SOUTHERN INDIANA WRITERS’ FESTIVAL

This year’s event is a dream come true for book lovers and writers.

Author:
Doug Wissing,
Award Winning
journalist and
Vincennes
Native

Shari Wagner,
Indiana Poet Laureate,
Southern Indiana
Writers’ Festival
Keynote Speaker

The Fifth Annual Southern Indiana Writers’ Festival is Saturday, October 15, from 9am-2pm in the Fortnightly, 421 N. 6th Street, Vincennes.

Shari Wagner, Indiana Poet Laureate, Keynote Speaker

9-11am
In her presentation, the poet will lead you through writing exercises designed to help you write a poem exploring a personal inheritance; a gift you’ve received from an ancestor or family member. No prior poetry writing experience is required for this workshop. Prose writers will discover, in this workshop, that poetry writing techniques strengthen their writing styles.

Doug Wissing, Award Winning Journalist and Vincennes Native

11:30-noon
In his presentation entitled, From Vincennes to Central Asia: How Chance, Inspiration and Unleashed Memory Took a Native Son to Tibet and Afghanistan and Back Home to Indiana, Wissing will describe how his roots in Vincennes influenced his work in the far-flung regions of the world, as well as in our beloved State of Indiana. The writer will help us understand how re-purposed memories can lead to new literary horizons.

The registration fee for the presentations at the Fortnightly is $10.00 and this includes lunch. Registration is open until October 6th.

A Meet and Greet event for Indiana Authors will be from noon-2pm in the main library’s sun room. The author fair is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Judy Kratzner, Literacy Coordinator, at 812-886-4380.
Fortnightly Club Celebrates 125 Years
by Mary Kay Latta and Ann Knoll

Have you seen the banner on the Fortnightly, 421 N. 6th Street, corner of 6th and Seminary, Vincennes? Make sure you go inside. You will be surprised! Working closely with the Knox County Public Library, Emily Bunyan, and Brian Spangle we had a vision of a timeline portraying the history of the Vincennes Fortnightly Club.

Organized in 1891 and celebrating our 125th anniversary, this year seemed like a perfect time to complete this project. Working our way through all the memorabilia saved at the McGrady –Brockman house, we decided on one panel portraying each decade of the Club’s organization. Thirteen panels were created with many photos and some verbiage to explain the pictures on each 20 by 30 inch panel. These were arranged in the main auditorium of the Fortnightly Clubhouse. The idea was for persons entering the building for a meeting or party would get an overview of the nature and history of the space and realize the importance of the Club to the Vincennes community over the years.

In the foyer of the Clubhouse a 72 by 36 inch panel was created with a photo of the completed clubhouse which was dedicated on September 25, 1928. The text on this panel includes a history of the Club and, above the doors in the foyer, the name of the Club, organization date and Shakespearian Club motto “Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to Heaven”. Many community projects and new ideas had their beginnings with the Club members including a Parent-Teacher Association, A Civic Music Association and a Business and Professional Women’s Club. A push for a Carnegie Library began with the formation of the Library Committee and in 1919 that dream was completed.

It’s a coincidence that the library would be gifted the building in 2007 from the Fortnightly ladies and together we continue to support the Club and the ideas started so many years ago. This “panel project” will ensure that the history of the Vincennes Fortnightly Club is known and will continue into the future. Our two main goals for this year are to educate the community about our Club and to encourage more women to join our Club. Ladies, come and check us out. We meet twice a month – hence the name, Fortnightly. Our schedule is posted at the main desk of the library and on the website. We hope many of the community will plan to attend our special 125th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on November 2. Information is at the main desk. All are welcome.

One of our members, Virginia Stangle, states our progress like this “Walking in the footsteps of our Fortnightly Club founders; Living in the Present; Planning for the Future.

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From the Desk of the Director
Emily Cooper Bunyan

We, at the Knox County Public Library, want to know your opinions about the library. We’re gathering opinions and ideas to create a strategic plan for the library.

Please help us by completing an online survey. Complete the survey included in this newsletter and return to the front desk of the main library or complete online at the following link:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P33SB5M](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P33SB5M)

You can access the survey from any computer with Internet access. If you visit the library to do the survey, we’d be happy to offer assistance in person. If you’re completing the survey from another location and have questions, please phone us at (812) 886-4380.

*Also, if you prefer, you may complete and return a print survey.* The survey will take approximately five to ten minutes to complete. Surveys must be completed by October 15, 2016.

Thank you.
At 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, Knox County native Mike Phegley will present a program at the McGrady-Brockman House. Mr. Phegley will discuss his recently published book “Storms at Kendiamong: A Frontier Story from the Minisink Valley.” The book is a work of historical fiction, based on the author’s genealogical research and is set in the Delaware River Valley during the period 1719-1756.

This presentation is sponsored by the Northwest Territory Genealogical Society. It is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase.

