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the Upper Arlington Public Library

Summer 2013



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From the Director

Summer is here and that means it's time for our annual Summer Reading Club. Check out page 5 for details. Multiple studies* have shown that students who don't read over the summer will experience a loss in reading proficiency. Other studies show that an important factor in a child's reading habits and development is the reading habits of their parents. Did you know that the Summer Reading Club is for adults, too? And the Summer Reading Club is not just for children and adults who already know how to read. More studies show the importance of working with babies and toddlers on pre-reading skills so that they will enter kindergarten ready to learn to read. See the article on page18 for information about the importance of starting early.

More minor physical changes are coming soon to the Main Library. Patrons have provided positive feedback on our relocation of the new book area to where the check in desk used to be. We've been told the lighting is better and items seem to fly off the shelves. This allowed us to rearrange the audiobooks in the Atrium, giving us more space for big events like the Friends of the UAPL's book sales. Thanks to a number of donations received in 2012, including the donation by the Upper Arlington High School graduating class of 2012, we had the funds to purchase furniture to return the far area of the Adult Department to a reading lounge. The staff area currently there will be relocated, giving the staff a more secure and private area to perform tasks.

Speaking of donations, it's not too late to contribute to the Ann Royce Moore Fund at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Thanks to the partnership of the UA Community Foundation, the Friends of the UAPL, the City of UA and the Wellington School, this year's visit on April 7 featured two wonderfully entertaining events with author Alexander McCall Smith. Plans are already under way to pick our author for next year.

Two other recent events featured partnerships within the community. We held a joint open house with the UA Historical Society to celebrate the relocation of their collection to our Main Library. We also worked with the UA Education Association to host a private afterhours reception for the incoming School Superintendent Paul Imhoff. Perhaps our most unique new partnership is with the City of UA. Beginning this year, the City will mow the lawns around the libraries in addition to the adjacent parks. In return, the library will no longer bill the City to recover a portion of the electric bill for lights in the Northam Park parking lot. It's a win-win arrangement for both of us.



Chris Taylor

* [http://www.readingrockets.org/article/15218/Article Summer Reading Loss](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/15218/Article%20Summer%20Reading%20Loss)

From the Board President

At our March meeting, the UAPL Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Ameresco/Limbach to prepare an energy conservation measures (ECM) report. This is essentially an energy audit of our Main Library on Tremont Road. We expect Ameresco/Limbach to present its findings to the Board at our June meeting. We already have plans to upgrade the HVAC system, and the report will undoubtedly include additional energy savings opportunities. The projects we take on will depend on cost and financing opportunities. We'll pursue the feasible ones, and add others to our unfunded building project list to be revisited in the future.

The Board has also charged library administration with evaluating different options for providing good health care coverage at a better price. Like employers all over the country, we must make an effort to reduce our health care costs. The evaluation will undoubtedly include traditional as well as nontraditional options, such as joining a consortium. Library administration will release a request for proposal to hire a consultant to help determine the best solution for these rising costs. We anticipate having the results of this evaluation in early fall.

As you can see, the library is working strategically to lower costs now to help offset any future state funding reductions. See Kate Hemleben's *Money Matters* article on page 15 for more financial news.



John H. Buntch

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On the cover: Five-year-old Taylor Kress tries one of the Main Library's new Game Central stations. See page 3.

News and Views

Youth Department Gets New Technology

Game Central stations have arrived at the Main Library's Youth Services Department. These three new touchscreen computers are loaded with heaps of educational games for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-agers. They are a fun way for caregiver and child to explore pre-reading and early reading skills, math, science, logic, art and more. Also new are three iPads for use in the Youth Department, generously provided through a grant by ITSCO. These iPads have 20 educational apps available for kids of all ages. New apps will be loaded seasonally, and suggestions for specific apps are always welcome.

Printing Now Available from iMacs

Patrons who use the iMac computers in the Main Library's Media Services Department can now print documents through the EnvisionWare print management software. See a staff member if you need assistance.

Share a Photo of You with Your UAPL Card

Take your UAPL library card with you on the road this summer! Snap a photo of you holding your library card wherever your travels take you, whether across town or across the world. Email your pic to cminx@ualibrary.org. We'll add them to our Facebook album and display them in the Main Library.

Use the UAPL App While on Vacation

Speaking of travelling, the UAPL app can help you manage your library account while you're away. Log in using our app to renew your items and place reserves on new ones. Search "Upper Arlington Public Library" in iTunes or Google Play to get your app.

Holiday Closing

All UAPL locations will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Look for us in the Upper Arlington Fourth of July Parade!

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees are open to the public.

At press time, board meetings are scheduled for June 18, July 16 and August 20.



The Ohio Room in our Main Library's Reference Department is now home to beautiful display cabinets and a table handmade by Rick Droege, great-grandson of UA Founder King Thompson. Stop by to see other updates to the Ohio Room, including fresh paint and a comfortable sitting area.



Author Alexander McCall Smith signs a book at his April 7 talk sponsored by the UAPL, the Friends of the UAPL & the UA Community Foundation.



Children make marshmallow robots at a Lane Road Library program.

Dig Into Reading With Our 2013 Summer Reading Club

Patrons of all ages are encouraged to “Dig into Reading” with the UAPL this summer!

Babies and toddlers can earn fun prizes by being read to, and by participating in literacy activities such as library storytime. They earn a plush dinosaur after 5 hours of literacy activity, and a plastic bucket with shovel after 10 hours. At 10 hours they’re also automatically entered into a grand prize drawing for a basket of board books.

Preschoolers from 3-5 years can dig in, too! By being read to and participating in literacy activities, they can earn a plush dinosaur after reaching 5 hours, and a plastic bucket and shovel after 10. Once they reach 10 hours they are automatically entered into a grand prize drawing for a basket of picture books.

Kids in grades K-5 can load up on reading this summer! By reading or listening to audiobooks, school-aged kids can earn prizes after logging 5 hours (mystery creepy-crawly prize), 10 hours (UAPL commemorative brag-tag keychain) and 15 hours (SRC 2013 T-Shirt). They are also automatically entered into a grand prize drawing for a party at Sky Zone after they complete the program by logging 15 hours of reading activity.

