Ohio Chautauqua journeys to Worthington

It's back!

Thanks in part to the Friends Foundation, who co-sponsored the host application, Ohio Chautauqua will return to Worthington in July.

Look for the distinctive red and white striped tent on the lawn of the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St., July 8-12. Each night, members of a re-enactor troupe will bring to life one of five historical figures.

Although each is very different, the historical figures are connected by this year's Chautauqua theme, "Journey Stories." Some cross vast distances or endure difficult physical ventures, while others embark on intellectual or philosophical endeavors. Yet each figure's journey highlights important truths about the human spirit that are sure to inspire.

Scholar actors will portray Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and others during Ohio Chautauqua.

Ohio Chautauqua performance schedule

In addition to evening performances, which start at 7:30 pm, musical entertainment, workshops and special events are planned throughout the day for all ages during Ohio Chautauqua. You can find a complete schedule of events at ohiohumanities.org.

July 8: Ohio Chautauqua kicks off in Worthington with a performance by Marvin Jefferson as the civil rights leader Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

July 9: Author, philosopher and naturalist Henry David Thoreau, portrayed by Kevin Radaker, will be featured.

July 10: Dianne Moran will tell the story of Olive Ann Oatman, who was captured by the Tolkepaya Indians as a child.

July 11: Learn more about the Gold Rush through the eyes of J. Goldsborough Bruff, a '49er on the California Trail, as depicted by Hank Fincken.

July 12: Debra Conner will bring to life Edith Russell, who gained fame for her efforts to distract the children in her lifeboat as they rowed away from the sinking Titanic.
ADULT FICTION

Far Gone
by Laura Griffin

When police detective Andrea Finch gets an urgent call from her brother, she knows something is very wrong.

Searching for answers in a Texas border town, she discovers that to save him she must face down a criminal mastermind, the FBI and her own demons.

ADULT NONFICTION

The Dog-Lover’s Guide to Travel
by Kelly E. Carter

National Geographic’s ultimate resource for traveling with your furry friend features hundreds of dog-friendly places.

Special features include walks you can take together, insider tips from local pet parents and sidebars detailing unique opportunities.

CHILDREN’S FICTION

A Snicker of Magic
by Natalie Lloyd

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic.

Felicity Pickle is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle, she hopes to bring it back.

PICTURE BOOK

Have You Seen My Dragon?
by Steve Light

In the heart of the city, among taxis and towers, a boy searches uptown and down for his friend.

Readers will certainly spot the glorious beast, plus an array of big-city icons they can count. Is the dragon taking the crosstown bus? Maybe he took a taxi to the zoo?

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Coming up!

Although born to a Chinese mother from Hong Kong and a Japanese father from Hawaii, author Gail Tsukiyama has said in many ways she’s as “American as apple pie.”

She acknowledges that writing has helped her explore her heritage: her books, which include A Hundred Flowers, The Street of a Thousand Blossoms, The Samurai’s Garden and Women of the Silk, help readers explore themes of family, courage and perseverance.

You can meet Tsukiyama on June 26 at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St.

As a Friends Foundation member, your ticket is only $5 and includes admission to an author reception prior to the presentation.

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

GAIL TSUKIYAMA
THURSDAY, JUNE 26
at 7 PM
McConnell Arts Center
777 Evening St.

SUMMER CONCERTS
FRIDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST
at 7 PM
Northwest Library

Sponsored by the Friends Foundation, enjoy music in the library’s backyard. The Back Porch Swing Band is scheduled to perform on June 13, the Erik Augis Trio will take the stage on July 18 and Jim Gill close out the series on August 1.

EXPERIENCES OF THE HOLOCAUST
THURSDAY, JUNE 28
at 2 PM
Old Worthington Library

Born in Amsterdam in 1937, John Koenigsberg survived the Holocaust and now speaks extensively about his experiences—which involved leaving his parents to hide with a non-Jewish family—to ensure that its horrors are never forgotten.

