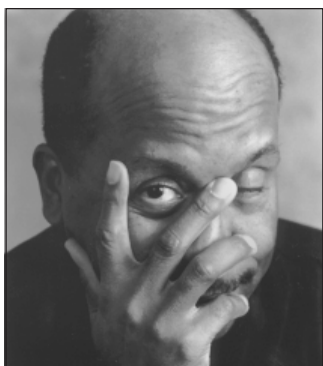


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LIBRARY NEWS

# POCKET EDITION

## Mystery Author Combines Suspense, Comedy and Romance



*Blair Walker brings the world of mystery thrillers to the Tippecanoe County Public Library at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 30.*

In keeping with the Tippecanoe County Public Library's summer theme, "Reach for the World: Read," we've booked author Blair Walker for a visit at **7 p.m., Tuesday, July 30.** He'll bring along anecdotes from the world of newspaper reporting—his own and his fictional character's, Darryl Billups.

### Series Features Newspaper Reporter

Billups, a Baltimore newspaper reporter, is the star of three Walker books: The just-released *Don't Believe Your Lying Eyes, Hidden in Plain View*, 1999; and *Up Jumped the Devil*, 1997. The fourth in the series is due out next year.

### Former Journalist Himself

Writing his mysteries, Walker uses suspense, comedy, romance and social commentary in a well-honed style, sharpened during his years as a reporter for *USA Today*, *New York Newsday*,

*Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun* and the *Associated Press*. He's also written three non-fiction books.

Of his dual skills, Walker says, "If you're going to write fiction, it helps to have an ear for dialogue and a keen understanding of the human conditions. For effective non-fiction, it's helpful if you're a good fact-gatherer and can pull compelling quotes from folks."

### Likes Race Cars, Too

Walker's path to writing books wasn't a direct one. As a youngster, he was determined to race at the Indianapolis 500, and he was a professional race car driver for a short time. Besides being a reporter, he was a military linguist and he earned a law degree. "What I can tell you is that I like to push things to their limit," he says. "And I'm not cut out for life in Cubicle Land."

## New Mobile Library Arrives This Summer

For those who can't travel the world—or even regularly visit our libraries—we come to you. This summer, hopefully before our 14-year-old bookmobile with 120,000 miles gives out, our new Mobile Library will arrive.

Currently, our on-the-go Outreach Department takes the bookmobile to 50 different spots, making about 100 stops each month. That will increase with the new Mobile Library.

### Full-Service Library On Wheels

More than carting items for check-out, it's a full-service library, says Head Outreach Librarian Kirsten Serrano. "We provide materials, programming, and reference and reader's advisory services to outlying communities, low-income neighborhoods, facilities for the aged and disabled and early learning facilities, among others."

### Expanded Programming Coming

Some features of the new Mobile Library, a 28-foot-long library pulled by a Ford 550 crew cab:

- Easier access—it's lower to the ground, there's a ramp and there are no interior steps.
- A 16-foot awning, public address systems and television, DVD and VCR, for expanded programming
- Perimeter shelving carts, which can be specially stocked for each day's stops, and even moved outdoors for display and browsing.

### Custom Look

To give the new Mobile Library a hometown identity, the exterior will sport Greater Lafayette scenery detailed by local artists.

## Senior Day August 13

Seniors are invited to learn how to tuck their photos, memorabilia and mementos into a safe, creative and fun-to-view scrapbook at **10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13**. Julie Geisler of Creative Memories will present the free Senior Day program on scrapbooking.

## You'll Be Traveling The Information Highway In No Time

Step into the electronic world of the Internet! Learn how at these free classes at the Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library:

### Pre-Internet

- Wednesday, **July 24, 1 to 3 p.m.**
- Thursday, **August 15, 10 a.m. to noon**

### World Wide Web 102

- Thursday, **July 18, 10 a.m. to noon**
- Wednesday, **August 7, 1 to 3 p.m.**
- Wednesday, **August 28, 10 a.m. to noon.**

### E-mail

- Wednesday, **July 10, 1 to 3 p.m.**
- Wednesday, **July 31, 10 a.m. to noon**
- Monday, **August 19, 1 to 3 p.m.**

Some of these classes are taught by Larry Fields, spotlighted in this issue as one of our many volunteers.

