

# Seneca District Newsletter

Seneca Library  
District

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## You might be a librarian...

This article is a take off on Jeff Foxworthy's "You might be a redneck if..." routine. Mary Barna, Director of the valley Community Library in Peckville, asked libraries all over PA to share their version of how to finish the statement "You might be a librarian if..." Here are some of the responses she received and shared in the *PaLA Bulletin*.

You might be a librarian if you alphabetize your spice rack.

...if you keep an eye on stray children when shopping at the mall.

...if you feel the need to straighten the shelves in the bookstore or other

libraries.

...if you visit libraries when out of town and have to fight the urge to put out-of-order books in order.

...if you direct lost shoppers to the pasta aisle in the grocery store.

...if you can cite your source when answering Trivial Pursuit questions.

...if you know how to use the *Farmer's Almanac* and you aren't a farmer.

...if you can pick out a book by what its spine looks like from five yards away.

...if you check the time on a digital clock, it says 8:21 and you think 'English poetry.'

...if you refer to all the

books in the library as MY BOOKS!

...if you know what the Patriot Act is.

...if you have dressed as the Cat in the Hat, Clifford and/or Harry Potter.

...if your shopping list is written on old shelf list cards.

...if you have seen the magic of story in the eyes of a child.

...if you cannot leave a question unanswered.

...if you know what a book cart race is.

...if you own more than 10 totes with "Read" scrolled on them.

Barna, Mary, "You might be a librarian..." *PaLA Bulletin*, p. 14-16, July/August 2008.

## District Libraries

- Barbara M. Brown Memorial Library
- Bradford Area Public Library
- Johnsonburg Public Library
- Friends' Memorial Library
- Marienville Area Library
- Mt Jewett Memorial Library
- S.W. Smith Memorial Public Library
- Ridgway Free Public Library
- Sheffield Township Library
- Hamlin Memorial Library
- St Marys Public Library
- Sugar Grove Free Library
- Tidioute Public Library
- S.S. Bovard Memorial Library
- Warren Library Association
- Wilcox Public Library
- Youngsville Public Library



## District Happenings

### Welcome:

Tidioute Public Library has hired Heather Koech to act as director. Please welcome Heather.

### Congratulations:

Bradford Area Public

Library reports that the One Book Bradford Committee has received a grant from the PA Humanities Council to help cover the cost of author David Laskin who will visit Bradford on Feb. 9, 2009

to discuss his book *The Children's Blizzard*.

### Events:

As part of One Book Bradford, the Bradford Little Theatre will

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present an original play based on Ted Kooser's book of poetry, *Blizzard Voices* on Jan. 24, 2009 at 2 pm. After the play, Bradford landmark Society curator Sally Costik will share stories of some of Bradford's own historic storms.

Warren Public Library Children's Department sponsored a shortened version of *The Snow Queen Ballet* on November 29, 2008. The talented dancers in their whimsical costumes captured the children's attention.



### Summer Reading Workshop:

**March 13, 2009**—Place to be announced; time 9:30 am to 3 pm. Don't miss this workshop as each library will have numerous opportunities to win materials for use with the Summer Reading Program.

### Teleconferences:

**February 13, 2009**—*Targeting the Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark*; Warren Public Library; Noon to 1:30 pm.

**April 16, 2009**—*An ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics*; Warren Public

### Moving!

Wilcox Public Library will be closed from December 15, 2008 through January 3, 2009. They will reopen in their new & renovated quarters on January 5, 2009!

### Closed for construction:

Hamlin Memorial Library in Smethport will be closed from December 8, 2008 through January 3, 2009 due to the construction project to expand their library.

### Farewell:

Marienville Area Library & the Seneca District bid farewell to Marlene Furnish who will retire at the end of the year. Happy Retirement!



## District Reminders

Library; Noon to 1:30 pm.

### District Meeting Dates:

Very tentative dates for 2009:

- \* Friday, April 17, 2009—Negotiated Agreement—Confirmed date
- \* Friday, May 15, 2009
- \* Friday, September 18, 2009
- \* Friday, October 9, 2009

Statewide Card Claim Forms are due at the District Center on December 29, 2008.

### Keystone Grant Webinar:

A pre-application webinar for the Keystone, Recreation, Parks and Conservation Grant will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 9 AM to Noon. Participation in this webinar is *necessary* if you plan to apply. Register at [www.pdwebinars.org](http://www.pdwebinars.org).

## District Professional Collection



**Anderson, Sheila B., *Serving older teens*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2004.**

Anderson suggests ways for public libraries to meet the special needs of young people between 16 & 19 years of age. This resource recommends non-fiction resources & realistic fiction books that discuss subjects of interest to this age group. Anderson also offers advice on creating an inviting space, holding booktalks, and nonprint collections

for older teens. In addition, she discusses planning teen programs, often at little or no cost and recommends how to find people who might present these programs.

**Furness, Adrienne, *Helping homeschoolers in the library*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2008.**

Statistics show 1.1 million U.S. children are homeschooled and 78% of homeschool par-

ents use the public library as their primary resource. This practical guidebook is designed to help libraries meet the needs of this growing group of patrons.

Part 1 addresses the history & background of homeschooling along with the needs & viewpoints of homeschooling groups. Part 2 deals with building programs & services for homeschoolers. The author discusses different homeschool movements and resources to serve the diverse homeschool

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population. She also provides ideas for programs and annotated lists of further reading & online resources.

