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# Family Fun Night Mardi Gras!

The Eaton Library will host a family Mardi Gras on Tuesday, March 8 from 6:30-7:30pm.



We will hold a Mardi Gras Shoebox Float contest! Each family can decorate a shoe-

a Mardi Gras float! Bring it that night for a chance to win a prize!

# **Restored Library Hours** Effective January 3, 2011

#### **Camden Branch:**

Mon, Wed & Thurs 12pm-8pm Tue 2pm-8pm Fri & Sat 10am-2pm

#### **Eaton Branch:**

Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm Fri & Sat 9am-5pm

#### **Eldorado Branch:**

Tue 10am-5pm Thurs 2pm-7pm Sat 1pm-4pm

#### **New Paris Branch:**

Mon-Wed 2pm-8pm Fri 10am-4pm Sat 10am-2pm

#### West Alexandria Branch:

Mon & Wed 12pm-7pm Tue 1pm-7pm Fri 12pm-4pm Sat 10am-2pm

#### West Elkton Branch:

Mon & Wed 2:30pm-6:30pm Sat 10am-2pm

#### West Manchester Branch:

Mon 10am-5pm Wed 2pm-7pm Sat 9:30am-12:30pm

#### **Preble County Room:**

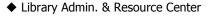
Tue-Thurs 9am-5pm Fri 9am-3pm 1st & 3rd Sat 9am-5pm

#### **Library Main Office:**

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

# Save the Date!

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# Library Director's Column



## **Rediscover Your Library!**

#### **Material Ordering Frenzy**

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When you return you will see some **new faces** behind the library counters. In order to return to our previous hours we have hired some wonderful new folks. At the Eldorado and West Manchester Branches you will see Branch Librarian Nancy Hannah and Library Assistant Tabitha Nies. Nancy hails from Lewisburg and has worked previously at the West Alexandria Library. Tabitha Nies is our young lady from West Alexandria who came to us through a special program. Tabitha has begun pursuing a degree in Childhood Education.

At the West Elkton Branch you will probably not even notice that Mindy Gayhart is now working there for pay! After years of volunteering at the West Elkton Branch, it is our honor to be able to put her on our payroll! Mindy is pursuing a Criminal Justice degree.

The Eaton Branch is sporting a brand new Branch Manager with a familiar face. Youth Services Librarian Teresa Deaton has an additional title and responsibilities. She also has some new folks in her Children's Department whom I know you will appreciate. Children's Library Assistant Karole Moore has retired, although she remains an active member of the Eaton Friends. Sarah Lawson has stepped into the position from the Brown Memorial Library in Lewisburg and we are thrilled to have her here. She is pursuing a library degree. We have also created a new position in that department. Sonya Knisley has come from the Eldorado and West Manchester Libraries to become a Homeschooling Program specialist for our libraries. Sonya is pursuing her Masters in Library Science at this time with a focus in Youth Services. She is brimming with ideas.

Vicki Hoff, formally Branch Librarian of West Manchester, has come to the office so that she can catalog full-time. We need her desperately over here now that we will be getting so many new materials.

In the Computer Department, **Doug Montgomery** has decided to become semi-retired. We are so glad he will continue working with us part-time! In order to fill this gap

and to enable us to pursue the many technological changes libraries are experiencing, we have hired **Lucy Price** of West Elkton. Lucy brings her people skills as Pastor of the West Elkton Friends and her technology skills from years of working in numerous computer fields such as programming.

You will also see some terrific new people at the Eaton Branch Circulation Desk. Danita Cook, formally Branch Librarian of Eldorado, is joining the Eaton Staff with a focus on Adult Programming. Sande Raabe is there to specifically help patrons with computer questions. She is a strong literacy advocate and trains students in horseback riding. And last, but certainly not least, Michael Green. Michael is pursuing a business career, but I first met him when he was working at Marsh Supermarket. Michael has wonderful customer service skills and has volunteered with our library for years with his mother Twin Valley School Librarian, Katie Kelly Green.

These folks are now part of the Staff who are there to serve you and make your library experience a **GREAT** one.

## a Fond Farewell...

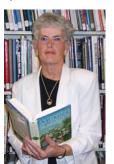
## ... to our Trustees

I would like to take a moment to thank two Trustees who have served your community through their service as Board Members.

Carolyn Ulrich has retired from the Board of Trustees after serving two terms. Judy White of Camden has retired after serving one seven year term. I cannot express how essential their intelligence, compassion and community service spirit has been to this library.

We will miss them and we are very grateful for their many years of commitment. Abby Noland, Library Director





Carolyn Ulrich

Judith White

Our New Camden Representative Trustee is officially Polly Kronenberger. Polly used to work for the library in the Computer Department. She has a passionate interest in libraries and a terrific sense of humor.

Welcome Polly!

The Preble County District Library welcomes the following new staff members! Sarah Lawson, Nancy Hannah, Tabitha Nies, Mindy Gayhart, Michael Green, and Sande Raabe.

Pictured below are (L-R) are Mindy, Michael and Sande.









The Preble County Chamber of Commerce and the Preble County District Library have partnered to offer one-hour classes to help local business owners improve their business know-how. Each class easily fits into your lunch hour and will be taught by knowledgeable instructors.

Take advantage of the opportunity to get expert advice to improve your business! Each class is designed to offer relevant, up-to-date information. The cost is free to PC Chamber Members, or a fee of \$5 for non-members.

## February Class



Pat Newcomb,
Ohio Small Business
Development Center
Program

February 17 Noon-1pm

TOPIC
Legal Issues: Succession Planning

Succession Planning: Succession planning enables your organization to identify talented employees and provide education to develop them for future higher level and broader responsibilities.

# Business Tips & Advice

Headline News money expert Clark Howard is an excellent source for business advice. According to his bio, Howard "...is a nationally syndicated consumer advocate who advises consumers how to save more, spend less and avoid getting ripped off."

Check out his advice using this link:

www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/clark.howard/

Howard offers a section from his Website (www.clarkhoward.com) called "Clark Topics" which includes information for Business and Entrepreneurs. Check it out:

www.clarkhoward.com/categories/clark-howard/business-entrepreneurs/

#### **More Links**

- CNN also offers a Small Business Section called Small Biz http://cnn.com.tr/CNN/Programs/morning.express/
- Fox Small Business Center offers many relevant topics
   http://www.foxsmallbusinesscenter.com/index.html



Christmas in the Village 2010
Santa visited the West Alexandria Library during the townwide Christmas in the Village celebration in December..
By the smiles on their faces, these little girls must have been extra good for Mom & Dad all year long!





