Friends of Worthington Libraries

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

Calendar

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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/. 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

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Bet Me by Jennifer Crusie (2004)
Min overhears 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 & Prejudice 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 happening 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 isn’t available in Columbus, 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 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

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Check This Out

More book reviews from Library staff can be found under the “Ask a Librarian” heading at www.worthingtonlibraries.org

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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
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 respond 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 collection).

—see Library future, inside

Upcoming Events

Friends members hear about these events first!

Summer sale scheduled

Just in time for vacations, sitting poolside, alfresco 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-your-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,
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 Athens, 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.

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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.


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.
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 in 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.”

New Friends

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

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

Friends Focus

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

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. Community 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.

There were only books through 3:30 pm!

So, the good 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 Colfsesh, Mary Debitetto, Mercedes Hackathorn, Rebecca Harty, Alice Heaton, C.J. Jones, Lisa Kaiser, Eileen Kobe, John Litchfield, Anne McGregor, Bob Murphy, Joann Patton, Pat Radloff, Linda Rice, Jim Rini, Judy Schomaker and Lilly Ann Seipel.
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), corporal 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.

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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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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 under the Friends’ tent on the northeast quadrant of the Village Green!

Upcoming Events

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 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 of Worthington Libraries
really, really
BIG
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
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.

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 Volunteer 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.

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at work making our libraries
fun and educational!

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

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


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 miserable, 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, eccentric 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 Sunday’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.”

“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!”

—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
- Select “Got E-mail form” from the drop-down menu in the top right corner and complete the form.
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