

FRIENDS OF
WORTHINGTON LIBRARIES



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

Friday, April 8

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

Spring book sale,
1-5 pm

Saturday, April 9

Spring book sale,
9 am-5 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

April 10-16

National Library Week!

Sunday, April 10

*The Public Library of To-
morrow* (documentary),
11:30 am
WOSU Columbus

Spring book sale (\$1 per
bag), 1-5 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Wednesday, April 13

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

Library could lose over \$1 million

Library supporters need to understand what Governor Taft's current budget proposal means to Ohio's 251 public libraries.

For Worthington Libraries, the proposal means a loss of \$1.1 million, if ap-

proved, or 20% of the library's revenue. (The amount spent each year on books and other materials.)

Three different proposals in the governor's budget will, when combined, have a devastating impact on

Ohio's public libraries.

The first is a proposed 5% reduction in the amount libraries receive from the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF). The LLGSF is an earmarked —see *Budget*, inside



Upcoming Events

Friends members hear about these events first!

You are cordially invited to attend
Worthington Libraries' annual
Community Breakfast
on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 am
at Old Worthington Library.
Please RSVP to 807-2610.

PBS to air program featuring WL

Kick off National Library Week by watching a program in which Worthington Libraries prominently figures.

A new PBS documentary, *The Public Library of Tomorrow*, will explore the relationship between people and their libraries through interviews with directors and patrons from across the state.

The 30-minute program includes interviews with Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough and Friends of Worthington Libraries members **Meribah Mansfield, Kathryn Paugh and Andy Ingraham Dwyer.**

Sunday, April 10 at 11:30 am
WOSU Columbus

Next book sale scheduled April 8-10

Spring has sprung, so come out of hibernation and to Old Worthington Library for a book sale!

This season's sale will be held **Friday, April 8 from 1-5 pm; Saturday, April 9 from 9 am-5 pm; and Sunday, April 10 from 1-5 pm.**

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.

Make plans now to be at Old Worthington Library on Friday, April 8 where you'll find cookbooks and travel books, children's, young adult and biographies, mystery and reference—it's all there!

As always, your help will be needed throughout the weekend. To volunteer for a three-hour shift, please call Myra Colflesh at 885-7219.

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

Tea and mystery in May

Courtesy of the **Friends**, award-winning mystery writers Libby Fischer Hellman and Cara Black will discuss the craft of writing, including the exploration of exotic settings and the enjoyment of mysteries.

And to add to your enjoyment of this event, the first in a new series, tea will be served, so bring your favorite cup!

Fischer Hellman is the author of the Ellie Forman mystery series, which includes *An Eye for Murder* and *A Picture of Guilt*. In addition to being an amateur sleuth, Ellie is also a video producer.

With titles like *Murder in the Sentier*, *Murder in the Bastille* and the upcoming *Murder in the Clichy*, you might already have deduced the locale of Black's Aimée Leduc mystery series—Paris, France.

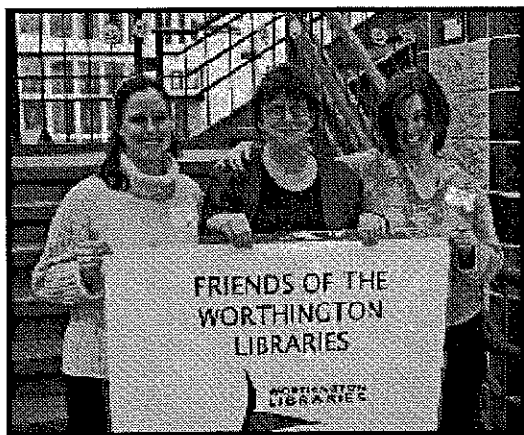
Registration for this exciting author visit is required, and nearly full; call today and reserve your seat at 807-2656.

Tuesday, May 3 at 3 pm
Northwest Library meeting room

'Skookum' sinks spellers

It's a Chinook word that means "large, powerful or first rate." In fact, so powerful was the word "skookum" that it knocked this year's **Friends** team out of Leadership Worthington's annual Adult Spelling Bee, held last month.

On their way to a respectable sixth-place finish out of 23, Team Friends, which included (below) Wendy Rawson,



Friends Board President **Anne Doyle** and Hillary Kline, successfully spelled words like "oyez," "commodious" and "carburetor." Although the trio

narrowly missed out on the prize rounds, they all felt the experience was worthwhile. "It's a fun community event, and it means great exposure for our organization," said Anne, adding, "but summer is coming and those (fifth place) Graeter's coupons would've been nice!"

Two more reasons to love your library card

Download Print & Audio Books

With this new service, even if you're too busy to visit the Library you won't miss the latest bestsellers.

