Stock up for summer

Whether you’re enjoying a sandwich in your car during a lunch break, in between innings at your child’s softball game or planning a week of relaxing on a towel on the beach, don’t forget books!

You can pick up a stash of summer reading materials this weekend during the Friends book sale, scheduled Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 from 9 am-5 pm at Old Worthington Library.

A exclusive presale for Friends members only is planned on Thursday, June 11 from 7-9 pm.

Cookbooks, travel books, bestsellers, biographies, classics and more will all be sold for $1 each. Pricing for kids books throughout the sale is 4 for $1!

If you’d like to volunteer at the book sale, call Myra Colflesh at 885-7219. Cashiers and people to bag purchases and keep the meeting room tidy will be needed on Friday and Saturday.

Ready for reading?

Although registration started this past weekend, it’s definitely not too late to join Worthington Libraries’ terrific trio of summer reading programs!

Kids in preschool through sixth grade are encouraged to “Get a Clue. Read.” and earn prizes like a coupon sheet full of summertime offers, a bike raffle entry and a backpack.

For participating in the environmentally themed “Get Your Green On” summer reading program, ages 12-18 will receive pro-planet prizes including a recycled Zing Ring flyer and an aluminum sports bottle.

Like the teens, adults can also “Get Your Green On” and earn prizes they can feel good about like a bookmark with seeds that can be planted and a recycled cardboard journal.

Don’t forget, the library’s summer reading programs are fully funded by the Friends!

Who says being green can’t also be easy?

There’s no reason why you can’t show your support for the Friends and show off your green side at the same time!

Instead of reaching for a plastic bag when you need to load up groceries, a beach towel and flip flops or your summer reading program selections, why not grab a reusable canvas bag from the Friends?

Our bags are blue with a white logo. Sturdy as well as smart, they have a zippered top and outside pocket, two webbed pockets, adjustable straps and a flat base perfect for carrying anything you’d put in a plastic bag!

The cost for this eco-friendly carry-all is only $10. At that price, you can buy one for each person in your family! Bags will be available at this weekend’s book sale.
Fun programs will keep your sunny side up this summer!

FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN
Flannelboard-Making Workshop
June 27, 10:30 am
Northwest Library
Learn to assemble and use flannelboards for storytelling, rhyming and counting with your child. Supplies and examples will be provided. Registration is required: call 614-807-2626.

First Day Jitters! Storytime
August 19, 7 pm
Northwest Library
Books and songs will get kids excited about their first day of preschool or kindergarten!

FOR FAMILIES
*The following series are sponsored by the Friends!

Saturday Storytimes
10:30 am
Worthington Park Library
June 27: Daddy & Me
July 18: Summer Storytime
August 8: Bilingual Storytime

Friday Night at the Movies
9 pm
Northwest Library
Hartford Street Athletic Field
July 31: The Wizard of Oz
August 7: An American Tail

FOR TEENS
Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest
June 13, 10 am
Old Worthington Library
Use the sidewalk as a canvas and illustrate the 2009 summer reading program theme, “Get Your Green On.” Work individually or with a friend for prizes!

Project Goodwill
June 26, 6 pm
Northwest Library
Walk the library’s runway in a signature outfit you’ve created from Goodwill or other donated items during this after-hours version of Project Runway. Registration is required: call 614-807-2626.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
Rejuvenate! Clean Sweep
July 18, 2 pm
Old Worthington Library
The founder and president of Your Professional Helper will share ways to reduce stress with tips and tricks to organize your home, office and life.

Self Defense 101
July 22 at Old Worthington Library
August 4 at Northwest Library
7 pm
Through demonstrations and hands-on practice, Worthington Police Department staff will show women ages 12 and up how to keep themselves safe. Registration required: call 614-807-2626.

ADULT FICTION
* Nightwalker by Heather Graham
Past and present converge in Las Vegas and ghost town Indigo, Nevada, the site of a long-ago gunfight, in this paranormal romance from Graham.
Just Take My Heart by Mary Higgins Clark
The latest work from America’s undisputed queen of suspense, takes Clark into uncharted new territory, as Emily, one of three friends inseparable since childhood, becomes a pawn in a plan to save one life at the expense of another.

ADULT NON-FICTION
50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants by Tracy DiSabato-Aust
Packed with useful tips, helpful hints and the author’s own gardening experience, this book identifies 50 show-stopping plants anyone can grow, and all 50 have passed DiSabato-Aust’s test for toughness, beauty and durability.
The Geography of Bliss: One Grump’s Search for the Happiest Places in the World by Eric Weiner
Part foreign affairs discourse, part humor and part twisted self-help guide, Bliss takes readers from America to Iceland to India in search of happiness, or, in the crabby author’s case, moments of “un-unhappiness.”

