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# Friends of Worthington Libraries



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### Calendar



## of Events

Friday. May 5

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

Spring book sale, 1-5 pm

Saturday.

May 6
Spring book sale,
9 am-5 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Friday,
June 9

Outdoor summer concert series: SNAP (Serving Non-profit Associations by Performing),
7-8:30 pm
Northwest Library backyard

Saturday.
June 10
Registration starts for children, teen and adult summer reading programs, 9 am
Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library

#### Books blossom at next month's sale

Spring cleaning has obviously been on the minds of residents during the last month or so. In what seemed to be only a few days, the stacks of full book boxes in the Friends' storage room have grown like daffodils after a warm spring rain.

You can benefit from this generosity by attending the next Friends book sale on Friday, May 5 (1-5 pm) and Saturday, May 6 (9 am-5 pm) in the Old Worthington Library meeting room.

Don't miss your chance to pick up gently used bestsellers, cookbooks and travel books, plus books for kids and teens, biographies, mysteries, classics and more! And you won't find a better price for these gems; all

Upcoming Events

Friends members hear about these events first!

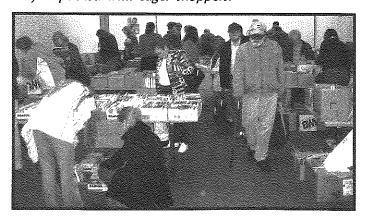
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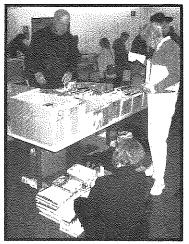
If your schedule permits, consider helping the Friends as a sale volunteer. Cashiers and people to bag purchases and keep the meeting room tidy will be needed on both days.

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

People couldn't wait to see the terrific selection offered at the February book sale—the line to get into Old Worthington Library's meeting room, where the sale was held, was 20 people deep! These pictures, taken a few minutes after the doors opened, illustrate how the Friends' quarterly book sales are able to gener-

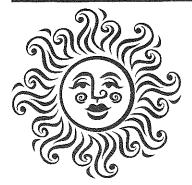
ate approximately \$2,000 in only a day and a half—they're packed with eager shoppers!





#### 2006 book sale schedule

Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6 Friday, July 7 & Saturday, July 8 Friday, Sept. 29 (Market Day presale) Saturday, Sept. 30 (Market Day) Friday, Dec. 1 & Saturday, Dec. 2 Friday sale times are 1-5 pm; Saturday sale times, 9 am-5 pm (Market Day presale time has not been determined). All sales, including Market Day, will be held in the Old Worthington Library meeting room.



# SUMMER FUN PREVIEW

Stay tuned for movies, music and more, thanks to the Friends

### Get ready to read! The whole family can tune in!

For the first time ever, Worthington Libraries is partnering with Columbus Metropolitan Library on the children, teen and adult summer reading programs.

Up until now, only the children's club was a joint venture.

For readers, this partner-

ship means the whole family can be a part of the 2006 theme, *Tune In. Read*, but prizes will be unique among the programs.

Registration starts June

The children's club has two levels, and participants earn prizes at both. At six

hours, kids will get a paperback book, and at 12 hours, they earn an art/activity kit full of crayons, colored pencils, paper, a ruler and more!

Kids who complete the 12 hours are entered in a raffle for a bicycle (one at each library).

Teens will also be able to earn two prizes, but on a point, not hour, system.

One point can be earned by reading for one hour, writing a book review, attending a library program or reading a book from a booklist given during signup.

After earning 10 points, teens may choose a paper-back book. A large, black

messenger bag is the 20-point prize.

Teens who earn 20 points are also entered in a drawing to win an iPod.

Adults completing 10 "literacy based" activities are entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.



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

#### Summer concerts return

Northwest Library will again play host to a trio of talented groups during this summer's outdoor concert series. All performances are scheduled from 7-8:30 pm.

On Friday, June 9, don't miss the energy of the multi-talented performance troupe, SNAP (Serving Non-profit Associations by Performing).

As part of its 2006 Library Tour, the young musicians in The High Strung will be in town on Friday, July 28. Get ready to rock 'n' roll!

The Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Company will close the series on Friday, August 4 with a rousing performance.



The final concert of the summer will feature the Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Company, a perennial library favorite, shown here during a 2005 concert.

#### Outdoor movies scheduled

Movies start at 9 pm at the athletic field east of Old Worthington Library, across Hartford Street.

Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (G): Friday, July 14 The original, 1971 film adaptation of Roald Dahl's book follows Charlie Bucket and four gluttonous girls and boys as they tour Willy Wonka's (Gene Wilder) candy factory.

Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G): Friday, August 4

The clay-animated man and his dog hit the big screen when clumsy but creative Wallace invents a humane pest-control outfit—Anti-Pesto—to protect neighborhood gardens.



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

- Danielle Chatfield
- Barbara Wallace
- Garrett & Sidney Dill

# Community wishes Northwest happy 10th birthday!

Breakfast also celebrates decade-long partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Library

Government officials, library representatives and patrons and staff old and new were among the wellwishers who gathered in April to celebrate Northwest Library's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

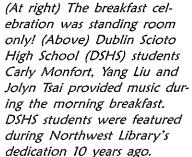
Paid for by the Friends, the breakfast event marked the decade-long partnership between Worthington Libraries and Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML).

Northwest Library is jointly operated by both library systems. It is the only library in Ohio and one of only two in the U.S. to be operated this way.

The morning program included remarks from Worthington Libraries Director Meribah Mansfield and CML Director Patrick Losinski; and Sam Porter, a CML trustee whose involvement was instrumental in getting Northwest Library built.

Worthington Libraries trustees Janet Brown and Lynn Nadler listen to the morning program, which included Columbus Metropolitan Library Director Patrick Losinski and state representative Jim Hughes.









# The Meaning of Tingo by Adam Jacot de Boinod (2006)

If you just have to know what sound people in Finland think an elephant makes, this is the book for you. An earlier volume by Howard Rheingold, They Have a Word for It, does a better job collecting words in other languages that mean things which are hard to express in English, but this gives word lovers a romp with a variety of words, sounds and insights into other cultures.

#### Million Dollar Baby by Amy Patricia Meade (2006)

The orphaned Marjorie lives in her small Connecticut hometown and writes mysteries, and immediately makes friends with goodlooking young millionaire,



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Creighton Ashcroft, who's bought a local mansion.

While visiting, she stumbles over a skeleton and falls for a handsome police officer, much to Creighton's displeasure. The three ill-assorted musketeers work together to solve the crime, which takes them to the peak of New York society and the dregs of Ridgebury. Timothy; or, Notes of an Abject Reptile by Verlyn Klinkenborg (2006)

Gilbert White, a well-known clergyman and naturalist of the 18th century, passed most of his life in the small village of Selborne.

The tortoise White owned, Timothy, came through several hands from an original home in Turkey, and Klinkenborg has imagined what Timothy would have said about Selborne, White and his life had he, rather than White, been writing about life and na-

ture. This is a tour de force, beautifully written, and full of White's (and Klinkenborg's) love of nature.

The Wright 3 by Blue Balliett (2006)

The two kids from *Chasing Vermeer* are back, but now Calder's old friend Timmy is home, disturbing the dynamics of Calder's friendship with Petra.

The three are drawn into a class project at their unorthodox Chicago school to prevent a Frank Lloyd Wright house from destruction.

The house itself seems to be cooperating with the children—which means actively fighting against those who would destroy it. Don't miss Brett Helquist's illustrations, either—there may be clues hidden in the sky.

#### Library Lagniappe: 2005

#### Fun facts about Worthington Libraries

Did you know that last year:

- —Worthington Libraries' total circulation, including digital books, was 2,520,594? This is an increase of 4.72 percent over 2004 numbers.
- —volunteers and Volunteens donated 5,085 hours to the Library, 2,299 to Northwest Library and 2,786 to Old Worthington Library?
- —the library's collection breakdown looked like this (as of 12/31/05): books, 424,939; videos, 16,017; CDs/cassettes, 41,607; DVDs, 13,428; and interactive media (like CD-ROMs), 2,856?
- —Worthington zip codes generated 10,618 KnowltNow 24x7 sessions? The service offers online reference assistance any time of the day or night.
- —library staff conducted 40 ambassador programs for 716 people? The in-house demonstrations highlight the library's online resources.
- —the Library owned **215 computers**; 129 for the public and 86 for staff?

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# Fun Facts

75-year anniversary of the first flight into the stratosphere: May 27, 1931. In a balloon launched from Augsburg, Germany, Paul Kipfer and Auguste Piccard became the first to reach the stratosphere. In a pressurized cabin, they rose almost 10 miles during their flight.



Birth anniversaries: 195 years - Harriet Beecher Stowe, June 14, 1811; 150 years - Sigmund Freud, May 6, 1856; 150 years - Lyman Frank Baum (*The Wizard of Oz*), May 15, 1856; 115 years - Cole Porter, June 9, 1891; 100 years - Billy Wilder, June 22, 1906; 80 years - Allen Ginsberg, June 3, 1926.

70-year anniversary of the publication of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*: May 19, 1936.

55-year anniversary of the first color TV broadcast: June 25, 1951.

