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MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Early Literacy Computers Donated

This year, the Henrietta A. Landwehr Children's Library Center added two computer workstations equipped with bilingual learning software for preschool through elementary-age children. Various activities offer learning experiences in reading, science, art, and more.

The equipment was purchased with funds from the Carol M. Mather family via the Carol M. Mather Memorial Fund, and with a grant from the Kohler Foundation and additional funds from the Mead Public Library Foundation. The library now offers a total of four literacy computer workstations.



The Myrtle and Hazel Hansen Teen Library Center is now open on the second floor of the library. It is named in memory of the sisters whose bequest funded the project. Included are comfortable seating, computers, and books and magazines for teens.

Library MOE Funding Likely

The Sheboygan Common Council accepted a report from its Finance Committee to transfer \$228,000 to the Library Fund enabling the library to meet the "maintenance of effort" (MOE) requirement to retain membership in the Eastern Shores Library System (ESLS). A fiscal flows and funding analysis from the independent consulting firm NorthStar Economics, reported to the Library Board in November, indicated the advantages of system membership to Mead Library customers and the City of Sheboygan and its taxpayers. The full report is posted on the Mead Library website (www.meadpubliclibrary.org/about/moe).

Council action on the funding for "maintenance of effort" is expected early in 2010 following transfer of funds from the library's sick leave and vacation fund to the city. The city, not the library, would then be liable for those obligations.

Five Furlough Days in 2010

Included in the library's 2010 budget are five furlough days. On these days, the library will be closed, staff members will not report for work, and will be not paid on those days. The five furlough days are: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, April 2, Oct. 11, and Nov. 26

Academy Evening Set

The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters will again bring to the Sheboygan area an "Academy Evening." This year's topic is "Coming of Age: Lincoln, the Civil War, and the Transformation of Wisconsin and the Midwest" by author and UW-Manitowoc professor Kerry Trask.

The free public program will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Rocca Meeting Room.

The Wisconsin Academy is a nonprofit, independent organization supported by grants, donations, and by members.

For more information about the Wisconsin Academy, go to www.wisconsinacademy.org.

Friends Donations

Thanks to the Friends of Mead Public Library for the many contributions they have made to Mead Library in 2009. In addition to volunteering many hours of time, the group raised funds in order to donate more than \$3,000 for new books and other library materials, and more than \$4,000 for summer library program incentives and bus rides, \$280 to replenish the "Toybrary," \$500 for the Sheboygan County Jail Literacy Outreach, and \$432 for copies of BookPage newsletter for library customers.

The Friends also voted recently to donate \$5,000 to the library for programming expenses in 2010.

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2009 Contributors to Mead

At the year's end, Mead Public Library would like to thank the many people and organizations who have made contributions that benefit the library. This is a list of donors to Mead Public Library from December 2008 through November 2009. It does not include donations acknowledged previously.

William and Judith Busse in honor of Bernice Busse for children's materials.

Sheboygan County Area Retired Teachers Association for adult nonfiction in memory of deceased teachers.

Marian Hertel Family and Friends, Wholistic Health Counseling Services, Jennifer R. and Jason B. Jurss, Louis F. and Pamela A. Gebler, Jay L. and Jean M. Berenschot, Jon and Ambra Hermann, Garth D. and Donna R. Hammond, James Madison School Social Committee, and Doris U. and Marc A. Theune for books on poetry in memory of Marian Hertel.

Paula Swayden-Grebel for art-related books.

Lisa and Ed Janairo for books in memory of Joseph Schuster.

Laura Dumovich and Jessica and Patrick Burke for children's books in memory of Atreyu Burke.

Robert E. Kuehn for nonfiction books.

Connie and Ralph Alvarez for books in memory of Jean Graf.

Frederic and Gail Tyszka for books in memory of Christine Holbrook.

Mead Public Library Foundation for books in honor of board members Sharon Quicker and Mary Ann Windsor, and in memory of Betty Nelesen.

Marcille Petti token of thanks for service.

Jeanette Van Akkeren for books in memory of Don Pangborn.

Ann Howell for book purchase.

Eleanor A. Jung for DVD series.

