

# *Friends of the Library*



**Wood County District Public Library**

**Newsletter August 2014**

## **Kathryn Whitacre Volunteer of the Year**

The recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award was Kathryn Whitacre.

WCDPL staff members provide Volunteer of the



Year nominations to Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library Board makes the final selection. Kathryn was presented with a glass remembrance at the Staff Appreciation Breakfast in April.

Kathryn has volunteered for the monumental task of correcting online entries in the Ohio Obituary Database. Kathryn works at the library almost every day to copy Sentinel-Tribune obituary information from microfilm to correct the online database for the Ohio Obituary Index.

Kathryn's vision is focused on providing useful information to researchers who will be using the library's resources many years in the future. She is helping the library to fulfill its mission to provide access to local history and genealogical material for future generations of researchers.

This is a story of how a project grew beyond a local resource and becomes a useful Internet tool that reaches across the globe. Some data was lost in the process of moving from WCDPL card catalog to online records on the Web. Kathryn is working through the Sentinel-Tribune microfilm decade by

decade, recording each obituary so that it can be checked against the online database. There are 147 years of Sentinel-Tribune microfilm in the WCDPL collection, and Kathryn reads and records the information for each person so that future families will be able to find their ancestors. Many thanks to Kathryn Whitacre, for her contributions to the WCDPL and to the Ohio Obituary Index. (Information provided by Michael Penrod, WCDPL Director).

## **Book Sale Volunteers Needed**

### **Set-up**

Wed., Sept 3, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Thurs., Sept 4, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

### **Book Sales**

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Thurs., Sept. 4., 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Friends Members-Only Sale

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Fri., Sept. 5, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

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Sat., Sept. 6, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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Sun., Sept. 7, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

### **Clean-up**

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Mon., Sept. 8, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**To assist, contact Dianne Mershman at  
419-353-2481 or [lmershman@woh.rr.com](mailto:lmershman@woh.rr.com).**



## **Book Sale Donations Appreciated**

Gently-used books, DVDs & CDs will be accepted for the Friends of the Library Book Sale on Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3 at WCDPL during regular library hours.

## **Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast Sponsored by the Friends of the Library**

The Staff Appreciation Breakfast was held on April 24, 2014 and attended by 29 staff members. Donna Mertz (FOL Treasurer and Membership Chair) coordinated the event with assistance from FOL board members Karin Edstrom, Barbara Applebaum, and Martha Fether. The tables were lovely with fresh flower arrangements, the food delicious, and library staff was extremely thankful.

Fourteen Friends of the Library members volunteered to assist and supply breakfast casseroles and burritos, breads, muffins, fruit, yogurt, juice, etc. for the breakfast. Sincere thanks to all Friends of the Library members who provided the delicious food for this breakfast. (Information provided by Donna Mertz)

## **Membership in the Friends of the Library**

Many thanks to those who have renewed their membership and a hearty welcome to new members! Membership dues, as well as the fund raising activities, such as our very popular book sales, provide money to enhance library services. As an example, the Friends recently donated \$4,500 toward the Schedel Gardens event, a library celebration that raised \$95,000 to buy books.

Membership dues are \$15/year for an individual and \$25/year for a family; membership year is January 1 to December 31. Membership forms are available at the circulation desk or online at: <http://wcdpl.org/content/membership>. Applications from October 1 are good for the remainder of the year and the next calendar year. (Information provided by Donna Mertz, Membership Committee Chair)

## **Friends of the Library Reception Sunday, October 5, 2014 Mark Your Calendar**

All members of the Friends are invited to a reception in the WCDPL atrium on Sunday, October 5. The event will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a program from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

The reception is designed for Friends to learn more about the Friends of the Library, the WCDPL, and the WCDPL levy campaign. The event will also encourage the recruitment of new members, and provide an opportunity for Friends to provide feedback and ideas for the organization. Current members will also be able to renew their membership for 2015 at the reception.

A postcard invitation, with RSVP, will be sent to current members after Labor Day. Electronic invitations will also be sent. Look for more information, including volunteer requests, posted in the library and future e-newsletter information.

Members will be encouraged to invite potential new "Friends" to the reception. New memberships purchased between October 1 and December 31, 2014 will be valid through 2015.

Mark your calendar and think of friends who may be interested in becoming members of the Friends of the Library.



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