

BOOK BYTES

WILMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Fall/Winter 2011

From the Director

Things have been really busy this year and it is all because of you and how much you love your library! Last year we lent out 101,686 items for your education and pleasure, 6,228 people attended our great programs, 18,345 logins on our public computers and a whopping 157,881 hits to our website make us a very small but mighty library! One number we would like to see change is our number of cardholders. We serve 9,345 people but only 4,625 of you have cards. So it is time to come in and see what our little card can do for you. You would be pleasantly surprised. While you are here check out our new Digital Bulletin Board for all the latest programs and take note of all the generous business sponsors of library events. Especially of note

(no pun intended!), is our new free Guitar program! Come ask us questions about how the library can help your business grow with technology equipment you can borrow, take home one of our new nook e-readers or try one of our new databases.

As Fall approaches and you find yourself spending more time inside, remember us as a place to escape, explore, experience and enjoy and, if you can't come in, you can logon!

Our look is not the only thing that is changing! We like to keep it fresh and we get new things in daily. Come check us out! We look forward to seeing you!

Maria Meachum-Director

Thank you to our Guitar Program Sponsors:

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We appreciate the generous support and look forward to 40 weeks of guitar lessons because of you!

And now a word from our sponsors...

This year, despite a horrible economy, we received more donations for our Summer Reading Program, from more sponsors than ever before and we are grateful to them. If you visit one of these generous sponsors, please tell them you appreciate their help in bringing excellent summer programs to you and your family! Please shop locally and think globally.

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For Adults . . .

WHAT'S NEW AT WPLD

Free Guitar Lessons

The Wilmington Public Library will be able to offer residents ages 10 and up free guitar lessons thanks to a Target Community Grant. Classes meet on Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM and are taught by local instructor, Freddie Franken. Our first session is filled, but we are now taking names for future sessions. For more



information, please call or visit us online.

Nook Readers are Coming!

Six Nook readers will soon be available for checkout to Wilmington Public Library cardholders. Each Nook will be loaded with current bestsellers! For more information, please call or visit us online.

New Electronic Resources:

Check out our website or call the library for more information

Universal Class

With your library card you can now access online courses for Continuing Education Units from the convenience of your home or the library. Over 500 classes available! This resource was made possible in part by a donation from Dow Chemical.

Rocket Languages

A new resource, Rocket Languages, is one of the world's leading providers of online learn-a-language software packages. Start learning Spanish, German,

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Bus Trip

Museum of Science and Industry

Date: Sunday, December 4
Time: Depart from library at 9 AM; arrive back at library @ approximately 5 PM

Fee (including bus and discounted general admission)

Adults: \$24.75

Seniors (65 and older): \$24

Children (3-11 years): \$20.50

Children (under 3 years): \$12

Registration and fees taken through Thursday, November 17

Join us for fun-filled family day at the Museum of Science and Industry. Visit the annual "Christmas Around the World and Holiday of Lights" exhibit and enjoy the museum decked out for the holidays! Some exhibits may require purchase of additional tickets.

Basic Computer Class

Thursday, Oct. 6 @ 6 PM

Location: Wilmington High School Computer Lab

John Coyle from No Box I.T. will introduce you to computer basics such as the basic components of a computer, starting programs, and saving files. No experience necessary.

Ceramic Holiday Dish with Tracy Lawrence

Wednesday, October 19 @ 6 PM

Join Tracy as she shows you how to create your own personalized painted ceramic holiday dish.

Avoiding Sickness, Staying Healthy and Stress Free during the Holiday

Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 PM

Before the holidays leave you run down and stressed out, stop by for this health presentation by Dr. Jason Lamarche, local chiropractor. Dr. Lamarche of Elite Rehabilitation Institute, will speak on how to stay healthy and stress free during the holidays.

AARP's Driver Safety

Course

 Monday, November 14 and Tuesday,

November 15 from 9 AM until 1 PM

This two-day Driver Safety course run by the AARP is geared toward older drivers,

however, the class is open to all ages. There is a \$12 fee for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. You may be eligible for a discount on your insurance policy if you pass the course. Please consult your agent for details. Veterans can take the course free with proof of service!

Organizing for Everyone

Presented by Joe Organizer
Thursday, January 26, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

This presentation will provide tips and ideas for tackling the day-to-day paper clutter that takes over, organizing clothes and accessories in your closets and organizing your kitchen to be more efficient. A step-by-step process of how to organize any space will be explained.

Crafters' Night Out

Third Friday of every month @ 6:30 PM

Join us to work on your craft. Plenty of table space available at no charge! Share tips and ideas, good conversation and munchies. Some tools and refreshments will be provided. You bring your craft and we will provide the space. Some

card making and scrapbooking tools will be available for use.

Writers' Group

First Monday of the Month @ 6:30 PM

We are a group of local writers who meet to talk about our writing. If you are a writer looking for people to share ideas or frustrations, improve your skills, or need help taking the next step in getting your work out there, come see us! All are welcome.



