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Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries

Newsletter

Summer 2011



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

Calendar



of Events

July 8-9

Book sale

- Thursday, July 7
(members-only presale)
7-9 pm

- Friday & Saturday,
July 8 & 9
9 am-5 pm

Old Worthington Library

Friday, July 8

Harry Potter
& the Final Film
5:30 pm

Northwest Library

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7 pm

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Friday, July 29

Summer Concert Series:

Scioto Valley Brass &
Percussion Co.
7 pm

Northwest Library

Saturday, August 6

Last day of the library's
Summer Reading League

New Board member earns volunteer award

Darby Williamson, a Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries Board member, recently received a 2011 Agent of Change award for her volunteer work at the Library.

She is the first Worthington Libraries volunteer to receive this award, which is sponsored by HandsOn Central Ohio, part of the volunteer-focused arm of the Points of Light Institute.

An Agent of Change is selected in each of the following five categories: Advocacy, Basics, Board, Citizen Safety and Service in a Neighborhood.

Darby was honored in the Service in a Neighborhood Division.

A library volunteer since January 2010, Darby began as a storytime aide at Northwest Library one day a week, and soon increased her commitment to two days a week. She started taking on various projects for library staff and assisting with special programs as well.

For the past two years, Darby has done a significant amount of signature collection in the neighborhood surrounding Northwest Library in order to secure a noise permit for the library's summer concert series (sponsored by the Friends Foundation).

In just over a year, Darby has acquired over 250 hours of volunteer service among all three Worthington Libraries locations, all of which is done in addition to her commitment to the Friends Foundation.

Darby joined the Friends Foundation Board this past November and immediately got started doing what she does best: making a difference.

You can find her at book sales—setting up, taking money, bagging purchases—and talking about all the good things the Friends do at library events.



Darby Williamson

HandsOn Network is the largest volunteer network in the nation and includes more than 250 HandsOn action centers in 16 countries.

Annually, the network delivers approximately 30 million hours of volunteer service valued at about \$600 million.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TOO!

Join Darby and volunteer your time at an upcoming Friends Foundation book sale.

There are three sales remaining this year: July 8-9, September 23-25 and November 4-6.

Cashiers and people to bag purchases and keep the meeting room tidy must be scheduled during sale hours, and setup assistance is needed the week leading up to each sale.

Bring your children or neighbors! Shifts are typically two hours, but any time you can spare is appreciated. Please call Myra Colflesh at 614-885-7219.

Library offers league-leading lineup of summer programs

FOR ALL AGES

Summer Concert Series

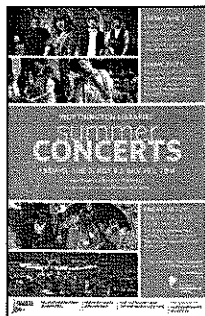
July 8 & 29, 7 pm

Northwest Library

Bring your family and enjoy the fun of these outdoor shows, sponsored by the Friends.

July 8: Harry & the Potters

July 29: Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Co.



Harry Potter & the Final Film
July 8, 5:30 pm

Northwest Library

Celebrate the upcoming release of *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Part 2* with a costume contest, crafts and games. Stay for a Harry & the Potters concert!

FOR CHILDREN

Batter Up! Baseball Hour
with the Clippers

June 25, 10:30 am

Worthington Park Library

Wear your Clippers gear and enjoy songs, activities and a book read by a Columbus Clippers team member. You'll even meet the team mascot! For ages five and under.

Strike Three: Wii
Baseball with the
Clippers

July 15, 11 am

Old Worthington Library

Think you can outplay members of the Columbus Clippers baseball team? Ages 4-6 can take 'em on during this Wii contest.

FOR TEENS

Teen Dodgeball
Tourney

June & July, 2 pm

All three libraries

Teams will compete to represent their library location in a double-elimination tournament. Members of the champion team each receive flip video recorders! Visit worthingtonlibraries.org for more details.

TGIF: Kinyobi Cosplay

July 22, 6 pm

Old Worthington Library

This mini-cosplay convention includes a PG costume contest, trivia challenges and more!

FOR ADULTS

Decanted: A House
Wine Book Group

July 5 & August 2

7 pm

House Wine,
644 N. High St.

