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

Calendar



of Events

**Friday,
September 28**

**Market Day Book Sale
setup, 1-4 pm**
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

**Market Day Book Sale
members-only pre-sale,
6:30-8:30 pm**
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

**Saturday,
September 29**

**Market Day Book Sale,
9 am-5 pm**
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

**Sunday,
September 30**

**Market Day Book Sale,
1-5 pm**
Old Worthington Library
meeting room
(All books \$3 per bag!)

**Thursday,
November 8**

**Friends annual meeting,
7 pm**
Griswold Senior Center,
777 High St.

Finalist no more; Library SCORES!!!

A Library of the Year finalist four of the past seven years, Worthington Libraries came up big this year wowing the judges to earn the title 2007 Library of the Year.

Announcing the news to a packed house at Old Worthington Library in June, Library Director Meribah Mansfield credited staff, the community and especially the **Friends** for all their hard work and support of the Library.

The national award, which included a check for \$10,000, was presented at a reception in Washington, D.C. The library was also honored at the Ohio Statehouse and by Worthington City Council.



Left, Director Meribah Mansfield shared the news at a June press conference. Above, an Ohio Statehouse congratulations.

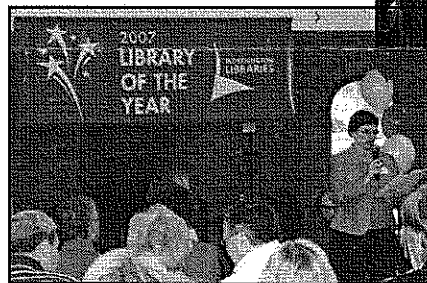
Book sales end after Market Day

Renovations at Old Worthington Library will put a temporary end to book sales, and book donations at both libraries after the Sept. 29-30 Market Day sale in the Old Worthington Library meeting room (see complete sale schedule at left, including times for the members-only pre-sale to which you are invited!).

The Friends Board of Directors is investigating off-site sale spaces for the future, as well as compiling a list of community sites that will accept donated books.

The list will be available at the circulation desks of both libraries by Oct. 1.

Book donations and sales will resume when the library's renovation project is completed, in September 2008.



Generous gift supports programs, operations

Last year, Worthington Libraries celebrated a gift of more than \$241,000 from the estate of Ronald Lee McConnell, a long-time Worthington resident and library patron.

Mr. McConnell was a legally blind homebound library patron who received library materials, such as books-on-tape, at his home. In gratitude for the library's services, Mr. McConnell donated his home and estate to Worthington Libraries.

Mr. McConnell's generous testamentary gift was added to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund at The Columbus Foundation.

"The investment revenue from the endowment supports annual programs and future operations. Mr. McConnell's legacy will help us meet the needs of our community both today and in the future," said Lisa Fuller, director of community relations and development for Worthington Libraries.

A bequest gift from your will is one of the simplest ways to distribute your estate. By having your attorney revise your —see **Endowment Fund**, inside

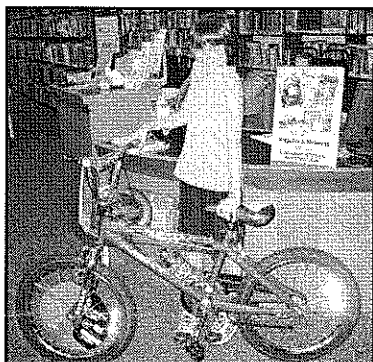
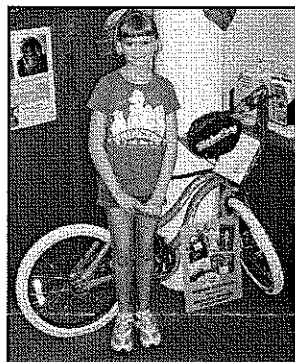
Summer treasures found!

Kids, teens and adults looking for summer fun found it at Worthington Libraries! Participation in all three summer reading programs was up over 2006 numbers—in the case of the adult program, by as much as 73 percent!

