**Spring Ahead @ Your Libraries**

**Novelist Porter Shreve**  
Tuesday, April 29  
7:00 p.m., adults  
Downtown Library

Porter Shreve stories capture the humor and heartbreak in modern American life. “The author is not only a fine storyteller but a shrewd psychologist,” wrote a Newsday book critic. The Obituary Writer was named a New York Times Notable Book and a Book Sense 76 selection. Drives Like a Dream explores American materialism and the Detroit auto industries. When the White House Was Ours (2008) describes the Carter White House. Shreve, Director of Purdue’s M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing, co-edits anthologies, writes short stories, and contributes to journals and magazines. A book signing follows.

**Author Andrea Cheng**  
Tuesday, April 8  
7:00 p.m., all ages  
Downtown Library

Shanghai, Budapest, and Cincinnati come together in the picture books and novels of Andrea Cheng. Hear the author describe how life influences her writing – experiences as the daughter of Hungarian immigrants and Holocaust survivors, a student of Chinese, and an apprentice bookmaker in Switzerland. Shanghai Messenger, Honeysuckle House and Marika are just some of Cheng’s award-winning books. Program includes a book signing.

**Soundbytes**  
A Young Audiences of Indiana Program  
Tuesday, March 4  
Klondike Branch  
Tempest Homes Meeting Room

Workshop, 4:00 p.m., ages 11-18  
A humorous, high energy, interactive workshop! Electronic musician Doug Babb demonstrates sound patterns, themes and variations, and improvises on a computer. Experience synthesizers, drum machines and more. A Q&A session follows. Registration required.

Performance, 7:00 p.m.  
Hear the IUPUI instructor showcase his musical mastery. Babb’s credits include the “Dinosaur Soundscape” for Chicago’s Field Museum of Natural History, special sound effects for The Indianapolis Children’s Museum, and a “Sound Safari” album released in over 10 countries.
Teen Tech Week
Tune In @ TCPL
My Pop Studio
Monday, March 3
6:30 p.m., ages 11-18
Campus Library, Computer Lab
Come play with My Pop Studio. Assume the role of TV producer, edit a teen magazine layout, or create a pop star and explore the music world. Help analyze media and messages directed at girls. Created at the Media Education Lab, School of Communications and Theater, Temple University.

Spring Break Program
Sticks & Stones
Thursday, March 27
A Kids First Puppet Show
2:00 p.m., ages 5 & up
Downtown Library
“Sticks and stones can break my bones and words can really hurt me,” is the message of this volunteer educational puppetry program. Characters show respect for the similarities and differences of everyday people. Teasing, bullying and disability awareness demonstrations result in thought-provoking entertainment.

Read Across America Day
Monday, March 3
4:00 p.m., all ages
All TCPL Libraries
Come celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and your enjoyment of reading at the nearest TCPL Library. Prepare for a rhyming good time and a gaggle of giggles!

Spring Into The Arts
Three locations.
4:00-5:00 p.m., ages 8-12
Registration required for groups of five or more. Call 429-0119.

Mother Goose Day
Thursday, May 1
10:00 a.m., ages 3-5
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Rooms
Join us as we share Mother Goose rhymes, stories, songs and a craft. Registration required. Call 429-0119.

Highlight!
A Wreath For Emmett Till
Saturday, April 5
2:00 p.m., teens & adults
Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Meeting Rooms
Civic Youth Theatre of Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette presents a reading of the award-winning poem, A Wreath for Emmett Till, by Marilyn Nelson. This poem is a chilling reminder of the 1955 lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

Children’s Concert
Saturday, April 19
2:00 p.m. all ages
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Rooms
Hear popular children’s songs and lullabies performed by the West Lafayette High School String Quartet. Enjoy finger plays and a story.

Lego Challenge
Harrison Boiler Robotics
Saturday, April 26
2:00 p.m., ages 8-12
Downtown Library
Help design and construct a Lego Mindstorm robot. Learn basic Lego programming and competition tactics. Registration required.

To register for Youth Programs, call 429-0119 or visit a TCPL Youth Desk. Information at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/youth
“Take Me Out to the Back Yard”
(to the tune of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”)

Take me out to the back yard.
Take me out with the bugs.
Locusts and beetles and dragonflies
If I look hard, I might even see slugs.

Look, look, look in the bushes
In trees, ‘neath rocks, and the lawn.
For it’s one, five, ten books I read…
Before summer’s gone!

