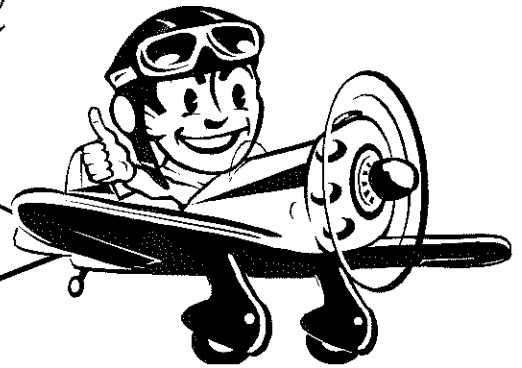




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Calendar



of Events

March 4-7

Winter book sale

- Thursday, March 4
(members-only presale)
7-9 pm
- Friday & Saturday,
March 5 & 6
9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, March 7
1-5 pm

Old Worthington Library

Wednesday, April 14

Community Breakfast,
7:30 am

Old Worthington Library

Friday, April 16

An Evening with Wes
Cowan
7 pm

Old Worthington Library
(Tickets can be purchased
starting March 15 at Wor-
thington Hardware, 661
High St.; \$10 for Friends
members; \$20 for non-
members)

Saturday, April 17

What's it Worth?
An Appraisal Event
10 am-3 pm
Old Worthington Library
(Free tickets required)

PBS star to share expertise and adventures

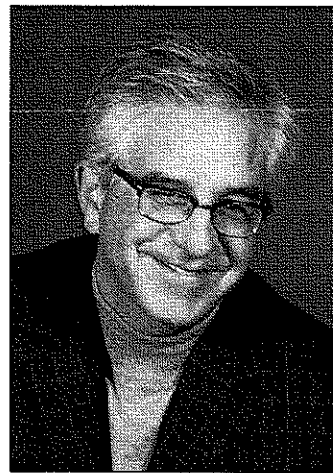
An Evening with
Wes Cowan
April 16, 7 pm at
Old Worthington Library

Thanks to popular TV shows like "History Detectives" and "CSI," the public is learning more about the importance of archival institutions and the role they play in maintaining historical records.

On April 16, Wes will offer his unique perspective on the evolving role of such institutions and share his own adventures during "Discovering the Past Through Objects: Adventures of a Real-Life History Detective."

Because the event is sponsored by the Friends, – see *Detective*, inside

April events feature
Wes Cowan, star of
"History Detectives,"
and owner of
Cowan's Auctions
in Cincinnati



What's it Worth?
An Appraisal Event
April 17, 10 am-3 pm at
Old Worthington Library

Want to know what grandma's silver teapot is worth? How about that painting you picked up at your neighbor's garage sale last summer?

Wes will visit Worthington Libraries with a team of experts from Cowan's Auctions on April 17 to provide free appraisals of your antiques and collectibles.

Art conservators will also be available from Old World Restorations, Inc. to inspect damaged and/or deteriorated art and antiques, and to provide restoration advice.

– see *Appraisal*, inside

Library director announces July retirement

Worthington Libraries Director Meribah Mansfield has announced her plans to retire after almost 19 years of service to Worthington Libraries and 38 years of work in central Ohio public libraries.

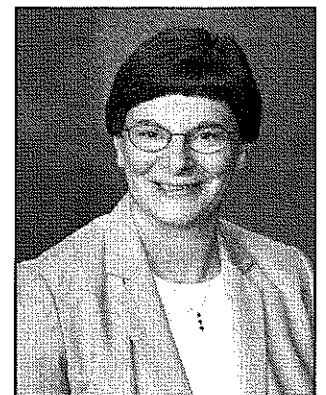
Her last day will be July 23.

Mansfield is studying to become an Episcopal Church deacon. Deacons are ordained clergy who volunteer to represent Christ and his church, particularly as a servant of those in need. They also assist bishops and priests in worship services.

She is halfway through the first year of a three-year formation program, working toward ordination in June 2012.

When Mansfield arrived as library director in 1991, the Worthington Public Library, as it was then called, served the entire school district through only one location, circulated a little over one million items annually and

– see *Retirement*, inside



Crafts and food lead library's spring programming lineup

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

Ready to Read:
Crafts on the Go
March 5, 10:30 am
Northwest Library

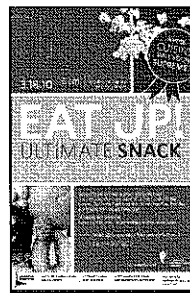
Easy, interactive crafts will actually help your child get ready to read! These all-new projects are based on the six early literacy skills. For children ages 5 and under and their caregivers.



Captain Underpants Party
April 7, 3 pm
Worthington Park Library
Can Captain Underpants save the day? Join us for games and activities based on Dav Pilkey's popular, and very silly, series!

Flannelboard-Making Workshop
April 17, 10:30 am
Northwest Library
Learn how to assemble and use flannelboards for storytelling, rhyming and counting with your child. Supplies will be provided, as will examples of flannel stories and rhymes. Registration is required; call 614-807-2626.

Buggy About Books
May 15, 10:30 am
Northwest Library
Don't miss this special story-time crawling with stories, songs, rhymes and crafts about our favorite bugs!



FOR TEENS
Teen Poetry & Short Story Competition
March 18-April 8
All Library locations
Show off your creative chops during the library's eighth annual competition. Submit up to three poems and/or two short stories. Three middle school and three high school winners will be chosen.

Eat It Up: Ultimate Snack Competition
March 18, 6 pm
Northwest Library
It's time to get cooking as teen participants team up to create a healthy snack. All ingredients provided. Judging based on creativity, appearance and taste. Registration is required; call 614-807-2626.

FOR ADULTS
Edible Books Contest
April 1, 7 pm
Northwest Library
Your edible creation must have a book or literary theme. Registration and set up starts at 6 pm and judging and viewing will take place from 7-8:30 pm, at which time awards will be presented and entries eaten.

Mark My Words:
Break into Article Writing
April 10, 2 pm
Old Worthington Library
If you're interested in writing articles for magazines and newspapers, kick start your career with help from a freelance writer. Learn to generate ideas and write queries that will make editors take notice! Registration is required; call 614-807-2626.

ADULT FICTION

Burn by Ted Dekker

The past Janeal thought had burned away is rising from the ashes.

Years ago, the Gypsy "Kumpania" where Janeal Mikkado lived was attacked. With her best friend about to be consumed by a fire, Janeal had two options: try to save her friend or disappear with the million dollars she had just discovered...

