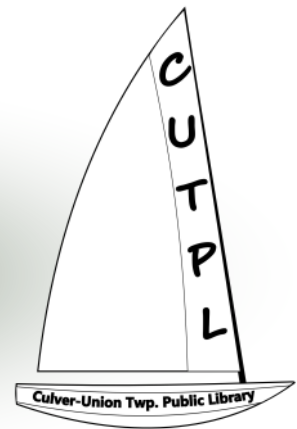


The Maxinkuckee Reed

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Culver-Union Township Public Library



Director's Spotlight- Read the Reed!- by Colleen McCarty

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Culver-Union Township Public Library's quarterly newsletter, *The Maxinkuckee Reed*. As we begin this new venture I would like to say a few words about our Newsletter's

name. As you may know, a reed is a type of grass which grows in wetland areas, and is found in abundance around our beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee. There are many types of reeds: one particular type has been used since ancient times to make reed pens which are used for writing on papyrus. Papyrus itself was made from a variety of reed, and our English word "paper" comes from the word "papyrus". These were, in essence, early books. Fast forward to Culver, Indiana 2010 and we move from "reed" to "read" and present you with our Newsletter.

This is a good time to intro-

duce some of the features we will present to you each quarter. Editor Jon Gaskill has assembled several articles and columns, and each one is included to better acquaint you with your Library and what is happening here. In a special "Meet Your Staff" column, we will introduce you to one of our super co-workers, beginning with the staffer who has been at the Library the longest right up to our newest hire. This quarter our featured co-worker is Shirley Gut. Jon has interviewed Shirley and presents her delightful perspective on working at the Culver Library since she came on board in 1996. There is also information about "New Materials" you may want to check out, and our "Do You Belong to a Book Club?" featuring descriptions about one of our book clubs (we have four). The busy Children's and Young Adults Departments' events will have their own Newsletter page and CUTPL Friends of the Library will

have a corner too. You may read about our classes and other "News & Happenings" and we'll include information about our special displays and a spot by Yours Truly. Newsletters will be available in print at the Library and online at our website. We hope that you enjoy learning more about your Library!

In this month's "spot" I would like to invite each of you to participate in one or both of the Focus Groups we will be holding on Monday July 13th and Monday July 20th from 6pm to 8pm in our Community Meeting Room. We will get together to discuss the Library's place in the Culver community and how we can realistically fulfill our mission to you as we put together our five-year Long Range Plan. Indiana State Library Regional Coordinator Jessica Barnes will be here to facilitate our discussions. We need your input, so please join us to share your thoughts and ideas.

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A library book...is not, then, an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, is their only capital.

— Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

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Displays Around the Library...

Check out the quilts currently on display in the foyer of the library as you enter the upstairs front doors – all these quilts were made by the Susanna Circle Quilters of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, IN. Beautiful work, ladies!

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

Fiction:

Fever Dream by Preston & Childs

Yesterday, Special Agent Pendergast still mourned the loss of his beloved wife, Helen, who died in a tragic accident in Africa twelve years ago. Today, he discovers she was murdered. Tomorrow, he will learn her most guarded secrets, leaving him to wonder: Who was the woman I married? Why was she murdered? And, above all . . . *Who murdered her?*—Amazon.com

The Burning Wire by Jeffrey Deaver

In the latest Lincoln Rhyme thriller, Deaver rounds up the usual suspects—well, crime-solvers—and pits them against a shadowy perpetrator (or perhaps it's a terrorist group?) who is using New York City's electrical grid to commit murder. And if that isn't frightening enough, it looks like murder might be the least of the villain's intended mayhem.—Booklist

The Outer Banks House by Diann Ducharme

"First novelist Ducharme has laced her novel with the sounds and the smells of the North Carolina shoreline. Racism and Southern tradition run along parallel paths in this affecting

debut, where gentlemen can be less than honorable and enslavement doesn't always involve chains."—*Library Journal*

Nonfiction:

US: Transforming Ourselves and the Relationships That Matter Most by Lisa Oz.

Women Food and God by Geneen Roth.

Biography:

You Don't Know Me: Reflections of my Father, Ray Charles by Ray Charles Robinson, Jr.

DVD:

Invictus with Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon

Disney's Alice in Wonderland with Johnny Depp

Disgrace with John Malkovich.