# Preble County Room Your Gateway to Genealogy & Local History

# Genealogists

We are going to be scanning records for Roselawn, Upper Lewisburg, and Verona Cemeteries and putting them online for your researching pleasure!

#### Save the Date!



Saturday March 19th from 5-11 PM: Join us for another Night Owl Prowl! Registration begins now! This is a time of sharing food and research. There will be PC Room staff and Preble County Genealogy members here to help with your research. Call 937-456-4970 to register.

#### **Business Cents Series Schedule**

Noon - 1PM @ Library Admin. Office 450 S Barron St., Eaton

- February 17, 2011: Pat Newcomb, Ohio Small Business Development Center Program, Topic: Legal Issues: Succession Planning
- April 21, 2011: Glen Horton, SWON Libraries, Topic: New Technologies: The Future is in Your Hands
- August 18, 2011: Ray Potter, Human Resource: Topic: TBA
- October 20, 2011: Matt Appenzeller/Abby Noland, Topic: Leveraging Your Experience



Improve your business cents one lunch at a time

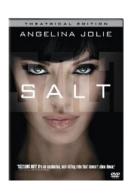


# **Entertainment** Your library has its finger on the pulse of entertainment!











# Film Strip

#### **Documentary Film**

Restrepo One Platoon, One Valley: Sebastian Junger and Tim Hetherington's year dug in with the Second Platoon in one of Afghanistan's most strategically crucial valleys reveals extraordinary insight into the surreal combination of back breaking labor, deadly firefights, and camaraderie as the soldiers painfully push back the Taliban.



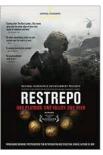
The Town: Ben Affleck's adaptation of Chuck Hogan's novel Prince of Thieves. Boston bank robber Doug MacRay (Ben Affleck) falls for a woman his gang had previously taken hostage after feigning a chance meeting with her to ensure that she can't identify them.

### **Hallmark Channel Original Movie**

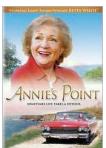
Annie's Point: A recently widowed grandmother is determined to grant her husband's last wish that she set his ashes free over the idyllic bluff they called Annie's Point. When her son Richard refuses to let his mother make the two-thousand-mile trip, she takes off anyway with her free-spirited granddaughter in tow.

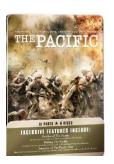
#### **Docu-Drama: HBO Miniseries**

The Pacific: The Pacific is an epic 10-part miniseries that delivers a realistic portrait of WWII's Pacific Theatre as seen through the intertwined odysseys of three U.S. Marines - Robert Leckie, John Basilone and Eugene Sledge. The extraordinary experiences of these men and their fellow Marines take them from the first clash with the Japanese in the haunted jungles of Guadalcanal, through the impenetrable rain firests of Cape Gloucester, across the blasted coral strongholds of Peleliu, up the black sand terraces of Iwo Jima, through the killing fields of Okinawa, to the triumphant, yet uneasy, return home after V-J Day. The viewer will be immersed in combat through the intimate perspective of this diverse, relatable group of men pushed to the limit in battle both physically and psychologically against a relentless enemy unlike any encountered before. 6 part series.













Indian summer: (1993) Settle back for a delightful IN-DIAN SUMMER -the heartwarming comedy about eight friends who reunite at their summer camp after 20 years! Starring an impres-

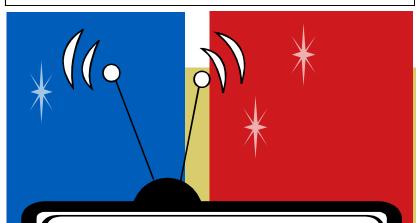
sive ensemble cast including Elizabeth Perkins and Alan Arkin no sooner do the visitors arrive than they return to the best summer of their lives -- practical jokes, midnight kitchen raids, boat races, campfire stories, and secret romances pick up right where they left off! And with so much hilarity and excitement, the fun never stops. Pack your gear, this week at camp is sure to be a hilarious, feel-good treat for everyone. Cast includes: Matt Craven, Diane Lane,

Bill Paxton, Kevin Pollak, Vincent Spano, Julie Warner, and Kimberly Williams-Paisley.



Trivia: Sam Raimi (who directed the film and also portrayed the character of Stick Coder) went on to direct the Spider-Man movies.

# Series Television: New on Our Shelves



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation -The Eighth Season

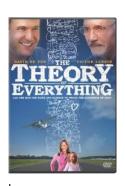
Caprica: Season 1.0: The Battlestar Galactica phenomenon continues with this undeniably compelling look at where the real conflict between humans and the Cylons began...in a vibrant world remarkably like our own: Caprica.



# Inspirational Drama

#### The Theory of Everything (2010)

Does God exist? Does Science prove God's existence or provide more reasons to doubt? Doug Holloway (David de Vos), a family man on the verge of financial and marital ruin, embarks on a journey to find his birth father, Dr. Eugene Holland (Victor Lundin). Dr. Holland is on a mission of his own - to prove the Holy Grail of physics - the Theory of Everything - that may prove the existence of God. His greatest challenge? Completing his quest before a degenerative brain disease (CJD) claims his ability to reason. Soon the two journeys become one as the men struggle together to rebuild their family and find new hope in God.



Check out the Christian Movie Preview Website: www.christianmoviepreviews.com/



Learn more about The Theory of Everything

FYI - Christian Movie Alert! From the creators of the very successful film, Fire Proof, comes a new film, Courageous, in theaters 9/30/11. Check it out: www.courageousthemovie.com









## **New Arrival DVDs**

Shrek Forever After Spirit of the Forest Eclipse: The Twilight Saga Get Him to the Greek The Hangover



#### **Music CDs**

■ Glee: Volume 1 the music, Season 1 Glee: Volume 2 the music, Season 1 Raymond V Raymond Usher

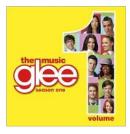
















## Jane Wheel Returns!

# Antique Picker Turned Amateur Sleuth



Backstage Stuff / Sharon Fiffer: With a divorce looming, antiques picker and PI Jane Wheel is stuck in place, unsure what to do with herself. Luckily, her friend Tim Lowry has the answer. Not only does he have an estate sale to prep for, but he found an old play, a murder mystery, that he's dying to put on. The play would be just the thing, that is if it weren't cursed. Tim pushes forward in spite of ominous notes warning against a performance. It's only when the show's

carpenter dies in a suspicious accident that Jane is convinced someone definitely doesn't want the show to go on and might be willing to kill to stop it.

Lively as ever, *Backstage Stuff* is as much fun for the mystery as it is for peeking behind the curtain to see all of the surprises that Jane has collected for the big show.