WHIZ-BANG SCIENCE SHOW
THURSDAY, JULY 17
at 7 PM
Northwest Library

Which came first, the Peep or the egg? Find out when everyone’s favorite scientist of summer, Dr. Dave, uses food to explore scientific concepts!

Presented in partnership with OSU Libraries and Sigma Xi-OSU chapter.
Take classes in your pajamas

Gale Courses offers hundreds of online sessions

Whether you’re looking for professional development or personal enrichment, Worthington Libraries has a new learning resource for you.

Gale Courses offers hundreds of engaging online classes on topics including finance, business, health care, the law and technology. You can access classes entirely online, wherever and whenever it is convenient for you.

Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin each month. All of the Gale Courses classes are developed and led by college instructors and subject experts. Plus, the courses are structured with opportunities to interact with the instructor and fellow students. You complete the coursework at your speed and your convenience.

Specific course offerings include Accounting Fundamentals, Starting a Nonprofit, Writing Effective Grant Proposals, Microsoft Excel, Introduction to Java Programming, Creative Writing, Digital Photography and Personal Finance, Lose Weight and Keep It Off and Drawing for the Absolute Beginner.

Enrolling is easy! Access Gale Courses through the library’s website, worthingtonlibraries.org.

- Under the Research tab (top left), find All research databases A-Z
- Click on "G" for Gale Courses
- Select a course from the extensive course catalog
- Click “Enroll Now,” and select a course start date from the schedule

New students will need to complete the Account and Student Information page with an e-mail address, and supply a library card card number.

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Stack Chatter

One of the many benefits of the library’s English Conversation Group is the friendships that often develop among participants. This winter, two young women—one from Libya, the other from Afghanistan—found kindred spirits in each other. Both women are Muslim, wear headscarves and modest clothing, have young children and have husbands studying at The Ohio State University. Most remarkably, both also taught advanced mathematics in their home countries! When they see each other, their smiles light up the room.

Materials selector Heather Webb was staffing the desk during Old Worthington Library’s Anti-Valentine’s Day program when a teenage boy approached the patron she was helping, also a teenage boy. “You should totally come back there,” he said, pointing to the room where the program was being held. “You can make cookies—and there are girls!”

One of the winners in the library’s recent poetry competition stopped by Worthington Park Library to see if her winning poem was on display there. It was, and her mom took a photo of her standing next to it. Both thanked the Library for having the poetry competition.

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Green Thumb!

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

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Old Worthington Library’s landscaping is blooming with native plants, thanks to the staff’s Green Team. Stanlia pinnata’s (golden prince’s plume, center left) showy yellow stalks deserve a color edition! The white flowering plants are Penstemon digitalis (beard tongue).
Volunteers keep Friends—and Library—moving forward

Are you passionate about Worthington Libraries and looking for ways to help keep them one of the best systems in the state? Consider volunteering for the Friends Foundation!

**Board of Directors**

The Foundation's Board of Directors, which oversees policy and the group's direction, and helps raise funds and advocates for the Library, needs nominees for upcoming openings.

A recent strategic planning process defined future roles and responsibilities, and the Foundation is seeking the participation of those who will add to the current board's expertise.

Download an application and get more information at worthingtonlibraries.org/about/getinvolved/friends.

**Book sales**

One of the group's most significant revenue sources, book sales also help recycle books back to the community, and a number of volunteers are needed throughout the three-day events.

Duties range from helping set up the sale—which involves lifting—to serving as a cashier, bagging purchases and tidying the meeting room.

Sales are held at Old Worthington Library nearly every other month.

Questions? Call Marilyn Carter, at 899-1560.

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Braving some sore muscles and the occasional paper cut are the Friends Foundation's intrepid book sale volunteers! If you've been to a sale recently, chances are good that you recognize this dedicated crew: (front) Bob Murphy and Marilyn Carter and (back) Alice Heaton and Sue Lair.

