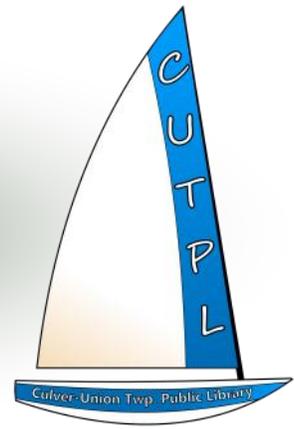


# The Maxinkuckee Reed

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Culver-Union Township Public Library



## Director's Spotlight— Our Friends- by Colleen McCarty

Every year since 2005, the American Library Association has set aside the third week in October as National Friends of the Library Week. This year that celebration occurs from October 17 to 23, and in this issue of the Maxinkuckee Reed I



have the pleasant task of extending a formal thank you to each of our Friends for their help and support of the Library. We are so fortunate here in Culver to have such special Friends!

Sandy Wakefield founded The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library in 2005 to provide library materials and programs, and promote reading incentives for children. The non-profit organization holds several book sales each year and donates those funds and their time to the Library, providing us with the opportunity to serve you even better.

Each year their support helps us to purchase numerous items, and this year has been a good one for us. Have you noticed the new spine labels on our materials? Tags are much easier to make and to read, and we have our Friends to thank: their monetary gift made it possible for us to purchase three label-making machines for our catalogers. Friends

also recently donated funds for a digital photo frame for our lobby; during Friends Week it will make its official debut in the lobby on the main floor, and you are invited to come in and view photos of recent Friends programs. They helped Santa with the candy he gave out after he read to our youngest citizens, and supported children's programming throughout the year by purchasing snacks and prizes. And we'll be ready for the trick-or-treaters later this month, thanks to our Friends.

But their Friendliness doesn't end there: they prettified our facility with flowers in our garden and plantings on the plaza. Four paintings representing the Dewey Decimal System done by local artist Kerri Bash for the children's department in the Library had been in storage for several years and were rediscovered by the Friends. Jim Hahn, Library Board President and Friend, repaired and re-framed them. They are displayed in the children's Department to the delight of all who see them. Friends also decorate our Christmas tree and the lobby each November.

They have sponsored several successful programs here at the Library. The most recent one featured local physician and author Dr. Curtis Bejes, who spoke about preventing heart disease. Their next

program will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 when Dr. Joseph Faulkner, a General Surgeon at Marshall County Surgery Associates in Plymouth, will speak about breast cancer awareness. There will be a question and answer session following his talk. And their final book sale of the year happens on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You do not want to miss **this** book sale: books are priced at \$1.00/bag!

We congratulate newly elected Officers Charlotte Hahn, President, Rita Mason, Vice-President and Connie Van Horn, Treasurer. You are invited to become a member of the Friends: membership forms are available at the Library, and on their web page: [www.culver.lib.in.us/friends.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/friends.htm). Meetings take place at 1 pm on the first Monday of the month at the Library and you may confirm the dates by checking their web page.

It is true that our Friends advocate and fundraise for CUTPL, yet they do so much more. I have listed just a few of the many contributions our Friends have made to the Library this year, but this list does not begin to tell of the significant positive impact the Friends have on the day-to-day functioning of the Library. We are grateful for all of their support, assistance and encouragement. Thank you, Friends!

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**Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.**

- Maria Robinson

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## What's New at the Culver Public Library- Items of popular interest

### Fiction:

#### *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks

When a mysterious young woman named Katie appears in the small North Carolina town of Southport, her sudden arrival raises questions about her past. —*Amazon.com*

#### *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen

Patty and Walter Berglund find each other early: a pretty jock, focused on the court and a little lost off it, and a stolid budding lawyer, besotted with her and almost burdened by his integrity. They make a family and a life together, and, over time, slowly lose track of each other. Their stories align at times with Big Issues. — *Tom Nissley*

#### *Wicked Appetite* by Janet Ev

novich Life in Marblehead has had a pleasant predictability, until Diesel arrives. Rumor has it that a collection of priceless ancient relics representing the Seven Deadly Sins have made their way to Boston's North Shore. — *Amazon.com*

#### *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* by Stieg Larsson

A familiar evil lies in wait for Lisbeth Salander, but this time, she must do more than confront the miscreants of her past; she must destroy them.