But the past is coming back to haunt her. Both the best friend and the boyfriend that she was sure were dead have reappeared in her life, as has someone who knows about the money.

ADULT NON-FICTION

The Gastronomy of Marriage: A Memoir of Food & Love by Michelle Maisto
When Michelle Maisto



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meets Rich—like her, a closet writer with a fierce love of books and good food—their single-mindedness at the table draws them together, and meals become a stage for their long courtship.

Finally engaged, they move in together, but sitting down to shared meals each night—while working at careers, trying to write and falling into the routines that come to define a

home—soon feels far different from their first dinner together.

As they save and plan for a wedding, the nightly compromises, small generosityes and stubborn stakings of ground that take place around the dinner table offer a context in which Maisto considers what she's learned from the marriages around her, and what she and Rich might create for themselves.

JUVENILE FICTION

Million-Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica

When 13-year-old Nate Brodie wins the chance to throw a pass through a target at a Patriots game for one million dollars he knows he should be excited, but things have been tough lately.

His dad lost his job and his family is losing their home. It's no secret that a million dollars would go a long way, so all Nate feels is pressure, and just when he needs it most, his golden arm begins to fail him.

Even worse, his best friend Abby is going blind, slowly losing her ability to do what she loves most—paint. Yet she never complains, and is Nate's inspiration. He knows she'll be there when he makes the throw of a lifetime.

Area libraries again join forces for countywide Job Help Day

The library's free job-related resources—resume writing help, access to classifieds, industry and company information—are invaluable, but they can't offer the same kind of insight job hunters would get from expert presenters and one-on-one coaching.

That's why, on **March 18**, seven central Ohio li-

braries will team up to offer Job Help Day @ Your Library. Participating libraries include Columbus Metropolitan Library, Bexley Public Library, Grandview Heights Public Library, Southwest Public Libraries, Upper Arlington Public Library, Westerville Public Library and Worthington Libraries. Job Help Day @ Your

Library will feature free job-related presentations, programs, demonstrations and expert speakers at different library locations throughout Franklin County.

Each library system has unique sessions planned. Those attending Worthington Libraries programs can have their resume reviewed by experienced

career advisors, learn the "do's and don'ts" of interviewing, get help with job search strategies and learn how people are using tools like blogs, Twitter and LinkedIn to find jobs and much more.

A complete program listing will be available in early March at worthingtonlibraries.org.

— from *Retirement*, front page

had never been successful in passing an operating levy.

In less than one year on the job, Mansfield worked with the community to pass an operating levy which led to the construction of Northwest Library, opened in 1996.

In the years that followed, she successfully guided Worthington Libraries through an incredible period of growth and change.

Today, Worthington Libraries serves the community through three locations and circulates more than three and a half million items annually. Passage of an additional 2.6-mill permanent operating levy in 2005 helped offset state funding reductions and has kept the Library stable and able to meet the growing demand for service.

Additional highlights of Meribah's career at Worthington Libraries include:

- Expanding Old Worthington Library in 1998
- Launching Worthington Libraries Online in 2002
- Participating in the Worthington Bicentennial in 2003
- Receiving the national Library of the Year award in 2007
- Opening Worthington Park Library in 2008
- Renovating both Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library in 2008-2009

Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries 2010 book sale schedule

Friday, March 5	Friday, Sept. 24
Saturday, March 6	Saturday, Sept. 25
Sunday, March 7	Sunday, Sept. 26
Friday, May 7	Friday, Nov. 19
Saturday, May 8	Friday, Nov. 20
Sunday, May 9	Friday, Nov. 21
Friday, July 9	
Saturday, July 10	

Friday and Saturday sale times are 9 am-5 pm; Sunday sale times, 1-5 pm. Pre-sales are planned on Thursdays March 4, July 8, Sept. 23 and Nov. 18. All sales will be held at Old Worthington Library.

— from *Detective*, front page

tickets will be \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members (non-members can qualify for the discounted price by joining the organization). Tickets will go on sale March 15 at Worthington Hardware, 661 High St.

The program will start at 7 pm in Old Worthington Library's Fireplace Area.

— from *Appraisal*, front page

Here's what you need to know:

- Appraisals will be focused on the following areas/items: historical Americana, early photography, decorative arts, paintings, sculpture and works on paper.
- No stamps, coins, fine jewelry or weapons of any kind will be appraised.
- Items presented for appraisal are limited to two per person
- Items must be easily carried by hand

If you are interested in attending, you must pick up a ticket for each item you would like appraised prior to the event. Tickets will be distributed for specific timeslots (10 am, 2 pm, etc) and will be available at Old Worthington Library beginning April 1. Call 614-807-2604 with questions.

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

Edwina Carreon
Zita & Philip Hunt
Amy Ickes

Susan Joslin
Wayne Piper
Larry & Barbara Smith

Community breakfast menu includes discussion of future

Library officials to dish about strategic plan

You may not see it in the buffet line next to the fruit and muffins, but a discussion of the library's future will be the main course at this year's Friends-sponsored community breakfast.

The library's 2010-2012 strategic plan is almost finished and the highlights will be served up at the annual event, which starts at 7:30 am on April 14 at Old Worthington Library.

The plan was developed with extensive community input. A partnership with Worthington Schools and the City of Worthington gave the Library access to the opinions, ideas and concerns of hundreds of people.

A recent survey of cardholders also provided useful information that helped the Library further prioritize services.

Not surprisingly, books ranked as the number one service provided by the Library. People also placed high value on the ability to reserve materials online and to access computers and the Internet.

Programs to advance early childhood literacy and promote kindergarten readiness were also important.

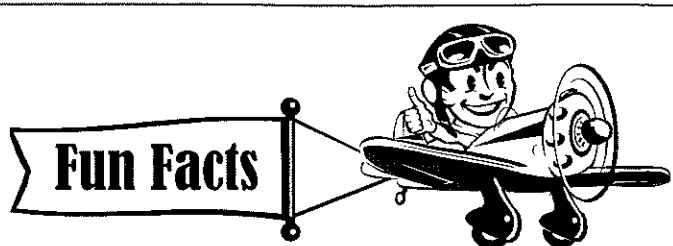
To attend the breakfast, RSVP to Pam at 614-807-2610 or pberetich@worthingtonlibraries.org.

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100th anniversary of President Taft's opening of baseball season: April 14, 1910. President William Howard Taft began a sports tradition by throwing out the first baseball of the season at an American League game between Washington and Philadelphia.

