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WORTHINGTON LIBRARIES



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# Friends of Worthington Libraries



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## Calendar



## of Events

### April

Use your member discount and save 10 percent on great gift ideas and non-caloric Easter basket items at the Friends gift counter at Old Worthington Library.

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9 am-noon

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Old Worthington Library  
Meeting Room

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### April 6-12

National Library Week!  
Northwest Library &  
Old Worthington Library

### April 9

Community breakfast,  
7:30 am  
Old Worthington Library  
(Open to all residents!)

## Library needs support of Friends!

by Anne Doyle, Friends Board President

The Ohio Library Council (OLC), an advocacy organization for all of Ohio's 250 public libraries, has planned a **Rally for Library Funding at the Ohio Statehouse East Plaza on Wednesday, April 2 at 11 am.**

I encourage all Friends members who are available on this day to attend the rally and show your support for our library. If you are unable to attend, please contact your state senator or representative to ask him/her to make no further cuts in library funding.

In the past two years, state funding for libraries through the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) has decreased nearly \$40 million and two budget corrections bills will reduce library funding by an additional \$37.4 million in July 2003.

Worthington Libraries receives a little less than half of its funding from the LLGSF. Since state funding cuts began to take effect in 2001, the Library has made an effort to absorb reductions internally without affecting service to patrons. Through careful steward-

### 2003 Worthington Libraries budget reductions include:

- ◆ Staff: reduced by not filling four vacant positions for a savings of \$100,000
- ◆ Materials (books, CDs, videos, DVDs, etc): reduced by \$228,000 since 2001
- ◆ Supplies: reduced by \$20,000 since 2001
- ◆ Furniture & Equipment/Major Building Repairs: none will be purchased/made in 2003
- ◆ Programs: CyberSchool computer training to be suspended after August as Library can't afford \$30,000 to replace the leased training machines.

ship of public funds, the Library managed to reduce expenses by nearly 5% last year and made additional cuts to achieve a balanced budget in 2003. Continued reductions in state funding have now made it impossible for the Library to continue to operate without cuts in services and materials.

—see *Rally, inside*

## Spring book sale set April 4 and 5

Spring is finally here—time to come on out of hibernation and over to Old Worthington Library where the Friends have planned a book sale on April 4 and 5!

Get a head start on the celebration of National Library Week and stop by from 1-5 pm Friday, April 4 and 9 am-5 pm Saturday, April 5.

It looks like people were serious about spring cleaning this year because already the Friends' Old Worthington Library storage room is packed with lots of great titles in



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many different genres. Cookbooks and travel books, children's, young adult and biographies, mystery and reference—it's all there and prices start at only .50!

The bargains are unbelievable and all the money goes to keep our libraries great!

This season's sale is the second to try the Friday afternoon-Saturday all day format—a format that had its inaugural run in January. By having the sale open an extra four hours, the Friends made an additional \$300 over past, one-day-only sales.

## Breakfast lauds firsts

On April 9, everyone's invited to celebrate National Library Week with Worthington Libraries during what has come to be a signature event—the annual community breakfast!

Sponsored by the Friends, the annual breakfast provides an opportunity to highlight key library programs and services. In the past few years, the breakfast served as the main stage for the launch of several new library projects including Worthington Memory in 2002 and Worthington Libraries Online in 2001.

This year's breakfast, which will begin at 7:30 am at Old Worthington Library, 820 High St., will focus on the long history of community support for and the many "firsts" achieved by Worthington Libraries. Here are a few:

When members of the Scioto Company established a subscription library in Worthington shortly after their arrival in 1803, it was the first library in Franklin County and only the third in the state of Ohio.

Additional firsts for the Library include hiring the first young adult librarian in Franklin County, establishing the first Friends group in the county and the cooperation with Columbus Metropolitan Library to build Northwest Library. (Northwest Library is the first library in Ohio and only the second in the entire nation to be built and operated by two library systems.)

Learn more about Worthington Libraries' firsts and its history by attending the April 9 community breakfast. RSVP to 645-2620 ext. 241 by April 1 and we'll see you there!

### *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn (2001)

On the island of Nollop, natives so revere Nevin Nollop, creator of the 35-letter pangram "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," that they've based their cultural identity on his achievement.

When first the letter "Z," then other letters fall from the famous phrase adhered to his statue, island leaders take it as a sign that those letters are no longer to be used in speech or writing.