**McCarthy, Richard C., *Managing your library construction project: a step-by-step guide*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2007.**

This authoritative guide is packed with practical advice for understanding key relationships & managing a complex process. Library directors & trustees will learn what the responsibilities are on both sides.

McCarthy explains the entire process, from deciding to build & analyzing the site to working with architects to evaluating the process & assessing the building's effectiveness. He includes checklists & sample construction documents that give hands-on insight to library construction.

**Nelson, Sandra S., *Strategic planning for results*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2008.**

**Newman, Diana S., *Nonprofit essentials: endowment building*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2005.**

Newman presents a practical guide for staff & board members of nonprofit organizations. It includes concrete how-to suggestions as well as advice on discovering donors' values & guiding their philanthropy. This volume includes an overview of endowments, preplanning & assessing readiness for endowment, developing an endowment action plan, identifying & cultivating donors, service responsibilities to donors, marketing the endowment, and measuring success. Among other things, the appendix includes a list of sample questions for prospective donors.

**O'Gorman, Jack, *Reference sources for small and medium-sized libraries*. 7th ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 2008.**

***Library spaces: future needs*. (DVD) Glen Ellyn, IL: College of DuPage Press, 2008.**

***People watching with a purpose: meeting needs before they need it*. (DVD) Glen Ellyn, IL: College of DuPage Press, 2008.**

***Tools of engagement: attracting and engaging library users*. (DVD) Glen Ellyn, IL: College of DuPage, 2008.**

***Trends, fads or folly: spotting the library trends that really matter*. (DVD) Glen Ellyn, IL: College of DuPage, 2008.**

## Quick Notes



### Fundraising Ideas:

\*On the library website, post a summary of the various opportunities available to donate money to the library.

\*Christmas present campaign (library sends card notifying recipient of gift)

\*Design & sell afghans with community buildings worked into the design

\*Sell pieces of old building from a renovation project.

\*Sell rooms or collections in the library for a year—name of donor placed on the room or collection

### A broken alphabet of activities for teens:

**A**-Art, use food coloring & glue with toothpicks or q-tips to create paintings.

**B**-Beauty advice for teens program

**C**-Crafts using recycled materials

**D**-Dream analysis, teens recall dreams & use library books to interpret

**E**-Environment, [www.epa.gov/students/waste.htm](http://www.epa.gov/students/waste.htm) for ideas

**F**-Fear Factor, boys like to gross each other out—Eat melted candy out of diaper, see how many hot peppers they can eat, etc.

**G**-Gaming, have a gaming night with board

games, hand held games, crosswords, and, if you have them, computer & video games.

**J**-Job Hunt, ask a teen-friendly business to speak about interviewing skills.

**O**-Origami, use books to guide an origami creation session.

**P**-Poetry, have a poetry contest.

**S**-Self defense, basic karate lesson and/or rape defense workshop

**V**-Volunteer, create a teen team for your library and provide them with a list of activities such as decorate, clean, cut for children's programs, etc.



Please meet & welcome, not a librarian, but new District Tech Consultant, Garrett Culver. Garrett was born & raised in Corry, PA. In fact, he says he spent his entire childhood living on the same block.

Garrett holds a B.A. in English with a concentration in creative writing from Penn State Behrend in Erie. He was introduced to the fascination of technology by a cousin and is largely self-taught.

All of his previous work experience has been in the technology field. He worked for the Corry Public Library while attending school and, most recently, was employed at Stambaugh Ness, PC in York as Help Desk Support.

Garrett is currently living with his parents until he is able to find his own living quarters. He has one sister who lives in California (the state). As for pets, Garrett

likes tropical fish & has his own aquarium. According to him, that was the most difficult thing to move.

Free time for Garrett usually means writing poetry or playing video games. He also runs a web site that covers video game news & trouble shooting. In fact because of his web site, he has been named an Xbox Ambassador by Microsoft whose Ambassador program covers 18 countries & 30 languages.

## Meet the Librarian

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[www.warrenlibrary.org](http://www.warrenlibrary.org)



## Moments in Our Lives

- \* **Lori Rounsville**, Director of Hamlin Memorial Library, says she has a new “baby” in her family. This “baby” is a 16 week old goldendoodle puppy named Izzabel Biscuit or Izzy for short.



*“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”*

Henry Ward Beecher

*“Librarian is a service occupation. Gas station attendant of the mind.”*

Richard Powers

## Presidential Trivia

- ◆ John F. Kennedy is the U.S. president who had the shortest life.
- ◆ There is only one state named after a president.
- ◆ Gerald Ford is the only president to survive two assassination attempts by *women*.
- ◆ Franklin D. Roosevelt threw out more Opening Day baseballs than any other president.
- ◆ More presidents have been born in the state of Virginia than any other state.
- ◆ Jimmy Carter had solar panels installed on the White House roof.
- ◆ Abraham Lincoln was the first president to appear on a U.S. coin.
- ◆ Dwight D. Eisenhower fanatically played Bridge while planning for D-Day.
- ◆ No president has been an only child.
- ◆ Jimmy Carter was the first U.S. president to adopt the informal version of his first name.
- ◆ Bill Clinton was born William Jefferson Blythe IV.
- ◆ Due to the War of 1812, James Madison was the first U.S. president to command a military unit during his term in office.
- ◆ Andrew Jackson wanted a copy of the U.S. Constitution placed under his head upon his burial.
- ◆ All U.S. presidents have worn glasses; some just didn't like to be seen wearing them.
- ◆ David Rice Atchinson was president of the United States for exactly one day.
- ◆ Millard Fillmore's mother feared he may have been mentally retarded.

