



Wayne County Public Library

...where the adventure begins!

Winter 2010

WCPL is the Reader's Choice!

The Wayne County Public Library has been voted the best "Library" in the River Reporter's 2009 Reader's Choice Awards! We are honored by the recognition, and while we don't know what each reader's vote was based on, we can probably make some educated guesses.

First and foremost, the library's staff -- both paid and unpaid -- are extraordinary. They are helpful, friendly, and always willing to take the extra step to make sure library patrons either get what they need or know that we'll continue to search until we do find what they need! Our children's staff inspire self-discovery by making reading and learning *really* fun for kids of all ages. Our volunteers are as professional as our paid staff. They help us get things done inside the library and get the word out in the community about what's happening at the library.

We have great partners--many different local organizations and agencies who share their expertise to provide trustworthy information and valuable resources for our patrons. These include Workforce Wayne for career help; the hospital, health department, Cancer Society, and others for health information; the Aging Office and Social Security for senior citizens; the Historical Society for local history and genealogy; Penn State for everything from agriculture to child care.

We are always searching for new ways to meet people's need for information, wherever and whenever they need it, not just when the library is open. We provide online resources accessible 24/7. We send library staff out into the community, to schools, offices, and meeting places. For people who think they don't have time for the library, we bring the library to them.

If you are one of the River Reporter readers who voted for us, thank you! If you have ideas for how we can continue to improve, we hope you'll let us know. And if you know someone who hasn't discovered us yet, we hope you'll bring them with you the next time you stop in the Wayne County Public Library!



Many thanks!

Our donors and our supporters are the best. We've said it before, and we want to say it again--many, many thanks to everyone who was able to make a gift to the library before the end of 2009.

Back in December, we faced 2010 with a certain degree of anxiety. We were implementing cuts in our hours, staff, and collections due to the state budget cuts, and we were concerned about the overall economy. While the concern remains, the gifts we received at the end of the year were a tremendous boost both to our morale and to our balance sheet. We are able to start the new year with a little less panic and a lot of gratitude.

Local banks and corporations made gifts to our Educational Improvement programs to assure resources for students grades K-12. Former residents who moved out-of-state sent very generous donations after reading about the state budget cuts in the Wayne Independent. Our Friends group made a gift to cover our electric bill this year. And many individual donors stepped up more generously than we could have hoped.

Not everyone was able to give; there were past donors who even sent notes expressing their regret at circumstances that prevented them from sending a donation. We thank everybody for their good wishes and their generous spirits. And we wish everyone a better year ahead.

Food for Thought series

Saturdays in March, join us for a four-part series of talks presented by members of the local chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA)

March 6, 1:00 p.m. Why Eat Locally?

Learn about the reasons to eat locally, what sustainable agriculture means, and the true cost of food.

Facilitator: Jane Bollinger and a panel of farmers

March 13, 1:00 p.m. Navigating an Alternative Food System

Get answers to questions including: Does eating locally mean eating organic? What is Certified Organic vs. Naturally Grown?

Facilitators: Sky Ballentine, The Ant Hill Farm, and Greg Swartz, Willow Wisp Farm

March 20, 1:00 p.m. How to Plant an Organic Garden

Find out about soil preparation, mulching and composting; what to plant and when to plant it, what heirloom vegetables are.

Facilitators: Brian Fox, Salem Mountain Farm, and Roger Hill, Treeline Farms

March 27, 1:00 p.m. Book discussion

Discussion among Food for Thought participants and attendees of Michael Pollan's book *In Defense of Food*.



Save the Date!

The evening of Friday, April 30th is set for this year's "In Good Taste" wine tasting event. This will be our biggest fundraising event of the year, and it's not just a wine tasting, it's part of our yearlong celebration of the library's 70th birthday! It's a little earlier in the year this year so as not to compete with summer vacations, and tickets will be by advance sale only so don't miss out! Wayne County Ford has generously offered their space again free of charge, and we'll have more space to mingle and more chairs to sit in. (If you were there last year, you know how crowded it was.) Tickets will be \$28 per person and will be available soon at the library. If you'd like information about being a sponsor, give Molly Rodgers a call at 253-1220.