Facing draconian penalties for using the forbidden letters, islanders must become more inventive in conversation and correspondence as the alphabet shrinks. Can someone create



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a new, shorter pangram and save the language in time? Great fun!

### *Manslaughter* by Parnell Hall (2003)

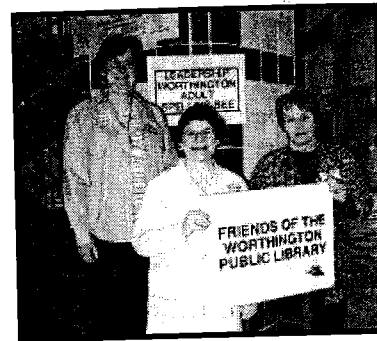
Stanley Hastings thought he was a competent private investigator until he met the Balfours. Everyone in the family had a motive to kill a blackmailer, and they're stumbling over each other to incriminate themselves.

## FOL spellers nab third

Words flew fast and furious at Leadership Worthington's 10th annual Adult Spelling Bee on March 10.

This year's Friends team claimed third place honors by spelling tongue-twisters like "atticism,"

"sphagnum" and "hoyle," but were tripped up by "kishke," a Yiddish word for intestine.



Northwest Library Manager Cathy Allen, Worthington Libraries Director Meribah Mansfield and Northwest Library Reference Librarian Sara Trepanier represented the Friends at Leadership Worthington's March spelling bee.

## Club kicks off June 14

Area children in preschool through sixth grade have a special job this summer. Their mission, should they choose to accept it, is to join Worthington Libraries' summer reading club, *Mission: Read!*

Fully funded by the Friends, the program begins June 14. Although names for the young adult and adult summer reading programs have not yet been chosen, they will be similarly themed.

Look for details in the next few months.

Not only is Stanley mixed up with them, but he's inadvertently involved his police buddy MacAullif and his regular employer, liability attorney

Richard Rosenberg.

By the end of this amusing New York tale, you might not have figured out who did what, but you'll have passed a pleasant few hours getting confused.

### *The Sweet Potato Queens' Big-Ass Cookbook and Financial Planner* by Jill Conner Browne (2003)

Chock full of recipes ("Twinkie Pie"), sound finan-

cial advice ("Hope that Daddy lives forever") and a heapin' helpin' of Southern wisdom, this latest installment in the Sweet Potato Queen oeuvre delivers the laughs.

From the Sweet Potato Queen headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, Boss Queen Browne dishes out her thoughts on dating, family, "fitness" and, of course, the four food groups (sweet, salty, fried and au gratin).

Queens from around the country pitch in as well, sending in anecdotes, advice and quick-'n'-simple recipes. If you enjoyed Browne's previous bestsellers—and if "fat-free" is not your cup of tea—you'll get a kick out of this upbeat little book.

# Children's Dept. head puts life's lessons to work

One of the first things people think about when Worthington Libraries is mentioned is the excellent children's departments at both Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library. Rachel Alexander, Northwest Library's children's services manager, is one of the reasons those departments are so special.

"We really try to be cheerful and helpful," said Rachel, who's headed up Northwest's Children's Department for almost six years. "We pride ourselves on connecting the community with our services in the best possible way."



*Rachel's enthusiasm and sense of fun have made her a favorite during children's programs!*

A native of Chicago, Rachel started working for the Worthington Public Library in 1976, after interviewing with then-director Bernice Daniels at an Ameri-

can Library Association national conference.

The position she was offered was community services librarian, which included adult programming, publicity, service for homebound patrons and some reference desk work.

"There was also a Children's Department position open when I interviewed with Bernice, and when asked which position I wanted I told her, 'I want Children's, but you'd like me better in Community Services.'" Rachel said. "Darn it, I was too honest!"

Nevertheless, over the next few years, Rachel started taking children's literature classes at The Ohio State University and, as she puts it, "inching my way into the Children's Department." When part-time help was needed in that department, Rachel was only too glad to be of assistance. Of the 8 1/2 years she spent at what is now Old Worthington Library, her last four were spent as a children's librarian.

In the mid-1980s, Rachel made a difficult decision to leave the Worthington Public Library for the private sector. However, during the time she was away she

didn't stray far from the world of books and libraries. She spent six years as a book buyer for a company called School Book Fairs, three years developing a database of children's science

graduate library and at their main reference desk, Rachel learned that Northwest Library had an opening for a reference librarian.

