



# footnotes

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## This Summer, Think Global, Read Local!

**S**heboygan Reads 2009 will feature local author, Betsy Michael, who self-published her memoir of bicycle touring this year, "The Green Steed."

Sheboygan Reads is presented by Mead Public Library with funding from the Mead Public Library Foundation, and is co-sponsored by The Sheboygan Press.

Sheboygan Reads supports literacy by encouraging community members to read and talk about the same book. In this way, Sheboygan residents become part of a summer communitywide book club. The first Sheboygan Reads program, in 2005, featured "The Breakdown Lane" by Jacquelyn Mitchard. The second, in 2007, featured two books by Michael Perry, "Population 485" and "Truck."

The title of the book, "The Green Steed," refers to Betsy's bike, which took her on many memorable trips including the Yucatan, England, Puerto Rico, and throughout Wisconsin. Her book is the story of a middle-aged woman who decides to ride her way to an undiscovered part of her existence — one that requires physical stamina, discipline, and a sense of adventure and independence.



Copies of the paperback book will be available for checkout or for purchase at Mead Public Library beginning in mid-May. Copies also will be sold for \$15 by the Friends of Mead Public Library at various library and other events. All book sale proceeds will benefit Mead Library.

Excerpts from the book will be printed in The Sheboygan Press in May and on the Mead web site ([www.meadpubliclibrary.org](http://www.meadpubliclibrary.org)) and The Press

web site ([www.sheboyganpress.com](http://www.sheboyganpress.com)). There will be an opportunity for an online book discussion at the library web site as well.

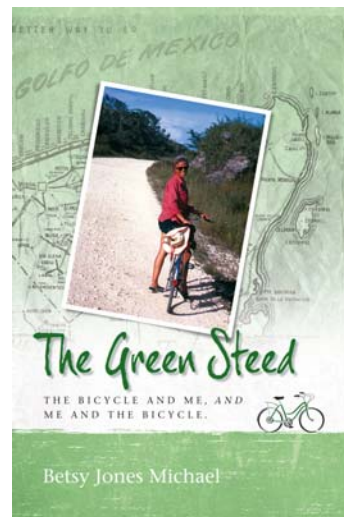
Several free public programs at Mead Library are planned for Sheboygan Reads.

A kick-off will feature a reading and book signing by the author. It will be held on Wednesday, June 3, at 3 p.m. in the library's Quiet Study Room and will include refreshments.

On Monday, June 15, a panel will discuss the process of self-publishing. Panel members are those involved in the production, printing, and promotion of "The Green Steed." The program will be held on Monday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m.

A July 22 event will feature information about area and state biking trails. A final program, on Aug. 20, will be a workshop on memoir writing by Wisconsin author and writing instructor Jerry Apps. Signup for the writing workshop will begin July 20.

Each adult who attends a program will receive one chance (for each program) to win a \$500 gift card from Wolf's Cycling and Fitness. A drawing will be held at the conclusion of Sheboygan Reads. (Employees of The Press and Mead Library, and their immediate families, are not eligible to win the prize.)



## Reading Programs to Begin

Summer reading programs start May 26 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. Children under 2 may join the Cuddle and Read Everyday program.

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. And adults can read and try for prizes, courtesy of the Friends of Mead Public Library, when they join READfest. Stop at Mead beginning May 26 to sign up for any of the clubs.

# A Mead Public Library 2008 Annual Report



Visits to the library increased by more than 8 percent over 2007, while checkouts increased 2 percent for adult items, 14 percent for young adult items, and almost 4 percent for children's items.

Customers checked out 819,218 items from Mead Library during 2008, an increase of 23,650 over 2007.

A record 100,060 requests were filled at Mead Public Library for items requested by customers at other libraries in the Eastern Shores Library System. More than two-third of items are checked out by customers using one of the library's four self-check units. The number of self check-outs was nearing two million at year's end.



Nearly 24,000 new items were purchased, cataloged, and processed during 2008, an increase of 6.5 percent over 2007.

Mead Public Library hosted the "Big Read" featuring the book "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. This federal grant-funded program included a distribution of free books, school events, discussion groups, programs with scholars, a spelling bee, and a speech by Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson.

A new web site, [www.meadpubliclibrary.org](http://www.meadpubliclibrary.org), was planned and developed to replace the previous site which launched in 2001. The new site was created to provide customers with more efficient navigation and more timely information.

Planning began to improve the library spaces for teens. A consultant helped develop the proposal, with the aid of local focus groups, that will result in an area of the second floor to be remodeled in 2009, funded by the Hazel Hansen bequest. It will add 12 computers for teens.



The Mead Public Library Board re-elected Bernard Markevitch as president, and Marilyn Toepel as vice president. Maeve Quinn joined the board, replacing Nancy Moudry who did not seek reappointment.



The Friends of Mead Public Library continue to support Mead's summer reading programs by donating money for prize incentives for Acuity Cool Picks for teens and READfest for adults. The Friends also purchased a new paperback book to keep for each child in the Summer Reading Club who read for at least five hours.