Library Storytimes

**Downtown:**

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

**Evening Lapsit**
6:30 p.m., Tuesdays
March 11 & 25, April 15 & 29
Rhymes, finger plays, songs and more

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

**Preschool Storytime,** 3½-6-year-olds
11:00 a.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Stories, songs, finger plays and more

**Stories Under the Sculpture**
10:30 a.m., Saturdays, all ages
Your chance to hear some of our favorites!

**Spring Break Storytime!**
**Stories ‘N’ Stuff**
Friday, March 28, 2:00 p.m., all ages
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Room B
Enjoy a take-home craft and hear stories about how to be yourself, handle teasing and respect people with disabilities.

**Campus:**

**Family Storytime,** all ages
10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays

**Friends Program Room**
Stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and fun

**Klondike Branch:**

**Family Storytime,** all ages
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., Wednesdays
Hear great stories, sing songs, and make a fun craft to take home!

For exact dates of storytimes, check the web calendar or visit the TCPL Youth pages at www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Note: All winter-spring storytimes end Wednesday, April 30. Summer schedules begin Tuesday, June 3.
March
2  Teen Tech Week begins
3  Read Across America Day, all libraries, 4:00 p.m.
   My Pop Studio, Campus, 6:30 p.m.
4  Soundbytes Workshop, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
   Soundbytes Performance, Klondike, 7:00 p.m.
   Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
   Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
5  Irish Renaissance Writers, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
6  Basic Puppetry, Campus, 4:00 p.m.
   Teen Library Club (TLC), Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
   Looseleaf Writing Workshop, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
10 Search it. Find it. Use it. Purdue Undergraduate Library, 2:00 p.m.
11 String Games, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
12 Mortgages & Home Buying, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
13 Middle School Library Guild (m.s.Guild.), Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
19 Art Extravaganza, Downtown, 4:00 p.m.
20 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
   Landlord & Tenant Rights, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
23 All TCPL Libraries Closed Easter Sunday
26 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
27 Sticks & Stones Puppets, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
28 Stories ‘N’ Stuff, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.

April
1  National Poetry Month Begins
   Author Anatole Kursjuk, Klondike, 7:00 p.m.
   Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
   Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
3  String Games, Campus, 4:00 p.m.
   Teen Library Club (TLC), Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
4  Poetry Contest Submission Deadline, all libraries, 5:00 p.m.
5  Wreath For Emmett Till, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
7  New! Fireside Book Club, Klondike, 2:00 p.m.
8  Author Andrea Cheng, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
10 Gardening: Rain Gardens, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
   Looseleaf Writing Workshops, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
   Middle School Library Guild (m.s.Guild.), Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
13 National Library Week Begins
14  The Favorite Poem Project, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
16  Basic Puppetry, Downtown, 4:00 p.m.
17  Small Space Gardening, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
   Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
18  Library After Hours: 70’s Fever, Downtown, 6:00 p.m.
19  Children’s Concert, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
   Latino Festival, Ivy Tech Community College, 10:00 a.m.
22 Lunch With Poetry, Downtown, 12:15 p.m.
   Art Extravaganza, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
23 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
26 Lego Challenge, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
29 Author Porter Shreve, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.

May
1  Mother Goose Day, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
5  Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
6  Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
15 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
26 All TCPL Libraries Closed Memorial Day
27 Summer Reading Clubs begin @ all TCPL Libraries
28 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
30 Friends Book Sale, Downtown, 9:00 p.m.

“Get’em While They’re Hot!”
Friends Book Sale
Friday, February 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Members only night.
Saturday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 2, 1:00-6:00 p.m., All items half price
Monday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., $2 a bag. Bags provided.
Shop online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/friends.

Campus Library: Computer Classes
Registration required. Sign up at any TCPL Library or call 269-5388.
Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. – Basic Computer
Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. – Basic Internet
Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. – Advanced Internet

March Is – National Craft Month & Women’s History Month • April Is – National Humor Month & Math Awareness Month
May Is – National Smile Month & National Get Caught Reading Month & National Bicycle Month
2007 was undoubtedly one of the busiest years of my professional life. Many of you know I spent quite a bit of energy on the Klondike Branch, but others may not know that behind the scenes, I had an enormous professional responsibility. The blessing of having a voice in choosing the best-illustrated American children’s book published in 2007 was given to me when I was appointed to the 2008 Caldecott selection committee. Sponsored by the Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), the Randolph J. Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in English in the United States during the preceding year. I want to let you in on my Caldecott experience.

In the fall of 2006, I was appointed to the committee and was one of 15 people serving on the committee. It was a great group of children’s book lovers from all across the United States and one representative from Canada. Over the next 13 months at semi-annual conferences held in Seattle, Washington D.C., and Philadelphia we enjoyed three face-to-face meetings. Between meetings, e-mail was our primary communication method. For 12 months more than 700 picture books were mailed to my home. I read, evaluated and compared how the illustrations supported the author’s words. ALSC distributed a detailed manual as the primary resource and guide for our assignment. The elected chair, also a noted children’s book reviewer, facilitated the work of the committee.

