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Hello, friends,

Thank you for opening your Way Library newsletter!

September brings some welcome changes to Way. To begin, we are very happy to return to our normal hours of operation starting Tuesday, September 7. Our program schedule is also undergoing changes, as we are gradually incorporating more in-person programs along with the virtual ones. Some in-person programs will be held inside the building, and others will take place outdoors. Here in northwest Ohio we are treated to some beautiful September days, so we plan to take full advantage of them!

Let's get started with the news!

Happening at Way

Marking Anniversaries: A 9/11 Story

Anniversaries serve an important function in our lives. They prompt us to look back and reflect on significant events, preserving the memory of them over time.

Many such events are happy and bring joy when they are revisited. September 11 is not that kind of anniversary.



Those of us who are old enough will never forget where we were when the planes hit the towers. Vivid details are etched into our memories--vivid, gut-wrenching details. We suspected that nothing would ever be the same again, and we were right.

By coincidence, 9/11 is an anniversary for Way Library, too. Our last major remodel was completed two decades ago. This is a story about the juxtaposition of the terror attacks on our homeland and Way Library's grand reopening on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Nancy Kelley, Way's director at the time, remembers it

this way.

At 8:46am, Way Library was buzzing with excitement. It was a gorgeous, clear day. Outside, an eager crowd waited for the doors to open. Anticipation was sky-high because patrons would be getting their first look at the new space after a year-long remodel and expansion.

At the same moment, a jet plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

Staff members were a little anxious, to tell the truth. Not only were they navigating a whole new facility footprint, but there was a brand new, unfamiliar computer system and a bewildering new phone system, too. Nothing was where it had been in the old library. Finding books was going to be a challenge for a while.

Four large flat screen televisions were mounted over handsome fireplaces as part of the remodel. Ms. Kelley remembers that there was some controversy over whether televisions deserved a place in the library. What good purpose could they possibly serve?

Last minute preparations were completed, information and circulation desk staff members took their places, televisions were switched on, and the doors were unlocked at 9am sharp.

Word was just beginning to get out that something was terribly wrong in the skies over Manhattan.

As patrons entered the library and made their way through the sparkling new main level, small clusters of curious viewers gathered in front of the televisions. Soon, curiosity would turn to shock.

At 9:03am, United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the south tower.

Crowds formed in front of the televisions.

People continued to pour into the library. They were now drawn not just by the new space, but by the desire to come together and be with each other as the world was changing before their eyes. They found comfort in talking about what they were seeing and hearing. It was, according to Ms. Kelley, a perfect example of how the library is a place of community--a place for people to gather together to get and share information.

Staff members who had been anxious before opening felt their stress compounded as the day wore on. The beautiful tile floors in the entrance amplified every sound. Phones rang continuously. Somehow, training on how to transfer calls had been insufficient, and frustration mounted as calls were dropped and callers inconvenienced. The library had an elevator for the first time, and children found its buttons and alarms irresistible.

When the day was over, Ms. Kelley recalls that she was very proud of the staff for their performance under the circumstances. The televisions, in the meantime, earned their keep. And though it was not the grand re-opening anyone had envisioned, it was a reminder of the importance of the library to the community in good times and bad.

The horrors in New York and Washington, DC and Shanksville that day will never be forgotten. Read more about 9/11 at [911 Memorial](#).

Normal Operating Hours are Back!



HOURS OF OPERATION*

Monday-Thursday.....9am-8:30pm

Friday.....9am-6:30pm

Saturday.....9am-5:30pm

Sunday.....1pm-5pm

**Effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021*

Special hours for seniors and the immunocompromised
will be discontinued beginning September 2, 2021.



September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Do you have a library card?

Each September, libraries all across the U.S. celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month. This annual observance gives us a chance to remind everyone of the many remarkable benefits of having a library card.

If you have a library card, you already know you can leave your money at home and still stock up on books, magazines, audiobooks, Playaways, video games, DVDs, and CDs. But did you know you can also take home musical instruments, board games, giant outdoor yard games, sports equipment,

sewing machines, telescopes, toys, traffic cones, mobile hotspots, and much more? Take a look at all the unique items available to check out from our [Beyond Books and Beyond Books Junior collections](#) and ask yourself, "Do I really need to buy and find a place to store these things when I can borrow them from Way?" Just think of the money and space you can save when you use your library card!

That's not all. Your library card also gives you access to an impressive variety of popular digital resources.

Download bestsellers, stream movies, television programs, and music, and read magazines and comic books online. Use your card to take language courses and research your family tree. Take advantage of project-based home improvement help, Chilton's step-by-step assistance with car repairs, and learn new hobbies and crafts with Creative Bug.

