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John Douglas



Matt Novak



Lisa Yee

WestFest Spotlights Authors for All Ages

WestFest, Westlake Porter Public Library's biennial author festival will return this fall with programs featuring authors John Douglas, Lisa Yee, and Matt Novak. Douglas writes non-fiction for adults, Yee is a young adult author, and Novak is a children's picture book author and illustrator. Novak will appear at WPPL on Friday, October 12 at 10 a.m. Douglas will speak on Saturday, October 13 at 7 p.m., and Yee will talk to fans on November 13 at 7 p.m.

Douglas, the former chief of the FBI's Investigative Support Unit and legendary criminal profiler, has hunted some of the most notorious and sadistic killers of our time: the Atlanta child murderer, the Tylenol poisoner, and Seattle's Green River killer to name a few. He also consulted on the JonBenet Ramsey case. He has interviewed some of the most notorious killers in modern history, including Charles Manson, Sirhan Sirhan, John Wayne Gacy and David Berkowitz (Son of Sam) for his bestsellers *Obsession*, *Mindhunter*, and *Unabomber: On the Trail of America's Most Wanted Serial Killer*. His new book, *Inside the Mind of BTK: The True Story Behind the Thirty Year Hunt for the Notorious Wichita Serial Killer*, will be published in August. Registration is not required for his appearance.

Novak is an awarding-winning author and illustrator of children's picture books. His first book, *Rolling*, was praised by the *New York Times Book Review* and the *American Library Association Booklist*. *Mouse TV* was a *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year and a Parent's Choice Honor recipient. *Newt* received the IRA Children's Choice Award. Also among his many titles are *No Zombies Allowed*, *Flip Flop Bop*, and *Twelve Snails to One Lizard*. Tickets for his all-ages presentation will be available at the Youth Services Desk beginning September 28.

Yee was the winner of the prestigious Sid Fleischman Humor Award for her first novel, *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius*. Her second novel, *Stanford Wong* (continued on page 3)

Director's Notes: Trustees Say Farewell

It is with regret that I announce that two library trustees will be stepping down at the end of the year.

David Berns' term will expire on December 31, after 15 years of service. Mr. Berns originally filled an unexpired term in 1992 and then went on to serve two additional terms.

Sharon Didion is resigning her position, after 11 years, in order to spend more time with her family and continue her service as a board member of the Friends of the Library.

I am extremely grateful to both Dave and Sharon because they were part of the Board that hired me, and sad because I had looked forward to working closely with them. Both

have served in several Board offices, helped shepherd the library through the last building project, and have been tireless library advocates. The staff and I will miss the dedication, experience, and leadership they have brought to the library.

Their departure means that we now have two openings on the Board of Trustees to fill. Ads and newspaper announcements have been published, but in case you missed them, here's what potential candidates need to know:

Westlake Porter Public Library is a school district library controlled and managed by a seven member Board of Trustees. Trustees serve for a term of seven years and without compensation. Applications are

reviewed by both the library Board of Trustees and the Westlake Board of Education, with the Board of Education making the final appointment.

Trustees are responsible for setting library policy, establishing the library budget, and hiring the Director and Clerk Treasurer.

Anyone interested in serving as a library Trustee may contact me directly at 440-871-2600 with questions regarding the application and appointment process. Applications are available at the library and on our website at

www.westlakelibrary.org

— Andrew Mangels,
Director

Homework Help Volunteers Needed!

Are you a high school student with a GPA of 3.2 or higher? Would you like to help other kids with their homework? Then consider volunteering at the library's Homework Help Center (H2C).

This is an excellent project for college applications. You must be able to commit to at least four hours a month for an entire semester. H2C hours will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. (when Westlake schools are in session), starting on September 30. There will be a mandatory orientation session on September 27.

Pick up an application at your school's guidance office or from the library's Youth Services Department or online at

www.westlakelibrary.org.



Win With WPPL: Customer Appreciation Week 2007

The library will celebrate its annual Customer Appreciation Week from October 1 - 7. This year's theme is all about games, and you'll have several chances to play and win at the library during this special week. Here's what we have planned:

Game Day — Drop in and play a game or two at the library. We'll have a selection of board games, cards, etc. for visitors of all ages to play!

