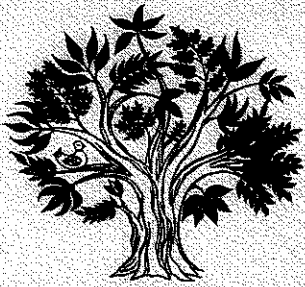


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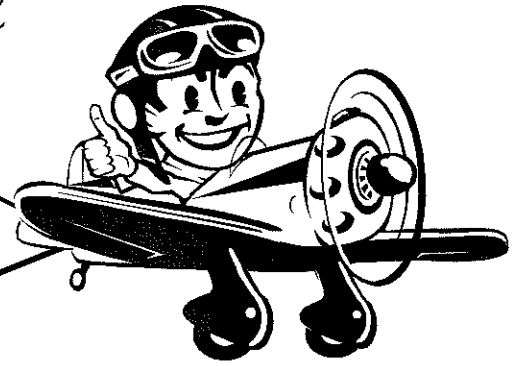


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Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries

Newsletter

Spring 2013



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

Calendar



Of Events

Tuesday, April 16

Community Breakfast
7:30 am
Worthington Park Library
Open to the public!

Monday, April 22

Backyard Stargazing
7 pm
Old Worthington Library

Thursday, April 25

Mary Kay Andrews reading
7 pm
McConnell Arts Center,
777 Evening St. in
Worthington
*Tickets are only \$5 for
Friends members!*

May 15-18

Book sale

- Thursday, May 2
(members-only)
7-9 pm
- Friday, May 3
9 am-6 pm
- Saturday, May 4
9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, May 5
1-5 pm
Old Worthington Library

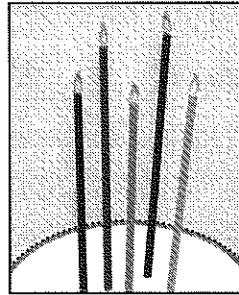
What do you give a library for its birthday?

You may not remember what you were doing in April 2008, but the Library was busy putting the finishing touches on a

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

TUESDAY,
APRIL 16
at 7:30 AM

Worthington Park
Library



new, much-needed library in the Worthington Park Shopping Centre.

Plan to attend this year's Community Breakfast as the Library celebrates Worthington Park Library's fifth birthday! Snack on pastries, fruit, quiche and more as you learn about the exciting projects planned for 2013 and beyond.

Funding for the Community Breakfast is provided by the **Friends Foundation**. If you plan to be there, please RSVP to Pam at 614-807-2610 before April 2.

Concert season set for summer

The slate of summer performers for Northwest Library's outdoor concert series is set and, as a **Friends** member, you're the first to know who's been selected (the series is sponsored by the **Friends Foundation**)!

All concerts start at 7 pm. Bring your family!

June 7

**Grace Adele &
Her Grand Band**

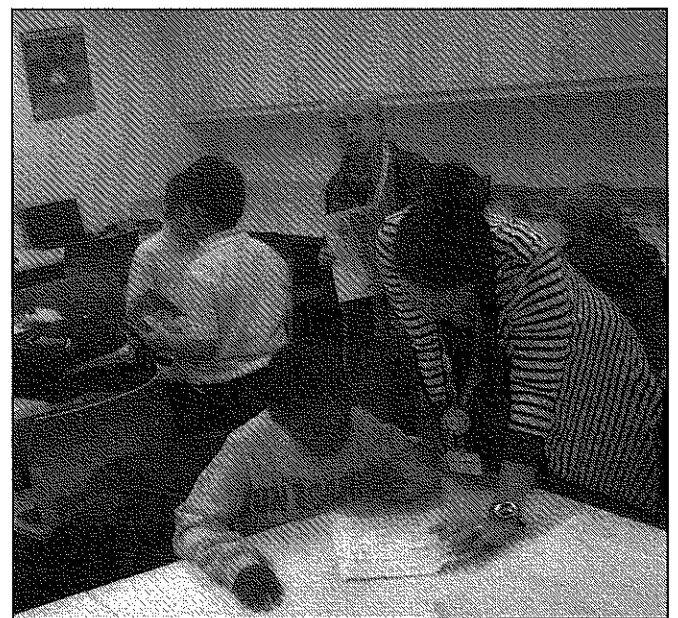
June 28

The Salty Caramels

July 26

**Scioto Valley Brass &
Percussion Company**

Open for business!



