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Cargill Literacy Quiz Bowl Saturday February 25, 2017
Vincennes University Shircliff Auditorium 9:00am-2:00pm



Cargill Literacy Quiz Bowl 2016 Team: Culture Club

Back Row L-R: Jon Bunyan, Kevin Schiffinger & Steve Gray

Front Row L-R: Annette McMullen, Lynn Poole, & Mary Gladys Wheeler

From the Desk of the Director **Emily Cooper Bunyan**

To Meet the Informational, Educational and Cultural Needs of the Community

One year ago, for this column, as I considered the previous year, the highlight was the successful restoration of Carnegie library. Home to the library's youth department since 1976, the area that was once the entire main library, one's spirit soars when crossing the threshold. The Knox County Public Library Board's commitment to this lavish restoration was recognized by Historic Landmarks and Daughters of the American Revolution. It's especially gratifying to see children and their families happily enjoying this space.

When I consider the highlight of 2016, I think of the strategic planning effort that involved conversations with and surveys of local citizens. Four hundred and twenty five people participated in this effort in September and October, 2016. Friends of the KCPL were surveyed first. Then we had community conversations and surveys of the entire community. The purpose was to find out how local citizens wanted us to allocate resources and set priorities for 2017-2019. At the conclusion of the input gathering phase, the data was analyzed and the following priorities surfaced:

- Continued Focus on Community Outreach
- Create More Opportunities for Technological Engagement
- Update and Consolidate the Library's Brand and Atmosphere
- Evaluate Library Space Usage
- Increase Amount and Quality of Signage Both Indoors and Outdoors
- Increase Marketing Activity
- Reaffirm Commitment to Staff Quality
- Engage with Outlying Communities More Frequently
- Maintain Commitment to the Written Word
- Keep the Library Facilities Clean, Safe and Accessible
- Internalize the Library's Mission and Culture.

You and other community members spoke and we listened. In this issue of the newsletter you'll read about how we're offering more technology learning experiences through the Genius Corner Tech Help sessions, loaning of Wifi Hot Spots and more services at the Wheatland Book Station. Offering what the public wants is possible because of a Library Board, Staff and Friends of the Library committed to the ideals of civic tolerance, inclusivity and freedom of information.

McGrady-Brockman House News **Katie Ward**

My name is Katie Ward and I came to McGrady-Brockman House on November 9, 2016 as Historical and Genealogical Collections Assistant. Prior to that, I had volunteered originally as part of a community service project for a college library class. I enjoyed working in the building so much that I stayed on as a volunteer even after the class ended.

I am in my 4th semester of completing a library science degree with Ivy Tech. It has been an enjoyable experience so far and I look forward to continuing a family tradition as two of my aunts were librarians in their time. I have enjoyed working at McGrady-Brockman House and have appreciated the opportunity to get to meet so many new people within the community.

Since the end of the holiday season, business in McGrady-Brockman has really picked up with many people taking advantage of the (relatively) mild weather we have been enjoying. Whether you are researching family lines or local or US History, there is an amazing amount of information available at McGrady-Brockman House.

McGrady-Brockman House also has its own Facebook page now at <https://www.facebook.com/mcgradybrockmankcplindiana/>. It has been a delight to sort through old photographs that offer a small glimpse in Vincennes' colorful and interesting history. Sharing these photos through a digital medium also allows them to be preserved in more than one way so that future generations can enjoy them as well.



Literacy Office News

Judy Kratzner

February - Heart Health Month

The Heart

The heart is one of the most vital organs within the human body. It is responsible for the circulation of both blood and oxygen. Heart disease, also commonly referred to as cardiovascular disease, is the leading cause of death in the United States. For this reason, it is important that everyone becomes familiar with heart disease symptoms and warning signs.

The most common form of heart disease is coronary artery disease. This is identified by a blockage or narrowing of the blood vessels. However, the term heart disease covers a wide variety of heart-related medical conditions, including problems with blood vessels, heart rhythm, and defects. If not properly treated, heart disease often leads to a heart attack.

