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Library Facility Study in Perspective

by Terry Dawson, Library Director



There has been a lot of interest and excitement in the community due to our recent study of facility needs. This naturally leads to speculation and good community conversations. Much discussion has been in two areas: “where will we put it?” and “can we afford this right now?” These are both good concerns, but premature. To understand where we go next, it helps to review where we are and how we got here...

Where we are

The Library Board has accepted a consultant recommendation that, due to serious space and design deficiencies in the current building, a new library should be built in the downtown. The study states needs and a rough proposal to meet them. There is, at this time, neither a particular proposal for building a new library, nor specific cost projections.

A key finding of the study is that three factors support a renovation or an expansion of the existing facility. First, **trends in 21st century public library service** include growing numbers of types of library materials, a variety of media formats, technological change and computing, and the library as a community center. Second, **public expectations** include speed, convenience, and amenities; though we can't be all things to all people, we should be easy to use, comfortable and have enough spaces for the kinds of use people want us for. Third, **functional limitations** of the existing facility design, including staff spaces that don't let us get the work done, lack of a service elevator and loading dock, security problems with the entryway, not enough electrical outlets, crowded and poorly lit areas, and meeting rooms which are too few and only available during library hours. As the workload increases but the staff does not, finding ways to create efficiency becomes more important.

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The Board has asked the Mayor to include funds for building design development or program architecture in next year's budget – this is more detailed space planning that will help us understand size, configuration and costs of a project. This in turn will help us evaluate potential locations. If you were going to build a house, you'd decide how many bedrooms, how many bathrooms, whether you want an attached garage, etc., before you ever started drawing up plans: that's program architecture.

How we got here

Our library has changed many times throughout the years with changes in use and the community. Appleton's first library consisted of rooms over a store; a library and city hall was constructed in 1900, with the library located on the first floor. Later the library occupied the entire building, which was subsequently remodeled twice before we totally outgrew it. So we know and expect that things will change as the community changes: since the current library was built, Appleton has built two new high schools, several elementary schools, three fire stations, and other public buildings. In my lifetime, I can remember three police stations and we're building a fourth.

The current library building was approved in a referendum in November 1978, designed in 1979, built in 1980 and opened in 1981 with about 72,000 square feet. The full basement was not excavated, to save costs, and the structure was created to add two wings on the second floor. There were no computers. The media collection consisted of 33½ records, art prints, 16mm films, slides, cassettes and filmstrips. In 1980, the library meeting room was used 18 times, and in the "new building", the meeting room was used only 110 times in the first year, compared with over 2,000 uses of our various rooms last year. In all of 1980, library users borrowed 5,401 items from other libraries, but in 2007, we had 96,818 items from other libraries delivered here. We've seen not just growth, but fundamental shifts in service, unanticipated in the design of this building.

After nine years here, we had some space concerns; a federally funded study in 1990 recommended roof repair and limited expansion – to meet then-existing needs. We fixed some of the roof, and another federally-funded study in 1994 recommended that we should expand to 118,000 square feet to meet future needs. Rather than implementing the full recommendation, we did the project that was recommended for 1991 needs, expanded one wing on the second floor, and remodeled unfinished basement space, giving us 86,000 square feet. This was a big help for immediate needs, but was not a good long term solution: by 2005, the staff and Board saw the need for another study, which was done this year, using funds from the City and the Appleton Library Foundation.

The latest report says we should be at 118,000 square feet right now -- and will need 138,000 square feet over the next 20 years. We can only add one 12,000 square foot wing to the present building – an expensive band-aid. It's too late to excavate more of the basement or change the structure to accommodate more floors. We might expand the footprint, but at the cost of parking – and the added space would not necessarily be the most efficient or solve functional design concerns. A new building, designed for current and future needs, and in the downtown, seems like the best solution. The current building could be used for other City offices or put back on the tax rolls.

