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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Culver-Union Township Public Library

*"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."*

Summer 2011

## Summer at Your Library— by Colleen McCarty

Summer has arrived in Culver and here at your Library we are offering the opportunity for our residents to travel around the world and learn about different cultures . . . without leaving our lovely lakeside community! Yes, you read that correctly: your Library has several summer reading programs centered on the theme of traveling around the globe to learn about different peoples and cultures.

For the children, the byline is "One World, Many Stories" and Children's Librarian Ali Gaskill and the staff of the Children's Room have several programs (and prizes) planned for young readers age exploring

Teens are invited to join in the Summer Reading Program fun and have their very own theme: "You Are Here." Great programs (and prizes) are being offered just for you at your Library this summer.

But summer reading fun isn't just for kids...CUTPL offers a program for adults too! The theme is "Novel Destinations" and Reference and Adult Services librarian Jon Gaskill has films and programs planned for each week. Adults are encouraged to write reviews for the titles they have read, and we will begin publishing them in our next newsletter. Did I mention the prizes? We are most grateful to the local businesses who have donated many of the great prizes we have for our adult winners. Thank you to our supporters at the Edgewater Grille, Fishers, Michelle's Headquarters, Gail's, Diva, Civvies, Studio Hair Designs and the Culver Coffee Company. We urge all our readers to pay a visit to these outstanding businesses.

For each of our featured Weekly Destinations, we'll provide a display of titles set in that locale. Also look for our library

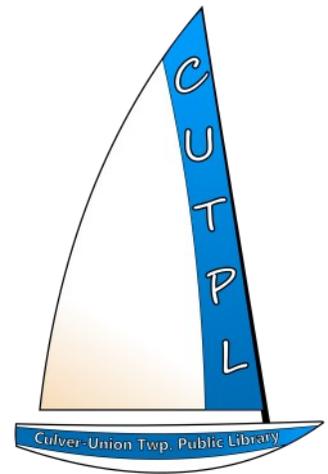
displays featuring books for armchair travelers. Get started on the road to fun this summer by visiting CUTPL and joining the 2011 Summer Reading Program. But hurry! The program ends July 29 for children and teens, and August 1 for adults.

Also on the schedule for summer Library visitors are "Computer Classes for ABSOLUTE Beginners". IT Manager Andrew Baker and Financial Manager Jim Faulkner have designed four weeks of classes for those who would like to learn the TOTAL, COMPLETE, UTTER, UNQUALIFIED, OUT-AND-OUT (whew) computer basics.

And in this quarterly newsletter you will get to know IT Manager Andrew Baker a little better. If you have visited the Library within the past five years, you have met Andrew, who offers his extreme skills and savvy to staff and patrons alike as we effectively navigate the new technologies.

You may also read about the activities of our Friends group in this newsletter. But our Friends do so much more than **support the Culver-Union Township Public Library with both funds and volunteers. They also enrich the library experience with programs and activities.** I do not need to tell you that we have a very talented group of Friends: just come and see for yourself! The Library was fortunate to be able to exhibit Friend founder and artist Sandy Wakefield's paintings during the spring months. And the watercolors of friend and artist Rita Mason are on display in the Library for the month of July.

Finally, we invite you to take a look at the list of new items at your Library. There is something for everyone's taste!



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"It was from my own early experience that I decided there was no use to which money could be applied so productive of good to girls and boys who have good within them and ability and ambition to develop it as the founding of a public library." Andrew Carnegie



## Internet Speed Boost Coming

by Andrew Baker, computer technology manager and webmaster

Summer is finally here and the computers are ready to get it done! Our lab computers have just been updated to Internet Explorer 9, which offers a noticeably faster web browsing experience than the previous version. Tweaks have been made to improve logon times, and we have seen as much as three times faster logons on lab computers. Once again, we are always open to suggestions for free software additions to lab computers.

Tired of waiting for your Internet connection to chug along while downloading a huge file? Internet access speeds at the

library will be improving in July. CUTPL is ready to receive a huge upgrade to its Internet connection, expected to raise speeds to more than three times current levels. After the upgrade, our connection should keep up with demand during peak usage periods, when sometimes we have seen our current connection slow to a crawl.

Come and check out our latest session of computer classes, starting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. These classes are for beginners and focus on fundamentals of using the computer. Sessions will be scheduled for Monday at 6 PM and Friday at 10 AM. Classes

available include: Computer Fundamentals Part I, Computer Fundamentals Part II, Internet and Email.

