

# POCKET EDITION

## Lively Adult Programs On Tap Downtown, Campus

Adults are invited to step into spring with these free stretch-your-mind events, open to all with no reservations required. Some are at our downtown library; some at the Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Public Library, noted as "Campus."

### Think A Good Night's Sleep 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8 Campus



Shahid Ahsan

Dr. Shahid Ahsan, medical director of Greater Lafayette Health Services Sleep Disorder Center, presents "Sleep Disorders and Sleep Hygiene" in our continuing Mind-Body Fitness Series.

Ahsan will discuss symptoms and treatments for common sleep disorders and give tips for getting a good night's rest. The program is free, with no reservations needed.

### Think Spring, Landscapes 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 8 Downtown

The ground will be thawing before you know it, and then you can put Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp's secrets, successes and suggestions to work. Sharp is an advanced



Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp

master gardener, co-author of *Indiana Gardener's Guide*, and an *Indianapolis Star* gardening columnist.

Her free program in the Indiana Room downtown, with no reservations required, is "A Selection of the Best Plants for the Indiana Landscape."

"We'll look at some of the best plants for the Indiana landscape," she says. "These are fairly low maintenance, have long bloom periods, attract birds and are worth the space. We'll talk about annuals, perennials, grasses, trees and shrubs, including many natives."

### Think Elderhostels 10 a.m., Thursday, March 10 Campus, Ivy Hall Room 1120

Marge Hood, an Elderhostel ambassador and veteran, will speak about her national and international experiences with the 30-year-old nonprofit organization. It offers



Marge Hood

some 10,000 learning adventures in about 90 countries each year for adults age 55 and older.

### Think Energy, Attitude, Harmony 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14 Campus



Thomas Burdine

Hood's program includes a short video and visual display of some of her Elderhostel trips, which included an intergeneration trip with her twin granddaughters to Zion National Park in Summer 2003.

Retired from Lafayette Police Department, Burdine now heads his own Aikido System. He also holds high black belt ranks in Judo, Ju Jitsu, Karate and Tai Jutsu, as well as other Japanese, Chinese and Ikinawa disciplines.

# Books Fuel Events for All Ages

March and April are abuzz with reading happenings for all ages at both the downtown and campus libraries.

Dive into some good books and join the fun.

## Youth Programs Center on Popular Titles

### Savor Dr. Seuss Favorites

It's the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, so we're hosting special storytimes. They're part of Read



Across America, an annual program sponsored by the National Education Association to encourage children to read.

Join us:

Wednesday, March 2  
4 p.m., downtown library  
4 p.m., campus library

No registration is needed; the program is free.

### About Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss was born March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Mass. As a youngster, he loved reading comic strips—his favorite character was Crazy Kat. He also wrote humorous poems and drew his own cartoons while still quite young.

If he had trouble getting to sleep at night, his mother would sing pie-selling chants from her bakery job. The author later credited his mother “for the rhythms in which I write and the urgency with which I do it.”

The first book he wrote and illustrated was *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, published in 1939. The next was *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*, in 1938. It was 1957 before children first read the wildly popular, *The Cat in the Hat*. The last Seuss book published was *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!*, in 1998.

In all, he wrote 61 books. Some of the others:

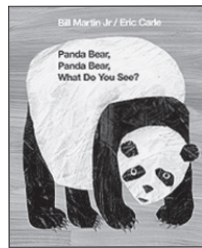
*On Beyond Zebra!*  
*Ten Apples up on Top!*  
*Fox in Socks*  
*Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*  
*Wacky Wednesday*  
*Oh, Say Can You Say?*

### Enjoy Eric Carle Tales

Storytime and creative crafts headline our Eric Carle spring break events.

Best known for *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which has been published in more than 30 languages, Carle's latest titles include *10 Little Rubber Ducks*, *Mister Seahorse* and *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?*

Carle was a graphic designer and worked for an ad agency for many years



before publishing his own work. He creates collage art for his books using hand-painted papers that he cuts and layers. “I believe that children are naturally creative and eager to learn,” Carle says. “I

want to show them that learning is really both fascinating and fun.”

