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The Westfield Washington Public Library will strive, in partnership with local organizations, to provide quality services, materials and facilities that fulfill the educational, informational, technological, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community.

Friends News

Friends Board:

Virginia Fiscus, President
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The next Friends meeting will be held on May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

We invite and encourage members to attend these short meetings. Your input will be appreciated. We always need help with the upcoming Annual Craft Bazaar & Silent Auction held in October.

Book Sales in 2009:

Apr. 10: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Apr. 11-18: Library hours
 June 5: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 June 6-13: Library Hours
 Aug. 7: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Aug. 8-15: Library Hours
 Oct. 2: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Oct. 3-10: Regular Hours
 Nearly New Book Sale:
 Dec. 4: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Dec. 5-12: Regular Hours

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week will be celebrated during the week of April 12-18th. The theme this year is "Worlds Connect @ the Library." It is a good time to enjoy and show your appreciation of the contributions of libraries and the library staff.

We invite all to celebrate with us.



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One Book One County Program

Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees:

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 President

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All of the public libraries in Hamilton County will participate in the first county-wide One Book One County Program. The dates of March 9 through May 2, 2009 have been selected.

Since this is the first coordinated countywide effort, the book chosen will offer a lot of creative ideas for associated programming. The book chosen will be announced on March 9th. There are many activities pertaining to the book. The ones offered at the Westfield Washington Public Library are listed on the top of page 4 under "Hamilton County Reads 2009." There are many opportunities, besides reading the book, for you to become involved with this program.

Some of the different programs include energy conservation, water conservation, recycling, tree planting, a climate project presentation, and much more. Stop by the library to reserve your copy of the reading selection after March 9.

Overdrive Website

The Westfield Washington Public Library is pleased to announce a shorter loan period for the audiobooks downloaded from the Overdrive website.

The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The audiobooks will now check out for a 14-day period (not 21 days). This gives you the opportunity to listen to even more of the great books that are available. Also new is the fact that audio files may now be downloaded to MACs. In addition, we are now starting to purchase WP3 format audiobooks that can be downloaded on to iPODs. We are pleased to be able to offer these new enhancements on our downloadable audio book collection.

Library Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
 Friday
 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
 Saturday
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
 Closed Sunday

Winter Reading Program

The "Curl Up with a Good Book @ WWPL" program will end on March 14th. There is still time to enroll—if you are a fast reader. And for those who have finished reading their eight books, pick up your prize at the Information & Reference Services Desk.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Freebies at Your Library...

Your library keeps your reading list up to speed with the latest book releases, but it also offers a whole range of other services — also for free! Just check these out:

Shake up your fitness routine!

If boredom often derails your exercise plan, check the library's DVD collection, where you will find fitness DVDs galore. Whether you check out a few at once or one at a time, you are guaranteed to dodge the workout doldrums—and get closer to your goals.

Refresh your foreign language skills!

Forget buying pricey learning tapes—instead, borrow them from the library. With a variety of series available, you will sharpen your skills in no time.

Take the tension out of tax time!

Not only is the library a go-to place for IRS forms, but we also offer free consultations during tax season. Each Friday in March from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm an AARP tax assistant will be available to serve seniors and low-income families. On March 2, a workshop on self-employment tax tips will be offered at 6:00 pm.

Increase your technology speed!

Three computer classes will be offered in March: March 19: Microsoft Word at 6:30 pm. On March 24: e-mail Basics at 6:30 pm. On March 26: e-mail basics at 1:00 pm.

Plus much more, such as: book discussions, Euchre nights, help with mapping your genealogy chart. And did I mention up-to-date films, books on tape and CD, etc. Can you think of any other free service you receive at your local library? Bet you can!

Audio/Video Department...

There have been some changes to the perimeter of the AV area. Due to popular demand, the TV series section will be expanded and the south wall will be changed. The north wall, which holds our CD collection, has been rearranged so that the genres with the most volume are located in the pull-out drawers. The changes are well marked for your convenience. If you have any questions, ask the AV staff members. They will be more than happy to assist you.

