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LIBRARY NEWS

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One Great Read: Join *Nickel and Dimed* Discussions

ONE GREAT READ
EVERYONE!

Join in the community discussion from now through Labor Day on Barbara Ehrenreich's book, Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America.

Challenged by welfare reform rhetoric claiming that any job means a better life, Barbara Ehrenreich stepped into the world of the working poor–as a retail clerk, maid and waitress, then wrote about her and her co-workers' meager existences in *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*.

Locally Relevant

This summer, the Tippecanoe County Public Library and West Lafayette Public Library are leading our community in reading and discussing *Nickel and Dimed*. Part of the discussion will center on the book's local relevance.

Tippecanoe County's employment rate exceeds state and national averages, yet 21,000 hungry people turned to Lafayette Urban Ministry food pantries last year. And nearly one-third of our children are so poor they qualify for reduced or free school lunches.

Positive Focus

A library committee chose this book as one that would interest our community, spark discussion, offer program possibilities and help improve our community life. Our focus is positive, emphasizing avenues open to the financially challenged and opportunities for improving life.

Activities will include films, a social services fair, workshops and panels–at both libraries and at other locations around town. The idea is to get the community reading, talking and tackling local needs that may be identified.

Read the book–copies are available at your library. Then participate in the programs and events listed in this newsletter.

Author Barbara Ehrenreich

Ehrenreich Tackles Tough Topics

Besides frequently writing for the *New York Times* and *Time, Harpers* and *Progressive* magazines, Barbara Ehrenreich is the author of 13 nonfiction books. Her most recent is *Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream.*

Her awards include the 2004 Puffin/*Nation* Prize, a Guggenheim Fellowship and MacArthur Foundation grants. She lives in Florida and has taught at the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley.

Libraries Closed July 4, Aug. 9

The downtown, campus and mobile libraries will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day, and Wednesday, August 9, for a staff day.

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Lasso Some Fun with Summer Reading Clubs

Sign up now for the Summer Reading Clubs and rope in some prizes as you "Follow the Reading Trail." Clubs and prizes are available for youth and adults. For full details, see the insert enclosed in this newsletter.

Among our Summer Reading Club programs are these for children aged 5 and up, all free but requiring advanced tickets.

Tickets may be secured beginning the Monday before each program by visiting the Downtown Library Ask Here Desk or Campus Library Information Desk or by calling 429-0119.

Snakehead Ed loves snakes and thinks you will, too. Meet him and his slithering friends ***Thursday, June 15****, at the Downtown Library.*

Snakehead Ed
Thursday, June 15
2 and 7 p.m.
Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Foundation Meeting Room B

After teaching middle school science in Indianapolis for more than 30 years, "Snakehead Ed" Ferrer now takes his slithering reptiles on the road. Meet him and about a dozen of his friends at the library for this up-close look and lesson.

Stevens Puppets' Sleeping Beauty
Thursday, June 29
2 and 7 p.m.
Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Foundation Meeting Room B

Children will marvel at the handcrafted detail in Stevens Puppets' marionettes as they enjoy this classic tale. Long a library favorite, Stevens Puppets marks its 70th anniversary this summer.

Local singer Jeff All presents a family concert on ***Thursday, July 13****. He'll perform at the Campus Library at* ***10:30 a.m.*** *and Downtown Library at* ***2 and 7 p.m.***

Family Concert with Jeff All
Thursday, July 13
10:30 a.m., Campus Library
2 and 7 p.m., Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Foundation Meeting Room B

A western summer wouldn't be complete without singing on the range. Local musician, singer and educator Jeff All brings his guitar, harmonica and repertoire to both libraries for family concerts.

Stevens Puppets brings Sleeping Beauty *to the Downtown Library* ***Thursday, June 29****.*

Chris Camp, The Whip Guy
Thursday, July 20
2 and 7 p.m.
Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Foundation Meeting Room B

Have you ever heard 222 bullwhip cracks in a minute? That's the kind of action 2005 World Champion Double Whip Cracker and entertainer Chris Camp promises during his action-packed stop in town. The Guiness world record holder will have children snapping to attention.