Seventh title in the series:

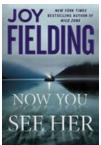
- Killer Stuff
- Dead Guy's Stuff
- The Wrong Stuff
- Buried Stuff
- Hollywood Stuff
- Scary Stuff



Two thumbs up!

SHARON FIFFER collects buttons, Bakelite, pottery, vintage potholders, and other killer stuff. Visit her site: www.sharonfiffer.com

# Seat-of-Your-Pants Thriller from Joy Fielding



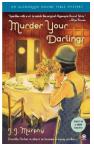
Now You See Her: When Marcy Taggart goes to Ireland after divorcing her husband of twenty-five years, a chance encounter catapults her entire life into turmoil. Years earlier, her daughter, Devon, disappeared in the icy waters of Georgian Bay after a canoeing accident, her body never recovered. But on a day trip to Cork, Marcy is certain she spots Devon

walking down the street. When her daughter disappears into a crowd, Marcy begins a desperate search to find her — and to uncover the disturbing truth that might, in the end, be her only salvation. **ON ORDER** 

Joy Fielding's latest thriller asks, 'How well do you **really** know your own family?'

# Series Debuts

# an Algonquin Round Table Mystery



Murder Your Darlings / J.J. Murphy: One morning legendary wit Dorothy Parker discovers someone under Manhattan's famed Algonquin Round Table. A little early for a passed out drunk, isn't it? But he's not dead drunk, just dead. When a charming writer from Mississippi named Billy Faulkner becomes a suspect in the murder, Dorothy decides to dabble in a little detective work, enlisting her literary cohorts.

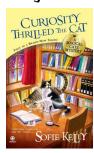
It's up to the Algonquins to outwit the true culprit-preferably before cocktail hour-and before the clever killer turns the tables on them.

## a Victoria Square Mystery



A Crafty Killing / Lorraine Bartlett: The last thing Katie Bonner wanted was to become the manager of Artisans Alley. But when her business partner, Ezra Hilton, is found bludgeoned to death, she has no other choice. Business under Ezra has been faltering-but was it enough to provoke someone to murder? Only Kate can find the answer.

## Magical Cats Mystery



Curiosity Thrilled the Cat / Sofie Kelly: When librarian Kathleen Paulson moved to Mayville Heights, Minnesota, she had no idea that two strays would nuzzle their way into her life. Owen is a tabby with a catnip addiction and Hercules is a stocky tuxedo cat who shares Kathleen's fondness for Barry Manilow. But beyond all the fur and purrs, there's something more to these felines.

When murder interrupts Mayville's Music Festival, Kathleen finds herself the prime suspect. More stunning is her realization that Owen and Hercules are magical-and she's relying on their skills to solve a purrfect murder.

#### **ALL ON ORDER**

# Psst! Peek into your 2011 mystery future!

March
Red Herring Without Mustard / Alan
Bradley

Sticky Fingers / Nancy Martin

Rock Bottom / Erin Brockovich with

C.J. Lyons

Teaberry Strangler / Laura Childs

Beaglemania / Linda O. Johnston

How to Survive a Killer Séance / Penny Warner

**April** 

Mourning Gloria / Susan Wittig

Crunch Time / Diane Mott Davidson

Knockdown / Sarah Graves

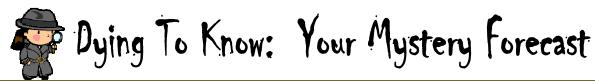
July

Let's Play Dead /Sheila Connolly

Bitter Harvest / Sheila Connolly

Murder by Mocha / Cleo Coyle

Till Death Do Us Bark / Judi McCoy



| Available from | n publishers in January | - See a title vou like? | Request at your library! |
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| Author            | Title                        | Sleuth  | Mystery Series or FYI        | #  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----|
| Madelyn Alt       | Home for a Spell             | Maggie O'Neill, employed at Enchantments Antique Shop | Bewitching Mystery           | 7  |
| Jennie Bentley    | Mortar and Murder            | Avery Baker, home renovator                           | Do-it-Yourself Mystery       | 4  |
| Pamela Callow     | Indefensible                 | Kate Lange, lawyer                                    | Legal Thriller               | 2  |
| Anne Canadeo      | A Stitch Before Dying        | Maggie Messina, Black Sheep Knitting Shop owner       | Black Sheep Knitting Mystery | 3  |
| Blaize Clement    | Cat Sitter Among the Pigeons | Dixie Hemingway, pet sitter, ex-deputy sheriff        | Wedding Cake Mystery         | 6  |
| Hannah Dennison   | Thieves!                     | Vicky Hill, investigative journalist                  | Vicky Hill Exclusive         | 4  |
| Julie Hyzy        | Buffalo West Wing            | Olivia Paras, White House chef                        | White House Chef Mystery     | 4  |
| Merline Lovelace  | Catch Her if You Can         | USAF Lt. Samantha Spade,                              | Samantha Spade Mystery       | 2  |
| G. A. McKevett    | A Decadent Way to Die        | Savannah Reid, P.I.                                   | Savannah Reid Mystery        | 16 |
| Jennifer McKinlay | Buttercream Bump Off         | Melanie Cooper, baker                                 | Cupcake Bakery Mystery       | 2  |

## Available from publishers in February - See a title you like? Request at your library!

| Nancy Atherton    | Aunt Dimity and the Family Tree | Lori Shepherd, amateur sleuth                | Aunt Dimity Mystery                | 16 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----|
| Alan Bradley      | A Red Herring Without Mustard   | Flavia de Luce, 11 year-old sleuth           | Flavia de Luce Mystery             | 3  |
| Ellen Byerrum     | Shot Through Velvet             | Lacey Smithsonian, fashion reporter          | Crime of Fashion Mystery           | 7  |
| Deborah Coonts    | Lucky Stiff                     | Lucky O'Toole, Head of Customer Relations    | Lucky O'Toole Las Vegas Adventures | 2  |
| Lila Dare         | Polished Off                    | Grace Terhune, hairdresser                   | Southern Beauty Shop Mystery       | 2  |
| Christy Evans     | Drip Dead                       | Georgiana Neverall, plumber apprentice       | Georgiana Neverall Mystery         | 3  |
| B. B. Haywood     | Town in a Lobster Stew          | Candy Holliday, amateur sleuth               | Candy Holliday Murder Mystery      | 2  |
| Charlotte Hughes  | Unhinged                        | Kate Holly, psychologist                     | Kate Holly Mystery                 | 4  |
| Sue Ann Jaffarian | Ghost in a Polka Dot Bikini     | Emma Whitecastle, amateur sleuth             | Ghost of Granny Apples Mystery     | 2  |
| J.A. Jance        | Fatal Error                     | Ali Reynolds, amateur sleuth                 | Ali Reynolds Mystery               | 6  |
| Toni L.P. Kelner  | Blast from the Past             | Tilda Harper, Boston freelance reporter      | Where are They Now? Mystery        | 3  |
| Amanda Lee        | Stitch Me Deadly                | Maggie Singer, embroidery shop owner         | Embroidery Mystery                 | 2  |
| Tamar Myers       | The Headhunter's Daughter       | Amanda Brown, missionary                     | Amanda Brown Mystery               | 2  |
| Mary Stanton      | Angel's Verdict                 | Brianna Winston-Beaufort, celestial advocate | Beaufort and Company Mystery       | 4  |