40-year anniversary of the founding of the National Organization for Women: June 30, 1966.

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1-4 pm
Old Worthington Library

Old Worthington Library meeting room

Market Day Book Sale

Market Day Book Sale Members-Only Pre-Sale, 6:30-8:30 pm Old Worthington Library meeting room

Saturday.
September 30
Market Day Book Sale.
9 am-5 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Library card campaign kickoff & bake sale, 9 am-5 pm Village Green northeast quadrant

Wednesday.
November 15
Friends annual meeting.
7 pm
Old Worthington Library meeting room

# New sale location, but same terrific selection

Earlier this year, it was announced that the Market Day Book Sale would look a little different.

Instead of being held on the Village Green, as it had been for many years, it would be scheduled in the Old Worthington Library meeting room, where the Friends' quarterly sales take place.

The Friends Board of Directors made the decision after evaluating the increased cost and amount of labor required to conduct last year's sale.

Despite the new location, the 2006 sale promises to de-

liver all the reasons why you love Friends book sales—great selection and prices (all items are only \$1), and your money supports a 2006 Library of the Year finalist!

Although the sale opens to the public at 9 am on Saturday, Sept. 30, as a Friends member, you're invited to an exclusive presale from 6:30-8:30 pm on Friday, Sept. 29.

Non-members can join at the sale on the 29th and get pre-sale privileges. Let your friends and relatives know!

To volunteer, call Myra at 885-7219.

# Meeting to include travel talk Friends members and their

Friends members and their families are invited to take a trip down the historic National Road when Sylvia D. Miller visits Old Worthington Library.

Miller will be the featured speaker during the Friends' annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm.

A retired educator and accomplished writer and songwriter, Miller has written and produced an audio travelogue of the National Road, the first highway built entirely with federal funds.

Her presentation includes songs representing the historic narrative and the cultures of the immigrants who traveled the road from Wheeling, West Virginia across Ohio.

Authorized by Congress in 1806, construction on the National Road, now called U.S. Route 40, began in Cumberland, Maryland in 1811. By 1818, the road had been completed to the Ohio River at Wheeling and was eventually pushed through central Ohio and Indiana, reaching Vandalia, Illinois in the 1830s, where, due to lack of funds, construction ceased.

Look for more information on the annual meeting in the next Friends newsletter.

#### Campaign on the Green

Just because the Market Day book sale won't be held on the Village Green, doesn't mean there won't be any Library presence on the northeast quadrant this fall.

Weather permitting, the Library plans to kick off a twoyear library card campaign—Get Connected. Get Smart. Get A Card.—on Saturday, Sept. 30, right where the Friends' big striped tent stood for many Market Days.

One of the goals of the library's strategic plan is to increase the number of library cardholders by 10 percent through 2008. A secondary goal, but just as important, is to increase awareness and use of the library's resources, particularly online resources, for new cardholders and people like you who have library cards.

For example, did you know that with your Worthington Libraries card you have access to quality online resources not available through search engines, including e-books and audio books, language-learning programs like Rosetta Stone—see Campaign, inside

#### reading Summer

A busy summer reading season made for a very busy summer at Worthington Libraries. Fun programs featuring magicians, animals, storytellers and much more drew eager families to Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library and the materials kept them coming back!

Circulation at both libraries and participation in summer reading programs for children, teens and adults were both on the rise this summer, and the final results were impressive.

In July, the Library set an all-time monthly circulation record of 240,057. July 2006 circulation at Northwest Library was an astonishing 120,307 items, up more than 8 percent when compared to July 2005.

Old Worthington Library's circulation numbers were nearly as impressive last month, with 119,750 items checked out-a figure 4.5 percent greater than July 2005.

The library's year-to-date circulation is over 1.5 million items, which is a 3.3 percent increase over last year.

The library's summer reading programs were music to the ears of youngsters who completed their reading in record time, and with record-breaking results.

Over 6,000 children registered for Tune In. Read., which represents a 3 percent increase over last year.

# skyrockets circulation numbers Friends



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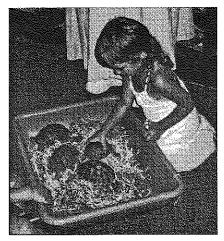
Registration for the teen program increased dramatically with 1,109 registering and 554 completing the program. Those statistics represent increases of 28.5 percent and almost 70 percent, respectively, over last year.

The summer reading programs are your membership dues hard at work. Fully funded by the Friends, they enable the Library to support the efforts of parents and educa-

tors to keep kids reading during the summer months, ensuring their success as the new school year begins. Studies show that children who spend the summer reading retain skills learned the previous year and do far better in class.

Northwest Library's Musical Tales entertains these boys (below). At right, Old Worthington Library offers hands-on turtle time.





