

News of the Future

Stop. Listen. Can you hear it? Do you hear the symphony off in the distance? Wow, methinks I am going to love this symphony and you will too!

Symphony is the new system you will be using in the next few months to access the online catalog at your library. You will discover that Symphony is user friendly and very intuitive. Looking up titles, placing holds, distinguishing between a book and a non-print item—all of this will be much easier with Symphony. But, you must be patient for this Symphony as the musicians (your library staff) are still tuning up and learning the notes. In fact we have not had a dress rehearsal yet! Stay tuned!

Oh my gosh—I hear something else—very softly though—I hear pages turning and turning—why it's someone reading *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations-- One School at a Time*. This person has heard through the grapevine that *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin is this year's Community Book Read selection.

And now you know too! More news and announcements will be forthcoming about the 2010 book read and surrounding events. *Three Cups of Tea*, published in 2006, "recounts the journey that led Mortenson from a failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to successfully establish schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan."

Those planning the Community Book Read are very excited by the fact that in addition to the original *Three Cups of Tea* there is also a Young Reader's Edition and the picture book, *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea*. We hope that many of you will read *Three Cups* and join in the discussions, either formally (book discussion dates to be announced) or informally.

The official kick-off date for the Community Book Read is September 9, when the outreach coordinator for the Central Asia Institute (founded to build schools in rural areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan) will be in town for a presentation.

While you are waiting for that presentation you might want to stop by your library on August 26 for the program *Why Muslims Matter to U.S. History* presented by Edward E. Curtis IV. Curtis is the author of the book *Muslims in America: A Short History* and his talk is part of the Distinguished Speakers Series sponsored by the Bartholomew County Library Associates.

Other items of note coming to your library in the next couple of weeks: Savvy Social Security Planning, July 27, 7:00 pm; Supporting the Thyroid Naturally, July 29, 6:30 pm; Beginning Jewelry Making, August 2, 6:30 pm (material fee); Packed With Nutrition - School Lunches, August 3, 6:30 pm and Beginning Basket Making, August 5, 4-8:30 pm (material fee).

Call us at 379-1266 or visit barth.lib.in.us for more information on these programs or just stop by and visit us! We love to chat with our patrons!

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