school—didn’t have one, she helped start one.

A Columbus resident since 1972, Myra started coming to Old Worthington Library because of its friendly atmosphere and people. Although she continues to work part-time, the longtime Friends member has found time to volunteer at book sales and the gift counter.

Myra and her husband have four grown children and 11 grandchildren.

Since moving to Worthington from Washington, D.C. with her husband almost a decade ago, Anne Doyle has been busy.

A lawyer with three children, Anne works at The Ohio State University Law School assisting students with special projects.

—see Annual Meeting, back page

Winter book sale scheduled for Feb. 2!

Book donations have been arriving steadily since the Market Day Book Sale helped us clean house in September (see related story, page 4). Now it’s time to mark your calendars for the first Friends book sale of 2002—Saturday, Feb. 2.

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. 1, or until setup is completed. Call Lisa Fuller, 645-2620, ext. 247 if you’d like to volunteer for a two-hour set-up shift.
Friends Funds

Lance plays to packed house

A full house gathered at Old Worthington Library last month to enjoy Lance Brown's latest Friends-sponsored program, *Vintage Music, Jazz, Blues & Humor.*

Almost 100 people filled the meeting room to hear the Chicago entertainer celebrate the music of the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

Well-known for his tribute to Will Rogers, which the Friends sponsored last fall, Lance had those in attendance humming and clapping along as he mixed jazz, swing, blues and Dixieland with humor and exaggeration.

Not only Friends members turned out for the program, although there were many and nearly everyone stayed to give Lance a standing ovation at the program's end and wish him a happy 57th birthday.

Fridays by the Fire returns in February, thanks to the Friends

Four groups of talented musicians will entertain library-goers in February, courtesy of the Friends.

Fridays by the Fire—a sure cure for the winter blues—will be held from 4-5:30 pm in the Fireplace Area of Old Worthington Library.

Feb. 1
Celtic Music
Featuring Kara Markley, Craig Markley & Beckie Boger

Craig Markley and his daughter, Kara, have been performing together since Kara was old enough to hold a fiddle. They specialize in playing traditional Celtic and original music and perform throughout Ohio and the surrounding states.

Craig and Kara will be joined by Beckie Boger, who plays a variety of instruments including guitar, flute and piano.

Feb. 8
Prairie Orchid
Featuring Sarah Goslee Reed & Lisa Hill

Sarah and Lisa, who grew up playing and listening to very different kinds of music, now share their love of singing to create delightful harmonies and write wonderful new songs. They play guitar, concertina, violin, rain sticks and various percussion. Prairie Orchid's music program is great for families and children of all ages!

Feb. 15
Prestige Cello Duo
Featuring Ruth Hay & Susan Walsh

Ruth Hay has played the cello all her life. Since 1985, she has performed with Cardinal Ensembles, Prestige Ensembles and Columbus Cellos, among others. She is the principal cello player for the Central Ohio Chamber Orchestra.

Ruth will be joined by Susan Walsh, who studied music at the University of Michigan and the State University of New York. In addition to cello, Susan also performs on viola and piano and is a registered violin teacher at the Suzuki Violin School of Columbus-Worthington.

Music for the program will include works by Bach, Telemann, Hindemith, Giardini, Boccherini, Gabrielle, Romberg and Bartok.

Feb. 22
Soirees Musicales: A Wind Trio
Featuring Overda Page, Nancy Gamso & Borden Brown

Flutist Overda Page has performed with the Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus symphonies and has toured throughout the U.S. and New Zealand.

Nancy Gamso, clarinetist, performs throughout central Ohio as a woodwind specialist. Her recent performances include musical theatre orchestras for the Broadway Series productions of *Fiddler on the Roof, Titanic* and *Wizard of Oz.*

Bassoonist Borden Brown has performed with the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, Northwind Quintet and Columbus Wind Trio.

Music for the program will include selections from Vivaldi, Rossini, Debussy, Mozart and Stravinsky.

