

The Lamplighter



IN THE SYSTEM

The Life and Times of Joyce Rondorf

Joyce Rondorf, a long-time resident of the Greenwood area, is very happy to come out of her retirement from her career as an elementary school teacher and work as a member of the Greenwood Public Library Board. She is filling the spot left by Nettie Berthold's retirement.

Joyce was originally from the Marshfield area and attended the University of Wisconsin-Marshfield campus for two years, and then completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After receiving her degree, she taught for four years and then, after she got married, she decided to stay home with her ten children and work on their large farm just south of Greenwood.

After many years on the farm, she went back to teaching and found that she just loved teaching first graders. In 2008 after 24 years, Joyce retired from teaching, but still does some substitute teaching. She welcomes the opportunity to serve on the library board.

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Some of her other interests include sewing, reading, and walking. Her favorite authors are Mary Higgins Clark and Janette Oke. Joyce also loves to spend time with her 14 grandchildren and is very active in her church.

Welcome, Joyce Rondorf!

Colby Public Library Celebrates 130 Years of Service

2009 is here! At the Colby Public Library, the year is significant as the library turns 130 years old. Instead of hosting one large birthday party, several mini-celebrations are being planned throughout the year to commemorate the milestone in Colby's history.



The Colby Public Library was founded in December 1879, six years after the city was formed. A donation of \$200 was given by visiting railroad officials. The first library was housed in the office of Attorney C. F. Grow and was available to Village of Colby residents only.

In 1899, the library was reorganized and recognized by the Common Council of the City of Colby. It was then relocated to the office of Dr. Freeman with a collection of 57 titles. In 1900, the library received its first appropriations from the city and employed its first paid librarian, Mrs. J. F. Prosser. She received a salary of 50 cents per week. Her wage was later increased to 10 cents an hour. The library was housed in the public hall.

By 1908, the library was open five hours per week. The hall burned that year, and the library relocated to the Masonic Building. In 1916, the library was moved to the city hall. Library services were extended to the townships of Colby and Hull by 1920.

When a new city hall was erected in 1952 on the corner of Spence and Second Streets, the library moved into part of that building. Story times and summer reading programs began in the 1960s. In 1971, the library was open 10 hours per week. By 1975, to comply with state regulations, the library was staffed 25 hours weekly.

In 1989, plans began to increase the size of the library. The portion of the city hall that had formerly housed the fire station was made into the new library. Moving into the renovated quarters in 1991 increased the size of the library from a cramped 1200 square feet to 2700 square feet. A Friends group was formed to provide assistance in furnishing the new library with a variety of equipment, including computers.

The Colby Public Library is currently serving the public 42 hours per week. Programming offerings include pre-school story times, adult book clubs, volunteer opportunities, a summer reading program, annual book sale, and several open houses throughout the year. Services include Internet computers, scanner, and microfilm reader, along with printer, copy, and fax machines.

The current library is filled with nearly 25,000 items for patron use. As we celebrate the past 130 years of continuous service to the people of the greater Colby area, we are looking forward to a

future of maintaining our motto of “The CPL: a small town library with BIG time services.”

Vicky Calmes, Director of the Colby Public Library, and her staff of Dawn Brockhaus and Vlasta Blaha, invite everyone to watch for details of the mini-celebrations as they are hosted throughout 2009.

The library is also asking that anyone with photos or memorabilia who are willing to share about the history of the Colby Public Library please contact Calmes at 715-223-2000.

Note: Information for this article was gathered from library scrapbooks and from the *Colby, Wisconsin Centennial, 1873 - 1973*, published in 1973.



(Vicky Calmes, Director of the Colby Public Library)

LSTA Grants Awarded to WVLS

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service has received notification that WVLS will receive funding for all six LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant applications.

Here is a brief list of these grants and more information will be shared in the June issue of ***The Lamplighter***.

