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Children's Illustrator to Present Program Nov. 17th

Wendy Anderson Halperin, illustrator of numerous children's books, presents a free children's program at the Downtown Library, ***7 p.m., Thursday, November 17.***

After trying her hand at fine art and a career as an advertising art director, Illinois native Wendy Anderson Halperin found her true calling as a children's book illustrator and sometimes author.

Halperin brings her love of drawing and enthusiasm for young readers to the Downtown Library for an author talk and book signing at **7 p.m., Thursday, November 17**. No reservations are needed for her free program.

Creating Happy Places

"My goal is to create characters children would like to know and places where children would want to be, so every time they open one of my books, they find warm, treasured photos they can carry around with them like one of Grama's patchwork quilts," Halperin says.

As a youngster, Halperin developed an interest in art by gathering rocks along Lake Michigan and then decorating them. She later studied at Chicago's American Academy, California College of Arts & Crafts, New York's Pratt Institute and Syracuse University.

New Thanksgiving Book

Her newest illustrations can be seen in *The Peterkins' Thanksgiving*, adapted by Elizabeth Spurr, scheduled to be released this October. Other works include *Love Is* and *Turn, Turn, Turn*.

Children's Book Week

"Imagine" is the theme for Children's Book Week, which the library is celebrating from November 13 to 20, 2005. Each year since 1919, the Children's Book Council Inc. has devoted the week before Thanksgiving to promoting children's literacy and increased reading.

Holiday Closings

Downtown, Campus and Mobile Libraries will be closed:
- November 24
- December 24 and 25
- December 31 and January 1

Campus Library will also be closed:
- November 25
- December 26
- January 2

Mobile Library will not operate:
- November 29 and 30
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Take Your Pick of Youth and Family Programs

Warm up at the library with these special programs:

Babies

Born to Read
3 to 4 p.m.
Sunday, November 20
Downtown Library

Your library is ready to help you encourage your child's love of reading. This under-an-hour workshop gives expectant and new parents a look at books, information and library youth services. Babies are welcome; call 429-0119 for more information.

Bookworms

Series Bookworms: Lemony Snicket
4 to 5 p.m.
Monday, November 14
Campus Library
Ages 10 to 13

Do you love reading Harry Potter, Nancy Drew or The Secrets of Droon? Then you must be a "Series Bookworm!"

Discover new series and discuss old favorites at this new book club. Join us for the first program on Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, where we'll play dreadful games and surely have no fun at all. Bring along your favorite of these horrible books. Participation limited to 15. Reservations are required; please call 269-5388.

In January we will discuss *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. Watch the library newsletter for the date.

Writers

Time Travel Adventure Writing for Children
4 to 5 p.m.
Saturday, November 19
Downtown Library

Free Looseleaf Writing Workshop presented by the staff of Purdue University's *Sycamore Review*. Reserve space by calling 429-0119.

Recyclers

Make Something Out of Nothing
1 to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 10
Campus Library
Ages 5 to 12

Create original holiday gifts and decorations out of stuff you would otherwise throw away. Be kind to the Earth and make something beautiful. Bring a recycled object or two.

Fantasy Lovers

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Party
2 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, December 28
Downtown Library
Ages 7 and older

Explore the world of Narnia at this special celebration based on C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Dress as your favorite character, make an Aslan craft, play fun games and more.

Registration is required. Please call 429-0119.

Crafters

Make-and-Take Crafts
1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 3, Campus
Wednesday, January 4, Downtown
All ages

Spend time at your library during school break, and make a craft while you're here.

Purdue Band Program Nov. 13

What's it like to be in a marching band? Find out first-hand when members of the Purdue Band Ambassadors bring their hands-on, interactive and fast-paced program to the downtown Tippecanoe County Public Library from **2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, November 13**.

The event is free, with no reservations required.

Try Out Instruments

"The performance is a great way to meet band members, play all the instruments and stand side-by-side with them in a marching lesson," says Kathy Matter, public relations director for Purdue University Bands.

Step to the Beat

"Our main goal is to get the kids interested in instrumental music," says Matthew Baughman, outreach office head for Purdue University Bands. "Music has had a great affect on our lives, and we hope to encourage kids to include it as part of theirs."

The band members will be in full uniform and will include those who play woodwinds, brass, percussion and auxiliary instruments.

