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Our mission:
“...to educate, empower, enlighten, and excite...”

Hours:
Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday:
9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Trustee Corner: Meet Our New Director!



It's been quite a year here at WPPL. When our previous director Paula Miller left, the search for a new director began. After an extensive series of interviews, a new director was named.

Andrew Mangels started work on November 29, and is becoming familiar not only with the library but also with the community. We would like to warmly welcome Andrew and his family.

Andrew, his wife Christine, who is an oncology nurse, and their three children have chosen to live in Westlake. They not only liked the area, but according to Andrew “it just felt right”. He feels strongly about living in the community, and getting to know and become an active member of it.

Andrew comes from the Johnson County Library system in Kansas, which is also very much a library community and very highly rated. He was manager of the Leawood Pioneer Library, one of 13 branches.

He is highly energetic and enthusiastic about libraries, and feels WPPL should be not only a community center but also a destination for the people of Westlake. He is already working on ideas that will keep us highly rated as well as bring better service and innovative programs to our patrons. He would also like to expand the presence of the arts at the library.

One of the first things on his “to do” list is getting to know the staff and the day-to-day operations of the library. To do that, he has been working at all of the public service desks — so you may already have met him. If not,

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Library Web Site Goes Interactive!

If you haven't visited the library's web site recently, now is the time to do so. We've recently given the site a new, easier to navigate look and introduced several exciting new features, including blogs (which you can comment on) and reader polls/surveys. Most of the features and information we already had on the web site are included as well.

The new site features a fresh, crisp layout, and an easy to read and understand menu. There is also a search box which you can use to search the site for specific information using keywords. Library information — hours, address, phone number, etc. — is right on the home page.

Among the blogs are one for teens called *Teen Musings*, a local history (continued on page 6)

Director's Notes: Glad to Be Here!

After what seemed like a whirlwind of leaving one job, packing up belongings, and driving 800 miles over 15 hours in a U-Haul truck with trailer, I arrived in Ohio and started work at Westlake Porter Public Library on Wednesday, November 29th. In an ironic twist I missed out on the foot of snow and ice dumped on Kansas City while it was still sixty degrees in Cleveland!

My real journey to Westlake started when I walked into my college library and on a whim asked for a job shelving books. Over the next three years I supervised the evening and weekend shifts, then managed the circulation and periodical departments, and ultimately became a reference assistant in Government Documents.

During this time I was young, poor, newly married with a full time library job, a part time job at a hardware store, and seeking my Masters degree from a University that was two

hours from Kansas City. Oh, and my wife was in nursing school. That was when we thought it would be a good idea to start a family.

Well, things worked out just fine. After library school I secured a position with the Johnson County Library, my wife Christine went to work for Children's Mercy Hospital as an oncology nurse, and for the next 10 years our family grew to three children; Alex, Emma, and Sarah who are now 9, 6, and 3.

Around August of this year a series of events put me in touch with Westlake Porter Public Library regarding the open Director position. In a very short time I realized that this would be the opportunity of a lifetime for me, and was honored and thrilled to be offered the position.

I have been asked several times if I am from here or do I have family in Ohio. Good questions to a person moving 1/3 of the way across the

country, leaving family and friends behind. In truth the only tenuous family connection is a sister-in-law in Pittsburgh. But after visiting the area several times during the interview process I can honestly say that I immediately fell in love with the area and the people. The first person I met in Cleveland was the car rental guy, who, when finding out I was going to Westlake said, “Oh, are you going to the library?” He then proceeded to rave about Westlake and WPPL. I figured I was onto something here.

So here I am at one of the top libraries in the nation ready to serve the community and continue the excellence the residents of Westlake have come to expect from their library. I look forward to serving you!

Best Wishes,
Andrew Mangels,
Director

Downloadable Videos Are Here!

If you've got a computer and a broadband Internet connection, starting on February 7 you can download digital videos from the library's catalog and watch them on a TV or your computer.

Like our downloadable audio-books, the downloadable videos are listed in the library catalog with other titles. You “check out” a title on your library card, download it to your computer, and it's yours to view for seven days. When the video is due, you don't even have to return it — it automatically becomes unviewable.

To check the downloadable videos out, you must have your USER ID and PIN numbers, and be a card holder in good standing. (If you don't know your USER ID or PIN number, please ask at the Circulation Desk.) You may check

out up to 10 at a time.

The downloadable videos are available through MyLibrarytv, a division of Recorded Books. WPPL cardholders will have access to over 400 programs, including classic titles such as *Stagecoach*, and programs about cooking, travel, healthy living and medical exploration, Do-It-Yourself and authors and literature. MyLibrarytv will also be producing programming for children.