Heart Disease Symptoms

Although the symptoms vary depending on the illness, there are specific warning signs of which people should become familiar with.

- #1. Sudden pain. These pains can appear in the chest, arms, face, or neck.
- #2. Shortness of breath. The chest will feel tight, as if the lungs cannot get enough air. Those suffering from plaque build-up may feel a numbness or coldness in the extremities.
- #3. Swelling in the arms, legs, and stomach.
- #4. Lightheadedness. This symptom can be especially dangerous because sufferers can faint and cause additional damage to the body. An unexpected fall can cause broken bones or brain damage.



Heart Disease Prevention

People who are at a much higher risk for heart disease.

#1. Persons with high blood pressure, hypertension. It is an indication that there is a problem with the blood vessels.

#2. Persons with diabetes. People struggling with diabetes have a considerable amount of sugar in their bloodstream because the body is not able to use it properly.

Prevention

- #1. Eat a well-balanced diet. Fresh fruit and vegetables are less likely to cause symptoms of heart disease.
- #2. Exercise on a regular basis. Without regular exercise, the chances of heart disease substantially increase.
- #3. Maintain a weight appropriate to your age, height and body build through proper diet and exercise.

Heart-health is a personal right and responsibility. Exercise and healthy eating habits are small steps in the right direction.

Lincoln's Birthday

To celebrate Lincoln's Birthday, local historian, Richard Day will speak about Lincoln's days growing up in Indiana. While Illinois claims to be the land of Lincoln, he actually spent much of his formative years here on the Indiana frontier. The program will be Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Other Programs

Generations will present a program on Fall Prevention, February 9, 2 p.m. at the Main Building.

A panel presentation about substance abuse, particularly opiates, will be held February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fortnightly .

On February 16, 6:30 p.m. Julia Vaughn of Common Cause will speak on setting boundaries for congressional districts.

The Book Sale has been moved to February 17th

Vincennes French Heritage will be presented by Richard Day on Monday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Main Bldg.

The Quiz Bowl will be February 25th at Shircliff Auditorium 9-2 p.m. Volunteers to help behind the scenes are needed.

Youth Department News

Amy Blake



LEGOs for All!

In the photo above, Amy Blake and Diana Martin are receiving a donation of 6 kits of Legos from two representatives from Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana. In February, these kits will be available for borrowing from the library. Each kit contains 1,144 pieces. The sky's the limit for what you can create with LEGOs. Many books about building with LEGOs are available for borrowing from the library.

LEGOs in the Library

You can borrow LEGOs kits to take home and you can build with LEGOs in the youth Department. Ask any staff member in the youth department to borrow the LEGOs kit to use in the library. They'll be glad for you to use the kit in the library. If you need creative designs for LEGOs, ask a staff member to show you this great collection of LEGOs design books.

LEGO Builders Wanted! The Youth Department has a tub of LEGO's available for **school-age children and older** to build with. Ask any librarian on duty and they will be glad to pull them out for you. If you need creative ideas, we have some basic LEGO books all the way up to adult designs.

Care providers and infants through toddlers are invited to **Mother Goose On the Loose** every Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Youth Dept. This fast paced program includes nursery rhymes, bounces, story, songs and activities. Preschoolers can enjoy our Tuesday evening Story times at 7 pm and Wednesday Mornings at 10 am. Care providers and children of all ages are invited to participate in this program full of stories, songs, activities and crafts.

The Heralds are announcing "the challenge" far and wide. The shire of Knox County will be holding a Medieval Event for the week of March 20 through 24. All serfs are required to attend the event.

Well, maybe not required, but invited to attend the KCPL for items of interest to the medieval time period. Whether you are a prince or princess or always wanted to be, stop in and

enjoy some crafts and a few games and stories. Our collection includes stories about King Arthur, the knights of the realm, ladies in waiting, and of course Merlin - the greatest Wizard there ever was.