Where we go next

The consultants gave us some good recommendations. In the short term, we need to improve lighting and electrical issues. We can work toward an improved security system -- using radio frequency identification or RFID -- to help efficiency, promote the use of self-checkout, and eventually be ready to use automated materials handling to sort returned items. Assistant Library Director Barbara Kelly had an extensive article about RFID in the previous issue of Fine Print. Long term we can work toward a new building.

Some people are concerned about whether a new library is affordable. This is a legitimate matter of interest, but it helps to keep a few things in mind: Wisconsin restricts municipal spending, tax levies & municipal indebtedness. Appleton restricts tax levies even more stringently than does the state -- by City ordinance. Appleton policy keeps our borrowing and debt at a fraction of the legal limit, much less than many cities; this frugality gives us good interest rates on bonding.

Any possible library project will be years away, but will fit all the above restrictions – and will use as much private money as possible. We’re exploring ways to encourage donations to help us move forward. Ultimately, it's the citizens' decision – and we know our elected officials will not act rashly. But for now, we hope people will not pre-empt discussion by saying we can't afford an unknown.

In terms of library service needs, and more efficient operations, the staff would like to move quickly. But we know we need to be deliberate – and that any borrowing has to wait to fit into the City’s conservative long-term debt structure. So one step at a time: program design, then site selection, then site acquisition, then full-blown architectural designs and plans, then construction, then moving and transition. It will take years, but it’s worth doing right. Libraries can change lives, but need to be welcoming and accessible to everyone; we want the community to be proud of our library.

BiblioTech Topics

by Barbara Kelly, Assistant Library Director

Printing and Copying @ the Library

The Appleton Public Library is about to see a major improvement in our printing and photocopying services. It has been a long time coming, but I think that both staff and patrons will be very pleased once we get things up and running.

For many years we have had an arrangement with a photocopy vendor whereby we allowed them to place coin operated copiers in the library building. They agreed to maintain the machines, provide paper and toner, etc. They also provided library staff with two back office copiers for staff use. In return, they kept all of the revenue from the public access copiers. When this arrangement was originally developed it was very profitable for the copier vendor and very convenient for the library staff. The vendor made money, the library was able to provide a high demand service at little cost, and also, probably, to reduce the likelihood of theft of library materials. But the times have changed.

In recent years, the volume of photocopying done at the library has vastly decreased. It has become harder for vendors to justify placing coin-operated copiers in any location, even a busy library.

At the same time, use of public access Internet workstations has grown substantially, and printing from those workstations has also been growing. Until now, the library has used an “on your honor” system of requesting payment for printing done from public stations. People pick up their print jobs at a central networked printer in front of the service desk, and are asked to deposit 15 cents per page in a coin box nearby. Most people pay willingly. But sometimes people mistakenly print, say, a 10 page job when they only wanted one page, and they are reluctant to pay for all of the unwanted pages. Those pages do cost the library, however, for paper and toner and printer wear and tear. Staff has had to spend a fair amount of time “policing” the payment for printing – not a very pleasant job.

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In addition, people have expressed a desire for more sophisticated printing services – color printing and photocopying for example. We haven't been able to provide that for them.

Until Now.

Under a new arrangement with the photocopier vendor and with some software from the same company that currently supplies the program that lets us control access and reservations on the public computers, we will be able to have greater control of printing and at the same time offer better service. One new "Multifunction Device" (a fancy name for a combined printer and copier) will be placed in each area of the library where there are currently copiers. It will be controlled by a "Print Release Station" and a coin and bill acceptor. Patrons printing from Internet workstations will be able to send a print job to the nearest release station, go there and deposit the correct amount of money to release the job, and then send it to the printer. If they accidentally send a 10 page job when they didn't mean to, the software will warn them, and let them back out before the job is printed.

People will also be able to select full color prints at a slightly higher cost. And if you just need to make a photocopy, you can do it right from the print release station, in either black and white or color.

The new arrangement should provide much improved service and pay for itself in printing revenues. It should also free up staff time for helping patrons with more complex information needs. A win-win all around.

