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LIBRARY NEWS

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Children's Author Visits Nov. 19

Chicago children's author Jim Aylesworth presents a free family program at the downtown library, ***Friday, November 19,*** *at* ***4:30 p.m.***

Lessons in courage, dedication and perseverance are easily learned with books by children's author Jim Aylesworth, who draws on real life experiences for his stories.

One example is *Siren in the Night,* written after his family woke to screaming fire engines. He adds interest by peppering his books with what children love most: sounds, rhythms and rhymes.

Children and their families are invited to meet Aylesworth when he visits the downtown library on **Friday, November 19,** at **4:30 p.m.**

Former Teacher

A 1st grade teacher for 25 years, Aylesworth learned in the classroom what children like in stories, especially those that are read aloud. "Writing children's books is my way of being the teacher beyond the walls of my classroom for children I may never know," he says.

"I have seen a room full of children sit still and pay attention to a good book when it may be the first time they've been still at the same time all day."

Author of More Than 30 Books

He published his first book, *Hush Up!*, in 1980, and now has more than 30 in print. His latest is *Once Upon a Time: Three Favorite Tales*.

Aylesworth earned a bachelor's in English in 1965 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, then became a stockbroker. By 1970, he knew teaching was his calling. In 1978 he earned a master's degree in education at Concordia College and taught until he began writing full time in 1996.

Copies of his books will be available for sale at this program.

Meet the Author

Jim Aylesworth will read and speak:
Friday, November 19
4:30 p.m.
Downtown library

This family program is free, with no reservations needed.

Some of His Books

Some of Aylesworth's more than 30 books:

The Full Belly Bowl
Aunt Pitty Patty's Piggy
The Burger and The Hot Dog
Mr. McGill Goes to Town
My Son John
Wake Up, Little Children
My Sister's Rusty Bike

Purdue Band Marches in Nov. 14

Step to the music with ambassadors from the Purdue University Marching Band and this season's Golden Girl, Christy Stallings.

The Boilermakers will give a free family performance at **2 p.m., Sunday, November 14**, and Stallings will be signing and giving away 50th anniversary Golden Girl posters. No registration is required.

Chris Prendergast (left) is pictured in an earlier program for youth.

Inside Forensic Science Program • Manga Chat for Teens • Electronic Databases: A Great Resource
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Lively Learning

Sample a new subject or learn more about a favorite topic at these upcoming events.

Forensics
Blood, Bones & Books
Forensic Science at Your Library
Thursday, November 11
6 to 8 p.m.
Downtown library
For ages 16 and up

Explore the fascinating world of forensic science with David Tate and Ralph Williams of Purdue University, who will discuss how detectives use crime-scene evidence to find criminals. They will demonstrate ballistics, entomology and blood splatter techniques, and present some case studies. The library's forensics collection will be showcased.

Internet Classes

Head online with these free classes at our campus library, with no registration required:

- **Thursday, November 18**
  5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
  Basic Internet and E-mail

- **Wednesday, December 8**
  5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
  Advanced Internet and E-mail

Writing Sessions

Purdue University's literary magazine, *Sycamore Review*, is hosting two free writing workshops. Please register by calling 429-0115.

- **Sunday, November 21**
  2 to 3 p.m.
  Lyric vs. Narrative: What defines each, how they rely on each other, how the poetic line lends itself more to one or the other. For adults.
  Instructor: Sean Conrey

- **Sunday, December 5**
  2 to 3 p.m.
  Liner Notes: Writing Poems through Music and Memory: How we connect with memory and experience, how songs serve as springboards for poetic invention. For teens and adults.
  Instructor: Anne Zimmermann-Reich

Book Groups Offer Discussions

Love to read? Join a book group! All are open to newcomers.

- **Book Clique**
  Online discourse; signup at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html.
  November: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom
  December: Best of the year discussion

- **Eclectic**
  Meets **10 a.m.**, third Thursdays, downtown.
  November 18: *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*, Mark Haddon
  December 16: Luncheon

- **Faction Fiction**
  Callout **7 p.m., Tuesday, January 11**
  Are your reading interests on the fringe? Help us design our newest book group for readers of cult classic fiction.