Playing Dress-Up — We're dressing up like a character or game piece from our favorite games. Come dressed up and enter to win a prize. All ages.

Between the Pages with Andrew — Friday, October 5 (9:30 - 11 a.m. and 3 - 5 p.m.) Library Director Andrew Mangels will be on hand to answer your questions and chat about the library. Stop by for cookies, a cool drink and conversation!

Outdoor Games — Saturday, October 6 (1 -3 p.m.) Kids - stop by for an afternoon of jump rope, hopscotch, and more!

Don't Play Games with Your Identity - Shred-It will be on hand to shred those documents you don't want identity thieves getting their hands on. The truck will be stationed in the library's south parking lot. Date and time to be announced.

We're also planning some additional programs and surprises to thank you for your loyalty, so please check our web site for details!

Reading Garden Gift

Check out the planted pots in the Bernice Yates Community Reading Garden. They were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dean in memory of Stanley Dean, and were planted and are maintained by Dean's Greenhouse.

Presenter Profile: Fawzia Gilani Williams

Name: Fawzia Gilani-Williams

Brief Bio: I'm originally from England. I trained as a teacher and taught in British and American schools for 12 years. I currently work as a reference librarian at Oberlin Public Library. During my spare time I write stories for children. I have nineteen books that are published in England, India, and Malaysia. I live in Oberlin with my husband and daughter.

Accomplishments: I have a Bachelor's Degree in Religion and Elementary Education. My Master's Degree is in Islamic Studies. I am currently studying for a PhD in Children's Islamic Literature at the University of Worcester, England. The nineteen books that I have written are mostly about Eid. I hope to give visibility to this celebration and contribute to the knowledge pool on world celebrations and multiculturalism.

How you got interested in your topic: I visited public libraries and noticed displays on almost all holidays and celebrations like Hanukkah, Christmas, Easter, Chinese New Year, Kwanzaa, Thanksgiving, and St Patrick's Day. Strangely, the second largest celebration in the world was missing. I wanted to give visibility to Islamic celebrations. I wanted to make the strange become familiar.

Why others should attend your program: If you are concerned about offering equal opportunities to all members of your community and creating an atmosphere of visibility and approval for all, you might like to attend this program. It will have facts, fun and ethnic food!

Fawzia is presenting *Observing Ramadan and Celebrating Eid for kids grades 1 to 5 on September 8 at 2 p.m.* Please call (440) 250-5471 starting September 1 to register.



Author Thrity Umrigar to Visit

Author Thrity Umrigar will discuss her novels and sign books at the library's book discussion group on Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.

Umrigar is the author of three critically acclaimed novels and a memoir, including the recently released *If Today Be Sweet*.

Born and raised in India, Umrigar spent 17 years as a journalist before writing her first book. She now resides in the Cleveland area and divides her time between writing and teaching creative writing.

WestFest
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Flunks Big-Time won the Chinese American Librarian Association Best Book of the Year award, and was named an American Library Association Notable Book. Yee was also named the 2007 Thurber House Children's Author-in-Residence. Her third novel, *So Totally Emily Ebers*, came out earlier this year. Registration for Yee's appearance begins on October 30.

WestFest is underwritten by the Friends of Porter Public Library and co-sponsored by Sun News.



Trustee Corner: Summer at the Library

A Vice President in Marketing with National City Bank, Laurie Forbush has been a member of the Board since 1996.

It's hard to believe it's time again for school to start. But, as we start to think about all the work that comes with it, it's nice to know the library offers terrific resources for kids and parents alike.

The library website is one of these resources. Found at www.westlakelibrary.org, it offers live 24-hour homework help service and valuable links to many other sites. Check under 'Kids Place' for 'Homework Help' and you'll find direct connections to hundreds of sites such as *Homework Now*, *Fact Monster* and *CNN Student News*, covering a variety of categories.

Another excellent library resource is the Homework Help Center. Staffed by qualified student volunteers, the center opens on September 30, and operates Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m.

As the school year continues, students may begin learning about local history. With assistance from the Westlake Historical Society, the library has compiled online collections of images and documents in order to preserve and share information from our city's history. Visit 'Local History' on the library's website for a fascinating journey through our past.