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- ♦ Titles can be checked out for 14 days with one renewal.
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Online Tutoring

Your 4th-12th grader, as well as your college freshman, can get live homework help from a professional tutor at www.worthingtonlibraries.org.

The service is available for math, science, social studies and English seven days a week from 2-10 pm.

- ♦ At www.worthingtonlibraries.org, click on "Online Tutoring."
- ♦ Follow the login instructions, then select a subject and grade level.
- ♦ Users will be connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom where they can work on an interactive white board, browse the Web and share files like essays and reports. At the conclusion, students can print their sessions for future reference.

Tutors are certified teachers, professors, professional tutors, graduate school students and undergraduates from top universities. Every tutor completes a rigorous training program and undergoes a thorough background check.

The Bride Wore Chocolate
by Shirley Jump (2004)

Candace is planning her wedding, but everyone from her loyal business partners to her eccentric grandmother are telling her she's marrying the wrong man.

But Candace is sure she'll feel safe when she marries Barry, until she meets Michael. Safe? Maybe. Sexy? Definitely!

Now she's started wondering if she's doing the right thing—for herself, for Michael, and even for Barry. **The Egyptologist** by Arthur Phillips (2004)

As King Tut's tomb is unveiled to the world, Egyptologist Ralph Trilipush is digging himself into trouble, having staked his profes-

sional reputation and fiancée's fortune on a scrap of hieroglyphic pornography.

Meanwhile, a relentless Australian detective sets off on the case of his career, spanning the globe in search of a murderer.

Clever and convincing, Phillips keeps you guessing until the very last page, where a shocking ending ties both stories together.



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The Greedy Bastard Diary: A Comic Tour of America
by Eric Idle (2005)

Eric Idle, the one who wasn't Michael Palin in Monty Python, goes on a comedy tour, and finds the big tour bus (and laptop) makes him reflective.

Not only does he describe the theaters and cities the tour visits, he discusses his happy (second) mar-

riage, the wrenching death of close friend and former Beatle George Harrison, and the sorrows of his childhood. There are jokes, too!

Be warned: Idle's language is not for everyone. **24 Girls in 7 Days** by Alex Bradley (2005)

Jack Grammar is funny, cute and smart—but too shy to ask a girl to the prom.

After his two best friends put an e-ad on their school site, Jack is deluged with offers—including one from his female locker-mate, who just doesn't appeal to him.

To choose, Jack has to get to know at least some of the girls better. Meanwhile, he's getting e-mails from FancyPants, who isn't interested in the prom.

E-mail addresses sought

For the Library, in the midst of preparations for spring funding battles and a fall levy run, time is, literally, money.

That's why all Friends members are asked to voluntarily provide their e-mail addresses so Library-related bulletins, reminders, call-to-actions, etc. can be sent to you.

"Sometimes we only get a few days notice to let library advocates know their help is needed," said Lisa Fuller, community relations and development director for Worthington Libraries. "Being able to quickly get important information into the hands of our most loyal supporters is vital."

E-mail addresses will only be used to send Friends- and Library-related correspondence. Send yours to hkline@worthingtonlibraries.org. In your e-mail, please include your name and mailing address.

—from *Budget*, front page

fund that devotes 5.7% of the state income tax to the operating costs of Ohio's libraries. Worthington Libraries receives 40% of its revenue from the LLGSF, and the proposed 5% cut will mean a loss of \$131,494.

Second, and far more damaging, is the governor's plan to reduce the personal income tax by 21% over five years. If this happens, the funding libraries receive from the LLGSF will be reduced by an additional 21%—that's a \$552,273 loss for Worthington Libraries.

Third, Governor Taft has also proposed the elimination of most of the tangible personal property tax over 13 years. Tangible personal property tax is paid by businesses and generates a significant portion of the total property tax collected by local municipalities. Reductions decrease the amount collected by public entities, such as schools and libraries, with local property tax lev-

ies. For our library, it means income would be further reduced by \$420,452.

The library's 2005-2008 Strategic Plan, developed over a year with significant input from the community, calls for the Library to make bold changes to meet the increasing demand for service. These changes would be difficult, if not impossible, to implement with the funding reductions proposed by Governor Taft. A 20% reduction in the library's income could not be internally absorbed, as the Library has been doing since funding was first decreased in 2001, and some services and/or hours would have to be cut.

The Libraries plans to approach voters for additional funding in November 2005, but the levy amount has yet to be determined. To learn more about the library's funding situation, or to contact state legislators, visit www.worthingtonlibraries.org/library funding.



