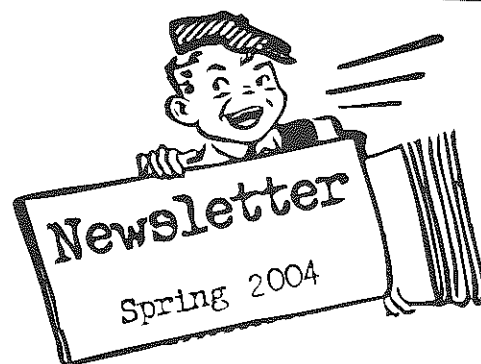


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# Friends of Worthington Libraries



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## Calendar



## of Events

### March

Share your story! Let the 2004 Library of the Year judges know what Worthington Libraries means to you!

#### Friday, March 19

Spring book sale setup,  
9 am-noon  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

Spring book sale,  
1-5 pm

#### Saturday, March 20

Spring book sale,  
9 am-5 pm

#### Sunday, March 21

Spring book sale (\$1 per  
bag), 1-5 pm

### April 18-24

National Library Week!  
Northwest Library &  
Old Worthington Library

#### Tuesday, April 20

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

## First sale of '04 slated next month Sunday pricing \$1 per bag

It doesn't matter what Punxsutawney Phil thought he saw on Feb. 2—March and spring are nearly here, and that means it's time for a book sale!

Following the same successful format we first tried in December (*see story beginning on this page*), this season's sale will again be held over three days: Friday, March 19 from 1-5 pm; Saturday, March 20 from 9 am-5 pm and Sunday, March 21 from 1-5 pm.



## Upcoming Events

Friends members hear  
about these events first!

On Friday and Saturday, all items will be \$1 each; on Sunday everything will be \$1 per bag.

However, don't risk missing out on your favorite author or title by waiting until the last minute to do your shopping.

From the looks of the Friends storage room, people started spring cleaning right after New Year's! Already the room is packed and almost overflowing with lots of great books in many different genres.

Make plans now to be at Old Worthington Library on Friday, March 19 where you'll find cookbooks and travel books, children's, young adult and biographies, mystery and reference—it's all there!

Bring your friends and family as there's something for everyone. The bargains are unbelievable and all the money goes to keep—*see March sale, inside*

## Help Library win national honor

Last year, Worthington Libraries did something that's never been done before. For the third year in a row, it was selected by prestigious *Library Journal* magazine as a finalist for its Library of the Year award.

While being a finalist is certainly an honor, and for three years straight even more so, we all know Worthington Libraries is the best library system in the nation, so let's tell the judges!

Friends members—that means you—are encouraged to write or e-mail a letter about Worthington Libraries. Explain how the Library has affected your life and the lives of your family or just describe your favorite things about our library.

All correspondence received by March 26 will be included with the library's award application.

Send your letter to: Worthington Libraries, Attn. Lisa Fuller, 820 High St., Worthington OH 43085. Or e-mail it to [LOY@worthingtonlibraries.org](mailto:LOY@worthingtonlibraries.org).

Help our Library get the recognition it deserves—write your letter today!

## Bazaar, book sale add \$2K to Fund

Last December's holiday bazaar and book sale did more than just commemorate—and celebrate—Worthington Libraries' 200th anniversary of serving the public, it also netted over \$2,000 for the library's endowment fund!

Because of the celebratory nature of the—*see \$2,000, inside*

# Friends Funds

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

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, April 20

The entire community—that means you!—is invited to join Worthington Libraries for its annual breakfast celebrating National Library Week!

Since 1992, the library's community breakfast has provided the perfect opportunity to thank Worthington and its citizens for their use and enjoyment of



the Library—and library use continues to grow! In 2003, library circulation was up 4%.

If you're planning to attend this event, which begins at 7:30 am at Old Worthington Library, please RSVP to 645-2620 ext. 241.

# National Library Week April 18-24

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of America's libraries and librarians, and to promote library use and support. Thanks to your membership contribution, Worthington Libraries has scheduled the following:

## THE DA VINCI CODE:

### A HISTORIAN LOOKS AT THE FACT BEHIND THE FICTION, April 21

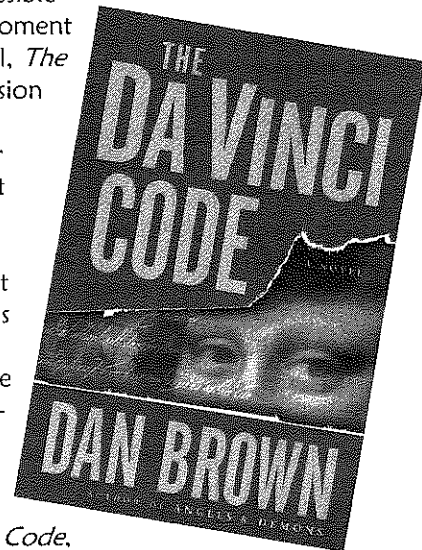
If you've read this book, you know it's impossible to put down or stop talking about. From the moment it debuted in 2003, Dan Brown's stunning novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, has stirred up debate and discussion about the history of religion and art.