Over 6,300 children registered for *Find Treasures. Read.*, a six percent increase over last year. Pictured below, Bailey Rausch and Jared McCabe were two of the 3,524 kids who read for 12 hours and completed the program. They were entered into a drawing for two bicycles (one at each library) for their hard work.

Registration for the teen program increased as well with 1,219 registering for the program, an almost 10 percent increase 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 educators to keep kids reading during the summer months.



Potter party is packed

Thanks to the **Friends**, July 20 was a day like no other. The library's celebration of the release of the final book in the Harry Potter anthology, *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows*, was a success beyond imagining.

The Library estimates that as many as 5,000 people may have attended "Harry Potter & the Final Chapter." Old Worthington Library's user visits total at the end of July 20 was over 8,500; a typical day sees approximately 2,600 users.

Kids of all ages and their families came to the Library for the Potter-related games, drawings and contests and stayed for most of the 15-hour event, which culminated at midnight with a drawing for 10 free copies of the new book. Barnes & Noble also had copies for fans to buy, and agreed to donate a portion to the Friends, which made \$335 from the arrangement.

The Friends also sold sandwiches for dinner, which were donated by Buckeye Subs & Salads, and made over \$1,500.

More pictures can be found on the back page.



Diagon Alley, where kids could make wands, hats and more, was packed from 11 am-11 pm on July 20!

ADULT FICTION

Tin Roof Blowdown by James Lee Burke

Hurricane Katrina has just devastated New Orleans. Looters are everywhere, and a young black man is killed and another paralyzed when they are shot after looting, and nearly destroying, the house of a wealthy criminal.

Interest in the house's illegal riches means trouble for Dave Robicheaux of the New Orleans Sheriff's Department.

Dave always speaks for those with no voice, and this book is particularly moving in its descriptions of Katrina and Rita's devastation.

ADULT NON-FICTION

The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable by Nassim Taleb

Taleb's book is an interest-



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ing look at discovery, randomness and the improbable.

His contention that we owe a lot to luck, chance and the unpredictable provides a counterpoint to the science of trends and forecasting. Pop-culture science book fans should give this one a chance.

TEEN FICTION

Skin Hunger by Kathleen Duey

Sadima travels from her farm home to the city, be-

ents cleaning, laughing, eating, playing and relaxing.

DVDs

Bandidas

Reminiscent of *Thelma and Louise*, this western spoof takes place in Mexico in 1888.

Sara and Maria – two very different women – decide to avenge the deaths of their fathers by becoming outlaws.

With Penelope Cruz and Salma Hayek.

BOOKS ON CD

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: a Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver

Kingsolver and her family move from suburban Arizona to rural Appalachia, and decide to spend a year on a locally produced diet, paying close attention to the provenance of all they consume.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Summerhouse Time by Eileen Spinelli

The approach of summer-house time at the beach brings back good memories of this annual tradition – of aunts, uncles, cousins and grandpar-

College is a click away

Choosing a college and preparing to get in can be a major source of anxiety for young adults and their parents, but with a Worthington Libraries library card you have access to resources that can ease the high school to college transition.

Following are a few examples listed in their "Colleges & Universities" resource guide, available in print at Northwest Library and Old Worthington Library and at Worthington Libraries Online (WLO), www.worthingtonlibraries.org.

What Major

Making an informed choice about a college starts with knowing what you are interested in. Not sure what a potential career path might entail? Then try to OCIS – Ohio Career Information Services, an online source the Library subscribes to available through WLO that helps you choose a career as well as find information on schools, majors and financial aid.

Choosing a school

Once you know what you want to major in, find colleges that offer programs in your field. College Source, another online subscription available via WLO, will help you find college profiles and catalogs across the US and Canada, and allows you to search by major and degrees offered.

Getting in

Many schools still rely on standardized tests for entrance and placement. WLO's subscription to Learning Express can help you prepare with online practice tests for the ACT and SAT as well as Advance Placement tests.