Your membership $$$ at work making our libraries fun and educational!
Dedicated volunteers make Market Day a success

September’s Market Day Book Sale was a success on all levels. Not only did the sale net over $3,800 (up from last year’s $2,503) for the Friends and Worthington Libraries, but everything went flawlessly, from setup to tear-down, thanks to a terrific group of volunteers (see list at right).

“I’m very happy with the progress we made at this year’s sale,” said Carol Verty, Friends Board president. “Financially and in the recruitment of volunteers, I think we’re moving in the right direction.”

The financial success of the sale is due, in part, to a pricing change for newer books that was approved by the Friends Board this past summer. All newer hardbacks and paperbacks ranged from $5 to $2.

These books sold very well as did rare and collectible volumes, some of which went for $60 per set and $50 individually—a far cry from our standard prices of .50 (for paperbacks) and $1 (for hardbacks).

A concerted effort to keep expenses down also contributed to the sale’s financial success. Instead of incurring the additional cost of renting a storage facility for overflow books and a truck to move them to the sale site, the Friends were generously given the use of Worthington Schools’ former administration building on the Village Green. Advertising costs were also kept to a minimum.

Thank you to all members who came to Market Day and supported the Friends by shopping for books on Saturday, Sept. 22 or took advantage of pre-sale privileges the evening before. Even if you couldn’t volunteer, you helped make the sale a huge success!

Valued Friends volunteer and treasurer steps down

After four years as the hard-working treasurer of the Friends of Worthington Libraries, Mary Lee Wenneker has resigned her position, effective Nov. 28.

“She will be missed,” said Lisa Fuller, Worthington Libraries staff liaison to the Friends. “She’s been a dedicated volunteer throughout her tenure as treasurer.”

“You’ve probably seen Mary Lee if you’ve ever been to a Friends book sale. She’s the one working at the cashier’s table taking money. You could see her at that cashier’s table at any time during the sale, because she usually worked there the entire day, frequently skipping lunch so she wouldn’t have to leave her post. She had a real sense of ownership about her position even though it was a volunteer one,” said Lisa. “She’s always committed to doing her best.”

As treasurer, Mary Lee has been a careful steward of the Friends’ funds, keeping careful track of income and expenses and helping grow our reserves by acting on smart investment choices after consulting with the Friends Board.

Marge Fenton will take over for Mary Lee at the end of the year (see related story, front page).

New Friends

Welcome and thank you to the following people who’ve joined our organization since August!

- Tammy & Bill Bryant
- Palmer & Ruby Calderone
- Robert Clinger
- Jean Cox
- Brian Donovan
- Ruth & David Larcomb
- Sandy Leong
- Margaret Moorehead
- Ralph & Ann Podas
- E J Renne
- Gerald Roderick
- Donald Short, Jr

- William Stenken
- Robert & Helen Tippett
- Rosemarie Trenjan
- Philip Vanik
- David & Debi Worley
- Julia Yost
She was also co-chair of the recent "No in November" campaign that successfully defeated a Worthington Schools levy repeal attempt.

The Friends will soon welcome Marge Fenton back to the position she held for three years in the mid-1990s, treasurer. She will replace Mary Lee Wenneker, who will leave the Board at the end of the year.

Being a treasurer is something Marge has a great deal of experience with. She is currently a school treasurer for the Franklin County Educational Services Center and was recently treasurer of School Employee Retirees of Ohio (she is now the organization’s past president).

Marge moved to Worthington eight years ago from northeast Ohio. She has two children and nine grandchildren.

A former Worthington Estates second-grade teacher, Janet Piero has lived in Worthington for over 30 years.

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Friends annual meeting to be Nov. 28

All members are invited to attend the Friends' annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7 pm in the Northwest Library Meeting Room, 2280 Hard Road.

In addition to a discussion of 2001 finances and the election of new Board members, several presentations are included on the agenda.

Sheila E. Vetter
Volunteer Recognition Award

Given in memory of a Northwest Library employee who died last fall, the Sheila E. Vetter Award honors an exceptional Worthington Libraries young adult and adult volunteer. The first-ever presentation of the award, which includes a $200 U.S. savings bond for each honoree, will take place at the annual meeting.