For more enthusiastic school-aged readers, we’ll recognize the 100 kids who have read the most hours by the end of the Summer Reading Club.

Get involved in our programs this summer, too. Investigate fossils, learn about rocks, and even “dig” for magic. Check the program listings of this *Library Link* for our complete schedule.



Even teens entering grades 6-12 can participate! For every 3 hours a teen reads or listens to books, he or she earns a chance in our weekly gift card raffles. After logging 15 hours of reading or listening to books, teens are automatically entered into our grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. We will also recognize the top five teens who have read the most hours by the end of the program.

We hope the kids and teens in the community will reach a collective reading goal of 50,000 hours this summer. Read-o-meters will be posted in front of each of our locations to track our community’s progress, and we’ll also provide video updates on Facebook and our website.

Adults will be excited about going underground with us this summer as well! Upon registering for Summer Reading Club, adults will receive a sheet of coupons; each coupon will describe a way to excavate the resources of UAPL. Drop off a completed activity coupon at any location, and it will serve as an entry in our weekly gift card raffle. Examples of activities are downloading an e-book, attending a library program, or even reading a book in the park.

Sign up at any UAPL location, or register through our website at www.ualibrary.org, beginning Tuesday, June 4. All hours need to be logged either online or in person by close of business on Saturday, August 3, and prizes are available while they last. Winners of all grand prizes will be notified Monday, August 5.

The top 100 elementary-aged readers, and the top 5 teen readers, will be notified by mail after the conclusion of the program.

Library Assists City with Memory Boat Installation

This summer the City of Upper Arlington’s Cultural Arts Division presents a temporary exhibition by artist Elizabeth Fergus-Jean titled “Memory Boats.” The UAPL is proud to have taken an active role in both the creation and display of these unique pieces.

The memory boats were created using paper containing images and stories collected from the history of our community and posted on the UAPL’s UA Archives at www.uaarchives.org. Sara Klein, the UAPL’s digital collections coordinator, assisted Fergus-Jean with finding compelling photos and text to form the pieces.

There will be two memory boat installations: one in Sunny 95 Park beginning May 9, and another in Northam Park beginning September 2 during the UA Labor Day Arts Festival. The boats will hang from trees and are designed to inhabit space, then gradually disintegrate becoming part of our community’s memory.

Three boats will also be on display in the Main Library from June 3-August 11. Look for them in the atrium and the Ohio Room in the Reference Department.

While visiting the Main Library, you’re also invited to share your own UA memories on the City’s memory wall. Look for the canvas display in the atrium and add your story.



Memory boats by Elizabeth Fergus-Jean



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Youth Chess Club
Thursday, June 6 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, August 1 at 4 p.m. Grades 3-6

Checkmate! Young chess lovers of all levels are welcome to join our Youth Chess Club. Our local teen experts will moderate, help beginners and suggest strategies to players. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session.

Related reading: *Chess in Action: From First Attack to Checkmate* by Paul Mantell



American Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, August 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults

Give the gift of life by donating blood. Visit www.givelife.org and use sponsor code UAPL to make your appointment. Walk ins also welcome!

More info: www.givelife.org

Summer Reading Club Kickoff Bash
Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. All ages

Start the summer off with a BASH! All ages are welcome to come enjoy live music, activities, and Summer Reading Club sign-ups! Local food vendors will also be available on the premises. This is an outdoor event; there will be no rain date.



Book Buddies: Big Buddies
Mondays, June 10-July 15 at 2 p.m. Grades 6-12

Help a younger student entering grades 1-3 with their reading during this five-week series. Do reading activities and coach them as they read to you. We’ll train on June 10, then meet each week from 2-3 p.m. to read with the younger kids. Teens must commit to three of the five weeks. Stop by the Youth Department for an application. Registration ends May 30 or when we have 50 teens.

Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion
Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. Grades 4-6

Library instructors facilitate a discussion of a selected past Newbery winner or honor title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will read *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at each UAPL location; each family is responsible for securing their own copy.

Required reading: *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

Hiking the High Sierras
Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. Adults

Tom Logsdon is a long-distance hiker who has carried a pack over 5,000 miles of back country trails in the last 10 years. He has completed the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, and the Long Trail over the Green Mountains from Vermont to Canada. For the last three years he has been section hiking the Pacific Crest Trail for a month each summer. The PCT extends from the Mexican border with California to the Canadian border. In this talk, Tom will discuss his hike through the High Sierra section from Mount Whitney to Yosemite Valley. During this hike in July 2010, Tom experienced an exceptional amount of snow pack and a higher than normal level of water at stream crossings. Join us to hear fascinating stories and see breathtaking photographs.

Related reading: *The Cactus Eaters: How I Lost my Mind — and Almost Found Myself — on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Dan White

Dinosaurs and Other Fossils
Thursday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m. Grades K-3

Dr. Dale Gnidovec, manager and curator of OSU’s Orton Geological Museum, will join us for a fun hands-on, interactive and entertaining presentation about dinosaurs, fossils and prehistoric animals. Registration is required and begins May 30.

Related reading: *Prehistoric Life* by William Lindsay



LEGO Lit

Thursday, June 13 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, July 11 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, August 8 at 4 p.m.

Grades K-4

When books and LEGOs collide, you get LEGO Lit! Each month we share a story and build around a theme. The Friends of the UAPL provide the LEGOs, you provide the fun. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each event.

Related reading: *LEGO Friends: Summer Adventures*



Feed Down Fines

Saturday, June 15 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

All Ages

Got fines? Got food? Bring your library card and nonperishable and nonexpired food items, and receive \$1 in fine credit for each item up to a max of \$10. All food will be donated to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Book Buddies: Little Buddies

Mondays, June 17-July 15 at 2 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Practice reading with a local teen during this five-week program. Bring your own reading material or use ours. Registration is required and begins May 28. Please register for at least three of the five weeks.

