

Children's Programs



Boooooks and Spooks

Bring your kids in for a "gentle" scare as they tour the basement of the library. Registration is not required. For children aged 4-7. **Oct 27th, 1-4pm.**

Preschool Storytimes

Join us **Tuesdays at 1:30 & 7pm** and **Wednesdays at 10:30am** for stories, songs, crafts and more!

Summer Wrap-Up: Get a Clue @ Your Library



It's no mystery: our children's summer reading program was a huge success! Over 600 area children in preschool through 6th grade signed up to meet the challenge of reading twenty-five books in eight weeks, and were rewarded with small prizes for every 5 books they read. Ventriloquists, magicians, and jugglers entertained standing room only crowds at our weekly shows.

In keeping with our mystery theme, we challenged boys and girls with a "Find the Boxcar Scavenger Hunt". Every week children followed clues to a different business in town where we hid our Boxcar Children book holder. You might have



seen our boxcar at KC's Aquaworld, Dyenamo Clothing Company, Galion Chamber of Commerce, Uptowne Outfitters, Pop's Sweet Shoppe, Fox Plumbing and Heating, and Memory Lane Car Museum. We would like to thank these businesses for their support! Our winning detectives included Alexis Hadamuscin, Selena Cortez, Kaitlyn Sutton, Michael Harris, Gabe Phillips, Anna Jones, Reanne Neal, and Tiffany Johnson.



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Did You Know?

The Galion Public Library has over ninety thousand books, videos, magazines, and other materials in its collection.

Message from the Director

In June, I had the honor to represent the Galion Public Library in Washington D.C., at the annual conference of the American Library Association. Between attending programs and visiting the exhibit area, I couldn't help but come away with the impression that a library in the United States of America in 2007 should be this modern, office-looking building with a coffee bar, a video gaming room for teens, interactive activities for children, and a vast array of technological equipment for both staff and patrons everywhere.



After four days of being bombarded with these messages I was quite interested in hearing the conference's closing speaker, author and a public radio personality, Garrison Keillor, share his insights about libraries. After a few opening pleasantries, he shared his view of libraries being "a cathedral of quietness...where silence is freedom." You could hear an audible gasp from some librarians in the audience. Many were not happy to hear that "Carnegie library buildings [like ours] are irreplaceable and the folks in suits and ties who tear them down and replace them with low warehouse-looking buildings are true vandals." It was encouraging for me to hear stated that "libraries should always be a place where serious people go to have the freedom to think without anybody poking and prodding them, in the company of other serious people who sit silently around us and yet encourage us in our own pursuits and projects."

I heard comments in the audience after the talk and on electronic newsgroups later that they were not pleased to hear a speaker not embracing all the "new" things libraries are doing. Personally, I felt sad that so many have forgotten or never seemed to have grasped what a true public library is all about. As long as I'm director here in Galion you can be sure that the library will remain a library, and not a coffee bar or video gaming arcade or computer lab.

— Larry Ostrowski

A sure sign of a good book is that you like it more the older you get.

— Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

Adult Programs

Ghosts of Ohio, October 16th, 7pm.

The Ghosts of Ohio Group will be talking about ghosts they have encountered and showing the equipment they use and video and photographs of strange things that the group has captured over the years. This presentation may not be suitable for children under 10. Registration is required.

Computer Classes, Select Tuesdays at 6pm.



We've scheduled our introductory computer classes for September through November, covering the basics of topics like the internet, email, word

processing, and the Windows operating system. Each class is just \$2 per person. Stop in and sign up now!

Wrap-Up: Adult Summer Reading Fiesta

The program was a great success, with 239 adults participating! Weekly winners this year were Tonya Guinther, Jackie Kempf, Barb Farina, Kathy Tooman, Ronda Reagan, Elizabeth Heilman, Jim Kirk, Cindy Cristman, Tonia Busler, Alice Wisler, Melanie James, Vivian Schomburg, Rebecca Killingbeck and Yvonne Depinet. Grand prize winners were Tom Everly and Deborah Sebrell. Congratulations, and thank you to all our patrons who participated in making our adult summer reading program the best ever.



First Thursday Book Discussion

You won't want to miss being a part of these lively book discussions. The group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Off Center café at 6:30. All are welcome. Stop by, have some coffee, and discuss a great book!

- October 4th, Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan



Home Improvement

The library this past June authorized Gibson Landscaping to remove everything except a few trees and the herb garden from the parking-lot side of the building and to sod the entire area. The project was completed in 3 days. Despite near-drought conditions, consistent watering and care by our Maintenance Engineer, Leonard Kirk, has kept the sod from dying. Numerous patrons have commented that they see it as an improvement.

In an unrelated matter, our sewer drains in the parking lot had eroded and cracked from years of hard storms, and both were replaced.

Teen Programs

College Entrance Test Prep, Oct 1st, 6:30pm.

Cheryl Welch will tell college-bound teens how to raise SAT and ACT scores. Find out whether to leave questions blank and how to guess well. Parents may come with their students. There is no cost, but registration is required.

Fall Chess Nights, 6:30-8:30pm

Sep 13th, Oct 4th & 11th, Nov 1st, 8th, & 29th, Dec 6th & 28th.

Practice your best strategies and learn some new ones!

Hope you can join us these Thursday nights. Refreshments are provided.

LOL @ Your Library, October 14th - 20th, 2007.

Join teens from across the nation to read humorous books and graphic novels "just for the fun of it". Review a book from the teen section and get your name in the drawing, or fill out our Teen Survey to give voice about what you want in the teen section and receive a thank-you gift.



Halloween Duct Tape, October 18th, 6:30-8:30pm.

Get crafty with duct tape, the "handyman's secret weapon"! We'll learn the basic techniques and then make 2-3 projects to take home. There is no charge, but registration is required.



Triton's Curse: A Pirate Adventure, October 20th, 7-10pm.

This new role-playing game tells the story of a pirate recruiting his ship's crew. Come dressed as a pirate and compete to join the crew! There will be refreshments. Registration is required.

Summer Wrap-Up: You Never Know @ Your Library

Seventy-three teens explored the strange and mysterious, reading books and putting their names in weekly drawings. Winners were Tanner Guinther, Kaylee Hiatt, Jon Shock, Kristi McNeal, Terry Taylor, Kylee Narance, Lindsay Harris, Kaitlyn Wiggins, Justin Huguenin, Kerry Sutton, Charlie Frazier, Emily Ross, Macy Johnson, Sammi Heilman, and Stasia Phillips.

"You Never Know" describes what teens could expect this summer. In June, Kevin Cordi explored the world of those strange urban legends. In hot July, Paul Jones gave us chills as he described his work in a real crime lab. A party with water relays, a cook-out, and an after-hours library scavenger hunt topped off the Summer Reading program, where Tanesha Gardner won the grand prize, a \$50.00 Barnes & Noble gift certificate.

