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MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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New Board Officers Chosen

New Mead Public Library Board members were seated at the May meeting: Chad Stauber Soik representing the Sheboygan Area School District, Marge Segalle, and Dolcye Johnson. Martha Wortche was reappointed to the board.

The board chose officers for the 2010-2011 term. Maeve Quinn was elected president, Marilyn Montemayor was elected vice president. Quinn subsequently appointed Henry Nelson as the finance officer and continuing as

the representative on the Eastern Shores Library System Board. She also said she would continue to serve as the representative to the Mead Public Library Foundation Board.

Quinn made the following committee appointments (chair is listed first): Finance, Nelson, Quinn, Johnson, and Montemayor; Information Technology, Edward Wackowski, Nelson, Sharon Quicker, Segalle, and Stauber Soik; Personnel, Montemayor, Quicker, Wortche, and Samuel Zelp.

Read and Write Reviews!

Do you enjoy reading what others think about books? Then you may have noticed the option to see ratings and reviews contributed by others in Mead Library's EasiCat catalog. That is part of a new service from Eastern Shores Library System called ChiliFresh. Now you can write a review and rate a book, DVD, CD, or audiobook, and read what others think as well.

ChiliFresh incorporates reviews from library users all around the country, identified by city

and an anonymous user name.

It's easy to set up an account to submit reviews, which are read by a moderator before being published. The guidelines request civility, sticking to the topic, and not revealing spoilers.

Check out public opinion, and add your own. And let us know what you think about ChiliFresh by sending a message through the "contact us" feature on our website home page (www.meadpubliclibrary.org).

Finance Info Available

Mead Library now offers its cardholders free access to two popular financial information databases, Morningstar, and ValueLine. These services also are available to anyone from computers in the library.

Morningstar offers real-time research as well as other popular features, analysis, and opinion.

Value Line has offered objective, accurate information to investors for more than 75 years.

Access these services from Mead's website at meadpubliclibrary.org/reference/research.

Members of the Friends of Mead Public Library were invited to select a free pre-publication book after their annual meeting in April. The speaker, Lanora Hurley of Next Chapter Bookshop, discussed book publishing and independent bookstores.



Attendees of the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries conference, held in Sheboygan this year, toured Mead Library and were introduced to the Art-o-Mat during a reception sponsored by the Friends of Mead Public Library and the Mead Public Library Foundation.



New Board Member Believes in Libraries

“My mother used to take me to the library.” That’s the explanation from new Mead Public Library Board member Henry Nelson about why he is interested in service to the library community.

He recalls being a voracious reader. “TV wasn’t a big deal then, but reading was” and he’s been reading ever since.

A native of Sudbury, Mass., and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Nelson worked for a consulting firm, often traveling around the country. When he came to Sheboygan he “fell in love with the place, and fell in love with my wife, Judy.” In Sheboygan since 1970, he worked as a land surveyor for various engineering firms before starting and later selling his own business. He’s now retired but still associated with his last employer, Werner Homes.

“I’ve always been interested in service and feel I have a duty to give back to the community,” said Nelson. Subsequent to being a Sheboygan County Board member, he was appointed to the the Eastern Shores Library System County

Library Planning Committee where he acquired detailed knowledge about library funding. That should serve him well as the new finance officer for the Mead Library Board.

The library system is a perfect example of shared services: operating efficiently, being cost-effective, and providing services to people, he said.

“The library provides lots of service to lots of people, many of whom may not have other resources,” said Nelson, “and it is the role of government to provide needed services. Many people don’t realize how busy Mead is.

“When people consider coming to our community, one of the things they look at is the library, the symphony, the Kohler Arts Center, the Weill Center. These institutions create a vibrant community blessed with people who are committed to serving those needs. Without these resources we’d be just another rust-belt city.”



Library Budget Scenario Outlined

The Special Budget Sub-committee of the City of Sheboygan Strategic Fiscal Planning Committee has requested a scenario from Mead Library administrators describing how library services would be affected by a reduction in funding from the city of \$200,000 in 2011.

Director Sharon Winkle prepared a report indicating that any budget cut would mean the library is not funded at the Maintenance of Effort level (average of the previous three years) and would become ineligible for state-funded

services through the Eastern Shores Library System (ESLS). Winkle said it was important to note that the scenario described is a report of the Mead Library administration. It does not represent the Library Board’s policy. The Common Council approves funding for library services and is responsible for decisions regarding ESLS participation.