Art or Crime? Considering Street Art in England

Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Street art has a contentious history. Some see these public works of art as “interventions” into the fabric of a city, celebrating the reclamation of public spaces. Others see these unsanctioned works as vandalism. In this lecture, **Kristin Brockman** of The Ohio State University’s Department of Art History explores prominent street artists with a focus on the notorious British artist Banksy.

Related reading: *Banksy: The Man Behind the Wall* by Will Ellsworth-Jones



Books and Blocks

Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-6

Children and caregivers join us for stories, building and fun! Each month we’ll read a couple of stories to start, then the building will begin with our LEGO Duplo blocks. We provide books and blocks, then your child gets building time. Please note that children will not be able to keep their creations. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to each session.

Related reading: *LEGO City Adventures: All Aboard!*

Drop a Beat, Grab the Mic

Saturday, June 22 at 1 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Learn to mix, mash and scratch beats at the DJ center while others at the MC center are learning to write and perform rhymed couplets on a live microphone. This hands-on program combines music theory and literacy and ends with a wild performance. Registration is required and begins June 8.



Related reading: *DJ-ing* by Matt Annis

Opera on Film Series: *Rigoletto*

Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m.

Adults

Christopher Purdy from WOSU Classical 101 returns to host our summer Opera on Film series. We start with *Rigoletto*, an opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi. The Italian libretto was written by Francesco Maria Piave based on the play *Le roi s’amuse* by Victor Hugo. It’s considered by many to be one of Verdi’s mid-career operatic masterpieces. Join us for this exhilarating production from the Opernhaus Zurich, featuring great performances by Leo Nucci, Elenea Mosuc and Piotr Beczala. (2008, 128 min.)



Related DVD: *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi

Reading Rocks

Tuesday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Every rock has a story to tell. New rocks born of fire, old rocks slowly formed in water, and other rocks shifted by forces below. Hear stories of earthquakes, volcanoes and erosion while exploring the wonders of geology. Registration is required and begins June 11.

Related reading: *A Rock is Lively* by Dianna Hutts Aston

Opera on Film Series: *The Magic Flute*

Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m.

Adults

The Magic Flute is an opera in two acts by Mozart with a German libretto written by Emanuel Schikaneder. It’s in the form of a singspiel, a popular form that included both singing and spoken dialogue. This celebration of love, forgiveness and the brotherhood of man is one of Mozart’s best-loved works. We’ve chosen Ingman Bergman’s film of this opera, one of the classics on the opera-as-film genre. **Christopher Purdy** from WOSU Classical 101 is our host. (1970, 135 min.)

Related DVD: *The Marriage of Figaro* by Mozart

Red, White and Bikes

Wednesday, July 3 at 2 p.m.

Ages 2-12

Join us outside the library entrance with your bike and decorate it for the UA Independence Day Parade! Materials available while supplies last.



Related Reading: *Pippa at the Parade* by Karen Roosa

Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

Grades 4-6

Library instructors facilitate a discussion of a selected past Newbery winner or honor title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will read *My Father’s Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at each UAPL location; each family is responsible for securing their own copy.

Required reading: *My Father’s Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett

American Prohibition: Myth & Historical Memory

Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Most people believe that they know what happened when the U.S. adopted the Prohibition Constitutional Amendment after World War I and when it was repealed in 1933. In fact, this common historical memory is based largely on myth and misunderstanding. What really happened turns out to be more interesting and with different current significances than one might expect. **John Burnham**, a research professor of history at The Ohio State University, is our presenter.

Related Reading: *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition* by Karen Blumenthal

Digging for Magic

Saturday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-7

Get ready for a magical treasure hunt during this fast-paced comedy magic show. Using the book *Who Stole the Gold?* by Udo Weigelt for inspiration, **Erica Carlson** and her pirate crew will go on a fun adventure to uncover magical buried treasure. Free tickets are required and can be picked up at the Youth Desk beginning June 29.



Related Reading: *Don’t Mention Pirates* by Sarah McConnell

Opera on Film Series: *Manon*

Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m.

Adults

Manon is an opéra comique in five acts by French composer Jules Massenet. The French libretto was written by Henri Meilhac and Philippe Gille; and it was first performed in Paris in 1884. *Manon* is Massenet’s most popular and enduring opera. It is the quintessential example of the charm and vitality of the music and culture of the Parisian Belle Époque. We are showing the 2001 production at the Opera National de Paris featuring outstanding performances by Renee Fleming and Marcelo Alvarez. **Christopher Purdy** from WOSU Classical 101 hosts. (2001, 164 min.)

Related DVD: *Carmen* by Georges Bizet

Olivia Character Visit

Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

Ages 2-6

Join us for this introduction to Ian Falconer’s *Olivia* books. Come in your favorite snuggly pajamas to hear a bedtime story and meet Olivia. Be sure to bring your camera!



Related Reading: *Olivia* by Ian Falconer

Opera on Film Series: *Tosca*

Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

Adults

We wrap up our Opera on Film series with *Tosca*. It’s an opera in three acts by Giacomo Puccini. The work is a melodramatic piece set in Rome in 1800 and is based on Victorien Sardou’s 1887 play, *La Tosca*. It has depictions of torture, murder and suicide, yet includes some of Puccini’s best-known lyrical arias. We’ve chosen the 2011 production by the Royal Opera House featuring performances by Angela Gheorghiu and Jonas Kaufmann. (2011, 100 min.)

Related DVD: *La Bohème* by Giacomo Puccini

Use our program calendar at www.ualibrary.org/programs.php to register, or call (614) 486-9621.

Clay Sculpture

Saturday, July 27 at 1 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Join the Columbus Art Mobile as we “dig into clay” and make free form sculptures. Each participant will make a sculpture to keep; all supplies are provided. Old clothing is recommended. Registration is required and begins July 13.

Related Reading: *200 Projects to Strengthen Your Art Skills* by Valerie Colston

Pre-Pub Club

Wednesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at Whole Foods

Grades 9-12

We’re taking the Pre-Pub Club on the road this season! Join us at Whole Foods on Lane Avenue to snag a free advanced reader copy of a book that hasn’t yet been published. Read it before your friends do and it’s yours to keep!