Much to her chagrin, survival requires her to place a great deal of faith in journalist Mikael Blomkvist and trust his judgment when the stakes are high. — *Amazon.com*

#### *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. — *Amazon.com*

### Nonfiction:

#### *The Grand Design* by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow.

#### *Pinheads and Patriots* by Bill O'Reilly

#### *Sh\*t My Dad Says* by Justin Halpern

### DVD:

#### *Weeds*— Seasons 1-5

#### *Mad Men*— Season 1 & 2

#### *True Blood*— Season 1 & 2

#### *Pacino, A Director's Vision*— Mov-

ies by and starring Al Pacino

### CD:

#### Lady Gaga: *Fame Monster, The Remix.*

#### Jerry Lee Lewis: *Mean Old Man*

#### Jamey Johnson: *The Guitar Song*

#### The Derek Trucks Band: *Road Songs*

#### Neil Young: *Le Noise*

#### Eric Clapton: *Clapton*

### Health and Wellness:

#### *Gut & Psychology Syndrome* by Dr.

#### Natasha Campbell-McBride

#### Health & Wellness— *Health Journeys Meditation Series* (various topics on CD)

### Featured Magazine:

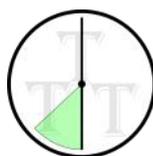
#### *Popular Photography*

## Free Computer Classes and Thursday Tech Time at CUTPL- by Andrew Baker, computer technology manager and webmaster

New computer classes have arrived! After performing some hardware upgrades on our laptop computers, we are now ready to offer classes on Windows 7 and Office 2010. If you're looking to get started with computers, or if you simply want to get to know the latest software, try our classes.

We have also replaced some old equipment around the library. Upgrading one of our servers has lowered power consumption, allowed us to install improved antivirus software on all com-

puters, and finally cut backup times in half. The new black and white laser printer in the computer lab offers faster print speeds than the old one, which was replaced after about 5 years of use.



Thursday Tech Time is a discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology; the group meets on the fourth Thursday evening of every month from 6:00 to 7:30. Sessions are free and open to the public. We are

also open to ideas for discussion and any technology-related presentations.

Past Thursday Tech Time topics have included:

#### Microsoft Office 2010

- Free Software
- Maintenance
- Google
- Computer Security
- Buying vs. Building

## Audiobook Review- *From the Heart* by Laura Bush- Library Patron Connie Deery

*Spoken from the Heart* is a story that should be read by Republicans and Democrats. Laura Bush reads well and articulates her story from her heart very well for the reader.

After listening to this on CD, I

would enjoy listening on CD to other first ladies' autobiographies. Besides telling her views and her life, she does a tremendous job of updating the reader on history from 9/11 to the end of George W. Bush's term of office.

She speaks well of her passions to improve the life of students, female issues to family life. Wonderful summer book/audio that the reader will want to send a "thank you" card to Mrs. Bush for sharing her story!

## Patron Book Reviews — By Barbara Quivey, 1<sup>st</sup>. place winner in adult Summer Reading 2010

“Her Name Titanic” by Charles Pellegrino gives parallel accounts of the sinking of the Titanic in April 1912 and the story of the discovery of the wreck seventy years later by Bob Ballard and his crew. Ballard, not a scientist by common definition, has a deep respect for the ocean and its secrets. To this day, he explores, maps and photographs his findings.

He was so deeply affected by the loss of life and the terrible events of that night that he went into seclusion for a year. Pellegrino tells of the 2,300+ people who sailed on the “unsinkable” ship. 800 survived and over 1500 died.

Many factors were involved in this tragedy. Of course, striking an iceberg in the deep northern ocean began the cascade of mistakes. First, there had been no safety drills for crew or passengers prior to sailing. There were not enough life jackets or life boats for over 2000 people, and the watch crew had no binoculars to see what lay ahead. The life boats were released into the sea only partially filled. Crew members were denied access to some and legend tells us the crew did not even know how to row!

All in all, the worst and best of human behavior came to light in the hours after the fatal colli-

sion. Marconi’s new “wireless” was on the ship, but was being used primarily as a “toy” for wealthy and famous passengers to contact friends on land. By the time the operators began sending the S.O.S., it was too late. All other ships were hours away.

Later study has revealed that a series of stabs and punches by ice boulders caused the steel ship to break apart and sink in over 2000’ of water. Ballard’s determination to leave the wreck untouched and unravaged is a testament to his integrity.

## Music Makes its Way into Culver Public Library Collection

Attention Musicians and Music Lovers:

The Technical Services Department of the Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer sheet music to our patrons.

Come check out the selection of piano, vocal and instrument music- make suggestions for our collection and bring some music and or talent to our library for a possible “jam session” in the

near future. The library is always looking for people to share live performances and music-come fill our building with music.

## Summer Reading Makes a Big Splash

A tsunami of a summer reading program hit the Culver- Union Township Public Library this year. The program began in early June, just after the end of school, and ended in early August with a celebration worthy of lowered flood levels. The theme for adults was “Water Your Mind at Your Public Library.” The theme for young adults/children this year was “Make a Splash at Your Public Library.”