She was offered the job in the spring, but a colleague's resignation in August put her where she really wanted to be—back in the Children's Department.

Since her return, Rachel has been instrumental in the development of several innovative Northwest

Library programs. Fluent in Spanish, Rachel started leading Spanish-only storytimes last year.

A longtime Friends member as well as library employee, Rachel enjoys hiking city and state parks, listening to folk and "early" music and reading books by authors like Isabel Allende and Barbara Kingsolver. She also has plans to renovate her 1920s-era Clintonville home.



## Friends Focus

Get to know the people behind the scenes—in the Friends and your libraries!

books through a National Science Foundation grant and a year or two as an independent consultant writing for children's literature journals.

Although she learned some of the ins and outs of the corporate world, eventually she "missed working with patrons and being a public service person." So in early 1996, while working part-time at OSU's under-

### *—from Rally, front page*

Your membership dollars will be hard at work this year! In March, the Friends board agreed to fund all library programs for the remainder of 2003. This includes programs for children and teens and the summer reading program for teens and adults—all of which are important to the community.

By attending the rally on April 2, you can help us show the state legislature that public libraries matter to people and that further reductions in library funding should not be a consideration when balancing the budget. Ohio's libraries have already shouldered more than their share of the budget burden.

If you do plan to attend the rally, please wear something red. The legislature recognizes this as a library support color.

More information on the state of library funding, including its impact on Worthington Libraries, can be found on the library's web site, [www.worthingtonlibraries.org](http://www.worthingtonlibraries.org). Click on the top page link titled, "State Funding for Libraries Reduced."

Thank you for being a Friend to the Worthington Libraries!



## New Friends

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

- ◆ Marie Bulford
- ◆ Maria Del Col
- ◆ Leigh Jones
- ◆ Jim Rini
- ◆ Richard & Sandra Ryan
- ◆ Dorothy & Joseph Shanfeld
- ◆ Pete & Ruth Weissman

## WANTED!

The Friends of Worthington Libraries, a membership organization dedicated to supporting our libraries through donations and volunteer service, seeks a motivated individual or individuals for the following positions:

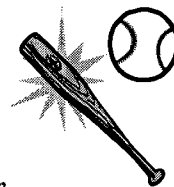
**MARKET DAY BOOK SALE CHAIR** - Raising \$4,000-\$5,000 annually for the Friends, this September sale, held on the Village Green in downtown Worthington, is an important fundraiser. The chair will be responsible for recruiting (with assistance) and supervising volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to sort and move books one afternoon per week, beginning in July. They will also be needed to set up the day before the sale (Sept. 19) and work on the sale day (Sept. 20).

**ONLINE BOOK SELLER** - Many library Friends groups already raise money by selling rare or collectible books online. An online book seller is needed to identify these types of books from among those donated to the Friends, research and set appropriate prices for them, post pertinent information online, answer questions from interested buyers and ship out purchased books.

For more information or to apply for these positions, please contact Anne Doyle, Friends Board president, at 841-1617.

## Fun Facts

**Anniversary of the coining of Yankee Stadium's nickname:** On April 18, 1923, Babe Ruth christened the New York Yankees' new stadium with a game-winning three-run homer in front of 74,000 fans, earning it the nickname, "The House That Ruth Built."



**Birth anniversaries:** 210 years - Washington Irving, April 2, 1783; 200 years - Ralph Waldo Emerson, May 25, 1803; 115 years - Irving Berlin, May 11, 1888; 100 years - George Orwell, June 25, 1903

**TV premiere anniversaries:** 40 years - *General Hospital* April 1, 1963; 25 years - *Dallas*, April 2, 1978

**65-year anniversary of the invention of Teflon:** April 6, 1938

**Publishing anniversaries:** 175 years - first dictionary of American English, April 14, 1828; 115 years - famous comic baseball ballad *Casey at the Bat*, June 3, 1888

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# Float celebrates history Summer reading success

Just as Worthington is celebrating its bicentennial this year, so is Worthington Libraries! In August 1803, before leaving Connecticut, the members of the Scioto Company assessed themselves \$2 each to buy books for their new community's first library, which opened in December of that year.

In order to celebrate the library's and the city's 200th birthday, library staff volunteered to design and build a float for Worthington's bicentennial parade.