CD:

Rolling Stones: *Exile on Main St.*

Alan Jackson: *Freight Train*

The Steve Miller Band: *Bingo!*

Mercyme: *The Generous Mr. Lovewell.*

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: *Mojo.*

The Addams Family: *Original Broadway cast recording.*

Magazines:

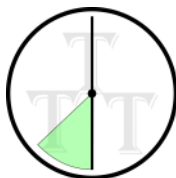
Northern Indiana Lakes Magazine

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

We offer two series of computer classes : a four-week series for beginners and a seven-week series that covers Microsoft Office. Our four introductory courses are: Computer Essentials Part I and II, Internet and E-Mail. The Microsoft Office classes start with a two-week "Office Overview" which educates users on common features of the Office programs. Then we cover the features of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher. The final class is a demonstration of how to build a computer from parts.

We're currently in the process of revising our presentations and hope to offer classes on Windows 7 and Office 2010 this

fall. Suggestions for new classes are always welcome.



Thursday Tech Time, which meets from 6:00 to 7:30 on the fourth Thursday evening of each month, is a discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology.

Past Tech Time topics have included:

- Microsoft Office 2010
- Free Software
- Computer Maintenance
- Google
- Computer Security
- Buying vs. Building a Computer

These sessions are free and open to the public.

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

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.



Culver Public Library Goes “Evergreen” as it Approaches 100th Birthday

What is new at the Culver-Union Township Public Library? Great things are taking place at the library.

Have you noticed recently that you need a new library card to use the Culver Library, and that your login has changed in the computer lab? There are exciting reasons for this change. The Culver Union Township Public Library is now one among a network of over 84 public, school and institutional libraries across Indiana called the Evergreen Consortium. The catalog holds over 5.5 million items for checkout by Evergreen library resident patrons. After merging with the Indiana State Library, the catalogue has 3 million biographic records accessible to the 823,000 Evergreen Indiana resident patrons.

As quoted from the state of Indiana web-

site, “The Evergreen Indiana project, is being funded by the Indiana State Library through Library Services and Technology Act grants. The services provided by the State Library include purchasing and maintaining the central servers, personnel costs in operating the system, training, software development, data conversion, and other related expenses.”

Some highlights of switching to Evergreen Indiana include allowing patrons to go online at evergreen.lib.in.us to see if our local branch has the item for which you are looking. Whether that item is available in the local library (or at any other participating Evergreen Indiana library) the patron can place a hold on the item for pick-up or interlibrary loan delivery. The previous system still holds true for interlibrary loans with non-participating libraries, but the Evergreen

system is a streamlined, effective, low-cost way to borrow from many different libraries. Fines accrue at the rate of \$.25 per day per item with a limit of \$10 in fines.

There are some differences- if a patron has a “Reciprocal Borrower” card or one which indicates that they do not live in Union Township but are serviced by this library as well as another local library like Plymouth, Monterey or Knox, a patron becomes classified as a reciprocal borrower and may borrow from this branch, but not others in the Evergreen system. Patrons can also renew books online in addition to the old fashioned way of contacting the library in person. Many exciting things are taking place at the library as we quickly approach the 100th anniversary of our founding.

Upcoming Programs at the Culver Union Township Public Library- by Fran Kent

Our Adult Summer Reading Program is being enhanced by movies shown every Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. in the large meeting room of Culver Library. These shows are free and open to the public. All have water themes, and each summer reader will earn five points. The next movie, shown on July 7, will be the classic *Captain Kidd*. Come and join us!

A new Biography Book Club begins this month with the book *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters*, by Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. This includes his account of what happened when his U.S. Airways plane flew into a flock of geese and he was forced to land in the Hudson River. The author also tells us how his character was shaped by the American values that he grasped

onto and practiced, including leadership, responsibility, commitment to hard work and service to others. This book can be picked up at the circulation desk in Culver Library from June 30 to July 10, 2010. The first meeting of this book club will be July 21 at 2 P.M. in the Small Meeting Room. This club, moderated by Frances Kent, is free and open to the public.

The Friends of the Library- by Charlotte Hahn

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library is a non-profit organization whose object is to provide volunteer support to the Culver-Union Township Public Library. This support includes: sponsorship of reading programs for all ages, book discussion groups, author visits, and other special programs; purchase of materials and services in support of the library's collections and mission; volunteer work on behalf of the library; support of the library board, staff, and volunteers through advocacy of library services, sponsorship of continuing education opportunities, and periodic recognition of accomplishments. Presently our officers are Charlotte Hahn, President; Rita Mason, Vice-President; Connie VanHorn, Treasurer

and Ginger Budzius, Publicity. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Library. Remaining meeting dates are: August 2, Annual meeting September 7 (Tuesday because of the holiday); October 4, November 1 and December 6.

