

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

Library marks National Library Week and National Volunteer Week

April 10 – 16 is National Library Week. The Friends of the Library organization has a few things planned to help us highlight our library.

The week will kick off with a program about the history of the library building. Don Schaufelberger will be presenting in the library auditorium at 2:00 Sunday, the 10th. He will give a show and tell about the building’s origin, addition, and how it has served the community.

As you may know, Mr. Schaufelberger is a former CEO of NPPD. Show up to the program to learn where his office used to be in what is now the library. What better way to start National Library Week than to learn about your library building itself?

Those of you who frequent the library may have noticed a few things placed around the library. During the lead-up to this week, the Friends displayed decorated boxes in various areas of the library. Patrons were invited to pick up one of the provided papers and write why they love their library. The papers will end up on collages around the library.

The Friends are also raffling a Nook e-reader during the week. The Nook is compatible with the library’s OverDrive downloadable audio and e-books. There is a host of other applications for which you can use this newest version of the Nook.

During the week the library and the Friends put out some little giveaways to celebrate this year’s National Library Week, as well as the one year anniversary of the public computer lab upgrade. The lab’s grand opening was the big event for National Library Week last year. It now tallies over 3,000 reservations a month.

This year National Volunteer Week is the same week as National Library Week, and every bit as important to the library. We thank the following volunteers who give so generously of their time to help library staff serve the public -- Library Board members Carol Keller, Joie Taylor, Jim Schaefer, Sharon Raimondo, and Melodee Pedersen; Friends of the Library Board members Melodee Pedersen, Carol Goering, Rita Samuelson, Gayleen Hingst, Judy Marshall, Diane Klug, Rae Fulton, Lori Neid, and ex-officio, Marilyn Zehring. The Library Foundation is made up of the Library Board members plus Craig Neid, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Fehringer, and Jan Curry.

We are also very grateful to our larger Friends group of volunteers who work on the book sale, shelf read, help with programs, and other tasks. You all make such a difference to the staff and public.

First quarter memorials to the Columbus Library Foundation were given as follows: D’ete Haldiman Kluck in memory of Martin Park and Dorothy Porman; Ray and Nancy Welker in memory of Elaine Konecky and Carroll Henke; Bud and Rita Fleischer in memory of Peggy Gerhard; Carroll and Nana Channer in memory of Sharon Tedesco; Jenny Brunsmas in memory of Forrest Kinzli; and Dick and Patty, Heidi and Jeff Luebbe Families in memory of Gerald Rosendahl. The Library Foundation also received a donation from the Calico Quilt Club. Columbus Public Library’s

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