The library's newest Homework Help Centers, at Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library, are already making a difference in the lives of area students! Construction of both centers was partly funded by the Friends Foundation.

ADULT FICTION

The Other Woman

by Hank Philipp Ryan

Tracking down a candidate's secret mistress days before a pivotal Senate election, reporter Jane Ryland discovers links between her story and a serial killer investigation by detective Jake Brogan, with whom she partners to stop a killer in the face of dirty politics and betrayal.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Farewell, Fred Voodoo: A Letter from Haiti

by Amy Wilentz

Wilentz's memoir is a stimulating immersion in Haiti's culture, history and political machinations. In it,



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she introduces a fantastical cast of characters, Haitians as well as those who flocked to the island following the earthquake with wide-ranging motives.

TEEN FICTION

Out of the Easy

by Ruta Sepetys

It's 1950, and Josie, the

17-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is trying to escape New Orleans. She wants to enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation that challenges her allegiance to her mother, her conscience and a brusque madam.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Better Nate Than Ever

by Tim Federle

Nate Foster's big dream is to star in a Broadway show. But how can he make that dream come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one (except his best pal Libby) appreciates a good show tune?

With Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York City where there's an open casting call for *E.T.: The Musical*.

Nate knows this audition could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom.

Coming up!

With titles full of sass and Southern charm, small towns and well-kept

MARY KAY ANDREWS

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 at 7 PM

McConnell Arts Center
777 Evening St.



secrets, it's no wonder author Mary Kay Andrews has been called "the belle of the beach read."

Andrews will read and answer questions at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St., on April 25 as part of the library's Hear & Now author series.

As a **Friends Foundation** member, you only pay \$5 for a ticket, which is half of what non-members pay. That price also includes admission into an exclusive author reception prior to the reading.

Get your tickets at:

- McConnell Arts Center
- 614-431-0329
- mcconnellarts.org/wp/events

To receive the discounted ticket price, use the code **FRIENDS** when purchasing tickets.

ADVENTURE TIME!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 at 6 PM

Old Worthington Library

Teen fans of Finn and Jake's algebraic adventures should not only come in costume to this after-hours event, they should also prepare to pitch some pies. Now that the WorthingTeens Facebook page has 500 fans, those attending can ready-aim-FIRE! at the teen librarian of their choice!

On Earth Day, join Tom Burns, director of Ohio Wesleyan University's Perkins Observatory, and Fred Anderle for a look from our planet to the others in the solar system, and to the stars and galaxies beyond. Presented in partnership with The Ohio State University's Humanities Institute.

DROP IN & DISCOVER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 at 9:30 AM

Northwest Library

Skitter, slither, flit and fly through bug-themed early literacy activities for kids under five years of age. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually do either. Talking, singing, reading, writing and playing are five of the best ways for kids to get ready to read.

BACKYARD STARGAZING

MONDAY, APRIL 22 at 7 PM

Old Worthington Library

Get your favorite mags free

Looking for some light reading while you're on the go, but don't want to lug a stack a magazines with you? Want to save yourself the expense of magazine subscriptions? The Library can help!

With Zinio Digital Magazines, you can:

- Read full digital copies of your favorite magazines on your computer, tablet or smartphone (more than 100 titles are available!).
- Flip through digital pages just as you would a print magazine, use a clickable table of contents to jump right to the article you want or search by keyword.

What else?