For those interested in more technical topics, we have Thursday Tech Time, a technology discussion group, which meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM. Topics for this summer include video editing software on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Online Security on July 28<sup>th</sup> and Web Pages from Scratch on August 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Did You Know?— by Jonathan Gaskill



The Culver-Union Township Public Library is a pretty unique place. The community itself is a very diverse one with people from all walks of life and from all around the world.

Herein, I implore you to take advantage of all the fun and interesting programs offered here at the CUTPL. There are computer skills and information classes, technology classes and

speakers from all around talking on topics which run the gamut from acupuncture and ancient Chinese medicine to missionary work in Kenya and how to prevent identity theft and scams.

Check out the programs offered, they are free and open to all. CUTPL is only as unique as its patrons, and we would not exist without you! Thanks for being there!

## CUTPL Display Boards-

### Friends of the CUTPL Display Boards-

June- Watercolors of Sandy Wakefield

July- Watercolors by Rita Mason

### Display Case-

Children's and Adult Summer Reading Prizes!

The book display units scattered around the library are centered upon a theme. Try to figure out the themes today...



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## Meet the Staff- Andrew Baker

When thinking about Andrew J. Baker, one word comes to mind—savvy. This man has been working for the Culver-Union Township Public Library since September 2006, and since that time has been a real shaker and mover for the staff and the public alike. He started on the staff working on an image scanning project called “One Township’s Yesterdays” and worked his way up to be in charge of the technology department. He expresses excitement being involved in “...offering a vast amount of services to the public. We get all different types of people all the time,” and he enjoys helping people.

He teaches computer classes about basic computer operation and Microsoft Office elements, in addition to internet basics and e-mail basics with Jim Faulkner. Within the past year, Andrew has created a series of informational talks titled “Thursday Tech Time” covering everything from how to build a computer from scratch to home networking and digital video editing.

In addition to being one of the longest employed members of

the CUTPL staff, Andrew has worked steadfastly on “increasing (tech) skills, management experience, and launching public access to the latest and greatest computing resources we can make available to the public,” says Baker. In his tenure as the go-to guy for computer related questions, Andrew



has made CUTPL a self-sufficient entity in the library world, housing our own website, which he built and coded from scratch, but also the ability to do everything “in-house” including the server, video production,

software configuration, and wireless security solutions.

In his spare time, Andrew enjoys photo and video editing and independent consulting, but especially likes wrenching and taking care of his pride and joy, a midnight blue 1998 Z28 Camaro.

So, if you are ever in the computer lab, look around, because Andrew is almost always nearby, and if you ever have a computer hardware or software related question or problem, do not hesitate to send the questions his way, because Andrew aims to please. He is always willing to offer an encouraging word and with a few keystrokes, he will likely have solved your issue. Step into his office, self-coined ‘the lockdown’ and pay the man a visit today. Ask him a question or for help with software, e-mail or the internet in general. He is a pro and will leave you feeling just a little more confident and comfortable about something most people fear but Andrew masters on a daily basis—computers and technology.

Special Thanks to all local businesses who contributed to the 2011 Adult Summer Reading Program:

Studio Hair Designs, Civvies, Michelle’s Headquarters, Diva, Fisher’s, Gail’s, the Culver Coffee Co. and the Edgewater Grille

***Write and submit a review of your favorite library Read/View/Listen!***

## Youth Services Spring 2011- by Ali Gaskill

Have you been collecting tracking your reading time? Have you been collecting prizes from around the world? Summer reading is in full swing at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and we have been having a blast. We currently have around 140 children participating in summer reading and it's not too late to still sign up! The theme for summer reading this year is One World Many stories. We have been focusing on a different country every week for 8

weeks. In June we celebrated Mexico by making our own paper mache piñatas, China with watercolor brush painting, India with bead making and Brazil with carnival masks. We had a blast!

Coming up in July we will celebrate Egypt with hieroglyphics, Africa by making our own African instruments, Italy with a Paint Like Michelangelo craft (have you ever tried painting on your back?), and Australia with Aboriginal Dot Art. We will also

continue showing summer movies in the children's room every Monday at 6:00.

Storytimes will continue through the summer and are offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 and Thursdays at 11:00. Our storytimes feature songs, stories (of course!) and a crafts. Also, don't forget that there are free lunches available to any child ages 0-18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 as part of Culver Community Schools Summer Lunch Program.

