From the Director

Since this is my last column as Director of the Library, I wish to take a brief moment to express my heartfelt thanks to this community for providing me with professional experiences and opportunities far beyond what I ever expected when I started here 33 years ago. For the last 15 years I have had a quote by Marcel Proust sitting on my desk which states, “The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.” I have been so fortunate to see things differently with each position I have held. I consider myself lucky to still learn so much everyday in this job and through contact with our staff and patrons. My years here have indeed been a “voyage of discovery” for me both professionally and personally and, though I never expected this a few years ago, at this moment it is hard to imagine my life without it.

I thank you for that experience. I have always been and always will be proud of this library and especially of this staff for they are hard-working, caring and dedicated to providing this library’s services, facilities, and programs.

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Most importantly, she has responded to the wants and needs of our library patrons in such a way that multiple generations of library users have a special fondness for the library which has made their lives better.

Thank you, Ann. We will miss you.

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From the Board President

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News and Views

Get Reference Answers via Text

Our reference librarians can now answer your research questions via text message. Text to 66746 using the keyword UAPLREF followed by your question. It’s a great way to get answers when you’re on the go. Please note this new service is available during normal library hours and is for reference questions only. Please call the circulation desk for questions regarding your account.

Wi-Fi Expands at All UA Libraries

Patrons with Wi-Fi devices now have an easier time finding a signal in each of our three locations. We’ve upgraded our system to send a Wi-Fi signal throughout the buildings rather than in concentrated hot spots. Now wherever you’re working, you can go online, check our catalog and use our wireless printing.

Look for Us in the Fourth of July Parade

Library employees are already hard at work developing ideas for our entry in the Upper Arlington Fourth of July Parade. Keep an eye out for our decorated book carts travelling down Northwest Boulevard!

Friends of the UAPL Hold Labor Day Sale

The Friends of the UAPL will hold its annual Labor Day Sale at the Main Library from August 19-September 3. The sale will run during normal library operating hours, with the exception of Labor Day, September 3, when the library will be closed but the sale will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The sale features a large selection of used hardback and paperback books for all ages. Shoppers will also find DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, magazines and more all at bargain prices. Come early for the best selection!

Outreach Drivers Needed

Through our Outreach service, dedicated volunteers visit private homes and retirement centers each week to deliver items to homebound patrons. We currently have a great need for volunteers to make deliveries on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you can help, contact Outreach librarian Mary Austin at 486-9621 ext. 128.

Upcoming Board of Trustee Meetings

The Library Board of Trustee 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 19, July 17 and August 21.

More than two dozen local nonprofits showcase volunteer opportunities at the 2012 Volunteer UA Expo at the Main Library.
Chris Taylor Named New Library Director

On May 2, the Board of Trustees of the Upper Arlington Public Library selected Chris Taylor, chief operating officer at Columbus Metropolitan Public Library, as the next director of the Upper Arlington Public Library.

“The board was impressed with many aspects of Chris’ career. She brings to our library more than 24 years of professional library experience and a very high level of community involvement,” said Board President Jack Burtch. “In addition to her outstanding success at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, she has been very active in her community. Chris has outstanding organizational skills and the management leadership background we believe will strengthen our Upper Arlington Public Library.”

Chris begins her new position on June 1. Ann Moore, the current library director, retires on May 31 after 33 years.

New in Digital Downloads

Many of you know about Digital Downloads, a collection of digital titles selected through the OverDrive company and made available through our website. The service that allows you to use a library card to browse, check out, and download to a variety of reading and listening devices. We have introduced some new developments in the service.

To begin with, and to better define the available content, the link to Digital Downloads at our site is now labeled “eBooks & Music.” Look for it on the left side of our website at www.ualibrary.org. We have also added device-specific, tutorial videos, including iOS, Android, Kindle, Nook, etc.

Getting started with digital content has never been easier!

• The option to purchase an item with a long waiting list and enables you to support the library as a portion of the sale is returned to us.
• Recommendation to purchase of titles you don’t see in our eBooks collection.
• Return audiobooks as soon as you finish listening so you can explore the next one. Just make sure that you have installed the latest version of the OverDrive

Summer Reading Club Begins June 7

Children and adults are invited to “Expand Your Universe” with this year’s outer-space themed Summer Reading Club at the UAPL.