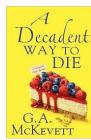


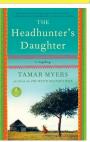


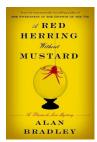
















Watch for it! Janet Evanovich fans will be pleased to note that her next Stephanie Plum book will be out in June! Smokin' Seventeen will continue the further adventures of that beloved, but oh-so-bumbling bounty hunter Stephanie and her sidekick, Lula. Also, the movie, One for the Money, will be in theaters July 8. Based on the first book in the series, One for the Money will star Katherine Heigl as Stephanie, Sherri Shepherd as Lula, and Debbie Reynolds as Grandma Mazur.



### Romance News

### <u>Belva Plain, (Oct, 1915 - Oct 2</u>010



Belva Plain was the best selling author of twenty-two novels - twenty

of which made the NY Times bestseller list. She wrote main stream women's fiction. At the time of her



death, she was 95 years old. Belva Plain's Final Novel is entitled, Heartwood.

#### **Science Fiction Romance**

Enjoy reading Science Fiction Romance? Try The Galaxy **Express**, an Internet site that focuses exclusively on this particular romance subgenre: www.thegalaxyexpress.com

#### **Chick Lit News**



For those of you who have Kindles: The adventures of Dorothy Gayle (yes, THAT Dorothy!) continue in a new e-book-only offering from authors Lacy Maran and Kevin Michael. The New Wizard of Oz finds Dorothy fifteen years older and seeing the last of her friends getting married. According to the synopsis, this books is "...a humorous and romantic novel that combines L. Frank Baum and W.W. Denslow's classic characters with ele-

ments of "Bridget Jones" and "Meet The Parents." The Kindle download is available from Amazon.com. Enjoy Chick Lit? Try www.chicklitclub.com Teresa Medeiros

### Epistolary - A story told through letters or, in this case, electronic tweets

Teresa Medeiros' newest novel, Goodnight **Tweetheart**, is told entirely in 'tweet' format.

# New Paperback Romance on Our Shelves

- Eat, Prey, Love / Kerrelyn Sparks
- Everlasting Desire / Amanda Ashley
- Left for Undead / L.A. Banks
- Kiss Me, Kill Me / Maggie Shayne
- Bound to a Warrior / Donna Fletcher
- Breathless: The House of Rohan / Anne Stuart
- Sins of the Heart (Otherkin Trilogy, Bk 1) / Eve Silver
- Sins of the Soul (Otherkin Trilogy, Bk 2) / Eve Silver
- Simply Irresistible / Jill Shalvis
- Rules of Engagement / Suzanne Enoch
- Rebel / Claire Delacroix
- One Touch of Scandal / Liz Carlyle
- The Mists of Time / Susan Squires
- Wicked Delights of a Bridal Bed / Tracy Anne Warren
- The Surrender of a Lady / Tiffany Clare
- You Only Love Once / Caroline Linden

## Southern Witch Novel



Halfway Hexed / Kimberly Frost: First, there are the local residents who form a scripture-spouting posse and kidnap Tammy to "defend" Duvall, Texas, against witchcraft. Next, someone saddles her with a secret package chock full of dangerous visions, just as the president of WAM-the World Association of Magicarrives with his entourage to investigate her. And who worse to examine Tammy's entanglement with off-limits and drop-dead gorgeous wizard Bryn Lyons than his ex-girlfriend? Not to mention that the clash

between the locals and the magical visitors leads to a series of unnatural disasters that may doom them all.

While the fate of the town hangs in the balance, one thing's certain: this would-be witch is ready to rumble, Texas style. This is the third in the series following Would-Be Witch and Barely Bewitched. ON ORDER



**Recommended:** I LOVED the first book in the series and enjoyed the second - hopefully the third is a charm! The chemistry between Tammy Jo and Bryn Lyons is DELICIOUS! C. Richter

## Debut Novelist Deborah Harkness



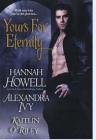
A Discovery of Witches: Deep in the stacks of Oxford's Bodleian Library, young scholar Diana Bishop unwittingly calls up a bewitched alchemical manuscript in the course of her research. Descended from an old and distinguished line of witches, Diana wants nothing to do with sorcery; so after a furtive glance and a few notes, she banishes the book to the stacks. But her discovery sets a fantastical underworld stirring, and a horde of daemons, witches, and vampires soon descends upon the library.

Diana has stumbled upon a coveted treasure lost for centuries-and she is the only creature who can break its spell.

Debut novelist Deborah Harkness has crafted a mesmerizing and addictive read, equal parts history and magic, romance and suspense. Diana is a bold heroine who meets her equal in vampire geneticist Matthew Clairmont, and gradually warms up to him as their alliance deepens into an intimacy that violates age-old taboos. This smart, sophisticated story harks back to the novels of Anne Rice, but it is as contemporary and sensual as the Twilight series-with an extra serving of historical realism. **ON ORDER** 

A richly inventive novel about a centuries-old vampire, a spellbound witch, and the mysterious manuscript that draws them together.

# Three Stories - One Cover



Yours for Eternity: In this sizzling new collection, three women fall under the spell of three irresistible vampires who promise to satisfy their every desire... Highland Blood / Hannah Howell, Taken By Desire / Alexandra Ivy, Immortal Dreams / Kaitlin O'Riley.

## What is Women's Fiction?

**Women's Fiction** celebrates female empowerment in all aspects of daily life. It gives the reader 'the woman's story' in all its glorious Technicolor – her struggles, her triumphs, her tears, her joys – all coming together in a narrative that offers the reader an emotionally satisfying read.

Women's fiction can be commercial or literary, modern or multigenerational. It can make you laugh, cry, think, and re -examine; it can help you redefine your life.

## Women's Fiction Publisher's Forecast

See a title you like? Request it at your library!