Stop by for some free Carle stories and crafts:

Wednesday, March 30  
10:30 a.m., campus  
2 p.m., downtown

Thursday, March 31  
10:30 a.m., downtown  
2 p.m., campus

No registration is needed.

### Celebrate El Día de los Niños

We're joining others around the world to celebrate *El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros*, held April 30 each year.

The “Day of the Child, Day of the Books” event honors children and childhood.

Our multilingual storytime and craft celebration, free and open to all, will honor all children who speak more than one language.

Join the fun:  
Saturday, April 30  
10:30 a.m., downtown

Registration is not required.

## Adults Read, Then Chat About Books

- **Book Clique**  
Online discourse; signup at [www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html](http://www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html).  
March: *Winterdance*, Gary Paulsen  
April: To be announced



- **Eclectic**  
Meets 10 a.m., third Thursdays, downtown.  
March 17: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Betty Smith  
April 21: *Darkness at Noon*, Arthur Koestler
- **Fiction**  
Meets 7 p.m., first Tuesdays, downtown.  
March 1: *The Great Fire*, Shirley Hazard  
April 5: *Persuasion*, Jane Austen
- **Murder by the Book**  
Meets 10 a.m., fourth Wednesdays, campus.  
March 23: To be announced  
April 27: To be announced

## Born to Read

It's never too soon to begin reading to your baby. Expectant and new parents are invited to a Born to Read workshop that will include a talk on picture books, finger plays and music. We'll also tour the campus library youth area. Babies are welcome.

No registration is needed. Show up:

Sunday, April 10  
2 p.m., campus

# Director's Notes

## News on Remodeling, Strategic Plan



by Jos N. Holman,  
County Librarian

In my last column, I found myself looking back at some of the accomplishments of 2004. In this column, I

find myself focusing on the future of Tippecanoe County Public Library, starting in March 2005.

### Welcoming Spring

In my humble perspective, spring is a time most of us look forward to. When "spring is in the air," we are much more aware of nature and the physical environment of our existence. We look forward to that first hint of color in the landscape and buds on the trees. We are very cognizant of changes around us while we notice new beginnings. Often there is a bit of "pep in our step" as we witness nature's renewal, and in some ways there is a rejuvenation of life itself.

This spring, TCPL will be rejuvenated in two distinct ways.

### Downtown Remodeling Begins

In one way, the actual construction work of remodeling specific areas of the downtown library will begin with the usual noise and inconveniences that accompany such activities.

### New Strategic Plan Underway

In another way, even while you read this column, TCPL's Board of Trustees may be officially signing off on a new strategic plan for our library.

Both activities are extremely important to TCPL, but one is obviously more of a physical change and the other much more of an intellectual change.

With the dedication and hard work of a 12-member planning team under the direction of consultant Ellen Miller, a new strategic plan covering the next four years has been created for TCPL.

Though the planning team essentially developed the plan, there was also input from others, like TCPL staff members. Additionally, library users and community members provided input through surveys and focus groups. Through the internal review of staff perspectives and with an external examination of how TCPL is perceived by the community, enough information was gathered to help chart the future course of events for the library.

### Roadmap to Maximize Resources

With a new strategic plan in place TCPL will have a distinctive roadmap to guide its efforts in maximizing our resources. TCPL will have a renewed vision to help us stay focused during the next three and a half years.

There will be specific goals and objectives in the plan to meet many future challenges while looking continuously to improve what we are already doing well. Also, the action-oriented plan will have an evaluative component that allows library leaders to examine and measure the effectiveness of the strategic plan.

### More Details Coming

In a future *Pocket Edition*, we will share other components of the plan. At the very least, we will communicate the values and goals presented in the plan. Also, you will see elements of the plan shared through other marketing activities. More importantly, it is our hope you will see positive results as we implement the plan and accomplish its objectives.