By participating in our summer reading club, school age children commit to read 15 hours in eight weeks. By reading approximately 15 minutes a day, they earn prizes for reading 5 hours (a pencil), 10 hours (a patch) and 15 hours (a zipper tote bag). All prizes are donated by the generous Friends of the UAPL organization and are available while supplies last.

We look forward to seeing you this summer and assisting you in your educational journey!

Feed Down Fines

Saturday, June 2 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

All ages

Got fines? Got food? Bring your library card and nonperishable food donations for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, and receive $1 in credit toward your existing overdue fine for each item up to a max of $10.

More info: www.midohiofoodbank.org

Opera on Film: Salome

Sunday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

Adults

Join us as we open our 2012 season of the “Opera on Film” with Salome. This is an opera in one act by Richard Strauss to a German libretto by the composer. It tells the Biblical story of Salome, stepdaughter of the tetrarch Herod Antipas, who requests the head of John the Baptist as a reward for dancing the dance of the seven veils. Christopher Purdy from WOSU Classical 101 hosts this and all operas in the series.

Related DVD: Elektra by Richard Strauss

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, June 9 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.

More info: www.givelife.org

Book Buddies: Big Buddies

Mondays, June 11-July 16 at 2 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Help a younger student entering grades 1-3 with their reading during this 5-week series! Do reading activities and coach them as they read to you. We meet each Monday, June 11-July 16 from 2-3 p.m., with training on the first day. Teens must commit to 3 of the 5 weeks. An application must be given to the Youth Department to register. Registration ends May 30 or after we have 50 teens.

Related reading: Mysteries of the Jedi by Elizabeth Dowsett

Parent-Child Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Library instructors lead a discussion of the selected title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will review Ordinary Boy by William Boniface. Copies of the book will be available beginning May 8 to the first 10 families to enroll. Additional families able to secure their own copy of the book are welcome to attend.

Required reading: Ordinary Boy by William Boniface

Book Buddies: Little Buddies

Mondays, June 18-July 16 at 2 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Students entering grades 1-3 can practice reading with a local teen during this 5-week program. Registrants must commit to at least 3 weeks. (Note: weeks you will be unavailable during registration). A variety of reading materials will be supplied. Registration begins June 4 and will be limited by the number of volunteers we recruit.

Animals of the Night

Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

Grades K-5

Explore nocturnal animals to share with students. A limited number of free tickets will be available beginning June 5. Please only pick up tickets if you are sure you can attend.

Related reading: 100 Things You Should Know About Nocturnal Animals by Camilla de la Bedoyere

Star Wars Celebration

Thursday, June 21 at 2 p.m.

All ages

Explore the powers of the Force at the UAPL! The Youth Department will provide activities, games, crafts, and treats for all young Padawans and Jedi. Star Wars characters from the Ohio 501st Legion and the Rebel Legion will make an appearance throughout the celebration. Be sure to come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character for our costume contest.

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Sunday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m.
Madama Butterfly
Opera on Film:
Ebook and eReader Q & A
Related DVD:
Related reading:

Revolution
Art and Guillotine: Painting the French

Expand your knowledge of the solar system

Meet the Lorax
Thursday, June 28 at 3 p.m.
Preschool-grade 3
Celebrate our green planet! He's the Lorax
and he speaks for the trees. Listen to the story of
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss, make a craft and get your
ticket taken with the costumed character (don't forget your camera)!
No registration, but our room will close at capacity.

Spectrum Storytime
Friday, June 29 at 4 p.m.
Friday, July 27 at 4 p.m.
Friday, August 31 at 4 p.m.
This monthly storytime is designed for children on the Autism spectrum,
and/or children with sensory integration issues. We have stories, songs, and activities
to encourage literacy and positive associations with reading and the library.
Registration is required and is limited to 10 children and their caregivers.
There is no age restriction, however this program is designed for children with
developmental stage of 3-5 years old.

Red, White and Bikes
Tuesday, July 3 at 2 p.m.
Ages 2-12
Join us outside the library entrance with your bike and decorate it for
the Independence Day parade. Materials available while supplies last.

Crafts at the Library: Dreamcatchers
Thursday, July 5 at 2 p.m.
Grades 4-6
Together we’ll create our own dreamcatchers as inspired by the traditional Native American charms. We’ll provide all materials. Registration is required and begins July 12.

Teen Workshop: Time Travel
Thursday, July 5-26 at 7 p.m.
Grades 5-8
Time travel is a piece of cake, as long as you've got a pencil and your imagination in full working order. In this workshop, you'll design your own time machine and take it on a few test flights. While we’re imagining and exploring time travel, we'll also practice the three components of writing a story: character, setting and challenge. This is a 4-week writing workshop series. Registration is required & begins June 14.

