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FALL 2009

The President's Message . . .

A Renewed Vision for the Library

Over the past year the Library Board of Trustees, under the leadership of board member Jocelyn Sanders, has been working on a Long Range Plan for the library's future. The Board believes we must strive to move the library forward, in spite of the economic conditions which exist now and in the future. We would like you to know Peoples Library's Mission, Vision, and Values which follow:

OUR MISSION

Peoples Library invites and inspires all people to discover and enjoy the world of knowledge and life long learning.

OUR VISION FOR 2014

We have sustainable funding which enables us to be a cost efficient, community hub in an environmentally friendly and accessible facility. We offer current technology, a relevant collection of traditional and electronic media, extensive programming, and meeting spaces for all ages and interests supported by a friendly, knowledgeable, and technologically capable staff.

WE, PEOPLES LIBRARY, VALUE:

- **Integrity** — Expecting honesty and fairness in all board members, staff and volunteers;
- **Responsibility** — Understanding and meeting the informational, educational and recreational needs of our diverse community;
- **Respect** — Working to treat all individuals equally while adhering to the beliefs of our democratic society;
- **Service** — Providing knowledgeable, professional and friendly service to the communities we serve on-site, off-site and on-line;
- **Innovation** — Thinking creatively to improve and adapt to change;
- **Collaboration** — Working with other public and private services, municipal agencies, school districts and citizens to most effectively identify and serve the needs of our community;
- **Enjoyment** — Providing a safe, inviting, nurturing and friendly environment.

In the coming months and years, the Board will continue to work on this ongoing, ever changing Long Range Plan. It is our hope to enlist more community support to bring the vision to reality. Won't you consider helping your library in the form of financial support, giving the library a few hours a week as a volunteer, or just using the library as a community resource? Please consider increased involvement with your Peoples Library.

Dom Giordano, President
Peoples Library Board of Trustees

From the Director's Desk . . .

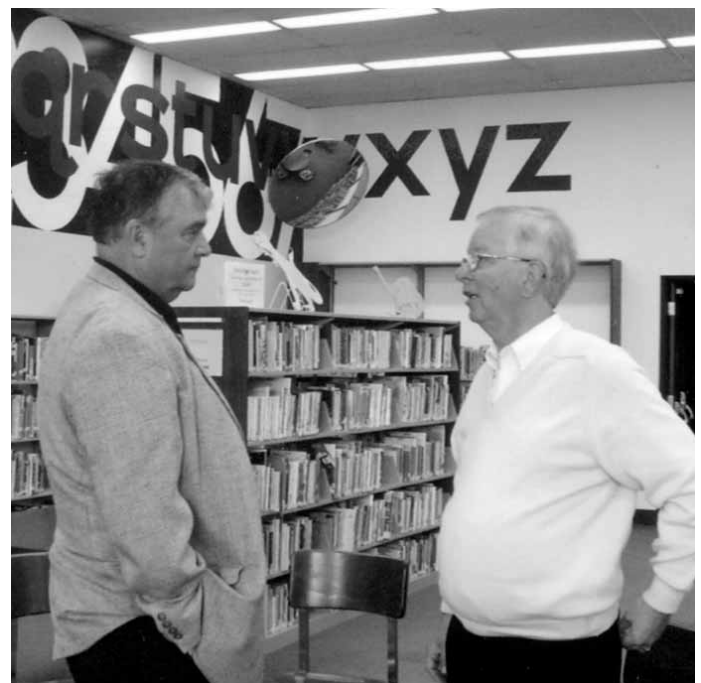
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In addition to the inbox of your email, each Newsletter will also be available on our website at www.peopleslibrary.org.

The transition from paper copies of the Newsletter will not occur right away. If we do not receive a call or email from you indicating that you would like to receive the Newsletter electronically, we will continue to send you the paper version.

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Mayors Frank Link and Don Kinosz discussing "Future Cities."

Summer Reading 2009

Our eight-week program provided many opportunities for families to “Be Creative at Your Library.” Outstanding families and helpers made this year very special with involvement in clubs, projects and workshops.

Erica Gearhart provided college level expertise with a “Write It Your Way” creative writing class.

Carnegie Science Center provided a four-day science camp, funded through a grant, where students did hands-on learning with electricity, which included a hover craft.

Carol Johnson of Rembrandt drawing held two workshops on drawing and cartooning.

Mr. Rappole and **Mr. Scott** encouraged students with Chess competition to ready them for the chess tournament in the winter.

Photography, gardening, drama, and some cooking was available for students to try.

A total of 67 programs were available to the public for free.

Mary Mazzotta directed the summer tutoring program for 4 weeks to support youth in the return to school.



Enchanted Forest with Carnegie Museum of Natural History.



The park behind the library is a great place for families to have fun.



Drama Club



Families gather for Summer Reading activities.

Used Book Sale, 2009

What better way to recycle books than to donate them back to the Library. Do you realize that in the last eight years our Director, **David Hrivnak**, has put \$80,231 worth of donated materials directly onto the shelves? And the materials he can't use go to the Used Book Sale. Here's another interesting number - since the Sale started in 1981 by earning \$42, we have earned \$365,544 for the Library. During times of lean community and state support, this money has contributed to the Library's being able to stay open.