Summer Rental / Mary Kay Andrews (June)

From Barcelona With Love / Elizabeth Adler (June)

Then Came You / Jennifer Weiner (July)

44 Charles Street / Danielle Steel

Happy Birthday / Danielle Steel (July)

Heat Wave / Nancy Thayer (June)

Escape / Barbara Delinsky (July)

Goddess of Vengeance / Jackie Collins (May)

Best Staged Plans / Claire Cook (June)

The Bride's House / Sandra Dallas (May)

Folly Beach / Dorothea Benton Frank (June)

Silver Girl / Elin Hilderbrand (June)

Night Road / Kristin Hannah (April)

The Silver Boat / Luanne Rice (March)

Once Upon a Time There was You / Elizabeth Berg (April)

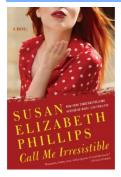
The Butterfly's Daughter / Mary Alice Monroe (May)

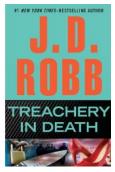
Red Garden / Alice Hoffman (Jan)

Burnt Mountain / Anne Rivers Siddons (Aug)

Sing You Home / Jodi Picoult (March)

# Popular Authors' Latest Releases







Call Me Irresistible / Susan Elizabeth Phillips
Treachery in Death / J.D. Robb
Shadowfever / Karen Marie Moning
ON ORDER

# Noteworthy: Sarah Addison Allen



**The Peach Keeper:** "Her marriage a shambles, Willa Jackson returns home to Walls of Water, the town where she grew up, and tries to fit in. There she discovers an extraordinary feud that has divided two sisters for decades." *Library Journal* **ON ORDER** 

You also might like these books by Sarah: Garden Spells, The Sugar Queen, and The Girl Who Chased the Moon.

## Noteworthy: Barbara O'Neal



How to Bake a Perfect Life / Barbara O'Neal: Professional baker Ramona Gallagher is a master of an art that has sustained her through the most turbulent times, including a baby at fifteen and an endless family feud. But now Ramona's bakery threatens to crumble around her. Literally. She's one water-heater disaster away from losing her grandmother's rambling Victorian and everything she's worked so hard to build.

When Ramona's soldier son-in-law is wounded in Afghanistan, her daughter, Sophia, races overseas to be at his side, leaving Ramona as the only suitable guardian for Sophia's thirteen-year-old stepdaughter, Katie. Heartbroken, Katie feels that she's being dumped again—this time on the doorstep of a woman out of practice with mothering.

Ramona relies upon a special set of tools—patience, persistence, and the reliability of a good recipe—when rebellious Katie arrives. And as she relives her own history of difficult choices, Ramona shares her love of baking with the troubled girl. Slowly, Katie begins to find self-acceptance and a place to call home. And when a man from her past returns to offer a second chance at love, Ramona discovers that even the best recipe tastes better when you add time, care, and a few secret ingredients of your own.

#### More Romance

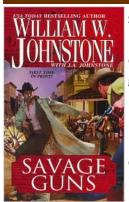
Prince Charming Doesn't Live Here (Others, Bk 10) / Christine Warren
The Greyfriar (Vampire Empire Trilogy, Bk 1) / Clay Griffith & Susan Griffith
The Reckless Bride (Black Cobra, Bk 4) / Stephanie Laurens
Fortunate Harbor / Emilie Richards

The Ghost Exterminator: A Love Story / Vivi Andrews





# WESTERN



Savage Guns / William W. Johnstone: Spoiled, brash King Bragg is going to hang for the murder of three men in a barroom. But King's arrogant father—and his beautiful sister—use their powers of persuasion to convince Cotton to look into the shooting. And when Cotton does, he uncovers some disturbing secrets about one Crayfish Ruble, the second biggest rancher in Puma County. Soon, Cotton is surrounded by some people who want to hang King now,

some who want to bust him free, and some too busy keeping their stories straight... In a town full of fools and sinners, of men bad and downright evil, a gallows is going up and time is running out. And a young, skinny, undereducated lawman named Cotton Pickens is standing up to a savage storm—with only one gun on his side...

# Fantasy / Horror 2010



The Year's Best Dark Fantasy & Horror 2010 / Paula Guran, Ed.

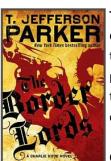
Darkness surrounds us. We can find darkness anywhere: in a strange green stone etched with mysterious symbols; at a small town's annual picnic; in a ghostly house that is easy to enter but not so easy to leave; behind the dumpster in the alley where a harpy lives; in The Nowhere, a place where car keys, toys, people disappear to; among Polar explorers;

and, most definitely, within ourselves. Darkness flies from mysterious crates; surrounds children whose nightlights have vanished; and flickers between us at the movie theater. Darkness crawls from the past and is waiting in our future; and there's always a chance that Halloween really is a door opening directly into endless shadow. Welcome to the dark. You may never want to leave. This inaugural volume of the year's best dark fantasy and horror features more than 500 pages of dark tales from some of today's finest writers of the fantastique. Chosen from a variety of sources, these stories are as eclectic and varied as the genre itself.

Authors include: Kelley Armstrong, Holly Black, Ramsey Campbell, Caitlin R. Kiernan, Joe R. Lansdale, Kelly Link, Stewart O'Nan, Sarah Pinborough, Peter Straub, and more.

# Critically Acclaimed

T. Jefferson Parker, Three-time Edgar Award-winner Charlie Hood Series, Bk. 4



The Border Lords: ATF agent Sean Ozburn is deep undercover supporting the sicarios of the Baja Cartel when he suddenly goes completely dark, his only communications being the haunting digital videos he sends to his desperately worried wife, Seliah.

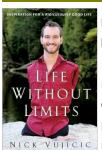
Charlie Hood must determine if Oz is simply

chasing demons deeper undercover than anyone has ever gone, or whether his friend has suffered a permanent break with his mission and his moral compass.

A crime novel of unprecedented scope and unrivaled storytelling ambition by one of our most treasured talents, The Border Lords revisits the fevered landscape of America's southern border-and confronts the unexplored depths of humanity's dark soul.

According to The Washington Post T. Jefferson Parker writes "the best of today's crime fiction,"

# Inspirational Story



Life Without Limbs: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life / Nick Vujicic: Life Without Limits is an inspiring book by an extraordinary man. Born without arms or legs, Nick Vujicic overcame his disability to live not just independently but a rich, fulfilling life, becoming a model for anyone seeking true happiness. Now

an internationally successful motivational speaker, his central message is that the most important goal for anyone is to find their life's purpose despite whatever difficulties or seemingly impossible odds stand in their way.