Their creative design, made three-dimensional with materials paid for by the **Friends**, includes an open book with a pop-up covered wagon that depicts the long journey from Granby, Connecticut to Worthington.

The library's float (below) represents the route taken by the Scioto Company. Each of the four books represents 50 years of service to the community.



## Friends Funds

Your membership \$\$\$ at work making our libraries fun and educational!

**Staff members as well as Volunteers walked proudly behind the library's float during Worthington's bicentennial parade on July 5.**

Completely funded by the **Friends** this year, the library's summer reading programs were among the most popular ever! Children, young adults and adults were rewarded for reading with exciting prizes and kept entertained by magicians, musicians, movies and more!

Well over 5,000 children registered

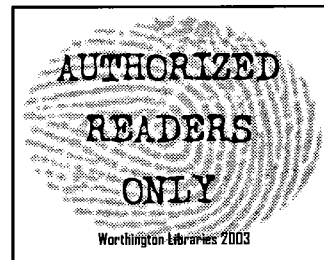
for the summer reading club, *Mission Read*. Kids and their parents crowded the meeting rooms at



both libraries, where the first few days of registration for all three programs was held.

Registra-

tion numbers for *Authorized Readers Only* and *License to Read*, the young adult and adult summer reading programs, got a boost this year thanks to the new registration location. Parents could get a license to read for themselves while their children were signing up for their own mission!



### **The Hills at Home by Nancy Clark (2003)**

Retired schoolteacher Lily lives alone until the relatives and their families arrive, plus a visiting scholar who thinks he'll write a thesis on the family.

Things happen in this first novel—sometimes quite surprising things—but in general the humor and poignancy come from the things that don't happen, from the routine of families, the friction between generations, the way we live. Not to be missed!

### **Signs and Wonders by Philip Gulley (2003)**

Sam Gardner, Quaker pastor in the little town of Harmony, Indiana, is facing even more problems than

usual—from stubborn parishioner Dale Hinshaw and his Salvation Balloon project to the growing discontent of his wife, Barbara, with her limited role in Sam's life.

A runaway girl, a woman who can't seem to find an eligible suitor and one family's problem with a distant son further complicate what should be a placid, small-town life.



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### **Feeding a Yen by Calvin Trillin (2003)**

Trillin is the opposite of a pretentious gourmet—he just likes good food and plenty of it. Whether he's tracing the fish taco to its origin, trying to lure his daughter back from her San Francisco home by finding a source for the bagels she loved as a child or looking for the best boudin in Louisi-

ana, he'll keep you amused and hungry. This book can be hazardous to your diet!  
**The Song Reader by Lisa Tucker (2003)**

In this lovely first novel, teenage narrator Leeann tells a fascinating story about her older sister Mary Beth, her nontraditional family and the dark secrets a small town can hold.

Mary Beth is a "song reader," able to pinpoint people's deepest crises and offer solutions based on the snippets of song lyrics lodged in their minds. She creates many happy endings, until her readings uncover a terrible secret that undoes a family, causing her own to also face its hidden darkness.

# Love of learning and library drives employee

**Anne Slane**, a circulation supervisor for the Worthington Public Library in the early '80s, remembers when the information for patron reserves—patron name, telephone number and title of the item—was written on an index card and kept in something similar to a long recipe box.

Popular reserves were easy to identify because those index cards were grouped together. "Several cards paperclipped together meant a moderately popular title," said Anne. "Rubberbands were needed for something really popular!"

"I remember the first 'rubberband reserve' I came across was *Cujo*, there were at least 50 index cards in that rubberband! Of course

that's nothing today."

For comparison's sake, consider that over 2,200 people were on the Discovery Place reserve list for the latest Harry Potter book.

Anne said many things have changed the face of the library since she started behind the circulation desk in December of 1980, but nothing compares to the introduction of computers.

Today, Anne works in Worthington Libraries' Technical Services Department as a cataloger, a position she's had and loved for 21 years.

But working at the library was not her first career. After earning a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, she taught French and Spanish to middle schoolers for several



**Library cataloger Anne Slane has been a member since the Friends re-formed in the early '90s.**

years before becoming burned out.

Uncertain of what to do and reluctant to simply jump into another job, Anne attended "ABCs for Teachers: What to Do If You Don't Want to Teach." At the end

of the weekend seminar, she said a career counselor told her, "I don't understand why you're not working at a library." The rest is history.