#### The Fourth Bear by Jasper Fforde (2006)

Jack Sprat has been removed as head of Reading's Nursery Crime division, even though he's the logical person to head up the search for escaped mass murderer, the Gingerbreadman.

Barred from that investigation, Jack and Sergeant Mary Mary look into the case of a missing journalist called Goldilocks who was last seen in the company of three bears.

Yes, we're back in Fforde's world, and things have never been stranger, more frightening or more amusing. Check out the first in his Nursery Crime series, The Big Over Easy, another must-read. James Tiptree, Jr.: The Double Life of Alice B. Sheldon by Julie Phillips (2006)



# Check This Out

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

Many readers know James Tiptree, Jr. as the brilliant writer who stunned the science fiction genre twice—initially with tremendous stories and later with the revelation that the person behind the pseudonym was a woman.

This fine biography details Sheldon's complicated life, from affluent childhood, through varied careers (including a World War II intelligence officer) to her death in a murder-suicide pact.

#### Leaving Jetty Road by Rebecca Burton (2006)

Nat. Lise and Sofia are best friends. This year, their last year at a private high school in south Australia, none of them foresees the changes that will occur in their lives.

This is the year that Natthe go-between, the peacemaker—gets a job and meets a drop-dead gorgeous chef named Josh. This is the year that Lise—quiet, shy and solitary Lise—decides to take

control of her life by taking control of her weight. This is the year that Sofia-the ultimate guy magnet—gets her nose pierced and falls seriously in love for the first time in her life.

#### Water for Elephants by Sarah Gruen (2006)

When Jacob Jankowski, jumps onto a passing train, he enters the world of a secondrate circus trying to survive during the Great Depression.

A former veterinary student, Jacob is put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie. It is there that he meets the beautiful equestrian star Marlena, who is married to August, the charismatic, but twisted, animal trainer. He also meets Rosie, an elephant who seems untrainable until he discovers a way to reach her.

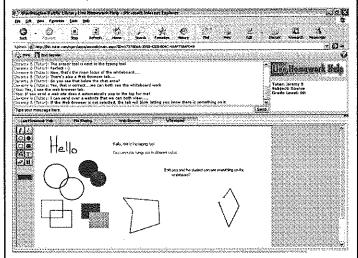
# Free online tutoring available with card

With homework on the minds of students and their parents at this time of year, what better Library electronic resource to feature this quarter than Online Tutoring?

Online Tutoring lets students in grades 4-12, as well as college freshmen, get free, real-time online help from professional math, science, social studies and English tutors every day from 2-10 pm. All they need is an Internet connection, a Windows-compatible PC and a library card.

Here's how kids can access it:

- Go to www.worthingtonlibraries.org and click on Live Web Reference/Online Tutoring.
- Choose a subject and grade level.
- Participants will be connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom where they can work on an interactive white board (see below), browse the Web and share files like essays and reports.
- Kids can print their sessions for future reference.



This is a screenshot of the Online Tutoring white board. Using the tools at the left, students and tutors can make shapes and type text to facilitate learning.



# New Friends

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

- Monica Bambeck
- Helena Brus
- Sheril Carey
- Bruce & Kathy Gaddis
- Laura Jewett
- Sue Lair
- Philip & Barbara Mahaney
- Cheryl Russell
- Carolyn Turner
- Dyann Wesp

# Paintings inspired by ongoing book sale find

In the Fall 2004 issue of this newsletter, you were introduced to Jeff Regensburger, a **Friends** member who came to the librarian profession by way of a fine arts degree from The Ohio State University.

Always on the lookout for ideas for his paintings, Jeff purchased a book he found in Northwest Library's ongoing Friends book sale.

Weathering the Storm:

Tornadoes, Television and Turmoil, by Gary A. England, was the inspiration for two oil pastels Jeff exhibited at the Ohio State Fair in August.

Both were award winners! One earned honors from the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and both were purchased by the Ohio Arts Council as part of its purchase award program.

Maybe you'll find your muse at the ongoing sales!



Entitled Palm Sunday #2, this oil pastel, by Friends member Jeff Regensburger, was purchased by the Ohio Arts Council at the Ohio State Fair this past August.

#### —from **Campaign**, front page

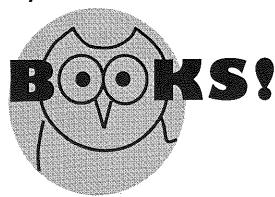
and career-building tests available through Learning Express Library? (See above for this quarter's featured electronic resource.)

Armed with computers and the city's Wi-Fi access, staff will spend Market Day demonstrating exciting online resources like TumbleBooks and online tutoring for kids and teens, and Rosetta Stone for adults.