- **Fiction**
  Meets **7 p.m.**, first Tuesdays, downtown.
  November 2: *Good Faith*, Jane Smiley
  December 7: *Black Violin,* Maxence Fermine

- **Murder by the Book**
  Meets **10 a.m.**, fourth Wednesdays, campus.
  November 17 (third Wednesday this month): *Too Many Cooks*, Rex Stout; *Murder in E Minor*, Robert Goldsborough
  December: No meeting

Dickens Play Dec. 4, 3 p.m.

Members of the Clinton County Civic Theater will give a free performance of *Gabriel Grubb's Christmas Dance*:

Saturday, December 4
3 p.m.
Downtown Library

The play dramatizes a passage from Charles Dickens' first novel, *The Pickwick Papers*, published in installments when the author was in his twenties.

The witty, comical misadventures of Samuel Pickwick take place in early 19th century England.

This presentation is hosted in conjunction with downtown Lafayette's Dickens of A Christmas events held throughout the day.

Local Author Speaks Dec. 9

Photo by JoAnn K. Darling

*West Lafayette author Nancy Hagen Patchen will speak at **7 p.m., Thursday, December 9,** in the Indiana Room, downtown library.*

Local author Nancy Hagen Patchen researched much of her just-published Civil War-era novel in the Indiana Room of the downtown Tippecanoe County Public Library, where she studied 19th century Indiana, Lafayette, Michigan City, the Civil War and the Underground Railroad.

At **7 p.m., Thursday, December 9,** the author will discuss how her novel, *Victoria's Quest*, took shape. Her program will be presented in the Indiana Room, the very spot she did much of her research.

The program is free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary.

Director's Notes

by Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

In the previous newsletter, I conveyed that in my humble perspective the library was a real bargain and taxpayers receive a great return on their investment. As TCPL is a public institution primarily funded through local property taxes, I consider myself accountable for careful spending of our revenues.

Downtown Remodeling

The TCPL Board models this same accountability and followed this in approving funding for moderate renovations at the downtown library. The Board decided to fund this project using current tax dollars instead of requesting additional funds. This important decision will also result in a great return on property tax investments.

Our 15-year-old downtown library will undergo some interior remodeling to better utilize our space. Staff members are now working with representatives from K.R. Montgomery and Associates to redesign some of the high-traffic areas. Major funding for this will come from our Library Improvement Reserve Fund, which has a balance to accommodate the project's majority expense. The other 25 percent will come from the Capital Projects Fund, approved annually by the Tippecanoe County Council. By using these two existing funds, the Board is being fiscally responsible with public funds while making positive improvements in library services.

It is anticipated that by spending approximately $750,000 in the first half of 2005, the downtown library will better accommodate its one million annual visitors with remodeled public restrooms, an enclosed computer lab, increased shelving space, a small conference room and a larger meeting room. These changes will provide a much-needed facelift and encourage better service by consolidating audiovisual materials and reconfiguring customer service desks and a growing collection of library materials.

After years of heavy use, the meeting rooms will get some much-needed attention and be remodeled to seat an additional 65 people and spruced up with new carpet and wall coverings. This work will be scheduled in the first half of 2005. Because we don't have an exact date, no meetings will be scheduled starting February 1. While that means an inconvenience, it is unavoidable. We will have alternate suggestions for groups when you contact us. We anticipate meeting rooms will be available again by August 2005.

We recognize there will be minor inconveniences to you. Though we are approaching the project in multiple phases to minimize inconvenience, there might be interruptions of our usual service or circumstances that distract from a normally quiet library. We ask for your patience and consideration. We will do our best to keep you informed as the renovation progresses. We encourage you to share comments and suggestions to help us and other customers survive these changes. Working together, we can get through this and I believe the upside will be worth the inconveniences. We will share more details in our next *Pocket Edition*.

Focus Group Volunteers Needed

TCPL's Board has approved hiring Lenexa, Kansas-based Ellen Miller Group, which has 15 years' experience, as a consultant to guide us in developing our next long-range plan.