Movie: *Journey to the Center of the Earth in 3D*

Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m.

All ages

In this live action film, a scientist whose radical theories have completely tarnished his reputation goes backpacking across Iceland and finds a cave that leads him to a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the Earth. (2008, 92 min., rated PG)

Related reading: *Journey to the Center of the Earth* (graphic novel classics) by Jules Verne

The B.S. of My M.S.: Author Lauri L. Wolf

Wednesday, August 7 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Lauri L. Wolf is not your average single, working parent. She’s also a parent who has been living with multiple sclerosis for many years. MS interrupted her quest for higher academic and professional levels of achievement as a clinical pharmacist and forced her to adjust to a dramatically altered lifestyle. Along the way, she has raised three well-adjusted teenagers and developed a new career as a writer. Lauri recently published a book called *The B.S. of My M.S.* She’ll join us for a candid talk about the progression of her symptoms and the physical and social impacts that this serious condition has had on her life. In addition, she will talk about the many ways she has stayed sane and remained productive despite obstacles that she had to overcome.



Related reading: *100 Questions & Answers About Multiple Sclerosis* by William Sheremata

Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 13 at 7 p.m.

Grades 4-6

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Required reading: *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies* by Laura Amy Schlitz

Bento Inspirations: Manga!

Wednesday, August 14 at 1 p.m.

Grades 6-12

School starts next week and Matsuri Con is coming up. Why not celebrate both by making your own delicious bento box lunch inspired by your favorite manga or just for a fun alternative to a regular lunch. We’ll supply the bento boxes and food. Registration is required and begins July 31.



Related reading: *The Manga Cookbook*

Star Volunteer



Name: Pat Moore

Duties: Delivering library materials to senior living facilities and homebound residents through the UAPL Outreach service

Fun fact about me: I know how to do the hula.

What I'm reading now: *A Dance with the Dragon* by Lady Julia Boyd

Storytimes

Main Library

June 10-July 31

Babytime (0-24 months)

Tue @ 11:15

Wed @ 10:15

Tales for Twos & Threes (2-3 years)

Mon @ 10:15

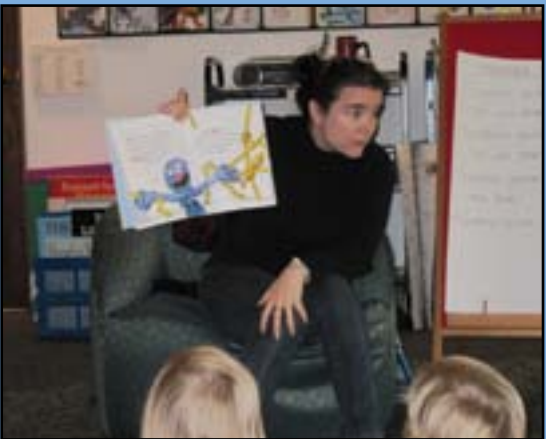
Wed @ 11:15

Preschool (3 ½-6 years)

Tue @ 10:15

Family Evening Storytime (all ages)

Mon @ 7:00



Lane Road Library

June 18-July 31

Babytime (0-24 months)

Wed @ 11:15

Tales for Twos & Threes (2-3 years)

Tue @ 10:15

Wed @ 10:15

Stories & Crafts (3-5 years)

Tue @ 1:00



Miller Park Library

June 18-Aug 1

Babytime (0-24 months)

Tue @ 10:15

Thurs @ 11:15

Stories & Songs (2 ½-5 years)

Tue @ 11:15

Thurs @ 10:15

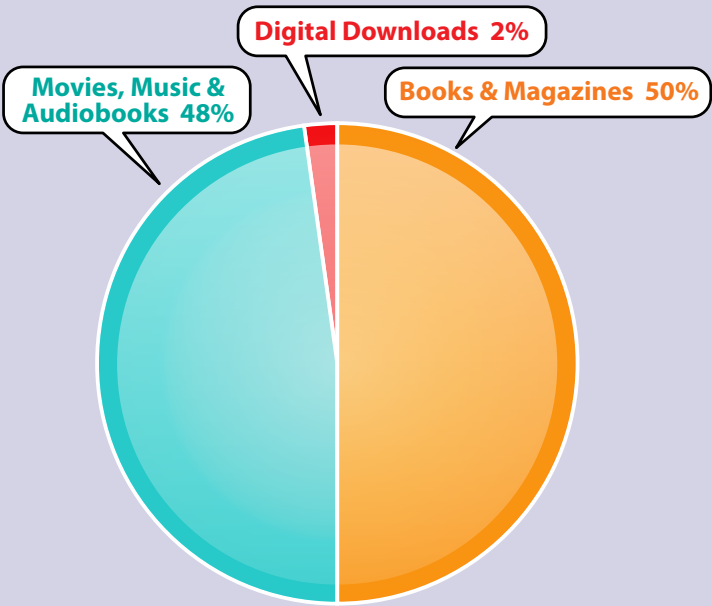


2012 UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Operations

Circulation

2,006,003 items borrowed



Collection

529,777 items owned

Card holders

51,249

Visitors

1,016,283

Public computer use

102,185 patrons logged on
77,490 hours logged

Website (www.ualibrary.org)

362,640 website visits
36,603 research database sessions

Meeting room use

1,522 reservation made

Outreach

404 deliveries to homebound patrons
1907 deliveries to patrons in retirement facilities

General Fund

Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,362,521
Transfers to Building Improvement Fund	-1,300,000
Encumbrances Remaining at Year-End	-175,138
Revenue	\$5,672,834
Local Property Tax	3,064,417
Public Library Fund	2,389,118
Other Income	219,299
Expenditures	-\$5,220,015
Salaries & Benefits	-3,424,406
Library Materials	-962,199
Other Expenses	-833,410
Ending Cash Balance	\$2,340,202

As noted in the Spring 2013 *Money Matters* article, the Board of Trustees moved \$1,300,000 from the General Fund to the Building Improvement Fund. This transfer helps support the library's five-year capital plan to deal with replacement and repair of worn out building systems and equipment.

