

## New Year and New Speakers at Your Library

During these winter months when the weather can be cold and nasty and you may feel a tad blue or just plain yucky—remember that your library always has a variety of programs for all ages – sure to perk you up and stimulate your mind.

Our Bartholomew County Library Associates sponsor the Distinguished Speakers Series every year and we usher in our 2012 Series on January 24, 6:30 p.m. with Indianapolis Colts Community Spokesperson Josh Bleil. While serving in Iraq this Greenfield native and Marine was severely injured, resulting in the loss of both of his legs. After extensive rehabilitation Bleil returned to Indiana and was hired by the Colts. Josh will talk about his book *One Step At A Time: A Young Marine's Story of Courage, Hope, and a New Life in the NFL*, which details his unique and inspiring story. Copies of Josh's book will be available for purchase from Viewpoint Books.

Although not part of the Speakers Series The Carbon Cycle: Indiana and the World Breathe Together on January 26, 6:30 p.m. will be of interest to many. Our presenter Dr. Faiz Rahman, professor of geography at IU and principal investigator of two large NASA research projects, will provide an overview of what we know and what we still don't know about the carbon cycle. Dr. Rahman will discuss his research using NASA satellite data that studies the Morgan-Monroe State Forest and other forested areas in the U.S., as well as the rapidly-disappearing mangrove swamps in Southeast Asia.

Our Black History Month speaker and part of the Distinguished Speakers Series is Janet Cheatham Bell on February 7, 7:00 p.m. Ms. Bell is a publishing entrepreneur, and a former consultant for the Indiana Department of Education. She has taught African American literature at a number of colleges and universities and currently lives in Bloomington after residing in Chicago for many years. She is the author of the books *Victory of the Spirit: Reflections on My Journey; The Time and Place That Gave Me Life* and the editor of several books of famous black quotations.

Our February 20, 6:30 p.m.our Distinguished Speaker hosts his own TV show Ultimate Outdoors with Eddie Brochin. His topic will be one his latest passions- falconry. In addition to the history of the sport Eddie will show the trailer to an upcoming film The Falconer: Sport of Kings largely filmed in Mongolia.

Greg Lewis stops by your library on February 21, 7:00 p.m. for his program Name That President!

You can learn about legendary Indiana jazz musician Dr. David Baker on February 23, 7:00 p.m. during the program Indiana Jazz History. Musician, professor and author Monika Herzig will talk about Dr. Baker and his influence on jazz and read some passages from her book *David Baker: A Legacy In Music*. She will play music featuring tunes by Dr. Baker and other Indiana jazz musicians. Viewpoint Books will have copies of her book available and Ms. Herzig will have cd's for sale.

Our Women's History Month program and part of the Distinguished Speakers Series is set for March 6, 6:30 p.m. when Sharon Kirk Clifton presents *At Home and in Harm's Way: The Role of Indiana Women in the Civil War*.

You have just read about a variety of programs at your library—and that is just the beginning! Our Children's Department is always hopping with activity and don't forget that we have computer classes for everyone and lots, lots more.

And we have new teen programs beginning in January – Shutter Club (photography), Art/Writing Club, After Hours Film Series, and Xbox Club.

Sign up for the Winter Reading Club. It's for all ages, and you might win a Kindle!

Stop by our website [barth.lib.in.us](http://barth.lib.in.us) –it has the information you need to make the blues and yuckys go away so this winter will be fun-filled and stimulating!

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