There were over 20 adult participants and a staggering 140 plus

young adults and children who took part in the program, all of whom vied for prizes for reading the most books throughout the summer, with extra credit for “water” themed books, audio-books and DVDs.

The American Library Association started the summer reading program in the 1890s “as a way to encourage school children, particularly those in urban areas and not needed for farm work, to read during their summer vacation, use the library and develop the habit of read-

ing” (<http://www.ala.org/ala/professionalresources/libfactsheets/alalibraryfactsheet17.cfm>).

Program festivities included many activities like movies and crafts and the program concluded with prizes awarded for the people who read the most books throughout the summer. Nice work, Culver. Keep on reading and we will see you next summer for “Summer Reading 2011.”

## Patron Book Reviews — By Connie Deery, Culver Library Patron

*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* is an entertaining summer read that any young reader and adult would enjoy. If you read about mythology as a twelve-year-old, this is a great book to become reacquainted with

Zeus, Poseidon, Hades and so on of the immortals in literature. The book has a happy ending that leads the reader into searching out the next book and seeing what adventures lay ahead. If you had not

seen the book at “the movies,” you can still read it and compare the book to the home DVD which the library will likely add to their collection!

### *Write a book review of your favorite library Read/View/Listen!*

## 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne- Review by JoAnne McFarland

This is an intriguing story about Nemo, who is captain of a submarine that looks like a monster called the Nautilus. Forsaking mankind, Nemo lives under the sea. Nemo meets up with the professor and his assistant and Ned Land, and they are taken aboard after the sinking of their ship. Believing the captain is mad, Ned sends messages in a bottle and puts them adrift on the ocean.

The Nautilus runs aground on a reef and must wait until the tide comes in so they can get underway. While on an island, Ned

and the Assistant run into cannibals and are pursued to the submarine, upon which the cannibals receive an electric shock, which sends them on their way. Ned and his friends become prisoners and are locked away. The Nautilus is fired upon and is taking on water while plunging to the bottom of the sea. Ned breaks out of where he was being held, the Captain and his men made repairs and the Nautilus is under way. They are attacked by a giant squid that has ahold of the Nautilus. Ned kills the squid with a spear and saves

the Captain. War ships with men come to help, meanwhile, Captain Nemo goes to shore to destroy the island, while coming back aboard the Nautilus, Nemo is shot. An explosion takes place and the island is destroyed.

Ned takes the Nautilus back up to the surface of the water and Captain Nemo dies in a watery grave. Ned and his friends are safe in a little boat adrift on the open sea, watching for the last time as the Nautilus sinks all the way down to the bottom of the ocean. The End.

## Road Literature Book Club Rolls On

The Road Literature Book Club is in the midst of its fifth month of existence, and has been relatively well received thus far. The road is long and winding, and there are “many miles to go before I sleep,” to quote Robert Frost. This book club is for the young or the young at heart, and for those bitten by the travel bug, whose middle name is wanderlust, or whomever wishes to learn more about traveling, the roads we travel in life and, as

was opined in “The Road Not Taken” again, by Robert Frost, “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.”

The Road Literature Book Club meets every 4th Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 PM in the purple meeting room here at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, and is FREE and Open to the Public. The next

book we will discuss is *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck on October 27th at 6:30. A few upcoming titles include *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Persig, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Thompson and *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Adams, to name a few. Hope to see you there next time we meet on the open road...

## Thrift and the Library— by library patron Chris Schumerth

*“You dropped 150 grand on an education you could have gotten for a dollar fifty in late charges at the public library.”*

~Will Hunting to a Harvard student in the film *Good Will Hunting*

In this recessed economy, the mindless consumption of Generations X and Y are out, and the thrift of our Great Depression parents and grandparents are making a comeback. Part of that comeback, for me, has been a more regular use of the Culver Public Library (and the Jacksonville Public Library before that). Libraries have saved me literally thousands of dollars in the past few years by offering (mostly) free computer usage, access to books, and DVD rentals.

About a year ago, the screen on my laptop shattered, and I sent it off to my employer’s—the Duval Public Schools—IT department. I

never saw the computer again, and I mostly do not regret the loss. These days, I do all my computer work at the library. Job searching, updating my resume, keeping up with e-mails, following the news, writing for my blog: you name it; I do it at the library. I’m much more efficient now with my time, both on and off the computer.

When I was in college, I racked up a pretty good credit card debt, due in part to a bad habit of buying books at a faster rate than I could read them. I suppose there is something appealing about a personal library, and the Amazon sellers surely benefited from my carelessness. Thankfully, at some point I realized the foolishness of my ways and returned to library usage as my main pathway to good books. My credit card is long paid for and cut up, and these days I rarely buy a book because I can access almost any one I want through the library.