CHILDREN’S FICTION
Carolina Harmony by Marilyn Taylor McDowell
Carolina doesn’t talk about the accident that claimed her parents and baby brother back in North Carolina. Then Russell, a kid from the foster home she ran away from, arrives at Harmony Farm. She believes he’s a friend, until something so terrible happens, Carolina runs away again.

CHILDREN’S NON-FICTION
How Weird Is It? by Ben Hillman
Author of the dynamic and eye-catching How Big Is It? series, Hillman explores just how weird is a toad, a mushroom, a Neanderthal? Full-color photographs will make readers say “Wow!”

CHILDREN’S PICTURE BOOKS
Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas
A group of dust bunnies rhyne all the time—but everyone except Bob, who can never get the rhythm right. Then he saves everyone from a big scary monster wielding a broom, but can he save them from the next attack?

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Fun programs will keep your sunny side up this summer!
Library resources can make genealogical research easy

Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, once said, “Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.”

If politics isn’t for you, but learning more about where you came from is, the library is a great place to begin your genealogical research.

Worthington Libraries has many print and online resources to aid you either in the search for your ancestors or in your efforts to produce a complete history.

Much of the information a genealogist needs is not on the Internet, but valuable resources can be found there. The Library subscribes to some of the most popular online genealogical databases, including:

- Ancestry Library Edition
  This database, available on library computers, offers over 1.2 billion records in over 3,000 databases. It also includes digitized images of the U.S. Census from 1790 forward, the American Genealogical Biographical Index, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, court records, slave narratives, reference sources and more.

- HeritageQuest Online
  Available from home with a valid library card number, this database offers access to more than 20,000 full-text genealogy and local history books, an index of over 2.1 million periodical articles, and some census records, as well as primary source documents such as tax lists, city directories and probate records.

The Worthington Room, located in Old Worthington Library’s lower level, contains a wealth of information for genealogists, including a specialized collection of local genealogical archives, both in print and on microfilm. Resources include many local newspapers from the 19th century (microfilm), local census records (microfilm) and books on subjects ranging from obituary indexes to tax and estate records, as well as maps.

Twitter lands at the Library

Worthington Libraries is no stranger to the social networking phenomenon. MySpace and Facebook pages have been gathering friends and fans for several years. Flickr and YouTube sites have long featured fun photos and video from recent events.

Twitter is the latest addition to the library’s suite of social networking services.

First made available in August 2006, Twitter is a free service that enables users to send and read brief—no more than 140 characters—messages called “tweets.”

What’s new at the Library? What’s coming up soon at the Library? Has today’s weather closed the Library? This is the kind of information and updates you will receive if you follow the Library on Twitter.

Now, the latest library news, plus quick updates about featured resources, services and events, is as close as your computer or cell phone.

If you have a Twitter account, you can “follow” the Library to get updates on your phone via text message, or you can follow along on the Web with or without a Twitter account.

The Library has long been a leader in embracing new technology, and the use of Twitter as a communications tool adds flexibility and enhances the library’s strong online presence, an important consideration as the world becomes increasingly digital.

To become a Worthington Libraries Twitter follower, go to twitter.com/worthingtonlib and sign up.

Get your digital media to go

Are you an audiobook fan with an MP3 player? The Library has just what you’re looking for!

Digital Downloads, formerly known as the Mid-Ohio Library Digital Initiative (MOLDI), offers access to thousands of audiobook, eBook, music and online video titles.

The Digital Downloads collection includes popular fiction titles from authors such as Nora Roberts, Michael Connelly and Meg Cabot. Also available for download are audiobooks and eBooks on a variety of non-fiction topics like business, history and self-improvement.

Many of these titles are now even easier to find by searching the library catalog at worthingtonlibraries.org. Try a search on eBook, eTunes or eFlick. Or use the Format category to refine your search to Downloadable items. When you find a title of interest, look for the link that says “Click here to access download.”

You can also visit any Worthington Libraries location to download audiobooks and music. Digital download stations offer anyone with a Worthington Libraries library card a free and legal way to get their digital media to go.

Audiobook and music downloads are compatible with most MP3 players and some iPods. Audiobooks are automatically returned to the system so there are never any late fees.

