

Galion Public Library

Between the Stacks Newsletter

Spring 2015

DIRECTOR'S BIENNIAL BUDGET RANT

As I usually do every two years, it's time to talk about Public Library Funding. It happens every two years because every two years, the Ohio Governor releases a new budget which includes what money the libraries will receive for the next two years. Although I usually complain about the budget, I got to wondering if I ever explained just exactly what happens to the Governor's Budget. It's not a pretty process.

Usually around the first of February the Governor releases his Proposed Budget. Although I won't get into everything, I will touch on what effects us. This year, the Governor proposes to reduce income tax 15% this year and another 8% next year. Isn't reducing income tax good? Not if your library funding depends on it. But the Governor proposes to make up for this by increasing sales tax from 5.75% to 6.25%, taxing some things that are not taxed now (including cable TV, parking and travel services), increasing cigarette tax from \$1.25 a pack to \$2.25 a pack, and a few other complicated things. At least he's making up for the loss in income tax, right? Not necessarily. The Proposed Budget then goes to the House of Representative until about mid-March where they dissect it, change it and put in and take out what they want. Then until about mid-May, it goes to the Ohio Senate where they also chew it up, spit it out and change what they want. If the Senate doesn't agree with the House's version, then it goes to a joint committee containing members of the House and Senate who really argue about everything until they come out with a version before the end of June. By law, the budget must be passed by June 30th. Unfortunately, before that happens, the poor mangled document goes back to the Governor who can veto whatever he wants to remove.

So what do we have then? A document picked over, changed, politicized and ending up nowhere near what it began as and as a document that might not even make sense. The income tax cuts could remain (voters LOVE tax cuts), but nothing could be left of what was going to make up for the cuts leaving the public libraries with a lot less funding. (I told you it was not pretty.) So, there you have the true story of how the state makes its budget. At least, unlike the Federal government, the Ohio budget is balanced and does not spend more than it brings in. That's one very good thing.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

SOCIAL MEDIA



See what teens thought of the books they read this winter!

Reviews are posted at:
www.goodreads.com/galionteens



Follow us on Twitter:
www.twitter.com/GalionLibraryYa



Join our teen group on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/gplteens

Anime Club

Tuesday nights @ 6:30 - 8 pm

Open to grades 7 - 12

no registration required

Tuesday, March 10th

Tuesday, April 14th

Tuesday, May 12th



Games Club

Thursday nights @ 6:30 - 8 pm

Open to grades 4- 12

no registration required

Thursday, February 19th

Thursday, March 19th

Thursday, April 16th

Thursday, May 21st



Staying Alive: A Murder Mystery Friday, March 13th

@ 7:00-10:00 pm

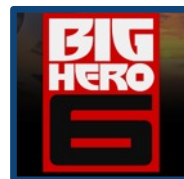
Open to ages 12-18. Preregistration is REQUIRED. If you would like to be a suspect, you should register as soon as possible. (Space will also be available for non-suspects.) Put on your best disco attire and join us for pizza and an after-hours mystery!

Movie Afternoon: Big Hero 6

Friday, April 3rd @ 2:00 pm

Open to ages 12-18 only. (Children's showing will occur on another date).

Registration is required.



Annual Youth Chess Tournament Saturday, April 25th @ 12-5 pm.

Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to join us for our annual chess tournament. Each individual will play 4 rounds. A light lunch will be served after the second round. Registration is required.

The week of April 12-18 is
National Library Week!

Call 419-468-3203 to register for any programs that require it. Or stop by the appropriate circulation desk.

Apron Free Cooking

Saturday, February 28 @ 2 pm

Learn how to make an authentic Irish dish! Cook Like an Irish Housewife! Sample Irish Cottage Pie and take home the recipe. Registration is required.



Book Discussion

Thursday, March 5 @ 6:30pm

Discuss the book "Etta and Otto and Russell and James" by Emma Hopper with Cyndi and the group!

Book Chat

Friday, March 27 @ 10 am

This group meets the last Friday of every month to chat about any books they read since the last chat.

Bingo For Books

Thursday, March 12 @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm

If you are age 18 or older, come play for your chance to win free copies of books by popular authors, including best-selling novels as well as non-fiction titles. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

B I N G O				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE FIVE SHOTS	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75



FOOD FOR FINES



February 2nd - February 28

You bring the food, we'll waive the fines!

We'll waive \$1.00 for each can/box of food you bring in.

Food items must be:

Non-Perishable - Labeled - Undamaged - Unexpired

ADULT PROGRAMMING

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



It's a Seussibration!

For grades K - 2
Saturday, March 7 @ 2 - 3:30 pm

Stories, crafts and other activities- all from everyone's favorite.. Dr. Seuss!
Registration is required.

Life-Size Clue

For grades 3-6
Saturday, March 21
@ 2 - 3:30 pm

Join in the fun as we turn our community room into a life-size version of the board game *Clue*!
Registration is required.



Fancy Nancy Tea Party

For grades K-2
Saturday, May 2 @ 2 - 3:30 pm

It's time for our always popular Fancy Nancy Tea Party! We'll read fancy stories, make fancy crafts, and we'll end the afternoon with a fancy parade and, of course, a fabulously fancy tea party! Fancy attire is encouraged but not required.
Registration is required.

Family Movie Day

Saturday, April 18 @ 2 pm

The children's room will be showing a family friendly film. Children are welcome to bring blankets and pillows! Popcorn and punch will be served.
Registration is required.



Mystery South of the Border

For grades 3 - 6
Friday, May 1 - May 16

Stop in the library anytime between May 1st - May 15th to solve *The Mystery South of the Border*! An important item has been stolen, and it's up to you to find it. All junior sleuths that complete all of the puzzles and solve the mystery will receive a prize and invitation to our Party on Saturday, May 16th.



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Monday @ 6:30pm

Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10:30 am

~in the Community Room~

Through April 29th