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Enhance your future.

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August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18

Summer Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 9-8
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-2
Sunday closed

Director's Dispatch...

By James Wilkins, Library Director

Hello and welcome to the dog days of summer. It has been hot and humid both in and out of the library and we are glad we finally have our air conditioning working again. It has been an experience these past few months, but things are finally starting to move along quickly, and we are pleased with the progress on the renovation and expansion project. The outside walls are completed now, the entrance is taking shape and we now have a roof over the addition. Now the fun work on the inside begins and we can start to see real definition of the interior spaces. As of August 1st we are approximately 60% of the way to our expected completion date of January 12, 2009.

I have had many inquiries into this project concerning where the money has come from to pay for everything and what is the total project cost. Allow me to explain some of these questions.

First question: what does the entire project cost? This is not a simple answer as this project has been ongoing for over

ten years. Many items that could be considered part of the construction project were paid out over the previous few years. The actual construction costs are nearly \$3.4 million, but there have also been architectural fees, cost of land acquisitions, demolition of the former Boots Saloon, EPA studies, ground water studies and other items that could all be part of the overall project. When all the work is finally completed we anticipate the total cost to be in the neighborhood of \$4.5 million.

Second question: where did all the money come from to pay for this? Again, this is not a very simple answer to determine. The majority of the funds have come from private donations from individuals and local businesses and service clubs. Over the previous few years the library board of trustees and I have been very prudent with the funds of the library and managed to have surplus budget years that allowed the placing of monies at the end of each year from the general fund into the building repair

fund for this project. Other than these surplus funds, there has been no federal, state or local tax dollars used in the funding of the current expansion and renovation project.

We have been fortunate to have a very giving and generous community. The board of trustees and I have been very pleased with the response by the many different businesses and service clubs that have stepped forward and offered financial support for the completion of this renovation and expansion project. Currently our board has raised approximately 95% of the funds needed to complete the entire project, and is working on the final touches of the capital campaign to raise the remaining monies. If you would like to contribute to this project or if you have any questions, please contact me at the library (419) 562-7327 ext. 114 or stop in to see me. Together we can all help to build a library that will be a part of the community for the next 100 years.



Adding the roof.

For Adults...

By Brenda Crider, Community Relations Coordinator

Happy August! This month arrives with National Literacy, Romance Awareness and Family Fun!

Exciting events coming up in August include the Hoffman Quilt Challenge. Due to the construction, this year the quilts will be on display at the Annex. We will be hosting the quilt show for only a short time this year. The quilts can be seen during the library's regular hours. This show features the material that we saw in November

with the Hoffman Doll Challenge making this exhibit just as colorful, creative and fun as the exhibit in the fall.

We will also be observing special hours for the Bratwurst Festival. Our hours will be Thursday & Friday 9-6 and Saturday closed. Please make sure to plan your needs accordingly. Also, don't forget to watch for Booker in all three Bratwurst Festival parades.

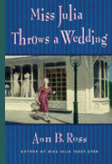
Finally, adult summer reading club was a

GREAT success this year, despite the limited parking and construction. Many of you opted to "Read @ your own risk" and win several prizes. There are still prizes to be picked up so if you turned in your book-tac-toe card(s) stop by the library and get your prize!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and the library will be celebrating by replacing lost or broken cards at no charge!



Summer Library Hours	
Monday-Thursday	9-8
Friday	9-6
Saturday	9-2
Sunday	closed



"Miss Julia Throws a Wedding"

Wednesday, Aug. 27

10:00 am

Book, Bake, Trinkets and Treasures Sale

August 7-9

10:00-4:00

No Quill Society or BookMarkers until September

Quill Society, BookMarkers & Stories-n-Stitches...

By Susan Keller, Book Discussion Moderator

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and having plenty of time to relax with a good book. The Library's book discussion group, BookMarkers, will begin regular monthly meetings in September with the book *The Wild Girl* by Jim Fergus. Fergus is a Western author who was introduced to me by my daughter-in-law during a recent visit, while her book club was reading him. *The Wild Girl*

is a historical western, a genre I have not read much before, so I thought it would be fun to start out this year with something new. We will have this book available for checkout after August 21, so you will have plenty of time to read it before our regular meeting dates of September 21 & 23. Everyone is welcome to join the BookMarkers. Just stop by the circulation desk and pick up a copy of *The Wild Girl*.

Stories-n-Stitches continues meeting on the last Wednesday morning of each month. Our August meeting will be at 10:00 am on the 27th. We are continuing the Miss Julia series by Ann Ross with the book, *Miss Julia Throws a Wedding*. The Stitches ladies are finding Miss Julia to be a fun and spirited Southern lady.



