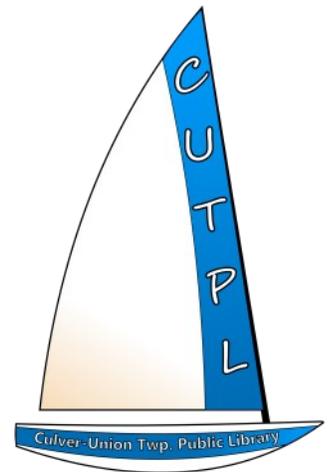


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"The mission of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library is to serve the diverse needs of our communities through the sharing of library resources and services in a welcoming atmosphere."

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Director's Spotlight— by Colleen McCarty

Spring has arrived in Culver and in this edition of your Library's Newsletter you will find many items of interest for our readers, including several events planned for you in the upcoming months. Computer Technology Manager and Webmaster Andrew Baker has written an article about our "Updated Computer Classes" and the "Internet Speed Boost Coming" to CUTPL. Editor Jon Gaskill penned a commentary describing many of the electronic resources available for our patrons. This edition of *The Reed* also features our popular column "Meet the Staff" and in it you will be introduced to our dynamic Youth Services Manager Ali Gaskill.

With summer quickly approaching we have included Newsletter articles about our Summer Reading Program. The theme for children this year is "One World, Many Stories"; for young adults it is "You Are Here"; for adults the topic is "Novel Destinations." Programs will have a decidedly multicultural focus, and each of them is geared to encourage reading. There is also an article from the Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library. Our Friends have spring book sales planned for April 29 and 30, and also on June 18.

The Friends have scheduled two programs which highlight reading: Howard Dukes, columnist with the South Bend Tribune, reviews books in his "The Book Club" column, and he will be at CUTPL on Wednesday May 4 to discuss several of his reviews. On June 15 author Glory-June Greiff will discuss her book *People, Parks, and Perceptions: A History and Appreciation of Indiana State Parks*. Greiff's book concentrates on continuing

changes in the natural and built environment, and the narrative includes individual histories of each property. Lastly, you will find a list of items of popular interest in "What's New at the Culver Public Library!" in this edition of the Newsletter.

I have a few announcements for you. Many of you are using OverDrive, our new service to download eBooks and audiobooks. We are pleased to tell you that OverDrive has just notified us that you will be able to download to your Amazon Kindle too. Launching later this year, Kindle Library Lending will be available for all generations of Kindle devices and free Kindle reading apps.

The American Red Cross and CUTPL have scheduled a Blood drive here in our Large Meeting Room on Wednesday, June 29 from 1 pm to 6 pm. Why give your blood, and what are some of the procedures? Check the website <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood> the Red Cross has more information about eligibility requirements, first-time donors, the donation process de-mystified and a checklist for a successful donation. Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross says "Coming to donate blood to help hospital patients who need it for surgeries, cancer care, or to treat life-threatening accidents is one way you can help."

You may schedule an appointment to donate by contacting the Red Cross: call 1-800-RED-CROSS or you may just drop in at the Library on June 29.

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When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself.

-Isaac Asimov



Updated Computer Classes, Internet Speed Boost Coming

by Andrew Baker, computer technology manager and webmaster

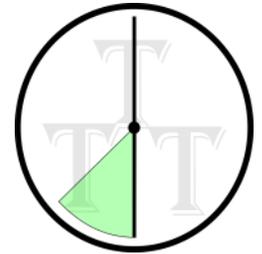
We are continuing to update our computer lab with the latest software, and plan on having Internet Explorer 9 available on lab computers by July. To keep energy usage down, we have computers set to go into a low-power standby mode when not used for 15 minutes, and monitors go to sleep after 5 minutes. This drastically lowers power consumption of the computer lab when only several computers are being used.

Computer classes are also being adjusted slightly. We have modified our Internet class to cover Internet Explorer 9 and Firefox 4 web browsers. The

email class may also be expanded to demonstrate many different webmail services and Microsoft Outlook.

Coming later this summer, the library will receive a much-needed Internet speed boost. Our connection has been seeing 100% utilization at some times during the day – especially during busy evenings. Currently, we have two T1 lines, providing 3.0 Mbps of bandwidth. After the upgrade, we will have fiber-optic service with 10 Mbps of bandwidth. That's over three times what we have now! These lines are 'symmetrical' – so the upload and download speeds are the same.