New Friends

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

Linda Park
James McCorkle
Cindy Ramsey
Tom & Cindy Ryan
Ann Tarr
Elizabeth Topping
Jay Waggoner
Don Witter
Library Lagniappe: 2008
Fun facts about Worthington Libraries

Did you know that last year:

—Worthington Libraries checked out more than 3.2 million items? This is an increase of 9.5 percent over 2007 numbers.

—volunteers and Volunteers donated more than 5,000 hours to the Library?

—the Library answers nearly 4,000 reference questions each week, or 195,000 questions annually?

—the Library has 152 computers available for public use?

—the Library owned more than 480,000 items and provided access to over three million items through a partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Library and Southwest Public Libraries?

—the Library presented more than 1,500 programs which were attended by approximately 50,000 people?

—more than 2,000 items were delivered to homebound patrons?

—more than 1.6 million people visited the Library?

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135th anniversary of the first U.S. zoo opening: July 1, 1874. Three thousand visitors traveled by foot, zoo, horse and carriage and steamboat to visit the exhibits at the Philadelphia Zoological Society. Admission was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

135th anniversary of the locust plague of 1874: July 20-30. Contemporary accounts of the largest ever recorded swarm of Rocky Mountain locusts said that the insects blocked out the sun and devastated Great Plains farms in minutes. It is estimated that 124 billion insects formed a swarm 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide.

100th anniversary of the first unassisted triple play in American League history: July 19, 1909. Recorded by Cleveland Blues shortstop Neal Ball against the Boston Pilgrims. Ball caught a line drive hit by Amby McConnell, stepped on second base to double off Heine Wagner and tagged Jake Stahl before he could get back to first. Ball also hit a home run as Cleveland won, 6-1.

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Libraries aid job hunters

Whether it’s resume writing help, access to classifieds, industry and company information or acquiring new skills, job hunters have always been able to rely on the free resources of their local library. In today’s economy, these resources are more in demand than ever.

To meet this demand, and provide additional support for local job seekers, five central Ohio libraries – including Worthington – will sponsor a Job Help Day at Your Library on Thursday, Sept. 24.

The event will feature job-related presentations, programs, demonstrations and expert speakers at Columbus Metropolitan, Grandview, Upper Arlington, Westerville and Worthington library locations.

Those attending Worthington Libraries’ programs, scheduled from 10 am-2 pm at all three locations, can have their resume reviewed by experienced career advisors, learn the “do’s and don’ts” of interviewing, get help and more.

See inside for a complete list of Worthington Libraries’ Job Help Day programming.

Don’t miss Market Day sale

Anyone who leaves this year’s Market Day sale without at least one bag of books just isn’t trying. Thousands of books will be available during the Friends annual Market Day Book Sale, scheduled Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 am-5 pm and Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-5 pm at Old Worthington Library, 820 High St.

An exclusive presale for Friends members only is planned on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 7-9 pm. Non-members can join at the event.

Get your hands on cookbooks, travel books, bestsellers and more for $1 each. Pricing for kids books is four for $1!

If you’d like to volunteer at the sale, call Myra Colflesh at 885-7219.

Directors needed for Board

Are you passionate about our libraries and want to do more for them? Consider serving on our Board of Directors.

There will be several openings starting in January and we are actively seeking nominees. Candidates should be identified soon so they can be interviewed by the nominating committee. Successful candidates will be placed on the ballot for approval at next November’s annual meeting.

The Board is charged with directing the affairs of the Friends organization. Those affairs are succinctly summarized in this excerpt from Article IV of our Constitution:

“The purpose of this organization shall be to increase the use and awareness of Worthington Libraries (“Library”), to advocate for strong public funding of the Library and to provide financial support to enhance library services and programs. The organization is established for the exclusive benefit of the Worthington Libraries and to further the short and long-range goals, objectives and priorities of the Worthington Libraries as established by the Worthington Libraries Board of Trustees. The organization shall maintain an association of persons interested in Worthington Libraries and shall encourage gifts to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund.”

To learn more about the Board and the skills we are seeking, please contact Dale Rhoda, chair of the nominating committee, at rhoda.4@osu.edu or 430-0513.
Costumes, crafts and spooky stories mean fall can’t be far

SEASONAL FUN FOR THE YOUNG
Pumpkin Parade
October 16, 10 am
Old Worthington Library
Come in costume for a slightly scary storytime, a craft and a parade around the library!

Monster Mash
October 21, 7 pm
Worthington Park Library
Come in costume for stories, crafts and activities, and celebrate all things scary. For grades K-4.