375th anniversary of the opening of the Boston Latin School, America's first public school: April 23, 1635

225th birth anniversary of John James Audubon: April 26, 1785

85th anniversary of the debut of the *New Yorker* magazine: Feb. 21, 1925

60th anniversary of the enactment of the FBI's "10 Most Wanted" list: March 14, 1950

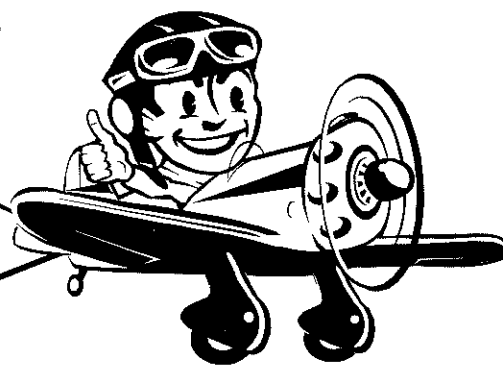
55th anniversary of the first McDonald's restaurant opening: April 15, 1955

50th anniversary of the laser patent: March 22, 1960



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Friday, July 23

Retirement reception for
Worthington Libraries Di-
rector Meribah Mansfield
3-6 pm
Old Worthington Library

Friday, July 30

Summer Concert Series:
Scioto Valley Brass &
Percussion Company
7 pm
Northwest Library

Thursday, Sept. 2

OSU Welcome Tailgate
Party for new Worthing-
ton Libraries director
Chuck Gibson
4-6 pm
Old Worthington Library

Sept. 23-26

Market Day book sale

- Thursday, Sept. 23
(members-only presale)
7-9 pm
- Friday & Saturday,
Sept. 24 & 25
9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 26
1-5 pm
Old Worthington Library

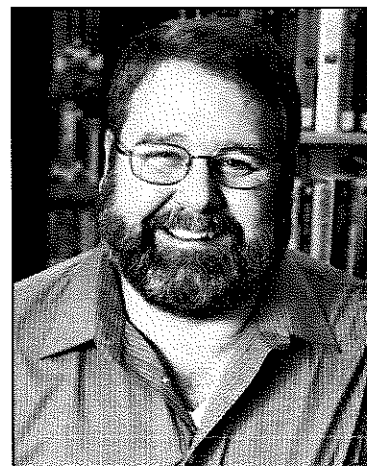
Former staff member gets library's top job

Members of the Board of Directors of the Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries were privileged to be a part of the search process to hire a replacement for Meribah Mansfield, who will retire this month after almost 19 years as library director.

Many excellent candidates applied from around the country. After a thorough search process, Chuck Gibson, from Valdosta, Georgia, was chosen.

Chuck is currently director of the South Georgia Regional Library, where he manages six libraries. Chuck is a familiar face, however, as he worked at Worthington Libraries from 1995 until 2007. He worked first in the Technology Department and subsequently became the associate director of public services.

The Friends recently asked Chuck a few questions:



What, in particular, made you want to return to Worthington Libraries?

My 12 years in Worthington were amazing. I said the day I walked out the door that the director job in Worthington was the best job in libraries, and that when the position became open I would apply.

What initial opportunities do you see for making our libraries even better?

Worthington Libraries has a long and rich tradition of continued improvement, and my goal is to keep that going. I have a few ideas, but my first priorities will be getting my feet on the ground and making a connection with the community, so I can be sure any improvements I want to make fit with community expectations.

What is the biggest challenge the Library will face in the next year or two?

Funding is always a challenge for public organizations. Making the transition from a director who has been there for a long time to a new director is also challenging.

How do you see the Friends organization helping Worthington Libraries in the future?

As you know, the Friends Foundation provides an incredible amount of support to the Library. By funding programs and other important initiatives, the Friends Foundation supports the growth of the Library and helps strengthen its relationship with the community. I hope this continues, and that we find new and innovative ways to partner in the future.

What are you reading right now?

Typically, I will read action/adventure books, Stephen King, a lot of stuff with vampires and werewolves in it, Harry Potter type books and just general fiction. Basically, if it has a good plot and characters, I will likely enjoy it...

The Friends look forward to working with Chuck when he joins the Library this summer. Welcome, Chuck!

Library's sizzling summer programs help you beat the heat

FOR CHILDREN

The Shazzbots
July 8, 2 pm
Northwest Library

The Shazzbots are bringing rock music to children and their families! Free tickets, which are required, are now available at Northwest Library's Children's Desk.

A Morning with Curious George
July 10, 10:30 am
Worthington Park Library

Join the Curious George costumed character for a morning of books, activities and fun!

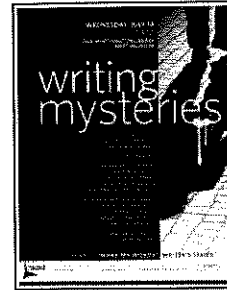
All Write! (for grades 4-6)
July 15, 22 and 29, 3 pm
Old Worthington Library
Grades 4-6 can share their love of writing as they explore different styles during each weekly session.

Dr. Dave's Whiz Bang Science Show
August 4, 2 pm
Northwest Library
Who knew the history of flight could be so much fun? Watch a real hot air balloon take off, get wet with water rockets and a demonstration with toilet paper and a leaf blower will show you how a plane stays in the sky. Presented in partnership with The Ohio State University's Science & Engineering Library.

FOR TEENS

Perfect Playlist
August 5, 3 pm
Northwest Library
Create a playlist for your favorite book and we'll feature it on the Worthingteens MySpace page. Bring a book, or choose one of ours!

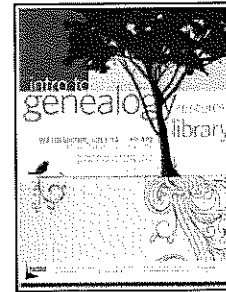
Book Art: A Make It & Take It Workshop
August 21, 2 pm
Northwest Library
Express yourself by designing and sewing a journal as unique as the thoughts you put in it. All materials provided, as will those for turning old hardback books into new works of art! Registration is required; call 614-807-2626.



Mark My Words: Writing Mysteries
July 14, 7 pm
Old Worthington Library
Why should you attend the library's next writing workshop? It's elementary!

Chris Roerden, a professional editor and the author of the award-winning "Don't Murder Your Mystery" and "Don't Sabotage Your Submission," will share her secrets to getting

FOR ADULTS
Intro to Genealogy Resources @ Your Library
July 14, 10 am
Northwest Library
The Library has many resources to help you peer into the branches of your family tree.



your mystery, or novel of any genre, published.

Registration is required; call 614-807-2626.