World champion whip cracker Chris Camp snaps a few at the Downtown Library, ***2 and 7 p.m., Thursday, July 20.***

Pre-Teen, Teen Fun

Guitar Society Concert
Tuesday, May 30
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
West Lafayette Public Library
Outdoor Performance Space

Enjoy rock, alternative and class music played by Techumseh Middle School's Guitar Society.

Teen Craft Club
Mondays, June 12 and 26
and **July 17 and 31**
3 to 4 p.m.
Downtown Library
Ages 10 to 18

Create western-style crafts–dream catchers, tin-can lanterns and more.

Calendar

See storytime article below; storytimes are not listed individually on this calendar.
Also see Summer Reading Club information on enclosed insert, which is not repeated on this calendar.
Up-to-the-minute information about library programs is available at www.tcpl.lib.in.us.

May

31 One Great Read Kickoff, Downtown, 1:30 p.m.
One Great Read, Discussion, West Lafayette Public Library, 7 p.m.

June

5 *Nickel and Dimed* Book Discussion, Campus, 10:30 a.m.
The Real Da Vinci, Downtown, 7 p.m.
6 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
15 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
20 Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
26 Wal-Mart film, West Lafayette Public Library, 7 p.m.
27 Area Social Services Fair, Downtown, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
28 Murder by the Book, Campus, 10 a.m.
Storytelling Workshop, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.

July

4 Downtown, campus and mobile libraries closed.
6 Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
7 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
8 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
9 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 1 to 6 p.m.
10 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
17 Wal-Mart film, West Lafayette Public Library, 7 p.m.
18 Dreaming Big, Neighborhood Housing Program, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
19 WealthSmart Workshop, Ivy Hall Lilly Room 1120, 10 a.m.
20 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
26 Murder By the Book Club, Campus, 10 a.m.
27 *Nickel and Dimed* Brown Bag Book Talk, Downtown, 12 noon

August

1 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
3 *Nickel and Dimed* panel, West Lafayette Public Library, 7 p.m.
9 Downtown, Campus and Mobile libraries closed for a staff day.
10 Money for College, Downtown, 7 p.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.
29 *Nickel and Dimed* Book Discussion, Campus, 6:30 p.m.
Nickel and Dimed panel, What Can I Do to Affect Poverty, YWCA, 7 p.m.

Save Reading Club Insert

Your library's calendar of activities and programs is blooming with opportunity for the summer months. Besides the events listed here, check out all the dates and times on the enclosed Summer Reading Club insert, and "Follow the Reading Trail" to your library.

Library Storytimes

Downtown Library: June, July

Lapsit, for newborn to 24 months
9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Rhymes, finger plays, songs and more.

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

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

Stories 'N Stuff, for all ages
11 a.m., Fridays
Old favorites and new titles.

(No storytimes July 4, 5 or 7)

Campus Library: June, July

Family Storytime, for all ages
10:30 a.m. and **2 p.m., Tuesdays**
10:30 a.m., Fridays
Stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts and fun.

(No storytimes on July 4 or 7)

Director's Notes: West Branch Underway

by Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

Over the past couple of years, it has not been unusual for change to be the primary focus of this column. Often the need for a change has been a key factor in decisions made by library administration about the library's future. For TCPL the need for change has resulted in the decision to grow and expand services with a new branch library.

First Neighborhood Branch

Becoming TCPL's first true neighborhood branch, construction of this facility initiates another exciting era in the library's history. This new west branch will be one of the most visible changes in our library system since opening the Tippecanoe County Ivy Tech Library in 2002.

This change is about expansion and growth to provide more convenient access to library services. It's fueled by TCPL's Board of Trustees' vision in response to the tremendous housing growth in this county.

