Reaching Out Into the Community

The Library reaches out into the community every week in a number of major ways: Extension Service deliveries of books and materials to pre-schools, nursing homes, and shut-ins; puppet show performances at pre-schools; and Fireside Reading and Games Day at Oakley House Assisted Living.

On different days librarians Caitlyn Clark and Sam Graves, each pictured, read inspirational and entertaining stories and essays to an appreciative and attentive audience who very much look forward to their visits. Librarian Warren Richards also hosts Games Day at Oakley which is a bit more uproarious but equally anticipated. Outreach is part of the Library’s mission and we are happy to bring literature, fun, and friendly faces into the community.

DVDs & Blue-Rays

Tracy’s at it again! Cataloging, organizing, and displaying the latest DVDs and Blue-Rays for your entertainment fun. Best-selling movies, series, classic films, documentaries, and educational material for all ages are available at GPL. But once in awhile Tracy Hendrix asks for donations to help build the collections. If you have DVDs and/or Blue-rays you’d like to donate, please drop them off!

We also lend DVD/Blue-Ray players to take home and use. Just check one out with your Library card for one week. Tracy is seen with her display of films commemorating Black History Month.
March Lunch & Learn

The Library’s March 18th Lunch & Learn welcomes back Olive Wagar, The Compassionate Organizer, for the engaging presentation “Organizing by the Book” as she shares organizing wisdom from many different books. The fun part is that you get to choose what works for you! Let Olive guide you with compassion to the less cluttered side of life in 2020.

Overwhelmed by all the organizing books and latest trends?? Tired of never making any real progress toward your organizing goals? The good news is that there is no one perfect way to get organized.

Olive explains "Clutter impacts your life every day. In fact, it not only takes your money, space, and energy, it steals your peace of mind. It reminds you of unfinished projects and unwise decisions. In short, clutter is not your friend. The good news is that you can confidently say goodbye to clutter and hello to happiness!"

Olive, owner of Organized by Olive LLC, is a member of the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals and President of the NAPO-Ohio. She has earned the Residential Organizing, Life Transitions, Household Management, and Workplace Productivity Specialist Certificates from NAPO. Read her encouraging weekly blog at www.organizedbyolive.com.

Lunch is at noon the third Wednesday of the month. You may buy the Coffee Pot lunch for $5 or bring your own or just come for the program! We usually have a wrap with soup or salad and fruit and drinks. Please register and let us know about lunch at 548-3915.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

Please join us for an educational program presented by the Alzheimer’s Association on Thursday March 26th at 6:00. You’ll learn about the impact of Alzheimer’s; the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia; Alzheimer’s disease stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available to address some symptoms; and Alzheimer’s Association resources.

Alzheimer’s is not normal aging. It’s a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. For more info see www.alz.org. Please call the Library at 548-3915 to register.
Film Series features “The Lost World”  
by David Nilsen

On Tuesday March 3, the Third Floor Film Series will be watching the 1925 silent film *The Lost World*. The film was directed by Harry O. Hoyt and starred Bessie Love, Lewis Stone, Wallace Beery, and Lloyd Hughes.

*The Lost World* tells the story of the eponymous adventure novel written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle published in 1912. It follows a group of explorers who venture to an isolated plateau in South America to rescue a colleague who disappeared there on an earlier expedition. They discover a prehistoric ecosystem full of dinosaurs and other primitive beasts, and must fight to survive.

When they return to London with one of these creatures and it escapes, chaos ensues. The film is legendary for the groundbreaking stop-motion animation of Willis O'Brien, who went on to handle special effects on *King Kong* in 1933.

Show time is 6:30. Refreshments will be provided and a short discussion will follow the film. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you at this influential silent classic!

Quilt Club at Library

Everyone is invited to the Towne Squares annual Quilt Club demos and displays on Saturday 21st from 9:00 to 4:00 on the Library's first floor.

The Club meets the third Tuesday of the month in the BRC Brick Room at 7:00. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome! They donates quilts to Hospice and other charitable work. For more info please see [facebook.com/TowneSquaresQuiltClub](http://facebook.com/TowneSquaresQuiltClub).

Ohio Birds of Prey

Join us Thursday March 12th at 6:00 to learn about Ohio birds of prey and the roles they play in Native American legend and culture.

This fun and educational program is for the whole family and is presented by the Darke County Parks. Attendees will get to meet up close and personal the Park’s avian ambassadors!
The Friends of the Library support and provide for the Library in many different ways: sponsoring the entertainment for family Fun Days every summer; hosting the Holiday Open House and Authors Nights; donating the free-to-patrons literary magazine *BookPage*; and purchasing items outside the Library’s budget. Recently they bought a beautiful new outdoor mat that is now sprucing up the main entrance.

The new green vinyl link 4X6 mat allows water to drain and debris to be easily removed from shoes. It replaces the one the Friends purchased ten years ago.

The Friends raise money through their annual membership drive and from their continuous book sale situated on the second floor of the Library. They update the books every week so something new is always available. These are like-new books and paperbacks for all ages, fiction and nonfiction.

Friends’ treasurer Craig Stickle and member Carolyn Fisher show off the new mat.