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Hello, friends,

Thank you for opening your Way Library newsletter.

In this edition, we talk about two new library services, the approaching return to in-person programming, and a long-awaited notice about book sales. Plus, I'm sharing another surprising Perrysburg history nugget from our local history librarian and author Richard Baranowski.

Let's get started with the news!

## News

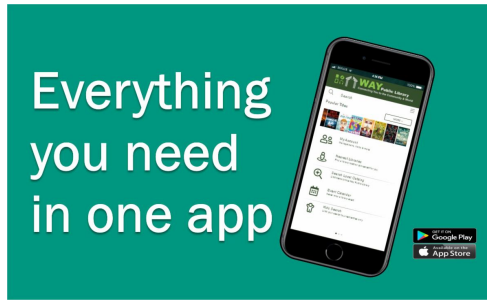
### In-person Programs to Resume in Fall

Way Library is well known for its rich and varied lineup of programs for all ages. We have truly missed having you here with us for presentations, classes, films, story times, and all our other offerings. That's why we are so happy to announce that our fall schedule will include a mix of in-person and virtual programs.

We look forward to welcoming you back for many of our popular series, as well as those interesting stand-alone programs you enjoy. Check our [Calendar of Events](#) often. It will give you the most up-to-date information about programs and registration dates.

The return to in-person programs will be gradual, as we know we must keep a watchful eye on circumstances that could affect the health and safety of patrons and staff. We also

know that you value the important social connections and learning opportunities afforded by our programs. Our goal is to return to a regular schedule just as soon as possible. We are pleased to be making this step in the right direction!



## There's a New App in Town!

### Get the Way Library App

If you are one of our many patrons using Apple or Android devices, you can now have the library at your fingertips at all times with just one click! The brand new Way Library app is free and available on the App Store and Google Play.

Manage checkouts and holds on your account, search the catalog, browse book recommendations, quickly access the Curbside Pickup feature, connect to our social media, and much more!

If you need a little guidance for using the app, we've thought of that, too. Take [video tour](#) with step-by-step instructions for downloading the app and using its convenient features.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more. Accessing Way Library's wealth of resources has never been easier!



## Introducing "My Librarian"

Have you ever stood in a closet full of clothing and found yourself at a loss as to what to wear? Yeah, that's exasperating! Wish we could help you, but that's really not our wheelhouse.

However, if you have ever stood in a library full of books without the slightest idea of what to read next, this is your lucky day!

We are super excited for you to try out our newest service. It's called "My Librarian," and it's a brilliant way for you to get personalized book recommendations from librarians who are experts in the genres you like best, or maybe the genres you just want to try out.

Read [here](#) about our staff librarians who are waiting to connect you with a custom-selected book. When you click on their photos, you can read their bios and learn about their areas of expertise. A link below each librarian's photo will take you to a fillable form you can complete for your personalized recommendations.

Let us know how you like it!

## 2021 Summer Reading Program Wraps Up



It's a wrap! Our 2021 Summer Reading Program began on June 7 and concluded on July 31. Thank you to all who joined us by reading and logging minutes and books and activities. Prize winners will be notified in the next couple of days. (We can't wait to see who's going to take home Gerry the Giant Giraffe!)

Are you a numbers person? Here are some impressive early Summer Reading Program stats (as of July 15).

Children signed up: 622

Teens signed up: 97

Adults signed up: 166

Minutes read: 374,228

Teen Subscription Boxes distributed: 150

Top three books for ages 0-5 (pre-readers): *Ricky Ricotta* book series, *Pinkalicious*, and *Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior* series

Top three books for ages 6-12: *Dork Diaries* series, *Harry Potter* series, and *Me and Marvin Gardens*

Top three teen titles: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *The Trials of Apollo*, and *Elephant Run*



## A Great Big Thank You

Big thanks are in order for our generous Summer Reading Program sponsors. Both of these local companies are long-time supporters, and their generosity is what allows us to present a robust program for readers of all ages.

Thank you to our friends at O-I for underwriting our Youth Summer Reading Program and to Directions Credit Union for funding our Adult Summer Reading Program!



## History Nugget: Perrysburg's First Bank Robbery

Local History Librarian Richard Baranowski tells the tale of Perrysburg's first bank robbery, way back in 1919, as only he can. [Get the whole story here.](#) You'll learn something and get a chuckle, too!