We did more than just receive and read the books. Occasionally we had to do some research, to find book reviews and background information on illustrators. Each month we each submitted titles of books we considered noteworthy. The chairperson compiled the recommended titles, and members were encouraged to take a second, closer look at each book. In October to December, each committee member nominated, with written annotations, up to four titles for the Caldecott award.

Our final conference was in Philadelphia. Prior to the final deliberations, our committee enjoyed a traditional Thursday evening dinner together. We then met twice on Friday, twice on Saturday, and once on Sunday morning. We presented information about the nominated books, pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of the illustrations, deliberated about how well the artists interpreted the texts, and eliminated book after book. Finally, with the pool reduced in number to only those books we believed should win the award, each member voted for a first, second, and third choice.

Ultimately, the committee had to select just one book. The winner had to have at least 8 first place votes and a precise point margin between it and the next book. When we finally had a winner and knew we had accomplished our assigned task, it was really exhilarating.

A 6:45 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 2008, phone calls to the Caldecott award-winning illustrator and honor illustrators began. For most of the world, it was just another Monday. For the single Caldecott award-winner, the four honor recipients, and our committee it was a day we will always remember.

All in all, it was a wonderful experience -- in more ways than I ever expected. Seeing every new American illustrated children’s book published in just one year is a monumental task. Even for those of us who work daily in a library, it is a rare opportunity. Receiving boxes of new books at your home for an entire year is like having a birthday every day. As an ex-children’s librarian, my confidence in the committee process was reaffirmed as the process produced one of the most unusual Caldecott winners of all time. I was extremely proud to be associated with this Caldecott committee and to have served my profession in this privileged way.

2008 Caldecott Winners

Medal Winner
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

Honor Books
Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad Illustrated by Kadir Nelson and written by Ellen Levine

First the Egg by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sis

Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity by Mo Willems
Writers of The Irish Renaissance
Wednesday, March 5
7:00 p.m., adults
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Room B
The Celtic Revival, an attempt to reclaim Irish literature and culture and distinguish it from English culture, began in the early 1900’s. W.B. Yeats, Lady Augusta Gregory and James Joyce were key figures in the movement. Purdue professor Maren Linett illustrates how Irish writers contributed to this literary renaissance.

Two Looseleaf Writing Workshops
6:30 p.m., 17+ & adults
Downtown Library
Registration required.
Call 429-0113

Thursday, March 6:
Dialogue & Flash Fiction
Thursday, April 10:
Settings & Openings

This concludes the Winter 2008 Looseleaf Workshops! TCPL thanks organizers and presenters from Purdue’s Sycamore Review and Master of Fine Arts Program, Department of English.

Buying & Renting
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Room B
7:00 p.m., adults

Mortgages & Home Buying
Wednesday, March 12
Presented by Dave Gray, Industrial Federal Credit Union (IFCU) mortgage specialist. Mortgages, lending practices and policies, plus much more.

Landlord & Tenant Rights
Thursday, March 20
Presented by Ann Ginda, Indiana Legal Services, the Tippecanoe County Pro Se Committee and TPCL. A program from the viewpoints of tenants and landlords.

2008 One Great Read
The Time Is Near!
The 2008 One Great Read Committee is on the job. Words heard over the transom: a work of fiction, a book people know but may not have actually read; a story with theatrical applications; a fun read with thought-provoking elements and themes; and a visual as well as visionary book.

Editor’s Note: The 2008 One Great Read selection will be announced during National Library Week, April 13-19!

Book Clubs
Group Meetings
Downtown Library
Eclectic Book Club
Meets 10:00 a.m., third Thursdays
March 20: The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town, John Grisham
April 17: The Glass Castle: A Memoir, Jeannette Walls
May 15: A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini

Fiction Book Club
Meets 7:00 p.m., first Tuesdays
March 4: The Feasting Season, Nancy Coons
April 1: A Salty Piece of Land, Jimmy Buffett
May 6: Home to Holly Springs, Jan Karon

Campus Library
Murdure By The Book
Meets 10:00 a.m., fourth Wednesdays
March 26: Nordic Mysteries by leading authors
April 23: Dashiell Hammett, read The Maltese Falcon, The Thin Man or Red Harvest
May 28: Maureen Jennings: William Murdoch series

Klondike Library
Fireside Book Club
Callout Monday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.
April: Empire Falls, Richard Russo
May: To be announced

Online Discussions
Book Clique
Go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html

Faction Fiction
March: Naked Lunch, William S. Burroughs
April: Short stories by Franz Kafka
May: Motherless Brooklyn, Jonathon Lethem

To find out more, visit www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroups.html.