The programs will also be accessible from the library's website (www.westlakelibrary.org) by clicking on the MyLibrarytv logo.

Please note that to watch the program on your television, you will need a cable to connect your computer with it. (The programs cannot be burned to a DVD or they will become corrupted.)

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you're sure to soon. He enjoys talking to and meeting people, and will not hesitate to introduce himself. He will also listen to any suggestions you might have.

Andrew is also working on finalizing our strategic plan and instituting a levy campaign committee. (Yes, it is almost that time.)

We are very pleased to have him as a member of our “family,” and look forward to his leadership.

I would also like to thank Jackie Duffy for stepping back in as interim director after having retired. She did an excellent job as director while we conducted our search, and it was a pleasure to have her back at the library. We know she won't be far away since she's an avid WPPL user.

Also of note: We were named (Continued on page 6)

User Spotlight:

Carol S. Bartos

Bio: I moved to Westlake the summer before starting First Grade (1946). I attended Dover Elementary, the “Red Brick” building, and Westlake High School. I graduated in 1958. When my husband, John, and I got married, we bought a house less than a mile away from where I grew up.

Family: My husband and I have two children, Connie and John, and five grandchildren.

What I Like to Read: The Bible, most Christian authors, historical fiction with good historical research, and books about other countries and cultures.

Why I Use the Library and its Services: I started coming to Westlake Porter Public Library when I was six years old. I enrolled in all the children's reading programs and absolutely loved books of any kind. Porter became very important to me and still is. It was and still is the only library for me. I am at home there 2 to 3 times a week!

Reading Influences: Number one was my Mom! She always kept me a supply of books, and read to me always before I could do it for myself. Number two is myself. The more I could fill my head with fact and fiction, the happier I was. If you can read well, you can learn anything you want. Books make anything you're interested in accessible.

Hobbies and Other Activities: Reading, knitting, crocheting, and crafts of any kind. Also shopping and window shopping, and my grandchildren. In addition, I am a people person and always welcome new friends and am willing to listen to and help anyone in any way I can.

Also on Carol's Reading List:

James Patterson
Greg Iles

Jeffery Deaver

DVD/CD Cleaner Donated by Friends

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, you can look forward to better quality from the library's CDs and DVDs. The group has donated a commercial DVD/CD cleaner/repairer to the library to help us clean these fragile discs.

Due to the volume of use they receive, the discs can easily get dirty and scratched. The new machine will clean and repair them between check outs. The machine can repair various degrees of scratches, so the library should be able to rescue all but the most heavily damaged discs. Discs can be put through the machine several times without distortion. This means the library will spend fewer of your tax dollars replacing damaged DVDs and CDs.

What does it mean to you? You can look forward to a higher quality viewing or listening experience when you borrow CDs and DVDs from the library. It also means library staff can clean the library's discs for you, so please bring dirty and damaged library DVDs and CDs to our attention. While we appreciate and understand your desire to clean the discs, this new machine ensures they are cleaned in a way that will not damage them further.

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WPPL has a seven-member board of trustees, consisting of community members, which is the governing body authorized by the State of Ohio to establish policies and develop an annual budget. All board and committee meetings are open to the public.

Westlake Porter Public Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in employment, services, or access to programs or activities. Special assistance for library programs or facilities is available by calling (440) 871-2600 in advance.

The library's Board of Trustees normally meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Call in advance to verify date, time and location, as occasionally there are changes.

Thank you, Donors!

We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions from September 1 — December 31, 2006.

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Many such gifts have allowed the library to provide materials and services it might not ordinarily be able to afford.

Donations to Westlake Porter Public Library are tax deductible, and may be made in a variety of ways. To discuss the options available to you, please call the Clerk-Treasurer at (440) 871-2600.

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blog, a book discussion blog, and a blog featuring programs and news for kids. Most allow you to comment on the entries — your chance to talk back and let us know what you think. Polls and surveys will also give you the opportunity to give us feedback, whether it's your favorite author or what you want from us.

Additional blogs and other new features will be added as we continue to develop our "new" site, so be sure to visit it often for exciting new content. The web address is www.westlakelibrary.org.

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the #10 library in the nation by Hennen's American Public Library Ratings. Since it is based in part on library usage statistics, it is also an honor for library patrons. Thank you for your support!
— Sharon Didion,
Board of Trustees

Westlake Porter Public Library's

Calendar of Events

February — March, 2007

Adult Programs

Wednesday, February 7 (1:30 p.m.) *Textile Art Alliance* — Gayle Pritchard, author of *Uncommon Threads: Ohio's Quilt Revolution*, will discuss Ohio quilts.

