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Jim Martin: WWII Airborne Soldier

The Library is proud to host Jim "Pee Wee" Martin to share his experiences in an effort to promote and preserve the legacy and lessons of the Second World War. This free event will be held at the Henry St. Clair Memorial Hall on Saturday April 21st from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. All ages welcome!

Jim was a member of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Battalion, G Company, from 1942 to 1945. These men went through intense training at Camp Toccoa, Georgia, where the 506th was formed, an elite company consisting of 140 men and seven officers. Known as the "Toccoa Originals" they were made famous by the book *Band of Brothers* by historian Stephen Ambrose which was later made into the HBO mini-series.

Their harrowing story began the night before D-Day, June 6th 1944, when they parachuted over Normandy and touched down in enemy-controlled territory behind Utah Beach. They fought for 43 days as part of the Normandy campaign before moving on to invade Holland, fending off Nazi fighters during the Battle of the Bulge, and finishing off by taking Berchtesgaden, site of Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" redoubt in the German Alps.

On June 6th, 2014, the 70th anniversary of D-Day, Jim became the last WWII era American paratrooper to jump over Normandy at the age of 93. He landed behind Utah Beach just as he had 70 years earlier. He felt fine after the jump and reportedly said "It didn't compare because there wasn't anybody shooting at me today."

During the commemorations Jim was fortunate to meet several of the actors involved in HBO's "Band of Brothers" series. He has said on many occasions that he holds all of these men in high regard. Jim considers them to have brought attention to the legacy of WWII.

While attending wreath laying ceremony at the Winters Leadership Memorial near Sainte Marie du Mont, (next page)





Jim had a completely unexpected conversation with the British actor, Damian Lewis. Lewis portrayed Maj. Richard Winters in the series. Damian asked Jim about his experiences from Toccoa through Bavaria and spoke about his experiences during the production of “Band of Brothers”. This unexpected encounter was a special moment for Jim.

A Q&A and picture opportunities will follow the presentation!

Genealogy Workshop

Library genealogy specialist Carolyn Fisher will host “Genealogy 101” on Tuesday April 24th at 2:00 p.m. to share her journey of helping others delve into their past and the resources that she uses to achieve success along the way. “Exploring your ancestry has become a popular pastime as individuals strive to discover their lineage,” she says.

Carolyn recently attended a workshop herself, the Miami County Historical Society’s Annual “Routes for Roots” again this year. It was held at the Fort Piqua Plaza Conference Center in the grand ballroom Saturday March 24th. Carolyn reported “It consisted of speakers on genealogical subjects, vendors selling books, and door prizes.”

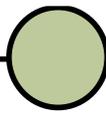
Carolyn set up a booth to “let it be known we have a very nice genealogy room” which is situated on the second floor of the Library. Carolyn is in charge of a vast amount of material that is available for research: census records, military records, family histories, county and state histories, maps, local lore, special news event archives, and decades of newspapers on microfilm. She can find any item within minutes!



Patrons from all over the world either visit in person or call or write for information which Carolyn can almost always provide. She is also in charge of the display case in the Reference Room which highlights a different interesting collection each month.

Many thanks to Carolyn for all her good work! She summed up the workshop “A good time was had by all.”

Join us the 24th for an interesting talk. No reservations needed and light refreshments provided.

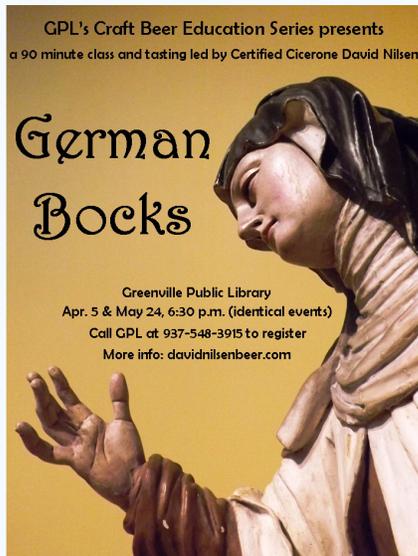


Craft Beer Series: Bock-Style Beers

by David Nilsen

Bock-style beers have a long history in Germany. First brewed in the northern city of Einbeck in the 14th century, Bock made its way to Munich in Bavaria and blossomed into an array of related styles. One such beer was first brewed by monks to sustain themselves during their Lenten fasts as "liquid bread."

Another was developed by a female brewer in tribute to her recently-deceased husband. The Bock family has a rich history, and many are traditionally brewed during the Spring months.



In this class, we will discuss the fascinating history of Bock beer styles. The Craft Beer Education Series is lead by myself, Certified Cicerone David Nilsen. I'll guide attendees through a tasting of five beer styles, explaining the history and unique ingredients and brewing processes of each.

Join us Thursday May 24th at 6:30. Craft Beer Education Series classes are free, but seats are limited and registration is required. Please call Greenville Public Library at 937-548-3915 to reserve your seat. We hope to see you there!

April Lunch & Learn

by Warren Richards, Wellness Coordinator

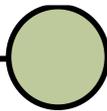
The Library's Lunch & Learn for April features everyone's favorite wellness expert Jordan Francis from Wayne Healthcare. Jordan's presentation is from his Healthy Living Series entitled "Change That Will Last."



Jordan comments "The program can help you reach and maintain a healthier lifestyle by making changes in eating, physical activity, and behavior. These lifestyle changes can lower your risk of diabetes, heart disease, and blood pressure.

Join us Wednesday April April 18th at noon. Space is limited to 20 participants. If you would like the boxed lunch from the Coffee Pot please register by calling 548-3915. It costs \$5 and includes a wrap, fruit, a salad or soup, and a beverage. Or just come for the program!

We apologize for having to cancel March's program due to the snowstorm. We have rescheduled Melissa Laux, Licensed Massage Therapist and Craniosacral Therapist, for Lunch & Learn in May!



Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament for Teens

by YA Specialist Amanda Olson

The Library will be hosting a Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament on Saturday May 5th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The format for the tournament will be as follows: Each participant will compete against every other entrant at least once, depending on the number of entries. The participant winning the highest number of matches will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, there will be a face-off to determine the winner.



Anyone interested in participating needs to sign up prior to the event. To enter, please contact me YA Specialist Amanda Olson at the library on or before Wednesday May 2nd. A list of rules will be provided for all contestants at sign up.