## Adult Summer Reading "Novel Destinations" - by Jonathan Gaskill

CUTPL's Summer Reading program "Novel Destinations" is in full swing, and summer reading could not be more exciting. Thus far, over 25 people have signed up and participated. To participate, all one has to do is get a reading log and write the title and author of the book, audiobook or movie on the log and have a library staff member sign off on the log. It is that simple. Point totals will be tabulated at the end of the program on August 1st. Weekly prizes are awarded throughout the duration of the program, and grand prizes will be awarded to the top three readers.

There are programs in conjunction with the summer reading program, starting with Dr. James Keating from Preventive PC speaking on Chinese acupuncture, and technology classes on photography, social network-

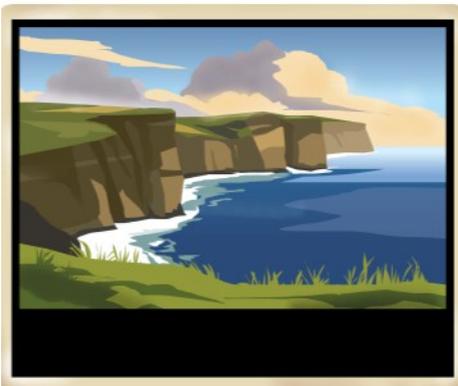
ing, vacation via Google Earth, internet security and geocaching/geotagging. Programs are worth 15 points each, book reviews and books on "Novel Destinations" are worth 10 points each, general books and library movies are worth 5 points each, while movies at home are worth 2 points each.

The program started in the late 19th century to encourage kids' summer reading, and has continued under said premise to keep people reading, informed and enlightened. The same sum-

mer reading program today reaches public libraries around the country, and many, like CUTPL have a summer reading program for children, young adults and adults alike.

Many local businesses have generously donated items for prizes including, but not limited to, the Edgewater Grille, Fishers, Civvies, Studio Hair Designs, Gail's, Diva, Michelle's Headquarters and the Culver Coffee Company.

It is never too late to catch up, so come on in and sign up today, and most importantly, keep on reading and encouraging reading in your households—it makes our world a better place in which to live. Happy reading!



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

Our June Book Sale was a success with \$193.00 profit from the wonderful book donations we have continued to receive. Donations are always appreciated and accepted any time at the Circulation Desk in the Library. Our next sale will be Friday and Saturday, July 29 – 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members pre-sale will be Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m.

September Book Sale will be Friday and Saturday, September 23-24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the presale held Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. The final sale of the year is the \$1.00/Bag Clearance Sale to be held Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Doll House Raffle tickets are still available with the drawing to be held September 3. Contact Rita Mason, Jeanne Spaw, Carolyn Baughman, Ginger Budzius or Charlotte Hahn for information and tickets.

Thanks especially to Rita Mason, Ginger Budzius and Doty for continuing to water the outside planters continually. The flowers in the front and back of the library are a pleasure for all of us to enjoy.

Friends officers for 2011-2012 will be nominated at the August 1 meeting and voted on at the Tuesday, September 6 annual meeting. Serving the past two

years has been Connie VanHorn, Treasurer; Rita Mason, Vice President/Secretary; Charlotte Hahn, President/Secretary. Annual dues of \$10.00 and Lifetime Membership for \$100.00 is due August 31, 2011 and accepted at the September 6 meeting.

Some of our Accomplishments for 2010-2011:

- Decorate/undecorate Christmas tree and Library for the Christmas season.



- Donated \$500.00 toward new bookcase for the Library.
- Purchased two (2) shelving units for small meeting room closets.
- Purchased two (2) shelving units for large meeting room closets.
- Purchased books “The Alchemist” and “Three Cups of Tea” for the new Teen Book Club Program at the High

School.

- Book donation given in memory of Rita Lawson.
- Donation of Friends Tote for Adult summer Reading Program.
- Presented Staff Appreciation Awards.
- Held Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
- Supplied free Books for the Beach.
- Doll House was completed and furnished by members – Raffle held.
- Seasonal flowers and decorations supplied for the Library courtyard and front entrance.
- \$50.00 Better World Books credit to purchase books for Library.
- Donated two (2) chairs painted by member, Rita Mason, to Tri Kappa for “Chairs for Charity.”
- Purchased hooks and chains for display dividers.
- Author visit – Glory-June Greiff.
- Columnist visit – Howard Dukes

