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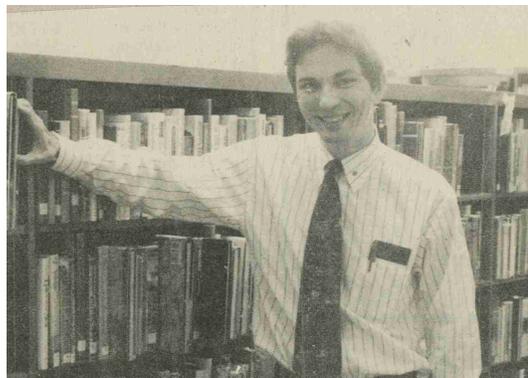
On December 31st our beloved Director John Vehre will retire after a long career as a professional librarian and community leader. He has been CEO of the Greenville Public Library since 1991 when he began implementing the latest technologies and updating every aspect of the operation, eventually taking it into the 21st century as a vital, modern, and relevant information and service center.

John also saw the Library through one of its biggest upheavals ever and that was the move to the Biddlestone Building from March 2007 until June 2008 while construction for the building expansion and renovation took place. That feat was carried out with his usual calm demeanor and aplomb, fulfilling a long-held dream.

John's leadership style has fostered the creativity and appropriate structure needed to expand Library programming beyond what even much larger libraries can offer. Not only is there available every kind of book, periodical, or publication in paper or electronic form, but films, music, games, computers, and WiFi. Patrons can enjoy a huge variety of materials, services, and entertaining and educational events. This is John's legacy.

Please join us on Friday January 18th for an afternoon Open House in John's honor held at the Library. Come in and congratulate him for a job well done and wish him well for a future full of his favorite activities - family, travel, chess, and yoga to name a few!

Refreshments will be served and cards appreciated. On January 1st Susi Halley will succeed John and plans to continue the same excellent traditions. Words can't express our appreciation for what John has done as we say farewell - though we hope to see him often. Photos of then and now!



Edison Addresses Bullying

Five “Fundamentals of Communication” students at Edison State Community College, Darke County Campus, will offer a presentation addressing the issues of bullying on December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Dawn Cleere, Hope Byrum, Baylee Petry, Renee Netzley and Christopher Bucklew will talk about the different types of bullying, its impact on victims and different ways to address the problem. The program is a culmination of 16 weeks of preparation in public speaking, research, and teamwork.

While statistics may vary somewhat, all sources agree bullying is a major problem in the U.S. For instance, one national anti-bullying site reports that 90 percent of fourth through eighth graders report being victims of bullying, with over 3.2 million victims reported every year. Approximately 160,000 teens skip school daily due to bullying, and one in 10 will eventually drop out of school.

Surveys done in three Edison State communications classrooms indicate nearly two-thirds of the students have been bullied, about a third have actually participated in bullying and almost without exception students have observed bullying (referred to as bystanders).

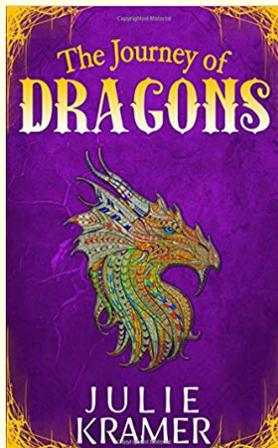
In addition to the library presentation, six other Edison State communications teams have been invited to Greenville Middle School and Ansonia Local Schools to talk with students,



first through eighth grades, about the harmful effects of bullying. Their focus will be directed to the students, while the library program will be directed toward adults and students.

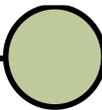
What are the harmful effects of bullying? Why does it happen? What can victims and bystanders do about it? These are just a few of the questions the Edison State team hopes to address. Registration not required.

Author Share & Sign



Join us Wednesday December 5th at 6:00 p.m. for young adult author Julie Kramer who has just written her second novel *The Journey of Dragons*. Julie will discuss the specifics of writing a sequel to her first novel *The Science of Dragons* and the differences between writing a first and second book. One challenge is keeping the momentum going.

Julie will also share excerpts from her new novel which will be available for sale and signing. Come and enjoy this talented young author!



The Thin Man at Third Floor Film Series

by David Nilsen

The *Thin Man*, released in 1934 and directed by W. S. Van Dyke, is a mystery-comedy film that follows the exploits of crime-solving couple Nick and Nora Charles as they seek to unravel a labyrinthine murder mystery. Released just as the Hays Code was coming into effect, the film displays some mildly racy humor that was erased from Hollywood films within the year.



Few comedic film couples have ever had better chemistry on screen than William Powell and Myrna Loy as Nick and Nora. They exchange witty one-liners, flirting and teasing their way through one absurd situation after another, looking dashing and stylish all the while and drowning a never-ending stream of cocktails. A murder mystery has never been so charming.

Join us on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m., as we screen this comedic crime caper as part of the Third Floor Film Series at Greenville Public Library. Free popcorn, candy, and soft drinks will be provided, and David Nilsen will lead a brief discussion after the film. We hope to see you there.

Friends of the Library Holiday Open House

Join us for our annual holiday cookie extravaganza on Saturday December 8th from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. at the Library. As always there will be tables full of delicious cookies, punch, and coffee, plus live music provided by a string quartet and flutist Nancy Jackson. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be attending! Kids can get their picture taken with them for free.

The Friends will also have many beautiful Christmas books available at their Continuous Booksale in the Computer Room of the Library. They have quality books of all genres so be sure to shop gifts for yourself or others on your list. Or stock up for those cold winter nights ahead.



The Friends are a volunteer group who raises money for the benefit of the Library. They sponsor the Summer Reading program including the entertainment for Family Fun Day each year as well as purchase expensive items outside the budget. Recently they bought a portable stage and additional puppets for the GPL Puppeteers.

Seen left are Carolyn Fisher, President Vicky Stickel, and Treasurer Craig Stickel, by the Christmas book display.

Meet the Grinch!

Meeet the Grinch and have your picture taken with him! He'll be in the Library at least three times: Saturday December 8th during the Gingerbreadhouse Party from 2:00 to 4:00; Storytime on Tuesday and Wednesday December 11th and 12th at 11:00 a.m. He's very kid-friendly!



Gingerbreadhouse Party

Families, kids, and teens are invited to a Gingerbreadhouse Party on Saturday December 8th at 2:00 p.m. right after the Open House. We will be making gingerbread houses out of graham crackers so no baking needed. We'll have all the supplies and all you have to do is come and have fun. Several of us will be on hand to help. We'll be giving away three copies of Jan Brett's Gingerbread books. No sign-up needed.

