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Q&A with the Directors



Jan Quinlan, the Executive Director of the Friends of the Appleton Public Library, put a series of questions to the outgoing and incoming Library Directors, Terry Dawson and Colleen Rortvedt. Here is their conversation:

Quinlan: Congratulations to both of you: Terry, on your retirement after such a successful tenure - and Colleen, on your selection as the next Director of the Appleton Public Library. Can you tell us what's going to happen with changing to a new library director?

Dawson: I see lots of positives, though some changes will be invisible to daily library users. People will still borrow books, take their kids to story hours, attend programs, use computers and find opportunities by using the library. And it's also true that the director may be the most visible leader, but the library is made up of many people who do the work and contribute ideas. And although Colleen and I share values, I know she has a lot of good, fresh ideas to make improvements and to do some things differently. And that's as it should be - you don't want people or institutions to become calcified. It's time for a change.

Rortvedt: This is a library that looks for the best ways to provide services and collaborate with the community. At its core, that's not going to change. I'm a different person than Terry and will likely have some different ideas. What I can promise is that I know the library needs to be relevant and reflect the diversity of our community. It needs to continue to play a role in routine daily lives, and provide opportunities to change lives for the better.

Quinlan: I think the biggest questions for APL's future revolve around the building. Why do we need a new larger library and what's the status of the discussion?

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Colleen Rortvedt, Janice Quinlan, Terry Dawson



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Dawson: Since this building was opened in 1981, both daily use and circulation have nearly tripled. Additionally, use has changed, with a significantly increased role for technology as well as library programs and public meetings. Libraries are hardly book warehouses; we are a community learning place available to everyone. We need available space designed for today's users.

Rortvedt: I feel badly when people misconstrue that we just want a shiny, new bigger box. It's not about that. It's about having an efficient operation that we can provide contemporary service, service that is flexible, service that will change, because the library will change. We have learned that the public uses the library in various ways and that we need to provide a lot of variety to meet modern needs including quiet reading areas, collaborative work spaces for students and the business community, spaces that facilitate the human connections that happen from library programming and events held by community groups held in our meeting rooms.

Many of these things are labor intensive, cumbersome and sometimes impossible with the current building. We don't have a crystal ball so we know that if current needs are so diverse, in 20 years we need a building that's still as flexible as it is when it gets built, whether it's a remodeled or a new building.

Dawson: We're waiting for the Council Capital Facilities Committee to evaluate options. We won't be starting any work in 2011, though we may make decisions. Some people have expressed concern that there may be a conflict with a possible convention center, but there's a difference in target audience and methods of funding -- both a new library and a convention center would be great community enhancements.

Quinlan: Please clarify who pays for the Library and explain how it is funded.

Dawson: Library budget funds come mainly from City property taxes, although the County pays a fair share for use by rural residents, and the cost to taxpayers is reduced by other revenues such as fines.

Rortvedt: The library also gets help from the Friends of Appleton Public Library so we can offer things that are more cutting edge and try out new collections, materials, technology, programs and services. For example, our Friends support library programming such as the Music @ the Atrium series, the Teens Take a Break programs which have gaming, crafts and movies, author visits, art exhibits, children's programs and more! We have kick started collections such as our foreign films and introduced new formats like the small, portable audiobook devices called Playaways through Friends funding.

Dawson: And we get tremendous value from our membership in the Outagamie Waupaca Library System, which provides our Internet connection, many databases and downloads, subsidizes loans to and from other libraries, and funds some of our training and library materials.

Quinlan: There are two questions we hear frequently from library patrons. The first is: "Why do you allow people to loiter and smoke in the parking lot and near the building?"

Rortvedt: The City's smoking ordinance has very specific language about where people are allowed to smoke in relation to city buildings and Valley Transit property in the blocks surrounding the Library. When the smoking ordinance went into effect it removed the designated smoking area Valley Transit provided and the result is the area where the ordinance doesn't ban it. Library property ends at the sidewalk in front of the Library, so APL works closely with the Appleton Police Department, Valley Transit, ADI, Public Works, and others invested in the area through a coalition called Washington Square to work on finding ways to encourage appropriate behavior in the area and deal with the inappropriate behavior.