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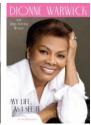
# Celebrity Authors

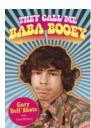
## Biography

- ◆ Cleopatra: A Life / Stacy Schiff
- ◆ Beautiful: The Life of Hedy Lamarr
- My Life as I See It / Dionne Warwick
- ◆ They Call Me Baba Booey / Gary Dell Abate
- Reading Jackie: Her Autobiography in Books / William Kuhn: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis never wrote a memoir, but she told her life story and revealed herself in intimate ways through the nearly 100 books she brought into print during the last two decades of her life as an editor at Viking and Doubleday. Based on archives and interviews with Jackie's authors, colleagues, and friends, Reading Jackie mines this significant period of her life to reveal both the serious and the mischievous woman underneath the glamorous public image.
- Celebrity Authors
- America By Heart: Reflections on Family, Faith, and Flag / Sarah Palin
- ◆ Cake Boss / Buddy Valastro
- My Passion for Design / Barbara Streisand
- In Fifty Years We'll All Be Chicks / Adam Carolla
- If You Have to Cry, Go Outside: And Other Things Your Mother Never Told You / Kelly Cutrone
- Straight Talk, No Chaser / Steve Harvey



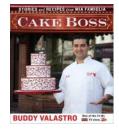






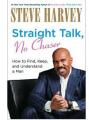


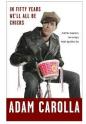












# Books to Enlighten You

- Ben and Me / Cameron Gunn
- The Empowered Patient: How to Get the Right Diagnosis, Buy the Cheapest Drugs, Beat Your Insurance Company, and Get the Best Medical Care Every Time / Elizabeth Cohen
- Katie Up and Down the Hall: The True Story of How One Dog Turned Five Neighbors into a Family / Glenn Plaskin
- Half Empty / David Rakoff
- Where Did Noah Park the Ark? / Eran Katz
- Deadly Spin / Wendell Potter
- A Course in Weight Loss: 21 Spiritual Lessonos for Surrendering your Weight Forever / Marianne Williamson
- Living More with Less / Doris Janzen Longacre, ed
- Adoption Records Handbook / Teresa Brown
- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Making Natural Beauty Products / Sally W. Trew with Zonella B. Gould
- Delivering Happiness: A Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose / Tony Hsieh
- Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know / Alexandra Horowitz
- The Baby Names Almanac 2011 / Emily Larson



United States of Americana: Backyard Chickens, Burlesque Beauties, and Handmade Bitters - A Field Guide to the New American Roots Movement / Kurt B. Reighley: Young Americans are returning to the roots of a simpler culture

Americana. It's more than mere nostalgia; it's a conscious celebration of community and sustainability.

It's a movement born in response to the ever-accelerating pace of modern life and Internet technology overload. All over the country, people are returning to an appreciation for the simpler things in life, which are brilliantly surveyed in United States of Americana—the first comprehensive handbook to all things Americana.

- Music: Renewed interest in the legends of country, blues, gospel, and folk (Johnny Cash, Emmylou Harris, Hank Williams, and Leadbelly); the rise and evolution of alt-country music and the Americana genre (Fleet Foxes, Wilco, the Decemberists)
- Fashion: Wearing American heritage clothing and footwear (Red Wing boots, Filson jackets, Carhartt overalls, and Pendleton wool shirts)
- Grooming: Returning to straight-razor shaving and oldfashioned barber shops
- D.I.Y.: Taking up handmade crafts (knitting, needlepoint, and soap making), as well as home canning (pickling & preserving)
- The speakeasy renaissance: Drinking Prohibition- and pre-Prohibition-era cocktails (old-fashioned, gin fizz, and sidecar)
- Entertainment: Seeking out burlesque, circuses, & the vinyl LP

# 55 4 Better Your library keeps your changing needs in mind



An interactive program for nursing home residents



In December we made snow globes using new and recycled materials. They turned out wonderfully.

In January we will be talking about the state of Florida. Outreach Assistant Becky Rogers has a cute sand and sea 👡 shell craft for the residents to make.



In February we are going to have a Super Bowl party and talk about Football.

Beyond Books is made possible through kind donations from our community. To donate, please contact Marlene Ressler at 456-4376.



Grandloving: Making Memories with your Grandchildren / Sue Johnson, Julie Carlson, and Elizabeth Bower: Incorporating advice from more than 350 families nationwide, this guide offers specific tips for bonding with grandchildren, from babies to teens. Along with a completely revised resource section, this fifth edition features expanded sections on Skyping, texting, and social networking— Facebook, Flickr, MySpace, Twitter, and YouTube. Among the guide's hints are more than 225 easy, low-cost, do-together, and long-distance activities

such as ideas for successful visits, holidays, and family traditions. While primarily intended for use by grandparents, this sourcebook's strategies and suggestions can also help daycare providers, separated parents, extended family members, and teachers grow closer to the children in their lives.



The website: www.grandloving.com

#### Reminders...

For more information regarding these programs, contact Outreach Librarian Marlene Ressler, PCDL at 456-4376 or Juanita Moore, Preble County Council On Aging, at 456-4947.



**Kinship Konnection** meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 10 AM at the Senior Center in Eaton -- 800 East St. Clair St. If you or someone you know is in the position of raising someone else's children,

give this unique, supportive group a try.



We Care: A Caregiver's Sup**port Group** meets the first A Caregivers' Support Group Monday of every month at

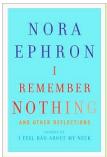
**2 PM** at the Senior Center in Eaton. The programs last 1-1-1/2 hours. Volunteer caregivers will provide on-site assistance with your loved one. The Senior Center will provide FREE handicapped accessible transportation. Call the Senior Center one week before the meeting to schedule transportation (456-4947). We Care is sponsored by the Preble County Council on Aging, Preble County District Library, Heartland, Vancrest, Greenbriar, and Crossroads.

In January we celebrated National Tea Month by hosting an afternoon tea.

Schedule: All Programs & events begin at 2PM

#### Join us in February for:

"When the Diagnosis is Terminal" presented by Crossroads Hospice.



I Remember Nothing: And Other Reflections / Nora Ephron: [The author] returns with her first book since the astounding success of I Feel Bad About My Neck, taking a cool, hard, hilarious look at the past, the present, and the future, bemoaning the vicissitudes of modern life, and recalling

with her signature clarity and wisdom everything she hasn't (yet) forgotten.



