The Children’s Summer Reading Program was phenomenal this year! Over 500 kids signed up and 180 turned in reading sheets for prizes. At the Wednesday Family Fun Days the attendance ranged from 125 to over 200 people.

The grand prize winners are seen below: Taylor Wagner, age 8, won a bike; Colin Moody, age 9, won four tickets to Kings Island; Evan Manix, age 10, also won a bike; and Elijah Sparks won a Samsung Tablet in the YA drawing.

The YA program also had a great summer and great stats. Tickets submitted equaled 279 which represents 1395 circulated items. There were 114 individual participants with an average ticket submission of 2.4 and program attendance at 119. Thirty one prizes were given away including the grand prize! (Adult Summer Reading stats and prize winners in next month’s newsletter).

Now the Library is gearing up for a new season with a fall theme of “Get Carried Away with Books!” Story Times resumed September 1st: Tuesdays at 11:00 for ages 4 & up; Wednesdays at 11:00 for ages 2 & 3; and Bookbabies Thursdays at 11:00 for 2 & under.

Lego Club for ages 6-11 is slated for Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. on September 10th, October 8th, November 5th, and December 10th. We have more Legos than ever for both boys and girls!

Two No-School Matinees are scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays September 28th with Cinderella (2015) and on October 19th with The Nightmare Before Christmas. Because these are children’s events an adult is required to have at least one child with them in order to attend.

The Library is the place to be in any season! Join us on Facebook and follow along on our website for the latest on info and fun pictures!
Update on the Harvest Seed Library
by Rachel Brock

Growing Harvest Seed Library opened in May of 2014. We started with 100 seed packets purchased from Baker’s Creek Heirloom Seeds. We ended 2014 with 25 members. Fast forward one year. In 2015, 781 packets of seed were graciously donated by: Baker’s Creek Heirloom Seeds, Seed Saver’s Exchange, Hudson Valley Seed Library, High Mowing Seeds, Territorial Seeds, and Renee's Garden. We have a total of 77 members and have already received 68 packets of locally grown seed returned to Growing Harvest from members. Also our look has changed, and we think that Cassandra Ward did a great job envisioning our name through art.

Please keep us in mind as you begin harvesting this fall. Do save some of your seeds for yourself and, if you are able, return a portion of the saved seeds back to the seed library. Not sure how to save your seeds? Three tips to remember are to clean, dry, and label all seeds for storage and donation. For more detailed information, the Greenville Public Library has resources available, including books and seed saving pamphlets, to help you. Thank you for keeping Growing Harvest self-sustaining!

The Third Floor Film Series - and More!

Our non-bookclub Bookish meets monthly. This month’s book is The Only Ones by Carola Dibbell. The October selection is Jhumpa Lahiri's The Lowland. Bookish is currently full, but you can email Melinda Guerra at gplbookclub@gmail.com to be added to the waitlist and to be notified when space becomes available.

PoetryMatters meets on Friday September 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bistro. Bring your favorite poets to read and discuss!

David Nilsen: “In September the Third Floor Film Series will be screening In the Mood for Love, Hong Kong director Wong Kar-Wai's masterpiece from 2000. This will be the most recent film we’ve shown as part of this series, and also the first foreign language film we have watched so far.

Maggie Cheung and Tony Leung play two individuals in 1960s Hong Kong who discover their spouses are having an affair. As they spend time together trying to process through the emotional ramifications of this discovery they form their own bond. They are torn between a desire to find comfort and connection in each other’s arms and a reluctance to commit the same wrongs their spouses have committed. The film is a visually stunning exploration of love, loyalty, and honor, with gorgeous photography and a beautiful musical score.”

Join us Thursday September 24, at 7:00 p.m. as we screen this lovely film. Coffee, soft drinks, candy, and popcorn will be available free of charge, and I will be leading a brief discussion after the film. I look forward to seeing you there.”
Decorating with Autumn Flair

The Library is thrilled to have Katie Gabbard from The Ivy League shop in downtown Greenville to give a class called “Decorating with Autumn Flair” on Thursday October 1st at 6:30. As always we will meet in the upstairs room and enjoy refreshments!

Katie says “Ever wonder how to get that "fresh from the magazine" look for your home? Decorating is all about mixing tried and true elements with pops of unexpected details. With Autumn peeking around the corner, it's the ideal time to discover how to envision, gather, and layer details to achieve interesting, nature-inspired "exhibits" within your abode! We'll spend the evening discussing and illustrating gorgeous decorating ideas displays that you can create for your own space.”

Some fun facts from Katie: “I founded the shop in 2007 on the first day of Spring. I first studied fine art before finding my entrepreneurial spirit and love for botanical art. I think that my earlier focus on art has really affected the style and design of my work. Because of the style and atmosphere within the shop, we have recently been able to explore various interior design projects. We hope to create interiors that embrace "pride of place"!

My favorite element in the shop currently: the baby grand piano that we use to display our handmade jewelry. It's a huge (and heavy) piece but, amazingly, shoppers often don't notice it immediately. It's large but really subtle.

We travel extensively for our wedding work. We have worked with brides in Cincinnati, Kentucky, Columbus, Dayton, and everywhere in between! We are elated that our reputation continues to spread.

We grow a lot of our own flowers. My parents have a farm outside of Arcanum and we plant dahlias, foliage, and sunflowers for the shop. It's really beautiful. Favorite flower: Celosia. It's velvety and the colors can't be topped.

Our website is ivyleagueflorist.com. Because of my love for displays and merchandising (I'm obsessed), I recently launched a side project called The Display Case. It's a blog devoted to display ideas for artists, shops, and designers. It can be found at thedisplaycaseblog.com.” Thank you, Katie! See everyone at the class!

Friends of the Library NOTES

Meetings now the 3rd Thursday of the Month!

Next Meeting September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Reference Room

Everyone invited - Please come and join us for the benefit of the Library!
Pressure Canning Class

The Library is happy to offer a class on pressure canning on Thursday September 17th at 6:30 in our upstairs meeting room - timely knowledge for preserving this year’s garden vegetables! Diane Barga from the OSU Extension Office will have all the supplies, equipment, and the right kind of jars to demonstrate how it’s done.

She'll explain the two types of pressure canners and details for vegetables, meats, and combined foods such a chili. Canning has made a big comeback with so many people growing their own produce. And Diane loves teaching people new skills!

Diane teaches Family and Consumer Sciences in schools and at the Darke County office in such subjects as parenting, money management, food preservation etc. Her program and class schedule can be seen at http://darke.osu.edu, on her Facebook page, and in the local press.

She also has a six-week program called “Live Healthy, Live Well” that you can sign up for where you receive good advice by email. Diane has been with the Darke County Office for 13 years and is a graduate of OSU in Family Relations & Human Development. She is seen left with Rachel Brock. Refreshments will be served!

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