The suspense novel focuses on the search for The Holy Grail and poses many questions about the roots of Christianity, classic art and secret societies.

Dr. Joseph Kelly, Chair of Religious Studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland, will discuss the historical fact behind many of the topics mentioned in *The Da Vinci Code*, including the Knights Templar, the role of biblical women (including Mary Magdalene), corporeal penance and how books were selected for inclusion in the Bible.

For additional information on *The Da Vinci Code*, visit [www.randomhouse.com/doubleday/davinci/](http://www.randomhouse.com/doubleday/davinci/). This program, which will begin at 7 pm in the Kilbourne Middle School Auditorium, 50 E Dublin-Granville Road, is the first in the library's "Behind the Bestseller" series.

Please call 645-2620 ext. 247 for more information. Promotional support provided by The Ohio State University Friends of the Libraries.



## 2003 Annual Report

### Friends of Worthington Libraries

INCOME		\$46,112	EXPENSES		\$32,097
including			including		
Book sales	\$29,330		Summer reading programs	\$11,500	
Ongoing -	\$15,861		Adult, young adult & children's programs	\$6,054	
Market Day -	\$6,330		Community breakfast	\$2,700	
Quarterly -	\$7,139		Staff support	\$2,460	
Memberships	\$14,850		Operating expenses	\$2,221	
Gift counter	\$1,582		Market Day	\$1,028	
Miscellaneous donations	\$350				

*Bet Me* by Jennifer Crusie (2004)

Min overheard Cal make a bet to woo and bed her, but Cal knows he made no such bet.

Around the two central figures swirl a variety of friends and relatives, in and out of love, including Min's ex, David, who's determined that his breakup with Min doesn't mean she won't eventually marry him. An Ohio setting makes this even more fun for local readers.

*Pride & Prescience* by Carrie Bebris (2004)

Newlyweds Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy become involved in the troubles of a good friend's sister, Caroline Bingley. After her marriage to a wealthy American, strange things begin happen-



## Check This Out

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ing to her as well as to her brother, Charles, and his wife, Jane.

Since Jane is her sister, naturally Elizabeth steps in to help, but the answers to the questions she has may be supernatural! It's delightful to see the happy domestic life of one of fiction's favorite heroines.

*Mutts: The Comic Art of Patrick McDonnell* by Patrick McDonnell (2003) *Mutts* isn't available in Co-

lumbus, but it's popular in newspapers all over the country, and has a deservedly high reputation among other artists.

Here McDonnell shares the insights and inspirations behind his drawings and his art. Beautifully designed and produced, it features a number of his strips.

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini (2003)

When his beautiful and mysterious blue "stone"

hatches a dragon, trouble soon follows. Orphaned farm boy Eragon finds himself on his way to adventure, tragedy and love, learning much he didn't know about the world, and meeting dwarves, elves and creatures more sinister.

Eager fans of the young author are already anticipating volume 2 of "The Inheritance" series.

*There Are No Electrons: Electronics for Earthlings* by Kenn Amdahl (2002)

Amdahl's primer not only tells you all about electricity and electronics, his fascinating stories keep you reading and learning about how those mysterious devices in our homes and offices actually work. If you've given up on technology, read this.

## Eat FRESH, raise funds

Enjoy dinner at Baja Fresh before attending *The Da Vinci Code* program (see previous page)!

On April 21 from 11 am-closing, the Baja Fresh restaurants in Worthington, 7176 High St., and on Sawmill Road, 6510 Sawmill Road, will donate 15% of each order to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund when customers present a special library flier.

You can pick up a flier at either Old Worthington Library or Northwest Library or go to [www.worthingtonlibraries.org](http://www.worthingtonlibraries.org) and click on the Baja Fresh Fundraisers link to download and print a PDF version.

In October 2002, the Friends donated \$10,000 to establish the endowment fund as a way to help sustain Worthington Libraries in times of economic uncertainty and to serve as a base for future library growth.

Baja Fresh fundraisers will be held on the third Wednesday of each month in 2004.