- Subscribe to magazines to receive e-mail alerts when new issues are available.
- Keep issues as long as you like. There are no borrowing limits and loan periods are unlimited!

Sounds great! What do I need?

- Windows or Mac OS computers: a Web browser and an Internet connection (there's also a free reader you can download for offline use).
- Tablet and smartphone users: there's a free app for you, too.

How do I access Zinio Digital Magazines?

- Start at worthingtonlibraries.org (have your library card handy).
- Under the Research tab, find All research databases A-Z.
- Click on "Z" for Zinio Digital Magazines.

If you need help, call the Library at 614-807-2626 or stop by any location for some in-person assistance. You can also talk to library staff by sending an instant message or e-mail from the library's website.

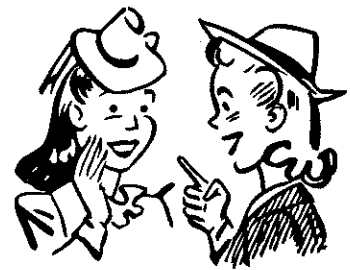
New Friends



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

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Carla & Robert Dundes
Christopher Harris
Adam Myers
Stephanie Tate
Lynn Tong
George Yeager & Sharon Riskedahl

Stack Chatter

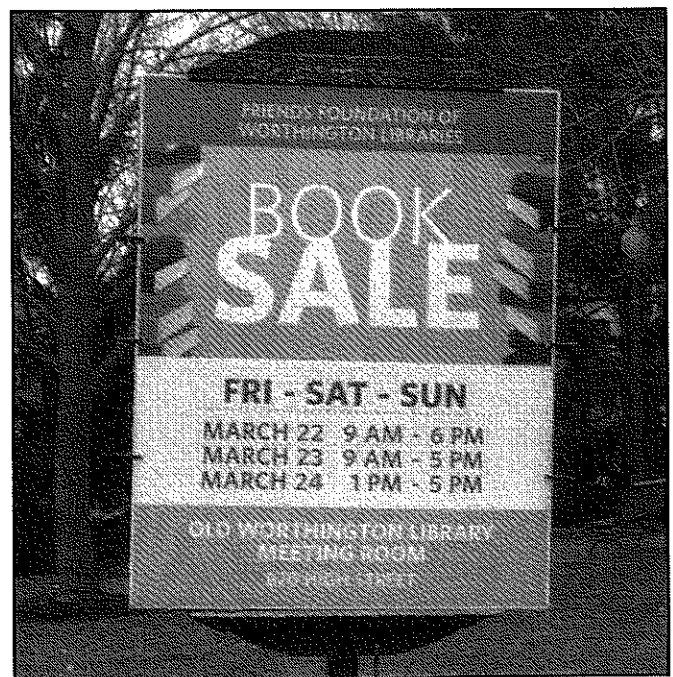


In mid-December, a patron asked Bill Meltzer, a Northwest Library Adult Services Librarian, where the "Chilton's Car Repair Manuals" were located. Bill told him the library had a few, but also had a subscription to ChiltonLibrary.com, as well as to another car repair database.

After showing him how to access them, the patron exclaimed, "You mean I can get these from home with my library card? What a great Christmas gift!" He went on to say gleefully, "Now I can go home and do this in my underwear! Oh, sorry about the imagery."