Paying for it

How can you afford to go to school? For most students, the first step in getting financial aid is filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Both libraries have the forms in print, but you can also fill out the form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Once the FAFSA's done, you can turn to commercial online services like www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org to help you find scholarships.

Of course, Worthington Libraries (and probably your college's library) are always available to help you with school assignments once you're in school. If you can't stop in, just call Northwest Library, 807-2656, or Old Worthington Library, 807-2626, for help.

Resources available for those ready to retire

Did you know that as many as 30 million Baby Boomers will reach retirement age within the next decade? If you're one of them, you are probably starting to clarify your goals for retirement—financial, emotional, recreational and so on.

Earlier this month, the Library offered a program, *Best Places to Retire*, to soon-to-be retirees mulling the decision of where to live or have a vacation home after retirement. If you missed this informative morning session, below are a few resources to guide you in your retirement research.

ANTICIPATING & ADAPTING TO RETIREMENT

♦ *This is Not Your Parent's Retirement: A Revolutionary Guide to Investment for a Revolutionary Generation* by Patrick Astre. 332.014 AST

♦ *Your Complete Retirement Planning Road Map: the Leave-Nothing-to-chance, Worry-free, All-systems Go Guide* by Ed Slott. 332.204 SLO

♦ *What Color is Your Parachute? for Retirement: Planning Now for the Life You Want* by Richard N. Bolles and John E. Nelson. 332.024 BOL

FINANCES

♦ *Plan Right for Retirement with the Grangaard Strategy* by Paul A. Grangaard. 332.024. GRA

♦ *Retire Smart, Retire Happy: Finding your True Path in Life* by Nancy K. Schlossberg. 306.38 SCH

SELECTING AND EVALUATING PLACES TO LIVE

♦ *America's 100 Best Places to Retire*
646.79 AME

♦ *America's Top Rated Smaller Cities*
R 317.3 AME

♦ *Moving and Relocation Directory*
R 307.764 MOV

USEFUL WEB SITES

♦ www.elderhostel.org (Elderhostel)

♦ www.matureresources.org (Mature Resources)

♦ www.wiser.heinz.org/portal (Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement)

—from *Endowment Fund*, front page

will or add a simple amendment, you can make a gift to the Worthington Libraries of a dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or what is left after your loved ones have been cared for.

When added to the Endowment Fund, your bequest will ensure that the Library can continue to make a last-

ing, positive impact.

If you have already included the Worthington Libraries in your estate planning and wish to be recognized as a donor to the Planned Giving Fund, or if you would like more information on making a gift to the Endowment Fund, please call Lisa Fuller at 807-2604.

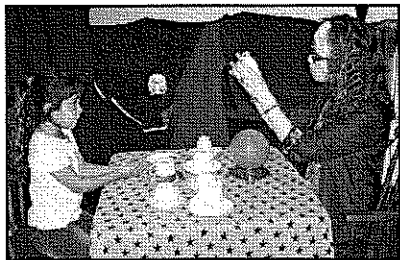


New Friends

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

- ♦ Mary Jo Cusack
- ♦ Michael Ketchum
- ♦ Dr. Frank & Nancy Stroebel

Potter Party (from inside page)



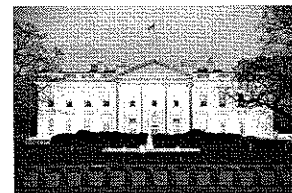
Staff and patrons alike had a magical time celebrating the release of the seventh, and final, Harry Potter book.



Fun Facts

215-year anniversary of the laying of the White House cornerstone: Oct. 13, 1792.

Designed by James Hoban, the first President to reside at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC,



was John Adams, in November 1800. With three stories and more than 100 rooms, the White House, a name it acquired about 10 years after construction was completed, is the oldest building in Washington. Burned by British troops in 1814, it was reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied by 1817.

Birth anniversaries: 250 years - William Blake, Nov. 28, 1757; 235 years - Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Oct. 21, 1772; 140 years, Marie Curie, Nov. 7, 1867; 125 years - Bela Lugosi, Oct. 20, 1882; 120 years - Georgia O'Keeffe, Nov. 15, 1887; 110 years - William Faulkner, Sept. 25, 1897; 95 years - Roy Rogers, Nov. 5, 1912.