## New Friends

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

- ◆ Pam Bernstock
- ◆ Lori Charles
- ◆ Cathy & John Devine
- ◆ Mary Gasper
- ◆ Liz & George Joseph
- ◆ Sharon & Jack Minot
- ◆ Daniel & Alice Straub and family
- ◆ Carlene & David White

—from \$2,000, front page

weekend, the Friends' Board of Directors decided to experiment with the length of the book sale, extending it from Friday and Saturday to Friday through Sunday.

The experiment was a success! Not only was more money generated, but more books were recycled back into the community, particularly on Sunday when all books were just \$1 per bag.

Thanks to the following members who volunteered their time before, during and after the sale: Marilyn Carter, Ronald Cline, Vicki Coffee, Emma-Jean Cole, Myra Colflesh, Mary Debitetto, Ann Doyle, Brad Fowler, Merrienne Hackathorn, Rebecca Harty, Alice Heaton, Marty Jenkins, Eileen Kobee, John Litchfield, Bob Murphy, Ann Oakley, Joann Patton, Linda Rice, Jim Rini, Judy Schomaker, Robin Schonwetter and Lilly Ann Seipel.

—from March sale, front page

our libraries great!

As always, your help will be needed throughout the weekend. Cashiers and people to bag purchases must be scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Help will also be needed from 9-noon on Friday, March 19 bringing up books

from our lower level storage room. Returning unsold books to the storage room is another task for which volunteers will be needed on Sunday, March 21 from approximately 5-6 pm.

To volunteer for a three-hour shift, please call Myra Colflesh at 885-7219.

## Club kicks off June 12

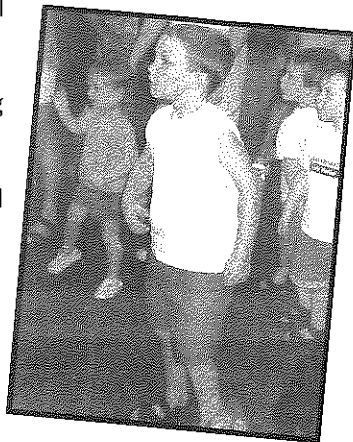
Area children in preschool through sixth grade can get their feet wet and earn some great prizes for reading during this year's summer reading club, *Dive Into Books*.

Worthington Libraries will again collaborate with Columbus Metropolitan Library and Southwest Public Libraries to host the club.

Fully funded by the Friends, the program runs June 12 through Aug. 7.

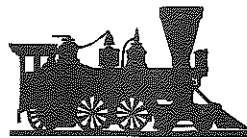
Although program details are still in the works, rest assured it will be a summer full of all the fun and creativity you've come to expect from Worthington Libraries!

Kids will enjoy themselves as much as those pictured here who participated in past summer reading clubs. Look for details in the next few months.



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## Fun Facts



**Golden spike driving anniversary:** May 10, 1869, marked the meeting of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways at Promontory Point, UT. On that day, a golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage. The spike was promptly removed for preservation.

**Birth anniversaries:** 535 years - Niccolo Machiavelli, May 3, 1469; 440 years - William Shakespeare, April 23, 1564; 175 years - Levi Strauss, Feb. 26, 1829; 130 years - Harry Houdini, March 24, 1874; 130 years - Robert Frost, March 26, 1874; 125 years - Albert Einstein, March 14, 1879; 115 years - Charlie Chaplin, April 16, 1889; 100 years - Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, March 2, 1904

**155-year anniversary of the safety pin:** April 10, 1849

**115-year anniversary of the Eiffel Tower:** March 31, 1889

### 2004 Board of Directors

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## Calendar



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Community forum on  
the library's future,  
7 pm  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

**Friday, June 25**  
Summer book sale setup,  
9 am-noon  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

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

**Saturday, June 26**  
Summer book sale,  
9 am-6 pm (\$1 per bag  
from 2-6 pm)  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

**Friday, July 9 & 23**  
Backyard concerts,  
7 pm,  
Northwest Library

**Friday, August 6**  
Backyard concert,  
7 pm,  
Northwest Library

## Help steer Library into the future

Webster's dictionary defines a library as "a place in which literary, musical, artistic, or reference materials (such as books, manuscripts, recordings, or films) are kept for use but not for sale." Historically this has been an accurate definition, but today's libraries are changing, in some cases, radically.

For example, Tower Hamlets library, located in a borough of London, England, doesn't use the word "library" when referring to branch locations. Instead, they are "Idea Stores" where traditional library services are coupled with amenities like cafés, art exhibitions, music performances and childcare.

Why do libraries, institutions that have

remained essentially unchanged for decades, suddenly feel the need to reinvent themselves? Because their communities asked them to, and a successful library, even in difficult economic times, does its best to re-

spond to the needs of its community.