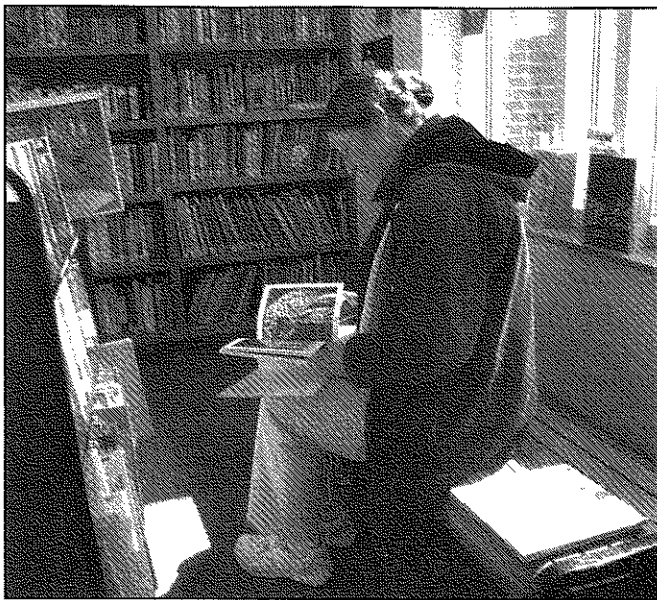
A student stopped by Old Worthington Library's Homework Help Center (HHC) to tell associate Keenan Blanke that the better-than-expected grade she received on a history midterm was due to the help she received in organizing and completing her notes in the HHC.

Book sale ballyhoo



Look for our brand-new book sale sign on the Village Green, at the intersection of High Street and state Route 161, the week before a sale!

Sun spot



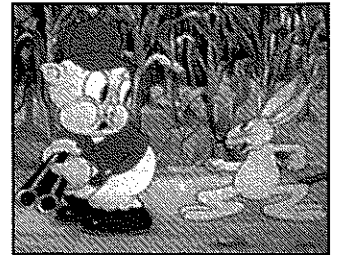
Thanks to some late-winter sun, Sharon Miller has one of the best seats at Old Worthington Library! She was visiting the Friends ongoing sale earlier this month to buy books to send to her five-month-old grandson, Benjamin, who lives in Maryland.

Fun Facts



500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida: April 2, 1513. Ponce de Leon landed at the site that became the city of St. Augustine.

75th anniversary of Bugs Bunny's debut: April 30, 1938. The "wascally wabbit" first appeared in the theatrical short "Porky's Hare Hunt."



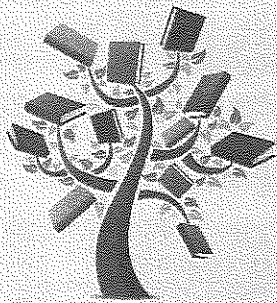
Birth anniversaries: 325 years, Alexander Pope, May 21, 1688; 275 years, Joseph Ignace Guillotin, May 28, 1738; 200 years, Nathaniel Currier, March 27, 1813; 200 years, Soren Kierkegaard, May 5, 1813; 175 years, John Wilkes Booth, May 10, 1838; 150 years, William Randolph Hearst, April 29, 1863; 125 years, Russell Stover, May 6, 1888

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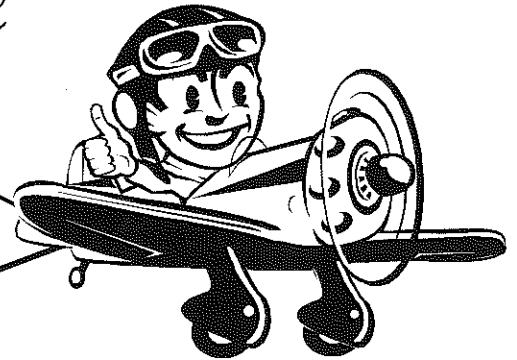


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7-9 pm
- Friday, July 19
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- Saturday, July 20
9 am-5 pm
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1-5 pm

Old Worthington Library

Thursday, July 25

Melanie Benjamin reading
7 pm

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Friday, July 26

Summer Concert Series:
Scioto Valley Brass Band
7 pm

Northwest Library

Friday, August 16

TGIF: Zombie Nerf War
6 pm

Northwest Library

Voters will weigh in on library levy this fall

Worthington Libraries will have a 2.2 mill replacement levy on the November ballot.