FOAL Fall Used Book Sale

November 21 & 22

This Fall's sale features an extensive collection of children's videos!

The Friends of Appleton Library semi-annual Used Book Sale is fast approaching.

This year the Fall Used Book Sale takes place on Friday, November 21, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, in the Appleton Public Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. A special early bird sale will take place on Thursday, November 20, from 2:00 until 5:00 PM exclusively for current members of FOAL. This early bird opportunity is one of the many benefits of FOAL membership.

The book sale takes place again this year one week before Thanksgiving week to avoid conflicts with the big pre-Christmas sales in retail stores, families out of town for the holidays, and deer hunting season.

These used book sales are the primary fundraiser for the Friends of Appleton Library. New books, equipment and program sponsorship for the Appleton Public Library are provided with the proceeds.

The Friends of Appleton Library is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to improve Appleton's public library services. Through its members, volunteers and donors, the Friends help guarantee the continued success of the Appleton Public Library as an outstanding community resource.

News from the Volunteer Desk

by Lou Hull

What a busy summer! With circulation setting an all-time record and the children's and teen summer reading programs serving even more students than ever, our volunteers arose to the challenge of assisting the staff in maintaining great service to our patrons. They stepped up and were here for another library record of 680 hours in July alone! On a hectic Tuesday in July, 18 volunteers were helping out in children's, circulation and the reference section. They were at work on the local history project, shelving books and media, sorting carts, checking reading logs and awarding prizes, cleaning up the children's area and putting the holds on to shelves. We were fortunate to have a woman from California volunteer 40 hours here during the week of EAA. Carol and her husband Nick are with an aviation missionary group and while he was manning a station in Oshkosh, Carol came and worked here every day. Cheryl Sherry came over, interviewed Carol and did a wonderful story on her that appeared in the Post-Crescent on August 5th. We hope to have her back next year!

We welcome many other new and returning volunteers to the library. The teens are: Vinodh Muthiah, Brady Weisberger, Molly and Kyle Krause, Lawrence Zhou, Emily Sheptoski, Abbey Edmonds, Edward Hou, Lauren Van Handel, Brianna Burzynski, Ashleigh Kozlowski, Lauren Robertson, Natashia Bloomer, Madeline Coutu, Kerry Huth, Jillian Kempen, Alexa Kuehl, Sara Lambie, Danielle Laurent, Daisy Lopez, Angela Obermeier, Sarah Polar, Claire Zhuang, Cassandra DiPietro, Claire Sandberg, Bekah Arts, Naomi Roselaar, Matt Noll, Grayson Petit, Alyssa Driessen, Elizabeth Vande Walle, Anne Gregory, Olivia Hood, Chloe Siamof, Avery Boettcher, Kodi Schopper, and Bailey Bushman. Our new adult volunteers are Lorene Misco, Sonja Eick, Mike Parish and Diane Ostrand.

We welcome new volunteers any time! Check out the new volunteer information on our website. Please contact Lou Hull if you are interested in volunteering in the library – a vibrant center of our community.

lhull@apll.org or 832-6346



The most excellent teens from Paula's Wright's Teen Summer Reading program.

News from the Friends of Appleton Library (FOAL)

The summer meeting of the FOAL group was held on July 15th. Our operating budget prepared by Kristin Hunger was approved, and discussion was held on the study which will examine the relationship between FOAL and the Foundation, and efforts to reach and retain our membership. Sharrie Robinson shared wonderful stories and information from her trip out west where she visited more than a dozen libraries! Colleen Holz and Lou Hull will be updating the FOAL portion of the website. If you have any suggestions, please contact Lou at the library.

There will be a Northwoods Friends conference at the Rothschild Community Center (near Wausau) on Saturday, October 11th, from 8:30-3:00 pm. Featured will be a variety of presentations on topics that pertain to Friends groups. It is a great way to network with others from Wisconsin libraries. The cost is \$10.00.