In the case of the Idea Stores, the transformation was the direct result of expressed community need. The Tower Hamlets community was surveyed

and overwhelmingly expressed their dissatisfaction with their then traditional libraries. Although they valued the service provided, the community felt the libraries were outdated (both buildings and collec-

—see *Library future, inside*



## Upcoming Events

Friends members hear  
about these events first!

## Summer sale scheduled

Just in time for vacations, sitting poolside, al fresco lunch hours and lulls in the softball or soccer action—a book sale!

The Friends have scheduled a summer sale **Friday, June 25 from 1-5 pm and Saturday, June 26 from 9 am-6 pm** in the Old Worthington Library meeting room, 820 High St.

The March sale was so well-attended, we ran out of books almost two hours before sale-end (see article on this page)! But donations have been pouring in since then, so this month's sale promises lots of new-to-our-sale titles and authors!

There will be cookbooks and travel books, children's, young adult and biographies, mystery, classics, reference and more.

On June 25 and on the 26th until 2 pm, all items will be \$1. After 2 pm on June 26, everything will be \$1 per bag.

Help keep our libraries great by coming to the sale early and buying lots. You can also help as a volunteer. Cashiers and people to bag purchases and keep the meeting room tidy will be needed on both days.

To volunteer for a three-hour shift, please call Myra Colflesh at 885-7219.

## March sale cleans up

What a bargain—a bag of books for \$1!

Thanks to the Sunday afternoon portion of the spring book sale, where all items were sold for \$1 per bag, the Friends cleaned up in March. Literally. There were no more books to sell. Of approximately 150 boxes brimming with books and audiovisual items available at the start of the sale, only the empty boxes remained at the end.

Although the sale was scheduled to end at 5 pm, —see *March sale, inside*



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at work making our libraries  
fun and educational!

### Friday concerts planned

Bring the family, a blanket and a picnic dinner, and unwind after a busy week. Weather permitting, all concerts will take place at 7 pm in Northwest Library's backyard. No need to bring dessert with your picnic; Ritter's Frozen Custard will sell ice cream and give a portion of the proceeds to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund.

#### Grupo Lazer ¡Lo Nuevo Del Momento! Friday, July 9

Grupo Lazer's musicians play authentic Mexican music, *cumbia*, *quebradita*, *ranchera* and *romantica*.

#### Athenians Greek Group Friday, July 23

Authentic music from the country hosting this year's summer Olympic Games.

#### The Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Company Friday, August 6

A concert full of circus music is planned to celebrate the end of the summer reading season.

## Reading programs start

### DIVE INTO BOOKS!

Kids in preschool through grade six can make a splash this summer during *Dive Into Books*, the library's summer reading club for kids!

Awesome prizes will be awarded for time spent reading. For every hour, kids will earn a sticker. For six hours, they'll get a book. And after reading for 12 hours, they'll receive coupons from area businesses and a great art kit.

Exciting schoolage programs are also scheduled including puppet shows, storytellers, movies and a magician.

### ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!

When the Olympic Games make a historic return to Athen, Greece, teens (ages 12-18) can go for the gold!

After reading 600 pages, teens will get a globe stress ball. At 1,200 pages, they'll receive a bubble clock and be entered in the Grand Prize drawing for a \$50 book store gift certificate. Weekly prize drawings will also be held. Teens can get entered by writing book reviews and attending summer programs.

### READ TO WIN (ΔΙΑΒΑΣΕΤΕ ΚΕΡΔΙΣΕΤΕ)

Can't afford a trip to Greece? Worthington Libraries brings the Olympic Games to you with *Read to Win*, the 2004 summer reading program for adults.

Prizes include a frisbee after reading or listening to two books, a carabiner after five books and a seat cushion after ten books. There will also be a Grand Prize drawing for a gift certificate to a sporting goods store.

Fully funded by the **Friends**, all three programs run through Aug. 7.

### *Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America* by Steve Almond (2004)

Most of us like candy. Some, however, like Steve Almond, are candyfreaks.

His book begins as a funny, nostalgic personal essay with the balance recounting a tour of endangered, family-owned candy factories. Descriptions of factory processes are fascinating, and the precariousness of these ventures in the shadow of Hershey, Nestle, Mars is palpable. Fun, but with a swirl of bittersweet yearning for childhood innocence and defunct chocolate bars.

### *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler (2004)

This is a real gem! Six



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people form a book club to read the works of Jane Austen. The lone man isn't quite sure what he's doing in the group; he had been at a science fiction convention when he met Jocelyn and was invited. Bernadette is the oldest; the youngest two are French teacher Prudie and lesbian Allegra. Allegra's mother Sylvia, Jocelyn's best friend, completes the circle. What these six learn from the novels they read, and

what we learn about them, is the bulk of the novel. *Life Goes On* by Philip Gulley (2004)

Sam Gardner has been pastor of his hometown Quaker church for many years. As the currents of the church, and of the small community of Harmony, ebb and flow around him, he could be contented. But a confrontation with a wise parishioner convinces him that getting along by going

along is compromising his deepest beliefs, and that he must force himself to recognize the humanity even of those who will lie about him to get him fired.