Teen Department News

The library will host, at the Fortnightly, 421 N. 6th Street, Vincennes, a conversation with J. Patrick Redmond and Vincennes University professor, Bernie Schmitt. The topic of discussion is Redmond’s novel, Some Go Hungry. This is Redmond’s first novel and is a page turning portrait of a rural Indiana town reeling from the murder of a young gay man. The conversation is on Thursday, October 6th and will begin at 6:30pm. Redmond is generously donating 100% of all book sales, at the library, to the Teen Department to fund a new LGBT collection.

Rebecca Nourlander, PhD, New Knowledge Company was at our library on September 27, to evaluate the installation of the exhibit on behalf of the American Library Association. Here she is in front of the sign at 7th and Hart Streets.

We, at the library, are truly grateful to the Vincennes Rotary Club for the recent $1,000 grant to the Teen Department. This gift will enable us to purchase materials for the Makerspace. This space is a creative, do it yourself space where people gather to create, invent and learn. In our Makerspace we have a 3D printer, craft supplies, sewing machines, electronics and software. With the gift from Rotary, we’ll offer, for the budding filmmakers who visit the department, cameras, green screening (compositing technique combining two still images or video frames) and editing software. In January, 2017, there will be an open house event, in honor of Rotarians, in the Teen Department.

Thinking Money exhibit had 6,808 visitors while on the main floor of the library from August 24-October 6th. This exhibit designed for tweens, teens and their caregivers made an impact on all who interacted with it. With its vivid graphics and financial guidance, it will offer essential money management skills to thousands of people in communities across the U.S. as it continues its two year journey to 50 host libraries.

J. Patrick Redmond

Author and Vincennes Native, J. Patrick Redmond

The symbol above captures the essence of the Rotary International mission to serve humanity.
**Youth Department News**

**Amy Blake**

**Pre-schoolers** enjoy interactive learning experiences with us on Tuesday evenings at 7 and Wednesday at 10 in the main library. We read, sing, dance, write and play together. Moms, Dads, Grandparents and other caregivers all have fun times based on the nationally known Every Child Ready to Read program.

**Mother Goose on the Loose** is for infants and toddler is every Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the main library. Children and their caregivers learn nursery rhymes, songs, baby bounces and stories to develop early literacy skills.

**Homework Help** is available for you here. On library computers there’s the whole suite of Microsoft programs. There are Minecraft and Roblox games to challenge you. You can learn foreign languages here too. Ask us about accessing Rosetta Stone to begin this learning odyssey. We have ebooks.

**Winter Programs**

Two annual programs for children of all ages and their adults are Polar Express on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30pm and Silly Safaris on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. Both programs are at the Fortnightly. Thank you to Friends of the Knox County Public Library for sponsoring these programs each year. We give a “High Five” to the Friends for their support.

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**Teen Department News**

**Jordan Ellerman**

**Big, Bad Costume Party**

Teen Advisory Board is planning a Big, Bad Costume party for Saturday, October 22nd. Teens will wear costumes representing their favorite literary characters. There will be music, food and games. Registration is required by October 15th. Twenty tweens and teens must register by that date for the party to be planned.

**Teens enjoying the Return to Ilvermony program on September 27th.**
Sponsors of this contest are:

**Friends of the Knox County Public Library, Old National Bank, Ewing Printing, and the Vincennes/Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau.**
2016 Knox County Public Library Survey

Your Age

10-19  20-39  40-69  70+

Visit Frequency

Never  1-2 times per year  1-2 times per month  1-2 per week  daily

Please Rate Your Satisfaction 1-5  (1=Not Satisfied, 5=Highly Satisfied)

Collections (books, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, ebooks)  1  2  3  4  5
Computer Access (both public terminals and wifi access)  1  2  3  4  5
Staff Service (Staff’s friendliness, helpfulness, etc)  1  2  3  4  5
Facilities (buildings, seating areas)  1  2  3  4  5
Programs  1  2  3  4  5

Additional Comments about any of these topics:

To you, what is the most valuable service the library offers?

What library service do you, personally, use the least?

What is your ideal public library in terms of services, facilities, materials and programs offered to the public?

  Why is that important?

  How is that different from the way things are now?

What are the two or three most important issues when it comes to the library?

Please return the completed survey, by October 15, 2016, to the Knox County Public Library, 502 N. 7th Street, Vincennes, 47591 or to ebunyan2001@yahoo.com. Your input is truly appreciated. Survey is also available online by choosing the customer satisfaction survey on the front page of the library’s website: kcpl.lib.in.us.
Fortnightly Club Celebrates 125 Years
Timeline Panels on Display Now

“Walking in the Footsteps of our Fortnightly Club founders;
Living in the Present;
Planning for the Future.”
Virginia Stangle,
Fortnightly Club Member

Shown on this page are the Panels from the 1910’s and 2000’s

Read the column, in this issue, by
Mary Kay Latta and
Ann Knoll.
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MAIN LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Wed: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thu - Sat: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MCGRADY-BROCKMAN HOUSE HOURS

Mon: 12:00 - 4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tues - Sat: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Closed Sundays

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KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month
4:30pm at the Meeting House Board Room

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETINGS

Third Thursday of each month
10:00am, Main Library Sunroom

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Randy Crismore

Sign up to have the newsletter delivered via email at rcrismore@kcpl.lib.in.us.