Our next meeting will be on October 7, 2008, at 4:30 in the Library Board room on the lower level and is open to all.



Tenth Annual Give a Child a Book Campaign

Individuals, families, businesses and organizations are invited to donate new books to the Give a Child a Book Campaign. The books are distributed as holiday gifts through the Salvation Army and other area groups in the Fox Valley. Everyone is encouraged to contribute books to this worthwhile campaign. Bring donations (new, unwrapped, hardcover or paperback books for children up to age 12) to Children's Services of the Appleton Public Library by Friday, December 13, 2008. We intend to make this campaign our most successful, topping last year's good results. Beth Schnorr, Director of Harbor House has agreed to serve as honorary Chairperson for the campaign. November 3 is the beginning of our 6- week campaign. Our colorful drop off box will be located at the entrance to the children's library.

Donate a copy of a childhood favorite – or one that is popular with children today. Organizations may wish to donate books related to their interest area. If you would like the library staff to choose books to donate, make checks payable to Appleton Public Library Foundation-Give a Child. If you know a service group or organization that would be interested in contributing to this campaign, please call Ralph Dorn 738-6727 or Carole DeJardin.

Any questions or suggestions? Please call Carole DeJardin at 832-6188 or email cdejardin@apl.org.

FOAL Children's Committee Chair
Ralph Dorn

Share the Joy of Reading with a Child



Save The Date: February 8, 2009
Fifth Annual I Love My Library Dinner,
Riverview Country Club

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Fall Adult Programs @ APL

APL Exhibits

September 2-October 31

From Pathbreakers to Partners: Thirty Years of Title IX
Reference and Loan
Traveling Exhibit

November 3-December 30

Chris Boskoff: A Celebration of Her Life
Photographs, Articles, Memorabilia, and Artifacts

Creative Journey 10:00 am-12:00 noon

September 2 Death of the Dream PBS Film
(By John Whitehead)
September 9 Open Materials Day
September 16 Show & Tell
September 23 Planning & Brainstorming session
September 30 Sectioned Self-Portraits
October 7 Circle Drawings
October 14 Show & Tell
October 21 Music as Inspiration
October 28 Field Trip to The Fire Art Studio
November 4 Alphabet Noun Pictures
November 11 Show & Tell
November 18 Creative Movement with Wendy Siracusa
November 25 Writing to Prompts

Writing Matters

Wednesday morning, 10:30 am-12:00 Noon

September 3 Show Don't Tell: Using Imagery in your
Writing
Presented by Bill Gillard, Assistant
Professor of English, UW-Fox Valley

Special Event: Author Visit/ Book Signing

Sunday afternoon, 2:00-3:30 pm

September 7 The Civilian Conservation Corps 75th
Anniversary
Presented by Bill Jamerson, Author and
Historian

Film Screening

Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30 pm

September 11 Crossing Arizona
Documentary about the influx of migrants
and issues of human rights, culture,
labor, and national security
Facilitated by Nicole Lemke, Intercultural
Relations Coordinator, City of
Appleton

Afternoon Board Games 12:30-2:30 pm

September 17
October 15
November 19

Special Event: The Electoral College

Thursday evening, 7:00-8:00 pm

September 18 Presented by Arnold Shober, Assistant
Professor of Government, Lawrence
University

Music @ the Library

Sunday afternoon, 2:00-3:00 pm

September 21 Anne Hills, folksinger/songwriter

Downtown Book Club at Harmony Café

Wednesday afternoon, 12:00-1:00 pm

Led by Amy Stanwood, Adult Programming Library Assistant
September 24 Free-for-All
October 29 The Book of Bright Ideas by Sandra Kring
November 26 Free-for-All

Special Event

Appearance by Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson

Monday evening, 7:00-8:30 pm

October 6 Impartial Judiciary~A forum focusing on
the issue of judicial independence
followed by a question/answer session
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters

Stamping Cards with Jean Buelow

Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-3:00 pm

October 8
Preregistration required, registration limited to 6, contact the
Reference desk at 832-6173