Perkins Observatory: Solar Sensations!
Tuesday, June 26 at 2 p.m.
Grades K-5
Expand your knowledge of the solar system and learn about our incredible day-star — the sun! A limited number of free tickets will be available beginning June 12. Please pick up tickets only if you know you can attend.

Use our program calendar at www.ualibrary.org/programs.php to register, or call (614) 486-9621.
Art and Constitution: Painting for the People During the July Monarchy
Friday, August 10 at 13:00 p.m. Adults
This third and final art lecture in our “Art in the Age of Revolution” series will look at artistic production that was influenced by the July Monarchy. The July Monarchy was a period of liberal constitutional monarchy in France under Louis-Philippe starting with the July Revolution of 1830 and ending with the Revolution of 1848. Sean DeLouche of The Ohio State University is our presenter.
Related reading: Comets, Asteroids & Meteorites by Roy Gallant

Parent-Child Book Discussion
Tuesday, August 7 at 7 p.m. Grades 3-5
Library instructors lead a discussion of the selected title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will read Aliens Ate My Homework by Roy Coiville. Copies of the book will be available beginning July 10 for the first 10 families to enroll. Additional families able to secure their own copy of the book are welcome to attend.
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Star Volunteer
Name: Mimi Mullin
Volunteer duties: I volunteer at the Lane Road Library. I pull the morning reserve list and on the first of the month, I clear the new fiction and nonfiction shelves and check them in for shelving.
My memorable UAPL experience: Each day is memorable to me in its own way, whether it’s finding a book my grandchildren or I would like, talking to patrons as I work, or hearing the joyous voices of children playing in the children’s area.
Fun fact about me: Each summer in northern Michigan, I pick thousands of cherries, pit each one, and make them into over 100 jars of the “Best Damn Jam In the Land” for all my friends and family.
What I’m reading now: State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

The Ann Royce Moore Fund
The Upper Arlington Community Foundation (UACF), in collaboration with the UAPL, has announced the creation of a new fund to support author visits in Upper Arlington. The announcement was made during the UACF’s annual meeting on April 24.
The Community Foundation has named the fund The Ann Royce Moore Fund in honor of library director Ann Moore who is retiring on May 31 after 33 years of service.
The inspiration for creating the fund came from recognizing Ann’s passion during planning sessions with the Library, the UACF and other partners to host a communitywide visit with award-winning author and illustrator Marc Brown.
For information on making a contribution to the fund, contact Executive Director Sue Ralph at smralph@uacommunityfoundation.com or (614) 451-0700.

Christopher Purdy Returns to Host Opera Film Series
One of the many exciting educational and enriching programs we’re offering this summer is the “Opera on Film” series. This year we bring you four great opera performances from around the world featuring some of the finest opera productions. These include works of opera greats Strauss, Donizetti, Puccini and Verdi. We are especially pleased to welcome back Christopher Purdy from WOSU Classical 101 to host the series.
In offering the “Opera on Film” series, we strive to foster an appreciation for opera and to bring awareness of this art form to our community of patrons. By presenting the series in an educational format, including discussion of opera and the operatic experience, we hope to make this musical tradition more accessible to people from all walks of life.
We open with Richard Strauss’ Salome and continue with Puccini’s Madame Butterfly, Donizetti’s La Fille du Régiment, concluding the series with La Traviata by Verdi.
All programs are held in the Main Library’s Friends Theater at 2 p.m. on Sundays June 3, June 24, July 22 and August 19.
We again thank our generous Friends of the UAPL for their support of this and other programming.
Mark your calendar and join us for another fun summer at the opera.

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You’ll receive monthly e-mails featuring new and interesting books in the genres you selected. Read a description and review of the book, see its cover, and check our catalog for availability.
You can also sign up for notification of UAPL Board of Trustees meetings and news from the Friends of the UAPL.