New Friends

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

- ◆ Elizabeth & Richard Bulgrin
- ◆ Tammy Coe
- ◆ Maria Dishop
- ◆ Anita Driscoll
- ◆ Joan Dunn
- ◆ Kirsten Engelfried
- ◆ Betsey Farquhar-Bradish
- ◆ Kathy Guinn
- ◆ Nancy Heber
- ◆ Naveen Kumar & Preela Naveen
- ◆ Jules & Anne LaPidus
- ◆ Joan Larson
- ◆ Kristina Markel
- ◆ Thad & Barbara Matta
- ◆ Katherine Proctor
- ◆ Tracy Ross

2004 Annual Report

Friends of Worthington Libraries

INCOME **\$44,412**

including

Book sales **\$27,805**

Ongoing - \$16,799

Market Day - \$4,658

Quarterly - \$6,348

Memberships **\$13,880**

Miscellaneous donations **\$1,957**

Gift counter **\$769**

EXPENSES **\$41,692**

including

Summer reading programs **\$10,391**

Adult, young adult

& children's programs **\$5,443**

Publication of library's history **\$4,226**

Staff support **\$3,403**

National Library Week **\$2,390**

Library endowment fund donation **\$2,196**

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Fun Facts Fun Facts

140-year anniversary of the end of the Civil War: At 1:30 pm on April 9, 1865 in Appomattox, VA, General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant, commander-in-chief of the Union Army, ending four years of civil war. Confederate soldiers were permitted to keep their horses and go free to their homes, while Confederate officers were allowed to retain their swords and sidearms as well.

Birth anniversaries: 235 years - William Wordsworth, April 7, 1770; 200 years - Hans Christian Andersen, April 2, 1805; 140 years - W.B. Yeats, June 13, 1865; 100 years - Jean-Paul Sartre, June 21, 1905

75-year anniversary of cellophane tape patent: May 27, 1930

135-year anniversary of the first Kentucky Derby: May 17, 1875



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Village Green northeast
quadrant

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

Saturday, Sept. 17

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

Saturday, Oct. 1

**Remembering Radio's
Golden Age, 7:30 pm**
Kilbourne Middle School,
50 E. Granville Road

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Election Day! Don't forget to vote!

Thursday, Nov. 17

Friends annual meeting,
7 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Market Day means books!

Members-only presale scheduled Sept. 16

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. 17** 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 4,000 books under the Friends' tent on the northeast quadrant of the Village Green!

An important fundraiser, the Market Day Book Sale also helps the Friends recycle books back to the community

—see **Market Day**, inside



Upcoming Events

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about these events first!

Relive radio's golden age

Just because you grew up watching a TV instead of listening to a radio, doesn't mean you can't experience radio as it was done in the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, your family can witness a "live" production of an original radio mystery, "Murder at Marblehead Light."

Presented by the **Friends**, the event will start at 7:30 pm in the Kilbourne Middle School auditorium, 50 E. Granville Road. Complete with live sound effects, it will feature the Kiwanis Club of Columbus Radio

Players in period costume.

To add to the evening's vintage feel, barbershop quartets will perform before the radio mystery starts.

Following the production, which will be broadcast on WCBE, there will be a panel discussion with Columbus radio veterans Fritz the Night Owl, Bill Hamilton, Bill Mertz and Charlie Pickard. Columbus *Dispatch* radio critic Tim Feran will moderate.

Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, will be \$10 for adults; \$5 for children under age 12.

Levy's fate in hands of the public

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Worthington Libraries will be on the ballot for the first time in 13 years.

At their Aug. 8 meeting, the Worthington Board of Education voted to place the library's 2.6-mill continuing levy on the fall ballot, as requested by the library's Board of Directors.

The levy is needed to maintain the quality of service the Library delivers. If approved, it would raise approximately \$3.9-million a year for the library, and would cost the owner of a \$100,000 house an additional \$79.63 a year. That property owner already pays \$43.79 annually to Worthington Libraries.

The money is needed because library usage has increased dramatically while state funding for libraries has decreased.

Circulation at Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library is up 49.1 percent since 2000.