120-year anniversary of the adding machine: Oct. 11, 1887.

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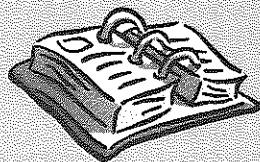
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9 am-noon
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Spring book sale, 1-5 pm

Saturday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

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

Tuesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 19

**Members-only recep-
tion with Molly
O'Neill, 5:30-6:30 pm**
Old Worthington Library
meeting room
Molly O'Neill reading,
7 pm, Kilbourne Middle
School auditorium, 50 E.
Dublin-Granville Road

Behind the Bestseller

Famed chef and author to dish in Worthington

Growing up in Columbus, Ohio, the only girl in a family with five younger brothers—and a baseball-obsessed father—young Molly O'Neill found her niche in cooking.

She got her start while taking care of her brothers (including Paul, a future New York Yankee), making them crab melts, cream cheese dips and tuna noodle casserole.

She then moved on to the big time, studying cooking in Austria and Paris before returning to the U.S. to write about food.

The former food columnist for the *New York Times* and host of the PBS series *Great Food*, Molly is also the author of several award-winning cookbooks.

On April 19, Molly will be in town to share stories from her recent release, *Mostly True: A Memoir of Family, Food, & Baseball*.

Filled with stories of a regular family pursuing the American dream, it also chronicles one girl's quest to find her place in a world built for boys—at baseball games, in kitchens with hard-headed chefs and as a journalist.

Date: Thursday,
April 19

Time: 7 pm

Place: Kilbourne Middle
School auditorium, 50 E.
Dublin-Granville Road

*Tickets: \$10 for Friends
members; \$15 for the
public, will be sold at
the door.*

Celebrate your library

Celebrate National Library Week (April 15-21) with Worthington Libraries during their annual Community Breakfast on Tuesday, April 17!

Grab some breakfast before work or after you see the kids off to school. Join your friends and neighbors to learn more about the future of library service.

The morning will also include a special recognition for Library volunteers, including

many hard-working **Friends** members.

The event is free, thanks to the **Friends**, but reservations are requested. Please call 807-2611.

First observed in 1958, National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries, librarians and library workers, and to promote library use and support.

Date: Tuesday, April 17

Time: 7:30 am

Place: Old Worthington Library

Proceeds from Molly's reading, which will begin at 7 pm in the Kilbourne Middle School auditorium, will benefit the **Friends**.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 (Friends members) and \$15 (general public).

Questions? Call 807-2604.

Meet Molly!

A free meet-the-author reception for Friends members only is planned with Molly O'Neill just prior to her reading. Call Hillary, 807-2605, to RSVP for the event, which will start at 5:30 pm on April 19 in the Old Worthington Library meeting room.

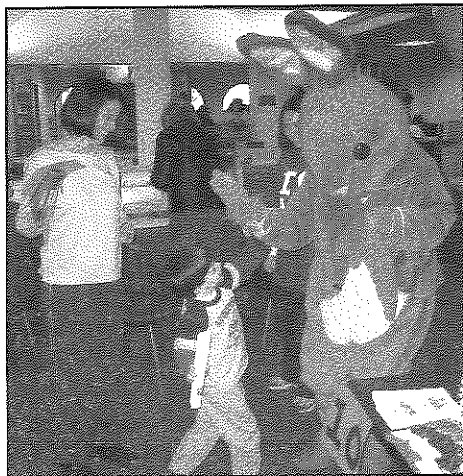


Festival draws a crowd

The library's second annual Read to Your Baby Festival was a huge success, bringing nearly 400 people to Old Worthington Library this past November.

Alyssa Satin Capucilli, author of the Biscuit book series, was this year's headliner. During her two free presentations, she entertained moms, dads and kids alike by using puppets to explain how a book gets created.