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- Dawson: We don't allow smoking or blocking the sidewalk on library property. Elsewhere, it's not so much that we "allow" this behavior, as that we all cherish this being a free country. People have rights -- including people who may be poor, homeless, sick or disabled. We believe our neighborhood is quite safe, but share concerns about problem behaviors that make it unfriendly or dirty. Litter and bad language are not welcome, but difficult to enforce. The community needs to provide positive alternatives of other places for people to gather and get the support of their peer group.
- Quinlan: Probably the most frequently-asked question from patrons is: "Why do people have to pay for parking to use the library?"**
- Rortvedt: Parking is a limited resource. In Appleton's busy downtown there is a nominal charge for parking in order to ration this limited resource. The parking lot adjacent to the library is a city lot, not a library lot. It is used by people that are at the library, visiting a neighboring restaurant or shopping downtown. If the city provided a free lot for the library it would be filled all day with people who may not even come to the library and it would end up being even more difficult to find a place to park near the library than it is today.
- Dawson: As the largest of the Fox Cities, people often compare us to Menasha or Kimberly. But if you compare us with cities our size or larger, parking at our library is relatively cheap. It's a basic supply and demand problem in a busy city center, but we like being downtown for lots of reasons! Two parking ramps within half a block offer long-term alternatives, many people come here on Sundays, when meters are free, and the City has agreed to extend the time limit in the lot outside from two to three hours.
- Quinlan: How will technology change libraries? Some people wonder why are we talking about needing more space when it seems that electronic solutions may reduce the need for books?**
- Rortvedt: Other than parking these are the most common questions we get! Libraries have changed and will continue to change. Reflect back on how different APL is today from how it was day it opened in 1981 - no one expects we would be the same library anymore. The same goes today - eBooks are another way to bring people the information they want, in the format they choose. Considering how many questions we get from citizens wanting to know how they can use their gadgets with library provided content, we are certain people value their library for the great resources it provides.
- Dawson: That's true -- and another thing we hear "everything is on the Internet" -- but everything isn't, and a lot of what's there is of dubious authority. People without their own high speed access need the library's connections, and even people who have good computers and connections often need our assistance or use our value-added databases. And although eBooks are great for some purposes, the world is big enough for bound paper books as well, just as it's big enough for movies, cable TV and radio.
- Rortvedt: Modern libraries are about so much more than books. We need to think of all the ways libraries share information - through programs, collaborative spaces, and ever-changing technologies, and also anticipate how much this is likely to change in the next 20 years. New library buildings need to be designed to be so much more than they were - which is the most important reason we need a building which provides an investment in our community's future.
- With technology, as with the building and other concerns, I invite people in the community to share their ideas with me as we move forward together.



Who's Been Living in My House?

The Wisconsin Collection helps trace your home's history.

If you live in Appleton, you could be residing in the house of Edna Ferber. Or possibly Joseph McCarthy. Or maybe Willem Dafoe. Even if you're not living in the house of a prominent person, you may still be able to trace the history of your house's residents by consulting the *Appleton City Directory*.

City directories list the members of a community not only by name, as in a phone book, but also by street address, allowing you to learn who lived at your address many years ago. The first Appleton city directory was published in 1874, with the next coming along in 1884. The directories were published annually for most years after that, although some years were skipped. If you'd like to search for an address, the directories are available in the Library's Wisconsin Collection on the second floor. When searching, however, remember this: in 1925 many Appleton streets were renamed and addresses were re-numbered. To check on any address before that year, be sure to consult the 1925 city directory, which lists both the new *and* the old address.

Another source of information if you're tracing the history of your house is the Sanborn map, a series of maps originally created for insurance purposes. Sanborn maps go through the city block by block, showing detailed outlines of the houses and other structures. Many of the buildings are also identified by name or purpose. For example, on the block where the Outagamie County Courthouse now stands, the 1891 Sanborn map displays the outline of the courthouse at that time, as well as a separate eight-sided building for the county jail. The jail is further described as being fire-proof, with stone floors, steam heat, and gas lighting. The Library owns several versions of the Sanborn maps for Appleton, including some recently-added print copies, mostly covering the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Additional years are available on microfilm, while a 1924 copy is bound in a huge book that includes glued-in revisions compiled through 1970.

The Library also has many historic street maps for Appleton, the oldest dating to 1853, when the future city consisted of the separate villages of Grand Chute, Appleton, and Lawesburgh. Another map, from 1896, presents an artist's rendering of Appleton from a bird's eye view, with the buildings in perspective. If you live outside the city, the library has historic plat maps showing land ownership for Outagamie County. The earliest of these maps dates from 1850. The years after that are sporadic, but an extensive index was compiled for the 1889 plat map, allowing you to look up a name and find the location of the property.

Two other books in the Wisconsin Collection offer information about Appleton's houses and other buildings. The 1978 *Historic Building Survey* collected material on dozens of the city's oldest and most significant buildings, complete with photos and notes on architectural details. A similar book, the *City of Appleton 1989 Historic Sites Inventory*, covers fewer structures, but offers more details about the buildings and the people who lived in them.