Test Your Knowledge of the Songs of America
Just in time for Independence Day, local band RMT returns to the Miller Park Library on Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. to perform “Songs of America.” This patriotic show is full of American tunes and trivia from the Revolutionary War through the mid-20th century.
Test your knowledge of the history of American music with this quiz featuring songs from RMT’s show.
1) a; 2) c; 3) c; 4) d; 5) b
Operations

Circulation
2,040,978 items borrowed

52% books, including adult, youth, teen and audio
45% media, including DVDs and CDs
2% reference, including magazines
<1% digital downloads, including eBooks, music and video
<1% interlibrary loans, items borrowed from other libraries

Collection
458,723 items owned (second largest in Franklin County)

Card holders
51,114 (150% of UA population)

Visitors
1,019,200 came through our doors (19,600 avg. per week)

Public computer usage
63,540 patrons logged on (1,222 avg. per week)
52,242 hours logged by patrons

Website (www.uailibrary.org)
306,265 visits (5,890 avg. per week)
54,266 reference research database sessions

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General Fund

Beginning Cash Balance $2,424,520

Revenues $5,866,924
Local General Property Tax 2,705,480
State Public Library Fund 2,532,539
Local Property Tax Credits 405,288
Patron Fines & Fees 163,435
Interest on Investment 27,923
Contributions & Gifts 2,015
Miscellaneous 30,245

Expenses $4,926,923
Salaries & Benefits 3,225,429
Library Materials 885,578
Purchased Services 612,004
Supplies 92,659
Capital Outlay 105,103
Miscellaneous 8,151

Encumbrances $282,623
Net Increase to Cash $655,378
Ending Cash Balance $3,079,898

New in 2011

- Gadget Gallery in Media Services
- Books2Go
- OneClick ebook service
- Freescale music download service
- Online meeting room reservations
- Wall of Honor and early city documents added to www.uaarhives.org
- Repaved parking lot at Lane Road Library

People

Staff
115 employees (43 full-time and 72 part-time)
23% of staff hold Masters of Library and Information Science

Volunteers
58 adult volunteers at the library served 2,356 hours

Board of Trustees

2012 Board of Trustees (back row) Mark Shy, Amy Sharpe, Karen Davis, Garrett Scanlon, (front row) Jack Burtch, Bill Shkurti

Community Partnerships

Adventure UA
235 individuals on 58 teams took part in this new program

In September 2011, the UAPL and our community partners introduced Adventure UA — a scavenger hunt-type activity that took place over several weeks. Participants formed small teams and took part in research and traveling challenges, documenting their exploits in photos. Teams earned points for various activities and, after a five-way tie for the points lead, one team — The Amazing Baldwin 5 — was finally named the winner after a tie-breaking challenge. Look for another round of Adventure UA this fall. Details to come!

Community Engagement

- Volunteer UA Fall Expo — partnership of five UA community service organizations
- Job Help Day — collaboration of seven central Ohio libraries
- 4th of July Parade — sponsored by UA Civic Association
- Taste of UA — sponsored by UA Chamber of Commerce
- Blood drive site — bimonthly drives hosted by the American Red Cross
- Feed Down Fines — to aid the Mid-Ohio Foodbank
- UA Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Expo — exhibitor
- State of the City — exhibitor
- Holiday Avenue of Trees — invited local nonprofits to display decorated trees

Program and Event Highlights

Programs
805 programs offered
8,295 adults attended
20,746 children attended
237 teens attended

Summer Reading Club
4,377 total participation
613 preschoolers read 4,377 hours
2,382 K-5th graders read 36,681 hours
779 6-12th graders read 16,825 hours
603 adults submitted 1,469 book reviews

Holiday Happiness
2,428 participants
40th annual event featuring music, crafts, displays and Santa
Storytime Classes

Main Library

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Lunar Lunacy: Let's Study the Moon
Ages 7+

- Join the folks from Ohio Nature Education as we study our closest celestial body, the moon, with hands-on activities. You’ll also get a close up view of a live, wild animal (an owl!) that you might encounter while viewing the moon. Registration is required and begins June 1.

  Related reading: The Phases of the Moon by Suzanne Slade

Meet the Lorax
Grades K-5

- Celebrate our green planet! He’s the Lorax and he speaks for the trees. Listen to the story of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss, make a craft and get your picture taken with the costumed character (don’t forget your camera)! No registration is required.

  Related reading: The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

Let’s Have a Blast Magic Show
Ages 2-7

- Erica Carlson’s fast-paced comedy magic show features Sedgewick the (live) Hedgehog! Erica and the kids have a blast laughing and learning about space and hedgehogs as they try to find Sedgie the Hedgie. This unique show combines hilarious magic tricks, assistants from the audience, lots of full-group participation, and fun surprises. No registration is required.