Opening May 2007

A groundbreaking was held in May on land donated by John Scheumann and Derrin Sorenson. The event included a performance by the 8th grade choir of Klondike Middle School. Hamstra Builders Inc., the general contractor with the lowest bid, has erected a sign marking the site and started work on the foundation of the 13,500-square-foot building. Ideally, Hamstra will get the structure enclosed before winter sets in and finish construction by May 2007.

Library staff are selecting furniture for the facility and working with vendors to acquire opening day materials for the library's collection.

The library is growing in many ways, and this is proof dreams can become a reality. The new branch reflects the Board's effort to respond to the needs of library users. Excitement is building–no pun intended–and it is indeed satisfying to start this phase of the project. We will endeavor to keep you apprised of the process, and we hope the excitement of this project touches you. After all, we exist to serve you.

Soon, Sooner, Soonest

Want a quick way to know when your special requests and books-on-hold are available? Or a quicker reminder about overdue items, before the dog eats them? For the fastest library communications available, sign up for email or phone notification.

"Electronic formats are increasingly the preferred media," reports Marisa Albrecht, Head Circulation Librarian. "People who are online will notice the promptness of our system and benefit from more frequent reminders."

Email and phone notifications help the library, too. In the dark hours of the night, our computer system reviews your requests and returns, then sends a message, quick as a wink. Phone notifications are scheduled for daytime automated reminders. Both save on paper, postage and labor costs, and they are good for the environment.

To let us know how to talk to you, stop by the Downtown or Campus Library circulation desk.

INSPIRE Makes Finding Articles a Snap

Looking for magazine and journal articles? Turn to INSPIRE–Indiana Spectrum of Information Resources, an online database of more than 6 million articles. Unlike many Internet sources, these are published magazine articles. And you can print, save or email them.

Check it out at www.inspire.net or stop by the library's reference desk for a brief introduction.

Summer Book Sale July 7-10

Stock up for summer reading at the Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library book sale at the Downtown Library:

- **Friday, July 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Sunday, July 9, 1 to 6 p.m.**, all books half-price.
- **Monday, July 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** or until everything sells, books $2 a grocery bag; bags provided.

The theme is "The Moveable Feast," with cookbooks, travel and vacation books featured–as well as maps on how to get there. And, as always, loads of great fiction for sizzling summer reading.

Mark your calendars, too, for these sale dates: October 13 to 16, and December 1 to 4.

Have books to donate to the sales? Drop them off at the Downtown Circulation Desk during library hours. If you have more than one box, please take them to the loading dock.

Nickel and Dimed Events, Programs

One Great Read Events Around Town

Read the book, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich, and join the community-wide discussion.

One Great Read Kickoff
Wednesday, May 31, 1:30 p.m.
Downtown Library
Mayor Tony Roswarski will kick it off.

***Nickel and Dimed* Discussion**
Wednesday, May 31, 7 p.m.
West Lafayette Public Library
Angelica Duran, Purdue English professor and founder of the Latino Faculty and Staff Association, will lead a discussion.

***Nickel and Dimed* Book Discussion**
Monday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.
Campus Library
Librarians Leanne York and Sarah Brown will lead a discussion.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price
Monday, June 26, 7 p.m.
West Lafayette Public Library
Watch the 98-minute documentary by Robert Greenwald.

Area Social Services Fair
Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Downtown Library
Meet representatives from Area IV Agency, Community and Family Resource Center, Community Health Clinic, Family Services, Habitat for Humanity, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing, Lafayette Transitional Housing/Lincoln Center, Mental Health Association, WorkOne and YWCA Women's Shelter.
These organizations can help with life on a limited budget.

Why Wal-Mart Works and Why That Makes Some People Crazy
Monday, July 17, 7 p.m.
West Lafayette Public Library
Watch this 75-minute insiders' looks at Wal-Mart by Ron and Robert Galloway.

"Dreaming Big While Earning a Little"
Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
Downtown Library
Pat Stephenson, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Service's executive director, discusses making smart housing decisions and managing your money.