The Wisconsin Collection features additional books about Wisconsin architecture and historic buildings of the state, while more books on architecture and design are available in the general nonfiction collection. As always, the folks at the Reference Desk on the second floor are happy to give you a hand with any of these materials. And if you happen to have an old photo of your house - one over 50 years old - we would love to have a copy for the library's collection. Just bring the photos to the Reference Desk. Be sure to include the date of the photo and address of the house, as well as your name and phone number. We will make a computer copy of the photo and return it to you. Your name will not be used.



Edna Ferber lived in this Appleton house at 216 E. North St. from 1901-1910, when she was 16-25 years old. The building has been remodeled several times.

Musings from the Teen Librarian

by Paula Wright

A Library is not just about books, movies, or music. It is not just about computer time, or asking and answering questions. A Library is also about the relationships, the friendships, and the connections that we make with each other and the community around us.

As the teen librarian I don't only interact with patrons at the desks but I work directly with teens in many ways. Once a month I meet with a very talented group of teens on the *Teen Library Council* (TLC). This council of teens is my own special group of advisors; they help out whenever I have questions about teen likes and dislikes, when I need new program suggestions, and they volunteer for me all year round—helping to set up programs and working with other teens in the community during the summer reading program. I have a great relationship with this group of teens. Sometimes meetings are a bit chaotic, and we may not get everything we planned on done, but we always have a good time.

It was through TLC that the popular *Game Break for Teens* program was developed. Many times after our meetings I would pull out *Apples to Apples* for a round or two (or twenty) so the teens could hang out with each other for a while before heading home. After a while, TLC wanted to expand to other games, and eventually a Wii—and *Game Break* was born. The *Teen Library Council* now meets the hour before *Game Break* every month. While all the TLC members don't always stay for *Game Break*, many of them do. They help out with the equipment and work with other teens to organize games. It was through the relationship that these teens had with each other, and their desire to continue to spend time together after meetings that *Game Break* was made possible and became the success that it is today.

Game Break for Teens is part of larger programming series that runs every Tuesday evening known as *Teens Take a Break* (TTB). This special program for teens is the one night a week where they can come to the Library and take a break from their busy lives, relax and have fun. We game, watch a film, work on a craft, or have a guest speaker and learn something new. Teens come from all over the community to attend TTB. Some nights we only have 10 or 12 teens, other nights we might have up to 30 teens or more at the Library, hanging out and enjoying themselves. Not all the teens go to the same school, and many of them just know each other through TTB, but they are building relationships and connections with each other. I've watched them text their friends on Tuesday nights with demands of "Where are you? Get to the Library!" I know of teens that meet on the weekend at the Library to play computer games. While it may not seem like much to the teens now, who knows what tomorrow will show and how the friendships they make with each other today may turn into the connection they need in the future.

The connections I've made with the teens at the Library are not just one-sided either. Recently a group of teens helped support the Library's Friends group by coming to the Book 'n' Bowl fundraiser. I was also there with my son and the group of us enjoyed a couple of hours of bowling, along with critiquing the alley's music selection (in some opinions it was poor, in others it was good). I was thrilled that the teens had taken the time on a Saturday afternoon to show up and support the Library, it wasn't something they had to do, but there they were. I've heard it said time and again, "Teens are Future Library Supporters", but these teens are not just future library supporters, they are *current* library supporters.

One of my favorite things about being the teen librarian is when I can help connect teens with a book they will love. Whether it is a book someone has been waiting to read or suggesting a new discovery, I love watching their eyes light up, and hearing the excitement in teen's voice when I hand them the perfect book. It's even more exciting when you can build a relationship with a reader over the years, learn what he or she likes and dislikes, and know the moment they walk up to the desk that you're about to have a great conversation about books.



TLC teens take part in Book 'n' Bowl event.

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For years I've worked with one particular teen reader. He was a volunteer at the Library, attended teen programs, and was very enthusiastic about reading, but not the strongest reader. Through conversations with the teen I discovered that he really enjoyed a series of books that I also was a fan of. As the teen librarian I ordered each new title in the series and made sure that he was one of the first on the holds list whenever a new book came out. I also suggested new titles to the teen whenever I came across something I thought he might like. We'd often talk about the books later; sometimes he liked them, sometimes he didn't, and sometimes he suggested books that I should try.

Over the last several years I've watched this teen grow to a young man, watched as his reading abilities grew, and watched his reading interests change. He is now one of the most sophisticated readers I know, enjoying Russian Literature that I could never read myself, and starting his freshman year in college.

I think it's important for everyone to remember that it isn't the few minutes we might spend with someone but a lifetime of moments that can impact both individuals. Every day at the Appleton Public Library I am building relationships and friendships through my work with the *Teen Library Council*, through the teen programs I run, and in the short moments I help someone one-on-one at a desk. It is the connections that we are building with each other that make our community stronger. When I look back over the last few years I hope I've impacted the lives of the teens that I worked with, I know they have impacted my life and have helped me to become a better librarian.