### *Midnighters: The Secret Hour* by Scott Westerfeld (2004)

For some Oklahoma teenagers the 60 seconds between 12 am and 12:01 am is actually 60 minutes, a time when the rest of the world stands still.

But the five high school students aren't alone during the secret hour. Ancient, evil creatures share the time too. The darklings sense something in one of the teens that threatens their existence and during every secret hour, the other four must come up with ways to keep their friend alive.

## Voracious staff reader, writer adds wit to Web

Worthington Libraries' web site is full of information you can use any time of the day or night. Need to know the distance from Jupiter to the sun, where to find a wiring diagram for a 1996 Honda Accord or during whose presidency the Teapot Dome Scandal occurred? Check out [www.worthingtonlibraries.org](http://www.worthingtonlibraries.org).

And that goes double if you're looking for a good book to read. Under "Ask a Librarian" in the "Books We Recommend" feature, you'll find over 1,200 reviews of books from a variety of genres for a variety of ages. And for the majority of those pithy, well-written reviews (some of which you can read in this publication), you can thank Susan Branch, the reference services manager at Northwest Library.



Susan Branch

Susan, who's been a Friends member since the group was reformed in the early 1990s, is an avid reader, usually finishing a book a day. Mysteries are a particular favorite, and Susan says she especially enjoys the works of Donna Andrews.

For Susan, writing about books comes as naturally as reading them. While living in New York, she wrote for a weekly newspaper and, later, for several trade magazines. But the childhood prophecy of the woman who always said she wanted to be a librarian didn't come true until after she and her husband moved to Columbus.

A lifelong library lover and user, Susan was a volunteer in her daughter's school library when she learned that Kent State University professors would be offering library science classes in the area. She was admitted to the program and two and a half years later, earned her degree.

In 1979, Susan accepted a position with the Worthington Public Library and hasn't looked back. In 1996, she helped open the Northwest Library and stayed to head up the new reference department.

Over 20 years as a librarian haven't dimmed Susan's enthusiasm for her job. "I like the puzzle-solving aspect especially—talking to patrons and discovering what it is they're really looking for. Then there's the immediate gratification I get when I can find that information for them."

Whether it's finding the correct spelling of a rap artist's name for a young patron or trying to explain why the state seal is called the Great Seal of the State of Ohio instead of the Seal of the Great State of Ohio, Susan says the Internet has been the most significant change of her library career.

"The Internet has changed everyone's expectations," she said. "Patrons think librarians are wizards! 10 years ago we couldn't always find obituaries, now the thousands of resources we have, literally, at our fingertips have changed our lives so much."



## Friends Focus

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

—from *Library future*, front page

tion) and located too far from where people live, work and shop. The new Idea Stores are located at the very epicenter of each community served. Since the first opened in 2002, library

circulation has tripled. So what does this mean for the future of Worthington Libraries? How will the Library evolve to meet the changing demands of patrons and keep up with new

technology and information trends? We must decide!

**You're invited to attend a community forum to explore the future of libraries this Thursday (June 24) at 7 pm in the meeting room of Old Worthington Library, 820 High St. Com-**

munity input is essential as the Library begins another strategic planning process to guide them through the next stage of their organizational evolution.

If interested in attending, please call 645-2620 ext. 240 to RSVP.

—from *March sale*, front page

there were only books through 3:30 pm!

So, the great news is that not only were thousands of items recycled back into the community, the Friends made almost \$3,000 for Worthington Libraries!

Thanks to the following members who volunteered their time before, during and after the sale: **Marilyn Carter, Ronald Cline, Emma-Jean Cole, Myra Colflesh, Mary Debitetto, Merrienne Hackathorn, Rebecca Harty, Alice Heaton, C.J. Jones, Lisa Kaiser, Eileen Kobee, John Litchfield, Anne McGorum, Bob Murphy, Joann Patton, Pat Radloff, Linda Rice, Jim Rini, Judy Schomaker and Lilly Ann Seipel.**



## New Friends

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

- ◆ Mirjam Gerber
- ◆ Jackie Gerker
- ◆ Kacey Kowars & Tina Rich
- ◆ Lisa & Paul Kuhn
- ◆ Terry Maloney-Rose
- ◆ Christine & Jeremy Morris
- ◆ Molly Onstott
- ◆ Carolyn James Poholsky
- ◆ Barbara Mechling
- ◆ Mary Schuer
- ◆ Janet Spray
- ◆ Colby Srsic
- ◆ Mrs. Edward Taaffe

## FOL-sponsored programs break attendance records *Da Vinci Code* discussions draw 1,000+

In the 200-year history of Worthington Libraries, never has a program been as well-attended as the library's two presentations of *The Da Vinci Code: A Historian Looks at the Fact Behind the Fiction*.