# West Elkton Library

135 N Main St. W. Elkton OH (937) 787-4873 Mickie Gayhart. Branch Librarian Hours: Mon & Wed 2:30-6:30; Sat 10-2

## **A Community Comes Together**

The Friends of the West Elkton Library and the West Elkton Village Council came together in the spirit of giving to hand out holiday gift bags to older adults filled with fruit and homemade goodies.

This was certainly a group effort! The Village donated the funds for the project and the West Elkton Friends made the baked goods. The fruit was purchased from the Preble Shawnee Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Fred Specht and Mayor Bill Bates helped hand out fruit. The bags were decorated by the children who visit the library often. They enjoyed the project, thrilled that their artwork would help brighten someone's holiday.

West Elkton Branch Librarian Mickie Gayhart commented, "Our Friends and the Village Council have made this a tradition. It's a lot of fun and is a way get our community involved with helping older adults. This year we were able to give away 25 gift bags."

After all of the bags had been decorated and stuffed, the Friends held a cookie exchange

#### Meet Mindy Gayhart, New Library Assistant



Mindy is now the assistant at the West Elkton Library. She will bring lots of great ideas to the library. She also enjoys putting together creative bulletin

boards and decorating the library with her special artistic flair.

Mindy has volunteered at the West Elkton branch for about 4 years. She has helped with summer reading, story times, parties, and was a HUGE help during the levy.

Welcome Mindy!





Merrick, age 3, Dillon, age 7, along with teen, Dwight Wilt helped decorate the Christmas gift bags.





# Camden Library

104 S Main St Camden OH 45311 Toni Keesler, Branch Librarian Hours: Mon-Thurs 12-8; Tues 2-8; Fri/Sat 10-2

# Children's Christmas Craft Bazaar

The Christmas Craft Bazaar was held on December 14. The Camden library furnished several crafts for children to make and a table of scrumptious treats for them to enjoy.



# Anspirational Fiction Stories of Love and Faith



# Our Newest Titles

Sarah's Choice / Wanda E. Brunstetter
Fatal Judgment / Irene Hannon (Guardians of justice)
While We're Apart / Lynn Austin
Judgment Day / Wanda L. Dyson
The Waiting / Suzanne Woods Fisher (Lancaster County Secrets)
Love Finds You in Sugarcreek Ohio / Serena B. Miller
Watch Over me / Christa Parrish
Be Careful What You Pray For / Nicole S. Rouse
The Falling Away / T.L. Hines
While We're Far Apart / Lynn Austin
Simple Deceit / Nancy Mehl (Harmony Series)









# Ladies Shooting Club, Book 3



The Blacksmith's Bravery / Susan Page Davis:
By age twelve, Vashti Edwards was orphaned and working her way west in different saloons.
Life in Fergus, Idaho, has given Vashti new hope in Christian friends from The Ladies' Shooting Club and an employer who turned her saloon into a restaurant. But money is tight and Vashti tries to get the job she's dreamed of—stagecoach driver.

Griffin Bane, local blacksmith, is overseeing the stagecoach line and admits he needs more help. But can a woman—even one known to be a good markswoman—handle the challenges and dangers on the trail?

As soon as Vashti starts her new job, the line is targeted by a band of robbers. Was Griffin a fool to put a woman at the reins, and can he brave the beautiful distraction she makes as he takes to riding shotgun?

Will The Ladies' Shooting Club catch the bandits and bring the stubborn couple together?

# Love Inspired



Finding Her Way Home (Redemption River series) / Lynn Austin: Welcome To Redemption, Oklahoma. The idyllic little town Cheyenne Rhodes has chosen for her fresh start is almost too welcoming. After all, she's come here to hide from her past-not to make new friends. But single dad Trace Bowman isn't about to let Cheyenne hide away her heart. He can't ignore the special way she has with his daughter, Zoey- or

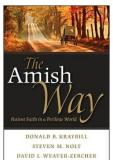
how she's reminded him of the power of real love. Now he needs to convince Cheyenne that Redemption is more than a place to hide-it's also a way to be found



Jenna's Cowboy Hero / Brenda Minton: Former football player Adam Mackenzie arrives in small-town Oklahoma to fix up a camp for underprivileged kids. But the city slicker doesn't know horse tack from a touchdown. He's desperate for help-and the pretty rancher next door is the answer to his prayers. War vet Jenna is back home after a stint in Iraq, and she's

got a five-year plan: raising her twin boys, running her ranch-and not falling in love. But she can't say no to gorgeous and kind Adam. Can he make her forget all her plans and open her heart to love?

# The amish Way of Life

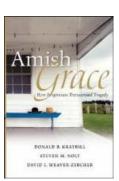


The Amish Way: Patient Faith in a Perilous World / Donald B. Kraybill, et al: In this follow-up to the bestselling *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, [the authors] shed further light on Amish life, this time on their faith and spiritual practices. . . . In this thoughtful and sensitive book, the authors explain how Amish faith is intertwined with community and commitment, child rearing, home life, material possessions, the natural world,

evil, and sorrow. The authors explore the complicated question, "Is there anything the Amish can teach the rest of us about living meaningfully in the modern world?"

Written in a lively and engaging style, The Amish Way holds appeal for anyone who wants to learn more about the spiritual and religious impulse that energizes the Amish way of life.

Further Reading: Amish Grace: how forgiveness transcended tragedy



# Kitchen & More

# Celebrity Chefs

# More Cooking.

Barefoot Contessa, How Easy is That? / Ina Garten: Ina proves once again that it doesn't take complicated techniques, special equipment, or stops at more than one grocery store to make wonderful dishes for your family and friends. Her newest must-have cookbook is all about saving time and avoiding stress while having fun in the kitchen.

Bobby Flay's Throwdown! More Than 100 Recipes from Food Network's Ultimate Cooking Challenge / Bobby Flay:

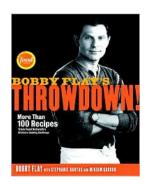
Every week on Throwdown!, celebrity chef and restaurateur Bobby Flay goes head-to-head with cooks who have staked their claim as masters of an iconic dish—buffalo wings, chicken cacciatore, or sticky buns, for example—even though he may never have cooked these things before. The results are always entertaining—and delicious. In his first-ever cookbook collaboration with Food Network, Bobby shares the recipes and fun from his popular show.

Rachael Ray's Look and Cook / Rachael Ray: 100 brand-new recipes, each featuring beautiful and helpful step-by-step full -color photographs that illustrate how to create each meal, along with photographs of the gorgeous finished dishes. You literally look along while you cook!

**5 Ingredient Fix: Easy, Elegant, and Irresistible Recipes / Claire Robinson:** As the host of the channel's 5 Ingredient Fix, author Claire Robinson presents easy-to-make recipes with no more than five ingredients. Like the show, her debut cookbook demonstrates that this guideline is no harsh limitation.