Anne interviewed at the WPL not long after earning a special certificate in library science. The one-year post-graduate program prepared those with a bachelor's degree to work in school and public libraries. She earned her master's in library science degree in 1988.

Anne's Friends membership is an extension of her lifelong love of learning and libraries. "I'm a Friends member because I'm a library user as well as a library employee," she said. "It's a small and very worthwhile price to pay for all the library has done for me."

—from **Market Day**, front page

date 1999-2003) and collectible books. Donated by area residents and organizations, the former will be sold for \$5 while prices for the latter will vary.

All other items will be sold for \$1. You'll find a number of genres to choose from including children's, classics, travel, cookbooks, home and garden and fiction. There will also be reference books, video and audio tapes and CDs.

## WHAT'S NEEDED

**Myra Colflesh**, secretary of the Friends Board of Directors, is in charge of lining up volunteers. Not only is help

needed on the day of the sale, particularly returning unsold books to our storage site at sale-end, but also straightening books under the tent during Friday morning (Sept. 19) setup, and at the members-only presale that evening.

"Everyone I've contacted has been really great," Myra said. "They're willing to do whatever it takes to make this sale a success."

If you'd like to help Friday morning from 10 am-noon or Saturday afternoon from 5-6:30 pm, please call Myra at 885-7219.

## E-mail addresses sought to save time and money

In the interest of saving both time and money, the Friends of Worthington Libraries Board of Directors decided at their July meeting to ask members to voluntarily provide their e-mail addresses.

"Sending bulletins, reminders, call-to-actions, etc. via e-mail will reduce the amount of money we spend on postage. Plus, we'll simply be able to get information to our members faster," said Board president **Anne Doyle**.

Anne was quick to emphasize that the addresses would not be shared with anyone. They will only be used to send Friends-related correspondence.

Please send your e-mail address to [hkline@worthingtonlibraries.org](mailto:hkline@worthingtonlibraries.org). In your e-mail, please provide your name and address.



## New Friends

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

- ♦ Karen Bain
- ♦ James & Susan Coyle
- ♦ Lesley Fells
- ♦ Janet Fox
- ♦ Amy Kibby
- ♦ Tony & Corinne Konecny
- ♦ Janet & John McDermott
- ♦ Ericka McDonald
- ♦ Deb McGuire
- ♦ Robert Murphy
- ♦ Helen Rankin
- ♦ Leslie & Kimberly Ridout
- ♦ John & Judith Sandford
- ♦ Marc Schare
- ♦ Gregory Schworm
- ♦ Richard Starling
- ♦ Joanne Toth
- ♦ Joyce Wilson



# Holiday bazaar doubles as 200<sup>th</sup> birthday party

## *Crafters wanted for December 14 event*

On Dec. 14, 1803, not long after arriving in the new community they named Worthington, members of the Scioto Company met to discuss and make arrangements for their library. A library committee was appointed, a caretaker chosen and those who were to purchase the books had their assignment.

In order to commemorate—and celebrate—200 years of serving the public, the Friends will host a holiday bazaar at Old Worthington Library on Dec. 14 from 1-5 pm.

In December 1904, The Fortnightly Club, a women's Shakespeare study club, held a similar event to benefit the Worthington library.

If you or a friend make or have quilts, crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, etc. you would like to donate, please call Hillary at 645-2620 ext. 250. Proceeds will be given to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund.



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## Fun Facts

135th anniversary of the opening of America's first department store: On Oct. 16, 1868, ZCMI (Zion's Co-Operative Mercantile Institution) opened in Salt Lake City. Founded under the direction of Brigham Young, it is still open for business.



**Birth anniversaries:** 520 years - Martin Luther, Nov. 10, 1483; 470 years - Queen Elizabeth I, Sept. 7, 1533; 245 years - Noah Webster, Oct. 16, 1758; 190 years - Guiseppi Verdi, Oct. 10, 1813; 175 years - Leo Tolstoy, Sept. 9, 1828; 115 years - T.S. Eliot, Sept. 26, 1888, and Eugene O'Neill, Oct. 16, 1888; 90 years - Albert Camus, Nov. 7, 1913

**TV premiere anniversaries:** 50 years - *The Bob Hope Show*, Oct. 12, 1953; 35 years - *60 Minutes*, Sept. 24, 1968

**65-year anniversary of the *War of the Worlds* broadcast:** Oct. 30, 1938

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FRIENDS OF  
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# Friends of Worthington Libraries



The tree of learning has many branches. Thanks for supporting its growth as a Friend of Worthington Libraries.