Families are invited to meet Purdue Band members, hear them play and even try an instrument or two at ***2 p.m., Sunday, November 13,*** *at the Downtown Library.*

Calendar

Note: See separate articles, below, which are not listed individually on this calendar.
Up-to-the-minute information about library programs is available at:
www.tcpl.lib.in.us

November

1 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
3 Got Money? Downtown, 7 p.m.
5 Writing Workshop, Downtown, 4 p.m.
10 Sports Writing, Jeff Washburn, Downtown, 7 p.m.
13 Purdue Band Ambassadors, Downtown, 2 p.m.
14 Series Bookworms: Lemony Snicket, Campus, 4 p.m.
15 Diabetes Program, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
16 Murder by the Book Club, Campus, 10 a.m.
17 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
Wendy Anderson Halperin, Downtown, 7 p.m.
19 Children's Writing, Downtown, 4 p.m.
20 Born to Read, Downtown, 3 p.m.
24 Downtown, Campus and Mobile Libraries closed
25 Campus Library closed
29 Mobile Library will not operate
Charles Dickens: Rock Star, Downtown, 7 p.m.
30 Mobile Library will not operate

December

1 Teen Advisory Board, Downtown, 7 p.m.
6 Alzheimer's Program, Ivy Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
10 Make Something Out of Nothing, Campus, 1 p.m.
15 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
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Internet Class

Learn basic Internet skills **Thursday, November 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the Campus Library. The program is free, with no reservations needed.

Library Storytimes

Downtown in November

These three storytimes will meet **through November 23** and not in December:

Lapsit, for newborn to 24 months
9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Rhymes, finger plays, tickles, bounces, songs, circle activities and a take-home rhyme and song sheet.

Toddler Times, for 24- to 42-month-olds
10:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Books, rhythms, crafts, activities and music.

Preschool Storytimes, for 3-1/2 to 6-year-olds
11 a.m., Wednesdays
Stories, songs, finger plays and more; parents and caregivers invited.

Downtown in November, December

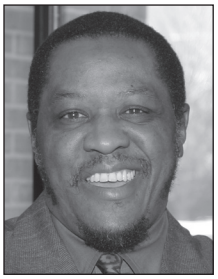
This storytime meets **every Saturday in November** and **December 3, 10 and 17:**

Stories under the Sculpture, for all ages
10:30 a.m., Saturdays

Campus

The Campus Library features Family Storytime at **10:30 a.m.** and **2 p.m.** every Tuesday. You'll enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Join in on **November 1, 8, 15, 22** and **29**. Storytimes will not be held in December.

Director's Notes



by Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

In the summer *Pocket Edition* we announced the Troyer Group of Mishawaka was selected as architect to design a new branch library planned for northwest Tippecanoe County. Here's an update.

The branch will be near the intersection of Klondike and Lindberg roads, on land John Scheumann and Derrin Sorenson have graciously agreed to donate. The Board Facilities Committee has signed off on the building's schematic design. It will be a neighborhood facility with materials for adults, young adults and children, including audiovisual materials and magazines.

The entrance to the approximately 13,500-square-foot, one-story building will face Lindberg Road. A meeting room with a small kitchen and a few study rooms are included in the design. A single point of service is being developed for library customers and also a drive-up book return is under consideration. The intention is to design a practical, functional building that is warm and inviting and complements our two existing buildings.

Although the time line has some flexibility, construction should start late spring of 2006 and be completed by early summer 2007. Issuing $2.5 million in general obligation bonds will finance the construction. The next step is design development, then bids will be solicited from general contractors. Troyer Group architect Bill Ponko is overseeing the project with Troyer staff members Sally Anglemyer and Sean Frederick.

The TCPL Board of Trustees is dedicated to building a quality facility that will provide years of service to northwestern Tippecanoe County and to financing it in the most prudent way possible, without a substantial property tax increase. Knowing the library will be in a neighborhood, the Board is sensitive to becoming a good neighbor, so they are carefully planning landscape and other exterior aspects.

This is another exciting time for your library, and, again, outstanding community support has already been demonstrated and is greatly appreciated. Look for future information, including a design sketch, in our next issue.

Circulation Questions, Answers

Can I check out books without my library card? If you forgot your library card, you may check out up to three items by showing an acceptable form of identification. This ensures that items are checked out to the proper account, the same reason we don't accept handwritten or memorized barcodes.

What if I lose my library card? You may replace your library card at any time for $1. Let us know immediately if your card is lost so we can stop unauthorized use. Call 429-0123.

Friends Holiday Book Sale

Selections at the Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library December sale will include gift-quality used books along with the usual great buys:

- **Friday, December 2, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Friends members only; memberships starting at $10 available at the door.
- **Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m**.
- **Sunday, December 4, 1 to 6 p.m.**, all books half-price.
- **Monday, December 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** or until everything sells, books $1 a bag; bags provided.