WealthSmart Workshop
Wednesday, July 19, 10 a.m. to noon
at Ivy Tech, Ivy Hall Lilly Room 1120
6 to 8 p.m.

Dana Smith, collection manager at Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union, will give an introduction to budgeting, money management, saving and investing.

Nickel and Dimed
Brown Bag Book Talk
Thursday, July 27, 12 noon
Downtown Library

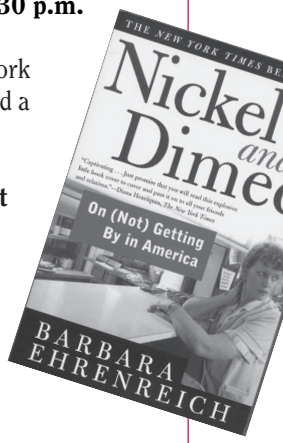
Bring your lunch for reference Librarian Sherri McGlothlin's One Great Read discussion.

***Nickel and Dimed* Panel Discussion**
Thursday, August 3, 7 p.m.
West Lafayette Public Library

Money for College
Thursday, August 10, 7 p.m.
Downtown Library

Joyce Bolinger, Ivy Tech Community College financial aid advisor, will speak on how to finance a college education.

***Nickel and Dimed* Book Discussion**
Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m.
Campus Library
Librarians Leanne York and Sarah Brown will lead a discussion.



"What Can I Do to Affect Poverty?"
***Nickel and Dimed* Panel Discussion**
Tuesday, August 29, 7 p.m.
YWCA, 605 N. Sixth St.

Ongoing Activities

Continue the discussion of *Nickel and Dimed* online and at the Downtown Library with these ongoing activities.

The Cost is Right
Three notebooks display the price of things locally. Try estimating costs, then check the answer sheets provided.

Voices of the Working Poor
Tune in to these audio recordings of interviews with some of our community's working poor, who talk about how they are treated, what it feels like to have no options, how they make ends meet and what agencies have helped them the most.
Recordings are available on a dedicated computer at the Downtown Library and at the One Great Read blog at http://blog.tcpl.lib.in.us/drupal.

One Great Read Blog
Read what others are saying about *Nickel and Dimed* and add your own comments at the Tippecanoe County Public Library One Great Read blog, at http://blog.tcpl.lib.in.us/drupal.
You may also want to visit author Barbara Ehrenreich's blog at http://ehrenreich.blogs.com/barbaras_blog/.

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Treat Yourself to Summer Library Fun

Elizabeth Mix

The Real Da Vinci
Monday, June 5, 7 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Library

Who was Leonardo Da Vinci? Did his art incorporate secret symbolism?

Purdue visual and performing arts professor Elizabeth Mix will present "The Real Da Vinci: Separating Fact from the Fiction of the Code," a look at the artist as portrayed in Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* and his works of art.

Storytelling Workshop
Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Downtown Library

Learn to change your voice, personalize your stories and enhance your techniques at this free workshop presented by the Tippecanoe Storytellers Guild.

Registration is required; the class is limited to 20. Call Marilyn Neie, 463-5022.

Book Discussions

Book Clique
Online discourse; signup at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html.
June: *Empire Falls*, Richard Russo
July: Any Garrison Keillor book
August: *The Devil in the White City,* Erik Larson

Eclectic
Meets **10 a.m.**, third Thursdays, Downtown
June 15: *1776,* David McCollough
July 20: To be announced
August 17: To be announced

Faction Fiction

Classic literature discussion online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/faction.html.
June: *Fight Club*, Chuck Palahniak
July: *On the Road,* Jack Kerouac
August: To be announced

Fiction

Meets **7 p.m.**, first Tuesdays (except July), Downtown, **June 6, July 11, August 1**; titles to be announced.

Murder by the Book
Meets **10 a.m.**, fourth Wednesdays, Campus
June 28: *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold,* John Le Carre
July 26: Discussion of Ruth Rendell's Reginald Wexford series
August 23: Discussion of Arthur W. Upfield's Napoleon Bonaparte series

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