July 5: *The
Billionaire's
Vinegar* by

Benjamin Wallace

August 2: *Merlot Murders*
by Ellen Crosby

Successful Scents

August 10, 7 pm

Old Worthington Library

Learn more about the powerful sense of smell from The Candle Lab's Steve Weaver, who will also share ways participants can creatively use scents in their home.



ADULT FICTION

Doc by Mary Doria Russell

Violence is random and routine in Dodge City, Kansas, in 1878, but when the burned body of a mixed-blood boy named Johnnie Sanders is discovered, his death shocks a part-time policeman named Wyatt Earp and is a matter of strangely personal importance to Dr. John Henry "Doc" Holliday.

Caleb's Crossing by
Geraldine Brooks

A secret friendship between Bethia Mayfield, the daughter of a Puritan farmer, and Caleb, a young Wampanoag Indian, draws each into the alien world of the other on Martha's Vineyard in the late 17th century. Bethia's father



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tutors Caleb, who proves to be an adept student. In 1665, he becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College.

ADULT NON-FICTION
*Sideways on a Scooter: Life
and Love in India* by
Miranda Kennedy

When Kennedy, a twentysomething reporter, leaves her New York job

and travels to India with no employment prospects, she discovers that despite its globalized image as a land of call centers and fast-food chains, India is an ancient place where, in many ways, women's lives have scarcely changed for centuries.

In the Garden of Beasts by
Eric Larson
In 1933, William E.

Dodd is America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany. As Jews are attacked, the press is censored and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate, Dodd's concerns are received by a largely indifferent U.S. State Department.

CHILDREN'S FICTION
The Great Wall of Lucy Wu
by Wendy Wan Long
Shang

Aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.

Online guide is for the birds

Whether you're an amateur ornithologist or a backyard bird-watcher, Worthington Libraries offers you access to the ultimate online guide to your feathered friends.

From Abert's Towhee to the Zone-Tailed Hawk, **Birds of North America Online** offers detailed scientific information for more than 700 species of birds nesting in the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the islands of the Caribbean.

Articles about each bird include information about its behavior, migration, demographics and habitat and are accompanied by professional photographs showing plumage, habitat, nests, eggs and chicks.



Birds of North America Online also contains compelling audio and video clips. Listen to audio recordings of bird songs and calls, such as the song and call of a Gray Catbird (decide for yourself if it sounds like the mewing of a cat, which is how the bird got its name) or watch an American Goldfinch eating a sunflower seed up close.

Maintained and updated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the content is updated frequently with contributions from researchers, citizen scientists and designated reviewers and editors.

A one-year individual subscription to **Birds of North America Online** currently costs \$42, but you can access this informative resource for free with your Worthington Libraries library card!

Start at the library's website, worthingtonlibraries.org, and click on the Research tab at the top of the homepage. Then, select "All research databases A-Z" and click on "B" (for **Birds of North America Online**).

New Friends



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

Barbara Burkholder
Alicia Iglesias
Larry Lytle
Bill & Pam Unger
Jutta Wait

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!

While Northwest Library Adult Services Librarian Alison Macrina was helping a patron on the computer, he revealed that he was reluctant to ask for help because of his vision problems.

Alison told him he needn't be reluctant and showed him the low-vision computer and scanner that is available for public use.

The patron was so pleased and overwhelmed by these resources, he started tearing up, and Alison had a hard time keeping herself from crying, too!

Three young patrons, all under 10 years of age, asked Worthington Park Circulation Assistant Cory Righter if they could be Volunteers.

When Cory explained that they had to be 12 years old, the kids started counting how many years each had left (which was still quite a few!). They kept saying how badly they wanted to work at the Library!

Stay in the loop this summer

Join Worthington Libraries' social networks to stay up-to-date, no matter where summer vacation takes you.

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

Add the Library to your social mix by following them on Facebook. Visit their Facebook page and click the "Like" button to get updates to your Facebook news feed. Interact by commenting on posts or sharing library updates with your own social network.

Looking for bite-sized updates? Follow the Library on Twitter! Visit their Twitter page and click the "Follow" button to receive the latest library news (in 140 characters or less). Want to talk back? Retweet or reply to their messages.