Career-wise, an especially valuable resource is the catalog of courses from LinkedIn Learning. These expert-led courses can help you keep your technology and business skills current. For students of all ages, live, one-on-one tutoring is also available on demand seven days a week

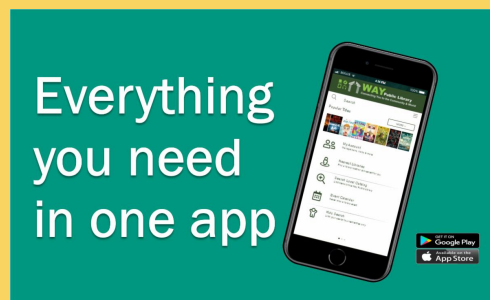
from [Tutor.com](#).

To start using these and other digital resources, just pull out your Way Library card and visit our [digital portal](#).

All of these great benefits beg the question, "Is a library card the best deal in town?" We're going to go with "YES!"

If you don't have a library card, it is simple to get one. Fill out a brief application at our Circulation Desk or use the [online application](#). Way Library cards are free of charge to residents of Ohio.

If you have lost your library card, now is the perfect time to replace it. During September, the customary charge of \$1.00 for a replacement card will be waived.



Download the Way Library App!

Quick access to your account

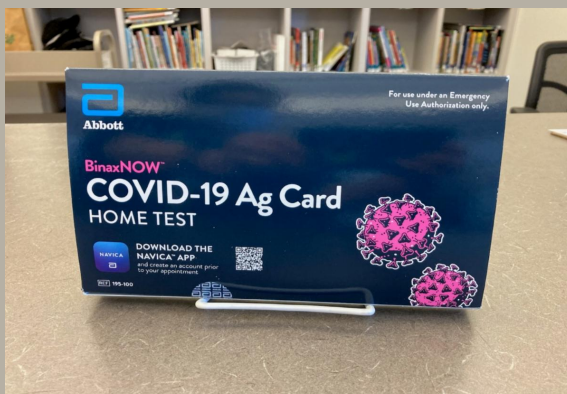
If you are one of our many patrons using Apple or Android devices, you can now have the library at your fingertips with just one click! The brand new Way Library app is free and available on the App Store and Google Play.

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

If you need a little guidance, we've got you covered. Take a [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!

COVID-19 At-home Rapid Test Kits available



You can get COVID-19 Rapid At-home Test Kits just by asking for them at our Circulation Desk. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, please schedule a contactless Curbside Pickup by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

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.

More information is available [here](#).

5th Biennial Veterans Invitational Art Exhibition

"Duty, Honor, Creativity" is 2021 theme

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 November 7, 2021 through January 4, 2022. An Opening Reception Program will be held at 2pm on Sunday, November 7.

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.

For complete information, including entry guidelines and application, please click [here](#). Applications will be accepted through October 28, 2021.

History Nugget



How Perrysburg's Mail was Delivered in 1945

by Richard Baranowski

Lester Jones was born in Perrysburg in 1929 and grew up in our dear old village. In an oral history recorded for Way Library, he recalled working for the post office during World War II.

“During the war, there was a shortage of workers, so younger people could get a special driver’s license through the post office, and I was one of those fellows. One of my jobs was to pick up the mail from the train. The train briefly would stop at the depot on Louisiana Avenue and Third Street. Sometimes passengers would get on or off, and the train’s mail clerk would throw the mail bags on a ramp.”

“For express mail going to Toledo, I would hang a bag on the mail post which was just east of Elm Street on the south side of the track. The 5pm passenger train going through did not stop, and they flew. There was a hook apparatus that extended from the baggage car and it would grab the mail bag off the post. It didn’t work every time though. One time the bag flipped over and the train ran over it. I walked halfway to Rossford recovering letters,” he said laughing.

And that’s how mail was received and delivered in Perrysburg in 1945.

News from Way Public Library Foundation & Friends

Mega Book Sale Coming in October!

Save these important book sale dates: October 14-16, 2021. Trust us when we say you will not want to miss this sale! It’s the largest ever due to a massive inventory accumulated since the last sale more than 18 months ago. 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



Adult Crafts with Stephanie



Golf Ball Bumblebee

Stephanie Coil invites adult crafters to join her on Wednesday, September 15 from 2-3pm for a Crafternoon session on the library's lower level.

Adults attending will create a whimsical bumblebee using a recycled golf ball and other items.

Advance registration is required to attend Crafternoon with

Stephanie and is open now.

Adult Take-home Craft Kits will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk on the same day and while supplies last. An instructional video will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#).

This month's craft kit is sponsored by our friends at Skotynsky Financial Group, LLC.

Baker's Way: A pan for all seasons



Are you ready for some football?