News from the Volunteer Desk

by Colleen Holz

This fall was lively with all kinds of volunteer activity at APL, and I anticipate just as much activity or more over the winter months! I continue to be amazed by and grateful for the commitment of so many talented, caring volunteers!

Children's Services benefited tremendously from the assistance of several volunteers during their fall programs. A big thank you goes out to: Megan Sikowski and Andy Wade (Alphabet Hour), Lauren Anderson, Sarah Bundy, Nicole DeMario, Mayra Romero, Felix Schroeder (Prime Time Family Reading Time) Chad Harkins and Andy Pennell (puppet shows and craft programs) and Stephanie Parmentier (movie programs).

Friends of APL organized and operated two used book sales which raised over \$6,600. We greatly appreciate the hard work the fabulous book sale crew put into preparing the materials in the months leading up to the sale and for running the store on those days. These volunteers include: chair person Marie Liddell, Jan Besta, Paula Christophersen, Ran Farnum, Sharon Fenlon, Rita Gee, Sue Kempfer, Dory Kimball, Chris Moran, Mike Ognacevic, Patricia McNinch, Howard Porter, Mary Kay Reed, Meredith Schoenfeld, Archana Peddi, Cynthia Maxham and Kay Odegaard.

Three cheers and welcome for the new volunteers who joined us this fall (from September through November): Kirk Leyden, Kathryn Yuill, Nicole DeMario, Mikka Timm, Charu Walia, Kristin Wilson, Patricia McNinch, Christina Coakley, Stephanie Parmentier, Ariel Huntington, Felix Schroeder, Derek Sweere, Andrew Wade, Mari Witzeling, Daniel Devine, Archana Peddi, Judy Mickelson, Mayra Romero, Sarah Bundy, Cynthia Maxham, Marie Lewis, Taylor Knapstein, Saranya Giopalaviswanathan, Vicki Schilleman, Henry Dunning, Tom Petersen, Jill Petersen, Caitlin Anderson, Leann Brackney and Tiffany Williams.

Volunteer Positions open

RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tagging is off to a terrific start thanks to the many volunteers who have worked on this project since October. So far over 63,000 items have been tagged! Tagging is easy and fun! It only takes 15-minutes training to get started. We are still looking for volunteers to fill afternoon, evening and weekend shifts. If you have an hour or two in your weekly schedule and would like to try it, please contact Cheryl Neuwirth at ckraft@apl.org.

Do you enjoy attending our adult programs at the library and are looking for a new way to help out at the library? We are looking for people who are willing to assist at movies, presentations or music programs. The time commitment would be 1-2 hours and would involve attending the program and taking attendance. If you are interested, please contact me at cholz@apl.org or 832-6346 for more information.

Wrap Yourself Up in a Good Book!

Folks attending the 40th Annual Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade got a double dose of Appleton Public Library this year as they saw out-going Library Director Terry Dawson (and lovely wife Marsha) lead the parade as the 2010 Parade Marshall, followed four units later by APL's beautiful float!

APL's theme this year was: *Wrap Yourself Up in a Good Book!* Over 36 library supporters consisting of APL staff, friends and family (lots of kids!) enjoyed/braved the brisk evening air on November 22nd, to participate in the parade.

Thanks go out to the Boldt Company who for the third year in a row provided a wonderful truck on which to "build" our float, as well as providing driver Mike VanStippen and his family. Bergstrom Lexus even lent us a huge red bow to top off our truck cab! Wonderful reproductions of classic holiday books were carried by our marchers along the parade route to the glee of children who would call out the names of their favorites.

Over 80,000 parade watchers lined College Avenue, and over 150,000 viewers watched the parade on WFRV TV-5 and its affiliate.



Terry & Marsha Dawson travel in style!



Children's Librarian Kathleen says hi to kids along the parade route.
(Photo courtesy the Post-Crescent)

Friends Update

New Friends Logo –

Thanks to the design team at Willems Marketing, we now have a new logo. We hope you like this fresh new design!



Friends Fall Used Book Sales –

We're happy to report that the Friends added a special new "Children's" Book Sale this autumn in addition to its annual Fall Used Book Sale, and the results were terrific. Together these sales brought in \$6,600 to be used in support of library programming for the coming year.

Friends Book 'n' Bowl – NEW this year and a success!