Yes, as humans, we like the idea of "spring being in the air." TCPL essentially has its own "spring" as we march into the spring of 2005 equipped with a new vision and a chance for new beginnings through the strategic plan.

Change will be all around us during the downtown renovation activity. Hopefully, we will also be rejuvenated and inspired to chart new courses for TCPL as we implement the strategic plan.

## A Word About Our Foundation

The Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization that accepts individual and corporate gifts and oversees an endowment to ensure strong and stable library programs.

Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible and may be given in several forms, including estate giving, memorial gifts, planned gifts, gifts in kind and cash.

For more information about the Foundation and opportunities to support it, please contact Assistant County Librarian Amy Paget.

## Put a Good Book in Kids' Hands

Children who read frequently are both better readers and better students, the National Education Association reports.

To encourage children to read, the organization has compiled a list of top books for young readers.

The top 10 are:

*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling  
*Goosebumps* (series) by R.L. Stine  
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss  
*The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss  
*Arthur* (series) by Marc Brown  
*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White  
*Shiloh* (trilogy) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Others on its list include:

*The Boxcar Children* (series)  
by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
*Ramona Quimby, Age 8* (series)  
by Beverly Cleary  
*Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
by Shel Silverstein  
*Where the Red Fern Grows*  
by Wilson Rawls  
*The Witches* by Roald Dahl  
*Junie B. Jones* (series)  
by Barbara Park  
*Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*  
by Laura Joffe Numeroff

# Calendar

*Note to our readers and parents: Please see article below for storytimes.*

## March

- 1 Fiction Book Club, downtown, 7 p.m.  
Board of Trustees meeting, downtown, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Read Across America with Dr. Seuss, downtown, 4 p.m.;  
campus, 4 p.m.
- 3 Teen Advisory Board, downtown, 7 p.m.
- 4 Friends of Library Book Sale, downtown, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.,  
Friends members only; memberships at door
- 5 Friends of Library Book Sale, downtown, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 6 Friends of Library Book Sale, downtown, 1 to 6 p.m.
- 7 Friends of Library Book Sale, downtown, 9 a.m. until  
everything sells
- 8 Sleep Disorders, Sleep Hygiene, campus, 6:30 p.m.  
Indiana Landscapes, downtown, 7 p.m.
- 10 Elderhostel program, campus, 10 a.m.
- 15 Friends Board Meeting, downtown, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Eclectic Book Club, downtown, 10 a.m.
- 23 Murder by the Book Club, campus, 10 a.m.
- 30 Eric Carle Storytime, Crafts, campus, 10:30 a.m.;  
downtown, 2 p.m.
- 31 Eric Carle Storytime, Crafts, downtown, 10:30 a.m.;  
campus, 2 p.m.
- 31 Jean Décor program, campus, 6:30 p.m.

## April

- 1 Get Creative with A-MAZE-ing Junk, campus, 2 p.m.
- 2 Get Creative with A-MAZE-ing Junk, downtown, 2 p.m.
- 5 Fiction Book Club, downtown, 7 p.m.  
Board of Trustees meeting, downtown, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Teen Advisory Board, downtown, 7 p.m.
- 10 Born to Read Workshop, campus, 2 p.m.
- 12 Jim Gill family concert, Ivy Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 Ki Aikido program, campus, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Deadline to enter poetry contest, ages preschool through 18
- 19 Friends Board Meeting, downtown, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Eclectic Book Club, downtown, 10 a.m.
- 27 Murder by the Book Club, campus, 10 a.m.
- 30 *El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros* bilingual storytime  
and crafts, downtown, 10:30 a.m.  
Reception for Entrants in Poetry Contest, downtown, 2 p.m.