  Related reading: Hedgie Blasts Off! by Jan Brett

Red, White and Bikes
Ages 2-12

- Join us outside the library with your bike and decorate them for the Independence Day parade. Materials available while supplies last. No registration is required.

  Related reading: Fourth of July Mice by Bethany Roberts
Stories from Dreamtime

Wednesday, July 11 at 2 p.m.
Ages 3+

Weaving together two famous Australian dreamtime tales through the use of interactive storytelling, puppetry, props and costumes, World of Difference Ltd.’s Lindsay Bonilla will delight audience members as they learn the secret behind why we dream and discover why the kangaroo has a pouch. No registration is necessary.

Related reading: Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under by Marianne Berkes

Bauer

Related reading:

Moonscape Story and Craft

Thursday, July 26 at 11 a.m.
Ages 3-8

Listen to a space-related story and make your own tactile picture of the moon. Registration is required and begins July 5.

Related reading: The Moon Might Be Milk by Lisa Shulman

Annie Jam Band Concert

Friday, July 27 at 3 p.m.
Ages 2-9

Expand your universe with Annie Have of the Annie Jam Band. Children will use finger puppets and musical instruments, and participate in songs that will get them moving and grooving. No registration is required.

Related reading: Farmer Joe and the Music Show by Tony Mitton

Teen Cook: Ice Cream

Saturday, July 14 at 2 p.m.
Grades 6+

What tastes better than ice cream in the summer? Teens will make their own ice cream in this tasty program. Registration is required and begins June 3.

Related reading: Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams at Home by Jeni Bauer

Amy Erickson Book Club

Tuesday, July 17 at 7 p.m.
Adults

This month we meet to discuss Suzanne Collins’ The Hunger Games, one of the today’s hottest books with a strong female heroine.

Related reading: The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Magic Tree House Party: Hour of the Olympics

Wednesday, July 18 at 3 p.m.
Grades 1+

Travel back in time with Jack and Annie to ancient Greece and the first Olympics. We’ll have activities, games and snacks all related to Mary Pope Osborne’s book.

Related reading: Hour of the Olympics by Mary Pope Osborne

Books and Cooks: Edible Rockets

Thursday, July 19 at 11 a.m.
Ages 3-6

Young children are invited to hear stories about rocket ships, then make a yummy edible rocket! Registration is required and begins June 25.


Moon Society

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Teen Altered Books Craft

Saturday, August 11 at 2 p.m.
Grades 6-12

Teen can transform old books into something more beautiful and creative through added alteration. Bring photos or memorabilia to put in your new creation. We’ll provide discarded books, craft supplies and tools. Registration is required and begins July 13.

Related reading: The Repurposed Library: 33 Craft Projects That Give Old Books New Life by Lisa Occhipinti

Amy Erickson Book Club

Tuesday, August 21 at 7 p.m.
Adults

This month we meet to discuss Love and Summer by William Trevor, a haunting love story about the choices of the heart, and the passions and frustrations of three lives during one long summer in Ireland.

Related reading: Love and Summer by William Trevor

Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks

The Iron King by Julie Kagawa

This is the first book of a wonderful series based around the land of the Fey, and the Seelie and Unseelie courts. You meet an awkward and unpopular 15-year-old girl, Meghan, who is best friends with Robbie, who is more than what he pretends to be. Through an adventurous journey you find out that there is much more to Meghan as well. Of course there is a handsome prince in this story and a love triangle to add to the tension of the plot. The author paints such a vivid picture with words that I believe that this world of Fey really exists.

— Shae Strunk, Community Relations

In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

Erik Larson describes a time in our history that was terrifying, unprecedented, with all the drama of a present day thriller. The time is 1933 Berlin with the focus on American ambassador William Dodd and his family. As they settle into their new surroundings, there is the rising specter of Hitler and his Nazis in the background.

— Lenore Mastracci, Adult Services

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

This is primarily the story of Celia and Marco, two magicians who are bound by magic and pitted against each other in a contest that neither really understands. The Night Circus (Le Cirque des Reves) is the venue for the complicated game that they are forced to play. The narrative is not linear in terms of time, but the story unfolds beautifully. As I neared the end of the book, I was torn between wanting to read until it was finished and find something else to do so that I could delay finishing it.