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‘Tour’ Rush Creek during meeting

‘Tour’ an architectural gem with a local expert on November 12 during the Friends Foundation’s annual meeting.

Worthington architect and college professor Marcia Conrad will discuss Rush Creek Village, an eclectic enclave of 47 houses inspired by the design of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Conrad will explain how the development came about, and the passion with which its founders worked to bring about an entire neighborhood over the course of 25 years. During her 30-minute presentation, she’ll also share how Rush Creek shaped Worthington, and current efforts to preserve the houses for future generations.

As part of the annual meeting, which starts at 7 pm at Old Worthington Library, there will be a short business meeting and the 2014-2015 Board of Directors will be elected.

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

Lori Overmyer president
Gari Aber vice president
treasurer
Susan Jacobs secretary
Gretchen Northrup member-at-large
Carol Bishop member-at-large
Marilyn Carter member-at-large
Lisa Elliott member-at-large
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WELCOME TO NEW FRIENDS!

- Doug Alford
- Laurie Cimoch
- Margaret Dowdell
- Eric Flaherty
- Annalese Harvey
- Linda Holcomb
- Donna Leitze
- Thomas Marshall
- Marybeth McDonald
- Wanda Short
- Ekaterina Smirnova
  & Ilya Shats
- Liza Vondenberg

UPCOMING BOOK SALE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Family Reading Festival
  Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 pm at the Shops at Worthington Place, 7227 N. High St.

Homework Help Centers are open

Nearly two years ago, Worthington Libraries opened Homework Help Centers at Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library (Worthington Park Library opened in 2008 with a center), thanks in part to the Friends Foundation which helped pay for them.

Although the new centers have only been open for one full school year, they – and Worthington Park Library center – are making a difference in the lives of area students.

A St. Michael School fifth-grader recently stopped by for assistance with an in-depth science project; volunteers and library staff worked with the student, who received a score of 20/20.

Read more on the back!
Last fall, HHC volunteers helped a high school senior study for and pass her U.S. citizenship test.
Ray Traub, a retired math professor who volunteers once a week at Worthington Park Library’s center, is “adored and respected” by students, say library staff. “Many come in on Wednesdays because they know Traub will be here to help them with even their hardest homework.”
Together with library staff, teen and adult volunteers ensure the centers are positive environments where students receive assistance with their homework assignments. They are now open for business Monday through Thursday during the school year. Northwest Library and Worthington Park Library’s centers are open from 3:30-6:30 pm. The Old Worthington Library center is open from 3-6 pm.

Library debuts ‘lending’ machine

Worthington Libraries’ Library to Go machine is up and running at the Lazelle Woods Community Center, 8140 Sancus Blvd.
Located just inside the community center’s entrance, Library to Go is a vending machine filled with a mix of popular new books and DVDs for all ages. A Worthington Libraries card is all that’s needed to check out items.
The Library to Go machine, which will be regularly restocked, is available during regular community center hours, which are Monday through Friday, 8 am-9 pm, and Saturday, 9 am-6 pm. The center is closed on Sundays.
Library to Go items have standard loan periods and may not be renewed. Materials must be returned to a Worthington Libraries location.

Memoir sheds light on life with Lee

In 2004, Marja Mills, a former reporter for The Chicago Tribune, moved into a rented house in Monroeville, AL, next door to the town’s most famous resident, Harper Lee, the publicity-shy author of the beloved novel To Kill a Mockingbird, and her sister Alice.
During the 18 months that Mills lived in Monroeville, she spent time with the Lees, accompanying them on drives, dinners at Burger King and to feed the ducks. Earlier this year she published a memoir about her experience, The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee.
You can meet Mills on January 29 at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St.
As a Friends Foundation member, your ticket is only $5 and includes admission to an author reception prior to the presentation. Call the McConnell Arts Center at 614-431-0329 or go to mcconnellarts.org/wp/events to purchase tickets. To receive the discounted price, use the code FRIENDS.