1. Special Needs:
 - a. System Accessibility - WVLS
 - b. Project Inclusion: Transitions for Teens with Disabilities
2. Training: Face2Face Enhanced Customer Service
3. Jobs: Bridge to Job Hunting Success
4. Technology:
 - a. WVLS Wireless Project, 2009
 - b. V-Cat Migration and the Network

(Inese Christman, WVLS)

Five New LSTA Advisory Committee Members Named

State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced five new appointments to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Committee. The new members are Dee Barabe, learning resource technician, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Pat Chevis, past-president of the Wisconsin Library Association and

retired director of the Stoughton Public Library; Garrett Erickson, support services manager, Marathon County Public Library; Patricia Laughlin, director, Hales Corners Library; and Lynn Stainbrook, director, Brown County Library.

Continuing members of the committee are Becki George, library media specialist, Rice Lake Middle School; Joan Johnson, assistant director, Milwaukee Public Library; Deborah Kabler, director, Barneveld Public Library; Tasha Saecker, director, Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha; Michael Sheehan, assistant director, Northern Waters Library Service; Jan Adams, library media specialist, CESA 10; Roxane Bartelt, head of children's services, Kenosha Public Library; Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, director, Oshkosh Public Library/Winnefox Library System; Bea Lebal, retired director, T.B. Scott Free Library in Merrill; and Mildred McDowell, district library media specialist, Milwaukee Public Schools.

This committee will be hard at work advising the state superintendent and the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning on the development of the long-range plan for the LSTA program and the grant awards program.

(Terrie Howe, Channel, Winter/Spring 2009)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

WVLS Public Library Director's Retreat

The WVLS Public Library Directors will gather and share ideas on how libraries can change and adapt for the future. To start this conversation, Nathan Deprey, Director of the Osceola Public Library, will share some of his edicts that we should "nail to our library's door". Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm** at the Oak Island Park shelter, Wausau, WI.

Lunch will be catered by WISH - the Wisconsin Steakhouse – an interesting new restaurant in the Wausau area. Lunch will definitely be something new and feature nontraditional workshop food.

Please RSVP to Inese Christman by e-mail at: ichristman@wvls.lib.wi.us or call Inese at 715-261-7256 by **Monday, May 11, 2009**.

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Coffee and conversation
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nathan Deprey, Director of Osceola Public Library
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	First Roundtable Discussion
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Catered Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Second Roundtable Discussion
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	"Make your own sundae" dessert
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Third Roundtable Discussion
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Wrap up and Announcements

WVLS Adolescent Literacy Workshop
Thursday, May 21, 2009 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Rothschild Village Hall - Community Room, 211 Grand Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474

Statewide assessments of reading achievement show that the proportion of students proficient in reading declines as they move from elementary and middle school to high school. In May 2008, the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning launched a multi-year initiative that will champion high-quality teen services and build momentum behind Wisconsin's drive to create the most literate, well-educated citizenry and workforce in the nation. See <http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/adolit.html> for more information. This workshop is part of that initiative. Public librarians are encouraged to invite school partners (middle and high school librarians, school district reading specialists, or administrators) to attend.

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
9:30 am – 10:45 am	Adolescent Literacy - Christy Mulligan
11:00 am – Noon	The Teen Brain: a Work in Progress - Nan Brien
Noon – 12:45 pm	Lunch (\$7.00 Box Lunch)
12:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Teen Programming - Christy Mulligan

To register: send this completed form along with check for \$7.00 for lunch to Wisconsin Valley Library Service: Beth Sillars, WVLS; 300 N. First Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

NAME: _____ LIBRARY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 18, 2009

Workshop sponsored by the Wisconsin Valley Library Service and DLTCL. Continuing Education contact hours = 5 hours.
If you have questions or need special accommodations, contact Beth Sillars at sillars@wvls.lib.wi.us or call 715-261-7255.

YOUTH MATTERS

Purple Hair is All the Rage at Rib Lake



Tammie Blomberg of the Rib Lake Public Library issued a challenge to her teen readers and guess what? The teens came through and met her challenge. Tammie told her teen group that if at least thirty teens checked-out a young adult book from the Rib Lake Public Library, she would color her hair purple. School-to-work student Ayla Brossow also participated in this challenge and ended up coloring her hair green. Fun was had by all and it definitely brought the teens into the library.