If you're interested in learning more about computers and technology, check out our Thursday Tech Time discussion group, which meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM. Upcoming topics include Home Networking for April, Photo and Video Restoration for May and Video Editing Software for June. Feel free to pick up a program guide from the library for more information.



Did You Know?— by Jonathan Gaskill



This segment is for the average, every day library patron in an effort to instruct and inform. The Culver-Union Township Public Library makes available several sources of information to its patrons. These sources, which used to be located in the reference section of the library, are now available electronically over the internet and many as links on our website. The library pays for access to newspaper archives from newspaperarchive.com and newsbank.com. Genealogical information can be found through library computers at Ancestry.com and HeritageQuestOnline.com. Most paid subscriptions can only be used at the library on library comput-

ers per licensing agreements.

There are many resources available for free to residents of Indiana at <http://Inspire.IN.gov> including netLibrary which provides free eBooks. Inspire also offers journal articles from EBSCO and an online testing center for SAT, ACT, ASVAB and many other tests as well as test preparation help. Other mostly free sites are available through the library website at <http://www.culver.lib.in.us/links.htm>.

Sources of free eBooks, audiobooks and other resources include but are not limited to the websites www.archive.org, www.openlibrary.org and www.gutenberg.org. Many sites only require an e-mail address and password to download free

eBooks. There are other sites like www.audible.com which require payment information through parent sites like Amazon.com and offer free trials to their services for 14 or 30 days, but which will charge once the date has expired, so shopper beware.

There are many resources available to library users which many people would not know about because they either go straight to the internet to search or do not ask for help. Help is always available, so ask a librarian for some assistance. The only silly question is the one which goes unasked. Ask away, that is why we are here.

Meet the Staff- Ali Gaskill

Everyone has a different reason for coming into the library- be it programs, books, music, DVDs, to ask questions or find answers or to use a computer or the internet. The youth services room, more fondly referred to as the “children’s room” is a main destination of many Culver-Union Township Public Library patrons. At the helm of this department is Ali Gaskill, and she is the next person in the Meet the Staff section of the newsletter. Ali started working at CUTPL in October 2005, and has worn many hats since she began her career. She was hired as a computer lab supervisor and researched local history. She worked her way to the circulation desk assisting patrons, greeting each one with a smile and familiar face and started the “Taste of Culver” festival as a fundraiser, all the while managing the Young Adult department. Ali now manages the Youth Services department encompassing both the children’s and young adult departments servicing children ages 0-18 and their parents.

Ali has lived in the Culver Community for the past 25 years and essentially grew up in this town. She decided she wanted to be a librarian in the first grade when then School Media Specialist Jane Wakeland would read to her class in the Culver Elementary School Pit. Ali has “always believed in the beauty and soul of a public library and

what it stands for,” which suggests a lifelong dedication to the mission a library tries to uphold, being there for the public. Ali suggests she “likes the hometown, community atmosphere, which is small enough that I’m able to get to know all



the kids by name, and having grown up in this town, I realize the importance of having a positive place to go, a place to be comfortable and safe, which is always welcoming.”

The Culver youth services department makes up a large portion of library visits, check-outs and computer statistics, and she has worked very hard in her department to make the room inviting and a place where 40-50 kids after school call home. She utilized her organizational skills from creating the “Taste of Culver” festival to bring people into her room with fun and exciting programs. She continually does outreach in the community, going to the Wesley Preschool and Culver Headstart to read to the children for sto-

rytimes, and has gone so far as to create a teen book club which encourages young adults to read and meet to discuss the books, which they receive for free thanks to the Friends of the Library, every week during school hours.

The best part of the job for Ali is interacting with the kids- in the early part of the day, before school lets out she gets to interact with the little ones from toddlerhood to preschool, and teenagers in the afternoon. She likes to learn “what they are thinking, and hearing the latest and greatest from their days and lives.” She emphasizes the importance of reading, as learning is the foundation of any society. “When we can show a child the love and importance of reading, it is a skill they will keep for all their days,” she says, and in the future she would like to see bigger and better things happening at CUTPL.

She closes with this quote: “I would love to continue to see the Youth Services department grow and thrive, to offer new, fun and exciting programs, the newest releases and book titles. I want this to become a community resource center where kids can come to find what they need- whether it is a book, a movie, a computer or just social interaction. I would like this place to be a ‘one stop shop.’ The kids in this library today are the future of libraries tomorrow.”

Write a review of your favorite library Read/View/Listen! Get involved!!