— Jennifer Faure, Adult Services

Mad Women: The Other Side of Life on Madison Avenue in the ‘60s and Beyond by Jane Maas

This is a fast-moving chronicle of life in the world of advertising in the 1960s and 1970s, by a woman who created the world famous “I love New York” campaign. Her book discusses how working life in the ad agencies really was for a woman. Throughout the book, she compares her experience to what is seen on the popular TV show Mad Men. A must read for fans of the show.

— Pam Cole, Lane Road Library

The Orphan Master’s Son by Adam Johnson

While this book may not be for everyone, The Orphan Master’s Son presents a gripping picture of life in North Korea where reality and even a person’s identity is whatever the “Beloved Leader” says it is. The book follows a young North Korean man whose life course is altered, directly and indirectly, more than once by the whims and pronouncements of North Korea’s dictator, Kim Jong Il. There is even a bit of a mystery thrown in. This is not a quick read, but it is rewarding as we view glimpses of life in an isolated culture that exists today.

— Nancy Roth, Administration

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

This book is easy to read, and hard to put down. It’s a series of poems, written by a 10-year-old girl, that tells the story of her family’s experiences when they flee Vietnam in 1975. The poems alternate between being informative, sad and funny, and clearly show the universality of so many human experiences and emotions. Although written as a children’s book, any adult who is interested in history and family relationships would enjoy this wonderfully sweet book. It is a Newbery Honor Book for 2012, and I highly recommend it for anybody 10 and up.

— Kate Albers, Miller Park

Bad Kitty for President by Nick Bruel

Just in time for the 2012 elections, author Nick Bruel perfectly explains how the American electoral process works using humor (and cats). People of all ages will have no trouble understanding such terms as ‘grass-roots campaign’ and “caucus.” Highly recommended for classroom use.

— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

Binky the Space Cat by Ashley Spires

For Binky, ‘space’ is any area outside the doors of his home. He is constantly battling aliens (bugs from outdoors) and trains for the day when he will finally “expand his universe” and explore new worlds (like his backyard). Readers will giggle through this wonderfully graphic novel for children.

— Kate Hastings, Youth Services

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Beyond that depends on future economic events, particularly able to continue the current level of services. What happens state funds remain the same for the next 2-3 years, we will be at the long-term picture as we make decisions. As long as services that the community needs.

The positive outcome of this levy would not have been possible without the support of several groups. First and foremost, our residents. The library can’t thank you enough for this. Showing your confidence in our staff and the services we provide to our community has been gratifying. Secondly, we thank our levy committee. Without our levy chair and current board member Amy Sharpe, the renewal would not have been possible. Director Ann Moore was a vital part of this committee providing her 30+ years of UA experience and her many hours speaking to community groups to ensure our victory. To those volunteers, too many to name but you know who you are: we love what you did for us. You had a huge impact on the outcome of this levy. You gave countless hours of your personal time to help our cause. You helped create yard signs and delivered them to our residents. You created the levy website, walked miles around UA with levy literature, talked about the library in grocery lines, at parties, and at fundraisers. Some of you even donned the Booker the Lion costume. The list goes on and on. To you all, I say a heartfelt thank you.

Finally, I thank our Board of Trustees. Without the Board’s support, vision and guidance, our planning process would not have been as valuable as to the future of the library. We spent endless hours developing roadmaps, strategically thinking about what the patrons wanted in technology, reviewing building deficiency reports and considering how to best invest in staff to improve services to the public.

The passage of the 2 mil, 5-year levy means that the library can provide the same services patrons have come to rely on. We keep our doors open seven days a week. Library materials will be purchased, programs will be created, summer reading club will continue, internet access will be available—all those things that bring you to the library as well as to our website. We’re committed to providing the services that the community needs.

Because of our five-year forecast we will continue to look at the long-term picture as we make decisions. As long as state funds remain the same for the next 2-3 years, we will be able to continue the current level of services. What happens beyond that depends on future economic events, particularly the outcome of the next state budget 14 months from now. Meanwhile passage of the levy will allow us to make a down payment on unmort building repair and technology needs identified in our planning process and still maintain a reserve equivalent to 90 days worth of expenses to help protect against unpleasant surprises. The library will continue to look for ways to increase operating efficiencies and to identify other revenue sources so we can meet more of our unfunded building and technology needs.

Case in point—life safety issues have been a high priority of the board. Due to prudent fiscal management, the library was able to save an additional $332,000 in 2011. This was unspent budgeted monies due to a variety of reasons, most of which will be used to fund life safety projects that were put on hold due to limitation of funding. The Operations Committee is currently reviewing the list to prioritize and start planning to fix these needs related to life safety.