(Story and picture contributed by Tammie Blomberg)

Target's Early Childhood Reading Grants

Target's early childhood reading grants support programs like weekend book clubs and after-school reading programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age nine, to read together with their families. Maximum award: \$3,000. Eligibility: schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations. **Deadline: May 31, 2009.** Application is open to 501(c)(3) organizations as well as schools, libraries, and other public agencies. Go to

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6651385.html?nid=4302&source=link&rid=109783803> for more details.

(School Library Journal, April 15, 2009)

FROM HITHER & YON

Unemployment Resource Available to Public Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of ALA, announced that public libraries can take advantage of important financial and unemployment-related information developed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

FINRA's Investor Alert, "Job Dislocation: Making Smart Financial Choices after a Job Loss," offers guidance and tips for the general public on maintaining financial stability during a period of unemployment.

FINRA is making this brochure available to public libraries for distribution to patrons in the spirit of "*Smart investing @your library*", the ongoing grant initiative managed as a partnership between RUSA/ALA and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The grant program is designed to build the capacity of U. S. public libraries to provide effective, unbiased financial and investor education resources and services to library patrons. Since 2007, the program has issued \$1.7 million in grants to 25 libraries nationwide for the development of financial education programs.

Topics covered in this investor alert include immediately taking the right financial steps in the event of unemployment; protecting against investment fraud during a period of job dislocation; understanding health insurance options; and asking the right questions about employer benefit plans. The alert is now available to public libraries for download in English and Spanish versions. Printed copies in quantities of 25 or more can be requested directly from FINRA using a mail/fax order form or e-mail request. The downloadable Alerts and ordering information are available at www.finra.org/JobLossAlert.

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The FINRA Investor Education Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. To date, the FINRA Foundation has approved \$17.6 million in grants and an additional \$27.9 million in direct investor education programming. For details about grant programs and other FINRA Foundation initiatives, visit www.finrafoundation.org.

(American Libraries Direct, April 22, 2009)



INFO TO GO

Online Catalogs: What Users and Librarians Want

In 2008, OCLC conducted focus groups, administered a pop-up survey on WorldCat.org—OCLC’s freely available end user interface on the Web—and conducted a Web-based survey of librarians worldwide.

The “Online Catalogs” report presents findings from these research efforts in order to understand:

- The metadata elements that are most important to end users in determining if an item will meet his or her needs.
- The enhancements end users would like to see made in online library catalogs to assist them in consistently identifying appropriate materials.
- The enhancements librarians would recommend for online library catalogs to better assist them in their work.

The findings indicate, among other things, that although library catalogs are often thought of as discovery tools, the catalog’s delivery-related information is just as important to end users. For further details and the complete report, go to: <http://www.oclc.org/reports/onlinecatalogs/fullreport.pdf>

(American Libraries Direct, April 22, 2009)



Best Buy Grant Opportunity

Through decades of charitable giving totaling more than \$175 million, Best Buy has supported non-profit organizations in the communities where our employees live and work. Best Buy believes in the power of teens, and @15 is a platform to connect with them, give voice to their perspectives, and invest our resources – including the energy and talents of our employees – to turn their ideas into action and support their efforts to lead social change. To learn more, visit <http://www.at15.com>.



Through the Community Grants Program, each Best Buy territory across the United States annually selects non-profit organizations that apply for grants to support programs and services that provide opportunities for young teens related to education, life skills, leadership skills or relationship development. This year, Best Buy Children’s Foundation will give \$1 million through the Community Grants Program.

