

Awesome Associates! Fabulous Friends!

Big screen televisions, book totes, microfilm reader-printers, Distinguished Speakers Series, reading club incentives and more all originate from our Bartholomew County Library Associates.

If you are new to the area you might be more familiar with the term Friends of the Library. In Bartholomew County the Library Associates are our Friends group and what Friends they are!

Through their financial support our Associates help us out in many ways, some of which are listed above. The annual book sale may be the event many of you are most familiar with.

Held each October the sale features items we have discarded from our collections (for various reasons) and donations from our patrons. For the past few years Library Associate Judy Cecil has mustered the forces and organized the annual sale with great diligence and grace. The Associates also have a continuous book sale located on our main floor on the shelves in the windows overlooking the Large Arch.

Book bag sales provide another avenue of fundraising. The bags may be purchased at the main circulation desk, the children's department or at our Hope Branch Library. The Associates have a Board of Directors and Jeff Baker is the current President of the Board. For the past year or so I have attended Associates meetings to request funds for a number of adult programming needs. Much is accomplished during these meetings and the Associates on the Board take their responsibilities seriously.

One popular Associates sponsored program is the Distinguished Speakers Series. Begun in the summer of 2004 the series brings to Columbus guests who speak on a variety of topics. Anne Ryder was the first speaker in the series and over the years James Alexander Thom, Dick Wolfsie, Chris Wright, Lori Borgman, Quinn Lemley, Ryan Nerz, Lee Hamilton and others have been a part of this popular project.

This September Columbus native and attorney Pamela Robillard Mackey, who gained fame during the Kobe Bryant trial, will be our first Distinguished Speaker for the fall series. She will be followed in October by David Smith, author of Hoosiers in Hollywood and in November Dean Dorrell will appear as Abraham Lincoln.

For more information on our Associates group, including how to join, visit our website at www.barth.lib.in.us and click on the Library Associates box.

Programming Notes. Nashville (IN) author Michael Newton will present Indiana's Unknown Creatures on July 10. He will describe Indiana's place in the realm of cryptozoology, the study of 'hidden' or unexpected animals. Examples will include Bigfoot, lizard men and lake monsters.

Join Dr. Leah Jackman-Wheitner on July 17 when she presents S.M.A.R.T. Goals are Stupid: The New Way to Get Things Done. Based on an upcoming book Leah will talk about the new mindset for goal-setting and time management.

July 24 is the date professional organizer Christine Rice asks the question, Do You Lack the Organizing Gene? Christine is the author of The Organization Prescription. She will cover the six most common traits of organized people and how you can incorporate these traits into your busy life.

These three programs all begin at 7:00 p.m. in our Red Room. To register please call 379-1266 or email reference@barth.lib.in.us.

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