## Books in Bloom Friends Sale March 4 to 7

Books will be blooming at great prices this spring. Stop by the downtown library for some great buys on used books at the Friends of the Library sale:

- Friday, March 4, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friends members only; memberships starting at \$10 available at the door.
- Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, March 6, 1 to 6 p.m., all books half-price.
- Monday, March 7, 9 a.m. until everything sells, books \$1 a bag.

## Spring Storytimes

Make a trip to the library a real outing with these special storytimes:

### Campus Library

All-age Storytime, campus  
Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### Downtown Library

Lapsit Storytime, birth to 24 months, downtown  
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. (except March 4)

Toddler Storytime, ages 24-42 months, downtown  
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. (except March 4)

Stories Under the Sculpture, downtown  
Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



# Programs Target Youth, Families, Teens

## Gill Brings Banjo, Sunshine to Family Concert

Get ready to clap, jump and dance as Jim Gill plays his banjo in a free family concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, in the Ivy Hall Auditorium on the Ivy Tech Campus, with no reservations needed.

Known since 1984 for concerts that are active, sing-along and clap-along, Gill says his goal is to make everyone feel like they're playing together in the living room. A long-time child development specialist in the Chicago area, Gill



*Jim Gill brings a free family concert of music and play to the Ivy Hall Auditorium, Ivy Tech Campus, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 12.*

holds a master's in child development from Erickson Institute for Advanced Studies.

He is also the author of *May There Always Be Sunshine*, winner of the 2002 Book Award from Philadelphia's Please Touch Children's Museum. Based on the Russian folk song by the same title, the book encourages children to make their own list, besides sunshine, of what they hope there always will be.

Gill's performance, dubbed Family Night @ Your Library, celebrates National Library Week, this year held from April 10 to 16 under the theme, Something for Everyone @ Your Library.

## Make Traveling Pants

You've read *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares, now decorate your own. Bring your own article of clothing to this free program:

**For ages 10 to 15**

*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*  
Jean Décor  
Thursday, March 31  
6:30 p.m., campus library

For ages 10 to 15. Registration is required; please call 429-0119.

## Get Creative with A-MAZE-ing Junk

Youth ages 8 to 12 are invited to put their minds and engineering talents to work designing a marble maze from a box of junk. All the supplies you'll need

**For ages 8 to 12**

will be included in this free program: Register for A-MAZE-ing Junk beginning March 1, either as an individual or team of two. Call 772-9388 for campus session; 429-0119 for downtown session:

Friday, April 1  
2 p.m., campus library

Saturday, April 2  
2 p.m., downtown library

## Give Us Your Advice

The Teen Advisory Board meets Thursdays, March 3 and April 7—and the first Thursday of every month—at 7 p.m. at the downtown library. Want to know more or get involved? Call Kelley Lethgo, 429-0121.

**For teens**

## Enter Poems in Contest, Attend Reception

Put pen to paper and before you know it, you've written a poem. Next, enter it in our poetry contest and then celebrate at an April 30 reception in your honor.

**For preschoolers to age 18**

Youth from preschool through age 18 may enter the contest. Drop off your poems in the downtown library Youth Room or the campus library by Friday, April 15.

All entrants are invited to a reception at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30, in the Indiana Room of the downtown library. Those who wish may read their entry at this event.

Need some inspiration? Try these poetry books and others at your library:

### Youth

*Earthshake: Powers from the Ground Up*, Lisa Westberg Peters  
*A New Treasury of Children's Poetry*, Joanna Cole  
*Tea Party Today: Poems to Sip and Savor*, Eileen Spinelli  
*Tomie's Little Book of Poems*, Tomie DePaola  
*The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Children's Poetry Treasury*, Jack Prelutsky

### Young Adult

*Poems from Homeroom*, Kathi Appelt  
*My Own True Name*, Pat Mora  
*The Pain Tree and Other Teenage Angst-ridden Poetry*, Esther Watson  
*Slow Dance Heartbreak Blues*, Arnold Adoff



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