Monday Night Book Club

Fourth Monday of the Month @ 6:30 PM

Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. TBA, Jan. 23

September's Book In the Woods by Tana French
October's Book The Divide by Nicholas Evans

Don't forget to register for programs by calling or stopping by the library.

Children Programs

Babygarten—NEW Program!

Join us at the Wilmington Public Library District for a new program for babies called Babygarten. During this program, not only will infants and their caregivers share nursery rhymes, songs, and books but also get a chance to make fun projects that demonstrate the babies' developmental milestones—usually a homemade toy or a baby book item. Many projects and activities will emphasize the importance of reading to babies AND parents will learn how to do this more effectively. Each class ends with a free play period. Babygarten will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. starting September 21.



School Age

Programs for Preschoolers

Storytime

Storytime is a weekly "must" for children ages 3-5. We're going to have fun singing, dancing, and reading lots of wonderful books. September 21 & 28, October 5 & 12, December 7, 14 & 21 at 1:00 P.M.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Mother Goose Rhyme Time is a gathering of caregivers and children who come together to learn and share the joys of nursery rhymes, songs, and stories. Caregivers and toddlers gather together for a fun time of learning nursery rhymes and songs. October 17, 24, and 31 at 1:00 P.M.

PJ Storytime

Join us for PJ Storytime on the second Monday of each month starting October 11 at 6:30. Stories, rhymes and fingerplays will be shared!

Toddler Art

During this program children will learn about color, texture and more while experimenting with new and innovative materials.

Make And Take Crafts

The library will be offering several "Make and Take" craft days. Create your craft any time during 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. or until supplies last. A table will be set up with the craft examples and supplies. Hope to see you at the library! October 10 & 25, November 14, and December 12

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

Over twenty years ago, Jon Scieszka wrote "*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*," a tale that made us all rethink the wolf's traditional role in fairytales. This program celebrates, Scieszka's book and questions who is really at fault? Was the wolf really bad? October 10 at 1:30 P.M.



Snoopy & His Peanut Friends

Join us for the celebration of the anniversary of the debut of the Peanuts Comic Strip by Charles Schulz on October 2, 1950. Stories, games, crafts, and activities will celebrate this event. October 1 at 1:00 P.M.

Make Your Own I Spy Box

If you enjoy I Spy books then you will enjoy this program. Using pizza boxes, each child will make their own I Spy Box. For this program, please bring small trinkets, toys and stickers from home to help create this project. October 6 at 4:30 P.M.

National Gaming Day

Come out and get your game on! We will have a variety of video and board games available for all ages to play together. Feel free to bring your

own games from home. November 12 at 1:30 P.M.

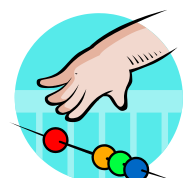
Gross Me Out

We are having a "grossy" good time at the library! Join us for a program celebrating all things gross. We will be making fake dog poop and serving a kitty litter cake. Sign up if you dare. November 15 at 4:30 P.M.



Beading With Becky for Kids

Sign up for this program and make your very own charm bracelets. You will be able to pick out your own charms for a one of a kind creation. December 6 at 4:30 P.M.



Other Activities . . .

Holiday Events

Haunted Halloween

Happenings:

Costumed characters tell spooky stories about creepy critters that tingle the spine and tickle the funny bone! LIVE ANIMALS add to the excitement of The Headless Horseman, Wiley the Hairy Man, Roger William's Bones, and The Haunted Forest. October 27 at 1:30 P.M.

Christmas Celebration

In appreciation of the patrons we serve, we invite everyone to drop in for a great time in celebrating the season. There will be holiday music, crafts, refreshments, games and fun for all. Best of all, Santa will be here! Picture of Santa will be available for a fee courtesy of the Friends Of the Library. December 3 at 1:30 P.M.

Friends Of The Library

The Friends of the Wilmington Public Library District is a volunteer group that helps the library with programs, projects and assist with fundraising. The Friends provide a direct line of communication between the library and the community. Pick up an application at the library or online.

Cemetery Walk

October 30—1:00 PM

Join John Persic Jr. on a walk you won't forget! People of the civil war era will be highlighted on this walk through Oakwood Cemetery. Refreshments will be served.

Fall Book Sale

November 5—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

November 6—1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Stop by and fill up a bag with goodies for \$3!

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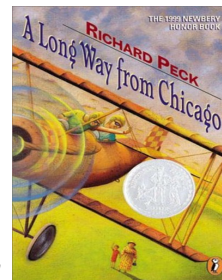
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The Board of Trustees meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are open to the public.

For Teens

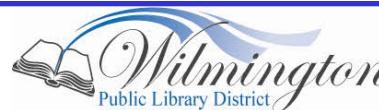
This year we will be offering programs and activities for teens at the Wilmington Middle School. Join us for our first program, **Breakfast with Books Club**. Our first book is *A Long Way From Chicago* by Richard Peck.

Meetings are held in the WMS library on Thursdays at 7:30 A.M. Stop by WPLD or



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Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday—Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday
12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.