We invited folks to take the family bowling at Appleton's Super Bowl...and they did! This fun, family-oriented event took place on Saturday afternoon, November 6th and everyone enjoyed the open bowling, free treats & soft drinks! The Book 'n' Bowl Raffle drawing also drew a lot of interest. A special thank you goes out to all our sponsors: Appleton Downtown, Inc., Barlow Planetarium, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, The Building for Kids, Terry and Marsha Dawson, Discovery World Milwaukee, Charles and Caroline Ephraim, Festival Foods, Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, History Museum at the Castle, Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Marcus Hotels and Resorts, Mason Street Grill, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Paine Art Center and Gardens, Paper Discovery Center, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Stone Cellar Brewpub, Trout Museum of Art, Mary and Dave Willems and Willems Marketing.



Interesting technique...



Trustee Kole Oswald takes aim!



Snappy footwear for mom & son.

Twelfth Annual Give a Child a Book Campaign

Thank you to all the generous folks who contributed new children's books and cash donations to this worthwhile campaign. These books, collected by the Friends, and distributed through the Salvation Army, help make the holidays a little brighter for children in need!



Seventh Annual I Love My Library

Dinner Honors Terry Dawson on February 20, 2011

On Sunday, February 20, 2011, everyone is invited to attend *the* most “looked-forward-to” and “tastiest” events of the season... the Seventh Annual **I Love My Library Dinner** at Riverview Country Club in Appleton. In observance of National Library Lovers Month the **Friends of Appleton Public Library** again provides this excellent opportunity for library lovers to gather and celebrate their library by sponsoring this wonderful event. Cocktails, live music and bidding on silent auction items begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a lovely dinner, and a luscious dessert!

“This year’s *I Love My Library Dinner* provides an excellent opportunity to recognize and thank Library Director, Terry Dawson and celebrate his 32 years of vision and leadership for APL upon his retirement,” stated Friends’ President, Peter Gilbert.

“It’s important to remember that in addition to honoring Terry Dawson, *I Love My Library 2011* will bring in much-needed funding for library programs, materials and technologies,” added Janice Quinlan, Friends Executive Director. “Thanks to our corporate and individual sponsors, over \$15,000 was raised at last year’s event.”

“We’re also happy to be returning to Riverview Country Club,” said Gilbert. “Through Riverview, we can again offer a lovely evening of dining in a beautiful environment at no increase in cost to the attendee.”

Funds generated by this event help support special events, programs and workshops, as well as the purchase of library materials, technology, equipment, as well as funding author appearances and readings not included in the city’s budget.

Cost for a seat at this fun-filled event is the same as it has been since its inception seven years ago... still only \$100. This event is the major fundraising event for the **Friends** in support of the Appleton Public Library, and attendance continues to grow steadily. If you’re interested in attending this year’s function, call the Administrative Secretary at 920-832-6170.



Interesting Reference Questions at APL

This is not the library humor column, although you’ll no doubt have a chuckle or two. We asked our Appleton Public Library Reference Librarians to share some interesting questions they’ve had while working the Reference Desk. Here’s what was collected over a couple weeks’ time....

- A person was calling while sitting in his boat in the middle of a lake. The fish were biting well and he needed to know how many walleye he could keep from that lake and what size they needed to be. The DNR site has limits for individual lakes as well as overall fishing limits. Fortunately he knew which county the lake was in as there were several lakes in the state with that name.
- “Hi, could you tell me if you have a Kimberly dog in custody?”... [pause] I’m not sure if I heard you correctly. [She repeats the same thing; because I think I must have heard wrong again, I ask] You want to know if the Library has a Kimberly dog in custody? “Oh, this is the *Library*? Someone told me this was the number for police!” [I transferred her to the non-emergency number]
- “I want to get the book “Mind Cop.”..... I asked “It’s spelled M-I-N-D C-O-P?” She answered, “No, it’s M-I-N-D C-O-M-P.” I informed her “I can’t find a title called “Mind Comp” either.... [I hear what I just said]... Wait a minute! Do you mean “Mein Kampf?” She answered “I don’t know. Is it about Hitler?...”

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- An elderly man called hoping to find out when his grandparents had married. I checked Ancestry for [grandfather's name] and found a listing for him as a newborn in the 1860 Census. His last name was misspelled in the 1880 Census but the age was right (he was boarding with another family). In the 1900 Census his last name was misspelled in yet a third way; however, the age matched and the caller recognized his father, aunt and uncle as the offspring, so he knew it really was his grandfather. The best part was the 1900 entry gave a marriage year for [the grandfather]. Though it didn't have the exact month and day, the caller was exceedingly happy to have that information. He mentioned that when he was younger he didn't think to ask those questions and now, at age 77, he was just getting into genealogy.
- "I need to find and read this [*hands over a slip of paper, on which is written 'The High Rockies of Need'*]." – Do you mean Maslow's 'Hierarchies of Need'?"
- "Can you find me a book with recipes that will make me poop?" – High-fiber cookbooks
- "Where is my storage unit? I need to be out by midnight but don't remember where it is or what it was called."

