

Books & Bytes

THE WOOD COUNTY DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2003 - 2004

Dates to Keep in Mind

December



1 Final Bids Due:
Friends' Holiday
Wreaths (All proceeds
benefit the Friends of
the Library)

1 - 31 Food for Fines
Accepted at the
Circulation Desk
24 & 25 Closed.
Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day

January

1 Closed. New Year's Day
19 Friends Program: Born to Be Wild!
Local members of Bicyclists International
share biker stories and adventures!
7 pm Meeting Room

February

14 Valentine's Day



March

14 Community Reads Begins
To Kill a Mockingbird
"Read it again, read it with family or
friends for the first time."



15 Friends Program:
Gardening Tips from a
Master Gardener. Check
out a gardening book,
dust off the Burpee
catalog, and get ready
for Spring!
7 pm Meeting Room

How can you tell

WOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAYS ARE HERE?

FRIENDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATH DECORATION

Library Friends get busy making
holiday wreaths. . .



. . . that brighten up the library
all through November!



FOOD FOR FINES



The spirit of giving abounds
during the holidays. Patrons
donating non-perishable food
have overdue fines removed
from their library cards. Ask at
the Circulation Desk for details.

Spotlight on the Library Board of Trustees

Meet Board President, Scott McEwen



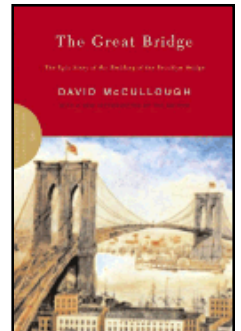
Scott McEwen welcoming patrons to the library's grand opening in June.

Board of Trustees President Scott McEwen has been a library board member since 1996. He began his term as board president in 2003, in the midst of the library's renovation project. Recently we had an opportunity to chat with him.

Mr. McEwen is originally from the west. Born in California, his family lived in Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. He went to Arizona State in Phoenix, and confessed, "I still feel like Phoenix is where I grew up." Even so, he enthusiastically said, "I have loved living here ever since moving to Bowling Green in 1989." His contributions to his adopted hometown go beyond his service on the library board. He has also been involved in local theatre. In 1992 he played the role of the Grand Pooh-Bah in Bowling Green State University's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*.

Mr. McEwen's daughter, Heather, is in college at Manhattan School of Music in New York City, and son Reid is a Junior at BG High School. Self-employed, Mr. McEwen runs a BG computer consulting business called McEwen & Company (be sure to check out the computerized, interactive map of the library donated by his company and located at the first floor Information Station). Asked, "What three words describe you?" Mr. McEwen responded, "Happy, conscientious, sensible. That's really hard!"

Less difficult for him is deciding what makes a great book. Fiction or non-fiction, the hallmark of a great book is one that tells its story well. "That characteristic makes a book especially enjoyable for me!" he said. Also a history buff, he added, "One of my favorite authors is David McCullough. His telling of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge, *The Great Bridge*, is certainly one of my all-time favorites."



Being on the library board of trustees has brought challenges, difficult decisions, and great rewards for Mr. McEwen. Recent state budget reductions "have forced us [the board] to make some unpleasant decisions, probably the most difficult of which was the decision to close the Bradner branch of the library," he observed.

On the other hand, he feels fortunate to have been a part of the recent library renovations. The results, he noted, "Have been very rewarding. I've been very lucky to have been on the board at a point in time when this project was a necessity. It's been an interesting and satisfying experience." He went on to reflect that, "In general, my time on the board has been a very pleasant experience mostly because of Elaine Paulette and Kathy East and the staff—all of whom do such an outstanding job. And, we have a terrific group of board members who take their responsibilities seriously, but always approach them with good humor and a cooperative attitude."

The Wood County District Public Library publishes **Books & Bytes** quarterly for its patrons.

Elaine Paulette, Director
Scott McEwen, President, Library Board of Trustees
Becky Bhaer, President, Friends of the Library
Karen Seeliger, President, Library Foundation Board

Mary Callahan Boone, Editor and Designer
Contributors: Charlene Avery, Debra Born, AJ Heilman, Christina Howard, Donna Mertz, Michael Penrod, John Powell

In fact, asked for his favorite library memories, he did not hesitate to reply, "Honestly, my fondest memories with regard to public libraries are right here in BG. My time on the board of trustees of the Wood County District Public Library has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my professional life!"

Favorite Fireside Reading



Effie takes a break to read by the fireside.

Looking for a great gift idea?

Looking for an escape from the hustle and bustle of the season?