ADULT FICTION

The Imperfectionists

by Tom Rachman

Set against the gorgeous backdrop of Rome, Rachman's wry, vibrant debut follows the topsy-turvy private lives of the reporters, editors and executives of an international English-language newspaper as they struggle to keep it—and themselves—afloat.

Innocent by Scott Turow

Twenty years have passed since Rusty Sabitch was on trial for the murder of his lover. Now, in this long-awaited sequel to the landmark bestseller "Presumed Innocent," Sabitch's wife has just died under mysterious circumstances, and Sabitch comes under scrutiny from his old nemesis, acting prosecuting attorney Tommy Molto.



Check This Out

To find out about the library's newest materials, call 614-807-2626, or send an e-mail or instant message from the library's website.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Midnight at the Barrelhouse: The Johnny Otis Story by George Lipsitz

Johnny Otis, the "godfather of R&B," was a musician, bandleader, radio host, politician, church pastor and businessman, among other hats he has worn in his life.

One of the key themes of this biography is how Otis, the son of Greek immigrants, chose to become

"Black by persuasion," embracing the collective identity of Black people in a white supremacist society, and the implications of this choice for issues of race and identity in America.

War by Sebastian Junger

Junger gives breathtaking insight into the truths of war—the fear, the honor and the trust among men. His on-the-ground account follows the 173rd

Airborne brigade through a 15-month tour of duty in the most dangerous outpost in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley.

Through the experiences of these young men at war, he shows what it means to fight, to serve and to face down mortal danger on a regular basis.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Alchemy & Meggy Swann by Karen Cushman

Fans of Cushman's witty, satisfying novels will welcome Meggy Swann, newly arrived in Elizabethan London with her only friend, a goose named Louise.

Just as her alchemist father pursues his Great Work of transforming base metal into gold, Meggy finds herself pursuing her own transformation.

Board needs new directors

Are you passionate about Worthington Libraries and want to do more for them? Consider serving on the Friends Foundation's Board of Directors.

There will be several openings in January and the Board is actively seeking nominees, particularly those with fundraising experience.

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 November's annual meeting.

The Board is charged with directing the affairs of the Friends Foundation, which includes increasing the use and awareness of Worthington Libraries, advocating for strong public funding of the Library and providing financial support to enhance library services and programs.

For more information, contact president Rick Bradley at 614-880-0094.

Community clamors to Wes Cowan events



Nearly 500 people turned out in April for two library programs featuring PBS television star Wes Cowan. At left, Wes discusses his experiences with Friends Foundation members during an exclusive lecture. Below, Cowan Auctions appraiser Graydon Sikes helps C. Myra Colflesh identify her prints during an appraisal program.



At left, the origin of this unusual seated figure decorated with shells stumped Wes, who suggested the owner contact one of his "Antiques Roadshow" colleagues who specializes in African art.

New Friends



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

Gary Aber
Ken Carey
Christine, Zachary &
Gabriel Coble
Joe Kearns
Marilyn Kling
David Long
Marie Long

Darryl Markowitz
Diane Matuska
Nancy Remer
Judy Rhoads
Laura Scharer
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Mary Sue Strahan
Gillian Swanson

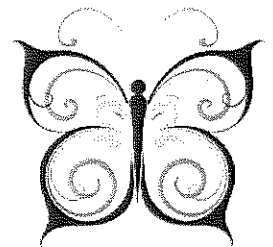
Retiring director celebrated

You're invited to a retirement reception for library director Meribah Mansfield on Friday, July 23 from 3-6 pm at Old Worthington Library.

A program will begin at 5 pm.

Meribah would appreciate hearing from you before she leaves the Library to focus full-time on her efforts to become an Episcopal Church deacon. Sign a memory book at any library location, or online at worthingtonlibraries.org/meribah.

Instead of gifts, Meribah prefers food or monetary donations go to the Worthington Food Pantry. Drop off food at any library location, or make a check out to Healthy Worthington Coalition, Inc. (memo line: Food Pantry) and send to Healthy Worthington Coalition, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Worthington OH 43085-190.



Cowan closes Library Week

Just as it should be, Worthington Libraries was a hub of community activities in April during National Library Week.

Sponsored by the Friends Foundation, the April 14 Community Breakfast was attended by nearly 200 people.

Also well-attended were two visits by PBS star Wes Cowan. He discussed his adventures on the popular TV programs "Antiques Roadshow" and "History Detectives" with Friends Foundation members during an April 16 event.


The next day, Cowan and a team of experts from his Cincinnati auction house indentified and appraised paintings, pottery, photographs and more for 400 eager attendees.

See inside for more photos from these exciting events!

Wes Cowan, an "Antiques Roadshow" appraiser and "History Detectives" host, gives Worthington Libraries director Meribah Mansfield more information about her puppet set during the library's April 17 appraisal event.



Fun Facts



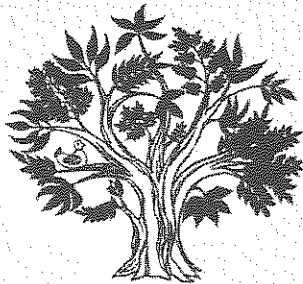
180th anniversary of the saving of Old Ironsides by a poem: Sept. 16, 1830. Alarmed by a newspaper report that Congress was to have the USS Constitution (popularly known as Old Ironsides) sent to a scrap yard, law student Oliver Wendell Holmes dashed off a poem in protest. "Old Ironsides," published anonymously this day in the "Boston Daily Advertiser," stirred up national outrage as newspaper after newspaper reprinted it. Congress instead appropriated money for the frigate's reconstruction, and Old Ironsides still floats today.

75th anniversary of the introduction of paperback books: July 30, 1935. Although books bound in soft covers were first introduced in 1841 at Leipzig, Germany, the modern paperback revolution dates to the publication of the first Penguin paperback at London, England, in 1935. Penguin Number 1 was "Ariel," a life of Shelley by Andre Maurois.

65th anniversary of atomic bomb test: July 16, 1945

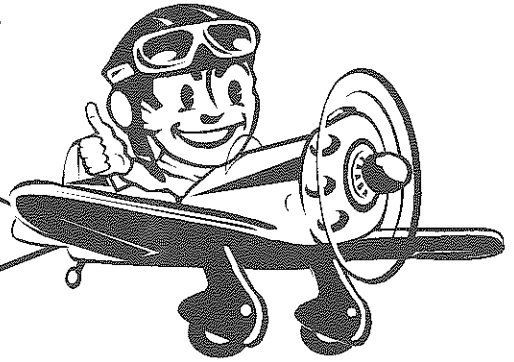
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of Events

Thursday,
Nov. 11

Friends annual meeting
with featured speaker
Dr. Daniel Collins,
7-9 pm
Old Worthington Library
meeting room

Nov. 19-21

Book sale

- Thursday, Nov. 18
(members-only presale)
7-9 pm
- Friday & Saturday,
Nov. 19 & 20
9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, Nov. 21
1-5 pm
Old Worthington Library

January 7-9

Book sale

- Thursday, Jan. 6
(members-only presale)
7-9 pm
- Friday & Saturday,
Jan. 7 & 8
9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, Jan. 9
1-5 pm
Old Worthington Library

Featured speaker to explore vampire myths

All members are encouraged to attend the Friends' annual meeting on **Thursday, 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 2010-2011 Board of Directors, several presentations are included on the agenda.