The library's cash management goal is to have a 90-day cash reserve on hand. This reserve, which is approximately \$1,400,000, is based on the current year's budget.

New in 2012

- Hired Chris Taylor as library director
- Expanded Wi-Fi
- Replaced PCs at Main Library
- Introduced UAPL mobile app
- Painted and carpeted Lane Road's Youth Department
- Enabled circulation of current magazines at branches
- Introduced text-a-librarian service



New patron computers were installed in the Reference Department.

People

Staff

112 employees (40 full-time and 72 part-time)
27% of staff hold Masters of Library and Information Science

Volunteers

49 adult volunteers served 3,300 hours
93 teen volunteers served 1,423 hours

Board of Trustees



2013 Board of Trustees (back row) Karen Mueller, Amy Sharpe, Karen Olstad, Karen Davis; (front row) Garrett Scanlon, Jack Burtch, Bill Shkurti

Program and Event Highlights

Programs

836 programs offered
3,989 adults attended
198 teens attended
26,934 children attended

Summer Reading Club

4,045 total participation
648 preschoolers read 4,239 hours
2,272 K-5th graders read 36,280 hours
723 6-12th graders read 13,658 hours
402 adults submitted 1,162 book reviews

Holiday Happiness

2,807 participants
41st annual event featuring music, crafts, displays and Santa

Community Partnerships

Community Conversation

In partnership with the UA 'Art of Hosting' community of practitioners and United Way of Central Ohio, the library invited the community to gather in the fall for an evening of "real" conversation through facilitated sessions reflecting on teens today, what's important...why does it matter?

A diverse audience of parents, teens, faith leaders, counselors, intervention specialists, teachers and school board members attended, over 40 participants in all.

There were teen and adult break-out sessions. Everyone shared, listened and learned what is impacting teens.

- Competition
- Too much access and information
- The UA "bubble"
- Parents' paradigm not synced with cultural evolution of teen life

Community Engagement

UAPL staff engage with local organizations in a variety of ways. Notable examples include:

- UA Community Foundation
- UA City Schools
- Mid-Ohio Foodbank
- UA Historical Society
- Franklin County Children's Services
- UA Commission on Aging
- UA and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs
- Tri-Village Lions
- Leadership UA
- Barrington PTO



Marc Brown, creator of the Arthur series, visited UA in April 2012.

Friends of the UAPL Hold Labor Day Book Sale

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library's Labor Day Book Sale! It will be held at the Main Library, 2800 Tremont Road, from Sunday, August 19 through Monday, September 2. The sale will be open to the public during normal library operating hours: 1-5 p.m. on Sunday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Please note the library and the sale will be closed on Sunday, September 1. The library will be closed on Labor Day, September 2, but the sale will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Most books sold by the Friends have been donated by individuals and are in good to excellent condition. The books are displayed at the library's entrance and in the Atrium. Book prices have remained unchanged for the past 20 years. Most hardbacks are \$2 each. Paperbacks are generally 50¢ each. Large and better quality paperbacks are \$1. Children and teen books range from 25¢ to \$1. As usual, there will be a separate special sale of large-sized, rare, and special-interest books on the first day, August 18. These are priced higher than most books in the sale but are still bargains.

On the final day, September 2, from 1-3 p.m. Friends members are able to purchase a brown grocery bag of books for just \$5. Nonmember price for a bag is \$10. Thank you to Huffman's Market for donating the bags.

The Friends of the UAPL is a volunteer organization that held its first book sale for one-day only in the fall of 1977. That modest effort netted \$867. Friends income donated to the library is now routinely over \$90,000 annually.



Patrons shop at a Friends of the UAPL Book Sale at the Main Library.

Finding and Sharing a Book is Easy with Goodreads

Book lovers are encouraged to join one (or both!) of our new Goodreads groups.

Goodreads is a free social book tracking website where members can discover, record, and share books they've read or want to read. Library staff have used and loved Goodreads for years, and we're pleased to encourage our patrons to explore it, too.

Our staff have created an Adult Services Group and a Youth & Teen Services Group through the Goodreads site.

We'll share book recommendations, encourage participation in online book clubs and reading challenges, and foster a community readership where members can communicate with one another and UAPL staff about books. There is also a discussion forum where you can join and start conversations about what you're reading, different authors and other literary topics.

You don't need to be a UAPL cardholder or patron to join our groups; however, you must have an individual Goodreads account. To sign up, you need just an email address and password. Register directly on the Goodreads site at www.goodreads.com, or look for the Goodreads link on the front page of our site at www.ualibrary.org.

Once you've opened a Goodreads account, you can set up virtual bookshelves, read and write reviews, rate books, and create a wish list of titles you want to read. You can also add friends and see what they've been reading. Click "Explore" and "Groups" then search for "UAPL" to find our groups.



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Messy Day

Thursday, June 6 at 11 a.m.

Kids

One of our most popular summer programs is back! Join us outside for finger painting, blowing bubbles, and creating artwork with sidewalk chalk. Children of all ages are welcome. Come prepared to get messy and have fun! There is no rain date for this event.



Related reading: *The Ultimate Book of Kid Concoctions: More than 65 Wacky, Wild & Crazy Concoctions* by John Thomas

Tween and Teen Flower Power

Wednesday, June 12 at 2 p.m.

Grades 4-12

Decorate your own terra cotta pot and fill it with a plant. Registration is required and begins May 29.

Related reading: *Jazzy Pots: Glorious Gift Ideas* by Mickey Baskett

Construction Party

Thursday, June 13 at 11 a.m.

Ages 2-5

Let's tip, dig and build! Join us for stories and special activities all about construction. Registration is required and begins May 30.



Related reading: *Demolition* by Sally Sutton

Chip Richter Family Concert

Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

Preschool-Grade 5

Join us for high-energy fun and audience participation as **Chip Richter** shares original songs, familiar favorites, and stories that will inspire kids to dig into the wonderful adventure of reading.