## Calendar



## of Events

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**  
Friends Annual Meeting,  
7 pm  
Northwest Library  
meeting room  
(Open to all members!)

**Friday, Dec. 12**  
Winter book sale setup,  
9 am-noon  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

Winter book sale,  
1-5 pm  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

**Saturday, Dec. 13**  
Winter book sale,  
9 am-5 pm  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
Holiday Bazaar, 1-5 pm  
Old Worthington Library  
lobby

Winter book sale,  
1-5 pm  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

## Annual meeting open to all members

All members are encouraged to attend the Friends' annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 pm in the Northwest Library meeting room, 2280 Hard Road.

In addition to a short business meeting and the election of new Board members, several presentations are included on the agenda.

### SHEILA E. VETTER VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

This year, the third annual Sheila E. Vetter Award, which honors an exceptional Worthington Libraries young adult and adult volunteer, will go to Northwest Library young adult volunteer Joanna Liu and Old Worthington Library adult volunteer Bill McReynolds.

Both will receive a \$200 U.S. savings bond.

### OHIO HISTORY & CELEBRATION THROUGH MUSIC: BICENTENNIAL

Popular singer and multi-instrumentalist Hank Arbaugh will take you on a trip through time and teach you about Ohio's past through stories and song.



## Upcoming Events

Friends members hear about these events first!

The name of the program says it all. The whole family will enjoy traditional ballads and songs from Ohio collections, composed pieces from Ohio songwriters, historical songs sung in Ohio and Americana associated with Ohio.

Songs of the 1850s-60s and the 1950s-60s with their similar themes of freedom and civil rights will be showcased side by side. There will also be a Native American medley and songs about the women's movement.

### 2003-2004 FRIENDS OF WORTHINGTON LIBRARIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Bazaar, book sale mark milestone

In order to commemorate—and celebrate—200 years of serving the public, the Friends will host a holiday bazaar and book sale at Old Worthington Library, 820 High St., on Dec. 14 from 1-5 pm.

Proceeds will be given to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
Looking for something special to contribute to the office gift exchange or give your Secret Santa this year? Maybe you need a particularly unique present for your Aunt Martha, who has everything.

Beautiful handmade  
—see *Milestone*, inside



# Holiday happenings at the library

**Holiday Helpers:**  
A Make It & Give It Service Project  
Dec. 6

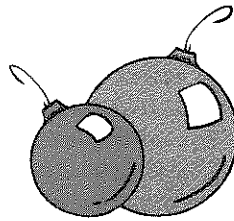
Teens, ages 12-18, can make the holiday season a little brighter for someone less fortunate by making gift bags for the teen residents of the United Methodist Children's Home.

Participants, who will receive community service credit, are asked to bring a bag of wrapped candy; all other supplies will be provided. The program is scheduled from 3-5 pm in Northwest Library's meeting room.

**Celebrate & Sing with the Suzuki Strings:**  
Holiday Music from Around the World  
Dec. 7

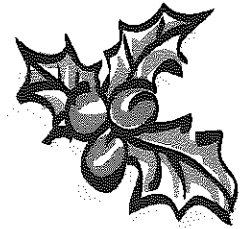
Led by Kari Gunderson, this festive concert will feature the award-winning students of the Suzuki Violin School of Columbus-Worthington. Music ranging from beginning tunes like the Dreydl song to more advanced pieces from Handel's *Messiah* will be performed from 3-4 pm in Old Worthington Library's fireplace area.

The Suzuki Violin School is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the musical education of young children.



**Card Care 2003**  
Dec. 13

Teens, ages 12-18, are invited to share their holiday cheer this year by making cards for the library's homebound patrons from 4-6 pm in the Old Worthington Library young adult area. Supplies will be provided; all teens need to bring are their creative ideas!



**Holiday Wrap-Up:**  
Great Books to Give for the Holidays  
Dec. 14

Scheduled in conjunction with the library's 200th anniversary celebration, holiday bazaar and book sale (*see front page*), this event is an easy way to choose the perfect book for your special someone!

If you've wished you had a librarian's recommendation while shopping for books, you're in luck. From 1-5 pm in Old Worthington Library's lobby, library staff will have some of their favorites on display and some children's books available to buy (thanks to Cover to Cover Books, who's donating 20% of each sale to the Friends). There will also be booklists to take shopping!



