

From the Library Director

As summer winds down, I begin to eagerly anticipate the arrival of Fall and the pleasures it brings: the crispness in the air; freshly picked sweet apples and apple cider; plump pumpkins waiting to become pies and jack-o-lanterns; an afternoon or evening settled into a comfortable chair, reading a good book and sipping a hot cup of tea. In many ways, the aspects of Fall I most enjoy are its traditions.

The library has its own seasonal traditions, many of which are highlighted in this issue of *Connect*. Each September WCDPL joins in the nation-wide celebration of Library Card Signup Month. Anytime is a great time to get a library card, of course, but during September I especially encourage you to bring in young readers for their first card or a friend or family member who has always meant to get a card, but never gotten around to it. Since 2003, Community Reads has been a tradition—you'll find information about this year's book on here. A tradition nearly synonymous with fall is the return to school. Visit the Children's Place pages here to discover the many ways WCDPL provides support and resources for young scholars and their parents. Nor can it be forgotten that fall ushers in the holiday season. Look for WCDPL in Bowling Green's Holiday Parade, visits to the library from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and more holiday festivities.

Whatever you most anticipate with the coming of the fall, I look forward to welcoming you to the library. From story times to author visits to book discussions for readers of all ages, you'll find programs to entertain, educate, and delight the whole family and plenty of good books to take home for that cozy evening of reading.

See you at the library!

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