When they weren't getting their Biscuit books autographed or enjoying a storytime, kids loved getting attention from costumed characters Peter Rabbit, Daisy Duck and Franklin the Turtle. There were hugs and high-fives all round!



Someone couldn't wait to say hello to Peter Rabbit at the library's second annual Read to Your Baby Festival. Sponsored by the Friends and Target, the November event featured Alyssa Satin Capucilli, author of the Biscuit books.

Events warm up winter

Two *Friends*-sponsored Library series have warmed up attendance numbers in the new year.

The Snubbed film series, *Great Movies That Didn't Win an Oscar*, drew over 200 people during its four-week run in January and February.

People gathered in the Kilbourne Middle School auditorium to watch cold-shouldered classics like *The Thin Man*, *Bringing Up Baby*, *Double Indemnity* and *Night of the Hunter*.

The library's perennially popular February by the Fire series brought over 220 people to Old Worthington Library's fireplace area for four cozy, music-filled hours.

An Irish violinist and accordionist, a harp duo and an acoustic singer-songwriter had toes tapping and heads filled with the strains of traditional, contemporary and original music.

The Lyric Harp Duo was warmly received on Feb. 16, and not just because the temperature outside was below freezing! February by the Fire is a wonderful way to end a winter week.



ADULT FICTION

Widdershins

by Charles De Lint

In his latest addition to the Newford Saga books (*The Onion Girl*, etc.), De Lint weaves magic realism into North America where regular encounters with fairies and Native American spirits are not viewed as unusual.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Islamic Art and Culture: A Visual History

by Nasser D. Khalili

An oversized feast for the eyes, this includes foldout timelines of Islamic civilization, and features beautifully illustrated chapters on calligraphy, bookbinding, metalwork, arms and armor and jewelry.

TEEN FICTION

The Night My Sister Went Missing

by Carol Plum-Ucci

When his sister goes missing under mysterious circumstances, 17-year-old Kurt spends a night at the local police station overhearing witness statements that reveal the deep prejudices and shocking secrets of his small beach community.

CHILDREN'S

The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls

by Elise Primavera

In order to save the town

of Sherbet, four girls with very little in common become involved with some people and events that seem to bear a resemblance to *The Wizard of Oz*.

Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!

by Margaret Read MacDonald

A childless woman's prayers are answered by the arrival of a talking pot, but the mother knows Pot must learn right from wrong just like any child.



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DVDs

Green Street Hooligans

A wrongfully expelled Harvard undergrad moves to London, where he is introduced to the violent underworld of soccer hooliganism. With Elijah Wood and Claire Forlani.

BOOKS ON CD

The City of Falling Angels by John Berendt

Berendt's long-awaited follow-up to *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* is now available in audio book format and worth a listen.

Having moved to Venice in '97, Berendt immersed himself in the city and the lives of some of its more colorful characters. While *Angels* doesn't provide the same plot arc of *Midnight*, it does offer an entertaining look at a unique city.

Learn a new language and save yourself \$200

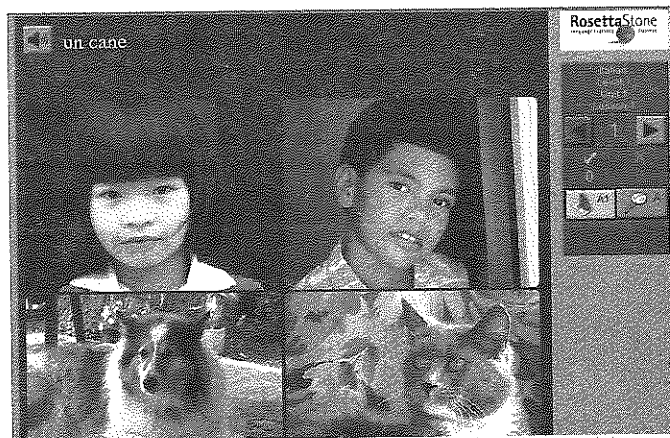
Whether you're the kind of traveler that likes to learn a little Italian before jetting off to Rome, or you know someone who needs some help practicing for a Spanish test, Rosetta Stone can help.