The levy is meant to replace a 22-year 2.2 mill library operating levy passed by voters in 1992. If approved, it will cost an additional \$33.06 annually per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Because levy collection rates decline over time, the 2.2 mill levy is being collected at 1.25 mills. If approved, the additional funds will allow the Library to maintain and expand

services to meet increasing demand and keep up with changing technology, according to James Hill, president of the library board.

"We have one of the best library systems in the country," he said. "Funding from this expiring levy provides a significant source of income for Worthington Libraries."

Residents in the City of Worthington and Riverlea and parts of Sharon Township, Perry Township and the City of Columbus can vote on the levy issue,

which will be on the November 5 ballot.

A number of Friends members have already signed up to assist with the levy effort. Elizabeth Sommer and Richard Bradley—currently president of the Friends Foundation board—will lead the campaign committee. Campaign treasurer is Dan Lacey.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact library director Chuck Gibson at 614-807-2601. He can also answer your levy questions.

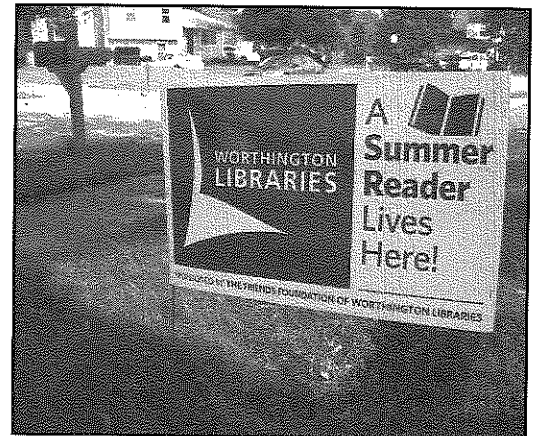
Summer readers line up for library League

At the risk of mixing sports metaphors, the library's Summer Reading League is a slam dunk!

At the end of June, nearly 6,700 kids and teens had signed up for the League, with more registering every day at each library location.

Fully funded by the Friends Foundation, summer readers who complete the program are eligible to receive free tickets to a Columbus Clippers home baseball game, a coupon sheet full of free and discounted food and other offers and—new this year—cool yard signs!

And there's still plenty of time to register! The Summer Reading League continues through August 3.



Have you seen these yard signs—purchased by the Friends Foundation—in your neighborhood? Every kid who finishes the Summer Reading League gets one!

ADULT FICTION

Six Years by Harlan Coben

Six years have passed since Jake watched Natalie, the love of his life, marry Todd. His feelings haven't changed, so when Jake sees Todd's obituary, he has to go to the funeral. There he sees Todd's widow, but she isn't Natalie.

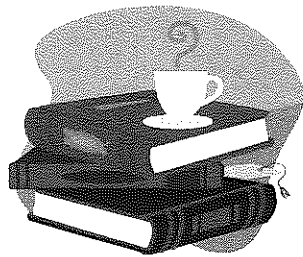
Searching for the truth, and for her, soon puts his life at risk as he realizes that the man he has become may be based on carefully constructed fiction.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Springsteen on Springsteen

by Jeff Burger (editor)

This title offers fans an extensive look at Bruce



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.

Springsteen's own words over the past 40 years, via Q&A-formatted articles, speeches and features that incorporate significant interview material.

This volume starts with interviews from 1973, when he was earning \$75 a week, and follows him up until 2012.

TEEN FICTION

Eleanor & Park

by Rainbow Rowell

Set in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits. Things aren't easy: Eleanor has a difficult home life and is bullied at school; Park's parents do not approve of Eleanor.

Ultimately, though, this

is a book about two people who really like each other and believe they can overcome any obstacle to their happiness.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

The Menagerie

by Tui T. Sutherland and Kari Sutherland

Logan is drawn into the mysterious world of the Menagerie when he finds a griffin under his bed...and it leads him to the weirdest girl in seventh grade.

Zoe's family has guarded the Menagerie for centuries and if she and Logan don't return the lost griffins fast, it will close.

Is the Menagerie being sabotaged?