Music @ the Atrium

Sunday afternoon, 3:00-4:00 pm

October 26 Renard Consort Recorder Group, Medieval tunes

Summer Reading Program for Adults

219 people signed up for Changing Lives @ Your Library
Summer Reading Program for Adults 2008. This is the third
year for this fun activity. 571 prize drawing tickets were
submitted over the course of 10 weeks. Prize winners enjoyed
a \$25 gift certificate from CSI-Appleton or Brewed
Awakenings coffee shop. Here are the titles chosen by the
winners. How many have you read?

Lake Wobegon Days by Garrison Keillor
Patty Jane's House of Curl by Lorna Landvik
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
The Banishment by Marion Chesney
Huck's Raft: A History of American Childhood by Steven Mintz
Simple Genius by David Baldacci
The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory
Death Gets a Time-Out by Ayelet Waldman
Test of Wills by Charles Todd

*Thanks to everyone who participated!
Didn't win? Try again next year!*

Teens Take a Break: An Interview

Interested Teen: **What is Teens Take a Break?**

Teen Librarian: Teens Take a Break, or TTB for short, is a weekly programming series just for teens. Each Tuesday evening features a different program

Interested Teen: **What are the different Programs?**

Teen Librarian: There are 4 basic programs: Game Break, Anime for Teens, Crafting, and Jungle Jive Concerts. Sometimes we also have special event programs.

Interested Teen: **Interesting, can you tell me more about the programs?**

Teen Librarian: Of course! Game Break is a video and board gaming program. The Library has a Wii and PS2 with a variety of different games to play, including Guitar Hero and Mario Kart. We also have a bunch of different board games including classics like Clue and Monopoly, and new games like Apples to Apples.

Anime for Teens is our monthly anime club. Teens get together to watch anime and talk about their favorite anime or manga. Typically the anime watched is intended for teens 7-12 grade. Younger teens can come but need parental permission.

The craft program features a different craft project every month. Some of the upcoming crafts are making 3-D cards, creating an unusual beaded bracelet, and making bags and tags for the holidays. No craft experience is needed; our very talented instructor will teach you everything you need to know.

Finally the Jungle Jive Concerts are concerts performed by teens in the Library's Atrium. The concerts are a great opportunity for teen bands or solo artists to perform publicly in a friendly environment. You would be amazed how talented our teen performers are! We are looking for new performers so if you know any musically talented teens send them our way!

Interested Teen: **Wow! TTB sounds like a lot of fun!**

Teen Librarian: It really is! We have a great group of regulars that come to their favorite programs, and we see new faces each week. Teen bring their friends and give us a lot of input on what they like (or don't like). It really helps us improve the programs.

Interested Teen: **You mentioned special programs too, does the Library have anything special coming up?**

Teen Librarian: I'm glad you asked! We are in the process of planning a huge event for teens! Have you heard of Teen Read Week?

Interested Teen: **I have, but I'm not sure exactly what it is.**

Teen Librarian: Teen Read Week is the week where libraries celebrate teens in the library. It is national celebration and many libraries do special events during the week. This year we are planning a special craft event, Yupo Painting, and an even bigger event: a Books with Bite Party!

Interested Teen: **Books with Bite?**

Teen Librarian: Books with Bite is this years Teen Read Week theme. It is inspired by the Stephenie Meyer Twilight series.

Interested Teen: **Twilight Series?**

Teen Librarian: If you haven't had a chance to read the series yet it centers around an every day girl who just happens to have found the perfect boyfriend. However the boyfriend is a vampire and the girl's best friend happens to be a werewolf. The series is really an epic romance with supernatural beings and is extremely popular with teens. The newest book, Breaking Dawn, just came out in August.

Interested Teen: **The series does sound good, but back to the Books with Bite Party, when is it and what are you planning?**

Teen Librarian: The party is going to be Thursday October 16th at 7:00 pm.

