

Spring 2012

Between Volunteers

A Newsletter for Springfield-Greene County Library Volunteers

Lights,
Camera,
Action!

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Let's Go
to the
Movies



Let your star shine at the annual Volunteer Luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 19, in the Library Center auditorium, 4653 S. Campbell Ave.

You'll receive the red-carpet treatment during a buffet lunch from Simply Delicious Catering featuring teriyaki skewers with chicken, pineapple and green peppers, fried rice and stir-fry vegetables. Choose from brownies, blondies and cupcakes for dessert.

And the award goes to...join the fun and win prizes playing trivia with questions about movies featuring librarian characters.

Please RVSP by Saturday, April 14, to Volunteer Coordinator Martha Love at 417-616-0580 or email marthal@thelibrary.org.

Friends Spring Book Sale Begins April 24



Load up on bargain books and more at the annual Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale April 24-29 at Remington's, 1655 W. Republic Road.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, April 24-27; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 28; and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 29. The Friends members preview sale is 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 23.

Current Friends members will be contacted in the weeks before the sale and given the opportunity to volunteer at the book sale. If you are not a member and wish to be, please sign up as soon as possible.

Volunteer: Call 417-616-0580 or email marthal@thelibrary.org

Poplar Bluff Attorney is New Library Foundation and Development Director

Valerie G. Richardson took the lead in Library fundraising and friend-raising when she became Library Foundation and Development Director on Feb. 13. Her office is on the first floor of the Library Center, near Library patrons and the public computers.



During her first weeks at the Library, she will visit with staff at branch and department meetings so everyone can get to know her.

Most recently Valerie has been operating a solo law practice in Poplar Bluff as an attorney/business adviser. Before that she was the practice administrator of Eye Surgery Consultants in Poplar Bluff, and prior to that she was fund development and communications director for the Girl Scouts – Cotton Boll Area Council in Poplar Bluff.

She has also practiced law for Poplar Bluff and St. Louis law firms, and has vast experience in grant writing and advising individuals and businesses in financial planning and estate planning.

Valerie has a strong volunteer background, not only as a volunteer but as a professional with boards of directors and governance. She has extensive fundraising experience including a successful \$500,000 campaign for the Girl Scouts service center and a \$4.6 million campaign to restore a historic downtown Poplar Bluff theater.

Holiday Cheer Rolls Through the Library

People looking to get in the holiday spirit found it at the Library, starting with the successful Holiday Open House and Holiday Store at the Library Center and Library Station.

Just as the Library Center's week-long Holiday Store was winding down, the Between Friends Gift Shops staff, Library staff and lots of volunteers went all out for the Library Station's morning open house and one-day store on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Photos with Santa, games, crafts and snacks kept kids happy and filled with chocolate milk and cookies, while the Holiday Store drew a steady stream of shoppers.

Proceeds from the Holiday Stores benefit the Library District's Summer Reading Program.

Gift shops Manager Shelli Kaminski said overall sales volume matched the 2010 store sales, which had seen a major jump from 2009.

Food For Fines Grows

The number just kept getting bigger as the week went on.

With the addition of some welcomed, late-arriving food shipments this week, Ozarks Food Harvest confirmed that Library patrons donated 9,901 pounds of non-perishable food in exchange for a reduction of their overdue fines during the district's Food For Fines campaign. They received 50 cents off for every item of food.

That nearly 5 tons of food will provide 7,616 meals for Ozarks residents served by the food bank.

The Jan. 22-28 fine-amnesty week resulted in fine waivers totaling \$5,141.69 across the 10 branches and Mobile Library.

This year's collection beat the 2011 collection of 8,357 pounds of food and \$3,437 in waived fines.

Have Time to Share?

Volunteers are needed for upcoming Talk Time programs at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, March 5-April 9 at the Library Center and Tuesdays, March 6-April 10 at the Library Station. Volunteers will visit with members of the international community to help strengthen their English skills. **Contact Library Volunteer Coordinator Martha Love at 616-0580 or e-mail marthal@the.library.org**

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Susan Chase

I have been a Library volunteer for 1-1/2 years. I volunteer an average of eight hours per month for the Library.

Occupation outside of

volunteering: Retail and operating The Chase Foundation, international education organization.

Places I have lived: Argentina, Rhodesia, South Africa and, in the U.S., Georgia and my beloved Missouri.

Education (schools attended): Universidad Nacional de Rosario Argentina

Family: Three daughters and one grandson

Where I volunteer and what I do: I volunteer at the Library Center, helping Martha Love with the volunteer and 2-1-1 databases. I also volunteer at Mercy and Cox hospitals.

The most rewarding part of being a Library volunteer: Knowledge, learning and people. South Americans are too loud. Silence is my new issue!

The most memorable thing that has happened to me as a volunteer: People recognize me, even on the phone. I have friends in my "Show-Me State."

One thing I've learned since volunteering at the Library: I came too late into my new and last

country in my life. I won't be able to experience all, like if I was born as a "Show-Me State" lady.