If you stop by for a demonstration, not only will you be tempted by the mouthwatering baked goods sold by teen volunteers to benefit the Friends, you'll also get a coupon for a free book at the Friends sale happening that day in the Old Worthington Library meeting room.

Although there won't be a huge striped tent on the northeast quadrant this year, come over to the much smaller tents and learn from library staff all that you can do with your library card!

#### Market Day means



Be smart about where you get yours...

Friends of Worthington Libraries

Market Day Book Sale

Old Worthington Library meeting room

Members-Only Presale Friday, Sept. 29 6:30-8:30 pm General Sale Saturday, Sept. 30 9 am-5 pm

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135-year anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire: Oct. 8, 1871. The fire started, according to legend, when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn on DeKoven Street. The fire leveled 3.5 sqare miles, destroying 17,450 buildings and leaving 98,500 people homeless and about 250 people dead. Financially, the loss was \$200 million.



**Birth anniversaries:** 350 years - Edmund Halley, Nov. 8, 1656; 140 years - George Wells, Sept. 21, 1866; 110 years - F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sept. 24, 1896; 90 years - James Herriot, Oct. 3, 1916.

125-year anniversary of the gunfight at the OK Corral: Oct. 26, 1881. At 2:30 pm, the Earp brothers and gambler/dentist Doc Holliday confronted the Clanton and McLaury brothers at a vacant lot behind the OK Corral in Tombstone, AZ.

**75-year anniversary of Dick Tracy debut:** Oct. 4, 1931. The square-jawed detective made his comic strip debut in the *Detroit Daily Mirror* in "Plainclothes Tracy."

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Saturday, Dec. 2
Winter book sale,
9 am-5 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Saturday, Dec. 9
Holiday Bazaar: a teen
advisory board
fundraiser, 9 am-5 pm
Northwest Library lobby

### Annual membership meeting planned

All members are encouraged to attend the Friends' annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm at Old Worthington Library, 820 High St.

In addition to a short business meeting, which includes the election of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors, several presentations are included on the agenda.

#### THE NATIONAL ROAD

Take a trip down the historic National Road with Sylvia D. Miller, who has written and produced an audio travelogue on the subject.

Miller will be the featured speaker on Nov. 15.

A retired educator and accomplished writer and songwriter, Miller's presentation includes songs representing the historic narrative and the cultures of the immigrants who traveled the road from West Virginia across Ohio.

Authorized by Congress in 1806, the National Road—the first highway built entirely with federal funds—is now called U.S. Route 40.

Miller's program is made possible in part by the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. 2006-2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### SHEILA VETTER AWARD MARKS FIFTH YEAR

Since 2001, the Sheila E. Vetter Volunteer Recognition Award has been given to exceptional Worthington Libraries volunteers during the Friends' annual meeting.

This year, Melissa Jamieson, a Northwest Library teen volunteer, and Bob Hollinger, an adult volunteer at Old Worthington Library, will both receive a \$200 U.S. savings bond.

For the past two years, Jamieson has been Northwest's top Volunteen in terms of hours. Since 2002, she has volunteered over 170 hours during summer reading club and year-round activities for children.

Described as a "wonderful asset to the Library," Hollinger has spent over 120 hours in the Technical Services Department processing interlibrary loans. He also scans historic photographs for Worthington Memory, an online scrapbook of Worthington history.

The Sheila Vetter Award honors Sheila Vetter, a Northwest Library staffer who passed away suddenly in 2000.

#### New location is non-issue

Moving the Market Day Book Sale from the Village Green to Old Worthington Library's meeting room didn't matter to shoppers who packed the room throughout the day Sept. 30.

In the end, the sale made more this year—nearly \$400 more—than last year after expenses, mainly the cost of renting a tent for the Village Green. This year's take? \$2,464.77!

Thanks to members who came to shop, and stayed to help!

Save the dates! Next book sale:

Dec. 1-2

### Biscuit books author headline festival

Award-winning children's author Alyssa Satin Capucilli is the main attraction of the library's second annual Read to Your Baby Festival, sponsored by the Friends and Target.

The free event is Sunday, Nov. 19 from 1-5 pm at Old Worthington Library.



Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Satin Capucilli is best-known as the author of the Biscuit series of books for preschoolers and beginning readers. Her other books include Only My Dad & Me and Mrs. McTats and Her Houseful of Cats.

Satin Capucilli will explore the creation of a book using puppets and storytelling during two presentations, at 1:30 and 3:30 pm, and sign copies of her books from 2:15-3 pm. Free tickets are required for each reading, but not the event, and are available in the children's departments at both Northwest Library and Old Worthington Library.

