



BETWEEN THE LINES

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BARBARA WRITES A NEW CHAPTER

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As 2004 comes to a close, the Library family – staff and patrons – will wish our head of circulation, **Barbara Welch**, a wonderfully fulfilling and happy retirement!

Born in Muncie, Indiana, Barbara's childhood memories began in rural Johnson County near Greenwood. After graduating in 1948 from Center Grove High School, she received a degree from Franklin College followed by a Masters in Education from Ball State University.

Over the last twenty years, Barbara has faithfully served library patrons at the Greensburg Public Library and witnessed a seemingly significant amount of change since the first day of her library career. Major adjustments took place when the downtown Carnegie Library moved to the new facility on Main Street. Accompanying a new Library building came an automation system, computers, and capacity for a larger collection. From that point, the Library has continued to add materials such as videos, audios, and DVDs, along with programming for families and each respective age group!

Some of Barbara's fondest moments at the circulation desk have been serving her former junior and senior high students who visit the Library on a regular basis. Undoubtedly, she will miss the day-to-day contact she has had with the many people of Decatur County and the staff with whom she has worked.



The Friends group, the staff at the Library, and the patrons all say, "**thank you, Barbara,**" for twenty great years, for your friendship, and for your dedication to the mission of providing quality Library service. To paraphrase an unknown writer, -- **May the rewards of life's journey far outweigh the risk of leaving the harbor.** We will miss having you around on a regular basis and will count on you to visit now and then! **(See page 3)**

Greensburg Library Celebrates 100 Years

In 2005, the Library will celebrate 100 years of service to the local community. On January 25th, 1905, the Carnegie Library opened its doors to the public, and since that date, the Library has continued to grow, change, and serve Decatur County.

Initially, the Library served only Greensburg, however, in 1983, service was expanded to the entire county through a contractual agreement approved by the County Commissioners. This expansion eventually led to the purchase of a Bookmobile in 1984 and the opening of a branch library in the Westport Community Building in 1989, as a means to better serve the outlying areas.

The Library began with 2,000 books. Our collection now contains over 110,000 items and consists of books, magazines, videos, audios, and much more. But the Library is more than the materials we house within our building -- the spirit of the Library is embodied in the staff and the services we offer. If you need help or have a suggestion, we hope you will talk to a Library staff member. We are here to help you with your Library needs and to listen to your suggestions. We also provide a wide variety of programs, workshops, and classes to meet the interests and needs of our community. Programs have included jewelry and basket making, cooking demonstrations, financial planning, computer workshops, reading clubs, and much more. Reading programs and Story Times bring in hundreds of participants every year and encourage what we hope will be a lifelong love of reading. The Library also provides space for GED classes that meet several times a week, and we are happy to have room to make this service available to the many displaced workers in our community.

What is in the future for our Library? Change is inevitable, but we will continue to listen to you, keep up with trends and technology, and strive to meet your needs and expectations. Let us know how the Library might serve you better!

Throughout 2005, we will be celebrating our centennial year. Watch for announcements and be a part of our Birthday Bash!



Program Schedule

Children's Programs (Registration required!)

Sat., Dec. 11 -- Magic with Santa, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 Thurs., Dec. 16 -- Polar Express Party, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 21 -- Scrap-booking, 4:00-5:00 p.m.



Family and Adult Programs

Sat., Dec. 11 - Open House to honor Barbara Welch, 2-4 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 19 - Bill Prange, the Great Adventure, Part 2; 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., Jan. 22 - Bill Prange, the Great Adventure, Part 2; 2:00 p.m.
 Sun., Jan. 23 - Library Centennial Program, 2:00 p.m.

Computer Classes



Thurs., Jan. 13 - Beginning Internet, 2:00 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 25 - Intermediate Internet, 6:00 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 27 - Microsoft Word for Businesses,
 2:00 p.m.

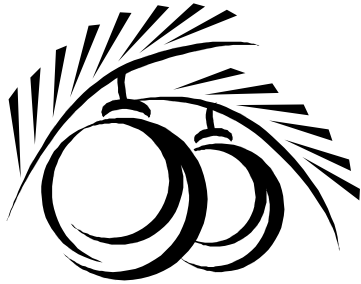


The Library will be closed for these Holiday dates:

- Fri., Dec. 24, 2004
- Sat., Dec. 25, 2004
- Fri., Dec. 31 - Closes at Noon
- Sat., Jan. 1, 2005

**The Library will have an informal reception for
 Barbara Welch
 Saturday, December 11th, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 We invite everyone to come out and wish her well.
 Barbara's last day of work will be Friday, Dec. 3rd.**

Friends of the Library

**Friends Coordinators:****Finance: Nancy Wilhoit 663-8290****Program: Louise Eversull 662-6200****Secretary: Juanita Connerley 527-2196****Membership: Tim Irwin 663-2253****Meeting: Margaret Parker 663-8430****Library Contact: Becky Perkins 663-2826****Library Board Contact: Jane Keith 663-6451****Newsletter Layout: Prudence McFarland 663-2826**

TIS THE SEASON TO RENEW.....

.....renew your Friends membership, that is....and, why not?