Best Buy seeks applications from organizations that have current 501(c)(3) tax status and are serving a diverse population of young teens and their families in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. Special consideration will be given to programs that:

- Are high quality and serve a diverse population
- Build social, academic, leadership and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18)
- Show positive results against a demonstrated community need

- Reach at-risk children in working families

Funding Guidelines:

- Grants will average \$5,000-\$7,000 and will not exceed \$10,000.
- Non-profits located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or Distribution Center may apply. See the Best Buy store locator at <http://www.bestbuy.com>.
- Organizations within the Twin Cities 7-county metro area are eligible and can apply for the Community Grants Program or the Twin Cities Fund, but not both.
- Organizations should review the grant eligibility quiz online at <http://www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant> to determine if they are eligible to apply.
- Grants are awarded for one year and are not intended to be recurring funding. We invite grantees to re-apply in subsequent years based on program results, although there are no guarantees of multi-year grants.

May 15, 2009 Grant application opens. Review guidelines and apply online at <http://www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant>

June 15, 2009 Deadline to submit application for 2009 grants. All applications must be submitted online - hard copy applications will not be considered.

August 2009 Grant announcement and awards.

Go to <http://www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant> or contact bestbuygrant@easymatch.com or call 866-625-4350.

(American Libraries Direct, April 22, 2009)

“Delivering Knock Your Socks Off Service”

This new edition of the classic customer service title: “Delivering Knock Your Socks Off Service” is completely updated with new techniques to help you and your staff work successfully with even the most difficult customers. Some of the topics included are how to meet customer’s expectations and satisfy their needs, how to become easier to do business with, how to determine the right time to bend or break the rules, and how to become fantastic fixers and powerful problem solvers.

If you want to improve your library’s customer service, this book is a great place to start. This book is available for check-out by contacting Inese Christman at the WVLS office (715-261-7256).

(Inese Christman, WVLS-PR & CE Coordinator)

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Swine Flu Information Resources -

- State Of Wisconsin, Dept. of Health Services –Swine Flu Information - <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/News/PressReleases/2009/042409SwineFlu.htm>

- Wisconsin's Pandemic Flu Resource - <http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov/>
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Swine Flu Information - <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Job Center of Wisconsin - <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>



Wisconsin's Governor has issued an Executive Order requiring the use of the Job Center of Wisconsin Website. On April 16, 2009, Governor Jim Doyle announced an executive order requiring all contractors and subcontractors involved in recovery projects to post job openings on <http://JobCenterOfWisconsin.com>, Wisconsin's Internet employment site that is free and accessible at all hours of the day. The DLTCL encourages libraries to add a link to the Job Center of Wisconsin on their library's website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

May is: National Preservation Month, for more details, go to:

<http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month/>

May 6-8 Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells. Details at:

<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/wapl/conferences/2009/index.htm>

May 10 Mother's Day.

May 11-12 ALA National Library Legislative Day. Details at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/washevents/nlld/nlld2009.cfm>

May 14 WVLS Public Library Directors Retreat, Oak Island Park, Wausau

May 16 WVLS Board of Trustees Meeting - Marathon County Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

May 21 WVLS Workshop on Adolescent Literacy, Rothschild Village Hall, 9:00 a.m.

May 25 Memorial Day Observed – WVLS Office Closed

JUNE

June is: National Dairy Month, for more details, go to:

<http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org/nationaldairycouncil>

Jun 4 WVLS V-Cat Council Meeting, Minocqua, 9:30 a.m.

Jun 14 Flag Day.

Jun 21 Father's Day.

- Jun 21 First Day of Summer.
- Jun 26 **WVLS Collection Development Committee Meeting**, WVLS Office,
9:30 a.m.
- Jun 27 **WVLS Executive Committee Meeting**, Marathon County Public Library,
9:30 a.m.

JULY

July is: National Ice Cream Month, for more details, go to:

<http://www.idfa.org/facts/icmonth/page1.cfm>

- Jul 4 Independence Day, **WVLS Office Closed on July 3, 2009.**
- Jul 9 - 15 ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. For details, go to:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm>
- Jul 18 **WVLS Board of Trustees Meeting** - Marathon County Public Library,
9:30 a.m. (LSTA Grant Project approval)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“If we didn’t have libraries, many people thirsty for knowledge would dehydrate.”

Megan Jo Tetrick, age 12



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