We are seeking community input at four focus group meetings before the winter holidays. If you are interested in participating, please call 429-0100 and leave your name and phone number. We encourage you to join in helping shape the future of your library.

Consider A Gift to Library

What better way to show your gratitude for all your library offers than by making a tax-deductible gift to the Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation? Donations become part of a carefully invested endowment that benefits the library, says Foundation president Jerry Withered.

Gifts may honor or thank someone, or simply represent your appreciation. Contribution checks payable to Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation should be mailed to 627 South St., Lafayette, Ind., 47901.

If you have questions about gift-making options, please call Assistant County Librarian Amy Paget, 429-0101.

Thank You, Donors

The Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation thanks these recent donors:

William and Donna Barber
Dale, Shanna, Kristine and Trevor Bradford, in memory of Clara Ruth Barnard
Agnes Bromer
Gilbert and Mary Jo Gutwein, in honor of John Gambs
Pat Northacker, in honor of Jane Rinehart
Joyce Schulte, in memory of Robert K. Aynes.

Blast Off for Books at Friends Sale

Blast off for some fun! The Friends of the Library is making its November book sale an extraterrestrial event, with special events for youngsters.

Sale and event times:

- **Friday, November 5, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Friends members only; memberships starting at $10 available at the door; space-themed music.
- **Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, with flight simulator from Imagination Station on hand for youngsters ages 5 to 10 to enjoy; free souvenir photos of youth ages 5 to 10 will be taken from 4 to 6 p.m. Free space souvenirs to first 50 kids age 5 to 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 7, 1 to 6 p.m.**, all books half-price; from 4:30 to 5 p.m., youngsters ages 5 to 10 can make a free model 757 glider.
- **Monday, November 8, 9 a.m.** until everything sells, books $1 a bag.

Calendar

November

2 Lapsit Storytime, birth to 24 months, downtown, 9:30 a.m.
Toddler Storytime, ages 24-42 months, downtown, 10:30 a.m.
All-ages Storytimes, campus, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, downtown, 7:30 p.m.

3 Lapsit Storytime, birth to 24 months, downtown, 9:30 a.m.
Toddler Storytime, ages 24-42 months, downtown, 10:30 a.m.

4 Stories Under the Sculpture, all ages, bilingual, downtown, 3:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board Meeting, downtown, 7 p.m.

5 Friends Book Sale, downtown, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Manga Chat for Teens, 7 p.m.

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Forensic Science at Your Library, downtown, 6 p.m.

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Toddler Storytime, ages 24-42 months, downtown, 10:30 a.m.

13 Stories Under the Sculpture, all ages, downtown, 10:30 a.m.
Creative Writing for Children, downtown, 3 p.m.

14 Purdue Bands, family program, downtown, 2 p.m.

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Murder by the Book Club, campus, 10 a.m.
Toddler Storytime, ages 24-42 months, downtown, 10:30 a.m.

18 Eclectic Book Club, downtown, 10 a.m.
Stories Under the Sculpture, all ages, downtown, 3:30 p.m.
Basic Internet and E-mail class, campus, 5:30 p.m.

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Author Jim Aylesworth, family program, downtown, 4:30 p.m.

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21 Lyric vs. Narrative, Writing Workshop, downtown, 2 p.m.

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30 All-ages Storytimes, campus, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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Teen Advisory Board Meeting, downtown, 7 p.m.

4 Stories Under the Sculpture, all ages, downtown, 10:30 a.m.
Make A Victorian Craft for youth, downtown, 2 to 3 p.m.
Gabriel Grubb's Christmas Dance, play, downtown, 3 p.m.

5 Liner Notes Poetry Writing Workshop, downtown, 2 p.m.

7 Fiction Book Club, downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, downtown, 7:30 p.m.

8 Advanced Internet and E-mail, campus, 5:30 p.m.

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January

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Storytimes for Youth

Both the downtown and campus libraries offer storytimes for young ones. Drop by for an engaging read. Times are listed on this calendar.