We are planning a variety of different activities including a few monster crafts, chocolate tasting, and activities based off the Twilight books and other 'books with bite'. We will have pizza, snacks, and drinks. There will several cool door prizes including some Twilight inspired t-shirts, popular teen books, and more!

Interested Teen: **Wow! I can't wait!**

Teen Librarian: Me neither! It's really exciting to be able to plan such a great event for teens!

Interested Teen: **Where can I find even more information?**

Teen Librarian: You can find more information on Teens Take a Break and the Books with Bite Party at our website: teen.apl.org or by emailing questions to teen@apl.org

Interested Teen: Thank you!

Fall Children's Programs @ APL

A variety of free activities are available to children and their families this fall in the Children's Services section of the Appleton Public Library. For more information call 832-6187. <http://kids.apl.org>

Saturday Afternoon Theater

Join us every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 September through December for Saturday Afternoon Theater! Each week we will show a feature length film in the children's programming room on a big screen. Call the children's department at 832-6187 for film titles and MPAA ratings.

Explore @ Your Library

Are you a homeschooling family? If the answer is yes, then come to the library every other Tuesday afternoon to Explore! We will explore the library, art, music, computers, and books. Registration is required, and a minimum of ten children must register in order to hold the class. Any questions? Call Ellen Jepson, school age librarian, at 832-6187 or email ejepson@apl.org.

BOOK BABIES – For babies not yet walking. Mondays at 10:00 a.m. or 1:15 p.m.

September 8 through December 15. Rhymes & bounces. Stories especially for infants and lullabies, songs, music, movement, rhythm activities and playtime.

No registration required.

STORY SPROUTS – For toddlers that are walking.

Mondays at 11:00 a.m. or 2:15 p.m. September 8 through December 15. Rhymes & bounces. Stories especially for toddlers and lullabies, songs, music, movement, rhythm activities and playtime.

No registration required.

ON MY OWN – Fun and educational independent classes for 4 & 5 year olds.

Classes begin Thursday September 11 and continue through Thursday December 4.

Alphabet Hour – Thursdays 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Books & songs using the alphabet. Word & letter recognition. Art, music & movement activities.

Number Munchers – Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Books & songs using numbers. Number recognition & writing. Art, music & movement activities.

Registration is required and limited. Registration begins September 2.

MOTHER GOOSE – An early literacy experience for 0-35 months and their parents or caregivers. Fridays September 12 through December 19 at 10:00 a.m. for 20-25 minutes. Mother Goose, music, stories, activities, & tips to promote early literacy.

No registration required.

STORYVINE – A special storytime for child cares.

Wednesdays September 10 through December 17 at 10:00 a.m. for 30 – 45 minutes. Stories, music, rhymes, fingerplays, and movies.

No registration required.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME – Ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Fridays September 12 through December 19 at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes. Stories, music and movement, fingerplays, rhymes, video. Siblings welcome.

No registration required.

MUSICAL MOVIN' STORYTIME – Ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Tuesdays September 9 through October 28 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes. Siblings welcome.

Registration is required and begins on September 2.

READ & CREATE A CRAFT – Stories and more complex crafts than in the Stories & Art programs. Ages 5 and up with families or caregivers. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. **September 9 through October 14. No registration required.**

STORIES & ART – Stories and a real simple craft especially for ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver. Siblings welcome.

Monday through Friday 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. September 8 through December 19.

No registration required.

FRIDAY FROLICS – A lively puppet play, music, and favorite children's videos. Fridays October 10 through November 14 from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

No registration required.

PUPPETS WITH SHIRLEY & CHAD – Friday December 5 from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Puppet shows and puppetry with puppeteer Chad Harkins and library staff member Shirley.

All ages welcome.

No registration required.

KIDS READING TO CANINES – Grades 1-4. Saturdays

October 4, October 11, November 8, December 10 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Registration required for each child to read for 15 minutes at a scheduled time** to a therapy dog.