## News from Way Public Library Foundation & Friends



### Volunteers Needed

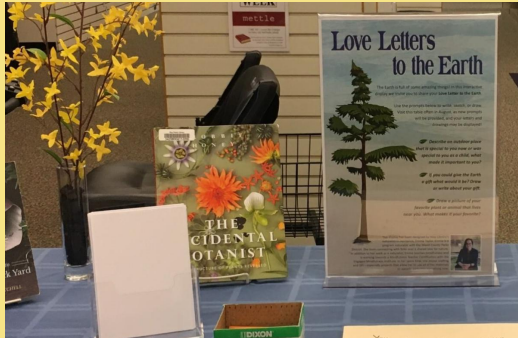
It's August--time to decorate for Christmas, right? Well...not exactly. Levis Commons has presented Way Library with a unique opportunity in August and September. Our library volunteers are helping with a "refresh" of the Levis holiday decorations, primarily the giant tree. We are adding lights and new ornaments to each of the 640 branches. In exchange, Levis is making a large donation to the Way Public Library Foundation & Friends.

Volunteers are needed any time between 1-4 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The work takes place at Levis in a large, well-lit, and air conditioned work space. If this sounds like a project you might like to help with, please contact Lisa Richard at 419-874-3135 ext 139 or via email at [lisa.richard@waylibrary.info](mailto:lisa.richard@waylibrary.info).

**Mega Book Sale Coming Soon!**

Put these dates on your calendar: October 14-16, 2021. Trust us when we say this is a book sale not to be missed! It's the largest ever due to massive inventory. Keep an eye on Way's website and Facebook page for more details as they become available.

In the meantime, visit the WPLFF Book Store on the library's lower level whenever the library is open. There are thousands of books available at bargain prices, with additional inventory brought out weekly. Remember to browse the "Specials" book rack, too. It is located near the Information Desk on the main level and features popular books in great or like-new condition at unbeatable prices. Cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted. All proceeds benefit Way Library.



## Love Letters to the Earth

*"The Earth is full of amazing things!"* This is the indisputable sentiment of Emma Taylor, our Naturalist-in-Residence, who enjoys connecting with people through a shared love of nature. She invites you to visit her interactive display on our main level to express your appreciation of the incredible natural world by writing, sketching, or drawing. Prompts are provided for inspiration and new prompts will be added throughout August. Please join in!

## 5th Biennial Veterans Art Exhibition



### Invitational Exhibit at Way Library

Veterans, as well as their family members who wish to honor them, are invited to submit artwork for the 5th Biennial Veterans Art Show of Northwest Ohio.

This invitational is a two-month exhibition organized by Way Library to showcase the talents of honorably discharged U. S. veterans.

The exhibit will be on display in the Way Gallery from November 7, 2021 until January 2022.

This is not a juried exhibit but an exhibit to highlight the talents and artistic abilities of veterans while honoring them for their service to our country.

Entry guidelines and application will be available in the library and online beginning in mid-August. Applications will be accepted through October 28, 2021.

## Adult Crafts with Stephanie



Stephanie invites adult crafters to join her for two on-site Crafternoons in August.

On Thursday, August 5, work along with Stephanie to create a whimsical [Flip Flop Door Décor](#). On Tuesday, August 24, Stephanie will demonstrate how to use a Cricut machine to cut beautiful paper flowers for your [Cute Cutting Board Bouquet](#) craft.

Register online to attend Crafternoons. If you can't attend the class, take-home kits will be available at the Circulation Desk after 3pm on class day. Step-by-step instructional videos for both crafts will be posted on our website.

## Baker's Way: A pan for all seasons



[See all the pans in our collection.](#)

Many of you probably have your own standard size loaf pan, perfect for making banana bread or meatloaf. Did you know that our Baker's Way cake pan collection includes two other sizes for you to try?

The mini loaf pan will make six mini loaves, just right for a small treat or gift.

The large loaf pan is 16 inches long and makes an extra large cake or loaf of bread. The ample dimensions make it very versatile. With a little imagination, you could make a Star Wars light saber cake, or cut it into slices for Lego pieces. What would you carve out of one of these large loaves?



### **American Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, August 25 10am-4pm**

Way Library will host a blood drive on August 25 in the lower level meeting rooms.

Appointments can be scheduled [online](#) by entering the sponsor code: WAYLIBRARY; or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767).

Walk-ins are welcome.

Donors must be 17 years of age, at least 110 pounds, and in good health.

Please schedule an appointment today and help save a life!



## **Has your hold been held up? Here's why.**

### **Courier Service Update**

If you have been waiting too long for a book or DVD you requested, you're not alone. All across Ohio, libraries and their patrons have been adversely affected by a substantial backlog created when the statewide consortium, SEO, recently changed to a new courier service provider.

Pickups and drop-offs by the new service have definitely increased, but deliveries continue to be irregular. Unfortunately, we expect delays to continue until the backlog is eliminated. These snags will eventually work themselves out, but we know that waiting is frustrating for everyone. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to a streamlined service as soon as possible.

## **Scavenger Hunt Returns**

The Historic Perrysburg Architectural Scavenger Hunt is back! The annual event, co-sponsored by Historic Perrysburg, Inc. and Way Library, took a hiatus in 2020, but is up and running for 2021.