Related reading: *The Sand Bucket List: 366 Things to Do with Your Kids Before They Grow Up* by David Hoffman

Books and Cooks: Dirt Cups

Thursday, June 20 at 11 a.m.

Ages 3-6

Listen to a story about digging in the dirt, then make an edible dirt cup. Registration is required and begins June 6.

Related reading: *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin

Vegetable Stamping Crafts

Thursday, June 27 at 11 a.m.

Ages 2+

Dig into summer with some vegetable stamping crafts. Wear your old clothes — we'll be using paint and it might get messy!

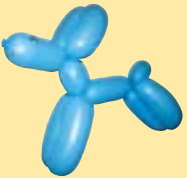
Related reading: *Rah, Rah, Radishes* by April Pulley Sayre

Balloon Sculpting Workshop

Saturday, June 29 at 11 a.m.

Grades K-5

Learn how to transform balloons into cool creations! **Erica Carlson** will teach kids how to make basic twists and coach them through sculpting some of their very own creations. Registration is required and begins June 15.



Related reading: *The Kids' Guide to Balloon Twisting* by Brad Truety

Red, White and Bikes

Wednesday, July 3 at 2 p.m.

Ages 2-12

Get your bike ready for the Fourth of July Parade! We'll provide materials to make a variety of bike decorations — just bring your bike. Materials available while supplies last.

Related reading: *Red, White and Boom!* by Lee Wardlaw

Dinosaur Bingo

Wednesday, July 10 at 3 p.m.

Ages 5+

Play bingo while learning about dinosaurs! Instead of calling out letters and numbers, we'll call out dinosaur names. Snacks and prizes will be provided.

Related reading: *Is it a Dinosaur?* by Susan Gray

Cooking Caravan Chef Battle

Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. Ages 5+

Two Cooking Caravan members will square off in an Iron Chef-style cooking battle that uses audience members as sous chefs.

Related reading: Twist it Up: More Than 60 Delicious Recipes from an Inspiring Young Chef by Andrew Larsen

Teen Tote Bag Decorating

Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m. Grades 6-12

Need something to carry your summer gear? Visit Lane Road and decorate a tote bag that's perfect for the beach, pool or park. All supplies are provided. Registration is required and begins June 29.



Related reading: Cool Crafts with Old T-Shirts by Carol Sirrine

Olivia Character Visit

Thursday, July 18 at 11 a.m. Ages 2-6

Hear a story, meet Olivia the costumed character and make a craft. Don't forget your camera and be sure to pick up some Olivia books while you're here.



Related Reading: Olivia by Ian Falconer

Reading to Rover

Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Grades K-5

Kids are invited to join Marty Marlatt and her trained therapy dogs for a fun way to practice reading skills. Participants will take turns sharing stories with registered therapy dogs (TDI). We'll provide the books or you can bring your favorites.

Related reading: Puppy Love by Dick King-Smith

Creepy, Crawly Crafts

Thursday, July 25 at 11 a.m. Ages 2+

Drop in and make your own creepy, crawly critters.

Related reading: Bugs Galore by Peter Stein

Meet the Bugs!

Friday, July 26 at 3 p.m. Ages 3+

Have you ever seen a huge tarantula or enormous scorpion in real life? Have you ever held a giant African millipede or Australian spiny stick insect? Come to this program to see and touch these and many other critters. Megan Meuti, a graduate student from OSU's Entomology Department, will show off insects and arthropods from around the world and from our own backyard. Children and their caregivers will have the opportunity to see, touch, and hold the critters during this informative and interactive presentation. Registration is required and begins July 12.



Related reading: Show Me Insects by Mari Schuh

Dinosaur Geode Story and Craft

Thursday, August 1 at 11 a.m. Ages 3+

Hear a story about dinosaurs and make your own dinosaur geode. Registration is required and begins July 18.

Related reading: Show Me Dinosaurs: My First Picture Encyclopedia by Janet Riehecky

Teen Ice Cream Making Party

Saturday, August 10 at 2 p.m. Grades 6-12

Take a break from the heat and make some delicious ice cream. Registration is required and begins July 27.



Related reading: The Ultimate Guide to Homemade Ice Cream by Jan Hedh

MONEY MATTERS

by Kate Hemleben, Fiscal Officer



As you may know from my previous articles, Ohio public libraries are funded in some part, if not in full, by state funding. This is called the PLF, or Public Library Fund. A portion of the state's general fund tax revenue is used to fund the PLF. In Ohio, sales tax and income tax make up a large part of the general fund tax revenue. Thus as the economy does better, so does the revenue, which in turn increases the public library funding. The reverse is also true — when revenue goes down, so does public library funding.

After collecting the general fund tax revenue, the state distributes an amount to each county based on detailed calculations. Each county's budget commission office then allocates these funds to the independent public library systems within the county. In our case, this money is distributed to Franklin County's seven independent library systems in accordance with a predetermined agreement.

In February, Governor John Kasich released his recommended biennium budget for the next two fiscal years ending June 2015. I was pleased to learn that the Governor's budget did not reduce the funding for public libraries. He is projecting growth in the state tax general fund revenues, which means that overall state funding for libraries is projected to increase approximately four percent in the first year and three more percent in the second year.