The afternoon will also include visits

from Peter Rabbit, Franklin the Turtle and Daisy Duck, baby storytimes, Raise-a-Reader packets and tables staffed by familyoriented community organizations.

#### Heirlooms found in book

#### Treasure includes 150-year-old photo

Some Library staffers are in the middle of a reverse treasure hunt. The treasure has been found, now they're trying to locate its source or, more specifically, a descendant.

The story has received statewide attention since running on the Channel 4 news. While sorting donated books for the Friends, member Irene Candy found a Reader's Digest Condensed Book which held an 1854 wedding photograph, a memo book containing a handwritten Seybert/Seibert family tree and an apothecary scale dating back to the mid-1700s.

Library staff are now in the process of locating a descendant with whom the items can stay.

Candy, who said she was so excited about making the discovery she was shaking, believes the heirlooms were mistakenly donated by a family member who was fooled by the fake book. "I thought it was a book myself until I picked it up and heard something rattle inside!"

A strong Pennsylvania connection—the photograph was taken in Waterloo, the scale belonged to a Seibert who apprenticed in Williamsport—enticed a genealogist there to do some digging after she saw a newspaper story on the library's

Using census records, she may have located the great-greatgrandson of the couple in the 1854 photograph. He lives in Virginia and has since been in contact with library staff, as has another descendant who saw the Channel 4 news story.

# TumbleBook Library offers e-kids e-books

With a library card and a computer with Internet access, you can unlock the door to over 180 books for your child or grandchild. Safe. educational and fun—TumbleBook Library has it all!

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of children's books which range in age from animated, talking picture books to easy readers to chapter books. It's easy



TumbleBook

for kids to find books for their reading level. The time it takes to read each story is also included, which is good for those trying to make sure bedtimes aren't missed! Several of the books have an accompanying game or

puzzle. For example, after reading Teresa Bateman's Fluffy: Scourge of the Sea, kids may want to play the game where they can steer Fluffy's new pirate ship through dangerous waters, picking up treasure (and points) along the way. Watch out for the rocks!

TumbleBooks also features a number of selections in its Language Learning section, where children can read books in Spanish, French, Chinese and Italian, or have some of the books read to them.

A Life Learning section contains books which will teach kids and their parents about important social and health issues in a fun, educational way. Books on volunteerism, racial tolerance, asthma and even Alzheimer's are available.

TumbleReadables is full of large print, read-on-yourown story, chapter and teen books. Titles like Black Beauty, Swiss Family Robinson and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow will give kids a great introduction to classic literature.

To access TumbleBook Library from home, go to www.worthingtonlibraries.org and select Virtual Reference Room. Search for "TumbleBooks" and then enter your library card information. It's that easy!



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- Stephen Benner
- Cathy Brown
- Diana Cahill
- Ron & Lynda Carpenter
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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, Feb. 24
Winter book sale setup,
9 am-noon
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Winter book sale, 1-5 pm

Saturday, Feb. 25 Winter book sale, 9 am-5 pm Old Worthington Library meeting room

Tuesday, March 14
Spring Novel Teas start,
3 pm, Northwest Library

Thursday, March 16
Documentary film series starts, (Super Size Me)
7 pm
Old Worthington Library

April 2-8
National Library Week,
Old Worthington Library
& Northwest Library

Wednesday, April 12 Community breakfast, 7:30 am Northwest Library (Open to all residents!)

#### Breakfast commemorates 10th birthday

It's hard to believe, but on April 16 of this year, Northwest Library will be 10 years old! It doesn't seem that long ago that Friends members were helping sort books destined for Northwest Library in a former bank building located where a portion of Old Worthington Library stands today.

Celebrate 10 years of progress and partnership during Worthington Libraries' annual community breakfast on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 am at Northwest Library. Library volunteers, including many Friends members, will also be recognized.





# Upcoming Events

Friends members hear about these events first!

### Mark the calendar, book sales planned

Those of you who like to plan vacations and social engagements around Friends book sale dates are in luck—the entire 2006 schedule has been set (see schedule at right)!

Please note that all sales will be held in Old Worthington Library's meeting room. After evaluating last year's Market Day sale, which has long been held on the Village Green, the Friends Board of Directors decided it would be more cost-effective and far less labor intensive to move it to Old Worthington Library this year. Plans are being developed, however, for some kind of Friends presence on the Green on Sept. 30.

In the meantime, don't forget about this month's sale on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25. Hours are 1-5 pm on Friday, and 9 am-5 pm on Saturday. Call 885-7219 to volunteer.