Halloween Puppet Show
October 24, 10:30 am
Northwest Library
Bring the family for Halloween tales performed by the library’s puppet friends!

FOR FAMILIES
Ready to Read: Crafts on the Go
September 23, 6:30 pm
November 6, 10 am
Northwest Library
Easy, interactive crafts will actually help your child get ready to read! Projects are based on the six early literacy skills. For children ages 5 and under and their caregivers.

FOR TEENS
National Gaming Day @ Your Library
November 14, noon
All Worthington Libraries locations
Board game domination is sweeping the nation! The goal of this first-time event is to get as many teens as possible throughout the U.S. to play board games. Appropriate for ages 13 and older and will depart from the Old Rectory, 50 W. New England Ave. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased at Fritz Jacobs, 635 High St., and the Old Rectory. Presented in partnership with the Worthington Historical Society.

Mark My Words: Writing the Memoir
October 28, 2 pm
Old Worthington Library
Thomas Larson, author of "The Memoir & the Memoirist: Reading & Writing Personal Narrative," will help participants find a focus, a purpose and the emotional truth of their story. Registration is required; call 807-2626.

FOR FAMILIES
Touch-a-Truck
October 3, 10:30 am
Northwest Library
Don’t miss the chance to get up close to the same trucks you see zooming up and down the street! A 30-minute storytime will kick off this popular annual event.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
Worthington Ghost Tours
October 2, 7:30 & 9 pm
Downtown Worthington Guides will share spooky stories of ghostly visits and information about the city’s historic buildings and early residents. Tours are appropriate for ages 13 and older and will depart from the Old Rectory, 50 W. New England Ave. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased at Fritz Jacobs, 635 High St., and the Old Rectory. Presented in partnership with the Worthington Historical Society.

ADULT FICTION
The Unscratchables
by Cornelius Kane
"Animal Farm" meets "The Simpsons" in this inventive twist on the hard-boiled detective novel, featuring a world made up exclusively of cats, dogs and one ruthless fox.

Inherent Vice
by Thomas Pynchon
Doc Sportello is bewildered when an ex-girlfriend returns to recruit him in a plot to kidnap a wealthy construction executive. Soon, Sportello finds himself in the midst of a conspiracy with an undercover cop and a group of dentists who are swindling the IRS.

ADULT NON-FICTION
Wisdom of the Last Farmer
by David Masumoto
Hailed by "The New York Times" as a poet of farming, Slow Food activist Masumoto weaves together stories of family and farming, life and death, to reveal age-old wisdom that is fast disappearing—and urgently needed.

The Real Wizard of Oz
by Rebecca Loncraine
A captivating biography of the eccentric author, filmmaker and innovator L. Frank Baum, this work returns readers to the land of Oz and recreates one of the most vibrant chapters in American history.

CHILDREN’S FICTION
Gilda Joyce: the dead drop
by Jennifer Allison
Almost-15-year-old psychic investigator Gilda Joyce intern in the summer at the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., and solves a mystery involving national security.

CHILDREN’S NON-FICTION
How to Train with a T.

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Rex & Win 8 Gold Medals
by Michael Phelps
With his record-breaking eight gold medals won for swimming in the 2008 Summer Olympics, Phelps became an international sensation. In this picture book, he explains the mind-boggling statistics of his years of training in terms young kids can understand.

CHILDREN’S PICTURE BOOKS
Homework
by Arthur Yorinks
When Tony’s pens, along with his pencil and eraser, come to life, the squabbling set of writing tools tries to complete Tony’s neglected homework.

Night-Night, Little Pookie
by Sandra Boynton
Pookie gets ready for bed, with a little Pookie flair.
Make the most of your $$$

Has your neighbor’s recent gas grill purchase given you the urge to chuck the charcoal? Are you looking to get a new lawn mower, but can’t decide between electric and gas powered?

You need reliable information to make big-ticket purchasing decisions like these. Information like unbiased and expert recommendations, price comparison guides and product reviews from other buyers.

What you need is “Consumer Reports,” and now the trusted information you’ve come to expect from that magazine is available any time of the day or night through the library’s Web site, worthingtonlibraries.org.

ConsumerReports.org provides access to the same valuable consumer information available in the magazine (“Consumer Reports” Health ratings are not included). ConsumerReports.org offers in-depth product information and ratings on thousands of products.

Online users will also find added content, including:
- A searchable archive of the last four years of ratings
- Forums for “Consumer Reports” users to exchange experiences with products, services and issues
- Blogs covering consumer news, views and trends with contributions by “Consumer Reports” editors and product testers
- Safety alerts and recalls
- Informative videos covering topics ranging from testing gas grills and shower cleaners to car reviews.