You can also visit the Library on Flickr and YouTube for fun photos and video from recent events.

The library's Facebook and Twitter pages, Flickr site and YouTube channel can be found by clicking the Interact tab at the top of worthingtonlibraries.org.

Library Lagniappe: 2010

Fun facts about Worthington Libraries

Did you know that last year:

—Worthington Libraries checked out more than 3.5 million items? (The Library ranks ninth in Ohio in total circulation.)

—the Library had 83,784 registered borrowers?

—circulation of digital books increased more than 53%?

—volunteers donated more than 6,000 hours to the Library?

—the Library had 209 computers available for public use?

—the Library owned more than 500,000 items and provided access to nearly three million items through a partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Library and Southwest Public Libraries?

—more than 3,250 items were delivered to homebound patrons?

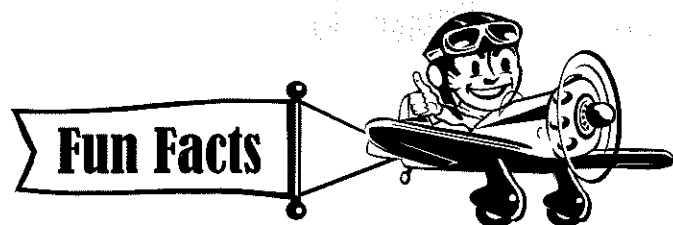
For more interesting tidbits, check out the library's 2010 annual report at worthingtonlibraries.org/about/administration/annualreports/2010.

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Girl Power!

100th anniversary—first cross-country trip on horseback by a woman: July 8, 1911. Leaving San Francisco on Sept. 1, 1910, Nan Jane Aspinwall arrived in New York City on this date, becoming the first woman to cross the U.S. on horseback. She was delivering a letter from the mayor of San Francisco to the New York City mayor.

90th anniversary—a woman runs the U.S. House: June 20, 1921. Alice Robertson of Oklahoma became the first woman to preside in the U.S. House of Representatives. She presided for half an hour.



85th anniversary—a woman first swims the English Channel: August 6, 1926. Gertrude Ederle, a 19-year-old from New York, completed the swim in 14 hours, 31 minutes.

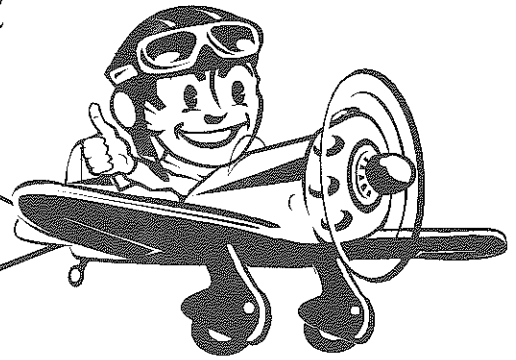


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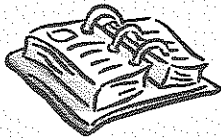
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Old Worthington Library

Saturdays, Oct. 8 & 29

Warm Up! Worthington

Block Bees, 10 am

Old Worthington Library

(Oct. 8)

Northwest Library

(Oct. 29)

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Friends annual meeting

7 pm

Old Worthington Library

Sunday, Nov. 13

Family Reading Festival
featuring Will Hillenbrand
1-4 pm (*Will's presentation
will start at 2 pm*)

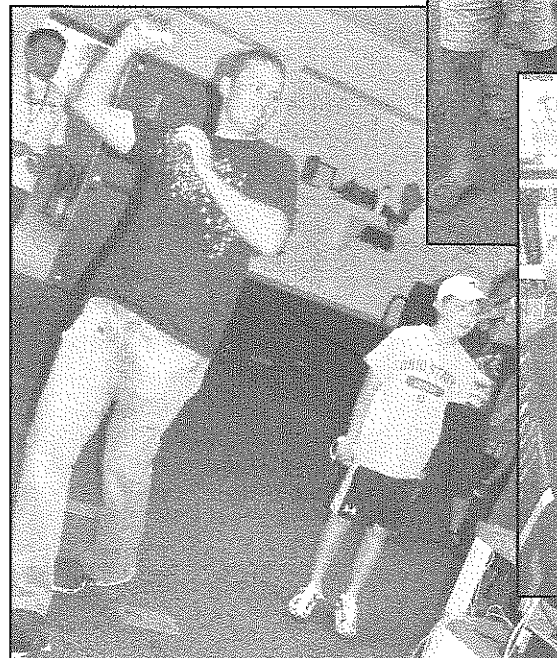
Old Worthington Library

First-ever Reading League is a grand slam!