One thing that people don't know about me is: I am a simple lady who will try to live until I am 100 years old so I can learn more in this wonderful country that opened its doors to my family.

One childhood memory about a library experience that lingers with me is: My first visit to a library was when I visited a hemeroteca in the

tiny town of San Jose de la Esquina, Argentina. It is like a library for readers of newspapers.

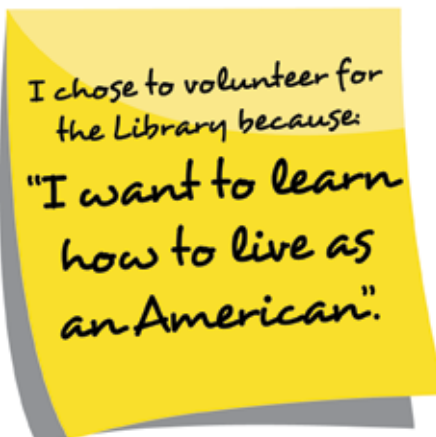
When I'm not volunteering, you can find me: Always busy and working. I enjoy family and work.

My favorite author or favorite type of books I

like to read: My favorite author is Wilbur Smith and favorite book is the first one that I read in English, "Hold My Hands, I Am Dying," about Rhodesia's wild animals and its Kariba Dam. Rhodesia is now called Zimbabwe.

My favorite quote or favorite words to live by: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."
— *Derek Bok*

"I cried because I did not have shoes, until I saw a child who did not have feet." — *Oswaldo Guayasamin*



Maria Karakitsos Leaves Between Friends

For almost two years, I have had the privilege of working with the volunteers of Between Friends Gift Shops. Whether pricing merchandise, shelving books, working the Holiday Store, staffing the registers, or helping with inventory and filing, you have brought laughter and pleasure to each of my work days. Although I am leaving the Gift Shops in order to pursue my



academic career, I take with me the fond memories of friendship and camaraderie that we've shared. I've had a blast as your volunteer coordinator and I am sincerely going to miss working with each of you! I wish you all the best and hope to see you on my future visits to the Library.

— *Sincerely, Maria Karakitsos*

Holiday Closings

Presidents' Day — Monday, February 20
Easter — Sunday, April 8

Come to Big Programs This Spring

Celebrate the Big Read throughout April with all things noir. In honor of this year's title, "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett, you can attend book discussions, movie showings and guest lectures by authors Ridley Pearson and Bruce Hale.

Brush up on your money smarts during Money Smart Week at the Library, April 21-27. From credit reports to retirement planning, area professionals and librarians will help you make sense of financial matters.

Pick up a copy of Bookends or visit thelibrary.org for event information.

Former Volunteer Passes



Former Library volunteer Norma (Eggers) Stroebe passed away on Dec. 5. Norma volunteered in the Community Relations Department at the Library Center for several years. Norma was very active in her church and the community, spearheading the PACE program at the South Side Senior Center.

"Norma was a great asset to our department," said Graphic Designer Danny Dye. "She leaves a legacy with the Library as the smiling face representing senior computer users on the front of the green Quick Guide."

Volunteering a Recipe

Baked Sopaipilla Cheesecake

Library Center Circulation Department volunteer Christina Blackmore suggests this tasty dessert.

Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese

2 (8 ounce) packages refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract or

1 teaspoon almond extract

1/2 cup butter (1 stick), melted

1/2 cup cinnamon sugar mixture

(combine 1 cup sugar with 2 tablespoons cinnamon for mixture)

Optional: Honey

Directions:

Coat a 9" x 13" baking pan with non-stick cooking spray, unroll one package of refrigerated crescent rolls, line the bottom of the pan and flatten. Mix together the cream cheese, sugar and extract. Spread over the crescent rolls. Unroll the other can of crescent rolls and place on top of cream cheese mixture. Pour melted butter over the top and sprinkle with about 1/2 cup of the cinnamon sugar mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until the top is golden brown. Let stand for 10-15 minutes after baking. Cut into squares and serve warm with honey drizzled on top (optional).

Want to share a recipe? Email marthal@thelibrary.org or mail your recipe to The Library, P.O. Box 760, Springfield, MO 65801-0760.



Volunteer Dress Code

Library administration approved the following dress code guidelines for volunteers in November 2011. The guidelines for volunteers include elements from the Library staff dress code with the idea that no matter what your position in the Library, staff or volunteer, you represent the Library to the public.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- No halter tops, tube tops, shorts or low-rider pants
- No clothing that is excessively tight or reveals the midriff, cleavage or back side
- Blue jeans or denim capris can be worn only if clean and not torn

- Tennis shoes or other supportive shoes are recommended and flip-flops and sandals are discouraged for safety reasons
- Hosiery for women is optional in warm weather
- No apparel, including jewelry, which may be considered offensive to the general public (political, religious or commercial)
- No mini-skirts (skirts shorter than 2 inches above the knee)
- No poor hygiene, such as dirty nails, smelly clothes, dirty body or dirty hair
- No distracting body ornamentation
- No hats unless they are needed for working outdoors