Youth Services Spring 2011- by Ali Gaskill

The days are getting longer and the temperature is getting warmer. Green buds are appearing on trees and daffodils and tulips are blooming all around. Outside mother nature is welcoming spring and preparing for summer; while inside the Youth Services department we are gearing up for our annual Summer Reading Program!

Summer Reading sign-up begins Monday, June 6th. Programming will run for 8 weeks concluding on Friday, July 29th. Youth ages birth to 18 are eligible to sign-up for summer reading. The theme for the children's program (ages birth-6th grade) this year is One World Many Stories. The theme for the Young Adult Program (7th grade -12th grade) is You Are Here. Once signed up, children will be

given reading records to keep track of the books that they read. As with previous years, prizes will be awarded at different levels depending on the number of books read. Young Adults will be given reading records as well, but will be keeping track of the amount of time that they read and will be awarded prizes at determined levels.

Programming for the summer will have a multi-cultural feel, focusing on a different country during each of the 8 weeks of Summer Reading. The countries that we will be highlighting this summer include; Mexico, China, India, Brazil, Egypt, Kenya, Italy and concluding with Australia. There will be many fun and exciting programs for children as well as Young Adults!

We will continue our sto-

rytime program this summer and will be offering 2 storytimes every week. Storytimes will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 and Thursdays at 11:00. Songs, movement, stories and a craft are included with both storytimes.

Additional information about storytimes as well as Youth Services calendars can be found at the circulation desk of the Youth Services Department. Summer Reading program schedules will be available by late May.



Summer Reading - by Jonathan Gaskill

The Summer Reading program got its start just before the turn of the 20th century and has been keeping readers active ever since in public libraries across the United States. Summer reading started as a children's program in coordination with school districts to promote continued learning over the summer months between school years and has evolved to include adults in its mission and scope. This summer's theme for children is "One World, Many Stories" and for adults, the theme is "Novel Destinations." For each Summer Reading program there will be a contest and prizes awarded (to be announced lat-

er). Library patrons are encouraged to participate and get the family involved as well.

Summer Reading runs from June 6th until July 29th and each week will cover a specific country. Participants receive points for every book or library item they read, watch or listen to,



and double the points for items with "Novel Destinations," i.e. travel or destinations as the theme. For example, a book on bridges is worth one point, but the book "Bridges of Madison County" is worth double the points because it is about a destination. Travel books, books about the journey, etc. are all worthy for the "Novel Destinations" theme.

If you are interested, sign up at the circulation desk or feel free to speak with staff members about the program. Most importantly, get involved and read, read, read.

Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library— What are Friends For

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library recently celebrated National Library Week with their annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon. The Friends honored staff members with a token of appreciation. Those honored this year included Andrew Baker, Jim Faulkner, and Britta Krzanowski for 5 years of service, Ali Gaskill for 6 years of service, Polly Thompson Wolf for 10 years of service, Linda Johnston for 14 years of service and Shirley Gut for 16 years of service. You may have noticed needlepoint displayed in the main display case in the foyer, and those pieces were a part of a silent auction fundraiser, and funds from said silent auction go toward the Friends, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, and pay for speakers, Teen Book Club books, programs and Summer Reading prizes.

On May 4th at 7 p.m., the Friends sponsor South Bend Tribune columnist Howard Dukes as he speaks about his

ongoing piece “The Book Club” printed Sundays. He has written reviews for the Tribune since 2008 and chooses books that are of interest to a wide range of people. His talk will be followed by a question and answer section. Also, on June 15 at 7 p.m. the Friends sponsor professional narrator and performer of song and story, historian and writer Glory June Greiff as she speaks about Indiana State Parks.



The Friends have been patiently and steadfastly building a scale replica Victorian dollhouse, replete with furniture for display and eventual raffle.

Funds from all Friends book sales, silent auctions and raffles go toward the Friends not-for-profit group, and eventually end up as donations to the library. The Friends will sponsor a “free” books for the beach exchange available at the beach this summer. Anyone is welcome to help themselves to a book or they might want to deposit their old book for exchange.

The Friends start their annual Tuesday monthly meeting on May 4, June 6, August 1, and September 6. The upcoming Friends Book Sales will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. respectively on Friday and Saturday April 29 & 30, Saturday, June 18 and September 23, 24 with a \$1 a bag clearance sale on October 22.

