The Director’s Spotlight by Colleen McCarty

Summer Reading Programs are Here!

As we go to press, the big news at your Library is Summer Reading Programs! We have programs especially geared for children, teens and adults and the overall theme for this year relates to “digging”. For children we offer: “Dig into Reading”; for our teens: “Beneath the Surface”; and for adults: “Groundbreaking Reads.” We have incentives for the programs, courtesy of our many sponsors from Culver, including the following generous and community-minded businesses and organizations:

- The Dairy Barn BP Gas Station, Café Max, Civvies, Culver Coffee Company, Culver Parks and Recreation, Culver Wings, CUTPL Friends of the Library, Diva, Fisher’s Clothiers, Michelle’s Headquarters, The Original Root Beer Stand, Osborn Seed, Osborn’s Minimart, Park & Shop, Culver Marina, VFW Women’s Auxiliary.

Aren’t we indeed fortunate here in Culver that our community businesses and organizations advocate and encourage reading in our town? We urge you to patronize and support our local sponsors: when you visit them, tell them how much you appreciate their promotion of the Library reading programs.

You will find more detailed information about the programs in the pages of this Newsletter. Other features and highlights in this season’s issue include: Tech News; Genealogy Corner; our Youth Services update; Meet the Staff introducing Adult Services Clerk Esmie Rodgers; more patron book reviews for your enjoyment, including Kathryn Meek’s analysis of The Art of Abundance by author Candy Paull, Patron Morrae Kring’s five star review of The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony, and patron John Sherck’s review of The Magicians by Lev Grossman. Part 2 of Gregory Waksmulski’s epic “Adventures in the Library” is in these pages; you will find News from our Friends of the Library group; a welcome to two new staff members; info about current and forthcoming displays in the Library as well as a selection of titles in New Items, including several new periodicals for your reading enjoyment and enrichment. The New York Times Book Review is now available for you at CUTPL as well as O: The Oprah Magazine, Vogue, and Equus.

As the school year winds down, we want to let our readers know that our Healthy Snacks After School Program has been very successful. Developers Jerry Kinsella and Sam Bramfeld won the first place award for Best Project in the Leadership Marshall County Program! Congratulations to Jerry and Sam: with the help of Youth Services Manager Ali Gaskill, you have translated your thoughtful and compassionate vision into a tangible program serving a significant need in our community: hungry kids are enjoying the benefits of having a healthy snack at the library after school. Fundraising was an incredible success: we have reached the financial goal with donations from as far away as Maryland. The plan is to continue the program beyond the current school year, and there are enough funds to restart the program for the next school year. We continue to receive contributions. If you would like to participate you may contact Jerry or Sam or send a donation directly to the Library and be sure to note: “After School Snack Program, Attn: Ali Gaskill”. The names of companies and individual donors are displayed on a banner in the Youth Room.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of The Reed!
What's New

Our website has been tested and most pages are compliant with accessibility guidelines - Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 AAA.

An electronic devices charging station has been deployed in the computer lab and has seen a fair amount of use.

The start page for computer lab users is now online, offering convenient shortcuts to common services. Suggestions for improvement or additions are welcome!

CUTPL Website

We continue to look at improving the CUTPL website. Mobile device optimization is still in progress and we hope to have it in place before the end of the year. Optimization targets will include smart phones and tablets - whatever we can get our hands on to test!

In addition, we are planning to check and fix any broken links to other websites, where possible. Our links page will also be updated with improved categories. The highlight of this will be a “Site Map” of the State of Indiana website, with links to commonly used services. Suggestions for additions are welcome.

Wireless Site Survey

Within the next two months, IT staff will perform a wireless site survey by walking through the building with signal metering software and blueprints. If necessary, adjustments may be made to positioning of access points to improve wireless performance, and findings will be taken into consideration when updating our tech plan.

Once the survey is complete, copies of the signal strength map will be made available and/or posted throughout the building.

Thursday Tech Time

Some of our most advanced topics are scheduled for this summer.