More detailed information on Mead Library funding, including the report to the Special Budget Sub-Committee, is available online at www.meadpubliclibrary.org/about/budget.

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Thanks to Reading Program Donors

Summer reading programs are in full swing at Mead Public Library. For children age 2 through sixth grade, there's the Reading Club and Read-to-Me Club. Every member who reads at least five hours will receive a free book to keep, funded by the Friends of Mead Public Library and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Acuity Cool Picks is for young people in grade 6 through high school and again features special incentives and events generously sponsored by the Acuity Foundation. Adults can read and try for prizes, courtesy of the Friends of Mead Public Library, when they join READfest. Stop at Mead for more information.

Historically, the busiest day of the year at Mead Library is the first Monday after school is out for the summer. This year, on June 14, Mead staff

checked in 4,634 items, and checkouts added up to 5,715 items.

Thanks to our generous donors who make our summer reading programs possible: ACUITY, Automation Products, CANAM, Cousins Subs, Culver's of Sheboygan, Davidson Titles - Ed McCabe, Friends of Mead Public Library, Horace Mann Middle School Faculty & Staff, Lakeside Pepsi Cola, Mary Therese Boyle, Mead Public Library Staff Association, Next Chapter Bookshop, Pizza Hut, Quality Books - Rob Zimmers, Sheboygan A's Baseball Team, Sheboygan Parks Department, Sheboygan Police Benevolent Society, Sheboygan Service Foundation, Sherry Smith, Teamsters Local No. 662, Theater for Young Audiences, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, and Wolf's Cycling and Fitness.



Children registering for the Reading Club kept library staff members very busy on the first signup day (top, left). Teens were invited to a Kick-off Carnival at Acuity Headquarters on June 17 featuring food, prizes and games: Wii on big screens, super-size games, and board games from The GameBoard.

Giant Book Sale Set

The Friends of Mead Public Library Annual Summer GIANT Book Sale will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 15, 16, and 17. Hours are Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the group's annual meeting in April, this slate of board members was elected to two-year terms expiring in 2012: Judy Born, Audrey Kruger, Pat Mahlendorf, Mary Ann Neuses, Donna Mae Ringel, and Nancy Stephani.

The current officers will continue their roles. They are: Pat Mahlendorf, president; Audrey Kruger, vice president; Darlene Kolb, treasurer; and Nancy Lewis, secretary.

The Friends have also announced plans for the annual Dinner with Friends fundraising event. It will be held this year on Saturday, Nov. 13. Save the date!

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.

*Pick up free tickets one hour before the program

** Registration required. Call 459-3400, ext. 3420.

Adults

Annual Giant Book Sale — Thursday, July 15, 1-5; Friday, July 16, 9-5; Saturday, July 17, 9-1, books, CDs, videos, etc.

Mead Library Board — Thursdays, July 22 & Aug. 26, 3:30 p.m.

Job and Career Development — Self-assessment program, Thursdays, Aug. 5 or 12, 11 a.m.-noon, continuing at 2-3 p.m.**

Teens

Movies — Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26, Aug. 2; Wednesdays, July 7 & 21; Fridays, July 16, 23 & 30, 2 p.m.

Wii Gaming — Thursday gaming on July 1, 15 & 29; Thursday tourneys on July 8 & 22, 2 p.m.

Job Search 101 — Three sessions, Monday-Wednesday, July 19-21, or Aug. 2-4, 2-3 p.m.**

Children

Summer Storytime for Families — Tuesdays, through July 27, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Summer Storytime for Groups & Daycares — Thursdays through July 29, 10:30 a.m. (Call 459-3400, ext. 3404, a week in advance.)

“Splash of Spice” — With Pepper the Pirate, Wednesday, July 7, 10 a.m.*

Monday Movies — July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 10 a.m.

Great Lakes Search and Rescue Dogs — Wednesday, July 14, 10 a.m.*

Readers’ Theater — Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m.*

Storytime in Spanish — Thursday, July 22, 9:30 a.m.

Doug the Jug — Wednesday, July 28, 1 a.m. and 2 p.m.*

Book Discussion — “Underneath” on Friday, July 30, 10 a.m.; “Crispin” on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.

Wii Tourney — Grades 3-6, Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2 p.m.

Tom Pease Concert — Wednesday, Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m.*

Summer Hours — Mon. & Wed. 9–8 • Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9–5 • Sat. 9–1 • Closed Sunday
Library closed Monday, July 5 (Hours subject to change; please call 459-3400 to confirm)



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