Whether you hold a Basic (\$5.00), Sustaining (\$10.00), Contributing (\$25.00), or Benefactor (\$50.00) membership, every dollar makes a difference in building up the Library community and resources available! Some Friends faithfully volunteer their time! Every Friend makes it possible for us to fulfill the Library's mission – providing for the lifelong informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs in Decatur County. Here are some ways Friends contributed to the Library's mission in 2004:

- Provided funding for enhancing the adult, teen, and children's programs offered to the Community
- Replaced microfilm in the Indiana Room
- Bought Story Time toys
- Purchased a Sound System for use at Library programs
- Supplied monies enabling the Library to set up a booth at the County Fair
- Volunteered on a regular basis at our Book Sales and other programs

THANKS, FRIENDS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

As we say "so long" to 2004 and head into 2005, won't you consider **renewing** your membership and joining us for another year in providing quality Library service to Decatur County?

Be A Friend!



Benefits of a Friends Membership include:

- Friends Early Bird Book Sale
- Newsletter
- Supporting your local Library!

Friends gifts to the Library include:

- New Ellison Die Cuts
- Sound System for Programs
- New Sign for the Computer Lab
- Indiana Census Indices
- Microfilm for the Indiana Room
- Story Time Toys

Friends Meetings for 2005: Jan. 18 March 15 May 17 July 19 Sept. 20 Nov. 15	All meetings take place at the Library on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.
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Programs Sponsored Include:

- Stories Under the Stars
- Decatur County Fair Booth
- Children's Summer Reading Program
- Refreshments for programs
- Teen programs each quarter
- Bats and Boo...ks Family Program



Friends of the Library Membership Form:

Name

Address

Phone

Friends Volunteer Opportunities:

Yes, I would like to help with:

- Friends Book Sale
- Summer Reading Kickoff
- Special Events

Type of Membership: (Check one.)

- ◇ Benefactor Membership for Year 2005: \$50
- ◇ Contributing Membership for Year 2005: \$25
- ◇ Sustaining Membership for Year 2005: \$10
- ◇ Basic Membership for Year 2005: \$5

Friends of the Library
 1110 East Main Street
 Greensburg, IN 47240

News from the Branch



by Martha Hershauer, Branch Librarian

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us so soon! The Library elves at Westport (Martha, Norma, and Kayla) are busy preparing for the holiday season.

The Westport Branch has some great holiday books. Maybe you need ideas for some last minute crafts or a riveting book to pass a long winter's evening. Grab a cup of hot chocolate and your favorite afghan and settle in for a wonderful adventure with one of our books! We have mysteries, westerns, inspirational and regular fiction, and plenty of self-help books to get you started on your New Year's resolutions. Our tae-bo and yoga videos will get you started on your new exercise program. We are always adding to our book, DVD, and video collection. These options will make a long cold winter's night pass before you know it. ***Let it snow!***

For our Internet users, we are pleased to now be featured on the Westport website (www.westportindiana.org) in addition to the Greensburg Library site. (www.greensburglibrary.org). Using the Westport site, just click on "town information", and you'll find us!

Because of the busy season, we will not be offering Story Time in the month of December.

The Westport Branch is located on Main Street in the Westport Community Building. Your Greensburg or Bookmobile library card may also

Call the Westport Branch for more ^{b e} _{u s e d} information or to register by phone:
812-591-2330

WESTPORT BRANCH HOURS

DAY	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday	3:00	7:00
Tuesday	10:00	1:00
	3:00	7:00
Wednesday	3:00	7:00
Thursday	10:00	1:00
	3:00	7:00
Friday	CLOSED	
Saturday	9:00	1:00
Sunday	CLOSED	

From the Desk of the Children's Librarian

Jamie Holtsclaw, Children's Librarian

Santa Claus is coming to Greensburg Public Library!!!

I certainly hope that everyone has been good this year! Santa and his elf Sparkles will be visiting us on Saturday, December 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They will perform a magic show, and then the children can visit with the jolly old elf one-on-one! If you would like a photo of your child with Santa, be sure to bring your camera! Families will also have the chance to make two crafts, and children can get their faces painted by Sparkle the Elf! We will have lots of food and fun, so plan on attending!

This is such a popular event that we must require registration. Registration will begin on Saturday, November 27. Call in early to make sure your family can meet Santa!

The Polar Express will be leaving from the Children's Room on Thursday, December 16th. As you may be aware, *The Polar Express* is a Caldecott-winning story by Chris Van Allsburg about a young boy's Christmas Eve trip to the North Pole. This book has recently been made into an animated movie featuring the voice of Tom Hanks. This family party will put everyone in the mood for the Holidays! Registration will begin on December 2nd.

Reminder: no Story Time during the month of December! Due to the bad weather that we usually have at the beginning of the year, Story Time and Toddler Time won't begin the next session until Monday, January 31st. This is something new we're trying this year; be sure to give us your opinion!

We in the Children's Room hope your family has a safe and happy Holiday season!

Jamie Holtsclaw

Jill Pratt

Connie Webster



Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library

Library Hours:

Mon.-Thurs..... 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
** Sunday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**(Closed Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Adult Circulation	Fax
812-663-2826	812-663-5617
Children's Room	Website
812-663-4455	www.greensburglibrary.org
Westport	E-Mail
812-591-2330	grefdesk@in-span.net

Barbara Welch's "Favorites"

The Hornet's Nest

Jimmy Carter

Seabiscuit: An American Legend

Laura Hillenbrand

The Wedding

Nicholas Sparks

Brinkley's Beat

David Brinkley

Bleachers

John Grisham

The Senator's Wife: A Novel

Karen Robards

Skywriting: A Life Out of the Blue

Jane Pauley

Books by Jan Karon

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