WHAT: Community breakfast

WHEN: Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 am

WHERE: Northwest Library

# Friends of Worthington Libraries 2006 book sale schedule

Friday, Feb. 24 Saturday, Feb. 25

Friday, May 5 Saturday, May 6

Friday, July 7 Saturday, July 8

Friday, Sept. 29 (Market Day presale) Saturday, Sept. 30 (Market Day)

> Friday, Dec. 1 Saturday, Dec. 2

Friday sale times will be 1-5 pm;
Saturday sale times will be 9 am-5 pm
(sale time for Market Day presale has not been determined). All sales, including
Market Day, will be held in the Old
Worthington Library meeting room.

#### March film series slated | Book discussions & more

Old Worthington Library will host a documentary film series this spring, sponsored by the **Friends**. All films start at 7 pm in the meeting room.

Super Size Me (PG-13): Thursday, March 16

After eating nothing but McDonald's for 30 days and watching his health suffer for it, director Morgan Spurlock makes the claim that our fast food society, including school

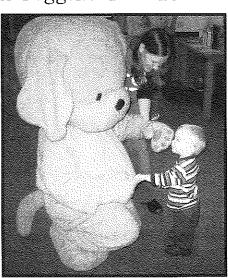
lunches, and the politics involved have made us the fattest nation in the world. *Introduced by Dr. Pam Popper, a naturopath, nutritionist and executive director of The Wellness Forum.* 

March of the Penguins (G): Thursday, March 23 This nature documentary follows the annual journey of emperor penguins to their breeding ground in Antarctica. Narrated by Morgan Freeman, the film focuses on one steadfast pair as they face birth and death, dating and mating, predators and even love in their fight for survival. *Introduced by animal guests from the Columbus Zoo.* 

Spellhound (G): Thursday, March 30 Every spring since 1925, Scripps Howard newspapers sponsor spelling bees at grade schools across the U.S. This riveting film documents the struggles of eight students as they win regional bees and prepare for the national contest in Washington, D.C. Introduced by Ken Keller, pronouncer for the annual Columbus Dispatch spelling bee.

End of Suburbia (PG-13): Thursday, April 6 Since World War II, North Americans have invested much of their wealth in suburbia. With honesty and a touch of irony, End of Suburbia explores the American Way of Life and its prospects as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. Introduced by Fred Yaeger of Simply Living, an area group working to promote sustainability.

#### A Doggone Good Time



Biscuit met many of his young fans at the library's Read to Your Baby festival in November. Over 300 people attended the Friends- and Target-sponsored event, held at Old Worthington Library. Author/il*lustrator Denise* Fleming was the featured speaker.



Friends Funds

Your membership \$\$\$ at work making our libraries fun and educational! There will be more than books on the table during this season's Novel Tea programs at Northwest Library. That's because this series isn't a traditional book discussion. Bring a friend and a favorite teacup to one of these Friends-sponsored sessions and see why!

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

#### Tuesday, March 14 at 3 pm

After discussing Frank Delaney's *Ireland: A Novel*, which combines the intimate, passionate texture of the Irish spirit with a sweeping, epic historical scope, participants will hear from Irish storyteller Julie O'Keefe McGhee.

#### Wednesday, April 12

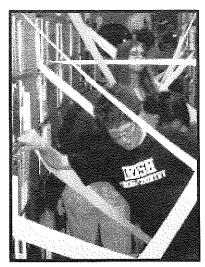
Gardening book author and avid mystery reader Debra Knapke will join attendees to discuss Ann Ripley's *Summer Garden Murder: A Gardening Mystery* featuring amateur sleuth/PBS gardening guru Louise Eldridge.

#### Tuesday, May 9

This discussion of *Digging Up Trouble: A Nina Quinn Mystery* will include the author herself, Heather Webber! Landscaper Nina Quinn makes her living doing surprise makeovers. Now her business is in trouble because she dug up the wrong yard, causing the owner to have a heart attack!

#### Paper trail for teens

A game of Laser Beam (yep, that's toilet paper stretched between the stacks!) was only one of the activities planned during January's Snow-In Library Sleepover at Old Worthington Library. Over 20 teens attended the invitationonly event, sponsored by the Friends, to play games like Spiderweb and Elfin Archery (foam pool noodles provided) and eat, eat, eat!





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

- Laurie & Steve Bilovesky
- \* Tom & Carey Nash
- Dave & Pam Blodgett
- \* Michael Strautz

### Library & Lazelle Woods partnership lifts off

In January, first steps were taken to expand library service to northeast area residents

Expanding library service to residents in the northeast part of the service district was one of the promises made by Worthington Libraries officials while campaigning for the passage of its November 2005 operating levy.

The levy victory was barely two months old when the Library took the first step to make good on its promise, taking part in the grand opening celebration of the Lazelle

Woods Recreation Center, located on Sancus Boulevard, in mid-January.

