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## 'Go Figure!' Mixes Math, Literature In Hands-on Activities



Count on fun! Head to the downtown library to see the *Go Figure!* exhibit, on display from **October 10 through November 22**. Sign up for special programs, too.

Children can step inside an exciting world of math and its everyday uses this fall when the traveling exhibit, *Go Figure!*, comes to the downtown Tippecanoe County Public Library.

### It All Adds Up With Favorite Books

Youngsters ages two through seven will learn counting, pattern making, sorting, measuring and other simple math. They'll be in good company, too, pairing up with life-size replicas of characters from familiar books.

Children will help Arthur with his calendar in *Arthur's Pet Business*, count chocolate chips in the cookies in *The Doorbell Rang*, create and continue patterns in *The Quilt*, develop sorting skills in *Frog And Toad Are Friends* and learn about measuring with *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*.

The exhibit includes materials in both English and Spanish.

### Programs For Youngsters, Older Youth

Dozens of storytimes and special programs, including events for both young and older children, are planned around the exhibit (see sidebar and Program Pages, enclosed).

For school-age youngsters, **Wednesdays at 4 p.m.** will feature math crafts. And youth ages 8 through 12 are invited to participate in Math Brainfoods at **2 p.m. on several Saturdays** during the exhibit.

*Go Figure!* was created by the Minnesota Children's Museum in collaboration with the American Library Association with support from the National Science Foundation, Cargill and 3M.

Multiply your fun! Head to the downtown library for this math and literature combo, on display from **October 10 through November 22**.

## Count On Fun At These *Go Figure!* Events

- Opening Family Reception, **1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 13**
- Family Evening Storytimes, **6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, October 15 to November 19**
- Drop-in Storytimes for children from birth to 3-1/2, **Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**
- Storytime for all ages, **2 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays, October 17 to November 22**
- After-school Make & Take for school-age children, **4 p.m., Wednesdays, October 16 through November 20**
- **Brainfood Programs**, for children ages 8 through 12
  - Quilted Math, **2 p.m., Saturday, October 19**
  - Maps! Design Your World, **2 p.m., Saturday October 26**
  - Puzzled with Math, **2 p.m., Saturday, November 9**

The *Go Figure!* exhibit and all related programs will be at the downtown library. Registration is required for some programs; please call Youth Services at 429-0119.

You also may visit the display anytime during regular library hours from **October 10 through November 22**.

### Library Closed Sept. 2, 30

The downtown, campus and mobile libraries will be closed:

Monday, September 2, Labor Day  
Monday, September 30, for staff in-service

# Riley Interpreter, *Lafayette* Author Coming This Fall



*Indiana's beloved poet James Whitcomb Riley – via interpreter Henry Ryder – performs at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, October 5, at Ivy Hall on the Ivy Tech campus.*

Interpreter Henry Rider brings James Whitcomb Riley's works to life and biographer Harlow Giles Unger tells us about our cities' namesake in two programs this fall. The events are free, and no tickets or reservations are required.

## Riley's *Raggedy Man* Reissued

To celebrate the reissue of James Whitcomb Riley's *Raggedy Man* by Guild Press Emmis Publishing, interpreter Henry Ryder will appear as the "Great Hoosier poet" at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, October 5, at Ivy Hall on the Ivy Tech campus.

For this family event, he'll dress as the poet, talk about Riley's life, and recite poems such as "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" and "The Bear Story." Copies of *The Raggedy Man* will be available for sale.

## Unger's Newest Book: *Biography of Lafayette*

Just who was the Marquis de Lafayette, the man our twin cities and more than 600 places and landmarks were named for? Long venerated by Americans, this Frenchman was a champion of liberty, religious tolerance, gender equity, universal suffrage and free trade.

In a new 480-page biography, author Harlow Giles Unger gives readers a look at the man who aided the Americans in our revolution. Unger will share high points in Lafayette's life

when he speaks at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 24 at the downtown library. Copies of his just-released book on Lafayette will be available for sale and the author will sign copies.

A veteran journalist, historian and educator, Unger has also written eight education books and biographies on Noah Webster and John Hancock.