Worthington Bicentennial Update

Anne Brown, public information officer for the city of Worthington, will update those in attendance on plans for the city's bicentennial celebration in 2003. Anne will also discuss volunteer opportunities on major event committees including Founder's Day, the costume ball and the wagon train.

There will also be a live action "presentation" by Worthington founding father James Kilbourne.

Worthington Memory Project

From Worthington Libraries, Susan Allen will present a demonstration of the Worthington Memory Project. This project is a cooperation with the Worthington Historical Society to collect and digitize Worthington history materials and make them widely available via the Internet.

Board of Directors Nominees

C. Myra Colflesh believes in libraries so much, that when she learned Medary Elementary School—her children’s school—didn't have one, she helped start one.

A Columbus resident since 1972, Myra started coming to Old Worthington Library because of its friendly atmosphere and people. Although she continues to work part-time, the longtime Friends member has found time to volunteer at book sales and the gift counter.

Myra and her husband have four grown children and 11 grandchildren.

Since moving to Worthington from Washington, D.C. with her husband almost a decade ago, Anne Doyle has been busy.

A lawyer with three children, Anne works at The Ohio State University Law School assisting students with special projects.

Winter book sale scheduled for Feb. 2!

Book donations have been arriving steadily since the Market Day Book Sale helped us clean house in September (see related story, page 4). Now it's time to mark your calendars for the first Friends book sale of 2002—Saturday, Feb. 2.

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. 1, or until setup is completed. Call Lisa Fuller, 645-2620, ext. 247 if you'd like to volunteer for a two-hour set-up shift.
Friends Funds

Lance plays to packed house

A full house gathered at Old Worthington Library last month to enjoy Lance Brown’s latest Friends-sponsored program, *Vintage Music, Jazz, Blues & Humor*.

Almost 100 people filled the meeting room to hear the Chicago entertainer celebrate the music of the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s.

Well-known for his tribute to Will Rogers, which the Friends sponsored last fall, Lance had those in attendance humming and clapping along as he mixed jazz, swing, blues and Dixieland with humor and exaggeration.

Not only Friends members turned out for the program, although there were many and nearly everyone stayed to give Lance a standing ovation at the program’s end and wish him a happy 57th birthday.

Fridays by the Fire returns in February, thanks to the Friends

*Four groups of talented musicians will entertain library-goers in February, courtesy of the Friends.*

_Fridays by the Fire—a sure cure for the winter blues—will be held from 4-5:30 pm in the Fireplace Area of Old Worthington Library.*

**Feb. 1**

**Celtic Music**

Featuring Kara Markley, Craig Markley & Beckie Boger

Craig Markley and his daughter, Kara, have been performing together since Kara was old enough to hold a fiddle. They specialize in playing traditional Celtic and original music and perform throughout Ohio and the surrounding states.

Craig and Kara will be joined by Beckie Boger, who plays a variety of instruments including guitar, flute and piano.

**Feb. 8**

**Prairie Orchid**

Featuring Sarah Goslee Reed & Lisa Hill

Sarah and Lisa, who grew up playing and listening to very different kinds of music, now share their love of singing to create delightful harmonies and write wonderful new songs. They play guitar, concertina, violin, rain sticks and various percussion. Prairie Orchid’s music program is great for families and children of all ages!

**Feb. 15**

**Prestige Cello Duo**

Featuring Ruth Hay & Susan Walsh

Ruth Hay has played the cello all her life. Since 1985, she has performed with Cardinal Ensembles, Prestige Ensembles and Columbus Cellos, among others. She is the principal cello player for the Central Ohio Chamber Orchestra.

Ruth will be joined by Susan Walsh, who studied music at the University of Michigan and the State University of New York. In addition to cello, Susan also performs on viola and piano and is a registered violin teacher at the Suzuki Violin School of Columbus-Worthington.

Music for the program will include works by Bach, Telemann, Hindemith, Giardini, Bocchieri, Gabrielle, Romberg and Bartok.