Now, what's your question? We guarantee our staff will find you the answer you're looking for!

Winter Adult Computer

Class Schedule at APL

New computer for the New Year? Consider the vast array of computer classes offered evenings at APL!

Monday, January 17, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Computer Basics #1: Starting & Saving

New to computers? Don't know where to start? This class will teach you some of the very basics of using your PC, including how to start programs on your computer and save documents. Use this class to ask questions and get hands-on computer experience. *This class is intended for those with very little or no computer experience.*

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Computer Basics #2: Organizing and Customizing

Now it's time to start organizing the files on your computer. Learn to create and move folders and files, as well as some ways to customize the look and feel of your computer. *Familiarity with the concepts/skills taught in Computer Basics 1 would be very helpful.*

Monday, January 31, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Excel Basics

If you've never worked with spreadsheets but would like to learn more effective ways to organize data, this class is for you. *Basic computer experience desired.*

Tuesday, February 1, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Excel Intermediate

Format cells, insert formulas, and create graphs to display data. *Knowledge of what is covered in the Excel Basics class would be extremely helpful.*

Monday, February 28, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Word Basics

Use Word to create letters or other documents. Tasks covered will include opening, saving, formatting, and printing documents, as well as using spell check, cutting and pasting, and adding pictures. *Basic computer experience would be helpful.*

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Word Intermediate

Create Lists, Columns, Tables, and learn how to use advanced Spacing. *Familiarity with the concepts/skills taught in Word Basics would be very helpful.*

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Monday, March 14, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: Internet Basics

Learn the basics of navigating the Internet, including looking at URLs and search engines. *Basic computer experience would be helpful, but it is not necessary.*

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.: 2.0 Overview

Get a quick overview of many of the sites and services you’ve been hearing about, including blogs, Facebook, Pandora, Hulu, and Flickr. Discover what they are and why you might want to use them.

All Appleton Public Library adult computer classes require the ability to use the mouse without assistance; this includes moving it, clicking, double-clicking, right-clicking, scrolling, highlighting, dragging and dropping.

Registration opens one month prior to each class. Register online through the calendar at www.apl.org or call the Reference Desk at 920-832-6173.

One-On-One Computer Help

Starting in January of 2011, you will be able to request a scheduled, 45-minute session for One-On-One Computer Help with Appleton Public Library’s Electronic Services Librarian.

When you request an appointment through our online form, you will need to provide a very specific description of the software assistance you require (rather than just “Excel,” you’ll need to indicate “I want to create a graph in Excel from existing data”). You can also request help with online services, for example: setting up a Google, Email or Facebook account or learning to use your existing accounts.

The Electronic Services Librarian will contact you to clarify your needs if necessary and to schedule a date and time. (APL will not be able to accommodate all requests for this service, depending on subject matter, scheduling, and laptop availability.) Scheduled One-On-One Computer Help sessions will be located in Study Room A on the Library’s Upper Level. If you do not have your own laptop to bring to the session, you can request to use the Library’s laptop.

The online form for submitting requests for this service will be found on the Library’s Adult Computer Classes page. In January 2011, look for a notice about this trial service on our homepage.

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Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday afternoons, 4:00-6:00 pm

December 16 *Despicable Me*

January 6 *Waking Sleeping Beauty*

January 20 *Salt*

February 3 TBD

February 17 TBD

Thursday Night @ the Movies

Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm

January 13 *Winter's Bone*

February 10 TBD

Titles of movies subject to change based on studio release dates

Creative Journey

Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am-12:00 noon

January 4 Planning & Brainstorming

January 11 Movement & Joy

January 18 Show & Tell

January 25 Creative Dreaming: Use Your Dreams to Inspire Creativity

February 1 Art Film & Discussion: Every Picture Tells a Story

February 8 Not your Average Valentine: Card Making

February 15 Anniversary Party: Bring a favorite family recipe to share (the dish and copies of the recipe), and we'll tell stories of the foods in our personal histories

February 22 The Virtues Project: Let a virtue (such as kindness, integrity, etc.) chosen at random inspire your creativity

Downtown Book Club at Harmony Café

Wednesday afternoons, 12:00-1:00 pm

January 5 Free-for-all

February 2 *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Music @ the Atrium

Sunday afternoons, 2:00-3:00 pm

January 9 Dick Ziegert: Baldoni Accordion, Waltzes, polkas, and standards

January 23 Frank Anderson, 100 Years of Steel Guitar

February 13 The Hollands! Gypsy folk & rock blend

February 27 Foggy Valley Boys, old-time country

Meet Wisconsin Authors Series

Books for sale and signing

Leading with Laughter: How President Reagan Used Humor to Relate, Motivate and Communicate...and How You Can Too!