The Library & Local Government Support Fund, which provides 40

—see **Ballot**, inside

Teens earn entertaining evening at Library luau

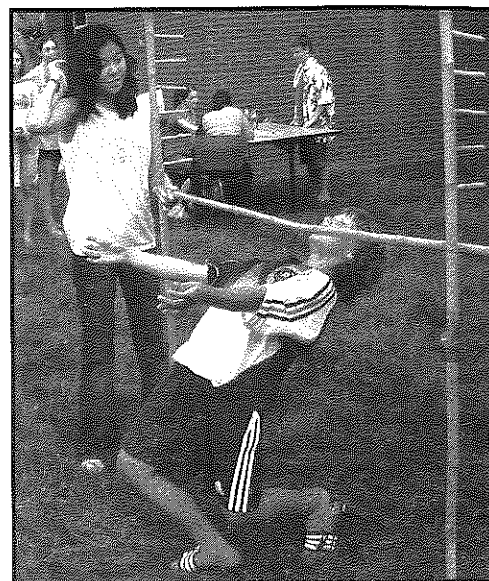
For all their hard work throughout this past year, Worthington Libraries' teen volunteers, Volunteens, were treated to a Hawaiian-themed luau last month in the back yard of Northwest Library.

Sponsored by the

Friends, the evening included a limbo contest and sack race. There was also pizza, music and a henna artist.

All Volunteens were awarded certificates, and got a free book of their choosing.

How low can you go? The luau limbo contest at the Volunteen Thank You Party was fun for participants and on-lookers!



This sack race down the hill in Northwest Library's backyard got teens hopping!



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

Bring a cup and love of books to a fall Novel Tea

Northwest Library's popular new program series, Novel Tea, is not your traditional book discussion group. See why for yourself!

Registration is required for these programs; call 807-2656 or stop by Northwest Library's Information Desk.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 3 pm

Explore two great series when bestselling author Karen Harper joins us.

She'll discuss amateur sleuths and writing as well as her historic Elizabethan mystery series and contemporary Amish mystery series.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 3 pm

Celebrate a very merry un-birthday during a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. We'll discuss Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and hear from an expert about tea, tea parties and planning festivities.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 3 pm

Nancy Zafris, Ohio writer and fiction editor of the *Kenyon Review*, will be on hand to talk about her latest, critically acclaimed novel. *Lucky Strike* is set in the canyon country of the desert Southwest in 1954.

***Bollywood Confidential* by Sonia Singh (2005)**

Chick lit goes to India, when struggling Hollywood actress Raveena Rai is hired for a Hollywood epic. How is she to know the script—which calls for an American-accented actress—will be re-worked into an action film about the Taj Mahal?

Her handsome leading man would provide some consolation, if he'd talk to her. And she's living in non-air conditioned discomfort with a distant relative of decidedly eccentric habit. Despite a whirlwind ending, Raveena and her California friends are a lot of fun.

***Pomegranate Soup* by Marsha Mehran (2005)**

The little Irish village of Ballinacroagh is quite self-sufficient, until a strange

odor permeates the air—the smell of Persian cooking wafting from a little cafe opened by three Irani sisters.

But the owner of the town's pubs wants the cafe as the location for his long-postponed dream of a disco. This perfectly delightful story includes some recipes.

***The Vacation* by Polly Horvath (2005)**

Henry's story follows an average boy through a prolonged vacation with two

little-loved aunts, touring various states looking for something they can't name.

Aunt Pigg finds her heart's desire in Oklahoma, but Aunt Magnolia is still looking when Henry's parents return from Africa. That would seem to be the end of the story, but Henry's parents have problems they haven't resolved, and the long car trip is extended.

When the story ends, at the Iowa line far from their



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Virginia homes, there seems no reason the vacation shouldn't continue, being—in that, and in other respects—much like life itself.

***Who, Me?* by Betty MacDonald (1959)**

Best known today as the author of the Mrs. Piggle Wiggle books, Betty MacDonald was once known for her memoir, *The Egg and I*.

Here, an editor puts together biographical information from the four adult books MacDonald wrote, describing her childhood in a mining camp, through the chicken farm years of her first marriage and the perils of the Great Depression, to the sanatorium where she recovered from tuberculosis.

You wouldn't think a writer could make these experiences funny, but she does.

Worthington Librarian enters billionth record

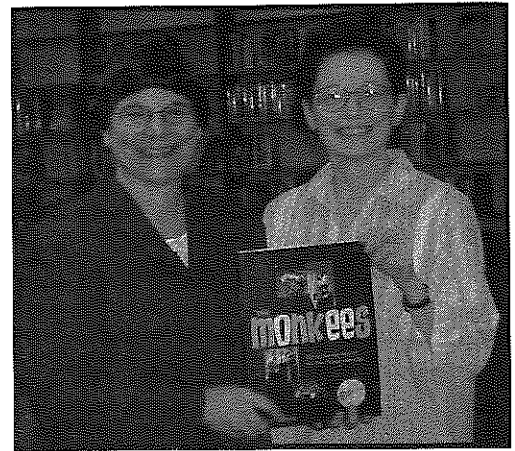
On August 11, Worthington Libraries Cataloger (and Friends member!) **Anne Slane** did something historic. She entered the one billionth holding into WorldCat, an online resource for finding library materials worldwide.