**Feb. 22**

**Soirees Musicales: A Wind Trio**

Featuring Overda Page, Nancy Gamso & Borden Brown

Flutist Overda Page has performed with the Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus symphonies and has toured throughout the U.S. and New Zealand.

Nancy Gamso, clarinetist, performs throughout central Ohio as a woodwind specialist. Her recent performances include musical theatre orchestras for the Broadway Series productions of *Fiddler on the Roof, Titanic* and *Wizard of Oz*.

Bassoonist Borden Brown has performed with the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, Northwind Quintet and Columbus Wind Trio.

Music for the program will include selections from Vivaldi, Rossini, Debussy, Mozart and Stravinsky.
Dedicated volunteers make Market Day a success

September’s Market Day Book Sale was a success on all levels. Not only did the sale net over $3,800 (up from last year’s $2,503) for the Friends and Worthington Libraries, but everything went flawlessly, from set-up to tear-down, thanks to a terrific group of volunteers (see list at right).

“I'm very happy with the progress we made at this year’s sale,” said Carol Verry, Friends Board president. “Financially and in the recruitment of volunteers, I think we’re moving in the right direction.”

The financial success of the sale is due, in part, to a pricing change for newer books that was approved by the Friends Board this past summer. All newer hardbacks and paperbacks ranged from $5 to $2.

These books sold very well as did rare and collectible volumes, some of which went for $60 per set and $50 individually—a far cry from our standard prices of 50 (for paperbacks) and $1 (for hardbacks).

A concerted effort to keep expenses down also contributed to the sale’s financial success. Instead of incurring the additional cost of renting a storage facility for overflow books and a truck to move them to the sale site, the Friends were generously given the use of Worthington School’s former administration building on the Village Green. Advertising costs were also kept to a minimum.

Thank you to all members who came to Market Day and supported the Friends by shopping for books on Saturday, Sept. 22 or took advantage of pre-sale privileges the evening before. Even if you couldn’t volunteer, you helped make the sale a huge success!

Valued Friends volunteer and treasurer steps down

After four years as the hard-working treasurer of the Friends of Worthington Libraries, Mary Lee Wenneker has resigned her position, effective Nov. 28.

“She will be missed,” said Lisa Fuller, Worthington Libraries staff liaison to the Friends. “She’s been a dedicated volunteer throughout her tenure as treasurer.”

You’ve probably seen Mary Lee if you’ve ever been to a Friends book sale. She’s the one working at the cashier’s table taking money. You could see her at that cashier’s table at any time during the sale, because she usually worked there the entire day, frequently skipping lunch so she wouldn’t have to leave her post.

“She had a real sense of ownership about her position even though it was a volunteer one,” said Lisa. “She’s always committed to doing her best.”

As treasurer, Mary Lee has been a careful steward of the Friends’ funds, keeping careful track of income and expenses and helping grow our reserves by acting on smart investment choices after consulting with the Friends Board.

Marge Fenton will take over for Mary Lee at the end of the year (see related story, front page).

New Friends

Welcome and thank you to the following people who’ve joined our organization since August!

- Tammy & Bill Bryant
- Palmer & Ruby Calderone
- Robert Clinger
- Jean Cox
- Brian Donovan
- Ruth & David Larcomb
- Sandy Leong
- Margaret Moorehead
- Ralph & Ann Podas
- E J Rennoe
- Gerald Roderick
- Donald Short, Jr
- William Stenken
- Robert & Helen Tippett
- Rosemarie Trenjan
- Philip Vanik
- David & Debi Worley
- Julia Yost
She was also co-chair of the recent “No in November” campaign that successfully defeated a Worthington Schools levy repeal attempt.

The Friends will soon welcome Marge Fenton back to the position she held for three years in the mid-1990s, treasurer. She will replace Mary Lee Wenneker, who will leave the Board at the end of the year.

Being a treasurer is something Marge has a great deal of experience with. She is currently a school treasurer for the Franklin County Educational Services Center and was recently treasurer of School Employee Retirees of Ohio (she is now the organization’s past president).

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