## Friends Funds

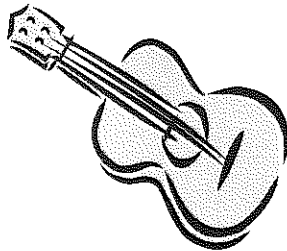
Your membership \$\$\$  
at work making our libraries  
fun and educational!

## February by the Fire series will take the edge off winter's chill

Old Worthington Library's fireplace area is the place to be from 4-5 pm on Fridays this February. Sponsored by the Friends, February by the Fire will feature talented musicians sure to inspire and entertain.

**CLASSICAL GUITAR**  
WITH JOHN MAY, Feb. 6

John May performs a delightfully wide variety of popular and classical solo guitar music. He currently teaches guitar privately and for the Upper Arlington Lifelong Learning and Leisure Program.



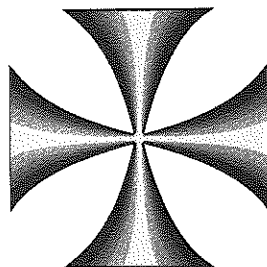
**MUSIC FROM**  
THE BRITISH ISLES  
WITH TIM O'CONNOR, Feb. 13

Tim O'Connor brews his own blend of folk, rock, pop and music from the British Isles to create a unique sound that's sure to get your toes tapping. Tim is a featured performer at many local clubs and coffeehouses.



**ACCORDIAN & GUITAR**  
WITH MARIAN FUNK  
& JOHN SHERMAN, Feb. 20

Marian Funk's accordian selections conjure up Russian winters and the Irish countryside. Guitarist John Sherman specializes in playing Scottish and Irish music. When combined, they create a unique blend of European and Celtic music.



**KILLASHANDRA: TRADITIONAL**  
IRISH MUSIC, Feb. 27

Debbie Norris (Irish harp) and Ted Jordan (Irish fiddle) have both studied and gathered music from numerous trips to Ireland and strive to be faithful to regional styles and traditions. Join them on a musical journey to the Emerald Isle.



*Anything Can Happen: Notes on My Inadequate Life and Yours* by Roger Rosenblatt (2003)

Although I have read several books of Rosenblatt's pithy essays, I was not prepared for this volume. As in any collection, there are winners (ones that appeal to me more) and losers (ones that appeal to me less), and each reader will have his or her own preferences. Some of these are among Rosenblatt's best, though, and at his best his essays are as wild and magical as poems.

*Bushwhacked: Life in George W. Bush's America* by Molly Ivins and Lou Dubose (2003)

No matter what your political opinions, you'll find this book disturbing. If you share Ivins populist opinions,



## Check This Out

More book reviews from Library staff can be found under the "Ask a Librarian" heading at [www.worthingtonlibraries.org](http://www.worthingtonlibraries.org)

you'll delight in her sharp wit and the more than 20 pages of citations that back up her points. But her descriptions of the suffering of ordinary people provide no food for pleasure on either side of the political divide. *Lunch at the Piccadilly* by Clyde Edgerton (2003)

Lil Olive can't wait to leave the Rosehaven Convalescence Center, move back to her apartment and start driving again. Her nephew

Carl tries to tell her her driving days are over, but she's his favorite aunt and he can't bear to hurt her.

The devoted Carl tries to find love while visiting Rosehaven, but instead finds L. Ray Flowers, an evangelical preacher with some odd views of religion, and ideas for country music songs for Carl to write. This is a terrific, heartrending, funny and true must-read.

*Naked Brunch* by Sparkle

Hayter (2003)

Hayter, author of a number of mysteries, breaks new ground in this life-in-the-city tale of werewolf Annie Engel. Everyone agrees that Annie is really nice—maybe too nice, too docile for the tough world she's living in. When her dreams of running through the night streets tearing out throats become a little too real, she finds she's torn between two men.

Add political complications, a pretentious waitress with a crush on one of the men in her life, the misadventures of a bumbling, good-natured broadcaster seeking one last big story and of course Annie's two shallow friends Liz and Henry, and you're in for a romp full of werewolf lore.

—from *Milestone*, front page

jewelry and wreaths, delicious baked goods and more have been donated to the Friends and will be available at the December 14 Holiday Bazaar.