**SHEILA E. VETTER
VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION AWARD**
In addition to Collins'

program and a short business meeting, the Friends' annual meeting will also include the presentation of the Sheila E. Vetter Volunteer Award.

Established by Sheila'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 Sheila worked.

This year, Frances Lin is the Volunteer award recipient and Ray Traub is the adult volunteer recipient. Both were selected by Sheila's family from among library staff nominations.

Dependable, personable and helpful, Frances has contributed over 500 hours to Worthington Libraries since starting as a volunteer in 2005.

In nominating her, teen librarian Ann Pechacek wrote, "Frances is an incredibly busy young lady and I am awed by her capacity to continue to volunteer at the Library while still completing all her high school advanced placement and extracurricular activities."

PRESENTER HAS A TASTE FOR FANG-TASTIC TOPIC

At this year's annual meeting, sink your teeth into "Vampires: Fact or Fiction," a presentation by Dr. Daniel Collins, a Slavic language scholar from The Ohio State University.

The infamous monsters aren't just for Halloween anymore, having become a part of popular culture, featured in books, movies and television shows.

Children often first meet a vampire on "Sesame Street." Both the television program and books feature Count von Count the Muppet with his pointy teeth and a penchant for counting.

Vampire stories for all ages can be found in the library's stacks.

— see *Vampires, inside*

Gretchen King, coordinator for Worthington Park Library's Homework Help Center (HHC), nominated Ray for the "calm and patient way" he works with kids at the HHC.

"The kids adore and respect him," Gretchen writes. "Many come in on Wednesdays because they know he will be here and that he will help them with even their hardest homework."

Ray, a retired math professor, has volunteered over 190 hours since starting at the HHC in September 2008.

NOMINATED SLATE OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010-2011

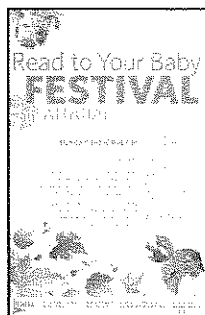
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Head into the holidays with fun and fa-la-la at the Library

FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Read to Your Baby Festival
November 14, 1 pm
Old Worthington Library

Parents, caregivers and teachers will get ideas and inspiration about ways to get kids excited about reading, and connect with area organizations serving the needs of children and families. Storyteller Lyn Ford will also be featured.



Kindergarten: Ready or Not?
January 11 at Northwest Library; January 26 at Old Worthington Library, 7 pm
How will you know if your child is ready? A panel of kindergarten teachers and children's librarians will answer questions.

FOR CHILDREN

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
"Zoo Wee Mama" Party
November 13, 2 pm
Worthington Park Library

Find out which Wimpy Kid character you are, and play games like the Thank-You Note Challenge.

Pixie Party
December 7, 7 pm
Northwest Library
Kids in grades K-3

can make their own wings, wands and flower garlands, listen to fairy stories and play pixie games.

Gingerbread Jamboree
December 9, 10:30 am,
Worthington Park Library
Enjoy books, songs and activities all about gingerbread people!

FOR TEENS

Card Care 2010
November 30, 7 pm
Old Worthington Library
Share your holiday cheer this year and decorate holiday cards for library patrons who are home-bound. All materials are provided, just bring your creativity!

Teen Read-A-Thon
December 4, 9 am-6 pm
Northwest Library
By asking friends and family to make pledges toward the total number of pages they read on Dec. 4, teens can raise money to buy holiday gifts for United Methodist Children's Home residents.

Last year's event raised over \$600. Pledge forms will be available in mid-November at the library.

FOR ADULTS

Technology Petting Zoo: Holiday Edition
December 5, 1 pm
Old Worthington Library
Check out gaming systems, smartphones, eReaders, iPods and more at this hands-on event, planned just in time for holiday shopping. Library staff will be available to answer questions.

Presented in partnership with Gamestop and Sprint.

Mark My Words: Freelance Writing
January 15, 2 pm
Northwest Library
Writer Sherry Paprocki will offer advice about breaking into the world of freelance writing.

Registration is required; please call 614-807-2626.

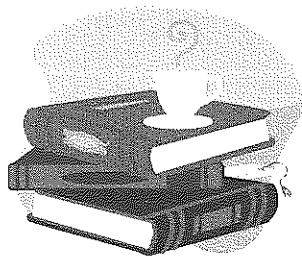
ADULT FICTION

Ape House by Sara Gruen
As a scientist at the Great Ape Language Lab, Isabel Duncan is more comfortable with the bonobo apes she studies than with people. That is, until John Thigpen arrives to interview her for a human interest story, and she finds herself attracted to the married reporter.

When an explosion rocks Isabel's lab, activists take advantage of the chaos to "liberate" her apes, and John's fluff piece becomes the story of a lifetime.

The Passage
by Justin Cronin

When a secret project to create a super-soldier backfires, a virus leads to a plague of vampiric revenants that wipes out most of the population.



Check This Out

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When members of the Colony—one of the few bands of survivors—find a young girl living outside their safe, well-lighted enclave, they realize that she shares the virals' agelessness, but not their mindless hunger, and they search for answers to her condition.

ADULT NON-FICTION
The Grand Design by Stephen Hawking

The three central questions of philosophy and sci-

ence: Why is there something rather than nothing? Why do we exist? Why this particular set of laws and not some other?

Hawking, the celebrated University of Cambridge cosmologist, and Caltech physicist Leonard Mlodinow, deftly mix cutting-edge physics to answer those key questions.

Medium Raw by Anthony Bourdain

This long-awaited follow-up to "Kitchen Confidential" contains the confessions, rants, investigations and interrogations of some of the more controversial figures in food.

Bourdain tracks his own unexpected voyage from journeyman cook to celebrity chef and globe-traveling professional eater and drinker.