Coming up!

MELANIE BENJAMIN

THURSDAY, JULY 25 at 7 PM

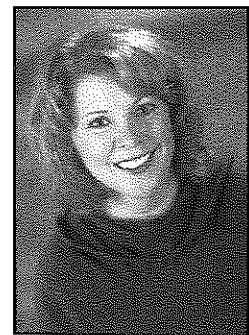
McConnell Arts Center
777 Evening St.

Historical fiction writer Melanie Benjamin enjoys telling the stories of people we think we know or those whose stories have been lost.

Her most recent book, *The Aviator's Wife*, offers insight into the private life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh who, despite her own successes, is mainly remembered as Charles Lindbergh's wife.

You can meet Benjamin on July 25 at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St., as part of the library's Hear & Now author series.

As a Friends Foundation member, your ticket is only \$5—half of what non-members pay—and includes admission to an



exclusive author reception prior to the reading.

Call the McConnell Arts Center at 614-431-0329 or go to mcconnellarts.org/wp/events to purchase tickets. To receive the discounted price, be sure to use the code FRIENDS.

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

MONDAY, JULY 15 at 2 PM

Old Worthington Library

Venus Flytraps may be the best-known carnivorous plant, but it's not the only one! Learn about and look at others during this fun program. *Free tickets are required; get yours at the Old Worthington Library Children's Desk one week in advance.*

Whether you're in the mood to kick off your shoes and dance or kick back in a chair and relax, start your summer weekend with an outdoor concert. Get ready for an out-of-this-world performance of space-themed music from this British-style brass band.

SCIOTO VALLEY BRASS BAND

FRIDAY, JULY 26 at 7 PM

Northwest Library

ZOMBIE NERF WAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 at 6 PM

Northwest Library

Zombies are readying an attack on the library. Prepare for the invasion; bring a Nerf Blaster (no modifications permitted) and foam darts at 6 pm for target practice. The event is part of TGIF, a library series offering unique after-hours programs for teens.

Explore magazine's 125 years

National Geographic, the premier publication of global discovery and exploration for more than a century, is now available for you to discover and explore online; all you need is a library card!

All of the magazine's original content, dating back to 1888, has been preserved in the National Geographic Magazine Archive, including their distinctive mix of travel stories, in-depth features and breathtaking photography as well as map supplements and even advertisements. The in-browser reader (which can be expanded to full-screen) recreates the experience of reading the print magazine.

You'll find all the great stories in their original form, including these:

- Jane Goodall's work with chimpanzees (August 1963, Vol. 124, Issue 2)
- Robert Ballard's discovery of the wreck of the Titanic (December 1986, Vol. 170, Issue 6)
- The Human Genome Project (February 2007, Vol. 211, Issue 2); and
- The iconic cover photo of an Afghan refugee, an anonymous young girl whose haunting stare mesmerized the world (June 1985, Vol. 167, Issue 6) as well as the photographer's arduous journey to locate her 17 years later and tell her story (April 2002, Vol. 201, Issue 4).

Virtually all National Geographic Magazine Archive content is searchable. You can print pages, create your own account, bookmark favorite articles, add personal tags and create citations. You can also create graphs that chart the occurrence of words and phrases (e.g., "aborigines" or "global warming") over a selected time frame.

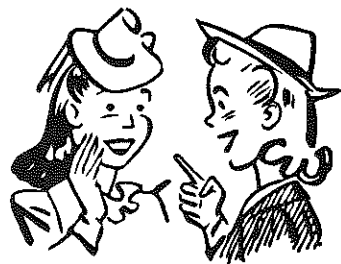
New Friends



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

Stellah Asiimwe & Leonard Kyamiza
Jeffrey Drake
Lois Harrington
Barbara Heckart
Elizabeth Menaghan
Linda Mercadante
Yu Guang Wang
Andy Zakrajsek & Terry Spaeth

Stack Chatter



Jerry, a Dublin-Worthington Rotary volunteer, was assisting in Northwest Library's Homework Help Center. Because there weren't many students in the center, he was able to spend more time with Mario, a high school freshman who was working on an English paper.