Over 1,000 people flocked to the two Friends-sponsored programs, the first of which was held during National Library Week in April. Over 600 people attended the encore presentation in early June.

During both events, many in the audience took notes as Dr. Joseph Kelly, Chair of Religious Studies at Cleveland's John Carroll University, discussed the historical fact behind many of the topics mentioned in Dan Brown's wildly popular novel. The Knights Templar, the role of biblical women (including Mary Magdalene), corporeal penance and how books were selected for inclusion in the Bible were just some of the topics that took center stage during both informative evenings.

Dr. Kelly also answered questions at evenings-end.

Friends President Anne Doyle and Vice-President Bill Northrup were on hand to introduce Dr. Kelly prior to the start of each program and encourage those in the audience who were not Friends members to consider joining the organization.

## Fun Facts

**Bar code introduction anniversary:** On June 26, 1974, at a Troy, OH supermarket, a pack of Wrigley's gum was swiped across the first checkout scanner. In 1973, a committee of U.S. grocers and food manufacturers recommended introduction of a Universal Product Code so that prices could be electronically scanned.

**Birth anniversaries:** 235 years - Napoleon Bonaparte, August 15, 1769; 215 years - James Fenimore Cooper, September 15, 1789; 200 years - Nathaniel Hawthorne, July 4, 1804; 170 years - Edgar Degas, July 19, 1834

**1,925-year anniversary of the infamous Mt. Vesuvius eruption:** August 24, 79



**145-year anniversary of the composition of the *Happy Birthday to You* melody:** June 27, 1859

**130-year anniversary of the opening of the first U.S. zoo (Philadelphia):** July 1, 1874

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## Calendar



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**Tuesday, Sept. 7**  
KnowItKnow 24x7  
statewide launch.  
11:30 am  
Northwest Library

**Friday, Sept. 24**  
Market Day Book Sale  
setup, 9 am-noon  
Village Green northeast  
quadrant

**Market Day Book Sale**  
Members-Only Pre-Sale,  
5:30-7:30 pm  
Village Green northeast  
quadrant

**Saturday, Sept. 25**  
Market Day Book Sale,  
9 am-5 pm  
Village Green northeast  
quadrant

**Oct. 17-23**  
Teen Read Week!  
Northwest Library &  
Old Worthington Library

**Wednesday, Nov. 17**  
Friends annual meeting,  
7 pm  
Old Worthington Library  
meeting room

## Mark your calendar for Market Day!

Whether you need books to curl up with in front of the fire this fall and winter or you need some reading material to finish out the summer, mark your calendar now for **Saturday, Sept. 25** and the Friends' huge Market Day Book Sale, scheduled from 9 am-5 pm.

For those new to the area, or the Friends, Market Day is a community festival held in downtown Worthington. Fun for the whole family includes musicians, food and craft vendors, a farmer's market and more than 5,000 books un-

der the Friends' tent on the northeast quadrant of the Village Green!

can look forward to the same impressive selection of children's, classics, travel, cookbooks, home and garden, fiction books and more at amazing prices. Most items will be \$1, although newer and collectible books will be priced slightly higher.

And, Friends members have the opportunity to sample the selection and prices before the sale opens to the public! Bring your membership sticker because only Friends members will be permitted under the tent on **Friday, Sept. 24** from 5:30-7:30 pm!

Friends members hear about these events first!

An important fundraiser, the Market Day Book Sale also helps the Friends recycle books back to the community and gives us, and the Library, a strong presence at a great event!

Those who've attended past Market Day book sales

## Upcoming Events



Friends of Worthington Libraries

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## Market Day Book Sale

Village Green, northeast quadrant

Only Friends members shop before  
the sale opens to the public!

**Members-Only Presale**  
**Friday, Sept. 24**  
**5:30-7:30 pm**

**General Sale**  
**Saturday, Sept. 25**  
**9 am-5 pm**

## All-member meeting set

### Da Vinci Code presenter to return

Dr. Joseph Kelly will return to Worthington on Nov. 17 for the Friends' annual meeting.