On that date 200 years ago, not long after arriving in the new community they named Worthington, members of the Scioto Company met to discuss and make arrangements for their library. A library committee was appointed, a caretaker chosen and those who were selected to purchase the books had their assignment.

The idea of planning a bazaar to celebrate such an historic milestone came from the library's own archives. In December 1904, The Fortnightly Club, a women's Shakespeare study club, held a similar event to benefit the Worthington library. Subscriptions to *Ladies Home Journal* and the *Saturday Evening Post* were sold. The event raised \$170.

It's not too late to donate quilts, crafts, baked goods, etc. to the bazaar. Please call Hillary at 645-2620 ext. 250.

### WINTER BOOK SALE

A three-day winter book sale is planned in conjunction with the library's celebration. The book sale is scheduled from 1-5 pm Dec. 12, 9 am-5 pm Dec. 13 and 1-5 pm Dec. 14.

Here's your chance to help keep our library system one of the best in the country and pick up some terrific and inexpensive holiday gifts for the whole family! All items, except new books, will be \$1.

Although the success of September's Market Day Book Sale recycled lots of books back into the community (*see back page*), donations have steadily arrived.

From cookbooks and travel books to children's, biographies, mysteries and reference, you'll find something for everyone—even that hard-to-buy-for person on your shopping list.

Call Hillary at 645-2620 ext. 250 to volunteer.



## New Friends

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

- ♦ Janie Alvarez
- ♦ Linda Bixby
- ♦ Laura Eaton
- ♦ Cheryl Harrison
- ♦ Doris Hayward
- ♦ Dean Hernandez
- ♦ Lucy Horton

- ♦ Gay Jackson
- ♦ Andrea McNamara
- ♦ Jerry Merkel
- ♦ Kathryn Nicol
- ♦ Janet O'Dell
- ♦ Dale & Kara Rhoda
- ♦ Jim Slaughter

- ♦ Lisa & Noel Thurber
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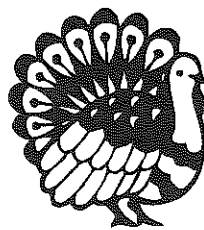
## Wow, what a Market Day!

What was the reason? Was it the publicity, the perfect weather or was it because Ohio State was playing a non-conference team that afternoon? It might have been all or none of those reasons, but we'll take it.

To say this year's Market Day Book Sale was a success is an understatement. This year's sale, held on the Village Green Sept. 19 and 20, grossed \$6,800 for the Friends and Worthington Libraries! That figure includes new memberships (people joined from as far away as Hilliard, Xenia and Pittsburgh, PA!) and money generated at the gift counter, which was temporarily relocated to the Green from its usual spot in the Old Worthington Library lobby.

Book sales alone accounted for \$6,200 of the total. That's a lot of books, considering most only cost \$1!

A special thanks goes to the following members who volunteered their time before, during and after the sale. Without their hard work, the event would have been more stressful and not nearly as successful: Emily & Jaime Andrews, Ellen Carter, Marilyn Carter, Danielle Chatfield, Ronald Cline, Emma-Jean Cole, Myra Colflesh, Mary Debitetto, Anne Doyle, Nancy Evans, Brad Fowler, Alice Heaton, John & Kathlyn Heywood, C.G. Jones, Eileen Kobee, John Litchfield, Johanna Meara, Mary Moon, John Morse, Hat O'Toole, Joanne Patton, Violet Postle, Jeff Regensburger, Linda Rice, Dale & Kara Rhoda, Linda Smith, Carol Verny and Mary Lee Wenneker.



## Fun Facts

**Franklin prefers turkey anniversary:** In a letter to his daughter dated Jan. 26, 1784, Benjamin Franklin expressed his unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America. He preferred the turkey.

**Birth anniversaries:** 500 years - Nostradamus, Dec. 14, 1503; 395 years - John Milton, Dec. 9, 1608; 195 years - Edgar Allen Poe, Jan. 19, 1809; 130 years - Willa Cather, Dec. 7, 1873; 105 years - C.S. Lewis, Nov. 29, 1898; 75 years - Martin Luther King, Jr. - Jan. 15, 1929

**200-year anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase:** Dec. 20, 1803

**140-year anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:** Nov. 19, 1863

**65-year anniversary of the first-ever performance of *God Bless America*:** Nov. 11, 1938

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