Entered at 2:21:34 pm, not even a second separated her entry from those of thousands of other libraries. The Brazoria County Library System (Texas) and the Georgetown University Law

Library (Washington D.C.), respectively, entered records immediately before and after Anne's entry, which was *The Monkees: The Day-by-Day Story of the 1960's TV Pop Sensation*.

WorldCat was created in 1971 by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) in Dublin, Ohio. It is the world's largest online resource for finding library materials, and is used by more than 54,000 libraries in 96 countries.

Worthington Libraries Director Meribah Mansfield and cataloger Anne Slane hold the book that has earned our library lots of attention, *The Monkees: The Day-by-Day Story of the 1960's TV Pop Sensation*.



Both Meribah and Anne are Friends members!

—from **Ballot**, front page

percent of the library's revenue, has been reduced 8.3 percent since 2001.

The state budget, which was passed in June, will further reduce library revenue. The combination of a 21 percent reduction in the personal property tax and the elimination of the tangible personal property tax will result in the loss of just under \$1 million, when both components are fully implemented in the next few years.

Despite decreased state funding, the Library has worked hard to maintain a balanced operating budget and operate within anticipated revenue.

- Operating expenses increased only \$11,638 from 2001-2004, or less than .2 percent.
- Staff has been reduced and reorganized to allow the Library to respond to patron demand and changes in library service, without increasing staff numbers.
- To contain health insurance costs, the Library changed carriers twice and requires employees to contribute toward health insurance premiums.
- Expenditures on books and other materials 2002-2004 were lower than in 2001. Total expenses in those three years were also lower than in 2001.

If the levy is successful, the Library will continue to provide quality materials, excellent service and innovative programs. It will also:

- extend outreach to children and families beginning

with those living in the northeast section of the service district;

- improve service to teens, seniors, persons with a disability and those learning English as a second language;
 - provide patrons with wireless access and improved self-checkout;
 - increase computer services and training opportunities;
 - strive to improve library service however possible.
- Get out and vote on Nov. 8!

—from **March sale**, front page

and gives us, and the Library, a strong presence at a great event! That's especially important this year, as the Library will kick off its fall levy campaign efforts (see related story on front page) during Market Day.

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. All items—hardbacks and paperbacks—are \$1.

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. 16** from 5-7 pm!



New Friends

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

- ◆ Rowene Bessey
- ◆ Carol & John Bishop
- ◆ Stephen & Joyce Evanko
- ◆ George Foster
- ◆ Donald Humphrey
- ◆ Carl Oldsen
- ◆ Peggy Shecket
- ◆ Dury & Joann Sudduth
- ◆ Eileen Teall

Market Day Book Sale

MEMBERS-ONLY PRE-SALE!

Your Friends membership gets you on the guest list!

DATE: Friday, Sept. 16

TIME: 5-7 pm

PLACE: Village Green (northeast quadrant)

Summer reading was wild

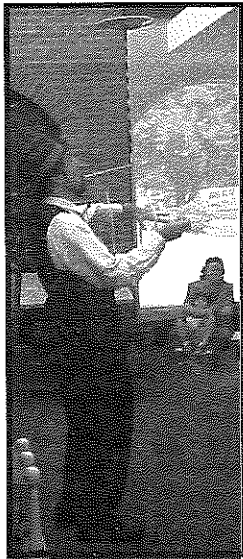
Thanks to the **Friends**, thousands of children, teens and adults spent the summer with their noses in books.

The children and adult summer reading programs both saw increases in 2005 completion rates.

Books weren't the only

things that drew all ages to Northwest Library and Old Worthington Library. Fun, creative programs were attended by entire families!

Animals, magicians, jugglers and storytellers visited, and there were lots of cool crafts to make and take.



Fun Facts

315-year publishing anniversary of the first American newspaper:

Sept. 25, 1690. The first (and only) edition of *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick* was published by Benjamin Harris in Boston. Authorities considered the newspaper offensive and ordered immediate suppression.



Birth anniversaries: 210 years - John Keats, Oct. 31, 1795; 115 years - Agatha Christie, Sept. 15, 1890; 120 years - Ezra Pound, Oct. 30, 1885; 105 years - Margaret Mitchell, Nov. 8, 1900.

375-year anniversary of the first criminal execution in the American colonies:

On Sept. 30, 1630, John Billington, one of the first Pilgrims to land in America, was hanged for murder.

230-year anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps: Nov. 10, 1775. Originally part of the navy, it became a separate unit July 11, 1789.

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