June 20th - Photo Scanning and Restoration
July 18th - Recovering Data
August 15th - Advanced Malware Removal

Genealogy Corner by Laura Jones

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer library patrons access to World Vital Records, a new subscription research database. World Vital Records, founded in 2006, allows researchers simple and affordable access to over 4.2 billion family history records, including 1790-1940 US censuses and images, 100 million pages of newspaper from 1739 to the present, historical maps, military records, birth, marriage, and death records.

Because genealogy fits in with the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program theme of “Groundbreaking Reads,” I’m excited to announce that CUTPL will hold a free, 2 hour beginning genealogy workshop. “Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner’s Genealogy Workshop” will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the small meeting room. A lifetime, local genealogist, Monty Peden, will lead the workshop. All skill levels from beginner to expert are encouraged and welcome to attend the instructional, enjoyable workshop. Attendees are asked to register for the workshop, so that we will have materials and supplies ready for everyone in advance. Attendees should bring the full names of their parents, and four grandparents, as well as birth dates, and places of birth if known. Also, if any names of great-grandparents are known, please bring those as well. This will allow for a place to begin digging deeper into the attendee’s family history. Please call the library or email ljones@culver.lib.in.us to register for the workshop.

Remember that CUTPL’s Genealogy group meets every Wednesday at 10 AM. This program is free and open to the public. Attendees have access to laptops and research databases for two hours each session. All ages and research skill levels are welcome, from beginner to expert. Research assistance is available. I hope you’ll join us!

Upcoming CUTPL Displays

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Meet the Staff  Esmie Rodgers, Reference/Adult Services Clerk

When you visit CUTPL on weekdays, you’ll be greeted with the friendly face and smile of Esmie Rodgers. Esmie began working at CUTPL in August 2007, starting out as a Children’s Room Clerk, and then at the adult circulation desk. She is now a Reference/Adult Services Clerk. Esmie holds a BS in Hotel and Restaurant Management from La Consolacion College in Manila, Philippines. Prior to working at CUTPL, Esmie worked in the hotel hospitality field in Manila and as a teacher’s aide in international schools in both China and Thailand.

Esmie was born and raised in Manila, Philippines. She met and married her husband there and worked overseas for many years, prior to moving to Culver in 2007. Esmie and her husband, Brian, have three children. She enjoys raising her children in Culver, because it is a small, safe town where people are friendly and look out for one another.

When she isn’t checking out books or setting up eye-catching displays at CUTPL, Esmie enjoys cooking, crafting, and reading. Her choice genres in reading include inspirational fiction, cookbooks, and non-fiction works. With three young children at home, Esmie notes that she could listen to Radio Disney all day as well. She also enjoys family activities such as biking and outdoor sports.

One of Esmie’s favorite things about working at CUTPL is meeting new people and helping them find the information they are seeking. She also appreciates learning new things and being able to share those things with patrons. Her goal is to make a patron’s library visit a very pleasant experience for everyone. Esmie is a wealth of knowledge and wonderful assistant for your research needs. Please do stop by to say hello to Esmie and see what you can learn from her today!

Dig Into Summer Reading 2013  by Ali Gaskill

Summers are always a busy time in the children’s room, and this year will be no exception. Storytimes, crafts, and activities relating to this year’s theme, Dig into Reading, will be offered throughout the summer. Children and teens who turn in reading logs will be awarded prizes.

As usual, the library will hosting the Culver Boys and Girls Club for activities once a week. The Culver Community Schools will also be offering free lunch at the library following Tuesday and Thursday storytimes at 11:15 AM. Indiana Wild will also be returning for the summer kickoff event, bringing more wild animals for children to touch and hold.

In keeping with the underground theme, this year’s programs will revolve around archeological diggs, soil and plants, rodents, insects, and caves. Themed activities, which are free and open to children ages 0 to 12, will include making cave paintings, fairy dust, moon sand, time capsules, terrariums in a jar, and wire mummies. There will be special events such as the Pirate Party, which will include a treasure dig, treasure map-making, and a walk the plank competition. Dirt day will feature worm races, a dinosaur dig, dirt cupcakes and dirt pudding. An ice excavation will be held, with treasures buried in egg-shaped ice blocks.