Worthington Libraries' first-ever Summer Reading League partnership with the Columbus Clippers knocked it out of the park!

Sponsored by the Friends, over 8,000 babies, children and teens signed up to read their way to baseball tickets where they could parade the bases at Huntington Park and maybe even throw out a pitch!

There were lots of opportunities to meet Clippers players and team mascots at special library storytimes and at programs like Strike Three: Wii Baseball with the Clippers.



Library offers a bounty of autumn activities for all ages

FOR PARENTS

Parenting 101: Active Parenting
Sept. 17, 10 am
Northwest Library
Develop cooperation, responsibility and self-esteem in your kids, with tips from child psychologist Amy Ambrozich, a child psychologist.

Family Reading Festival
Nov. 13, 1 pm
Old Worthington Library
The library's sixth annual festival will feature crafts and costumed characters for kids, while parents and caregivers will learn ways to get children excited about reading! Author and illustrator Will Hillenbrand will also be featured.

FOR CHILDREN

Touch a Bug
Oct. 6, 4 pm
Old Worthington Library
Don't miss this fun event crawling with stories and songs about our favorite bugs. You can visit with a few, too! For grades K-3.

KnitTeen for Need
Oct. 20, 7 pm
Northwest Library
Whether you're new to knitting or a pro at crochet, join us as we make 7" x 9" blocks, which will be sewn together to form afghans for area charities. Bring knitting or crochet needles, we'll provide yarn, templates and guidance for new knitters. For grades 4 and up.

FOR TEENS

Too School for Cool
Sept. 28, 7 pm
Worthington Park Library
Don't count on Google and Wikipedia to finish that last-minute homework assignment. From literature and languages to social studies and science, learn more about the library's save-your-Sunday-night online resources!

TGIF: Zombie Invasion
Oct. 14, 6 pm
Northwest Library
It's Z-Day at the Library, so come in costume for gruesome games and a monstrous makeup demonstration. Be prepared to shake a leg during a dance contest!

FOR ADULTS

Author Visit:
Diana Britt Franklin
Sept. 13, 7 pm
Northwest Library
Franklin's newest book, *Gold Medal Killer*, tells the story of James H. Snook, an Ohio State University professor, who, in 1929, murdered his coed mistress.

Warm Up! Worthington Block Bees
Oct. 8, 10 am
Old Worthington Library
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Help us make afghans for area organizations that help those in need. Bring needles, we'll provide yarn, templates and knitting/crochet assistance!

ADULT FICTION

Dick Francis's Gamble

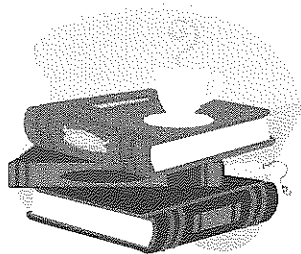
by Felix Francis

Felix continues his father's *New York Times*-bestselling legacy with this story about a former jockey who begins questioning everything—including how much he understands his employer—after a friend and coworker's seemingly inexplicable death.

Bannon Brothers: Trust

by Janet Dailey

The first in a trilogy that chronicles the lives and loves of the Bannon brothers, as *Trust* starts, R.J. Bannon agrees to take on the cold case of Ann Montgomery, who was abducted years earlier and who R.J. believes is local artist Erin Randall.



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ADULT NON-FICTION

The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris

by David McCullough

McCullough mixes famous and obscure names and delivers capsule biographies of educated, Victorian-era American artists, writers, politicians, architects and others who studied in Paris, and changed America through what they learned there.

It Looked Different on the Model: Epic Tales of Impending Shame and Infamy by Laurie Notaro

Notaro is just trying to fit into her ultra-liberal Oregon community, an endeavor marked by riotous missteps—everything from stolen trees and a ban from the post office to dental implants and closed neighborhood parties.