- Friends Foundation Annual Meeting
  Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 pm at Old Worthington Library

- Find Your Next Great Read
  Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 pm at facebook.com/worthingtonlibraries

- Mark My Words: Crafting the Memoir
  Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2 pm at Old Worthington Library

- Winter Storytimes
  Jan. 12-May 1 at all three library locations

- Author visit: Marja Mills
  Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 pm at McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St.

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Members love Friends-sponsored programs

Last year, the Friends Foundation donated $29,390 to the Library just for programming.

The money brought authors like Sam Kean and Melanie Benjamin to town, purchased supplies so kids received “light sabers” during a Star Wars Day event and could make their very own fairy houses, paid for ingredients for a teen hot chocolate taste testing and much more.

Nearly 67,300 people attended library programs in 2013—a 10 percent increase over 2012 totals—which means the Friends’ generosity touched many. While there’s no way to meet all these people, we can meet a few, and guess what? They’re Friends members themselves!

Lois Yoakam has been a member since the 1990s. A former employee of the Online Computer Library Center, as well as the State Library of Ohio and Upper Arlington Public Library, Lois has a long-standing love of libraries and all that they offer.

She especially loves Old Worthington Library’s Food for Thought series, quarterly programs that offer information and samples about a specific food. Past sessions have featured cheese, chocolate, honey, cream and olive oil.

She also enjoys Mark My Words sessions. Mark My Words is another quarterly series during which experienced authors share their expertise on a different genre of writing.

Maria Dishop, a Northwest Library regular, didn’t even live in the library’s service district when she joined the Friends in 2004, but did so to show her appreciation for everything the Library does.

(pool) —see Programs, inside

Hot dog!

Recognize the face under all that fur? That’s Northwest Library Youth Services Lead Librarian Molly LaBadie, who gave Northwest’s bunny slope a workout earlier this month. Check out the library’s Facebook page for a video of Molly’s epic run!
New & Notable

ADULT FICTION

s
by J.J. Abrams and Doug Dorst

When Jen, an undergrad working at a college library, picks up a book left behind by a stranger, she finds margin notes inside it.

Jen responds with notes of her own, and leaves the book for the stranger. So begins a conversation that plunges them both into the unknown.

ADULT NONFICTION

George Washington's Secret Six
by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

The American Revolution might have ended very differently had George Washington not recruited what became known as the Culper Spy Ring, a sophisticated, deeply secretive intelligence network that infiltrated New York and turned the tide of the war.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

The Two and Only Kelly Twins
by Johanna Hurwitz

Second-graders Arlene and Ilene Kelly are identical twins, and they love being a pair. They love to dress alike and do everything together.

But when Arlene gets sick and has to visit the hospital, the twins each find out what it's like to be one instead of two.

PICTURE BOOK

Battle Bunny
by Jon Scieszka

When Alex gets a silly, sappy picture book called Birthday Bunny, he picks up a pencil and turns it into something he'd like to read: Battle Bunny. An adorable rabbit's journey through the forest becomes a secret mission to unleash an evil plan—a plan that only Alex can stop.

Coming up!

Chris Kluwe made national headlines in September 2012, not for his performance as a Minnesota Vikings punter, but for an open letter he wrote lambasting a Maryland state assembly delegate who tried to stifle the opinion of a fellow NFL player who spoke out in favor of same-sex marriage.

Kluwe's book, Beautifully Unique Sparkleponies, released in 2013, is a collection of personal essays ranging from marriage equality and religion to guns, football and more.

You can meet Kluwe on March 27 at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St.

As a Friends Foundation member, your ticket is only $5 and includes admission to an author reception prior to the presentation.

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

Fun with Math & Science

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
at 10:30 AM
Worthington Park Library

Put your imagination to work for the library's contest! You may submit up to two poems. To do so, pick up a form and complete set of rules at any library location. Three winners will be chosen in the following categories: grades K-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12 and adult.

