



From the Director's Desk

Whew! Finally Fulton County, Indiana has something that resembles spring in the offing. As I sit and write this article, it is 55 out with a high today of 66 beautiful degrees! April and May are exciting months indeed, with National Library Week nestled between the pages of April and May leading up to summer, warmer weather, gardens and, of course, the fabled Summer Reading Program at the Fulton County Public Library. This is one of the busiest times of year for the FCPL as we prepare for events, crafts and of course, new items for our patrons. The prizes will be something this year, and as always, reading is its own reward.

Let me ring this bell one time: National Library Week falls on April 13th-19th this year. The theme is "Lives change @ your library," and I cannot think of a truer statement than that. When I first decided to pursue a career in libraries, I never thought possible some of the things libraries are used for these days. We are no longer a dusty repository of books; the whole world can be discovered at your local public library. With the advent of the internet, more information is at our fingertips than ever, and that is where your local librarian comes in- we help separate the wheat from the chaff, and help people in many, many more ways than ever before. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything we can do to better serve you. As a father and husband, and officially now we are Rochester residents, I have learned the importance of listening and being flexible to change. So it goes with the public library as well. We are here for you, the library user. We are dedicated to changing with the times all the while offering the same great books, movies, music and programs we always have, but then some when it comes to our great online resources. I appreciate your patronage, and look forward to a visit, a suggestion or your participation in the library and communities we love. You don't have to take my word for it...Don't be a stranger, come visit us and find out.

Mark YOUR Calendars

F. C. Literacy Coalition Upcoming Events

We hope you will support these fund raising activities to help us keep supplying the children in Head Start, WIC, and Healthy Families new books every month.

- * **Tug of War, Saturday, June 14th at 2 PM during the Round Barn Festival**
- * **Spell Bowl, Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 6 PM at RHS**

More information will be in the Rochester Sentinel and the Shopping Guide News.

Plan now for entering a team in both activities to support Literacy.

Questions? Call: 574-223-1008
Ask for Gordon!



All branches of the Fulton County Public Library (Rochester, Fulton and Leiters Ford) will be closed for Memorial day on Monday, May 26th.

Coupon Clipper Club

Meets 2nd Tuesday
& 4th Thursday
at 6:30 p.m. -Rochester

Gaming Night

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays,
2 PM—7:45 P.M.
Meeting Room B



TEEN OASIS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, **April 15** & Tuesday, **May 20** @ 4:30pm in the Teen Room. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join our Teen Advisory Board and help us make the Teen Room even better! Help us plan the End of the School Year Party and the Teen Summer Reading Program!

End of the School Year Party

Friday, **May 23** from 4:00-5:30. Anyone in grades 6-12 is invited! Free food and games!

Teen Movie Mondays

4:00pm in the Teen Room every Monday. Got an idea for a movie we should show? Let Andrea or Dustee know!

Teen Techno Tuesdays and Thursdays:

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Video games at FCPL...

Saturday Game Day

Saturday is a great day to visit the library and play a game. The video game systems are available, as are board games!

Have ideas but can't make it to the TAB meeting? Share them with Andrea and Dustee any time! We want to make the Teen Room great and can't do that without you.



Aubbee Branch of the FCPL
7432 Olson Road, Leiters Ford, IN 46945
Phone : 574-542-4859

Adult Crafts on 3rd Wednesday
each month @ 6:30 PM

April 16th - Yarn Scarf
 May 21st - Blackboard Paint

Children's Craft times

April 5th - Pinwheel - Spring
 April 19th - Easter
 May 3rd - Flowers
 May 17th - End of School



Saturday, **April 12th** @ 12 Noon ... Sharp
 Easter Egg Hunt - ages 10 and under only, please.

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Fulton Branch of the FCPL
514 State Rd. 25, Fulton, IN 46931
Phone : 574-857-3895

DUFFY ON THE FARM STORYTIMES

April 2014

Tuesday and Wednesday
15 & 16th—Easter theme
 Storytimes start at 10 AM



Craft Days are on Thursdays
 from 10 - 3 PM.

"A good library is a place, a palace where the lofty spirits of all nations
 and generations meet." - Samuel Niger (1883-1956)

National Library
Week
(April 13–19)
Hooray for librarians!

Akron Area Arts League
Displays at FCPL
 March-April: Don Kegaris
 Acrylic Paintings of Local
 Scenes
 May-June: Diane Tesler
*Stay tuned for the grand
 opening of the FCPL/AAAL
Permanent Art gallery!*



Aubbee Branch
1st & 3rd Mondays
at 5:00 PM
[Tech Classes]
Fulton Branch
2nd & 4th Mondays
at 5:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar
4-H Fair Schedules

Fulton **July 12-19**
 Marshall **July 13-19**
 Kosciusko **July 7 - 12**
 Wabash **July 6 - 12**
 Miami **June 22 - 28**
 Cass **July 6 - 12**
 Pulaski **June 28 - July 3**
 Starke **July 12 - 19**



Did you know that the Children's Department has an outreach program that provides 15 Storytime programs several times a month in our community? We are Partners In Education with all of Columbia School's 1st grade and provide a program for the Afterschool sessions at Columbia School.