Finally, don't forget the most significant library resource of all - the knowledgeable and professional staff. From simple inquiries to more complex problems or subject matter, the friendly and capable staff is always ready to help.

— Laurie Forbush,
Board of Trustees

Westlake Porter Public Library's

Calendar of Events

August — September, 2007

Adult Programs

Wednesday August 6 - Saturday, August 18 *Westlake Westshore Arts Council's Juried Art Show* — The library will host the Arts Council's annual juried art show. Stop by and view the entries!

Tuesday, August 14 (7 p.m.) *Book Discussion Group* — Author Thrity Umrigar will discuss *The Space Between Us* and her other works. She will also sign books!*

Saturday, August 18 (10:30 a.m.) *West Side Writers*

Saturday, August 18 (2:00 p.m.) *Art Show Reception* — The Westlake Westshore Arts Council will host a reception for the artists who participated in the juried art show.

Monday, August 20 and September 17 (7 p.m.) *Monthly Monday Movie* — Join

us for this movie series for grown-ups, featuring *Step Into Liquid* on August 20 and *An Inconvenient Truth* on September 17. Registration required.

Wednesday, August 22 (2 p.m.) *Afternoon Book Discussion Group* — This month's selection is *Rise and Shine* by Anna Quindlen.*

Monday, August 27 (1 - 7 p.m.) *American Red Cross Bloodmobile*

Monday, August 30 (27 - 3:30 p.m.) *Using Reference USA to Generate a Business Mailing List* — Learn how to use this database to help make your business grow. Open to individuals who live or work in Westlake. You MUST be an experienced computer user and have a library card (and know your PIN number). Registration required. Limit 10.

Monday, September 3 Labor Day — *Library Closed*

Thursday, September 6 (7 - 8:45 p.m.) *Investor Interest Group* - Call to register.

Sunday, September 9 (2 -4 p.m.) *Joyful Noise* — Featuring pianist Jonathan Hooper. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Tuesday, September 11 (7 p.m.) *Book Discussion Group* — This month we'll discuss *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham.*

Saturday, September 15 (10:30 a.m.) *West Side Writers*

Sunday, September 16 (2 p.m.) *Sunday Sounds* — The Friends of the Library present their monthly music program.

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Technology Training

Ability to use a mouse in required for all classes except Mouse 101. Choose one date where more than one are listed.

Mouse 101
Wednesday, August 1 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Learn how to use a mouse.

Computers for Beginners
Thursday, August 2 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Saturday, August 4 (9:30 - 11 a.m.)
Thursday, September 6 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Learn about and practice using a computer.

Introduction to Windows & Toolbars
Saturday, August 2 (2:30 - 4 p.m.)
Wednesday, August 15 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Tuesday, September 11 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Thursday, September 13 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Practice using toolbars and more.

Introduction to the Internet
Wednesday, August 8 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Saturday, August 11 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Tuesday, September 18 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Wednesday, Sept. 26 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Learn all about the Internet.

Searching with Google
Thursday, August 9 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Saturday, September 8 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Learn how to narrow down search

results.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Tuesday, August 7 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Thursday, August 16 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Sept. 12 (10 - 11:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, August 14 (10-11:30)
Learn how to use Microsoft Word.

Introduction to Microsoft Word II
Tuesday, August 21 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Thursday, August 23 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Sept. 19 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Previous Word experience required. Learn more features of Microsoft Word.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint
Wednesday, August 29 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Thursday, August 30 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Sept. 5 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Learn how to create a basic PowerPoint presentation.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
Tuesday, August 28 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
Saturday, September 29 (9:30 - 11 a.m.)
Learn how to set up an Excel worksheet.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel II
Saturday, September 29 (2:30 - 4 p.m.)
Previous Excel experience required. Expand your knowledge of Excel.

Children's Programs

August 1 - 28 *Poe's Vacation Album* — We'll post photos from Poe's summer adventures so you can see where our mascot went, what he did, and who he met this summer! Put your name into a drawing to win a special prize from Poe! Drawing open to ages 5 and under.

Wednesday, August 1 (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.) *Summer Vacation Book Swap* — Kids in preschool through 5th grade are welcome to bring their gently used books to the Youth Services Department and exchange them for some "new-to-you" titles.