Monday afternoon, 4:00-5:00 pm

January 10

Presented by Malcolm Kushner, "America's Favorite Humor Consultant"

Thursday evening, 7:00-8:00 pm

February 17

Lisa Paul, author of *Swimming in the Daylight: An American Student, a Soviet-Jewish Dissident, and the Gift of Hope* Introduction by Ellen Kort

Knit2Together

Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm

January 17

February 21

Fox Valley Symphony Book Club @ Your Library

Choose a book or film to review~Lists available at the Information desk

Thursday afternoon, 12:00-1:00 pm

January 20 Theme: Jazz

Led by Elizabeth Eisen, Adult Programming Librarian and Jamie

Lafreniere, Director of Operations & Marketing Fox Valley Symphony

Understanding Muslim: A Public Forum

Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:00 pm

January 26

A panel of Fox Valley Muslim community members will discuss misinterpretations and facts about their faith as we promote a desire for harmony through understanding followed by time for questions and answers.

Co-sponsored by The City of Appleton, Lawrence University Muslim Student Association, and Imam Mohamed Abdelazim-Islamic Center of Wisconsin

Holistic Health @ the Library

Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30 pm

February 2 Acupuncture: Let's Get Pinned!

February 9 Hypnotherapy

February 16 Life Coaching and Reiki

February 23 Aromatherapy, Healing Touch, and Herbal treatments

Outagamie County Master Gardeners

Seminar

Saturday morning, 10:00-11:30 am

February 5 TBD

Writing Matters

Wednesday afternoon, 1:30-3:00 pm

February 23

Songwriting with The Hollands!

Parks & Recreation Programs @ APL

Exercise Classes

Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00-10:00 am

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Lower Level Meeting Room

Spanish Classes

Tuesday afternoons: Spanish II & III 1:00-2:00 pm, Spanish I 2:00-3:00 pm

Study Room C

For more information on these programs, please visit:

www.appleton.org/departments/parks_and_recreation/recreation/active_older_adult_activities or call 920-832-5905. Appleton Parks and Recreation.

Winter Children's Programs @ APL

BIRTH TO THREE

Book Babies

Mondays 9:00-9:45
January 10 – April 29
Prewalkers

Designed to stimulate baby's senses and promote early literacy techniques. We will bounce baby to rhymes, share stories, sing songs and tickle baby.

Reading Rabbits

Mondays 10-10:45
January 10 – April 29
New Walkers to 23 months

Provides your active toddler with lapsit time as well as more opportunities to work on cognitive development and motor skills.

Story Sprouts

Mondays & Wednesdays 11:-11:45
January 10 – April 29
Ages 24 to 35 months

Designed to prepare children for preschool experiences. We will read stories, sing songs, do fingerplays and have musical movement.

15 minutes of play time after Monday and Wednesday birth to three storytimes. Participation in the storytime is necessary to take part in play time. Siblings welcome.

AGES 3-5

Alphabet Hour

Thursdays 10:00 and 1:00
January 13 – April 28

Children ages 3 ½ - 5 who can attend a program independently. We'll read great books using the alphabet. Work on letter recognition and writing. Program includes art, music, and movement activities. Caregivers, join us 15 minutes before the program ends to assist with a craft.

Exploration Eagles

Fridays 11-12
January 14 – January 29
Ages 3 to 6

Features four weeks of literature, math and science, and then a two week focus on writing skills. This participatory class is designed with the intention that the child and caregiver(s) work together as a team on lab activities. Siblings welcome with the caution that lab work may involve small pieces and does require parental support and supervision at all times.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Story Bag

Friday 10:00 -10:30am
Dec. 17

No registration required.

Designed for a wide range of ages, this 30-minute program features a variety of stories, fingerplays, rhymes, music and movement, dramatic play, activities, media and more, for children and parents/caregivers. Come see what's in the storybag!

Storyvine

Wednesdays 10:00
January 12 – April 27
Daycares and Families

Come for books, music, fingerplays, and a short animated story. While geared towards daycares, families are welcome to attend.

Stories & Art

Monday through Friday
1:30 – 2:00 pm
January 10 – April 29

Join library staff Monday through Friday for 2-3 stories followed by a guided art project or craft. (Monday's program is repeated Tuesday through Friday.) Adult supervision required.

Library Club for Kids

January 14, 2011
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

For students in grades 3-6. Help the library plan activities and play games!