The dogs provide a safe and relaxed environment for children to succeed in. All dogs are certified through Therapy Dogs International. This special program is a collaboration of the Fox Valley Humane Association and the Appleton Public Library. Contact Sue at 832-6187 or at skemp@apl.org

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FOOD, FUN, AND READING – This nutrition and literacy education program is for kindergarten through grade 3. Listen to a popular story with a food-related theme. Enjoy hands-on nutrition activities. Eat the snacks you make. Presented by the UW-Extension staff and the Appleton Public Library Children's Services staff. Thursdays November 6, December 4, February 5, March 5, and April 2 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

No registration required.

In honor of **Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2008**, the Appleton Public Library and the Appleton Department are partnering to offer the following program: "**Reading with Firefighters** for children and their families/caregivers **Saturday October 18 from 10:00 -10:30 a.m.** This is a great opportunity for kids to learn basic fire safety in an interactive forum. Read a book, do an activity, talk to firefighters, see the fire engine and take home a fire safety goodie bag.

Early Literacy Program For Caregivers -

Great Reading! For New Families – Registration begins Tuesday September 2 for the Thursday Sept. 25 program (6:30 p.m.)

SPECIAL FAMILY PROGRAMS (45 – 60 minutes) – All are free and drop-in.

All Aboard Train Party	Thursday Nov. 13	6:30p.m.
Halloween Haunt	Thursday Oct. 30	6:30p.m.
Harvest Festival	Monday Oct. 27	6:30p.m.
Holiday Sing-Along	Monday Dec. 22	6:30p.m.
PajamaRama	Monday Nov. 9	6:30p.m.
Teddy Bear Tea Party	Thursday Dec. 11	6:30p.m.

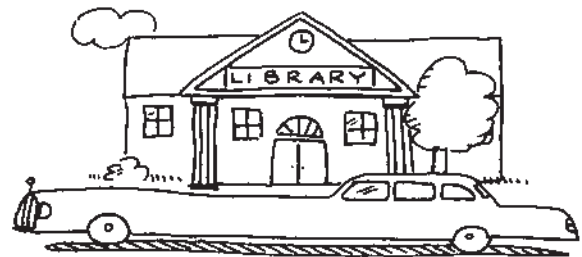
SPECIAL SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS – Grades K-5 (45 – 60 minutes)

Afterschool Antics

This school year, look out for movies coming your way on every other Wednesday afternoon. Tween Flicks and Anime Afternoon will alternate between the Wednesdays at 4:00. On Thursdays at 4:00, look for the Library Scavenger Hunt, Food Fun and Reading, Book Buddies, and Culture Quest Crafts, with an occasional Mystery Theater popping in. Scavenger hunts help kids find their way around the library, Food Fun and Reading is a nutrition program, Book Buddies allows kids to read with a teen volunteer, and Culture Quest provides students with the opportunity to learn more about a culture by doing a craft. These programs do not require registration, and are for all school-age children. Younger children may participate with adult supervision.

Anime Afternoon	Wed. Oct. 15	4:00p.m.
Back to School Open House & Scavenger Hunt	Tues. Sept. 23	6:00p.m.
Book Buddies	Thurs. Sept. 18 and Oct. 16	4:00 p.m.
Culture Quest Crafts	Thurs. Sept. 25 and Oct. 23	4:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Open House	Tues. Nov. 11	6:30p.m.
Mystery Theater	Wed. Sept. 17 and Oct. 29	4:00p.m.
	Thurs. Oct. 9	4:00p.m.
Scavenger Hunt	Thurs. Sept. 11 and Oct. 2	4:00p.m.
School's Out – Activities throughout the Day	October 24, 30, 31	10:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Tween Flicks	Wed. Oct. 1	4:00p.m.
Princess Storytime	Monday December 1	6:30p.m.
Santa Storytime	Tuesday November 25	7:30p.m.

On a Special Note: Hooray! Hooray! 3,709 boys and girls participated in the 2008 Children's Summer Reading Program. This was a **record breaking year** for number of participants in Children's Services!