One of the capital projects determined through our levy planning process that must be completed sooner than later is the HVAC project at the Main Library. We have lots of planning to do to ensure this project is done with minimal disruption to patrons. Stay tuned as the year progresses.

Most of the monies in the technology plan will be used to upgrade our computer infrastructure. For example, a recent upgrade to the wireless system has increased reception in all of our buildings, resulting in easier downloading. Of course, as technology changes, so will our plans. The planning does not stop with the passage of the levy. We will continue to plan for the future using our current resources prudently. Finding partnerships to help lower our expenses is extremely important. The board has charged us with looking at several cost saving initiatives. On the agenda for this year is investigating all types of consortiums, such as working much closer with the City of UA and UA schools. Non-traditional approaches will be the future norm and the quicker we can find those norms the better for the library.

We work hard every day to be conscious of spending, transparent in our process, and provide you the best service we can with the money we have.

Howl at the Toons!
Monday, June 11 at 11 a.m.  Ages 4+
Join us for a morning of laughter and learning. Cartoonist and educator Jeff Nicholas shares his wonderful stories and encourages even the most hesitant participant to draw characters for their own stories. No registration is required.

Related reading: Chalk by Bill Thompson

Reading to Rover
Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. Grades K-5
Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.
Meet some therapy dogs from Central Ohio Good Shepherds, and improve your reading skills too! Beginning readers can read to these very patient listeners, and learn about the therapy dog program. No registration is required.

Related reading: Please Puppy Please by Spike Lee

Solar System Puzzles
Tuesday, June 19 at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 at 2 p.m.
Drop in anytime between 2-4 p.m. on these dates to help us put together a solar system puzzle. We’ll provide snacks and lots of puzzling fun. We’ll display the 300-piece puzzle when it’s complete.

Related reading: Out of This World: Poems and Facts About Space by Amy Sklansky

Meet the Lorax
Tuesday, June 26 at 4 p.m. Pre K-grade 3
Celebrate our green planet! He’s the Lorax and he speaks for the trees. Listen to the story of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss, make a craft and get your picture taken with the costumed character (don’t forget your camera)! No registration is required.

Related reading: The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

Songs of America
Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. All ages
Join us in the park to kick off your Fourth of July holiday with local band RMT. The group will perform patriotic songs and share the history behind the music. Bring your blankets and a picnic if you’d like.

Related CD: Patriotic Songs and Marches

Fourth of July Bike Decorating
Tuesday, July 3 at 2 p.m. Ages 2-12
Decorate your bike for the parade! Bring your bike to Miller Park and we’ll provide all the supplies to decorate it red, white and blue! No registration is required.

Meet the Staff
Name: Brian Griffin
Position: Library Assistant I at Miller Park Library
Year you joined UAPL: 1986

My memorable UAPL experience: When my friend Mark Reinhardt and I formed a “Library Band” and played for a summer reading event. Good times!

What I’m reading now: The Gospel According to Bruce Springsteen; Rock and Redemption, from Asbury Park to Magic by Jeffrey B. Symynkywicz
Discover Ohio with These Books and Sites

You don’t have to travel far to experience a great summer vacation. The Buckeye State has plenty to offer! Our Adult Services staff has compiled a list of resources that make planning an Ohio vacation a breeze.

Online Resources
www.ohiostateparks.org
Ohio State Parks’ site includes each park’s amenities, such as fishing, boating, hiking, etc.

related reading: Bingo’s Big Adventure by Julia King

B-I-N-G-O
by Hallie Warshaw
Related reading:
Zany Rainy Days: Indoor Ideas for Active the whole family!

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Fun Day Carnival
Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m.  All ages
Join us in the park for our end-of-summer fun day! We’ll have carnival games with lots of prizes. Games include a book walk, penny pitch, bean bag toss, and more. We’ll also have facepainting, bubbles and a parachute for play. Bring the whole family!

related reading: If I Ran the Circus by Dr. Seuss

Print Resources
Ohio Wine Country Excursion by Patricia Latimer
Biking Ohio’s Rail-Trail by Shawn E. Richardson
Motorcycling Across Ohio by William Murphy
Off the Beaten Path Ohio, A Guide to Unique Places by George & Carol Zimmerman
Weird Ohio by James A. Willis, Andrew Henderson, & Loren Coleman

Look for other titles in the 917.71 section of the Adult Services department.