Taking Books to Nursing Homes

Diane Cline, activity director at St. Anthony Health Care (pictured), enjoys helping residents choose from among the books delivered each month by the Tippecanoe County Public Library Outreach Department.

by Tom Smith, Outreach Librarian

Diane Cline, Activity Director for St. Anthony Health Care, works with the Outreach Department at Tippecanoe County Public Library to bring a specialized collection to her facility each month. The Outreach Department strives to bring her items that can help fulfill the literacy needs of the residents and have a positive effect on their outlook.

Cline talked about the power of books and other library materials to lift a resident's spirits. "We had residents who were husband and wife, and when the wife died, the husband became very depressed. Activity staff requested some books about nature. He became interested and really responded to the books about frogs and toads.

"Often it is hard to know what will work. Our residents also enjoy videos of old musicals and prefer not to watch movies with violent images because it often upsets them. I think they have seen enough pain and suffering and just want to look at images that bring back happy memories."

Cline concluded, "I just like people and enjoy the excitement of learning right along with them."

The Outreach Department takes a collection of materials monthly to five nursing homes in the area.

Bevy of Teen, Adult Programs

Book Clubs

- **Book Clique**
  Online discourse; signup at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html.
  November: *The Plot Against America*, Philip Roth
  December: Best of 2005

- **Eclectic**
  Meets **10 a.m.**, third Thursdays, Downtown.
  November 17: *In the River Sweet*, Patricia Henley
  December 15: *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*, Lynne Truss; luncheon

- **Fiction**
  Meets **7 p.m.**, first Tuesdays, Downtown.
  November 1: *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, Willa Cather
  December 6: *The Awakening*, Kate Chopin

- **Murder by the Book**
  Meets **10 a.m.**, fourth Wednesdays, Campus.
  November 16 (third Wednesday this month):
  Agatha Christie: Poirot vs. Marple; carry-in brunch
  December: No meeting

For more information on adult book clubs and future titles, visit www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroups.html.

Hey, Teens, Got Money?

Learn how to manage your finances and all about credit and debit cards, checking accounts and the dangers of credit card debt at this free program presented by Amanda Griffith from PEFCU:

Got Money?
7 p.m., Thursday, November 3
Downtown Library
No reservations needed.

Speakers Share Knowledge

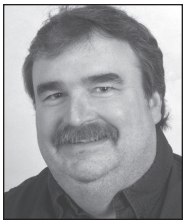
Learn about a range of topics at these library programs, all free with no registration needed:

Writing Workshop

Free Looseleaf Writing Workshops presented by the staff of Purdue University's *Sycamore Review* continue at the downtown library:

- **It's All in the Details**
  4 p.m., Saturday, November 5
  This is an introduction to using the senses to make your characters jump off the page, for teens and adults. Reservations requested; call 429-0113.

Talk About Sports Writing



Lafayette Jefferson High and Purdue graduate Jeff Washburn, who played baseball and football as a youth, recently co-authored *The Truth and Nothing But the Truth* with former Purdue basketball coach Gene Keady. The 33-year sportswriter at the Journal and Courier says, "I love capturing the emotion of the big event, along with bringing the reader a behind-the-scenes look at those who play the games we adore." He'll speak at the library:

Sports Writing: A Labor of Love
7 p.m., Thursday, November 10
Downtown Library.

Preventing Diabetes

Phyllis Robinson, a registered nurse at Greater Lafayette Health Services' Regional Diabetes Center, will give a health update and prevention tips for this Mind-Body Fitness program:

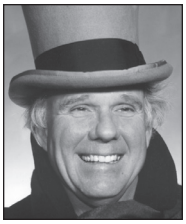
Diabetes
7 p.m., Tuesday, November 15
Downtown Library.

Alzheimer's

Purdue associate professor Nancy Edwards, a registered nurse certified in gerontology, presents a program on the warning signs and importance of early detection, another in our Mind-Body Fitness series:

Alzheimer's
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6
Ivy Hall, Lilly Room, Ivy Tech.

Charles Dickens



Purdue English professor and author William J. Palmer gives a representation of author Charles Dickens' impact on Victorian popular culture. Besides the literary world, Dickens was involved in theatre, lecture circuits and benevolent fund-raising entertainment of the time.

Charles Dickens: Rock Star
7 p.m., Tuesday, November 29
Downtown Library.

Teen Advisory Board Meets

Teens interested in guiding library activities for their age group are invited to participate in the Teen Advisory Board, which meets at **7 p.m., Thursday, December 1**, at the Downtown Library.

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Lafayette, IN 47903
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Learning Express a Great Way to Learn

by Alison Moss,
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