*Want to know more about the man our cities were named for? Meet author Harlow Giles Unger at the downtown library 7 p.m., October 24, when he'll talk about his newest biography, Lafayette, and the famed hero of the American Revolution.*

# Vast Range of Services Available At Your Library



*by Jos Holman,  
County Librarian*

As a fairly new employee of the library, I am still becoming familiar with the services and products we offer. Of course, as an administrator, I am highly interested in what we do and the way we do it. As each week has gone by in the past five months, I have often been told by our staff about a particular service, learned about it through my own library use, stumbled upon it reading various policies, or discovered it reviewing current procedures or practices. More recently, I have received inquiries by email that caused additional learning on my part.

So what is the point in sharing these thoughts? I work here and each day I find out there is more about library services I

should know. It makes me wonder: How much more do we need to let customers know about our library? Do you have enough knowledge of our services and programs? What haven't you had the privilege of learning yet? Do we share enough information as you ask questions and seek assistance?

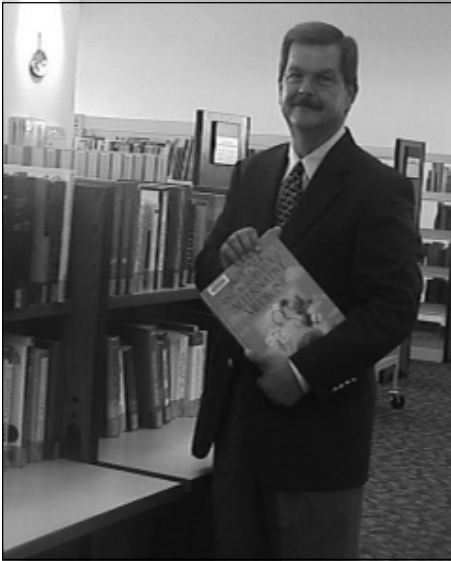
## Visit Us Often

Being a regular and consistent user of your library will help you utilize the widest spectrum of our customer-driven services. Your library has much to offer. To really become familiar with our services, unique programs and diverse collection, spend time using your library. If you use the library once or twice a year, you can still enjoy what we offer, but if you use the library regularly, you can take full advantage of all we offer. The more you use your library, the more you'll know about our services and programs.

## If We Don't Know, We'll Find Out

As a relatively new staff member, my answer to some questions is, "I don't know." Although I may be in that position right now, it is not the stance we take as library staff who interact with you. In our pursuit of quality customer service, we intend to give the best response to inquiries. Our objective is to thoroughly know the policies, practices and procedures in place to help you remain a satisfied customer. This is what we will strive for and hopefully achieve. If on rare occasion we might say, "I don't know," you can also expect to hear, "I will find out for you." With that approach, we have a greater chance of retaining you as a satisfied user and a return customer. I hope you continue to explore the myriad of services we offer, and as you learn about new ones, that you believe we remain committed every day to serving you the best we can.

# North Central Health Services Donates \$50,000



*John Walling, president and CEO of North Central Health Services Inc., stands near the campus library's new Health Reference Collection, funded by the corporation's \$50,000 gift.*

*"The establishment of a community health resource center within the library fills a void, and it's the first such designated center in any of our public libraries," Walling says.*

Stocking the shelves of the new Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Public Library became an easier task when North Central Health Services Inc. stepped in with a \$50,000 contribution.

Overseeing grants to area nonprofits that will help enhance residents' health is one of the corporation's missions, and what better way to do that than to create the new Health Reference Collection at the campus library?

"The specific need for community health education was a backdrop for

awarding the grant," says John Walling, North Central's president and CEO.

It also was an opportunity to honor former Purdue University professor and North Central board member, Varro E. Tyler, Walling says. The collection is named in Tyler's honor.

"Dr. Tyler was a distinguished servant of our community. He dedicated a significant part of his life to teaching others, and that made this particular gift appropriate for naming in his honor."

## Money Funds Health Reference Collection

Want to learn about good health habits? A recent diagnosis? Or preventive measures? These and more are available at the Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Public Library, thanks to a \$50,000 grant given in July 2000 by North Central Health Services Inc. honoring its former board member Varro E. Tyler.

The new collection includes books, books on tape, magazines, CD-ROMs, videos and DVDs, with titles for children and adults, and in English and Spanish, reports librarian Sarah Brown.

The core of the Medical Reference Collection is shelved together, designated by a plaque naming the donor and honoree. Other titles are shelved in the nonfiction and Spanish sections.

In building the collection, Brown followed the Medical Library Association's guidelines for consumer health information and medical topics. Materials include information on symptoms, diagnosis and treatment; specific diseases; health and fitness; health promotion; and preventive medicine.