Chair of Religious Studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Dr. Kelly presented *The Da Vinci Code: Fact or Fiction* earlier this year. His two programs, both sponsored by the Friends, were the best attended in Library history. —see Meeting, inside

## Japanese librarian visits

Thanks to a sister library relationship with the Sayama (Japan) Public Libraries, Worthington Libraries' welcomed Mitsuo Kuribara earlier this summer.

During his 10 days in Worthington, Kuribara, a Sayama librarian, not only learned about Worthington Libraries, but other Ohio libraries as well. He toured several including the State Library of Ohio, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Cleveland Public Library and the Holmes County District Public Library. After a tour of the latter, he was treated to a bookmobile ride through Amish country.

During a Friends-sponsored reception on July 26, Kuribara presented the Library with a beautiful, handcrafted Japanese doll. In return, Kuribara was given a white walnut box featuring a Celtic design carved by a Worthington artist.



*Mitsuo Kuribara, a Sayama (Japan) Public Libraries librarian, talks to well-wishers during a July 26 Friends-sponsored welcome reception.*

## Teens earn Super thanks

FlapJack Stack wasn't on the list of accredited events in Athens last month, but it was part of an impressive lineup that played out during Super Summer Olympics, Worthington Libraries' 2004 Volunteen Thank-You Party, sponsored by the Friends.

On Aug. 14, teen teams got to go for the gold during events like Big Feet Races and Four-Way Tug of War. Derby Horses featured big, bouncing, blowup horses, and during FlapJack Stack, as many wet foam disks as possible got piled on top of a team member. With FlapJack Stack, Water Balloon Launch and Water Blaster Tag on the games list, teens were encouraged to bring a towel!

Since August 2003, over 250 teens have volunteered for Worthington Libraries and completed over 3,000 hours of volunteer service.



## Friends Funds

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

*Teen teams compete at the 2004 Volunteen Thank-You Party, thanks to the Friends, who sponsored the Super Summer Olympics.*



### *A Ghost in the Machine* by Caroline Graham (2004)

Series sleuth, Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby, takes a back seat to the characters living in and around the hamlet of Forbes Abbot.

There's financial advisor Dennis whose hobby of collecting full-scale models of ancient siege weaponry will be the death of him. Others in the area include handsome, sickly Ashley and his desperate wife Judith; newly rich Mallory, his publisher-wife Kate and their ruthless daughter Polly; and Ava, a would-be medium hiding a dangerous secret.

The quiet ending will make your blood run cold. *Away Laughing on a Fast Camel* by Louise Rennison (2004)

Georgia Nicolson is mis-



## 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)

erable, which means the English teen is in fine form, complaining about family, ignoring teachers, feuding with friends and mourning the loss of her boyfriend to Kiwi-a-gogo land (New Zealand), until, that is, she meets Masimo, the new rock singer in town. Quick reading fun.

*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett (2004)

This exceptional debut stars two intelligent, eccen-

tric kids but can be read with pleasure at any age.

Petra and Calder, classmates and neighbors but not friends, each become aware of strange coincidences in their lives. A picture given to Calder by his beloved grandmother is a copy of a famous Vermeer; Petra dreams of a woman writing, a dream reflected in a Vermeer painting. Then the painting of the woman writing is stolen and their

teacher implicated. Illustrations offer clues to the mystery.

*Fiddler's Green* by Van Reid (2004)

Reid has quietly published a string of comic, picaresque novels set in late 19th century Maine, a place of scenic beauty, industrious husbandry and vicious evil.

This time, with his friend and employer Toby Walton, Sundry Moss sets out to see a six-year-old and her brutal, drunken father safe with their relatives, only to find himself caught between two feuding clans.

There's more to Sundry's tale, and he's not yet discovered the enemy planning to attack Mr. Walton. Having read this, Moosepath enthusiasts will be impatient for the next book.

# Love of learning led to librarian livelihood

Jeff Regensburger described himself as a textbook fine arts major after graduating from The Ohio State University. "My situation was practically 'You want fries with that?'"

Actually the Cincinnati native was working as a line cook at Red Lobster when a friend who had recently earned a master of library science degree talked to him about library school.

"I'd never even thought about being a librarian, but it seemed like a way to stay in an educational mode and still earn a living."



Jeff Regensburger

The road to a graduate degree wasn't smooth, however. At 30 years of age, Jeff was older than most of his classmates, and with his long hair and thrift store clothes, he certainly didn't look like most of them.

"I just never felt like I belonged," he said, adding that extended breaks between classes—sometimes as long as three semesters—further isolated him from classmates.

Jeff finished his master's degree in 1997, just

as the deadline to do so was set to expire. A practicum he did at Northwest Library led to his being hired there as a full-time reference librarian not long after graduation.