I'm Feeling Lucky: The Confessions of Google Employee Number 59

by Douglas Edwards

Edwards, Google's first director of marketing and brand management, captures the rollercoaster ride of being part of a company creating itself in a new universe, from races to develop and implement new features to ideas that never came to pass.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

The Wikkeling

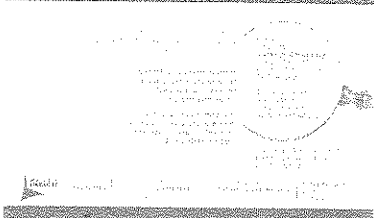
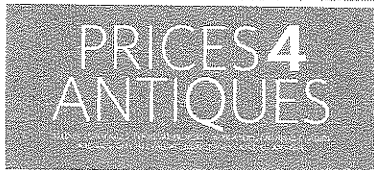
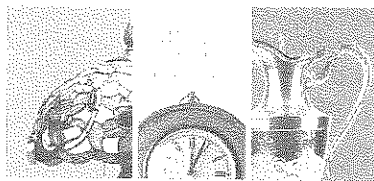
by Steven Arntson

Tending to a wounded cat gives Henrietta a sense of freedom in her tightly controlled society. She has no idea she's set off a chain of events that awaken an ominous creature called the Wikkeling.

Get prices for art & antiques

An expert is defined as "one who is very skilled in or knowledgeable about a particular thing."

Have you ever wondered where antiques experts find answers to questions like "What is it?" and "How much is it worth?"



One research tool they often turn to is the Prices4Antiques database, which offers real market-based information about antiques. You can access Prices4Antiques for free with a Worthington Libraries library card.

Used by leading U.S. personal property appraisers, antiques dealers and museums to evaluate nearly every kind of antique, Prices4Antiques gathers

information about collectibles, antiques and fine art provided by over 140 major U.S. auction companies.

Updated daily, each record contains an expert description, the date of sale and the actual price realized at auction, as well as the auction house name and contact information. Records also provide at least one color picture, so you can see if the item you're researching resembles the one described in the database.

To access Prices4Antiques, go to worthingtonlibraries.org, click on "Research" and select "All research databases A-Z." Then, click on "P," select "Prices4Antiques" and, on the next page, "Go to Prices4Antiques."

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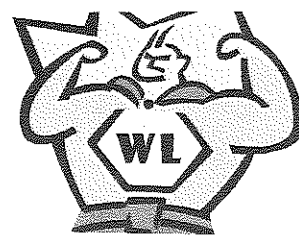


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Greg Cordel
Virginia Duym
Lawrence & Merianne Jones
Ralph Reynolds

Elaine Spayde
Jennifer Stone
Thomas Tellier

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!

Overheard in the stacks: Two boys in about second grade were in the children's department when one boy stopped to ask the other where he was from.

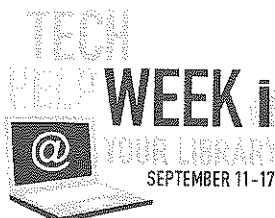
The second boy replied, "I probably shouldn't tell you." To which the first boy responded, "I know where you are from. You are from the same place I am. India."

The second boy then said, "No, my dad is from India. I am from Michigan!" He added in a whisper, "Most people don't like Wolverines around these parts."

A patron stopped at the desk to show Worthington Park Circulation Manager Cheryl Fowler the certification he'd recently earned for his job. He wanted to thank staff for reserving the books he needed to help pass the certification exam.

Climb aboard the tech train!

If you think you've missed the technology train, don't worry, something new is about to pull into the station!



During the week of September 11, Franklin County's public libraries will stage a special series of technology-related programs for beginners called Tech Help Week @ Your Library.

Each library system has unique sessions planned. Two Worthington Libraries programs, "Tips & Tricks" and "Essential Software," will help participants get a handle on Windows 7 and the new Microsoft Office.

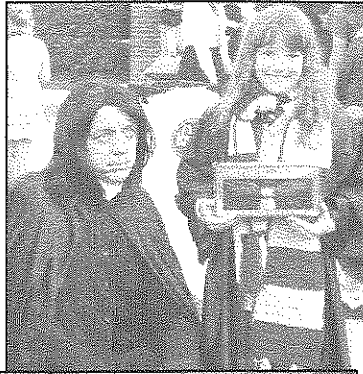
Those attending "Life in the Google-verse" will go beyond Google's search engine capabilities, plus they can get a thorough introduction to Facebook during "Facebook 101."