CHILDREN'S FICTION
Bink & Gollie by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee

Setting out from their super-deluxe treehouse and powered by plenty of peanut butter and pancakes, best friends Bink and Gollie share three comical, interconnected adventures involving painfully bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes and a most unlikely, marvelous companion.

Music resources noteworthy

Whether you're a bebop buff or a classical connoisseur, Worthington Libraries has something for you, and all you need is a library card.

Music Online offers instant access to musical recordings in a variety of styles for personal pleasure or classroom use. Search by genre, instrument, performer or track title. Browse by cultural group to find Bantu folk music, or by historical event to find songs inspired by the first moon landing in 1969—and more!

Want to focus on your favorite genre? Limit your search to one of these specialized databases:

- American Song includes country, folk, bluegrass, American Indian, blues, gospel, shape note singing, doo-wop, Motown, R&B, soul, funk and others.
- Classical Music Library provides access to vocal and choral music, chamber, orchestral, solo instrumental and opera.
- Contemporary World Music offers sounds from every continent including reggae, worldbeat, Bollywood, fado, flamenco, klezmer, zydeco, gagaku and more.
- Jazz Music Library covers thousands of jazz artists, ensembles, albums and genres.
- Smithsonian Global Sound is a virtual encyclopedia of the world's musical and aural traditions with online resources that support the creation, continuity and preservation of diverse musical forms.

All databases allow you to create playlists to save your personal favorites, produce class viewing/listening assignments or as use as a teaching resource.

Note that recordings available through Music Online play though an audio player, but cannot currently be downloaded. You may, however, create your own playlists by creating a free account that is saved on the Classical Music Library server.

You can access any of these resources by starting at the library's website, worthingtonlibraries.org, clicking on "Research" and selecting "Research databases by topic." In the list of research topics, choose "Arts and Entertainment."

New Friends



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

Marty Anglim
Thomas Bateman
Roland Bleiholder
Crystal Colflesh
Andrew Durket

Stephanie Holland
David & Nancy Johnston
Harold Nastelin
Barbara & Mike Taxier

Library love fits you to a T!

Show your library pride by ordering a t-shirt inspired by Worthington Libraries' ongoing public awareness campaign, Find yourself here.

Both children and children at heart will dig the Dinosaurs and Heroes t-shirts. You'll make more than just a food-related fashion statement by choosing a Bacon or More Cowbell shirt.

Starting Nov. 15, buy your library gear at their online store, findyourselfhere.spreadshirt.com/. When you do, approximately 20 percent of the purchase price goes to the Library.

Shirts, which can only be purchased online, are available in unisex, women's and youth styles.



— from *Vampires*, front page

For the grade school set, the Bunnacula series by Deborah and James Howe has become a modern classic. The first tale of the mysterious rabbit that leaves a trail of white vegetables in his wake was published in 1979.

Life as a middle school vampire is explored in Adele Griffin's Vampire Island series, starring siblings Maddy, Lexie and Hudson Livingstone.

Teens and many adults have been sucked into the vampire craze incited by Stephenie Meyer, author of the Twilight saga. The first book in the series, "Twilight," introduces the reader to the Cullens, a family of human-friendly vampires.

Another popular teen choice is the Vampire Academy series by Richelle

Mead, which revolves around teenage vampires and dhampirs (half-humans) at St. Vladimir's Academy.

Irishman Bram Stoker, whose story "Dracula" was published in 1897, is often credited for truly establishing vampires as part of popular Western culture.

A resurgence of interest in the myth of the undead was evident when Anne Rice's "Interview with a Vampire," starring the vampire Lestat de Lioncourt, was released in 1976.

Current vampire fans can enjoy the Sookie Stackhouse novels by Charlaine Harris and, if they haven't already, the HBO television program the series inspired, "True Blood." The vampires in these books live among humans and drink synthetic blood.

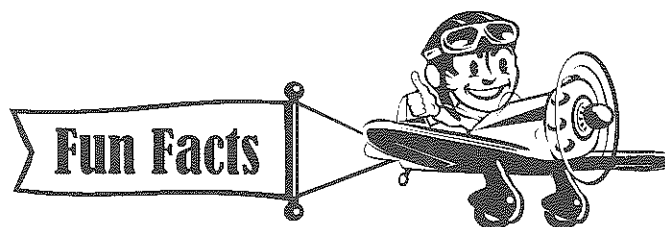
Crew keeps sales shipshape

It's not easy to pull off a two- or three-day book sale; there's a little bit of blood (mostly from paper cuts) and plenty of sweat. But the Friends are fortunate to have a crew of consummate sale setters who work hard and make it look easy!

Thank to the following volunteers for all their hard work this year!

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175th birth anniversary of Andrew Carnegie: Nov. 25, 1835. American financier, philanthropist and benefactor of more than 2,500 libraries was born on this date in Dunfermline, Scotland. Carnegie Hall, the Carnegie Foundation and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace are among his gifts. Carnegie wrote in 1889, "Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community....The man who dies...rich dies disgraced." Carnegie died at his summer estate on Aug. 11, 1919.

75th anniversary of the introduction of the "Billboard" magazine pop music chart: Jan. 4, 1936

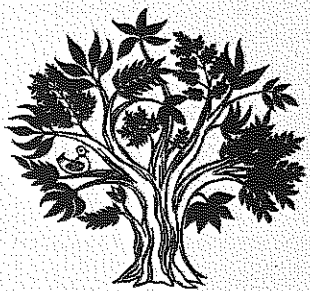
Birth anniversaries: Francis Bacon, Jan. 22, 1561; Jane Austen, Dec. 16, 1775; Emily Dickinson, Dec. 10, 1830; Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), Nov. 30, 1835; Claude Monet, Nov. 14, 1840; Margaret Mitchell, Nov. 8, 1900; Ronald Reagan, Feb. 6, 1911; Frank Sinatra, Dec. 12, 1915

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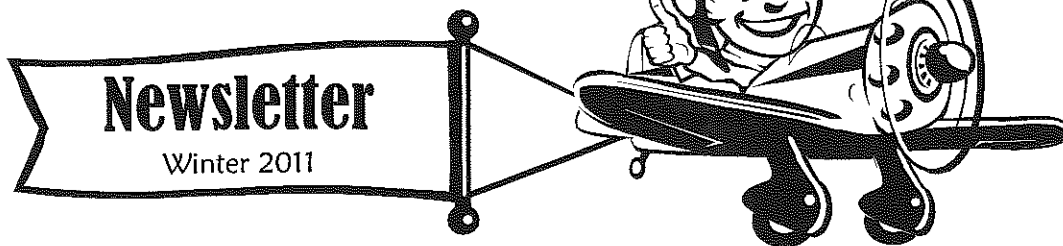
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The tree of learning has many branches. Thanks for supporting its growth as a Friend of Worthington Libraries.