## ***Library Book Discussion Groups***

- **A Novel Approach - Meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 PM.**
- **Hooked on Books - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM.**
- **Cult Literature Book Club - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.**

**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

## Biography:

*A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother* by Janny Scott  
*My Lucky Life In and Out of Show Business* by Dick Van Dyke  
*The Big Fight: My Life In and Out of the Ring* by Sugar Ray Leonard  
*Through My Eyes* by Tim Tebow

## Christian Fiction:

*Lion of Babylon* by T Davis Bunn  
*The Amish Nanny* by Mindy Starns Clark  
*The Blessed: a Novel* by Ann Gabhart

## Fiction:

*2030: The Real Story of What Happens to America* by Albert Brooks  
*A House Divided* by Pearl S. Buck  
*A Turn in the Road* by Debbie Macomber  
*Against All Enemies* by Tom Clancy  
*Before I go to Sleep: A Novel* by S.J. Watson  
*Folly Beach* by Dorothea Benton Frank  
*One Summer* by David Baldacci  
*Summer Rental* by Mary Kay Andrews  
*State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett  
*The American Heiress: A Novel* by James Rollins  
*The Dog Who Came in from the Cold* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*The Informant* by Thomas Perry  
*The Jefferson Key* by Steve Berry  
*The Profession: A Thriller* by Steven Pressfield

## Mystery:

*Buried Secrets* by Joseph Finder  
*Eve* by Iris Johansen  
*Sister: A Novel* by Rosamund Lupton  
*Six Kill* by Robert B. Parker  
*Smokin Seventeen* by Janet Evanovich  
*The Hypnotist* by Lars Kepler

## Science Fiction:

*Dragon's Time* by Anne McCaffrey  
*Fuzzy Nation* by John Scalzi  
*Robot Visions* by Isaac Asimov  
*The Map of Time: A Novel* by Felix J. Palma

## Western:

*Doc: A Novel* by Mary Doria Russell

## Nonfiction:

*Around my French Table: More than 300 Recipes from My Home to Yours* by Dorie Greenspan  
*Book Lust To Go: Recommended Reading for Travelers, Vagabonds, and Dreamers* by Nancy Pearl  
*Field Guide to Reptiles & Amphibians* by Roger Conant

*Full Engagement! Inspire Motivate and Bring Out the Best in your People* by Brian Tracy  
*The Original Argument: The Federalists' Case for the Constitution, Adapted for the 21st Century* by Glenn Beck  
*Those Guys Have All the Fun: Inside the World of ESPN* by James A. Miller

## DVD:

*All the King's Men (1949)*  
*Burzynski*  
*Doctor Zhivago*  
*Due Date*  
*Hidden in Silence*  
*House M.D. Season Four, Five and Six*  
*I am Number Four*  
*Indiana Expeditions with Rick Crosslin: Season Three*  
*No Strings Attached*  
*The Dilemma*  
*The Fountainhead*  
*The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*  
*The Hangover*  
*True Blood: Season Three*  
*True Grit (2010)*  
*Unstoppable*  
*What Lies Beneath*  
*Wild China*

## CD:

*Critical* by My Morning Jacket  
*Pink: Greatest Hits...So Far*  
*Paper Airplane* by Alison Krauss & Union Station  
*In Your Dreams* by Stevie Nicks  
*My Kinda Party* by Jason Aldean  
*Greatest Hits* by Boston  
*The Best of Emerson, Lake & Palmer*  
*International Harvesters* by Neil Young  
*Speak Now* by Taylor Swift  
*Go-Go Boots* by Drive By Truckers  
*The Best of the Guess Who*

## Children/Juvenile/YA/Parenting

*Chuggington Chuggers to the Rescue*  
*Mister Rogers- Mr. Rogers*  
*Sid the Science Kid- Going, Going, Green!*  
*Gnomeo and Juliet*  
*Divergent* by Veronica Roth  
*The Fablehaven Series* by Brandon Mull  
*Fallen* by Lauren Kate  
*Bad Kitty Meets the Baby* by Nick Bruell  
*Beyonders* (audiobook) by Brandon Mull  
*Amanda and Her Aligator* by Mo Willems  
*Brother Sun, Sister Moon* by Katherine Paterson



## *Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library Book Sale*

- July 29-30 from 9AM-1PM, September 23-24 from 9AM-1PM and October 22 from 9 AM to 1PM (\$1/Bag sale).
- Join the Friends today! Applications at the Circulation Desk.