Look no further!

Books make wonderful gifts for family, friends, and yourself. Staff favorites below are sure to provide hours of pleasurable reading--even if you don't have a fireplace.

Seaside Reflection

Joan Anderson's *Year by the Sea* records her appreciation of nature and personal growth after she leaves her marriage and takes a cottage on Cape Cod. After her period of reflection, she returns to her marriage. Recommended by Kara Kuebler, Reference.

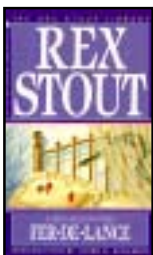


Summer's No.1 Hit Still Going Strong!



Da Vinci Code combines relentless adventure, cutting wit, and scholarly intelligence. Thumbs way up from Charlene Avery, Reference, Kristen Wetzel, Children's Place, and Gert Gillespie, Processing.

Try Something Old . . .



Fer-de-Lance begins the Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin mystery series by master Rex Stout. This series brilliantly combines two styles of mystery fiction--classic drawing room and American hard-boiled. Rejoice--there are 72 books in the series written by the incomparable Stout! Recommended by John Powell, Bookmobile.

. . . And Something New

Julia Spencer-Fleming's *In the Bleak Midwinter* introduces Clare Fergusson and Russ Van Alystyne. Grab an extra sweater, the setting's cool and so's the suspense. Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity Awards winner for Best First Mystery, 2003. Recommended by Mary Boone, Reference.



Need Something to Read While Waiting for a Copy of *Da Vinci Code*?



A computer encryption device threatens U.S. security in Brown's earlier thriller, *Digital Fortress*. Suggested by Kristen Wetzel, Children's Place.

It's 1327 and suspected heresy within an Italian abbey leads to murder and the threat of the Inquisition. Mary Boone, Reference, recommends Umberto Eco's *Name of the Rose*.



NY Times Bestselling Ohio Author

A determined femme fatal, an inept art collector, a disgruntled heir, false identities, and true love are served up in *Faking It*, a delightful concoction from Ohio author Jennifer Crusie. Recommended by Kristen Wetzel, Children's Place.



Mystery, Southern Style



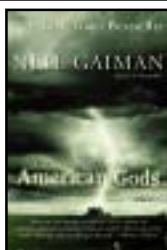
Donna Mertz, Circulation, gives a hearty recommendation to Virginia Lanier's mystery series featuring Jo Beth Sidden and her search and rescue dogs, set in Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp.

Donna also suggests *Last Lesson of Summer* from Margaret Maron. This stand-alone mystery follows a young publisher's search for answers to old murders.



Modern Mythology

A recently released convict accepts an ill-defined job from a strange man and finds himself involved with ghosts, knights, and alternate planes of dimension in *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman. Suggested by Christina Howard, Children's Place.



It is time for reflection on the year past.

There are two ways to donate materials in someone's name – a Memorial Book, given as a tribute to someone who has passed away, or an Honor Book, given in honor of someone living to mark a special occasion or in recognition of an accomplishment. Each book bears a giftplate noting its special significance.

Given In Memory Of

Jane Arnold

Barbara Arnold

Arthur Avery

Mary Jo Sears

Doris M. Biddick

Debra Born

Harriet Cunningham

Mrs. Donald (Martha) Gamble

Merl E. "Pete" Dauterman

L. Snowden Mitchell

Agnes Drummer

AAUW

Meliha Umran Sagnak Duncan

Deborah E. Smith

H. Richard Dunipace

Mary Jo Sears

Claire R. D. English & Earl and Alice Lesiman

Donald & Peggy Boren
Ted & Phyllis Hartwell
Roger & Mary Thibault
Morris & Helene Weinberger

Jack N. Falls

Earle & Maroe Decker

Howard Fogle

Mrs. Donald (Martha) Gamble

Dale A. Fox

Mary Jo Sears

Robert Gamble

Lee & Judy Miller

Wilma Geddis

Robert & Jane Balduf

John Gibson

Michael Penrod

Walbridge Library Staff
WCDPL Foundation Board
WCDPL Board of Trustees & Staff

Shirley Gillespie

Betty Baker
Mary Jo Sears
Thursday Night Bridge Club
WCDPL Staff

Dorothy Harris

Mrs. Donald (Martha) Gamble
Lee & Judy Miller

Alma Haubert

Norman J. Beczynski, Sr.