The E-mail class teaches how to set up an account and some advanced features. Pre-Internet is for those who haven't used a computer before, and WWW 102 covers effective Internet searches.

For more information, call the Reference Department, 429-0113. Registration is not required; just show up!

## One Great Read: Join The Discussion



Photo courtesy Journal and Courier

*The whole town is talking—about Fahrenheit 451 and the issues Ray Bradbury's book raises. Assistant County Librarian Scottie Wallace and Dave Bangert of the Journal and Courier (pictured center) helped facilitate this discussion at the Java Roaster in May.*

Give our town a title, and we're off and reading—in this case, Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*.

Your library is well-stocked, with more than 60 copies, as well as cassettes, CDs, videos, and even Cliff Notes. Grab a copy, then join us for these free open-forum discussions:

- Wednesday, **July 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, downtown library, bring your lunch, if you'd like
- Monday, **July 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m.**, campus library
- Thursday, **July 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**, campus library



- Thursday, August 8, 7 to 9 p.m., downtown library

For more information, visit [www.tcpl.in.us/internet/onegreatread.htm](http://www.tcpl.in.us/internet/onegreatread.htm). It's one firey site!

## Book Clubs Bring Readers Together

What's a good read without someone to talk to about it? We've got just the answer: book clubs! Join us for one or all of these:

- **Read Around the World Book Series**, Third Thursday, 7 p.m., Indiana Room  
**July 18:** *Songs to an African Sunset: A Zimbabwean Story* by Sekai Nzenza-Shand  
**August 15:** *Mute Phone Calls* by Ruf Aleksandrovna Zernova  
**September 19:** *England, England* by Julian Barnes  
For more information, call the Reference Department, 429-0113.
- **Fiction**, First Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
**July 2:** *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* by Tom Robbins  
**August 6:** *The Broken Places* by Susan Perabo  
For more information, call the Reference Department, 429-0113.

- **Eclectic**, Third Thursday, 10 a.m.  
**July 18:** *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
**August 15:** *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger  
For more information, call the Reference Department, 429-0113.
- **Bilingual**, meets Saturday, **August 17, 12 noon**, at La Scala Restaurant, 312 Main St., to discuss *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya. For more information, call Kirsten Serrano, 429-0200.
- **Book Clique: Online**  
**July:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury  
**August:** *Girl with the Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier  
To sign up visit our web site, [www.tcpl.lib.in.us](http://www.tcpl.lib.in.us).

# Recreational Reading Part Of Our Mission



by Jos Holman,  
County Librarian

Reading is often considered one of the great and relaxing pleasures of life. When you sit down with a good book and enjoy

creative writing, you experience something that can never be taken away. In our May/June newsletter, I wrote about your library providing information, and I reaffirmed that "Information is power." In this issue, I would like to reaffirm another tenet on which your library's mission is solidly built.

## Read For Pleasure

Our library thoroughly believes in recreational reading and seeks to foster the love of reading as often as we can. The privilege of reading should not be taken for granted. This human activity has served to stir the imagination far beyond the mundane routines of everyday life. It has provided countless hours of simplistic

joy as readers became immersed in the author's words, images, analogies and facts. Tippecanoe County Public Library supports and will continue to strive to meet the recreational reading needs of our community.

## Read To Connect

In thinking about reading as recreation, it is fitting that an unusual local event presently taking place is predicated on leisure reading. Our community has embarked on a shared reading adventure appropriately titled, "One Great Read, One Greater Lafayette." This unique activity centers on countless members of our community reading and discussing the same book. Imagine neighbors, civic leaders, politicians, educators, laborers, teenagers, senior citizens, poor and rich alike all reading the same book at the same time.