The scavenger hunt offers the opportunity for individuals, families,



and neighborhood groups to explore the beautiful and unique architectural features of Perrysburg's historic homes. This year's designated area is the Perrysburg Historic District.

You can pick up entry forms now at the Library's Information Desk. Participate in one of two divisions, Adult or Youth (for children up to 12 years old).

Completed entry forms must be returned to the Library no later than September 18, 2021.

Happy hunting!

## More Library News and Notes

### Plan Ahead

It's smart to plan ahead when you can! Please make a note that Way Library will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day.

### Let the Adventure Begin!

If you like to travel, you are probably anxiously awaiting the additional easing of restrictions for domestic and international trips. One thing you can count on--when states and countries reopen, we will be prepared! We have beefed up our Travel section with dozens of new books to help you plan your excursions.

For day trips or weekend getaways, look for our new Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana travel guides. If you'll be flying, travel resources on the U.S. west coast, Europe, and places Down Under will soon be hitting our shelves.

### Follow us on Twitter!

Are you on Twitter? Follow us there for fun updates on library happenings! We're @WayLibrary.

### Emergency Broadband Benefit

This Federal fund provides assistance with internet costs. If you or someone you know cannot afford high-speed internet access, you may qualify for a federal Emergency Broadband Benefit of up to \$50 per month.

Visit [Get Emergency Broadband](#) to check eligibility requirements and to apply.

### Free COVID-19 Rapid Tests

Get free rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits immediately upon request at our Circulation Desk. Tests are made available by the Ohio Department of Health at no cost to patrons or the library.

**The test is designed to be taken at home and is not intended to be administered at or by the library.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Our Calendar is where you'll find a searchable, chronological list of all of our upcoming events for all ages.

If you're looking for history programs, book talks, Topical Tuesdays, Mercy Health webinars, Crafternoons, workshops, or any other events, this is the place to start.

The calendar includes all of the important event details you need, *plus* an easy registration button.

Browse through to see what's coming up!

[All Events](#)

[Adults](#)

[Children](#)

[Teens](#)

## New Books



### Moe's Bookmark: New Inspirational

*Click a title to place a hold. Some books may not be available for holds until closer to the release date.*

[The Walnut Creek Wish](#)

Creektown Discoveries: Book 1  
Wanda E. Brunstetter

[An Amish Schoolroom: Three Stories](#)

Amy Clipston, Kathleen Fuller, Shelley Shepard Gray

[Hostile Intent](#)

Danger Never Sleeps: Book 4 of 4  
Lynette Eason

[Yours is the Night](#)

Amanda Joy Dykes



## Moe's Bookmark: New Fiction



*Click a title to place a hold. Some books may not be available for holds until closer to the release date.*

[Blind Tiger](#)

Sandra Brown  
August 3, 2021

[Billy Summers](#)

Stephen King  
August 3, 2021

[Vortex](#)

Catherine Coulter  
August 10, 2021

[The Noise](#)

James Patterson  
August 16, 2021

[Complications](#)

Danielle Steel  
August 17, 2021

[Night Moves](#)

Jojo Moyes  
August 17, 2021

[Lightning Strike](#)

Cork O'Connor Mystery Series: Book 18 of 18  
William Kent Krueger  
August 24, 2021

[The Madness of Crowds](#)

Chief Inspector Gamache Series: Book 17 of 17  
Louise Penny  
August 24, 2021

## New British TV Series

**Click on a title to place a hold.**

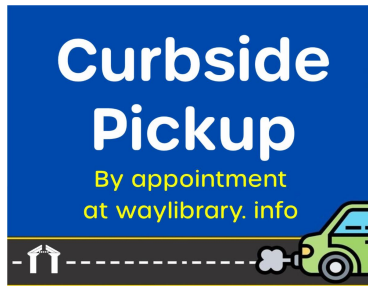
[A Suitable Boy](#) is a six-episode miniseries based on the prize-winning novel of the same name by Vikram Seth. It's the story of four large extended families in 1950s India set against the political and religious upheavals of the time.

[Blue Murder](#) is a four-set police drama from the early 2000s. It features Detective Chief Inspector Janine Lewis, a busy mum who also chases bad guys.

[The Syndicate](#) currently has four series, only two of which are available in the U.S. at this time. Each series tells a different story delving into the lives of cash-strapped workers whose worlds are turned upside down when they win



millions in the lottery. Hitting the jackpot changes their lives forever—just not necessarily in the ways they are expecting. Series 2 and 3 are available at Way.



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I'm Rose, the real live person behind your library newsletter every month.

I hope you've enjoyed this edition. Please send me a reply if you have any questions, feedback, or just want to say hello.

Thanks for being here!

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