## New Mobile Library Hits The Streets In September



*The crew from Matthews Specialty Vehicles puts the finishing touches on the new Mobile Library in July. The new mobile library will hold some 5,000 books, videos, DVDs, CDs, software and periodicals.*

The shelves are loaded and the programs plentiful as the new Mobile Library debuts this month, bringing expanded opportunities to neighborhoods, retirement homes and childcare centers.

The 28-foot library offers wheelchair ramp access, is equipped with multi-media equipment for special programming, and can be expanded with an outdoor awning and moveable shelves. It's stocked with 5,000 items for checkout, and librarians also offer reference and reader's advisory services.

The Outreach department will take the new full-service library to more than 50 locations twice each month.

The new mobile library replaces the well-worn bookmobile that logged over 120,000 miles in its 14 years of service.

## Farewell To Friend, Board Member



Melissa Nelson

When Melissa Nelson moved to Lafayette, getting an Indiana driver's license and Tippecanoe County Public Library card were among her first errands.

"The library is a source of strength and

knowledge. It's a very comforting place. It's my home away from home," she says. "When I have a question, a problem to solve or need advice, I go to the library. I have always been able to turn to the library and find answers, whether I'm growing a garden or making curtains."

That love of the library and a desire to contribute led her to become a member of Friends and then later to accept a library board post. After years of volunteering, "I have to take this hiatus from my involvement," she says.

A nurse and mother of five, ages 12 to 23, Nelson is heading to IUPUI's School of Social Work this fall to earn her master's.

She plans to use her new degree to work with families who have elderly-related issues.

She leaves feeling proud of the new library, believing her work on the board was "well worth every minute of effort," and having learned that "we have a wonderful library staff. Beyond the books, we have the librarians who develop the collection and are a wonderful resource to individuals and the community."

### Join Us For September 3 Reception

Please join us in honoring Melissa Nelson for her years of service to the Tippecanoe County Public Library:

Reception in Melissa Nelson's Honor  
**Tuesday, September 3**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**  
Tippecanoe County Public Library  
627 South St.  
Meeting Room B

## Kudos to Higbee, Bradley

Two employees are being honored for their contributions to your library.

### Higbee: 'A Real Go-getter'



Clayton Higbee

Clayton Higbee is the library's Outstanding Page of the Quarter whose "work speaks for itself," a nominee says. "He's not afraid to ask questions, and he utilizes the information to get the job

done right the first time, every time."

"He is always on task," another co-worker says. "He is a model for all pages to follow."

A Harriossn High School student, Higbee's interests include the Academic Superbowl team, reading science fiction and fantasy, and playing computer games. He's also earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Higbee has worked at the library almost a year.

### Bradley: 'Competent, Friendly'



Michelle Bradley

Overseeing the campus library's daily operations are all in a day's work for Michelle Bradley, managing librarian. Her fellow workers, however, realize that's meant an extra dose of

commitment and dedication, deserving of the Employee of the Quarter award.

"She always has the time to talk to each one of us and seems to have endless amounts of patience," one nominee says. Another commends her inspiration. And another notes, "She has worked incessantly over the last few months to ensure as smooth and harmonious an opening as possible."

A three-year employee, Bradley graduated from Purdue University and earned her master's of library science at Indiana University.

## Spotlighting Volunteer Lynn Layden



Lynn Layden

Thanks to Lynn Layden, lots of community residents are learning about e-mail and the Internet. She's a volunteer instructor at the library, becoming

interested in leading classes after helping her 83-year-old mother learn to use e-mail.

"I enjoy the classes because I get to meet a wide variety of people," Layden says.

If you'd like to be one of her next students, try one of these classes—no registration required:

- Pre-Internet: **September 5, 1 p.m.; September 25, 10 a.m.; October 16, 1 p.m.**
- WWW 102: **September 18, 1 p.m.; October 24, 10 a.m.**
- E-Mail: **September 11, 10 a.m.; October 10, 1 p.m.; October 30, 10 a.m.**

Besides volunteering at the library, Layden, a Master Gardener, lends her talents to the Tippecanoe Battlefield Nature Center and the Lilly Nature Center at the Celery Bog.

