



The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building!

Libraries & Ideas

The vast majority of Americans greatly value public libraries in their communities; however, 59% of Americans want “more comfortable spaces for reading, working, and relaxing” (Zickuhr, et al., 2013). Libraries of the 19th and 20th centuries were not designed with today’s technological and collaborative needs in mind. An open, inviting, comfortable and utilizable community learning space is vital to today’s library user. The changing economy means that “the future of bricks-and-mortar libraries will be less about what products a patron obtains at a library and more about the experiences the patron has while visiting” (Hendrix, 2010, p. 11). 21st Century libraries need open space that can be used flexibly and creatively, and change according to the changing information needs of the community for which it serves. “A successful library architecture, then, will reflect the idea of flexible spaces that can easily be reconfigured to serve a variety of uses” (p. 11). Columbus Public Library’s current building was not designed to be a library at all, and its floor plan makes this flexibility impossible. The new building’s flexible floor plan will enable the library to serve many different types of learners simultaneously; and, most importantly, as library users evolve, so can the library space. Library Journal’s Design Institute (DI) panel also stresses the importance of malleable space when taking on a new library building design. “From raised floors to fixtures on wheels, architects at the DI encouraged libraries to build their outsides to last for the long haul—and their insides to morph” (Schwartz, 2012). Another suggestion from the DI is for specialized spaces, such as cozy reading nooks, to be available, but changeable; for example, avoid permanent displays and purchase easy-to-move furniture. Columbus Public Library’s new open floor plan will ensure that the library can meet the changing information needs of all variety of patrons for decades to come.

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On Sunday, April 19 at 2pm, in the Columbus Public Library Auditorium, history author and speaker Jeff Barnes will present on one of the most unusual and storied baseball fields in Nebraska. Rushville's Modisett Ball Park was built by ranchers and went on to host a nationally famous baseball school, sponsored by the Milwaukee Braves and New York Yankees, which saw a southpaw from Gering, Nebraska, who struck out Mickey Mantle. In 2014, the ball park underwent a complete restoration for the park's 75th anniversary, in large part funded by a Nebraska publisher who grew up in Rushville and played at the ball park as a boy. The 45-minute presentation includes historic images and stories of Rushville's relationship with baseball. The talk is taken from Barnes's new book, *Extra Innings: The Story of Modisett Ball Park*.

Come join us April 25th, Saturday, at 2:00 PM in the library auditorium with Phyllis Bartholomew, owner of Blue Ribbon Pie Company, to learn her secrets to the perfect cream pie! She will demonstrate by assembling and cooking a coconut cream pie right in front of her audience, explaining her techniques as she goes. A drawing will be held for this pie and one lucky winner will take it home with them. Phyllis will also bring several other pie flavors for us to taste. They are raisin, chocolate, lemon, butterscotch, and pineapple cream flavors. These are the perfect summer pies to learn how to make for your occasions. Save the date and bring a friend.



On May 2nd, Darrel Draper, from Humanities Nebraska, will come as Theodore Roosevelt to talk about our past president. He will then answer questions from the audience about his life and experiences. Families are welcome, and snacks will be served during this program, which will be held in the children's room.

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APRIL 22ND GAMES!

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Play games!

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Thornton Wilder– April 17, 1897

Janet Evanovich– April 22, 1943

William Shakespeare– April 23, 1564

Sue Grafton– April 24, 1940

Harper Lee– April 28, 1926



Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers- Charles William Eliot



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