Hugh and Ruth V. Ross Charitable Fund gift.

Elizabeth Doelker Behnke for large print books in memory of Helen Schweig.

"The Fuddy Duddys," Janette Van Akkeren and S.L. Smith for children's books in memory of Doris Haaker.

Izaak Walton League (Sheboygan County) for nature books.

Betty Ann Osborn for large print books in memory of Betty M. Osborn.

Friends of Mead Public Library for books in memory of Daniel Graser and Robert Dumovich.

Mel and Pat Mahlendorf for book in memory of Jean Rusch Wesley.

Donors of library materials through the 2008 "Give a Gift to Mead" program.

Karin Winfield token of thanks for service.

Donors to the Friends of Mead Public Library Gift of Reading program were: **Lillian Bailey, Jean Bell, Kathleen Blaser, Dorothy Clemmer, Linda Dekker, Marjorie Geisen, James Gross, Carol Grover, Phyllis Holman, Ann Howell, Barbara Jaeger, Nancy Johnsen, Richard Jung, Rev. Charles Koch, Darlyn Krepsky, Catherine Lahm, Shirley Larsen, Nancy Lewis, Sandra Mai, Cecelia Mondloch, Mary Ellen Petzold, Geraldine Richter, Donna Mae Ringel, Janet Ross, Rotary Club of Sheboygan West, Janet R. Schultz, Julie Weiss, and Woman's Club of Sheboygan.**

Other donors to the Friends of Mead Public Library were: **Richard Athan, Nancy Eckardt, Diane Fraser, Darlyn Krepsky, Rod Prinsen, Warren Soeteber, Eugenia Traynor, and anonymous donors.**

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Holiday Happenings for All!



(Clockwise, from top left) Randy Peterson entertained, the Great Tree lit up the Quiet Study Room, children decorated reindeer cookies, and the Friends of Mead Library trimmed a tree on the 1st floor.

Up and Coming Events at Mead

For the best opportunity to arrange a sign language interpreter for a program, call at least 7 days in advance. WI Relay Service users call 459-3414 and ask for Kathy Meyer or Sharon Winkle. Persons with disabilities who need other accommodations to attend should contact Kathy Meyer (459-3400, ext. 3411) or Sharon Winkle (459-3400, ext. 3414) at least three weekdays in advance.

* Registration required. Call 459-3400, ext. 3422.

Adults

Chess Club — Drop in on Thursdays, 5-7:45 p.m.

Great Books — Tuesdays, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. (Call 458-5372 to join)

Fiction Book Discussion Group * — With librarian Kim Dalhaimer, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 21: "Confederacy of Dunces"
Feb. 18: "Handmaid's Tale"

Bookstore Clearance Sale — Saturdays, Jan. 23, and Feb. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drop-in Computer Help for Beginners — Free assistance with computer basics
Wednesdays, Jan. 27-May 19 (not March 31), 4-5 p.m.
Saturdays, Jan 30-May 22 (not April 3), 9-10 a.m.

Mead Library Board — Thursdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group * — With librarian Jeannie Gartman, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Feb. 2: "Founding Brothers"

March 2: "Buffalo for the Broken Heart"

Wii for Adults — Wednesday, Feb. 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Library Poetry Circle — With Karl Elder, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Children

Milwaukee Bucks Library Reading Challenge — Grades 3-10, begins Jan. 2

Preschool Storytime — Tuesdays, Jan. 5-March 16, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sundown Storytime — Thursdays, Jan. 7-March 25, 6:30 p.m.

Timber Rattlers Reading Program — Grades K-5, begins Jan. 19; visit by mascot "Fang" on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 4 p.m.

"Happy Birthday, Henrietta!" — Mead Library Readers' Theater program, cake, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m., grades K-6

Little Listeners — Thursdays, Feb. 4-April 29, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Regular Library Hours — Mon. through Thurs. 9-8 • Fri. & Sat. 9-5 • Sunday 1-5
Closed on Dec. 31 after 1 p.m. & Jan. 1; Closed for staff furlough days on Jan. 18 & Feb. 15
(hours subject to change; please call 459-3400 to confirm)



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