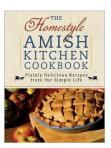


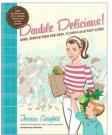




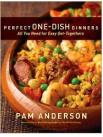
# The Homestyle Amish Kitchen Cookbook / Georgia Varozza

- Double Delicious! Good, Simple Food for Busy, Complicated Lives / Jessica Seinfeld
- Sarabeth's Bakery: From My hands to Yours / Sarabeth Levine, et al
- Perfect One-Dish Dinners: All You Need for Easy Get-Togethers / Pam Anderson
- La Cuisine: Every Day French Home Cooking / Francoise Bernard
- Baked Explorations / Matt Lewis and Renato Poliafito
- Betty Crocker Fix with a Mix Desserts: 100 Sensational Sweets
   Made Easy with a Mix
- Taste of Home Slow Cooker: 403 Recipes for Today's One-Pot-Meals





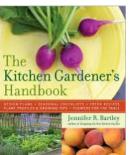








# Gardening



The Kitchen Gardener's Handbook / Jennifer R. Bartley: Desing plans, seasonal checklists, fresh recipes, plant profiles and growing tips, and flowers for the table.

No longer content with separating the plants they grow to eat and the plants they grow for beauty, gardeners are discovering the pleasures of incorporating both edibles and ornamentals into their

home landscapes. The Kitchen Gardener's Handbook makes it easy by showing how a well-designed landscape can yield both bounty for the table and beauty for the soul.

Ohio author: Jennifer R. Bartley is from Granville, Ohio. She owns the design firm *American Potiger*. She creates and designs garden spaces. Website: www.americanpotiiger.com

# New Young Adult Preview of items to come!



#### **Popular YA Titles**

Heart to Heart / Lurlene McDaniel Delirium / Lauren Oliver Vampire Crush / A.M. Robinson Vesper: A Deviants Novel / Jeff Sampson The Charlatan's Boy / Jonathan Rogers Shadowspell / Jenna Black Awakened / P.C. Cast Banished / Sophie Littlefield Hexbound / Chloe Neill Matched / Ally Condie Tyger, Tyger / Kersten Hamilton Zombies vs. Unicorns / Holly Black My World 2.0 / Justiin Bieber Drought / Pam Bachorz The False Princess / Eilis O'Neal Will Work for Prom Dress / Aimee Ferris Notes from the Blender / Trish Cook & Brendan Halpin Human.4 / Mike A. Lancaster

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The Sweetest thing / Christina Mandelski
The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin /
Josh Berk

Revolution / Jennifer Donnelly
Anna and the French Kiss / Stephanie
Perkins

Incarceron / Catherine Fisher
The Sky is Everywhere / Jandy Nelson
The Jaguar Stones / J&P Voelkel
The Reformed Vampire Support Group /
Catherine Jinks

Stitches: A Memoir / David Small Lips Touch: Three Times / Laini Taylor

#### **The 39 Clues Series**

The Maze of Bones / Rick Riordan
One False Note / Gordon Korman
The Sword Thief / Peter Leranges
Beyond the Grave / Jude Watson
The Black Circle / Patr4ick Carman
In Too Deep / Jude Watson
The Viper's Nest / Peter Leranges
The Emperor's Code / Gordon Korman
Storm Warning / Linda Sue Park
Into the Gauntlet / Margaret P. Haddix

# Many More throughout the year!

# New Paris Library

# Upcoming Programs & Events

Registration required for all programs

#### Chill Out @ Your Library

Tween & Teens 8-wk reading club Ages 12-18 Jan 3 - Feb 28 Call New Paris Library for details.

Winter Wonder Land @ Your Library - 6-wk Story Time for K-5 Tuesday @ 4:30pm
Jan 11, 18, & 25; Feb 1, 8, & 15
Join us for Winter stories, activities and crafts.

Winter Story Time (Ages 3-5) 6-wk Preschool Story Time Friday at 11am Jan 14, 21, & 28; Feb 4, 11, & 18.

#### Let's Talk About It!

Adult Reading Program Tues, Jan 18 at 6:30pm Tues, Feb 15 at 6:30pm



New Paris Library 115 N. Washington St, New Paris, OH Barbara Dungan, Branch Librarian Hours: Mon-Wed 2-8; Fri 10-4; Sat 10-2

# Join us for a Winter of FUN!

# eBooks and eReaders: Decisions, Decisions



eBooks and eReaders – they've been getting a lot of promotion lately in the media . . . Kindle, Nook, Kobo, Sony Reader, iPad, Pandigital Novel, iPhone, Android, iPod Touch or . . . ? What

should you buy? What criteria should be considered? Since we are considering offering ebooks here at Preble County District Library sometime in the future, we share your frustration in determining the best way to go.

If you are considering joining the fray, but feel overwhelmed by the information out there, check out the "eBooks and eReaders" tab offered on the Dayton Metro Library's website (www.dayton.lib.oh.us/ereaders). The library does a good job of keeping the material up-to-date. If you click where recommended under "What to Buy," you can get a comparison chart listing the different eReaders and letting you know which are compatible to ebooks listed on library sites as well as whether they can be downloaded directly onto the device or need to be transferred from your computer. [Alas, due to proprietary language in Amazon's Kindle, that eReader will not accept ebooks offered by libraries since it does not accept Adobe EPUB or PDF eBooks.] There is also a link to Overdrive's site listing the different eReaders and their compatibility to eBooks offered by libraries. Overdrive is the company through which most libraries in this area purchase their eBooks for circulation to the public.

If you click on the CNet link (this is a tech review site), there is an excellent article detailing things to consider when determining if a specific eReader will fit your needs. Criteria examined are price, screen size and weight, E-ink (can be read in direct sunlight) vs. color LCD, whether screen should be backlit, color vs. black and white, touch screen vs. keyboard, Wi-fi, access to additional devices (cross-platform support), multifunctional tablet vs. dedicated e-book readers, etc.

Back at the Dayton Metro Library site, there is also a guide to finding eBooks online including sites that offer "free" eBooks (books which are in the public domain). The sites have all been deemed "safe" by the Dayton Metro Library – you will not be scammed or bombarded by ads if you check them out. Add to this information a comparison of the price and availability of New York Times Best Sellers at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Borders, Sony Reader Store, Apple iBookstore, and the Dayton Metro Library and you get a good idea of what your options are in terms of purchasing ebooks.

This site clears up many questions you may have and a lot of the confusion. So check it out and boldly stroll into the future!

Paula Byers, PCDL Admin Asst.