Dr. Carl B. Holmberg

Christina Howard

Opal Huber

Edwin & Phyllis Aufdenkamp
Robert & Marilyn Beattie
Tamara Biles
Ashel G. Bryan
Frank & Jean Christy
Helen Dermer
Brad & Peg Hurrell
Mrs. Donald (Martha) Gamble
Richard & Patsy Gordley
Gregory & Carol Hatch
Scotty Knight
KPMG, LLP (Dallas, TX)
Napoleon/Henry County Chamber
of Commerce
Anthony & Mary Short
Judith Wilbarger
Nancy J. Younkin

Lena B. Johnson

Norma Stickler

Evelyn King

Mrs. Donald (Martha) Gamble

Douglas McEwen & Ellen Burke

Edward & Linda Reiter

Trent McGarvey

Kelly Partin

Noah Mills

Wood Lane Preschool Friends

Thom O'Connor

Log Cabin Republicans of NW Ohio

Mary "Betty" Overhulse

Mrs. Donald (Martha) Gamble

LeRoy Rife

Pat Williamson

Adaline Flora Ruff

Sandy Hayden

Jeffery T. Smith

Judith Wise

Nora Stombaugh

Phoenix Project of NW Ohio, Inc.

Iris Vaido

Nancy Weiland & Carolyn Sisler
Lynda Stiger

David Weis

Lee & Judy Miller

Given To Honor

Harold E. Jenkins

Betty Winslow

Carolyn Webb

Nursing Department,
Owens Community College

The library would like to thank all those who gave gifts in 2003

Donations to the Library

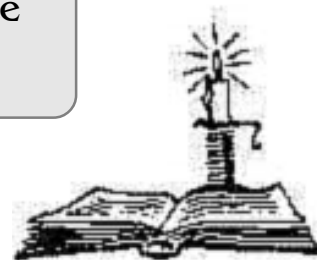
2003 Gifts

B.G. Noon Kiwanis Club
William & Sharon Baxter
Bayer, Papay, & Steiner Co., LPA
Bowling Green Community Foundation
Bowling Green Woman's Club
Black Swamp Hosta & Daylily Society
Nancy Buchanan
Cynthia Clark
Dennis & Kathy East
Gary Fairbanks
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Jim & Joan Gordon
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Greenwood Chapter 159
Gwendolyn Lougheed
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Betty Lane McKay
Dr. Lorrene Love Ort
Cathy Wenig
Robert E. Wilson
Wood County Genealogical Society
Wood County Retired Teachers Association
Wood County Solid Waste District
Elizabeth Wood

Book Campaign

Roger C. Anderson
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BG Brigade 4-H Club
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Jacquelin S. Osborne & Martha Stitt
Michael Penrod
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Christine Sexton
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Gift acknowledgements are current through
November 1, 2003.
Acknowledgement of gifts made after this date
will appear in the next newsletter.



Bowling Green Community Reads



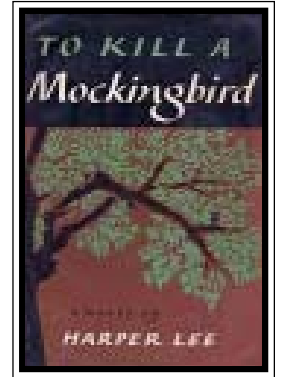
To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

March 14 - April 8, 2004

- Book Discussions
- Movie Screening
- Youth Art
- Horizon Youth Theatre Production
- Townhall Meeting

Your participation is needed to make 2004 Community Reads a success!

- Make a donation of time or money
- Volunteer to hold a book discussion with family and friends or at home, work, or church
 - Attend Community Reads events with family and friends
- Contact the library at 419-352-5104 or email breads@oplin.org to find out more ways to participate!



Library F. Y. I.*

- There are an estimated 117,418 libraries of all kinds in the United States today.
- The library is most often used for educational purpose (46%) followed by entertainment (46%).
- 62% of respondents have a library card.
- 66% of all respondents reported using the public library at least once in the last year in person, by phone, or by computer. Of those respondents who reported using the public library in person in the last year:



- 67% said they had taken out books
- 47% had consulted a librarian
- 47% used reference materials
- 31% read newspapers or magazines
 - 26% connected to the Internet
 - 25% took out CDs or videos
 - 14% heard a speaker, saw a movie or attended a special program.

- 91% of the total respondents believed libraries will exist in the future, despite all of the information available on the Internet.



- 91% believe libraries are changing and dynamic places with a variety of activities for the whole family.
 - 90% believe libraries are places of opportunity for education, self-help and offer free access to all.
 - 88% agreed libraries are unique because you have access to nearly everything on the Web or in print, as well as personal service and assistance in finding it.
 - 83% believe libraries and librarians play an essential role in our democracy and are needed now more than ever.
- 31% of the respondents had children, and 69% of these respondents said that they brought their children to the library.