Judy Farrow-Busack

Children's Program
December 16
4:00 - 4:45 PM

Winter storytelling. For the entire family to enjoy together

Shining Star Storytime

December 16
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

A storytime for children on the autism spectrum ages four to eight years old. To register for this program please stop by the Family Readers' Advisory Desk or call (920) 832-6187. Stop by the Children's Department before storytime and pick up an introductory booklet to familiarize your child with a trip to the library and storytime.

Movies

December 17 @ 4 pm *Toy Story 3*
December 27 @ 10 am *Santa Buddies*
December 29 @ 10 am *Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue*

Craft Time

December 27, 28, 29, 30

Between 9:00 and 5:00 come and make a craft to take home. Craft will be announced.

All supplies provided. Craft will be the same Monday through Thursday.

Friday Frolics

February 11 through March 18, 2011
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

A puppet show, musical activities and children's videos. Snacks & juice provided free.

Library Humor

Giving Thanks

With Winter upon us we are in the midst of another holiday season. The employees of Prudence Pilgrim Public Library, Cranberry Hills, New Jersey, recently marked the Thanksgiving season by expressing their thanks for the many blessings they enjoy. Let's see what they had to say.

Daisy Disqueburn, Computer Librarian

I am thankful that Mrs. Horace G. Herd, who has attended every computer instruction class we've had over the past 14 years, has at last stopped shouting "*Eek!*" every time I mention using the mouse.

Tammy Lee Buttonose, Shelver

I'm, like, thankful that the book carts got, like, oiled, 'cuz, um, they used to squeal like *really* bad. Like, this one time I was pushing a cart and it was, like, full with these, you know, *books*, and it was squeaking so bad that this guy from my school, he was sittin' there and he goes, "Is that you or the cart?" like he thinks he's real funny, only he's not. And I go all red and stuff, 'cuz, like, he's a senior and I'm only a sophomore and 'cuz he's, like, kind of cute. And I go, "It's the *cart!*" And he, like, laughs and I go all red again, you know, and I hide in the stacks until I'm sure he's, like, gone. And then I text my friend Marci and ask if she thinks he likes me.

Lance Kiddington, Children's Librarian

I am very thankful for the common cold. Last week, for the first time this year, I was able to conduct a story hour without Trevor Wart, the scourge of the Cranberry Hills Elementary School kindergarten, jumping up every three seconds to yell, "That's not how the story goes!" or "My Mom reads it better!" or "I can't see the pictures!" or "You're fat!" I am also thankful that they're predicting a bad flu season.

Freida Ovahdews, Circulation Clerk

I am very thankful that the people I deal with at the checkout desk are nice and friendly and kind and hardly ever get even a little bit angry about having an itsy bitsy fine of 15 or 20 cents and would almost never, ever think of making a big deal about something so trivial and refuse to pay and throw their books down on the counter and vow to never come back, like that's some kind of a big loss to us and see if we care about your stupid old dumb fine and why don't you just bring your books back on time anyway? Oh, and Happy Holidays!

Cathy Logg, Technical Services Librarian

I am thankful for the terrific start we made on the Radio Frequency ID tagging of the library's collection. After three months of intensive effort, we have tagged 148 separate items. At this pace, we can tag the entire collection in, uh, let me see... multiply by... carry the... hours per week... 47 years! Gee. Is that right? Holy Kamoley! I'm retiring in *three* years. Well, I'm thankful for *that*.

Warren Dropclothe, Custodian

I am most thankful that the employee workforce here is finally washing their own dishes the way the rules say they should instead of leaving said dishes for the custodial department to take care of, even though it isn't their job at all. I think said employees finally caught on last winter when *someone* - and the exact specific identity of said person remains a mystery unto this very day - removed said dirty dishes from the staff room sink and placed them inside the purses and hats and boots belonging to said employees. I guess there is something about finding leftover lima bean salad in your boots and spaghetti sauce running out of your hat that makes a person recognize his civic responsibility, if you catch my drift, meaning-wise. And I'd like to repeat once again that I will not rest until I find out who did this dastardly thing. Yeah. Right.

Tank Past, Local History Librarian

In this time of thanks, I am very grateful to the Cranberry Hills Genealogical Society and Skydivers Club for their generous donations to the library. The complete family history of each member of the club, some going back all the way to, er, 1942, is just a remarkable achievement. And wasn't it lucky, after that unfortunate situation with the mispacked parachutes, that the family histories were so readily available for the people writing those eulogies?

J. Smatterling Twinsdale, Library Board President

This year I am thankful that, even though the Pulitzer Prize committee has once again shamefully neglected to acknowledge the brilliant satirist who writes the charming, delightful, and deceptively wise humor articles in the library's newsletter, *Sharp Point*, that the Nobel Prize committee, based on the evidence of recent selections, has significantly lower standards.