For program descriptions, dates and times, check out fliers at each Worthington Libraries location, or go to the library's homepage, worthingtonlibraries.org, and click on the Tech Help Week link on the front page.

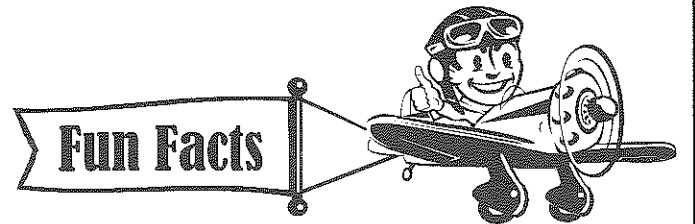
All Tech Help Week @ Your Library workshops are free and open to the public.

Potter party draws hundreds

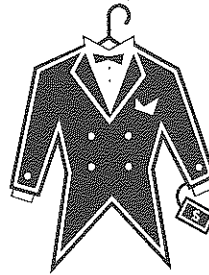
The Library planned a magical night on July 8 to celebrate the release of the final Harry Potter movie. Sponsored by the Friends, there were games, a costume contest and a concert by Boston duo Harry and the Potters that drew nearly 350 people!



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150th birth anniversary of William Wrigley: Sept. 30, 1861. Wrigley didn't invent chewing gum, but he did create the business empire synonymous with it. Realizing he could make more money selling gum than baking soda (which was what he had been selling), his company, the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, introduced Juicy Fruit and Spearmint in 1893. By 1910, Spearmint was the top-selling gum in the country. Wrigley also owned the Chicago Cubs and is the namesake for the park where they still play.



375th anniversary of the founding of Harvard University: Oct. 28, 1636

125th anniversary of the creation of the tuxedo: Oct. 10, 1886

60th anniversary of the introduction of area codes: Nov. 10, 1951

2011 Board of Directors

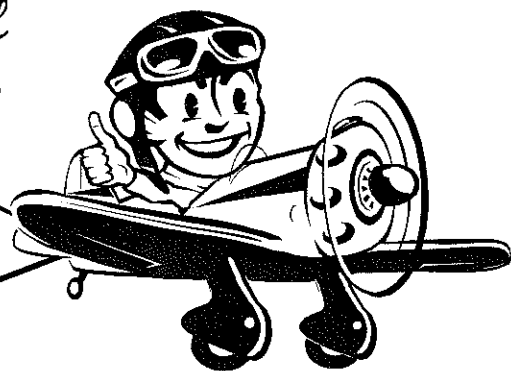
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Go gaga over gadgets at Friends-only event

Do you consider yourself technologically savvy? Even if you do, deciding what to buy for the technophile on your holiday shopping list can be challenging, considering all the new high-tech gadgets hitting the market right now.

You can read product reviews, but how do you decide if the Next Big Thing is right for your gizmo-loving grandson? Get help with your high-tech holiday shopping at this year's Friends annual meeting!

On Wednesday, November 9, you can get in touch with new technology during a Technology Petting Zoo for Friends Foundation members only. Compare iPads and Xooms, examine eReaders and more!

If you need guidance with the gadgets, don't worry. Library staff will be available to answer questions throughout the program, which starts at 7 pm at Old Worthington Library, 820 High St.

There will also be a short business meeting, as part of the annual meeting, which includes the election of the 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

Here is the nominated slate of officers and board members for the next year:

Richard Bradley	president
Lori Overmyer	vice president
Susan Jacobs	treasurer
Gretchen Northrup	secretary
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Carol Bishop	member-at-large
Marilyn Carter	member-at-large
Lisa Elliot	member-at-large
Lisa Kaiser	member-at-large
Dr. Sara Sukalich	member-at-large
Darby Williamson	member-at-large

Fundraising award goes to Overmyer

Lori Overmyer, a member of the Friends Foundation Board of Directors since 2006 and currently vice president, was recently named the 2011 Outstanding Fundraising Professional by the Central Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).