Teen Department News

Jordan Ellerman

The New Year is already racing by! January was a fantastic start to a great new year. The departments all met in January to discuss some of our programs that we had planned for the year. I can definitely say there are some wonderful new and innovative programs starting this year. The teen visitors to the library in the month of January got to resume some of their programs like the Wii Wednesdays. A junk jewelry program was offered on January 31.

In February, the library will be raising awareness for Heart Health Month. On Friday, February 3, we are celebrating awareness for women's health by participating in National Wear Red Day for Go Red For Women. The Teens will get the chance to go on a blind date with Blind Date Books again this year! Teen readers will get to pick up copies of random books wrapped in brown paper. It's good to never judge a book by it's cover. The Teen Department is also offering a Mardi Gras Culture Night. Teens will get to make a Mardi Gras mask, learn about the Krews and maybe even try a bite of Cajun food!

For March, The Teen Department will be celebrating March Madness OUR way: Book Bracket! We will also be doing a program on Women in Science where we will be discussing their achievements and maybe doing a few experiments of our own! To celebrate Teen Tech Week, we are going to put the teens to the test and see if they can find their way out of the first ever, Teen Department Escape Room!

These next few months are going to be very exciting! There are going to be a lot of fun opportunities in the Teen Department.



A Note from the Editor

Randy Crismore

We Have a Taxing Issue

Every year at the beginning of January, the Knox County Public Library runs into a big Taxing Issue. The income tax issue that is. People from all walks of life, flock to the library to pick up tax forms to file their Federal, State, and Local Income Tax Returns. This year, people will file their 2016 tax returns. Federal taxes are filed with the United States Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service and Indiana State and Local taxes are filed with the Indiana Department of Revenue.

With so many things changing from year to year in this age of electronic imaging, cyber access, and the World Wide Web; today most tax forms can be delivered via the internet to any computer equipped with a printer. Gone are the days when the Internal Revenue Service would send out tax booklets to every tax paying individual in the country. Gone too, are the days when federal, state, and local tax forms were sent to institutions like the United States Post Office and Knox County Public Library. Today the Knox County Public Library has to order tax forms from the United States Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. The requested orders must be made well in advance of the beginning of the current tax year.

The Knox County Public Library carries all the Federal Tax Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ along with the Instruction booklets for each individual form. The library also carries the Indiana State Tax forms IT-40, IT-40PNR, and the County Tax form CT-40 for Indiana Residents and their respective Instruction booklets.

One service available this year is provided to the public free of charge is a recent partnership with the United Way of Knox County and the Knox County Public Library called: "VITA", (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). This is a free service provided to the public for preparing Individual and Joint tax returns. VITA uses Certified Tax Preparers; has No Income Guidelines; Uses Electronic Filing; and has Direct Deposit of Refund.

VITA is a program during the month of February and requires no appointment and uses a drop off method of tax preparation. This service will be held at the following locations here in Knox County:

- The Knox County Public Library 502 N 7th St Vincennes, Indiana **Monday & Wednesday 4:00pm-7:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm**

- The Bicknell-Vigo Public Library 201 West 2nd St Bicknell, Indiana **Thursdays 4:00pm-7:00pm**
- Vincennes University Wathen Business Bldg. Room 123 1320 N 2nd St Vincennes, Indiana **Monday & Wednesday's 4:00pm-6:00pm (February Only.)**

The United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance requires the following items be available at the time of drop off:

- Photo ID
- Social Security Card for self and dependents
- All Tax Forms
- 2015 Tax Return
- Homeowners: Bring Property Tax Receipts
- Renters: Bring Landlord Name and Address
- For Direct Deposit – Bank Routing Number and
- Checking/Savings Account Number
- Anticipated return time is 1 week
(Depending on Volume)

ONE NOTE OF INTEREST IS NO KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEE CAN ANSWER ANY TAX QUESTIONS OR GIVE ANY OPINION ON TAX QUESTIONS.