Calendar



of Events

March 11-13

Book sale

- Thursday, March 10 (members-only presale) 7-9 pm
 - Friday & Saturday, March 11 & 12 9 am-5 pm
 - Sunday, March 13 1-5 pm
- Old Worthington Library

Wednesday, April 13

Community Breakfast,
7:30 am
Northwest Library

Wednesday, April 13

Crucial Conversations:
Restoring Political Civility
7 pm
Old Worthington Library

Saturday, April 30

Backyard Conservation
Practices
11 am
Northwest Library

Thursday, May 5

Food for Thought:
Nuts to You!, 7 pm
Old Worthington Library

Unsold books find new home in community

Although thousands of books are purchased at each Friends sale, to sell them all would be a wonderful, but unrealistic, dream.

So, what happens to the boxes of leftover books?

While the majority are donated to Goodwill Industries, a number of philanthropically-minded individuals take it upon themselves to collect anywhere between two and 25 boxes right after a sale and de-

liver the books to area organizations.

Jim Boyd is one such Good Samaritan. For nearly five years, he has taken boxes of Friends paperbacks to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (DRC) for distribution among the state's prisons.

Last month, he received an award from DRC for his dedication. He said officials there "are impressed with the fact that the Friends group is willing to donate its books."

Joyce Hessler is happy to scoop up unsold books for residents of Trillium Place—a senior living facility in the library's service district—of which she is one.

Working with retired librarians, she has weeded the facility's tired book collection and rejuvenated it with leftover large print titles donated by the Friends.

"We're thrilled and thankful," she said.

Salem Elementary School and Woodward Park Middle School benefit from Kathy Nicholson's visits, and the Friends' generosity. The retired teacher delivers age-appropriate books to the Columbus schools.

Friends member Kathie Miskimen, a frequent book sale volunteer, takes fiction books to the James Cancer Hospital, where they are placed in waiting rooms.

Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries 2011 book sale schedule

Friday, March 11	Friday, Sept. 23
Saturday, March 12	Saturday, Sept. 24
Sunday, March 13	Sunday, Sept. 25
Friday, May 13	Friday, Nov. 4
Saturday, May 14	Saturday, Nov. 5
Sunday, May 15	Sunday, Nov. 6

Friday, July 8
Saturday, July 9

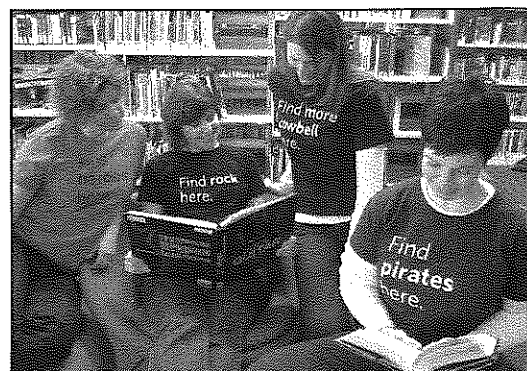
Sale times: Friday and Saturday, 9 am-5 pm;
Sunday, 1-5 pm. Pre-sales are planned
On Thursdays: March 10, May 12, July 7,
Sept. 22 and Nov. 3. All sales will be held
at Old Worthington Library.

Library finds itself a Dana award recipient

In January, Worthington Libraries was named a 2011 John Cotton Dana Award winner for its "Find yourself here" branding and marketing campaign.

The award is considered the most prestigious of all library honors in the public relations field.

The campaign, which includes the branded t-shirts at right (buy yours on the library's website!), positions the Library as a place for information and an inviting destination with something for everyone.



Give hibernation the heave-ho with super spring sessions

FOR ALL AGES

Talk About Animals!
May 22, 1 pm
Northwest Library
If you're trying to choose the best animal for your lifestyle, don't miss this program. Experts from the Columbus Dog Connection, Cat Welfare and more will be on hand to answer your questions about life expectancy, temperament, care and space requirements and more. And, of course, there will be animals!

FOR CHILDREN

Family Art Adventures
March 12, 11 am
Old Worthington Library
Art is an important, not to mention fun, early literacy tool, and library staff will show you why. Toddlers and preschoolers will get creative, and messy!

Warrior Cat Training Day
April 7, 2 pm
Northwest Library
Based on Erin Hunter's popular Warriors series, children in grades 4-6 will discover their clan and practice their feline skills during this program of games, crafts and activities.

Worthington Park's Wild Safari!
April 9, 10:30 am
Worthington Park Library
Stories, songs and a special craft will get you moving during this fun event!

FOR TEENS

Get Your Gleek On!
March 29, 7 pm
Old Worthington Library
A costume contest and trivia game will prove if you're the biggest Gleek around!

Earth Day: It's Your Bag
April 23, 2 pm
Worthington Park Library
Did you know you can turn plastic grocery bags into a crocheted tote? Well, you can! BYOB (bring your own bags) and celebrate Earth Day by participating in this pretty and practical project.

FOR ADULTS

Crucial Conversations: Restoring Political Civility
April 13, 7 pm
Old Worthington Library
At a time when action on crucial topics is desperately needed, partisan polarization is causing political gridlock. Join library staff to discuss what can be done to end divisiveness and make it possible to work together toward common goals.

Backyard Conservation Practices
April 30, 11 am
Northwest Library
Stephanie Suter, from the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, will explain why composting, rain barrels and native plants and trees are a green gardener's best friend.

Food for Thought: Nuts to You!
May 5, 7 pm
Old Worthington Library
Rich in protein, fiber and essential fatty acids, nut butters are also delicious! Learn more about these superior spreads, and enjoy samples provided by Futters Nut Butters and Naturally Nutty Foods. Registration, which is required, starts March 1; call 614-807-2626.

ADULT FICTION

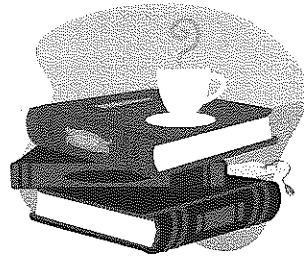
Among Others
by Jo Walton

Morwenna was badly hurt, and her sister killed, when the two foiled their abusive mother's spellwork.

Sent to boarding school by her father, Mori works a spell to find kindred souls and soon meets a welcoming group of science fiction readers. But the spell has also drawn her mother's attention, and Mori can't escape this time.