Support the Friends of the Library

Great all occasion gifts, available at the Circulation Desk.



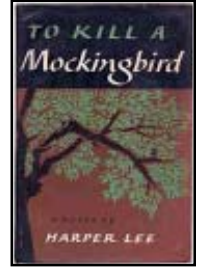
2004 Entertainment Value Books,
\$25.00

Friends Book Bags, \$8.50

2004 Book Lovers Calendar, \$6.00

Community Reads Selection

Available in
Hardback,
\$19.00
&
Paper, \$11.00
or \$6.00



Copies available at the
Circulation Desk

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Friends' Spring Programs

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Gardening Tips from a Master Gardener

Check out a gardening book, dust off the Burpee catalog, and get ready for Spring!



Join the Friends!

Membership year: January 1 to December 31

Membership dues and other contributions may be tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to

The Friends of the Wood County Public Library



Individual \$15.00 _____
Family \$25.00 _____
Organization \$50.00 _____
Benefactor \$100.00 _____
Contributor (you insert amount) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

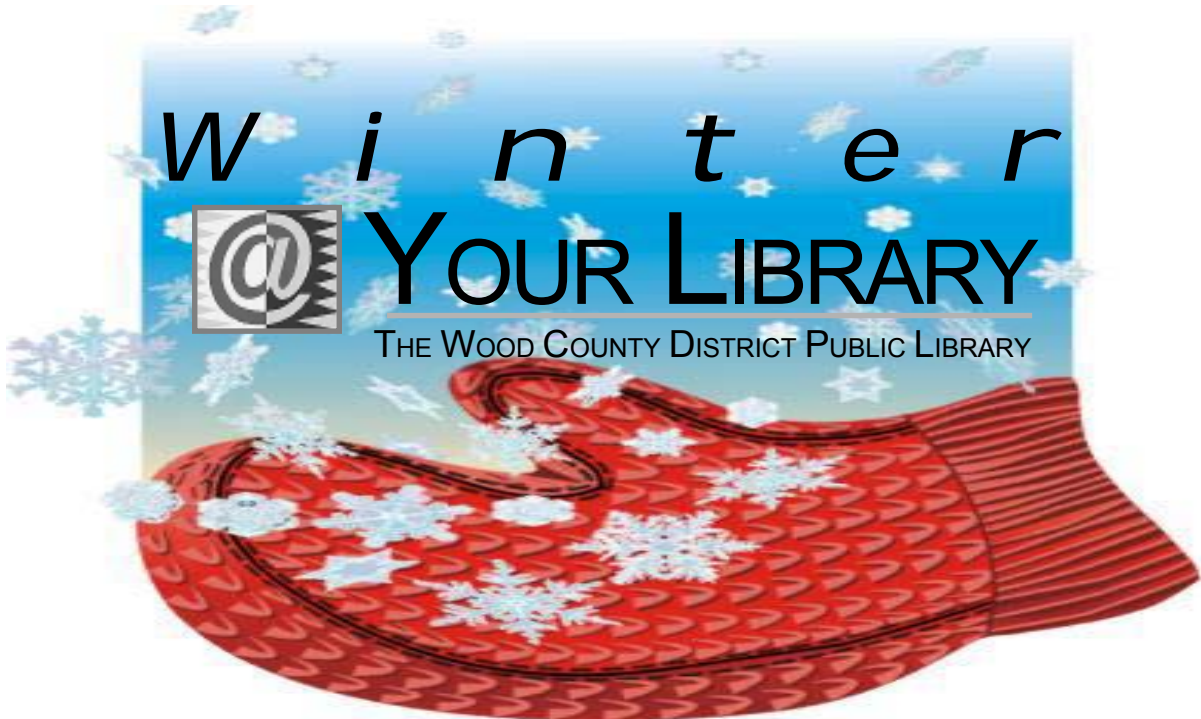
Read a good book lately? Share its title with your Friends: _____

The Friends of the Wood County Library is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that donates time, skills, and funds raised to supplement library services and budget.



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251 North Main Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402





“The Library will be a dynamic force which reaches everyone through learning and entertainment.”

Elaine Paulette, Director

David Swartz
 Jane Robb
 Pamela Heringhaus
 Sharon Hanna
 Anna Griffith
 Nick Ezzone
 Scott McEwen, President

Library Board of Trustees

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