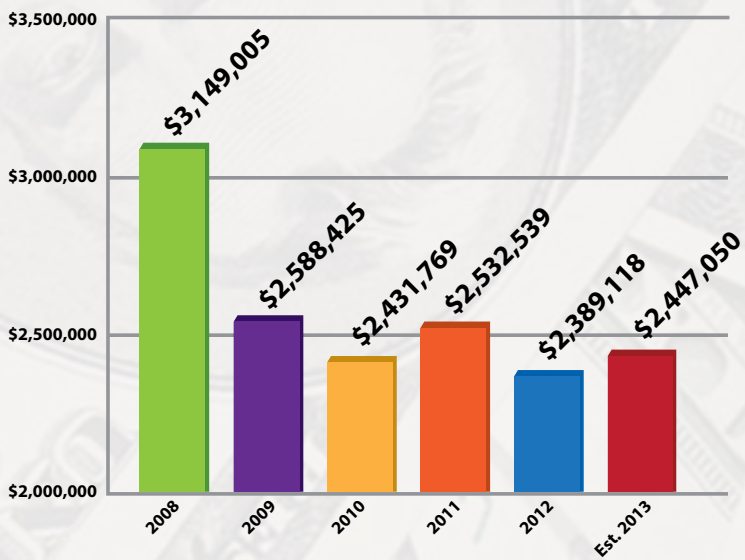
This is very good news for public libraries. It has been several years since the PLF revenue has increased. Revenues statewide have been decreasing since calendar year 2008. The last biennium saw 5% reductions in revenue each fiscal year for libraries.

At its March meeting, the library's Board of Trustees finalized the 2013 permanent budget and decided not to increase our revenue projections based on the Governor's budget, as it was still unknown what the House and Senate would decide. This conservative approach will allow the library to earmark any projected increase for those building improvement projects still unfunded in our five-year projections. It also reserves the board's ability to increase the budget later in the year once final revenue numbers are known.

On April 18, the Ohio House released its version of the state biennium budget. The House's recommendations keep the general fund tax revenue similar to the Governor's. As long as the Senate follows suit, we anticipate that overall PLF revenue for public libraries will increase.

While this is welcome news, unfortunately the planned increase does not restore the income we've lost since 2009 due to state budget cuts and the effect from the economic decline. Comparing 2013 to 2009, the library is operating with approximately \$900,000 less, which was absorbed in a variety of ways one of which was the reduction of public service hours. Most of this revenue reduction is due to less state funding, as illustrated in the graph below.

Upper Arlington Public Library State Library Support (PLF)



Although the projected increase from the state tax revenue will help in the short-term, in the long-term we have several unknowns. There will be another biennium budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Ohio will have a gubernatorial election in 2014. Finally, our local levy expires in 2017. These factors make it difficult to plan beyond 2017. These are just a few of the financial issues that will be top priorities for the library's administration and Board of Trustees.

One way the library hopes to balance the scale of public and private support is with a fund development plan. This year the Board and administration will hire a consultant to develop this plan.

In the meantime, there is a tax-deductible way for you to give extra support. On our website at www.ualibrary.org, click the "Support the Library" link at the bottom of the homepage. You'll find the option to donate to our general fund. Giving is easy when you use the provided PayPal link.

Another option is to contribute to the Ann Royce Moore Fund at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. This fund, set up in honor of retired UAPL Director Ann Moore, supports library-sponsored author visits to UA. Visit www.uacommunityfoundation.com/contributions.php for more information.

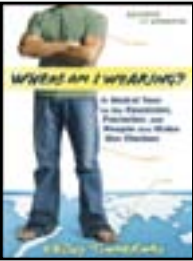
For more Board news, see President Jack Burtch's column on page 2 of this publication.

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Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks



A Little Book of Sloth by Lucy Cooke
Lucy Cooke takes us to the Avarios Sloth Sanctuary in Costa Rica. Never has so much cuteness been collected in one place. And you learn a lot about sloths, too. I dare you not to say “Aww!” when you see a sloth in sock jammies.
— Laura Griffin, Youth Services



Where am I Wearing? by Kelsey Timmerman
Where do our clothes come from? Who makes our clothes and what are their lives like? The answers that journalist and speaker Kelsey Timmerman uncovers in his travels around the world will surprise you and leave you thinking long after you turn the last page.
— Caitlin O’ Sullivan, Circulation



The Patron Saint of Lost Dogs by Nick Trout
This work of fiction is reminiscent of the wonderful James Herriot books like *All Creatures Great and Small*. It is the story of Dr. Cyrus Mills who returns to his Vermont hometown after an absence of many years. His goal is to get his deceased father’s practice on a sound financial footing so that he can sell it and return to his life as a veterinary pathologist in Charleston, South Carolina. Thanks to various pets and their owners, things never quite go as planned. It is a warm story that also chronicles his journey towards forgiveness and understanding.
— Nancy Roth, Administration



Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler and Maira Kalman
Being both a collector of objects and a person who assigns sentimental value to the inanimate, I was instantly drawn to the premise of this book. Brokenhearted teenage Min places everything that reminds her of her most recent ex, Ed, into a box in order to give the motley collection back to him. Over the course of a long letter she writes to Ed (which will accompany the items in the box) we are privy to the intimate stirrings of infatuation, the budding relationship between two people from different high school “worlds,” and then, ultimately, its destruction.
— Evan Struble, Media Services



The Sasquatch Escape: The Imaginary Veterinary: Book 1 by Suzanne Selfors
Ben Silverstein is sure his summer vacation in the rundown town of Buttonville will be boring, until his grandfather’s cat brings home something that looks like a baby dragon. Good for grades 3-4.
— Sue Emrick, Lane Road



The Tucci Cookbook by Stanley Tucci
Emmy-winning actor Stanley Tucci’s cookbook is chock-full of wonderful family stories, gorgeous photographs, and easy Italian recipes. He provides a plethora of information on living, breathing, and cooking Italian. Read this and you will be arranging an Italian dinner party soon.
— Vita Marinello, Adult Services



The Lost Wife by Alyson Richman
This is the story of Lenka, a young Jewish art student, and Josef, a medical student. They fall in love, marry, and believe they will have a brilliant future together. The timeline is glamorous prewar Prague, before the Nazi’s begin their assault on the country. With an imminent threat of war, and the expulsion of Jews everywhere, circumstances force Lenka to stay behind with her parents and sister, while Josef leaves the country with his family. Sixty years will pass, before they meet again in America. Much of this powerful and tragic love story is based on fact and actual characters.
— Lenore Mastracci, Adult Services



The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis
This is the beautifully written story of Hattie, who arrives as a 15-year-old in Philadelphia during the Great Migration of African Americans in the 1920s from the south to north in search of a better life. Hattie’s incredible story is told through chapters about her eleven children. Personally as a child in a family with eleven children, this story touched a chord with me about the strength and resilience of women throughout history. It made me realize although our struggles have different names, somehow they are often universal. Hattie was a survivor in a challenging time. I would recommend this book to those interested in historical fiction or stories about women.
— Kate Albers, Miller Park



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Digging for Magic

Monday, June 10 at 11 a.m. Ages 2-7

Get ready for a magical treasure hunt with performer **Erica Carlson**. This is a fast-paced comedy magic show featuring Sedgewick, a live hedgehog. Using the book *Who Stole the Gold?* by Udo Weigelt for inspiration, Erica and her pirate crew will go on an adventure to uncover magical buried treasure!