# Youth and Teens Fall Into Fun

## Madcap Puppets Combine Music, Art and Story



*Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre brings The Frog Prince, an all-new musical play performed by giant puppets, to Ivy Hall on the Ivy Tech Campus for three performances on Thursday, October 24.*

The princess is spoiled rotten; the frog, an enchanted prince; and the story, told backwards. Sound funny and farcical? It is! And it's coming to Lafayette on **Thursday, October 24, for 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.** performances at Ivy Hall on the Ivy Tech Campus.

Madcap Puppet Theatre, snowed out last spring, is bringing its all-new puppet play to town. It features giant puppets, humor and music in a family performance that retells the classic fairy tale, *The Frog Prince*. Children from kindergarten on up—and the adults in their lives—will enjoy the production.

A nonprofit touring children's theatre company, Madcap has been presenting educational and artistic performances for two decades to audiences nationwide. Its visit to Lafayette is funded by the Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library.

Admission is free, but tickets are required to assure sufficient seating. Pick up tickets at either the downtown or campus library beginning October 21. For more information, call Youth Services, 429-0119.

Ivy Hall is on the Ivy Tech State College campus, just off U.S. 52 South at 3101 Creasy Lane, adjacent to the new Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library.

## Get Graphic During Teen Read Month

Loaded with reading for school? That's important, but so is reading for entertainment, says Young Adult Librarian Ian McKinney. The library is celebrating October as Teen Read Month in Greater Lafayette.

Tapping into the American Library Association's theme, "Get Graphic @ Your Library," McKinney suggests, "Try comics or graphic novels. Keep one in your backpack and read during those down times, no matter how short."

Your library has an extensive collection of serious and humorous graphic novels, which have come into their own right in recent years.

Activities celebrating Teen Read Month, for 6th through 12th graders:

- Smashadelic Open Mic Night, **Thursday, October 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**, downtown. Bring a favorite reading or something you wrote, then take to the podium.



- Teen Book Talk, **Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 to 5 p.m.**, campus library. Join the discussion—on books, music, popular culture and more.
- All Write!, **September 19 and October 17, 7 p.m.**, downtown. Young authors in grades 9 through 12 are invited to read, write, listen and encourage each other.

Get graphic @ your library. Treat yourself to reading—and writing—for fun!

## Muñoz Ryan Speaks October 12



*Children's author Pam Muñoz Ryan comes to the downtown Tippecanoe County Public Library at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 12, with behind-the-book stories about her popular titles. Her newest books are When Marian Sang, about Marian Anderson and Mud is Cake, written in whimsical rhyming verse.*

Pam Muñoz Ryan knows a bit about writing children's books. She's published 20, including the popular titles *Mice and Beans*, *Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride* and *Esperanza Rising*, the 2002 Pura Belpre Award winner, among others.

These books don't just pour out of her, she says. "By the time one of my stories becomes a book, I have usually rewritten it somewhere between 20 and 30 times. She writes in her office, which is really an extra bedroom in her California house. "Sometimes it is quiet, but mostly my house is noisy because I have four children, all teenagers."

She speaks at the downtown library at **2 p.m., Saturday, October 12**. Sponsored by Friends of the Library and Teachers Encouraging a Love of Literature, the program is free and tickets aren't required.



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 Fri. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 6 p.m.

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# Book Sales: The Other Hoosier Hysteria

Here's a slam dunk: hardback and trade books for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents. Those and other steals are what the Friends of the Library is offering at its fall sale, dubbed "Books: The Other Hoosier Hysteria."

Make a fast break to the downtown library on these sale dates:

- **Friday, September 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, for Friends preview sale, with memberships starting at \$10 available at the door.
- **Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Sunday, September 8, 1 to 6 p.m.**, when everything's half-price.

- **Monday, September 9, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**, dollar-a-bag day.

You can take your pick of some 30,000 books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, videos, cassettes and audio books.

Proceeds will help fund the art work on the new Mobile Library.

# Friends Sponsoring Harry Potter Party



Calling all Harry Potter fans! The Friends of the Library is hosting a Harry Potter Party at **9 a.m. on Saturday, November 16**, at Wabash Landing 9 on the West Lafayette Levee.

The feature event: viewing of the movie, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. Also on tap: dozens of door prizes.

Tickets for Friends members—maximum of five per member—go on sale October 14 at the Circulation Desk, downtown library. You must show your Friends membership card. Other library patrons may purchase tickets beginning October 21. For pricing and other information, call The Friends at 429-0170.