All-Ages Poetry Competition

MARCH 1-22
All three Worthington Libraries locations

For over 55 years, National Library Week has celebrated the contributions of our nation's libraries, librarians and library workers. Worthington Libraries will kick off the week with music, crafts and costumed characters.
Try your luck at the Library!

Looking for brand-new, best-selling and in-demand titles? The next time you stop by the Library might be your lucky day!

The Library recently introduced new “Get Lucky!” browsing collections at each location.

Popular adult fiction and nonfiction books, audiobooks and DVDs with long reserve lists have been set aside for the Get Lucky shelves. These titles cannot be reserved using the library catalog—the only way to get your hands on a copy is to stop by.

Dozens of titles are available at each library’s Get Lucky shelf, with new titles appearing—and disappearing!—every day.

Get Lucky items have standard loan periods and may not be renewed.

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Stack Chatter

About a year ago, Northwest Library Adult Services Library Associate Sandy Deaner began working with a patron who was doing research for a book he was writing. Staff helped him gather materials via the interlibrary loan service, and provided assistance as he navigated the publishing process.

Upon publication of the book, the patron presented Sandy with a signed copy. He also included the Library in the acknowledgements: “The Worthington Libraries were terrific and overly cordial with their cooperation in finding resources from all over the country.”

During a recent Pajama Storytime, Morgan Hidy, a Northwest Library Youth Services librarian, noticed a young boy and girl in the front row who were attached at the hip and having a ball together.

Morgan later struck up a conversation with the parents, who said that although the kids go to school together, they didn’t become such close friends until they started attending the library’s Wednesday night PajamaStorytimes. As a result, their parents have become friends, too! They told Morgan how glad they are that storytime brings them together and how much their children enjoy it.

Send the Library a Valentine

Although any time of year is a good time to show the Library some love, February seems even more appropriate. What’s the reason for your devotion: free wifi and Internet, the four-million-plus item catalog, a smart staff ready to serve?

There’s a lot to love about our award-winning Library. Eli C. appreciates that her daughter thinks the Library is a “magical place.” Jason H. said Northwest Library became much more than a place to do Advanced Placement U.S. History homework, it became a “second home,” and now he volunteers there!

These patrons aren’t secret admirers, but have gone public with their crush, posting their thoughts, memories and photos online. You can, too! Click on “Find library love here” on the library’s homepage, worthingtonlibraries.org, or go to worthingtonlibraries.org/find/library-love.

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New Friends

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

Kathryn Algozine
Helen Amos
Langley Flowers

Wilson & Marsha Pond
Amy Tumblin
Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries

2014 book sale schedule

All sales held at Old Worthington Library

Friday, February 21
Saturday, February 22
Sunday, February 23
Friday, April 25
Saturday, April 26
Sunday, April 27
Friday, July 18
Saturday, July 19
Sunday, July 20
Friday, September 12
Saturday, September 13
Sunday, September 14
Friday, December 5
Saturday, December 6
Sunday, December 7

Sale times: Fridays, 9 am-6 pm; Saturdays, 9 am-5 pm; Sundays, 1-5 pm. Pre-sales: Thursdays at 7 pm: February 20, April 24, July 17, September 11 and December 4.

Fun Facts

Debut of the Barbie doll, 55th anniversary: March 9, 1959.

First appearance of “OK” in print, 175th anniversary: March 23, 1839: The Boston Morning Post printed the first-known “ok,” which derived from a misspelling of “all correct:” “oll korrect.”

Grapes of Wrath first published, 75th anniversary: April 14, 1939. John Steinbeck’s novel of the Great Depression, which chronicled the mass migration of dispossessed farmers from the Dust Bowl region of the Great Plains, won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize.

Birth anniversaries, 450 years: Galileo Galilei, February 15, 1564; Christopher Marlowe, February 26, 1564; and William Shakespeare, April 23, 1564.

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