Friends News...

By Maureen Sharrock, Friends' President

The Bake, Book and Trinket sale is quickly approaching and the Friends' Board has been busy preparing for this big fundraiser! I want to thank everyone for their assistance with this project. I'm sure this event will be a great money-maker to help with our project for the new addition.



In July the Friends' Board voted to purchase a mural for the new children's section in the new addition. The mural will be located in the new Story Hour section of the room and will feature an outdoor scene with a picket fence. The cost for the mural

project is \$5,452.50. It will be a wonderful addition to the Story Hour area and will bring many years of enjoyment, thanks to all of you.

I hope that all of you continue to have a great summer. Be watching your mailboxes for your reminders of membership renewal. Fall is creeping up on us quickly and we don't want anyone to miss out being a Friend!

TAB Happenings...

By Renee Caserta, Young Adult Librarian



Hard to believe, but those back-to-school sales, bright yellow busses, and home-work-happy teachers are just around the corner! But all you teens still have one more month of laid back summer relaxation to soak up here at the library...before life gets crazy again. Plan to come in and browse our shelves for some thrills and chills with some of our new releases...like Stephanie Myers fourth and final book in her *Twilight* series, Breaking Dawn, available in early August.

Also, any teen interested in helping the library during the Lincoln Highway Garage Sale on Aug. 7-9, should call

419-562-7327 to sign up as a volunteer. The Friends of the Library need workers for their Book, Bake and Trinket Sale at the Annex. The Friends donate to our teen programs, so I'm hoping that some of you will be available to show your appreciation by giving your time and energy. Any questions, call Renee at 419-562-7327 ext. 108 or Maureen Sharrock at 419-562-5344.

Finally, allow me to give a big thank you to all who participated in, or helped make possible, our YA Summer Reading Program—thanks to you, it was a great success—and a lot of you teen readers walked

away with awesome prizes...not to mention great memories of summer fun with your friends at the library.

Don't forget: with fall coming up fast, we'll be looking for old friends and brand new faces to join Teen Advisory Board, 2008-2009. If you want your opinion to matter, and your voice to be heard regarding teen programming you should join TAB this upcoming school year. We'll have more information coming up in the September newsletter—so be on the lookout for it! In the meantime you gotta love these last, long, lazy days of summer!

Children's Corner...

By Barbara Scott, Children's Librarian



First of all, a big HIP-HIP-HOORAY to all of those intrepid readers who braved the heat of the summer (and the library!) to participate in our summer reading programs! We ended up with over 200 participants in our Kindergarten-6th grade group and over 60 preschoolers participated in our read-to-me program! We gave away some great prizes, passed out lots and lots of food coupon prizes, and best of all, lots of books got read! A big thank you goes out to our special performers for the summer. Our programs were all well attended. A special thank you goes out to the Bucyrus Police Department, the Bucyrus Fire Department, the city of Bucyrus AFSCME union and the library who provided bicycles to be

given away in a special grand prize drawing for those who had finished their reading contracts.

August will see a break from summer and story hour programming. Our summer story hours ended the week before fair and despite the heat, were well attended. We did a bug theme this summer for the little ones and learned about bees, dragon and fireflies, ladybugs, worms, and butterflies and caterpillars!

A new story hour schedule for the fall and winter is in the works, but construction will sort of dictate whether or not the session will actually take place. It is possible that there will be days in the fall that we will be closed due to construction or because we are

moving materials. We will do our best to keep you informed of any changes/cancellations, etc. in our normal operating schedule. Once story hours begin again after Labor Day, the biggest change is that our Monday night story hour will be changing its meeting time! The new time will be 6:30-7:15 pm instead of 7:00-7:45 pm. With our new closing time of 8:00 pm, this gives parents checking books out more time to do so, as well as enables our craft and snack times to be a bit longer. New schedules of themes should be available around mid-August. We will be doing the tried-and-true fall themes, as well as throwing in some nursery rhymes!

Story Hours:

Begins again in
September

Don't forget the
New Hours:

Mon., 6:30-7:15

Tues., 10:30-11:00

Thurs. 10:30-11:15

Barnes & Noble
Book Buying Trip
Sat., August 2

10:00-2:00



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					1	2 YA Barnes & Noble Trip 10-2
3 CLOSED	4	5	6	7 Friends Book, Bake & Trinket Sale 10-4	8 Friends Book, Bake & Trinket Sale 10-4	9 Friends Book, Bake & Trinket Sale 10-4
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