RosettaStone
Language Learning Success

This self-directed language instruction program, which incorporates reading and listening comprehension, speaking and writing, is available free through the library's web site. The program retails for approximately \$200.

To access it, go to www.worthingtonlibraries.org. Click on Virtual Reference Room by Subject and search for Rosetta Stone. Register for your own free account using your Worthington Libraries card.

Languages include Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish (Latin America and Spain), Welsh and more. A total of 28 languages are offered.



One of the four pictures on this Rosetta Stone page is the word at the top left of the screen. Take a guess and click on the picture. A panel at the right keeps "score." Through this natural immersion approach, you check and recheck your guesses, helping you learn faster and retain more.



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

- ◆ Robert & Betty Coffelt
- ◆ Dr. Steven Katz
- ◆ Lori, Don & Bennett Overmyer

Heirlooms find home with Seibert descendent

In the Fall 2006 Friends newsletter, you learned about the remarkable items discovered in a fake book inadvertently given to the Friends late last year ("Heirlooms found in book").

While sorting donated books for the Friends, member **Irene Candy** found a hollow 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 to the mid-1700s.

News stories in the local media generated several telephone calls from people with the same last name, but only one person, from the Dayton area, could actually trace his family to one of the people listed on the family tree found with the items.

Good news! Thanks to a Pennsylvania-based genealogist, these precious items now have a home with Patricia Mair, who can trace her family tree directly to the original owners of the

discovered items.

Mair, who lives in Michigan, was located by Kimberly Powell, who contacted the Library with an offer to help after reading a story about the Seybert/Seibert items on the Internet.

Using census records, Powell located Mair, whose grandfather was Robert Bruce Seybert (the name etched on the tin in which the apothecary scale was found), within a matter of days. Her great grandparents were James and Elizabeth Seybert, the couple in the wedding photograph.

When the Library contacted Mair, she was overjoyed to learn items relating to her family had been found. How they ended up in a box of donated books at Worthington Libraries remains a mystery, but there is an Ohio connection.

Mair's grandfather, Robert Seybert, died in Warren, Ohio in 1955. Library staff believe these items probably belonged to him and somehow avoided detection until now.

2007 book sale schedule

Friday, March 16

Saturday, March 17

Sunday, March 18 (all items \$3 per bag)

Friday, June 15

Saturday, June 16

Friday, Sept. 28 (Market Day presale)

Saturday, Sept. 29 (Market Day)

Sunday, Sept. 30 (all items \$3 per bag)

Friday, Nov. 30

Saturday, Dec. 1

Sunday, Dec. 2 (all items \$3 per bag)

Friday and Sunday sale times will be 1-5 pm; Saturday sale times will be 9 am-5 pm; (sale time for the Market Day presale has not been determined).

All sales will be held in the Old Worthington Library meeting room.

Pillow Perfect



Purchased by the Friends for both libraries last year, 10 fiber-filled animal pillows, like the one pictured, have made popular additions to the children's departments. This child could be down for the count!

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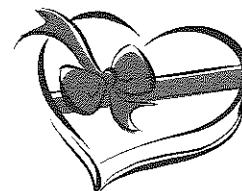
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Fun Facts

Birth anniversaries: 195 years - Robert Browning, May 7, 1812; 185 years - Ulysses S. Grant, April 27, 1822; 110 years - Thornton Wilder, April 17, 1987; 100 years - Katharine Hepburn, May 12, 1907; 90 years - Dinah Shore, March 1, 1917 and Ella Fitzgerald, April 25, 1917; 85 years - Jack Kerouac, March 12, 1922.

120-year anniversary of the earmuff patent: March 13, 1887.

100-year anniversary of Mother's Day: May 13, 1907. First observed at the request of Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, who asked her church to hold a service in memory of all mothers on the anniversary of her mother's death. In 1909, Jarvis and friends began a letter-writing campaign to create a Mother's Day observance. Congress passed legislation in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



75-year anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic: April 15, 1912.

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