We thank the places who have allowed us to put out our collection barrels: **CVS, Post Offices in Arnold and Lower Burrell, Giant Eagles in New Kensington and Allegheny Township, Community Market in Lower Burrell, and Golden Dawn**. We also thank these businesses for donating supplies: **LaRusse Distributing Co., Pine Hollow Springs, Oakmont Bakery, Stella's, and Long John Silvers**. And of course there are the book donors and buyers and dozens of volunteers who make it possible.

Fall Programs 2009

Tutoring for K-6th graders

starts September 21, 4:30-5:30.

Must register and have child's teacher complete form with areas of need noted.

Yoga for 10-14 Year-Olds

Other information will be on the website at www.peopleslibrary.org

Family Chess and Game Board Night

Thursday, September 24

Time will be listed at website at New Kensington site.

Family Fall Festival

Saturday, October 24

Stage Right! program.

Other info will be on the website.

Presentation at New Kensington.

Family Literacy Program

Date and time on the website.

Breakfast with Santa at Lower Burrell

Friday, December 4

Other info will be on the website.

Christmas Parade in New Kensington

Saturday, December 5

Other info will be on the website.

Children's Christmas Program in New Kensington

Saturday, December 19

Other info will be on the website.

Peoples Library

Literary Artist Kate Woods

presents

In Good Times and Bad You Can Always find Inspiration at the Library

Author Kate Woods' presentation will include inspirational topics for writers and artists as well as for those just looking to be inspired.

Copies of her two most recent books

Ostrich & Spirit Beach

will be available for purchase.

Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Peoples Library, Lower Burrell

Register Online at www.peopleslibrary.org

Select events and scroll to November 14th.

New Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction Titles arriving at Peoples Library in September and October

Fiction

True Blue by David Baldacci
Breaking the Rules by Barbara Taylor Bradford
Scarpetta Factor by Patricia Cornwell
The Christmas List by Richard Paul Evans
Pursuit of Honor by Vince Flynn
Echo to the Bone by Diana Gabaldon
Evidence: An Alex

Delaware Novel by Jonathan Kellerman
Last Night in Twisted River ... by John Irving
Blood Game by Iris Johansen
The Lost Art of Gratitude ... by Alexander McCall Smith
Hardball:

(A V.I. Warshawski Novel) .. by Sara Paretsky
The Murder of King Tut by James Patterson

**Angel Time: The Songs
of the Seraphim** by Anne Rice
Rough Country by John Sandford
A Change in Altitude by Anita Shreve
Southern Lights by Danielle Steel
Hothouse Orchid by Stuart Woods

Non-Fiction

**Barack and Michelle: Portrait
of an American Marriage** .. by Christopher Anderson
Manhood for Amateurs:

**The Pleasures and Regrets of
a Husband, Father & Son** .. by Michael Chabon

**Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul:
How to Create a New You** .. by Deepak Chopra

**Bright-Sided: How Positive Thinking
Undermines America** by Barbara Ehrenreich

**What the Dog Saw:
and Other Adventures** by Malcolm Gladwell

**SuperFreakonomics:
Tales of Altruism, Terrorism and
Poorly Paid Prostitutes** by Stephen D. Levitt

Lunch for the Library, 2009

The theme this year was "Going Green" and we did our best to do that and to recycle. We gave out lettuce seeds donated by **Arnold Feed**, grocery bags from **Giant Eagle**, candy from **Valos**, Ear Buds from **Central Office**, and lots of marvelous ideas from the **Burrell Ecology Club** as presented by **Chris Tutelo**.

Many local businesses contributed to our event: **Buhl Brothers Printing**, **Allegheny Gallery**, **Jean Nader**, **The Pittsburgh Steelers**, **Pittsburgh Opera Co.**, **Pittsburgh Symphony Society**, **the Pittsburgh Pirates**, **Altmeyer's Home Stores**, **Roberta's Lamp and Shade**, **Duquesne Light**, **Habitat for Humanity**, and **Borders**. We hope you will patronize these businesses as a way of thanking them for helping us support our Library, and as a way to recycle the best of our communities.

Many individuals also helped by donating baskets, music, baked goods and time. We especially thank the **Burrell Reading Railroad Club** who have come and assisted us for the past 5 years.

And we thank all of the people who attended the luncheon and made it a happy, successful fund raiser.

Learn Computer Basics at Peoples Library, New Kensington

Monday and Thursday Sessions

at 4pm & 5pm

Saturday Sessions

at 10am & 11am



Each one hour session

offers one-on-one assistance and help with Basic Computing, the Internet, Word Processing and the Library Catalog, Polaris.

Register online at www.peopleslibrary.org

Select events and scroll to the date and time you prefer.

Peoples Library "Adventure with Wine"

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

from 7-9pm

at Peoples Library, New Kensington

Presented by:

Hoffstot's Café Monaco

533 Allegheny Avenue in Oakmont



- Learn about wine at a tasting featuring a variety of wines.
- Enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres
- Enter to win prizes at our Chinese Auctions.

Tickets are \$30 each.

All proceeds benefit Peoples Library ~
Tickets are a non-refundable donation

Register

Online at www.peopleslibrary.org

Select events and scroll down to 10/27/09 to register. Please list the names of everyone who will be attending with you in the message field that is provided on the form.

When we receive your check or checks payable to Peoples Library for the full amount, we will call or email to confirm our reservation
or

Stop in at Peoples Library New Kensington
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