This shared reading leads to a shared common experience, provoking interaction among many individuals in various ways. These interactions are the by-product of recreational reading and can create a

community interest, spirit and bond that is potentially never-ending. Add these interactions to the personal benefit of reading, and you have an activity the community will always remember.

## Read To Look Within

Reading is fun and entertaining. It's also educational and provocative, and often it initiates great introspection. Many people even reread books. I hope you join in the fun, whether participating in the "One Great Read" experience or individually enjoying the books available to you. Either way, please remember the role your library can play in meeting your recreational reading preferences. We're proud of our collection and encourage you to use it to the fullest.

As you do, you may identify with Clifton Fadiman, writer, critic, editor and noted intellectual known for his Lifetime Reading Plan. He said, "When you reread a classic, you do not see more in the book than you did before; you see more in you than there was before."

# A Book Is Born In Technical Services



by Kristen Winter and Sharon Kern

Last year, your library added more than 28,000 items to our collection. How do these items get from the publisher to our shelves? Here's an overview.

## Selecting New Items

One of more than 25 library selectors, who read reviews in journals and publishers' catalogs, decides that a new item should be added to our collection. Each selector has a specific budget for their area. Orders are entered into our computer system and show up in TIPCAT almost immediately, so you may place holds on new items even before they arrive.

## Ordering 2,500 Titles A Month

Then our acquisitions staff combines individual orders, placing purchase orders of about 2,500 titles a month with our vendors, who ship us the materials.

At the library, the items are unpacked, checked against our orders, loaded onto

carts and given to the catalogers. They verify the title, author, subjects, performers and other information in TIPCAT. Doing this allows you to look for what you want by different methods. Each item is then "linked" in the computer with a barcode, which is necessary for materials to be checked out.

## Getting Ready For Circulation

Next, the item goes to processing, where labels, pockets and protective coverings are added to make the item durable enough for circulation. In its lifetime, a book may circulate 50 to 60 times, and a video as many as 250 times.

At last, the new items are ready to go to Circulation for check out.

# Lafayette Life Funds Library Study Room



*Giving to the community has been a way of life for nearly a century at Lafayette Life Insurance Co., which recently contributed \$15,000 to the Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation. Lafayette Life staff pictured (from left) are Anne Washburn, director of corporate communications and travel services, Robert Gibbons, chairman and CEO, and Jerry Stillwell, senior vice president and chief marketing officer.*

Descendents of families whose farms were saved from foreclosure during the Depression with help from Lafayette Life Insurance Co. know well the firm's commitment to this community. So do the some 100 nonprofit organizations who benefit every year from the company's giving. Now, with the company's \$15,000 contribution to the Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation, library patrons, too, will recognize Lafayette Life's spirit of giving.

The company's gift helps fund a quiet study room at the new Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library.

"We're making an investment in the people of Greater Lafayette," says Robert Gibbons, chairman and chief executive officer of Lafayette Life. "We hope our gift will help many residents expand their knowledge, broaden their horizons and

bring joy to their lives."

Founded in 1905 and always headquartered in Lafayette, the company develops and markets individual and group life insurance and annuity products in 48 states and the District of Columbia; it also administers retirement planning services and products for small businesses. Lafayette Life employs 200 at its Teal Road offices.

## Foundation Facilitates Giving

If you'd like to support the library through a gift to the Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation, please contact Planning and Development Librarian Amy Paget at 429-0167.

## Friends Fund A World Of Programs

Are you enjoying the Summer Reading Club and its many programs? Do you like meeting visiting authors? These programs and more are financially supported by the Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library.

Much of their funding comes from used book sales. Last month's raised more than \$15,800. The Friends group is now collecting used books for its next sale, **September 6 to 9**. Drop off your donations at the Circulation Desk at the downtown library.

## Fields Leads Tours Of Cyberspace



*Larry Fields*

Two-year library volunteer Larry Fields could be called a world tour guide. He takes students in his free library Internet classes around the world and beyond! For his generous

donation of time and expertise, we're featuring him as our "Volunteer in the Spotlight" this issue.