For more about Adult programs and services, call 429-0113 or visit www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref
American Poets leads it. Government officials, educational leaders, libraries, and individuals across the nation revel in it. Fans, writers of poetry and people interested in exploring the joys of poetry are invited to TCPL for this month-long celebration.

TCPL Poetry Contest
Deadline for submission: April 4 at 5 p.m.
Four Winning Categories: Teens, Grades 6-8 • Teens, Grades 11-12 • Adults • Poems in Spanish

How to enter:
• Poems must be your original work, no more than 40 lines long, and free from profanity.
• Type your poem (handwritten entries will not be accepted).
• Limit one entry per person.
• The judges’ decisions are final.
• Prizes are journals and reading-related items

For more information and entry forms visit any TCPL library, call 429-0130 or visit www.tcpl.lib.in.us.

Note: TCPL employees and family members are not eligible to enter.

New! Klondike Library

Klondike: World War II Memoir & New Book Club

Author Anatole Kursjuk
Tuesday, April 1
Adults, 7:00 p.m.
Tempest Homes Meeting Room
Anatole Kursjuk is the sole survivor of five children. His family experiences in Stalinist Russia and Nazi Germany are the focus of his book, The Long Walk Home. Described by one reviewer as “an amazing tale of love, courage, and strength through adversity,” the book chronicles the darkest days of both World War II and the Cold War. Come hear Kursjuk, U.S. Air Force veteran and Florida resident discuss his book, World War II, and its relevance today.

Fireside Book Club
Monday, April 7
2:00 p.m., adults
The Fireside Book Club begins with 2002 Pulitzer Prize winner Empire Falls by Richard Russo. Come sit by the fireplace, discuss this and future books. Call 463-5893 or go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroups.html.

The Favorite Poem Project
Monday, April 14
2:00 p.m., ages 8 & up
Downtown Library
TCPL has a wealth of poetry materials in many formats. Sit back. Share. Watch. Listen and celebrate poetry with us. To register, call 429-0119.

Lunch With Poetry
Tuesday, April 22
12:15 p.m., all ages
Downtown Library
Simple, epic, ironic or elegiac—poetry is life distilled. Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian kicks off the discussion with poems from the Favorite Poem Project. Bring your lunch and a friend!

2008 Mobile: Books & More Rolling Your Way

The TCPL Outreach Services and Mobile Library are on the move. Look for us April 19, at the Tippecanoe Latino Festival at Ivy Tech; June 7, Hands On Trucks Event at Imagination Station; and, October 15, at the 2008 Greater Lafayette Senior Fair at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.

Our year-round schedule includes over 40 Mobile Library stops, plus Library Link Homebound services and monthly nursing home materials deliveries. To find out more call 429-0169; go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us and click on “Bookmobile Stops;” or call Angela Clements, Head Outreach Librarian at 429-0192.

202 Years @ TCPL
With 31 volunteers in four libraries for a total of 202 years, TCPL appreciates the importance of National Volunteer Month. Three of our volunteers have at least 20 years of experience.
Three New Members. A Wealth of Experience.

New Foundation Board Members
Foundation President David McGaughey, CFP®, is a Vice President/Senior Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch with over 22 years experience in the Tippecanoe County area. He was the chairman of our system’s capital campaign for the Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library and is currently serving on boards of directors for many community organizations, including Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, Leadership Lafayette and the YWCA Foundation.

Vince Green, CFA, is a retired Senior Vice President for Bank of America Private Bank. He began his career in Lafayette and spent many years in San Antonio, Texas, before returning here. Board and civic experiences include: Alamo Public Telecommunications; City Year San Antonio; KLRN Endowment Fund; Academy (of Creative Education) Advisory Corporate Council; grants review panel, Tippecanoe Arts Federation; Curriculum Committee WALLA; and Scholarship Committees, Friends of TCPL.

Tony Albrecht, President and CEO of Lafayette Bank and Trust Company, N.A., is a Lafayette native. Currently, he is a board member of Indiana Community Business Credit Corporation. Albrecht is a member of the Venture Club, also the Lafayette/West Lafayette Development Corporation Chamber Council and Capital Resource Council. He is Second Vice Chairman of the United Way Campaign and serves several additional civic organizations in various capacities.

To find out more call Assistant County Librarian, Amy Paget at 429-0101 or e-mail amypaget@tcpl.lib.in.us

2008 Board President David McGaughey