The Friends have sponsored several author visits and relevant programs, all open to the public. Decorating the Library Christmas tree in December, helping with the annual library Santa visit, sending used paperback books to the soldiers, filling the outdoor planters in the Spring, acknowledging retiring library board members, and honoring the library staff and board members with an annual luncheon are among their projects. Recent purchases to help the Li-

brary include: computer cord sleeves; framing for Bash paintings; display panels for the lobby; program refreshments; summer reading program support; plants for outdoor containers.

Our largest fund raising efforts, relying on patron donations, are the used book sales: July 30-31 from 9-12; September 24-25 from 9-12; October 23 from 9-1 (this is our \$1.00/bag sale as part of National Friends of the Library Week). Fund-raising also includes membership dues (\$10.00 per person per year) with a new category of \$100.00 per person for a Lifetime Membership. New members are encouraged to join.

Meet the Staff- Shirley Gut



As you enter the library on any given day, you may spy a commanding lady with red hair and glasses, perhaps a familiar face from school days as a substitute teacher - that person is Shirley Gut, and she has been an employee of the

Culver Union Township Public Library since 1996.

She was hired in '96 as a substitute whenever they needed her, and she proved herself to be indispensable. She has worked in about every area of the library, from the Children's department to the computer lab and all points in between. Gut says of her experience, "I have always thought that this library in particular was outstanding - especially for a town of this size. I have always worked in libraries since high school - that is how I paid my college tuition."

Shirley truly believes in libraries and suggests that every employee adds something new, something good to the mix. "We do our best to address the concerns of our patrons, and I think we do that

rather well. I just like books and really like the patrons who come to our library. They are very pleasant and nice to visit with. The library has always provided services and activities our patrons need, be it tutoring, financial help, computers or photocopies; our Board is open to the needs of the community." Shirley's future is bright here at the CUTPL. She is content to work part-time and fill in where needed, and she likes working with the staff here. She feels that the new director and new staff have brought new life and changes for the better to the library. Thank you for your service to our community, Shirley!

The Culver Center for History- by Steve Metzger

Many have pondered the history of the town in which they live: its past, its origins and its development. The Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society's history museum helps make that possible for the town of Culver, Indiana.

The Culver History Museum works to help preserve and exhibit local history of: Lake Maxinkuckee; past and present businesses; Native American artifacts, history, and influences; local authors; cottages and families; and schools and education. The museum also does research for genealogy, necrology, and births. It's not uncommon for a local

compatriot or even someone from out of town to wander in and ask for research information on their past family members.

The organization has an extensive archive of local newspapers, including the *Culver Citizen* dating back as far as 1905. The school yearbooks are also a broad spectrum, as well as Culver Academies' *Roll Calls* and more.

Some of the displays that are currently featured include: local businesses; Native American artifacts; Lake Maxinkuckee relics; Maxinkuckee Yacht Club; local authors; the Vandalia Rail-

road; the Washington Schoolhouse; the State Exchange Bank robbery; churches; and artifacts from local families.

Displays are updated each month, sometimes more frequently. Future displays include an extended State Exchange Bank setup and a steamboats exhibit.

For any information, contact the Culver History Museum at 842-2941 and ask for the museum.



Young Adult and Children's Room News and Activities- by Ali Gaskill

Flip-flops, popsicles, watermelon, sand between your toes and playing in sprinklers can mean only one thing; summer is officially here!! The Culver-Union Township Public Library is once again offering its Summer Reading Program to all kids ages 0-12th grade. The library currently has over 100 children and teens participating in this year's summer reading program, and that number continues to rise! Summer reading promotes and encourages children and teens to practice recreational reading, while offering incentives for reaching set goals. The

theme this year for children is "Make a Splash at Your Library" and the theme for teens is "Make Waves at Your Library." All prizes and programs for the summer will be water themed.

Some of our upcoming programs for July include: Paper Sailboats on the Thursday the 8th at 10:00, Sand Casts on Tuesday the 13th at 10:00 for children and 1:00 for teens, a Pirate Party on Saturday the 17th from 1:00-3:00, and Boat Making the 20th at 2:00. Our End of Summer Reading Party will be held on Saturday, August 7th from 1-3pm. We will have our

grand prize drawing, games, food and fun!!! That will be the last day to turn in reading records and redeem prizes.

Storytimes are currently held on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00am and include group songs, 1-2 stories, and a craft. We will also soon begin to incorporate more puppets, flannel board activities and games into our Storytimes. Please be sure to check the children's room calendar for upcoming programs and Storytimes.