To access ConsumerReports.org, go to worthingtonlibraries.org, click on “Research” and select “All research databases A-Z.” Click on “C,” select “ConsumerReports.org” and, on the next page, “Go to ConsumerReports.org.”

To use this ConsumerReports.org outside the Library, you must have a valid library card.

Simplify your comparison shopping and purchase decisions with the information available from this great consumer resource.

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New Friends

Welcome and thank you to the following people who’ve joined our organization since April:

- Mark & Sarah Denny
- Nancy Endrul
- Marion Fisher
- Linda Hartle
- Martha Kerr & Tom Bay
- Judy Kirkbridge
- Dick Smith
- Elaine Starinchak
- Roy Thacker
- Carolyn Wall

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*from Job Help Day, front page*

Hands-on Resume Writing
10 am-2 pm at Northwest Library
Old Worthington Library lower level study room

Acing Your Interview
10-11 am at Old Worthington Library
Chandra Bell, a counselor at Columbus State Community College will explain how you can make a great impression.

How to Stand Out:
10 Easy Steps to Being the Best Candidate
10-11 am at Northwest Library

1 on 1: Online Applications
10-11 am at Worthington Park Library
Noon-1 pm at Old Worthington Library
1-2 pm at Northwest Library
Get personalized assistance from library staff.

1 on 1: Practice Interviews with a HR Professional
10-11 am at Northwest Library
11 am-noon at Worthington Park Library
1-2 pm at Old Worthington Library

1 on 1: Resume Help from a Career Advisor
10-11:30 am at Old Worthington Library
1-2 pm at Worthington Park Library

Striking Out on Your Own:
Successful Entrepreneurs Share their Stories
11 am-noon at Old Worthington Library
Small business owners from the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce will share their knowledge and experiences.

What’s LinkedIn & How Can it Get You a Job?
11 am-noon at Northwest Library
Noon-1 pm at Old Worthington Library
Learn how social media and networking sites like Twitter and LinkedIn can aid you in your job search.

1 on 1: Resume Help from HR Professionals
11 am-noon at Northwest Library

How to Search for Jobs
Noon-1 pm at Northwest Library
Learn about the tools and resources the Library has to help you get back into the workforce or change jobs!

Using Business Buzzwords
1-2 pm at Old Worthington Library
Marla Jones, of Your Professional Helper, will help you add polish to your resume, interview or online application.

Your Professional Image
1-2 pm at Northwest Library
Maintain a professional image throughout your job search with help from Allison Plunkett, a career counselor at The Ohio State University’s Office of Student Life Career Connection.
Proud Prizewinners!

These two young readers couldn’t wait to show their friends their new backpacks, the prize for completing this year’s summer reading club! Fully funded by the Friends, over 9,600 people registered for the children’s, teen and adult programs. Approximately 3,300 completed them.

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Fun Facts

80th anniversary of the “Black Thursday” stock market panic: Oct. 24, 1929

65th anniversary of the radio debut of Ozzie & Harriet: Oct. 8, 1944

50th anniversary of the invention of the hockey mask: Nov. 1, 1959. Tired of stopping hockey pucks with his face, Montreal Canadiens goalie Jacques Plante, having received another wound, reemerged from the locker room with seven new stitches—and a face mask he had made from fiberglass and resin. Cliff Benedict had tried a leather mask in the 1920s, but the idea didn’t catch on until Plante wore his.

40th anniversary of the TV premiere of “Monty Python’s Flying Circus”: Oct. 5, 1969

Birth anniversaries: 155 years—Oscar Wilde, Oct. 16, 1854; 85 years—Truman Capote: Sept. 30, 1924; 75 years, Carl Sagan, Nov. 9, 1934

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Program features piano-playing professor

All members are encouraged to attend the Friends’ annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7 pm at Old Worthington Library, 820 High St.

In addition to a short business meeting, which includes the election of the 2009-2010 Board of Directors, several presentations are included on the agenda.

SHEILA E. VETTER VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

In addition to Kalbouss’s program and a short business meeting, the Friends’ annual meeting will also include the presentation of the Sheila E. Vetter Volunteer Award.

Established by Vetter’s family after her sudden death in 2000, the award honors an outstanding teen and adult volunteer, who each receive a $200 U.S. Savings Bond and have their names engraved on a plaque displayed in the lobby of Northwest Library, where Vetter worked.