Now, seven years later, as a reference supervisor at Old Worthington Library, Jeff believes his decision to enter library school was a good one. "Reference is work that suits me. I like working with people and appreciate the opportunity to learn something every day I come to work."

When he's not at work, Jeff plays drums for a band he put together in 2001, The Patsys. The Patsys have played around Columbus as well as Morgantown, WV, Indianapolis and Chicago. But Jeff has no delusions

about quitting his day job. "We all realize the limitations, nobody's in The Patsys to make money. We just like doing what bands

do—recording music and playing it wherever, in or out of town. This is, in every sense of the word,

a hobby."

The Patsys aren't Jeff's first band. In the early '90s, he was the drummer for Gaunt, a Columbus-based

punk rock band. "It was the typical punk rock cliché, we really were so bad we couldn't even play our instruments."

Jeff left Gaunt in 1994 to finish graduate school, but decided to form The Patsys because he "got a hankering for one more band before I got embarrassingly old."

In addition to music, when he has time Jeff also puts his fine arts degree to use. "I'm not prolific, but I usually have something I'm working on," he said. "I'm just glad I was able to get a degree that got me out of Red Lobster!"



## Friends Focus

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

—from Meeting, front page

In November, Dr. Kelly will discuss *The Making of the Modern Christmas*, a program resulting from the research of his latest book, *The Origins of Christmas*.

According to Dr. Kelly, well into the 18th century, Christmas was a raucous adult feast. Author Washington Irving's *Sketch Book* changed that, however, by creating the "Olde" English Christmas, idealizing the rural, aristocratic holiday.

In addition to changing society, the Industrial Revolution also changed Christmas, Dr. Kelly says. Clement Clarke Moore and Charles Dickens both presented urban Christmases in their works, keeping Irving's rural nostalgia but re-imagining Christmas for new social realities.

By the early 1800s, Christmas had become a children's holiday, and such familiar elements as trees and cards made their appearance.

## Sign up for new service

Worthington Libraries has all the latest books and movies, but how can you find out when new items will be available? The Library will tell you!

If you provide your e-mail address, every month Worthington Libraries will send you a list of bestselling children's, young adult, fiction and nonfiction titles as well as new movie releases currently available. You'll also get library news updates and information about library events.

Here's how to sign up:

- Go to [www.worthingtonlibraries.org](http://www.worthingtonlibraries.org)
- Select "Got E-mail form" from the drop-down menu in the top right corner and complete the form.



## New Friends

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

- ♦ Marie Batley
- ♦ Melba Byrne
- ♦ Dr. Lucile Decker
- ♦ Chestora Dellenbach
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- ♦ Johanna Marmion
- ♦ James & Frances Pryde
- ♦ Jennifer Saboley
- ♦ Dr. Jo-Ann Triner

## KnowItNow goes statewide

Friends members are invited to attend a Tuesday, Sept. 7 celebration that will mark the statewide launch of KnowItNow24x7, an online reference service that gets you real-time answers from professional librarians.

Northwest Library has been honored as the launch site because of its unique standing as a cooperative project between the Columbus Metropolitan Library and Worthington Libraries.

A brief presentation will include the opportunity to see KnowItNow24x7 in action from both sides of a question—the asking and answering. Following the presentation, which starts at 11:30 am, you'll be encouraged to put the service to the test and submit questions of your own.

Resources from business and finance, health and medicine, and science, technology and genealogy are accessible from [www.knowitnow.org](http://www.knowitnow.org), just by entering your zip code. HomeworkNow is available for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.HomeworkNow.net](http://www.HomeworkNow.net).

Following the Sept. 7 launch, everyone in Ohio will be able to get their questions answered any time of the day or night—even on the weekends, thanks to KnowItNow24x7.

Worthington residents have been able to take advantage of this service for several years, thanks to the library's status as a provider.

The statewide launch of KnowItNow24x7 is possible thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum & Library Services awarded by the State Library of Ohio.

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## Fun Facts

**Day of the six billion:** Oct. 12, 1999. According to the United Nations, the population of the world reached six billion on this date. It wasn't until 1804 that the world's population reached one billion; now a billion people are added to the population about every 12 years.



**Birth anniversaries:** 230 years - Johnny Appleseed, Sept. 26, 1774; 150 years - Oscar Wilde, Oct. 16, 1854; 135 years - Mahatma Gandhi, Oct. 2, 1869; 120 years - Eleanor Roosevelt, Oct. 11, 1884; 80 years - Truman Capote, Sept. 30, 1924 and Jimmy Carter, Oct. 1, 1924



215-year anniversary of the U.S.'s first loan (for \$191,608.81): Sept. 18, 1789

75-year anniversary of Black Tuesday/Stock Market crash: Oct. 29, 1929

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