The Knox County Public Library also received a notice from Berkley Rios of the Indiana Department of Revenue who sends the following message:

Hello, My name is Berkley Rios with the Indiana Department of Revenue. With tax season underway, I want to pass along some information that may interest library patrons. I can provide a variety of turnkey articles, social media posts and website blurbs on the following tax season topics:

- Tips for protecting taxpayer identities this tax season
- How qualifying taxpayers can file their taxes online for free
- How to choose a reputable tax preparer
- Information about commonly claimed deductions and credits
- How taxpayers can check the status of their refunds
- Ways to contact the department

If you are interested, please contact me at brios@dor.in.gov. Feel free to contact me if you have additional questions or need more information.

Thank you,

Berkley Rios

Public Relations Specialist
Indiana Department of Revenue
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317-234-8757



Crazy Hat Day

We're Here for You in 2017
By Paula Smith

Do we look crazy? Maybe not, but since the new year started, the circulation desk has been crazier than ever. Crazy Hat Day was a great way to have fun at work. Some days are hard because the front desk is hectic at times. Sometimes the staff need to have fun instead of getting bogged down in the chaos.

Shortly before the new year, several staff members discussed long-range planning with library director, Emily Bunyan. Public surveys were part of this planning and we've been busy implementing changes to provide the community with the library they envisioned. To accomplish this goal, Amy Blake, Judy Kratzner, Jordan Ellerman, Emily Bunyan and Paula Smith scheduled programming for the entire year. One of the goals was to host "Genius corner," which was held for the first time on Wednesday, January 26. Between the hours of 2p.m. and 4p.m., the public brought in their electronic devices and Tyler Hannah, our computer technician, answered questions they had about technology. It was so successful that it will be held every Wednesday from 2pm-4pm. Genius Corner will also be held at the Wheatland Book Station every other Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A few other additions to the library's offerings include Lego sets and mobile Wi-fi hotspots. The Legos were generously donated by Girl Scouts of America. Patrons will be able to check these items out with their library cards. A red display stand was also placed in front of the circulation desk to highlight genres of the collection.

In the public surveys, the community wanted more of what we already provide. We've already made great strides to provide more of what patrons want. We're busier than ever. The winter reading program with the theme, Nourish the Flame, has begun and will last through March 17th. Look for more programming, more books, more computer skills training, and more crazy hat days. We hope you enjoy more of what we have as much as we enjoy seeing all of you every day.

February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



Mother Goose on the Loose
Every Tuesday Morning
10:30am

1 Fortnightly Friends & Family Valentine's Dinner
5:30-8:30
Bring Covered Dish

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Mother Goose on the Loose
Every Tuesday Morning
10:30am

Generations Fall Prevention
2:00 Main Floor
League of Women Voters Public Forum
Opioids Fortnightly
6:00pm

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Richard Day Lincoln in Indiana History
Fortnightly
6:00pm



Mother Goose on the Loose
Every Tuesday Morning
10:30am

LWV Gerryandering Fortnightly
6:30pm
Friends of the Library Meeting
10:00am
Library Sun Room

Friends Book Sale
Fortnightly
9:00-4:00



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Library Board Meeting
Meeting House Board Room
4:30pm

Cargill Literacy Quiz Bowl
VU Shircliff Theatre
9:00-1:00



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Mother Goose on the Loose
Every Tuesday Morning
10:30am

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		 <p>Mother Goose on the Loose Every Tuesday Morning 10:30am</p>		<p><i>Friends of the Library Meeting 100:00am Library Sun Room</i></p>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<p><i>Library Board Meeting Meeting House Board Room 4:30pm</i></p>				
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		 <p>Mother Goose on the Loose Every Tuesday Morning 10:30am</p>			<p><i>Friends Book Sale Fortnightly 9:00-4:00</i></p> 	

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KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Third Tuesday of each month
4:30pm in the Meeting House
Board Room

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
MEETINGS

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

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