Despite a personal struggle I have with sitting still, I enjoy a profound and challenging film as much as the next person. I have never spent much time or money in movie theaters, but I rarely gave a second thought to dropping ten bucks at the local Blockbuster. Again, the library saved me from my folly. Now I rent more movies from the library than I usually end up watching.

So if you, like most people, are feeling the economic downturn, chances are the library offers you several opportunities to save a few pennies.

*Chris Schumerth was raised and (mostly) educated in Culver. Currently, he assistant coaches the Culver Girls Academy varsity soccer team. His blog can be found at [www.schumes.blogspot.com](http://www.schumes.blogspot.com).*

### ***Dear Patrons & Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library,***

***Would you like to see your work in print? Please, submit any article, photograph, poem, book review, or a story about “What You Love About Your Library” to Jonathan Gaskill or Colleen McCarty, or leave the piece with the staff member at the circulation desk/children’s department desk and, upon review, it will be published in the Winter Newsletter. Thanks for your involvement and support. That is what makes this town and this library GREAT! The People...***

## Book Club Corner- “A Novel Approach”- by Barb Maves

As soon as she became CUTPL's Director, Colleen McCarty began to brainstorm ideas for new programs our patrons would enjoy. She remembered a popular book/film discussion group held for many years at the Stratford Public Library in Stratford, CT that she thought might prove popular here as well.

Thus, "A Novel Approach" was born. Even though our group is

"A Novel Approach," we are not limited to fiction! Biographies, non-fiction, short stories, musicals and plays all have a place in our line-up.

Patrons are asked to read a selected book and then view its film adaptation. After the movie, both versions are discussed. Copies of the books are available at our Circulation Desk. This program meets on

the first Wednesday of each month in the Large Meeting Room. Patrons may bring



a "brown bag" lunch to eat while they watch the movie. The library provides coffee and tea.

## Meet the Staff- Linda Johnston



Beginning as a substitute in 1997, Linda Johnston was only looking for a job, but in so doing she has found so much more. You can typically find her working the circulation desk and greeting patrons. "I like helping

the patrons get what they want," says Johnston, "and I like working with the holds- the books and, DVDs, to see people and visit."

When asked what her favorite part was about working in a public library, she answered "everybody here can work and bend over backwards to help the patrons." She sees libraries going far in the

next 10 years, "things are changing- a lot has changed already. It was just cards (card catalogs) when I started."

She married her husband, Terry on the 4th of July and has been married 40 years and has two sons- one local and one in Kentucky.

Say hello to Linda next time you see her- if she doesn't say hi to you first.

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## Have you seen it?- Health and Wellness Audio Book Display- By Barb Maves

When patrons visit us, we hope they notice the various special interest displays set up around the library. We'd like to mention one display in particular dedicated to Health and Wellness. The library is pleased to present our patrons with the opportunity to examine a new audio book collection from *Health Journeys - Resources for Mind, Body and Spirit*. Our new collection offers patrons a range of guided meditations to support healing trauma, easing grief, combating depression, helping with panic attacks and obsessive-compulsive disorder, and easing pain and stress, as well as helping with weight loss, smoking cessation, lowering blood pressure, optimizing chemotherapy and how to

build a healthy immune system. In addition, you can elevate your mood with Amy Weintraub's *Breathe to Beat the Blues*, or listen to Lisa Oz read her book titled *Us: Transforming Ourselves and the Relationships That Matter Most*.

Remember, our self-help books can also assist you on many of the above subjects. If we don't have a particular book, either printed or audio, we will be happy to search the Evergreen Indiana catalog to see if we can find it for you at another library.



## Youth Services Fall 2010- by Ali Gaskill

"The leaves are falling down. The leaves are falling down. Red, yellow, green and brown; the leaves are falling down."

Celebrate autumn in the children's department of the Culver-Union Township Public Library! Have you checked out our new book selection lately? We have new books arriving weekly and have been placing a lot of focus on new board books, picture books, young adult fiction, juvenile fiction and parenting.

We now have Tumble Books available on the children's computers! Tumble Books is a won-

derful program that contains a large assortment of children's book titles. The child simply clicks the title they want and the book appears on screen and is narrated to the child. Older children or beginning readers will be able to read along on screen with the audio. You can also access Tumble Books at home by going to the Children's Room page on the library's website and clicking on the Tumble Books icon.

Don't forget about storytimes!! Storytimes are held every Tuesday morning at 10am. We've been adding lots of new songs,

fingerplays and crafts to our storytimes. Storytimes are free and open to *everyone*.

Be sure to check our children's room calendar for upcoming programs, crafts and special events! A copy of the calendar can be found at the circulation desk in the children's department or online at the library's website. Or, go green!! Stop by and sign up at the desk of the children's department to receive children's room calendars, upcoming program information and new book lists via e-mail.