ADULT NON-FICTION
Switch by Jim & Dan Heath

Combining psychology, sociology, management and case studies, the authors of "Made to Stick" tell stories of people and organizations who have successfully implemented significant changes—even when change is hard.



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The Encyclopedia of the Exquisite

by Jessica Kerwin Jenkins
Taking a cue from exotic 16th century encyclopedias, Jenkins' book focuses on things elegant, rare, common and delightful.

Each entry features engaging anecdotes, illuminating the past of each enduring source of beauty.

Subjects covered include the explosive history of champagne, the wild riot

incited by the appearance of London's first top hat and the polarizing practice of wearing red lipstick during World War II.

The Checklist Manifesto
by Atul Gawande

In a world of great complexity, where even the most expert professionals struggle to master the tasks they face, Gawande finds a remedy in the humblest and simplest of tech-

niques: the checklist.

He offers riveting, real-life examples, and explains how checklists work to prompt striking and immediate improvements. He also follows the checklist revolution beyond medicine, to disaster response, investment banking and skyscraper construction.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Turtle in Paradise
by Jennifer Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job house-keeping for a woman who doesn't like children, 11-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in Key West, FL.

Before she knows what's happened, Turtle finds herself coming out of the shell she has spent her life building, and her world opens up in unexpected ways.

CR sites help you shop smart

If you're shopping for a smartphone, digital camera or other electronics, you know you can count on ConsumerReports.org to help you get the most for your money.

Did you also know that there's a Consumer Reports site that offers accurate, unbiased advice about health-related purchases like exercise equipment and fitness products?

It's true! At ConsumerReportsHealth.org, you can get in-depth product information on everything from running shoes and recumbent bicycles to humidifiers and hearing aids. There are also ratings of hospitals, treatments and natural medicines.

In sections like Diet & Nutrition and Beauty & Personal Care, you can find articles and reviews on a number of topics. Want to see

how well your brand of tooth whitener fared? Do

you know what the label "USDA Organic" really means? Find out at ConsumerReportsHealth.org!

Like its sister site, ConsumerReports.org, ConsumerReportsHealth is available any time of the day or night through the library's website, and gives you access to valuable consumer information written by impartial experts.

Published by Consumers Union (CU), an independent, non-profit organization, "Consumer Reports" magazine has long provided unbiased product information. To maintain impartiality, CU does not accept outside advertising or free samples, and employs mystery shoppers and technical experts to buy and test evaluated products.

ConsumerReports.org offers access to the same valuable consumer information available in the magazine, including side-by-side comparisons, Best Buy recommendations and product ratings, all written by experts using state-of-the-art testing equipment to research products for consumer value.

Whether you're shopping for a smartphone or hunting for a hospital, access either ConsumerReports.org or ConsumerReportsHealth.org by starting at the library's website, worthingtonlibraries.org.

Click on the Research tab at the top of the homepage, select "All research databases A-Z" and click on "C."

Consumer Reports Health.org™

New Friends



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

Lisa Abrams
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Daniel Collins

Sue Dindal & Gary Sandefur
Alice Walker
Eric Whitfield
Darby Williamson

Success Stories



Library staff are superheroes, working hard to help patrons find exactly what they need. The fruits of their labors can be hilarious, heartfelt!

A 10-year-old boy stopped at Northwest Library's Children's Desk to ask for help locating some sports star biographies for a school report.

Staff found books about Michelle Kwan and Lebron James. Upon hearing his choices, the boy covered his ears and said, "Don't speak his name! I pick the girl."

When asked if he was sure, he replied, "Yeah, I'd rather do my project on an ice skater than He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named."

An energetic five-year-old came into Old Worthington Library's Children's Department with his dad looking for books about Christmas and pirates.

After choosing a few Christmas stories, he went to the non-fiction pirate books and pulled several off the shelf. "Wow!" he said. "Can I have all of them? Now this is what I call a treasure!"

A man came to Northwest Library to ask where he could find replacement light bulbs for exit signs. He said he had tried without success online and at area stores.

Staff suggested a local lighting company and called to confirm their hours and that their inventory included the replacement bulbs. An hour or so later, the man came back to report that he had found exactly what he needed, and thanked staff for their help.

Join library's league lineup!

This shouldn't come out of left field, but opening day for the library's Summer Reading League, a partnership with the Columbus Clippers baseball team, will be here before you know it.

This year, children and teens will earn points for reading. After a complete game, each participant is eligible to receive two tickets (one per child and one

for an adult, limit two adult tickets per family) to watch the Columbus Clippers play downtown at Huntington Park! Make sure you're in the league's starting lineup!

Starting June 4, register at any Worthington Libraries location (you may be entitled to a signing bonus!); the league will continue through August 6.

Batter up!



Birthday breakfast brewing

You may not remember what you were doing in April 1996, but Worthington and Columbus library officials were busy putting the finishing touches on a beautiful, new, state-of-the-art library on Hard Road in the northwest area of Worthington Libraries' (WL) service district.

Plan to join WL as they celebrate Northwest Library's 15th birthday! The public is invited to attend this free event.

A special program is planned during the library's annual community breakfast, which is sponsored by the Friends and scheduled at Northwest Library on April 13 at 7:30 am.

Northwest Library, which opened on April 16, 1996, is unique in the state of Ohio—and rare in the library world—as it is jointly operated by two independent library systems: WL and Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML).

CML Director Patrick Losinski and Worthington Libraries Director Chuck Gibson will celebrate the extremely successful partnership and share highlights during April's community breakfast.


Worthington Libraries' Community Breakfast

Date: Wednesday, April 13


Time: 7:30 am

Place: Northwest Library, 2280 Hard Road

To attend, please RSVP to Pam Beretich at 614-807-2610 or pberetich@worthingtonlibraries.org.



Fun Facts



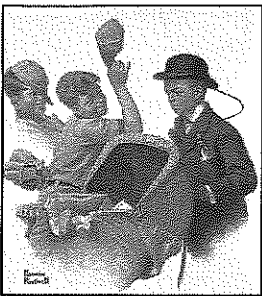
150th anniversary of the attack on Fort Sumter: April 12, 1861. No lives were lost despite the firing of some 40,000 shells in the first major engagement of the Civil War.

475th execution anniversary of Anne Boleyn: May 19, 1536

95th anniversary of Norman Rockwell's first "Saturday Evening Post" cover ("Boy with Baby Carriage"): May 20, 1916

75th anniversary of the publication of "Gone With the Wind:" May 19, 1936

Birth anniversaries: Robert Bunsen (Bunsen burner), March 31, 1811; Charlotte Bronte, April 21, 1816; Tennessee Williams, March 26, 1911



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