Young Adult programs will also be offered throughout the summer, around the theme Beneath the Surface. The Young Adult theme will revolve around outer space, the deep sea, conspiracy theories and extraterrestrials, spies, and fantastical creatures like zombies, mummies, vampires, and dragons. Teen activities include making time capsules, sharpie tie dyes, bleach shirts, and lip balm.
Adventures in the Library: Part 2 by Gregory Waksmulski

My vegetable plot this summer will be like a Transformers movie: more than meets the eye. Beneath the garden’s surface there is fungus among us. I am “running with mycelium,” a beneficial network of mycorrhizal mats that funnel nutrition and moisture to root systems while helping turn organic debris into topsoil. This great idea came thanks to the Evergreen Library Consortium and a bottle of miracle pills my mother had lying on her kitchen table earlier this spring. I’ll explain.

The pills came from mom’s gym. Certain claims on the front of the label begged for an investigation of the ingredients on the back. I had my mobile Wikipedia application searching in seconds, and the wonder-drug turned out to be derived from common button mushrooms. Miraculous mushrooms? Amazing Agaricus bisporum? My curiosity was stoked, and I fell into a full-fledged information binge. Thirty minutes of fungus-related journal articles later, I was on the Evergreen account login page placing holds on a “myco-gardening” textbook by Paul Stamets and a mushroom identification guide.

The garden looks great so far. We’ll see if I’m as handy with Glomus aggregatum mycelia as I am with big beef tomatoes.

Speaking of getting things from the Library on my mobile device, drives to Chicago and back have gotten a good deal more interesting thanks to Overdrive. This is the service that allows patrons to “check out” an audio book in MP3 format from anywhere there’s an internet connection (including over my phone’s 3G). I login, search the sci-fi titles available, check it out and it downloads in a few minutes using the Overdrive mobile app. The chapters are playing over the car speakers with Bluetooth by the time we’ve hit Highway 31. Not only do I not have to worry about losing radio stations at Valparaiso, I also run no chance of offending my fellow passengers’ tastes - or lack thereof - for zydeco music or hip-hop. Spaceman Spiff hurtles through the atmosphere at warp speed, noting the iPass notification light blinking... ‘a new toll every year,’ sneers Spiff.

More Adventures next issue - watch this space!

Patron Book Review by Kathryn Meek

The Art of Abundance is a very thought-provoking book. The author, Candy Paull, suggests switching our perspective from ownership to appreciation, and shows how that begins to change our lives and thought patterns.

When viewing life through the lens of appreciation, we begin to appreciate even the small things. And, as we begin to appreciate our blessings, we are reminded of the abundance we daily experience, if we will only open our eyes and hearts.

Full of quotes and challenges and Paull’s experiences, the reader begins to see that our happiness and blessings aren’t in what we own, but often in the small overlooked things. In changing our perspective, we begin to see life as a celebration and realize that true riches are all around us.

Fun Stats - Most Circulated Items at CUTPL in 2012
By Colleen McCarty
What were the most circulated items at CUTPL in 2012? Here are some interesting circulation stats of our checkouts from 2012:

#1 Adult books: Shiloh: a Novel by Shelby Foote (our 2012 “One Book One Town/ Marshall County” selection); and Bill Reilly’s Killing Lincoln

#1 DVD: Hugo

#1 Children’s DVDs: Smurfs and Puss in Boots

#1 Youth Books: in the Young Adult category: Hunger Games authored by Suzann Collins and in the Children’s category: Ice Cream Hotel (by local author Jack Johnston)

Staff makes all the difference!
CUTPL welcomes new employees
Circulation Clerk, Ian Pilarski and Youth Services Clerk, Lindsey Van Horn.
Patron Review by John Sherck

_The Magicians_ by Lev Grossman

My rating: 3 of 5 stars

Probably, more like 3.5 stars, though I’m not sure how I could possibly be lukewarm on this novel, since most everyone who’s rated and reviewed it seems to either love it or hate it.

The novel follows Quentin Coldwater, who begins the novel as an academic all-star (but one who’s slightly eclipsed by his best friend both in excellence and in practical manners in his senior year of high school. An avid reader of fantasy - particularly a Narnia-like fantasy about a land called Fillory - in his younger days (and still one, albeit as a guilty pleasure), his life seems to take a huge turn for the better when he is invited to take a test to get into a very exclusive college: one that teaches magic (which turns out to be real, obviously).