The Friends are always taking on new recruits. Contact Charlotte Hahn at r00sterjnc@att.net or 574-842-3267, or ask a staff member at the library for more information.



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Just check us out, friend us— you will be glad you did!



Library Book Discussion Groups

- **A Novel Approach - Meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 PM.**
Read and Discuss *Charles and Emma* by Deborah Heiligman and watch *Creation*.
- **Hooked on Books - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM.**
Read and Discuss *In the Shadow of Gotham* by Stefanie Pintoff.
- **Cult Literature Book Club - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.**
Read and Discuss *The Lost Continent* by Bill Bryson.
- **New Books Every Month— pick up a flyer from the CUTPL! Anyone can join the book clubs. Programs are Free and Open to the Public.**



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

Fiction:

Gone to Green by Judy Pace Christie
Leaving by Karen Kingsbury
Call Me Irresistible by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
Emily, Alone by Stewart Onan
Gideon's Sword by Doug Preston
Minding Frankie by Maeve Binchy
Of Human Bondage by W. Somerset Maugham
Sing You Home by Jodi Picoult
The Amber Warning by Robert Ludlum
The Golden Age: A Novel by Michal Ajvaz
The Paris Wife: A Novel by Paula McLain
Tick Tock by James Patterson
West of Here by Jonathan Evison



Graphic Novels:

Archie: The Best of Stan Goldberg [vol. 1]
Conan Vol. 9- Free Companions by Tim Truman
Superman v. Muhammad Ali by Denny O'Neil
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Matt Jostal
Witch & Wizard by James Patterson



Mystery:

Fatal Error by Judith A. Janice
In the Shadow of Gotham by Stefanie Pintoff
When the Thrill is Gone by Walter Mosley

Science Fiction:

One of Our Thursdays is Missing: A Novel by Jasper Fforde
The Dream of Perpetual Motion by Dexter Clarence Palmer
The Wise Man's Fear by Patrick Rothfuss



Nonfiction:

Aerotropolis: The Way We'll Live Next by John Kasarda
American Idol: Celebrating 10 Years by Shirley Halperin
Digital Photographer's Guide to HD Video by Rob Sheppard
Dirty Electricity: Electrification and the Diseases of Civilization by Samuel Milham
Encyclopedia for Independent Living by Nicole Faires
Eyewitness Travel: Jerusalem, Israel, Petra & Sinai
Forbes Travel Guide 2011: The Great Lakes
Gaelic by Boyd Robertson
How to Be Compassionate: A Handbook for Creating Inner Peace and a Happier World by Bstan-Dzin-Rygamtsho
Insiders' Guide to Seattle by Shelly Seale
It Happened in Indiana: Remarkable Events that Shaped History by Jackie Sheckler Finch
The Sweet Potato Lover's Cookbook by Lynice North Talmadge

DVD:

American Adventurers
Baseball: The Tenth Inning
Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
Get Low
Jefferson
Jesus Christ, Superstar
K-Pax
Mars: Dead or Alive
My Last Five Girlfriends
Replicant
The Jackals
The Last Rites of Ransom Pride
Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2
Marmaduke
Megamind
Nanny McPhee Returns
Open Season 3
Ramona & Beezus
Secretariat
Tangled
Yogi Bear
Sesame Street- 25 Wonderful Years



CD:

Music for Healing Mind, body & Spirit—Steven Halpern
Mission Bell—Amos Lee
Drama Queen—Ivy Queen
Blessed—Lucinda Williams
Collapse Into Now—R.E.M.
Rain's 'A Comin'—Children 18:3
Unspoiled by Progress—Walter Trout
Brown Sugar—Shakura S'Aida
Third Round—Manu Katché
The Gate—Kurt Elling



Children/Juvenile/YA/Parenting

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin
Baby's Very First Colors Book
Usborne Baby's very first 1-2-3 Book
Yummy Yucky by Leslie Patricelli
Nosh, Schlep, Schluff by Laurel Snyder
Lost and Found by Shaun Tan
Indigo Ocean Dreams by Lori Lite
Little Kitchen by Sabrina Parrini
Wheels of Change by Sue macy
Cooking for Isaiah by Silvana Nardone
The Family Dinner by Laurie David
Delirium by Lauren Oliver
Blink & Caution by Tim Wynne Jones
12 Practice Tests for the SAT



Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library Book Sale

- ◆ April 29-30 from 9AM-1PM
- ◆ June 18 from 9AM-1PM
- ◆ September 23-24 from 9AM-1PM