Closed on Holidays

Tippecanoe County Public Library, Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Public Library and the Mobile Library will be closed all day on these holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 25**
- Christmas Eve Day, **Friday, December 24**
- Christmas Day, **Saturday, December 25**
- New Year's Eve Day, **Friday, December 31**
- New Year's Day, **Saturday, January 1.**

Happy holidays from your library staff!

Programs for Teens, Youth

Youth Events Fill Calendar

Step beyond books with an outing to the library to enjoy these free events:

- **Blast Off for Books**
  Friends of the Library Book Sale
  November 5-8
  Downtown Library
  Friends' members are hosting free fun for youngsters during the sale; see article in this newsletter for dates and times. The fun includes a space simulator, space souvenirs and free photos.

- **Creative Writing for Children**
  Saturday, November 13
  Saturday, December 11
  3 p.m.
  Downtown Library
  Ages 8 to 12
  Call 429-0119 to register.

- **Make A Victorian Craft**
  Saturday, December 4
  2 to 3 p.m.
  Downtown Library
  Youth celebrating downtown's Dickens of a Christmas festival are invited to drop by the library and make a Victorian craft.
  No registration is required.

- **Storytelling with County Librarian Jos N. Holman**
  Wednesday, December 29
  2 p.m.
  Downtown Library
  Youngsters will revel in some spellbinding stories.
  No reservations needed.

- **Winter Break Make-and-Take Crafts**
  Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
  December 28, 29, 30
  All day
  Downtown Library
  Put your creativity to work.
  Stop by to make a craft.
  No reservations required.

New Sloping Sidewalk at Campus Library

Access to the campus library from its parking lot is now easier, thanks to a new sloping sidewalk.

A sloping sidewalk from the campus library parking lot to the entrance is now in place, thanks to the City of Lafayette and HUD Community Development Block Grant funds. While the library has always been accessible via an adjoining lot, the new sidewalk eliminates the need to climb stairs from the lot right next to the library.

"We're fortunate that Lafayette could supply funds through a Community Development Block Grant for this new sloped sidewalk, making access easier for those who use wheelchairs, have a baby in a stroller or find steps challenging," says Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski. "It's one way we are helping open the doors to learning and enjoyment for every Lafayette resident."

All About Teens

Teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to these free library events, with no registration required.

- **Teen Advisory Board**
  Thursday, November 4
  Thursday, December 2
  7 p.m.
  Join us to express your opinion as teens advise the library on your issues and concerns.

- **Manga Chat**
  Tuesday, November 9
  Tuesday, December 14
  7 p.m.
  Discussion covers manga, anime, music and more.

Young Adult Galley Project

The Tippecanoe County Public Library is one of 15 libraries in the nation chosen to participate in the Young Adult Library Services Association's Galley Group.

The library will be receiving advance copies of new young adult books from publishers for use in book discussions and other projects.

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

Campus Library
P.O. Box 4639 • 3101 S. Creasy Lane
Lafayette, IN 47903
Telephone (765) 772-9380
Mon - Thurs., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 5 p.m.

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Electronic Databases: A Handy Resource

by Alison Moss, Head Reference Librarian

When assigned a research paper requiring magazine or journal articles, you may think strictly print books and magazines, and then panic. But the advent of electronic and online resources has revolutionized the research process.

Easily Searched

In the past, finding articles to match a topic involved wading through volumes of *Readers Guide*, then searching through stacks of journals. Now, typing in a search term can offer speedier results, pulling up either citations or complete articles.

Numerous Topics

Your library offers databases covering a variety of topics. These include *Reference-USA, Ebsco Auto Repair Reference Center, Newsbank, Standard & Poors* and *Learning Express*. These can be accessed from designated library stations, with articles printed or emailed to your address. Some are available through the Inspire network, which serves Indiana residents, and some can be searched from home and other sites.

Accessing resources is a click away, thanks to your library's online databases, here being used by Reference Aide Kelly Kirkpatrick.

Databases provide quick, easy retrieval of newspaper, magazine and journal articles, and they offer a far greater selection than the library can carry in print.

For more information, visit the library's database website, http://www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/er.html.

Library staff on the Electronic Resources Team monitor usage and capability of our current offerings and stays alert for new developments and products in the field.