In a sense, the rest of the novel is an exploration of the Wilde maxim about one of the great tragedies in life being to get your heart’s desire. In another sense, you might say it’s a character study of the varieties of brilliant, over-achieving nihilists.

It is, no doubt about it, a dark novel. Calling it “Harry Potter for adults” is less accurate that to call it a deconstruction of Harry Potter. There’s no Dark Lord to defeat here - well, there sort of is in the end, but not really. The darkness to be fought comes from within one’s self as one reacts to a world that can never seem to measure up to the fantasies of childhood, that never seems to have the heroic spirit we imagine for it as children.

Magic, in the end, isn’t so magical as Quentin thinks. It’s hard work, tedious work. It rarely solves problems of any real importance, and it ultimately has nothing to say about giving a life meaning, fulfillment, or happiness. I had originally understood _The Magicians_ to be a stand-alone novel, even though I knew it was followed by _The Magician King_. However, given how little real growth Quentin manages, that character arc itself makes the novel feel less than complete, even if the plot elements are fairly well wrapped up. He’s been through a lot, he’s changed a bit, but has he grown? Not really. But then, perhaps that’s all part and parcel of deconstructing the naïve fantasies of childhood and of, well naïve fantasies. It doesn’t mean I have to approve it.

But anyway, I did enjoy it well enough on it’s own terms - well enough that I’ll pick up _The Magician King_.

Patron Review by Morrae Kring

My rating for _The Elephant Whisperer_ by Lawrence Anthony is a 5. Lawrence lived in South Africa. He and his wife owned a game reserve. He was asked to take a herd of elephants that were causing trouble. He was not sure about taking them, but when he found out they would be killed, he took them. The first day they were there, the elephants broke down the electric fence and went back to their home. When he got them back he decided to stay by them until they trusted him and would stay. Then once he let them out he still would go see them. Then he started to have problems when he and his wife decided to open the reserve for visitors.

He found out what the problem was and took care of it. One day, while listening to the news, he found a zoo over in Iraq that was in bad shape. He and a friend went over to take care of it, and then came back and his friend stayed a while. One day he found out that a couple of the elephants were going to have babies. So nowadays there are elephants on the Thula Thula reserve.
Groundbreaking Reads: Adult Summer Reading Program by Laura Jones

The points system will be simplified this year, and is as follows:

- Book/Audio Book - 5 points
- Attend a CUTPL Program - 5 points
- Write a Review - 5 points (at least 1 paragraph of book/audiobook)

All books/eBooks/audiobooks read or listened to between June 3rd and August 2nd, 2013 will count toward point total and prizes. All materials should be from the CUTPL collection to qualify for points and prizes. There will be weekly drawing for prizes and “grand prizes” awarded to the top three point earners at the close of the program on August 2nd. Prizes this year include gift certificates and items donated by many local businesses.

There will be many adult programs during the months of June and July centered around the “Groundbreaking Reads” theme.

On Thursday, June 13th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the small meeting room, a “Making Your Garden Grow” composting and gardening program will be presented by special guest speaker and Master Gardener, Bob Yoder. The film The Bucket List will be shown in the large meeting room at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 17th. The final program of June will be a book discussion of The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald on Saturday, June 22nd at 1:30 PM in the small meeting room.

There will also be three programs during the month of July, beginning with a screening of Everglades of the North, a documentary about the Grand Kankakee Marsh. The screening will take place on Monday, July 8th at 6:00 PM in the large meeting room. As a follow-up to the Everglades of the North screening, a question and answer session and discussion with the producer(s) will be held on Monday, July 15th at 6:00 PM in the large meeting room. Finally, “Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner’s Genealogy Workshop” will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the small meeting room. A lifetime local genealogist, Monty Peden, will lead the workshop. All skill levels from beginner to expert are encouraged and welcome to attend the instructional, enjoyable workshop.

Here at CUTPL, we are excited to kick off adult summer reading, and we hope you’ll join us by reading books, listening to audiobooks, and attending some of the many exciting programs planned. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the program, please don’t hesitate to contact me or any member of the CUTPL staff. We are happy to help assist you!
Hello from the Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library! We are happy to update you about the recent activities of the Friends.