New CDs:

Classic Love Songs
Grammy Nominees
2009 Stadium Jams
Greatest Songs of the 80s

by Barry Manilow

Working on a Dream

by Bruce Springsteen

Freedom

by Akon

Promise

by Il Divo

Incanto

by Andrea Bocelli



Books on CDs:

Lucky One, Nicholas Sparks
Associate, John Grisham
Run For Your Life, J. Patterson
Plum Spooky, Janet Evanovich
Mounting Fears, Stuart Woods

DVDs:

Changeling
Flash of Genius
High School Musical 3
Madagascar 2
Secret Life of Bees
Soul Men
Space Buddies
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New CD-ROMs...

Barbie Storymaker

Brain Quest Multimedia: grades 4 & 5

Generation Girl: Gotta Groove

Interplay's Family Favorites

Lego Island: 3-D Action Adventure

Mary-Kate & Ashley Crush Course

Magazine Adoptions...P

The magazine UTNE has gained an anonymous sponsor. If you would like to adopt one of our current magazines, stop at the front desk for more information. You choose the magazine and then donate the price of a year's subscription to the library.

WWPL Board Meetings—January 14 & February 11, 2009...

January 14, 2009 Board Meeting:

Circulation of materials for the month of December 2008 was 35,672 compared to 30,566 for December of 2007. This was over a 16% increase from December 2007 statistics. 158 new Library cards were issued in December.

The Statistics for the Annual Report submitted to the Indiana State Library were discussed. All services provided by the library saw substantial increases. The February issue of the newsletter provided an overview of the 2008 statistics.

Bob Richardson was elected Secretary of the Library Board for 2009.

Sheryl gave a progress report on Library legislation being introduced to the Senate. The bill is SB 348 – Library Service Planning. The bill establishes a public library service planning committee on each county. Each committee will decide on the particular county's approach to the delivery of library services.

The Hamilton County Library Directors proposed that we consider entering into a countywide study using the firm called Government Consulting Services to provide a financial analysis on what a countywide system may mean for Hamilton County. The library board voted to enter into this study.

February 11, 2009 Board Meeting:

Circulation of materials for the month of January 2009 was 40,154 compared to 41,628 for January 2008. This was a 3% decrease from January 2008, believed to be due to weather related closing that occurred in 2009, but not in 2008. 195 new Library cards were issued in January.

The Library Board heard a presentation from the Perfection Group on possible Energy Conservation measures for the library. The library board asked that the representatives meet with Steve and George to discuss the library's various issues relating the HVAC system in more detail before we progress further with their recommendations.

Sheryl reported that some of our ESL classes have begun to use the portable classroom provided by Westfield Washington Schools. The library board passed a policy regarding the use of this facility. It was decided that the facility would only be used for library sponsored programs and meetings during library hours only.

It was decided that the Policy Committee would meet to discuss the Revision of the Library's Statement of Direction (Long Range Plan) prior to the March Board Meeting. Sheryl reported the Hamilton East Library Board has some concerns concerning the study proposed at last month's board meeting.

Sheryl also reported that Senate Bill 348 is progressing through the Senate. It has passed the Local Government committee and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill has been amended and may go before the full Senate during the week of February 16th.

Magazine Rack...

Think Spring! The Horticulture magazine helps you get ready for spring. "Winged Wonderland" is a beautiful colored article about attracting butterflies to your garden. It lists the names with pictures of the six top nectar plants for butterflies. Some of the most well-known plants include fennel, wild cherry, willow, passionflower and parsley.

"Our Day Has Come" is an article in the Feb./March issue of Working Mother. Heard of International Women's Day? Few Americans have even though it originated in the United States in 1909. Women across the globe celebrate the day by focusing on the rights and achievements of women. March 8th is the day to acknowledge IWD.

They've Got Personality" in National Wildlife discusses animal behavior. Long considered unscientific, studies of the dispositions of individual animals are multiplying, yielding some fascinating—and sometimes practical—results. Scientists are also discovering that a variety of spineless creatures, such as spiders, exhibit behavioral syndromes (personalities)!

Book Review...

Man vs. Wild by Gear Grylis has put together a "wonderful-dangerous book for men" as noted on the cover. The book covers all kinds of survival techniques from

the most dangerous places on earth. Grylis demonstrates, in living color, all manner of techniques when faced with nature's extremes, such as crossing piranha-infested

rivers to fighting off grizzly bears. He shows how, armed with the correct know-how and a determination to stay alive, all of us have the potential to beat the elements.