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Library Humor

The Perfect Library

More and more libraries these days are using focus groups as a way of polling the community to learn how their libraries should respond to changing needs. As the Appleton Public Library considers its future, we thought it might be beneficial to examine the transcript from a recent focus group convened for the Mary Hatch Memorial Public Library of Pottersville, Wyoming, with the following participants:

Edna, a 70 year-old widowed, retired nurse

Roscoe, a 53 year-old married mechanic

Sharon, a 34 year-old married homemaker and mother of three

Skipper, a 15 year-old high school student

Moderator: What change would you most like to see at the library?

Sharon: How about no fines?

Roscoe: Yeah.

Skipper: Cool!

Moderator: Anything else?

Edna: Soft music playing in the background would be pleasant.

Skipper: Like Rap.

Sharon: I'd like to see more comfortable chairs.

Roscoe: How about recliners? So you can put your feet up.

Skipper: Or beds. I like to, like, sleep when I read.

Sharon: I think the kids need a play area with jungle gyms and swings....

Skipper: Or, like, trampolines! That'd be cool. And skateboard ramps!

Edna: A coffee shop would be nice. With coffee, tea, pastries....

Sharon: And kid's snacks, with cereal and fruit and juice.

Roscoe: Don't forget the burgers and brats. And beer would be great.

Skipper: Hey, I'll go along with that!

Moderator: Well, I'm not sure--

Edna: I think we need healthy foods, too, like salads...

Roscoe: Can we get some of those deep fried cheese curds? I love those.

Skipper: And pizza, man. Gotta have pizza.

Moderator: Well, I'm not sure...

Sharon: Then we'll need a wash-up area. Maybe some large sinks...

Roscoe: Wouldn't a hot tub be great?

Skipper: How about one of those pools with, like, the big slides?

Moderator: I think we might be a little off-track...

Roscoe: Tracks! That's what we need. Off-track betting!

Edna: And slot machines. I love the slots!

Sharon: Could we have blackjack, too?

Skipper: Cool!

Edna: Could we get Wayne Newton? I saw him in Las Vegas and he was wonderful!

Roscoe: What about Trisha Yearwood? She's hot.

Sharon: The kids would love Barney.

Skipper: Black Sabbath, man!

Moderator: If we could get back to--

Edna: I'd love to see dancing. No one dances anymore...

Sharon: I'd dance if I had 24-hour daycare!

Roscoe: How about demolition derbies in the parking lot?

Skipper: Hey man, why not have 'em inside?

Edna: I love it!

Moderator: Just a minute, folks--

Skipper: If we moved out all those books, there'd be, like, so much room!

Edna: The slot machines could go along the walls...

Moderator: I don't think slot--

Sharon: Daycare can be in the basement!

Moderator: Folks--

Roscoe: The betting windows would run along this side...

Sharon: Don't forget the stage!

Moderator: I'm sorry, but--

Edna: Oh, then I'm sure we could get Wayne Newton!

Skipper: Where would the speakers go? 'Cause we need, like, humungous speakers!

Moderator: Excuse me--

Sharon: The craps tables can go on this end...

Edna: How many bars do you think we should have?

Roscoe: Probably seven or eight to start.

Skipper: This is, like, SO COOL!

Moderator: If I could just direct your attention--

Edna: What about the cover charge?

Roscoe: It shouldn't be too much.

Sharon: The waitresses can wear cute, black miniskirts...

Skipper: Yeah!

Roscoe: And, you know, real low, uh...

Moderator: Folks--

Edna: Do we need to advertise?

Roscoe: How about search lights?

Sharon: No, strobe lights!

Edna: Neon!

Skipper: We need, like, LASERS!

Edna, Sharon, and Roscoe: Cooooo!

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Ta-dah!! Children's performer Tom Pease delights a sea of children at one of his three performances kicking off the library's 2008 Children's Summer Reading Program!