If you would like us to come to your facility. Call 574-223-1013.

May 2014

All programs/Crafts at FCPL are Free and open to all (unless otherwise noted)...

Adult Events at FCPL

All events free & open to all... see description for details.

APRIL

April 3rd, Thursday, at 6:30 pm, Fulton County Hiking Club Lecture: Alan McPherson. Area author, Alan McPherson will be joining us to talk about his book on hiking trails in Indiana. All interested are welcomed to join this event. Meeting Room A

April 7th, Monday, at 6:30pm, Mtg. Rm. B : The Dish: Cookbook Club We will be looking at the book **The Casserole Queens Make-a-Meal Cookbook: Mix and Match 100 Casseroles, Sides, Salads and Desserts**

It's easy to join! Pick up the book at the reference desk and prepare a dish from the book to share with the group.

All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

April 9th, Wed. 6-7:30, Coupon Class

April 10th, Thursday at 6pm - 7:30, Meeting Room A.

Area fiber artist Patty Pace will be instructing a spring felting program. You will be making a felted rabbit.

There will be a \$3 charge for materials.

April 17th, Thursday, at 2 PM : the movie "**Gravity**" will be shown in Mtg. Rm. A.

April 24th, Thursday 6-7:30 Coupon Class

April 30th, Wednesday, 6:30pm, Mtg.Rm.A : Dr. Polly Irwin is back to help us remove unwanted toxins from our house!

This month she will be looking at the living areas.

The Library Recyclers will be at the Recycling Center: May 31st. Come recycle with us!



MAY

Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 in Meeting Room A
FARMING FOR LIFE : Joe Gady will be doing a presentation with history about fermentation and production at their fermentation kitchen located at 712A Main Street. Instructions will be given on how to do this yourself. Samples will be available to taste.

May 5th, Monday, at 6:30 PM in Mtg. Rm. B :

The Dish Cookbook Club using recipes from

The New Midwestern Table by Amy Thielen.

May 8th, Thursday, at 2 PM in Mtg, Rm. A : the movie "**Saving Mr. Banks**" will be shown.

May 13th, Tuesday, 13th, from 6-7:30 PM, Coupon Class

May 15th at 5:30 PM in Mtg. Rm. B,

Canvas Creations with Alicia Funk, you will be painting with acrylics, instructed by Alicia.

Picture will be displayed at the Front Desk the first of May. Cost to be determined at that time.

CHANGE OF DATE : KNITTING CLASS with Laura Ricketts is changed from May 8th to May 15th

May 22nd, Thursday from 6-7:30 PM - Coupon Class.

May 22nd, Thursday from 6-7:30 PM—Just an Ordinary Material Girl by Kay Horn. Quilting presentation.

May 28th, Wednesday, from 6:30—7:45 PM : **Tackling Toxins** with Dr. Polly Irwin. She will be talking about the garage and yard.

Book, Bagel, & Brew

Meeting Room B



First Monday of each month-
10:15 AM. April 7th **The Chaperone** by Laura Moriarty

May 5th
Your choice of a Book



Questions? Contact Becky, 574-223-1013.

Art Experiences for Adults at Rochester Library

This will be 8 hours of fun for the "art interested" as well as the talented. This will be Wednesdays in May (May 7, 14, 21, and 28) from 10:00 to noon.

Planned activities are : painting, clay sculpting, weaving, printmaking, art appreciation and more.

Fee is \$50 (includes all materials). Checks are payable to : Akron Area Arts League. There must be 12 preregistered, paid students by Friday, **April 25th**.

Tech Class

Schedule of Programs

-Rochester Branch-

April—May

Tuesdays @ 6 p.m.

Thursdays @ 11 a.m.

Branches: meet at 5:00 p.m.
at Aubbee (1st & 3rd Mondays)
at Fulton (2nd & 4th Mondays)

1st Wednesday

10:00 a.m.- Akron Public Library

2nd Wednesday

11:00 a.m.- Kewanna Public Library

Classes FREE and OPEN to ALL!

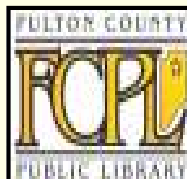
Call Jon @ 574-223-1002

Knitting Group

Second Thursday of each month from
10-11 AM in Meeting Rm. B.

Watercolor Classes 2014

If you are interested in joining this group, please, call 223-1013. Meeting the last two Mondays of the month.



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