Monday, August 6, 13 and 20 *Rainy Days and Mondays Games* — Too hot? Rained out? Stop by the Youth Services Department and play a game or two!

Thursday, August 9, 16 and 23 (10 - 11 a.m.) *Babygarten* — Infants ages 1- 18 months and their caregivers will share nursery rhymes, songs, and books and do fun projects that demonstrate their child's developmental milestones. Register once beginning August 2 for this 3-week series. Limit 12.

Friday, August 10 and September 7 and Saturday, August 25 and September 22 (10 - 11 a.m.) *Come Play With Me* — Open play time for children ages 2 through 4 and their caring adults. Registration required one week before each program.

Wednesday, August 15 and 22 (2 - 3 p.m.) *DDR for Tweens* — Come dance away the afternoon! Dance Dance Revolution for 'tweens in grades 4-5. Registration required, beginning August 8 (for the August 15 session) and August 15 (for the August 22 session).

Saturday, September 8 (2 - 3 p.m.) *Observing Ramadan and Celebrating Eid* — Join author Fawzia Gilani Williams and learn about two Islamic holidays: Ramadan and Eid! We'll have stories, discussions, and some tasty holiday treats! Registration required, starting Sept. 1.

Saturday, September 15 (2 - 4:30 p.m.) *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* — Celebrate author Roald Dahl's birthday by watching the 1971 movie based on his book. For ages 7 - 12. Registration required, starting September 8.

Wednesday, September 19 (7 - 8 p.m.) *Poe's Pirate Days Family Storytime* — We're celebrating International Talk Like a Pirate Day with pirate talk, stories, songs and a pirate hat to take home. For children ages 5 and under with a caring adult.

Saturday, September 22 (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) *Crafternoon* — A drop-in craft for kids in grades 4 - 6. Supplies provided.

Thursday, September 27 (3:45 - 4:30 p.m.) *Pickle Tree Club* — Kids in grades 1 - 3 will explore the real and not-so-real world through books, crafts, and more. Registration required, starting September 20.

FALL STORYTIMES

Storytimes run from the week of September 9 — the week of October 14. No registration necessary, but the Storytime room capacity is 58.

LAPSIT STORYTIME - *Monday, Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 a.m.)* — For children 6-24 months and their caregivers.

TODDLER STORYTIME - *Monday, Tuesday or Thursday (10:15 a.m.)* — For children 2 - 3 1/2 years old with their caregivers.

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME - *Wednesday (10:15 a.m.)* — For children 3 1/2 to 5 years old.

Teen Programs

Monday, August 6 - Friday, August 10 *Anime Afternoons (Japanese animation)* — Movies for teens grades 6 - 12. Titles TBA, but all are PG13 or PG. Bring your own munchies! Check calendar for times.

Tuesday, August 21 and September 18 (7 -8 p.m.) *Mad For Manga* — Manga lovers' chance to talk! Grades 6-12.

Tuesday, August 28 and September 25 (7 - 8 p.m.) *Teens Talk Books* — Friends, food and fun. Oh, books, too. Grades 6 -12. Come join us!

Adult Programs, continued

Thursday, September 20 (7 p.m.) *Picture This* — Learn about digital cameras: products, new features, and basics for use. Presented by Dodd Camera and Video's Bill Fogel. Registration required, starting August 1. Part 1 of a three-part series.

Monday, September 24 (1 - 7 p.m.) *American Red Cross Bloodmobile*

Wednesday, September 26 (2 p.m.) *Afternoon Book Discussion Group* —

Thursday, September 6 (4 - 5 p.m.) *Thursday Afternoon Fights* — Join us for an open, non-confrontational exchange of ideas. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting August 30.

September 10 - 29 *Name That Book* — Name the book, win a prize! Grades 6 -12.

Tuesday, September 18 (3:15 - 4:45 p.m.) *Come Daucin'* — DDR is back! Grades 6-12.

This month's selection is *Marley and Me* by John Grogan. *

Saturday, September 29 (9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) *Family History Benefit Seminar* — the Cuyahoga County Council of Genealogical Organizations presents Curt Witcher. Registration strongly recommended. Donation before Sept. 15 is \$20. After Sept. 15 donation is \$25. Call (440) 899-9201 to register.

*Books available at Circulation Desk.

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