His first task as a teacher is putting students at ease. "Don't be scared to try new things and to experiment," he tells students. "You cannot break a computer by using it."

## Rumps' Dedication Earns Award



*Mary Rumps*

Reference Aide Mary Rumps, a two-year library employee, likes to anticipate what library patrons will need and have the items ready and waiting, whether it's serials or supplies. That

dedication earned her the Employee of the Quarter Award.

"Mary is reliable and trustworthy," her co-workers report. She also streamlined the process for locating items that have been placed on hold—a benefit to patrons and the library staff.

Outside work, this behind-the-scenes staffer enjoys her children, reading and collecting elephant figurines.

# Youth, Teens Reach for the World

## 'Go Figure' Arrives This Fall



Math and literature team up for youngsters in the "Go Figure!" hands-on traveling exhibit that will visit your library **October 10 to November 22**.

Created by the Minnesota Children's Museum in collaboration with the American Library Association, the exhibit features favorite characters like Arthur, Frog and Toad, Goldilocks and those famous bears. They help young ones learn to count, sort, measure and create patterns. School-age children will enjoy special programs just for them, too.

We're planning a calendar full of events on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Plan to join us for more fun than you can count!

## Celebrate Release Of Indiana Quarter

Twenty-five cents says you'll love this! The new quarter depicting the State of Indiana will be released in August, and we're hosting a free commemorative event on **Saturday, August 24, from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Join the fun! If you have extras of any state quarters, bring them along to exchange with others. This program is appropriate for ages 8 and up.

## Keep Reaching, Keep Reading

Summer reading programs are in full swing at your library, and you're invited! If you signed up for the Summer Reading Club, be sure to report your reading. You can earn prizes until **July 31**.

Still ahead—check our calendar on the back page for dates and times:

- For little ones, many story times
- For ages 5 and up, Reach for the World of Physics, Animals from Around the World and Stevens Puppets (free, but tickets required; available at 9 a.m. the Monday before each Thursday event)
- For ages 8 to 12, How To Tell A Story and The World of Chess (reserve your spot by calling 429-0119).



- For 6th through 12th graders, Games From Around the World and Mehndi, the ancient Indian art of henna tattoos (reserve your spot by calling 429-0119).

## Old-Time Marionettes Bring Beauty, Fun

Children who see the Stevens Puppets production of *The Sleeping Beauty*, accompanied by the music of Tchaikovsky, will step into a fantasy world elegantly and delicately created decades ago by the troupe's founders, Martin and Marge Stevens.

Martin handcrafted the marionettes of wood and adapted *Sleeping Beauty's* story for puppets. He and Marge designed costumes and scenery. And in 1933, they took their string-pulling talents on the road. The company has been at it since, and this summer comes to the downtown Tippecanoe County Public Library on **Thursday, July 25**, with performances at **2, 3:30 and 7 p.m.**

The production is free and appropriate



Children ages 5 and up are invited to marionette productions of *The Sleeping Beauty* on **Thursday, July 25, at 2, 3:30 and 7 p.m.** Pick up free tickets beginning Monday, July 22.

for children ages 5 and up. To assure sufficient seating, tickets are required. Pick them up beginning Monday, July 22, at the downtown or campus library.

## Teen Book Talk Takes On The World

Turn up the heat with a different kind of book club, where 6th through 12th graders talk about what you're reading! Join us **Friday, August 2 at 2 p.m.**

Since it's popular now, *Fahrenheit 451* may come up, as well as discussions on censorship, its advantages and its costs. If this grabs you, come talk about

it, other books, our freedoms and attempts to limit them. Our discussions differ from traditional book clubs. Rather than reading one book and discussing it, we talk about everything we've read and even the role of movies, music, television and popular culture today.