The Friends had a part in the festivities as leftover summer reading program prizes—frisbee rings, carabiners, etc.—were given to children. For many years, the Friends have funded summer reading program programming and prizes for children, teens and adults.

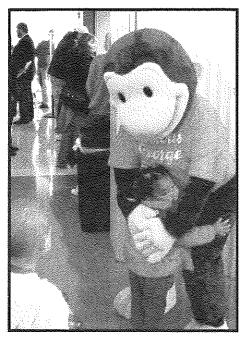
During the grand opening, library staff performed a wildly successful puppet show, "The Good, the Bad & the Stinky." Curious George (aka children's librarian Molly Meyers in costume) also paid kids a visit.

Now the Library offers weekly storytime programs for babies through three-year-olds, "Computers for Absolute Beginners" classes and an eight-week series for ages 50 and up called "Becoming Computer Literate."

Library director Meribah Mansfield says the Library will continue to look for ways to extend service to northeast residents in new and creative ways.

(Below) A capacity crowd gathered to watch library staff perform a puppet show during the grand opening of the Lazelle Woods Recreation Center in January. (At right) Janelle Ingraham Dwyer, daughter of Friends members Janet and Andy, gets a hug from Curious George as her brother Benjamin looks on.





#### A Taxonomy of Barnacles by Galt Niederhoffer (2005)

The six Barnacle sisters are growing up in their father's Manhattan apartment. The two oldest, Bell and Bridget, are in love with the Finch twins next door. Do the twins feel the same?

With families divided (about the Yankees and Red Sox, and more), Bridget's new boyfriend, an adopted brother who wants to find his biological father, there are many obstacles to a happy ending. Perhaps fate, or evolution, has one in store. The Sweet Potato Queens' Wedding Planner/Divorce Guide by Jill Conner Browne (2005)

Browne has conveniently packaged the Divorce Guide and the Wedding Planner



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

together, an example of the practical-minded humor that infuses this edition of Sweet Potato Queen wisdom.

Whether you want to know why you probably shouldn't get engaged, or what to tell your momma when you want to get divorced without a good reason, Browne and company give you the inside scoop. The Lincoln Lawyer by Michael Connelly (2005)

Mickey Haller is a Lincoln

Lawyer, a criminal defense pro who operates out of his Lincoln Town Car, to defend clients at the bottom of the legal food chain.

When a Beverly Hills rich boy is arrested, Haller has his first high-paying client in years. It's a franchise case he's sure will be a slam dunk in the courtroom. For once, he may be defending a client who is actually innocent. But an investigator is murdered for getting too close to the truth and Haller quickly discovers his search for innocence has taken him face-to-face with evil.

The Constant Princess by

The Constant Princess by Philippa Gregory (2005)

Daughter of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain, Katherine of Aragon has been fated her whole life to marry Prince Arthur of England.

When the pair are married, the match becomes as passionate as it is politically expedient. The lovers revel in each other's company and plan the England they will make together.

But at 15, Arthur falls ill and extracts from his 16year-old bride a deathbed promise to marry his brother, Henry; become Queen; and fulfill their dreams and her destiny.

### 2005 Annual Report

Friends of Worthington	Libraries
INCOME	\$49,731
including	
Book sales	\$25,599
Ongoing - \$14,543 Market Day - \$4,045 Quarterly - \$7,009	7
Memberships	\$19,253
Miscellaneous donations	\$4,130
Gift counter	\$749
EXPENSES	\$56,417
including	
Summer reading programs	\$13,985
Adult, young adult	
& children's programs	\$10,367
Special programs & events	\$7,161
Staff support	\$3,625
Taxes	\$3,453
National Library Week	\$2,480

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# Gun Gacts

515-year anniversary of the closest approach of a comet to Earth: Feb. 20, 1491. An unnamed comet came within 860,000 miles of Earth. By comparison, the closest approach that Halley's comet made to



Earth was on April 10, 837 AD at three million miles.

Birth anniversaries: 220 years - Wilhelm Carl Grimm, Feb. 24, 1786; 200 years - Elizabeth Barrett Browning, March 6, 1806; 190 years - Charlotte Bronte, April 21, 1816; 165 years - Pierre Auguste Renoir, Feb. 25, 1841; 160 years - William Frederic "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Feb. 26, 1846; 100 years - Samuel Beckett, April 13, 1906; 95 years - Tennessee Williams, March 26, 1911.

225-year anniversary of the discovery of the planet Uranus: March 13, 1781.

110-year anniversary of the first modern Olympics: April 6, 1896. After a 1,500 year hiatus, the Games formally opened in Athens, Greece.