TEEN TECH WEEK!

March 7-13 is Teen Tech Week throughout Wayne County. We have a Tri-Tech Tournament, with video, playlist, and website contests, drawings, and prizes including iTunes gift cards and local gift certificates. (To be eligible for some of the prizes, you have to be 19 or younger and attend a local school district or reside in Wayne County.) For details, go to www.waynelibraries.org/teens/ or become a fan of Wayne Libraries on Facebook or MySpace. Don't wait until March 6th though, posting videos and playlists can happen now!

We thank Lisa and Hugh Irwin for generously donating their time and labor to facilitate hanging WCPL's new Homework Help sign. Hugh and Adam Irwin from Dyberry Sand & Gravel, Tom Frisch, Mark Schmitt and Tom Williams from Wayne County Ready Mix, and Kevin Seipp offer their helping hands. Thanks to all!



Make a Difference – Join the Friends!

The Friends of the WCPL support the library in many ways, financially and through volunteer time on such events as the PumpkinFest, Historic House Tours, a Staff Appreciation luncheon, and the Wine Tasting. In this special year we are celebrating the 70th birthday of our public library and now is the time to become a member or to renew your membership. With huge cuts in state library funding, reduced library hours and increased library usage, your membership is needed more than ever.

When you become a member you can take pride in supporting a great community resource. Your participation can range from a simple \$10 membership to helping plan and staff events.

We hope you'll complete and send in the membership form at the right and join us for a great year ahead!

Yes! I want to join the Friends of the Wayne County Public Library.

Enclosed is my membership fee of \$10.

I'd like to make an additional gift of _____ to help the library this year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Email address: _____

Please feel free to contact me about helping the Friends with the following activities:

- Bake sales
- Book sales
- Circulation desk
- Community outreach
- Lawn & gardens
- Mailings & record keeping
- Short term projects
- Special events

Please cut and mail the form to: Friends of the WCPL, 1406 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431.



Power Library cuts

It took until January 2010 for the last of the state aid cuts to be realized. These cuts impact the statewide resources shared by public libraries throughout Pennsylvania, including the POWER Library online resources. Cuts of 73% were severe; moreover, the economic efficiency that was possible by leveraging statewide buying power cannot be replaced. Resources we've had for years are now either gone or replaced with reduced versions. Please ask Ann, Terry, or Mary to show you how to navigate the resources now on POWER Library. To help us restore online resources, go to the PA Library Association's page for links to your elected officials and sample messages:

<http://www.capwiz.com/ala/pa/home/>

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Coming up
Calendar of upcoming programs
and events:

Call 253-1220 for information and to register

Ongoing programs:

Tuesday evenings, 5:30 p.m.

Computer classes for beginners (pre-registration required)

Tuesday evenings, 5:15 p.m. Mahjong club

Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. Career assistance

Thursday mornings, Computer classes for beginners (pre-registration required)

First Thursday of each month, 1 p.m.

Men's book club

Third Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Coin club

Fourth Tuesday of each month, noon, Lunchtime book club

Limited or one-time programs:

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m. Positive weight loss

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m. How money works: take control of your finances

Saturday, March 6, 1 p.m. Food for Thought: why eat locally

Friday, March 12, 2:00

Demonstration of rug hooking

Saturday, March 13, 1 p.m. Food for Thought: Navigating an alternative food system

Saturday, March 20, 1:00 p.m. Food for Thought: How to Plant an Organic Garden

Tuesday, March 23, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club

Saturday, March 27, American Girl Tea Party (morning and afternoon depending on age, for girls 6-12)

Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m. Food for Thought: book discussion

Tuesday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. The history of rafting and lumbering in Wayne County

Wednesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. Professional storyteller Charles Kiernan will play Mark Twain and share stories of Clemens' boyhood, life on the Mississippi, newspapers, and more

Wednesday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Senior Fair, with a variety of programs including Dixieland music, aging without getting older, wills and estates, computers for beginners and more

Tuesday, April 27, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club

Friday, April 30, 6:30 to 9 p.m. In Good Taste wine tasting

Tuesday, May 25, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mystery Book Club