The Friends' BookStore surpassed its previous record for profits from a single book sale. A total of \$2,492 was earned over three days in July. New this year was a separate table of antique and collectible books manned by Fred Zimmerer.

Nancy Stephani and Mary Ann Neuses joined the Friends board. Pat Mahlendorf was elected president, replacing Audrey Kruger who became vice president.

The ACUITY Charitable Foundation, Inc. continued its sponsorship of a major Mead Public Library program with a large contribution through the Foundation to Mead's teen summer reading program, Cool Picks. A total of 751 teens joined the program in 2008.

Sharon Quicker and Mary Ann Windsor, both long-time Foundation directors, retired from the Board at year-end. Barbara Knauf and Sandy Mai were elected new directors.

A plaque in honor of Dr. Jerome M. Maas and his wife, Henrietta A. Landwehr, was dedicated in January and installed on the third floor. Family members participated in the event. The couple are major contributors to the development of youth services at the library through the Mead Public Library Foundation.

Some preliminary planning work has begun for the Dr. Jerome M. Maas Teen Learning Center which will be constructed in unused space on the library's third floor in the future. Earnings from investment of the Maas Fund will pay for this project.

All aspects of library service were affected by the migration in October to a new integrated library system, Polaris. Most visible to customers was a new appearance and new services for EasiCat, the shared catalog of the Eastern Shores Library System.

## Mead Public Library Facts and Figures

City of Sheboygan population	50,650
Population served	69,400
Items in collection	357,599
City of Sheboygan cardholders	38,583
Items checked out	819,127
Reference questions asked	36,425
Library visits	336,090
Program attendance	15,227
Website average daily visits	1,435

### Revenues

City of Sheboygan	\$2,651,435
Sheboygan County	548,885
Ozaukee County	6,798
Other	319,307
Prior year balance	827,198
Everhard-Forrer Fund	45,789
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,399,412</b>

### Expenditures

Personnel	\$2,507,758
Library materials	456,482
Information technology	30,233
Other	337,921
Everhard-Forrer Fund	34,794
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,367,188</b>

### Fund Balance

Unreserved	\$212,910
Automation reserve	116,799
Building equipment reserve	150,000
Personal Services reserve	160,500
Working Capital	277,272
Other reserve	103,748
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,021,229</b>

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# 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. 3422.

## Adults

**"Interview Workshop"** — With career consultant Dana Troullier, Thursday, May 7, 6 p.m.\*\*

**Book Discussion Group** — With Joe Milicia, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
May 7: "Room with a View" by Forster  
June 4: "Revolutionary Road" by Yates

### Computer Classes for the Absolute Beginner

Basics: Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, May 19, 10 a.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, June 9, 10 a.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, June 30, 10 a.m. \*\*

E-Mail: Thursday, May 7, 2 p.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, May 19, 2 p.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, June 16, 2 p.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, June 30, 2 p.m. \*\*

Word Basics: Wednesday, May 13, 2 p.m. \*\*  
Wednesday, May 27, 10 a.m. \*\*

Learning Express: Tuesday, June 2, 2 p.m. \*\*  
Tuesday, June 23, 10 a.m. \*\*

**Reference USA Demos** — Monday, May 18,  
noon and 6:30 p.m. \*\*

**Great Books** — Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

**Library Poetry Circle** — Wednesday, May 20,  
6:30 p.m.

**Wii for Adults** — Thursday, May 21, 1:30 p.m.

**Bookstore Clearance Sale** — Saturdays, May  
23, 9-3; June 27, 9-1

**Mead Library Board** — Thursdays, May 28 and  
June 18, 3:30 p.m.

**"Spend Less, Live Better"** — With "Common Sense with Money" blogger Mercedes Levy, Monday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.

**"Sheboygan Reads Kick-off"** — With author Betsy Michael, Wednesday, June 3, 3 p.m.

**Self-Publishing "Sheboygan Reads" Panel** — Monday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.

## Teens

**Chess Tourney** — Wednesday, May 6, 3 p.m.

**"Monday Movie Madness"** — June 29, 2 p.m.,  
"Twilight"

**Wii Gaming** — Thursday, June 18, 2 p.m., "Guitar Hero World Tour"

## Children

**Preschool Storytime** — Tuesdays through May  
12, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Toddler Time** — Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m.

**Drop-in Craft** — Wednesday, May 13, 3-5 p.m.

**Poetry Concert** — Wednesday, May 20, 6:30

**Drop-In Craft Day** — Wednesday, June 17,  
10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Summer Storytime for Families** — Tuesdays,  
June 23-July 28, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**Tom Pease Concert** — Wednesday, June 24,  
9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m.\*

**Monday Movies** — June 29, 10 a.m., "Bolt"

**"Meet Clifford!"** — Monday, June 29, 3-4 p.m.;  
Tuesday, June 30 storytime, 9:30 & 10:30

**Regular May Library Hours** — Mon. through Thurs. 9-8 • Fri. & Sat. 9-5 • Closed Sunday

**Summer Hours Begin May 26** — Mon. & Wed. 9-8 • Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9-5 • Sat. 9-1 • Closed Sunday

Library closed Monday, May 25 (Hours subject to change; please call 459-3400 to confirm)



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