Football cake, that is! Kick off the fall season with a winning treat for sports enthusiasts.

You don't need to invest in special equipment. Our Baker's Way cake pan lineup boasts both regular and 3D football-shaped pans. We also have a "Football Hero" pan and a fun stadium cake pan. Personalize your stadium cake with team colors, mini flags, and sports accessories. The stadium pan includes templates for both football and soccer fields.

You'll score major points when you bring one of these fan-favorite cakes to a tailgate party, post-game victory celebration, or awards banquet. GO, TEAM!

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



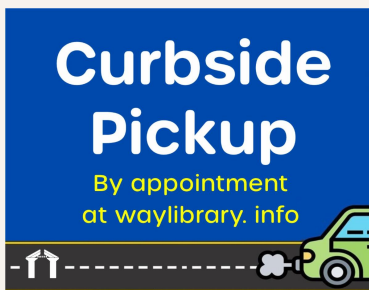
Scavenger Hunt Entries due soon

The 2021 Historic Perrysburg Architectural Scavenger Hunt is wrapping up in mid-September.

The scavenger hunt, sponsored by Historic Perrysburg, Inc. and Way Public Library, 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 still have time to pick up entry forms at the Library's Information Desk. Participate in one of two divisions, Adult or Youth (for children up to 12 years old). But remember, completed entry forms must be returned to the Library no later than **September 18, 2021**.

Happy hunting!



Convenient Curbside Pickup

Curbside pickup remains popular at Way for its safety and convenience. Any patron can pick up books and other physical materials using our contactless pickup service.

Read more [here](#) or set your appointment now at curbside.waylibrary.info.

More Library News and Notes

LWVPA Candidates Forum scheduled for October

Registration is open now for the 2021 Virtual Candidates Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area. The event will take place on Sunday, October 3 from 2-4:30pm via Zoom. [Register here.](#)

My Librarian

Have you tried our new service? It's called "My Librarian," and it's brilliant! You can 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 the 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 submit for your personalized recommendations.

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Our Calendar is where you'll find a searchable, chronological list of all library events for children, teens, and adults.

If you're looking for story times, history programs, book talks, Topical Tuesdays, Mercy Health webinars, Crafternoons, workshops, classes, 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

New Fiction Books

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

[Robert B. Parker's Stone's Throw](#)

Mike Lupica
September 7, 2021



The Night She Disappeared

Lisa Jewell
September 7, 2021

Forgotten in Death

J.D. Robb
September 7, 2021

High Stakes

Iris Johansen
September 7, 2021

The Heron's Cry

Ann Cleeves
September 7, 2021

Harlem Shuffle

Colson Whitehead
September 14, 2021

Apples Never Fall

Liane Moriarty
September 14, 2021

Enemy at the Gates

Vince Flynn
September 14, 2021

The Jailhouse Lawyer

James Patterson and Nancy Allen
September 20, 2021

A Darker Reality

Anne Perry
September 21, 2021

The Burning

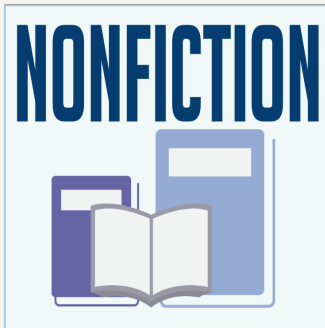
Jonathan Kellerman and Jesse Kellerman
September 21, 2021

The Wish

Nicholas Sparks
September 28, 2021

Cloud Cuckoo Land

Anthony Doerr
September 28, 2021



New Nonfiction Books

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

Good Anxiety: Harnessing the Power of the Most Misunderstood Emotion

Wendy Suzuki
September 7, 2021

Behold the Monster: Confronting America's Most Prolific Serial Killer and Uncovering the Women Society Forgot

Jillian Lauren
September 7, 2021

The End of Trauma: How the New Science of Resilience Is Changing How We Think About PTSD

George A. Bonanno
September 7, 2021

Chasing Me to My Grave: An Artist's Memoir of the Jim Crow South

Winfred Rembert
September 7, 2021

Travels with George: In Search of Washington and his Legacy

Nathaniel Philbrick
September 14, 2021

Curveball: How I Discovered True Fulfillment After Chasing Fortune and Fame

Barry Zito
September 14, 2021

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty

Anderson Cooper
September 21, 2021

Believing: Our Thirty-year Journey to End Gender Violence

Anita Hill
September 28, 2021

Robert E. Lee

Allen C. Guelzo
September 28, 2021

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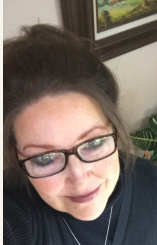
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Contact Information

Hi! 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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