Related Reading: *Hedgie's Surprise* by Jan Brett

Reading to Rover

Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13 at 7 p.m. Grades K-5

Meet some therapy dogs from Central Ohio Good Shepherds! Improve your reading skills by reading to dogs and learn more about this wonderful organization.



Related reading: *The Doghouse* by Jan Thomas

Create Your Own Sock Puppets

Wednesday, June 19 at 2 p.m. Ages 3+

Bring your own pair of socks and we will provide supplies for you to create some very silly sock puppets. We’ll have samples for inspiration.

Related Reading: *When the Library Lights Go Out* by Megan McDonald

Sing-a-Story

Friday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers

Join our in-house musician **Brian Griffin** and his guitar for a morning of stories and songs.

Related reading: *So You Want to Be a Rock Star* by Audrey Vernick

Dig It? Draw It!

Monday, June 24 at 11 a.m. Ages 4+

Have a “hole” lot of fun with **Jeff Nicholas** and his new cartooning program. Jeff entertains the audience with original illustrations and humorous poems and stories while teaching how to create his quirky, underground characters using a simple “draw along” method.



Related Reading: *Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story* by Will Hillenbrand

Songs of America

Wednesday, June 26 at 7 p.m. All ages

Bring your whole family and join us for our annual tradition out in Miller Park! Local band **RMT** will perform patriotic songs and share the history behind them. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs, or even a picnic dinner if you’d like.



Related Reading: *4th of July Mice* by Bethany Roberts

Red, White and Bikes

Wednesday, July 3 at 2 p.m. Ages 2-12

Bring your bike to the library and decorate it in red, white and blue for the parade! Supplies available while they last.

Related Reading: *4th of July Mice* by Bethany Roberts

Olivia Character Visit

Tuesday, July 16 at 4 p.m. Ages 2-6

Join us for *Olivia* stories by Ian Falconer followed by a visit from the costumed character. Bring your cameras!



Related Reading: *Olivia* by Ian Falconer

P.T. Reptiles

Monday, July 22 at 11 a.m.

All ages

One of our favorite performers, **Peter Rushton**, is back with his reptiles to educate, entertain and amaze you. This is a don't-miss show!



Related Reading: See our reptile books under 597.9

B-I-N-G-O!

Wednesday, July 24 at 2 p.m.

Kids

Bring your lucky charm and join us for an hour of bingo! We'll provide a snack and lots of prizes for the winners.

Related Reading: *101 Things You Gotta Do Before You're 12!* by Joanne O'Sullivan

Fun Day Carnival

Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

All ages

Join us out in Miller Park for our annual carnival! We'll offer some old-fashioned games like a book walk, penny pitch, bean bag toss, facepainting, parachute play and more. Don't miss the fun!



Related Reading: *Rain or Shine Activity Book: Fun Things to Make and Do* by Joanna Cole and Stephanie Calmeson

Meet the Staff



Name: Julie Reeder

Position: Library Assistant 2 at the Miller Park Branch

Year you joined UAPL: 2005

My memorable UAPL experience: My favorite experiences are those times when I am able to introduce a patron to a new author. It pleases me to hear later that they enjoyed books I recommended.

What I'm reading now: I'm currently reading two titles. My book club selection is *The Hangman's Daughter* by Oliver Pötzsch. The other title is *A Matter of Justice* (an Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery) by Charles Todd, which I'm listening on my iPhone. This title is among those available through our downloadable audiobooks.

It's Never Too Early to Read to Your Baby

Many of you know me as "Miss Kate" from the Miller Park Branch of the UAPL. I have the great fortune to share storytimes with infants, toddlers and preschoolers as part of my job. I often hear parents say "My toddler won't sit still for me to read to them" or, "Why should I read books to my young child, if they don't understand the words?" According to Caroline Jackson Blakemore and Barbara Weston Ramirez, authors of *Baby Read Aloud Basics*, "Decades of research have proven the value of reading aloud to children, and the years between birth and age two are arguably the most crucial for language development. As a parent, it's important that you help your baby acquire the foundation he or she needs to speak earlier, read on their own sooner, and benefit from an increased vocabulary and attention span."

Today, early childhood experts agree that 90% of a person's brain is developed by the time they are 3 years old. For any of us that work with or have children that are 0-3 years of age, what an awesomely humbling thought — we can impact the development of 90% of their brain by reading to them and offering other quality stimulating experiences right now.

The UAPL wants to encourage you to offer these experiences to your child, so we're highlighting the age of 0-3 years in our 2013 Summer Reading Club, "Dig Into Reading". We'll have a separate reading log for infants and toddlers, and they will have their own reading prizes, as well as an opportunity to win the grand prize of a large basket of books if you complete the summer reading goal of reading to your child for 10 hours over the course of the summer. When you pick up your reading log, you will see that you can count minutes read in blocks of 15 minutes at a time, and also other suggested quality language development activities toward your summer time goal of 10 hours with your child. For more information on the Summer Reading Club, see page 5.

— Kate Albers



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Please note: Video and photos are occasionally taken of library activities for use in future online and print promotions. If you prefer that you or your child not be photographed, please notify the photographer.

THE LAST Word

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

— Cicero



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Friday 10:00 - 6:00



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Saturday 10:00 - 5:00

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00