Jerry not only helped Mario with this assignment, he also made broad suggestions on the writing process (e.g., support your claims with evidence, make good use of quotations, etc.). As Mario was leaving, associate Shruti Patel asked him how his paper was coming. Jerry was very helpful, he said, "I owe him a lot."

A teenager stopped by Worthington Park Library on the same day adult services librarian Kate Folmar did a Summer Reading League visit at her school. The girl said she wasn't a big reader, but wanted every title Kate had booktalked. She left the library with many of them!

Library Lagniappe: 2012

Fun facts about Worthington Libraries

Did you know that last year:

—Worthington Libraries checked out more than 3.3 million items? (The Library ranks ninth in Ohio in total circulation.)

—the Library had 91,529 registered borrowers?

—circulation of digital books increased more than 130%?

—volunteers donated 8,295 hours to the Library?

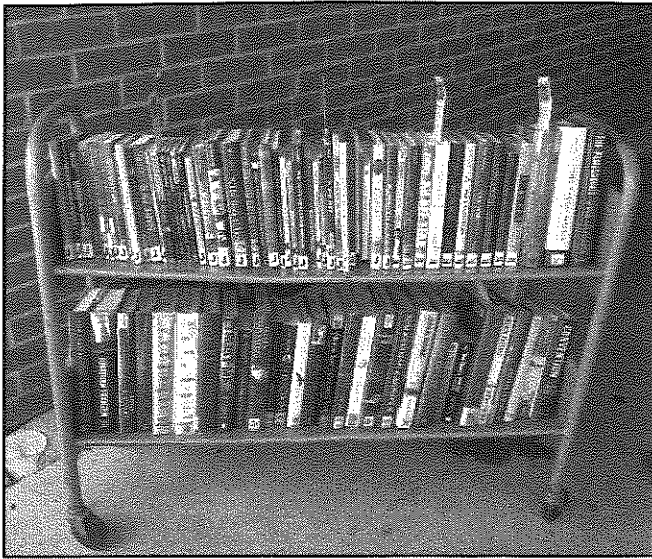
—library storytimes were attended by 36,111 kids and their parents/caregivers?

—the Library owned 497,404 items and provided access to nearly three million items through a partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Library and Southwest Public Libraries?

—nearly 14,500 attended library outreach programs, most often held in preschools, daycares and private schools?

For more interesting tidbits, check out the library's 2012 annual report at worthingtonlibraries.org/about/administration/annualreports/2012.

Poolside reading



In the 1980s, books were delivered to area pools by the "Worthington Bookies." If you're at the Worthington Pool on Dublin-Granville Road, be sure to check out the book cart near the concession area where you'll find a selection of books for kids, teens and adults donated by the Friends Foundation. We're back!

Worthington slated to host Ohio Chautauqua next year

Thanks in part to the Friends Foundation, Ohio Chautauqua will make a stop in Worthington next year!

The city's application to host the event, which includes daytime workshops for all ages as well as evening performances given by a troupe of historical re-enactors, was co-sponsored by our organization as well as the McConnell Arts Center.

Although specific dates are not yet available, Ohio Chautauqua will be held sometime between mid-June and mid-July in 2014 in front of the arts center.

Although dates have not been decided, next year's theme has: "Journey Stories." The re-enactor troupe features characters that provide five, very diverse perspectives:

- 1849er J.G. Bruff (portrayed by Hank Fincken)
- Civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. (Marvin Jefferson)
- Indian captive Olive Ann Oatman (Dianne Moran)
- Titanic survivor Edith Russell (Debra Conner)
- Writer/philosopher Henry David Thoreau (Kevin Radaker)

Worthington last hosted Chautauqua in 2007.

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