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# Calendar of Events • July - August 2002

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| <p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Last day to sign up for Summer Reading Club</li> <li>2 Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.<br/>Fiction Book Club, 7 p.m.<br/>Library Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>4 Library closed</li> <li>8 Tiny Tots, stories for birth to 12 months, 10 a.m.<br/>Brainfood: How to Tell a Story Anywhere in the World, ages 8 -12, 2 p.m.</li> <li>9 Toddler Time, stories for ages 2 to 3, 10 a.m.<br/>Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.<br/>Brainfood: How to Tell a Story Anywhere in the World, ages 8 -12, 7 p.m.</li> <li>10 Walkin' Tots, stories for ages 12 to 24 months, 10 a.m.<br/><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Forum, 11 a.m.<br/>E-mail Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 1 p.m.</li> <li>11 Reach for the World of Physics, ages 5 and up, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.<br/>Teen Advisory Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>12 Stories 'n Stuff, for all ages, 10 a.m.<br/>Games from Around the World, for 6th through 12th graders, 2 p.m.</li> <li>15 Tiny Tots, stories for birth to 12 months, 10 a.m.<br/>Brainfood: The World of Chess, ages 8-12, 2 p.m.<br/><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Forum, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>16 Toddler Time, stories for ages 2 to 3, 10 a.m.<br/>Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.<br/>Brainfood: The World of Chess, ages 8-12, 7 p.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 Walkin' Tots, stories for ages 12 to 24 months, 10 a.m.</li> <li>18 World Wide Web 102, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 10 a.m.<br/>Eclectic Book Club, 10 a.m.<br/>Animals from Around the World, ages 5 and up, 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.<br/>Read Around the World Book Series, Indiana Room, 7 p.m.<br/>All Write!, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 4 p.m.</li> <li>19 Stories 'n Stuff, for all ages, 10 a.m.<br/>Mehndi, for 6th through 12th graders, 2 p.m.</li> <li>22 Tiny Tots, stories for birth to 12 months, 10 a.m.</li> <li>23 Toddler Time, stories for ages 2 to 3, 10 a.m.<br/>Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.</li> <li>24 Walkin' Tots, stories for ages 12 to 24 months, 10 a.m.<br/>Pre-Internet Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 1 p.m.</li> <li>25 Stevens Puppets presents Sleeping Beauty, ages 5 and up, 2, 3:30 and 7 p.m.<br/><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Forum, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>26 Stories 'n Stuff, for all ages, 10 a.m.</li> <li>29 Tiny Tots, stories for birth to 12 months, 10 a.m.</li> <li>30 Toddler Time, stories for ages 2 to 3, 10 a.m.<br/>Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.<br/>Mystery Author Blair Walker, 7 p.m.</li> <li>31 Last day to report books read and pick up prizes in Youth Room for Summer Reading Club<br/>Walkin' Tots, stories for ages 12 to 24 months, 10 a.m.<br/>E-mail Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 10 a.m.</li> </ul> | <p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Teen Book Talk, 2 p.m.</li> <li>6 Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.<br/>Fiction Book Club, 7 p.m.<br/>Library Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>7 World Wide Web 102 Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 1 p.m.</li> <li>8 <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Forum, 7 p.m.<br/>Teen Advisory Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>13 Senior Day, 10 a.m.<br/>Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.</li> <li>15 Pre-Internet Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 10 a.m.<br/>Eclectic Book Club, 10 a.m.<br/>Read Around the World Book Series, Indiana Room, 7 p.m.<br/>All Write!, 7 p.m. (back downtown)</li> <li>17 Bilingual Book Club, La Scala Restaurant, 312 Main St., 12 noon</li> <li>19 E-mail Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 1 p.m.</li> <li>20 Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.</li> <li>24 Indiana State Quarter Release Program, ages 8 and up, 2 p.m.</li> <li>27 Story time with Stacy, all ages, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 2 p.m.</li> <li>28 World Wide Web 102 Class, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library, 10 a.m.</li> </ul> |
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All library programs are free, open to the public and held at the downtown library, 627 South St., Lafayette, unless otherwise noted.  
If you will need special assistance while attending a program, please call us at 429-0100.