We have expanded our membership levels (see form below).

We are considering a “Holiday Season Children-Youth” book sale. Regular book sale dates are June 13th through June 15th and September 26th through September 28th. Please NOTE the new Thursday evening hours (4 PM - 7 PM)!

Ever wondered what book your kids would really read? Click on “Read Kiddo Read.” This site offers book review for children of all ages! The website address is www.readkiddoread.com.

Friends Quip of the Month: “No problem is so complicated it can’t be solved with a valid library card.” Join us and gain a bunch of new Friends!

Our total members to date are 45.

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**Friends of the Library**

by Marsha Egan

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**2013 Meetings**

- June 3rd
- July - No Meeting
- August 5th
- September 9th
- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd

All meetings are at 1 PM in the lower level of the library.

For more information, visit: [http://www.culver.lib.in.us/friends.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/friends.htm)

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**2013 Friends of CUTPL Book Sales**

- June 13th 4 PM - 7 PM
- June 14th and 15th 9 AM - 1 PM
- September 26th 4 PM - 7 PM
- September 27th and 28th 9 AM - 1 PM
- Our Bag Sale - October 25th and 26th 9 AM - 1 PM

Join us for a fantastic selection of books!

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**Join the FRIENDS of the Culver-Union Township Public Library**

- Individual $10 annually
- Family $20 annually
- Student (HS-college) $5 annually
- 15-year membership $100
- Lifetime membership $200
- Additional donations are welcome

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I am enclosing $______ to cover the membership checked.

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What’s New at the Culver Public Library - Materials of Popular Interest

Biography:
Unsinkable: a Memoir by Debbie Reynolds
Vera Gran: the Accused by Agata Tuszynska
Gifted Hands: the Ben Carson Story by Ben Carson

Christian Fiction:
It Happened at the Fair: a Novel by Deeanne Gist
Love at Any Cost: a Novel by Julie Lessman
Truth Stained Lies by Terri Blackstock
Bees in the Butterfly Garden by Maureen Lang

Fiction:
The Apple Orchard by Susan Wiggs
Constance: a Novel by Patrick Mcgrath
Dead Ever After by Charlaine Harris
A Delicate Truth by John le Carre
Don’t Go by Lisa Scottoline
Inferno: a Novel by Dan Brown
NOS4A2: a Novel by Joe Hill
Paris: the Novel by Edward Rutherfurd
Reunion at Red Paint Bay by George Harrar
The Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick
Taking Eve by Iris Johansen
Whiskey Beach by Nora Roberts
Yellow Birds: A Novel by Kevin Powers

Mystery:
12th of Never by James Patterson
Daddy’s Gone A Hunting by Mary Higgins Clark
Storm Prey by John Sandford
Pigeon Pie Mystery by Julia Stuart

Science Fiction:
The 5th Wave by Richard Yancey
Mongoloid Book 1 by Erik Bear
The Shift Omnibus by Hugh Howey
Wool: a Novel by Hugh Howey

Nonfiction:
Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum by Temple Grandin
Bake it Like You Mean It by Gesine Prado Bullock
Adrenaline by Brian B. Hoffman
The Shape of the Eye: a Memoir by George Estreich

DVD:
Broken City
Jack Reacher
A New Leaf
Safe Haven
The Silver Linings Playbook
Django Unchained
Badlands

CD:
Tornado / Little Big Town
Lovesick Blues / Chris Stamey
Lead With Your Heart / The Tenors
Babel / Mumford & Sons
Give Up / The Postal Service

Periodicals:
O: The Oprah Magazine
The New York Times Book Review
Equus
Vogue
The Week
AARP: The Magazine

Children/Juvenile/YA/Parenting
The Cats of Tanglewood Forest by Charles de Lint
Show Off by Gordon Korman
Homeland by Cory Doctorow
Mistakes were Made by Stephan Pastis
Just in Case by Meg Rosoff

Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library Book Sale
June 13th 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM and June 14th-15th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Join the Friends today! Applications at the Circulation Desk