Lori, a vice president at Goettler Associates, a Columbus fundraising consulting firm, will be recognized during AFP's Philanthropy Day Awards luncheon later this month.

Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries 2012 book sale schedule

Friday, Jan. 6	Friday, July 20
Saturday, Jan. 7	Saturday, July 21
Sunday, Jan. 8	
Friday, March 16	Friday, Sept. 28
Saturday, March 17	Saturday, Sept. 29
Sunday, March 18	Sunday, Sept. 30
Friday, May 18	Friday, Nov. 16
Saturday, May 19	Saturday, Nov. 17
Sunday, May 20	Sunday, Nov. 18

Sale times are Friday and Saturday, 9 am-5 pm and Sunday, 1-5 pm. Pre-sales are planned on Thursdays: Jan. 5, March 15, May 17, July 19, Sept. 27 and Nov. 15. All sales will be held at Old Worthington Library.

Friends get half-price tickets to library's new author series

It pays to be a member! A new series, co-sponsored by the Library and the Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center, will bring both emerging and established writers to town, and members of the Friends Foundation qualify for discounted tickets that include an exclusive author reception prior to each reading! All events will be held at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St.



CLAIRE HOLDEN ROTHMAN

Thursday, February 9 at 7 pm

After early training as a lawyer, Claire Holden Rothman, a Montreal writer, taught college literature and creative writing at McGill University. Her short fiction has appeared in numerous literary periodicals, and she has also published two short story collections,

Salad Days and *Black Tulips*.

The Heart Specialist, Rothman's debut novel about one of Montreal's first female doctors, was long-listed for Canada's prestigious Scotiabank Giller Prize in 2009.



GEORGE BILGERE

Thursday, April 26 at 7 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Pushcart Prize-winning poet George Bilgere, the author of several poetry collections, including *The White Museum*, *Haywire* and *The Good Kiss*. The latter was selected by former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins as the winner



KEVIN SECCIA

Thursday, June 14 at 7 pm

Get ready to laugh! Kevin Seccia, author of *Punching Tom Hanks*, has written for Ellen Degeneres and numerous live-action and animated shows. A stand-up comedian, he has also performed on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend*, *The Late, Late Show* and on HBO's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival.

TICKET INFORMATION

How much:

- \$15 general public
- \$20 general public, plus author reception
- \$10 Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries (includes author reception)

How to buy:

- At the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St.
- By phone at 614-431-0329
- At mcconnellarts.org/wp/events

To receive the discounted ticket price, Friends members must use the code FRIENDS when purchasing tickets.

of the 2001 University of Akron Poetry Prize.

Bilgere, who teaches at John Carroll University in Cleveland, has received grants, fellowships and awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Fulbright Foundation, the Society of Midland Authors and others.

Sheila E. Vetter Volunteer Award goes to Snellgrove, Clancy

From searching for missing books to registering children for the summer reading league, from repairing DVDs and CDs to suiting up as costumed characters, Worthington Libraries depends on its dedicated volunteers.

The Sheila E. Vetter Volunteer Award, presented for the past 11 years, thanks volunteers for their exceptional work. Established by Sheila's family after her death in 2000, the award honors an outstanding teen and adult

volunteer, who each receive a cash prize and have their names engraved on a plaque displayed in the lobby of Northwest Library, 2280 Hard Road, where Sheila worked.

This year, Autumn Snellgrove is the Volunteer award recipient and Cassie Clancy, a long-time Friends member, is the adult volunteer recipient. Both were selected by Sheila's family from among library staff nominations.

Autumn has made herself nearly indispensable

in Northwest Library's children's department, where she has helped with program preparation.

In nominating her, lead librarian Gwen Nzimiro wrote, "She is often the first person I think of whenever a challenging Volunteer project comes available because I know she will be quick to figure out how to accomplish the task efficiently and with enthusiasm."

Cassie delivers books to homebound patrons each week, visiting 15 patrons

each month in 11 different locations, and nominator Rebecca Wenden, the library's homebound associate, notes, "She has never missed or been late for a single delivery."

Rebecca said Cassie takes the time to talk to those she visits, and patrons, since they are homebound and don't have the opportunity for a great deal of human interaction, appreciate it.

"Cassie's warmth and enthusiasm always brighten their days."