This year, Libby Vasey is the Volunteer award recipient and Ying Dong is the adult volunteer recipient.

Winners are selected by Vetter’s family from among library staff nominations.

GREAT AMERICAN SONGS OF THE 1930s-50s

Take a stroll down memory lane or share the music of your childhood with your own children! Bring the whole family for an evening of lively music from the 1930s, ’40s and ’50s during the program, “Great American Songs.”

George Kalbouss, a professor of Russian literature at The Ohio State University, will play the piano and provide commentary on the works of band leader Glenn Miller and musical collaborators Rodgers & Hammerstein, as well as songs from the Hit Parade, movie themes and commercial jingles.

Kalbouss’s program is made possible in part by the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Winter sale makes holiday shopping easy!

Thanks to this year’s strategically scheduled winter book sale, there’s no such thing as a hard-to-shop for friend or family member.

Scheduled Friday through Sunday, Dec. 18-20 (see sale times at left), the sale offers high quality books for everyone on your list. You’ll find bestsellers, cookbooks, biographies and more, most for only $1.

Your Friends membership means you can shop before anyone else! A presale is planned on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 7-9 pm. Non-members can join at the event.
Volunteers make sale super

Another Market Day sale is in the books, and what a weekend it was! The three-day event, which included a special pre-sale for members, brought in $2,500 for the Friends and our Library.

Old Worthington Library had steady business all weekend as people stopped in on their way to Market Day on Sept. 19 and returned for the $3 per bag sale on Sept. 20.

A special thank-you is due to the exceptional crew of volunteers who donated a few free hours during a busy weekend to make the sale a success.

2009 MARKET DAY SALE VOLUNTEERS
Pam Burnstock
Irene Candy
Marilyn Carter
Emma-Jean Cole
Nancy Evans
Merrianne Hackathorn
Alice Heaton
Barb House
Eileen Kobee
John Litchfield
Jean Matheny
Kathie Miskimen
Carolyn & Dan Owens
Janet Piero
Pat Radloff
Dale Rhoda
Tracy Ross
Beth Ann Sigrist

Warm up winter with music

Old Worthington Library’s Fireplace Area is the place to be from 4-5 pm on Fridays this February. Sponsored by the Friends, February by the Fire will feature talented musicians sure to inspire and entertain.

February 5: MARK FLUGGE, solo pianist
A jazz faculty member at several area universities as well as the Jazz Arts Group’s Jazz Academy, Mark is well-known as a pianist, composer, educator and band-leader in the central Ohio area and beyond.

February 12: BILL FOLEY, guitar/vocals
This full-time musician has opened for groups like Three Dog Night, Jefferson Starship and Hall & Oates. Bill performs the best music of the 1950s-70s, including early rock and roll favorites, one-hit wonders and folk music.

February 19: DAVE POWERS, piano/vocals
For over 26 years, Dave has been a vital part of the Columbus music scene as a pianist, keyboardist and vocalist. He has recently been featured on the PBS television series, “The Piano Guy.”

February 26: CHAZ MECHENBIER, guitar/vocals
An accomplished guitarist and singer, Chaz has played guitar on stages from New Jersey to Japan. His own brand of rock and jazz-influenced music includes covers of Eric Clapton, the Beatles and more.

Bring babies to 4th festival!

Worthington Libraries’ 4th annual Read to Your Baby Festival will celebrate reading and the important role it can play in the lives of young children and families.

The free event, featuring award-winning children’s author and illustrator Bob Barner, is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 8 from 1-5 pm at Old Worthington Library.

Bob first became interested in children’s books while studying at the Columbus College of Art and Design. Since then, he has written and illustrated over 30 books like “Penguins, Penguins, Everywhere,” “Fish Wish” and “Dinosaur Bones.”

During Bob’s energetic presentation, scheduled at 2 pm, he’ll read his books, draw along to music and discuss his creative process. A book signing will follow.

The festival will also include visits from Toot & Puddle, Froggy and Clifford the Big Red Dog. Information tables staffed by children- and family-oriented community organizations and baby storytimes in the library’s children’s area.

Studies show that reading to babies has a positive impact on their development and strengthens the parent-child bond.

The festival is co-sponsored by Target.

New Friends

Welcome and thank you to the following people who’ve joined our organization since September:

Darcy Burdette
Noelle Carpenter & Stefan McIntyre
Norma Coaker
Amy Collins

Chuck & Anne Hyland
Mary Jane Kibby
Michael Kriem
Vicky & Tom Naymik
Chris & Barb Shewan