Thursday, February 8 - Saturday, February 11 *Friends of the Library's Annual Book Sale* — Stop in for bargains galore. Sale runs from 9:30 - 8:30 Thursday, 9:30 - 4:30 Friday, 9:30 - 3:30 on Saturday (bag sale) and 1:30 - 4:30 on Sunday (bag sale).

Thursday, February 8 (7 p.m.) *Investors Interest Group* — John Sawczak of AAIL will discuss the *Basics of Technical Analysis: An Introduction to Chart Reading*. This is the first of a 4-part series running through May. You do not need to attend all 4. Registration is required, and we must have an e-mail address to which to send advance "homework."

Tuesday, February 13 (7 p.m.) *Book Discussion Group* — This month's selection is *Cane River* by Lilita Tademy.*

Tuesday, February 13 (7:00 p.m.) *FYI: Opera* — David Bamberger, Director of the Opera Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music will preview CIM's production of Strauss' *Die Fledermaus*.

Saturday, February 17 (10:30 a.m.) *West Side Writers*

Tuesday, February 21 (1 - 7 p.m.) *American Red Cross Bloodmobile*

Sunday, February 25 (2 p.m.) *Joyful Noise at the Library* — The Friends of the Library showcase young musicians. This month's performer is harpist Morgan Minch.

Wednesday, February 28 (2 p.m.) *Afternoon Book Discussion Group* — This month's selection is *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom.*

Thursday, March 8 (7 - 8:45 p.m.) *Investors Interest Group* — Harry Adams will discuss *Various Techniques of Technical Analysis*. This is the second of a 4-part series running through May. You do not need to attend all 4.

Computer Classes

Thursday, February 8 (7:00 - 8:30) p.m. OR Tuesday, March 13 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Mouse 101* — Learn how to use a mouse while exploring the library website and catalog.

Saturday, February 10 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Wednesday, March 14 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Computers for Beginners* — Practice turning a computer on and shutting one down. Learn about types of hardware and software, memory, drives and storage devices, and parts of the desktop.

Thursday, February 15 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) OR Tuesday, March 20 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Introduction to Windows & Toolbars* — Practice using toolbars and drop-down menus, creating and deleting folders, copying, pasting, and saving documents. Explore the start menu.

Saturday, February 17 (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.) OR Wednesday, March 21 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Introduction to the Internet* — Learn about types of Internet connections, web browsers, web addresses, and how to get to a web site.

Thursday, February 22 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) OR Saturday, March 24 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Searching the Internet with Google* — Learn how to narrow down your search results and discover some fun features of Google.

Tuesday, February 13 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Wednesday, March 28 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Introduction to Yahoo E-mail* — For new Yahoo E-mail users

Registration is required, and we must have an e-mail address to which to send advance "homework."

Sunday, March 11 (2 p.m.) *Sunday Sounds* — The Friends of the Library present Kevin Foster performing vocals and piano.

Tuesday, March 13 (7 p.m.) *Book Discussion Group* — This month's selection is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.*

only. Learn how to set up and start using a free Yahoo E-mail account.

Wednesday, February 7 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Thursday, March 15 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) OR Tuesday, March 27 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) *Introduction to Microsoft Word* — Learn basic word processing skills using Microsoft Word. Learn how to change the size, color, and type of font. Practice indenting and aligning text and using copy, cut, and paste.

Wednesday, February 14 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Thursday, March 22 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) *Introduction to Microsoft Word II* — Must have previous Word experience. Learn how to further customize a Word document through adjusting margins and tabs, creating numbered and bulleted lists, inserting pictures, headers and footers, and using tables.

Wednesday, February 21 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Thursday, March 29 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) *Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint* — Learn how to create a basic PowerPoint presentation with text, pictures, and sound.

Tuesday, February 20 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Saturday, March 17 (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.) *Introduction to Microsoft Excel* — Learn how to set up an Excel worksheet, enter text and numbers, and how to create a formula. Start using AutoSum.

Ability to use a mouse is required for all classes except Mouse 101. Registration for Westlake residents begins on February 5. Open registration begins February 6.

Saturday, March 17 (10:30 a.m.) *West Side Writers*

Tuesday, March 20 (6:30 p.m.) *Ken Yenke, the Yenke Peddler* — The Antiques and Collectibles columnist for the Sun Newspapers will speak on *The Century of the Child*. Mr. Yenke will outline the development of children's playthings from the 1880's to the toys of today. Following the talk, he will give a free appraisal of

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Adult Programs, cont'd

one item or picture of the item (if it's too large to carry.) Registration required, starting December 5.

Sunday, March 25 (2 p.m.) *Joyful Noise at the Library* — The Friends of the Library showcase young musicians. This month's performer is violinist Dylan Cowley.

Monday, March 26 (1 - 7 p.m.) *American Red Cross Bloodmobile*

Wednesday, March 28 (2 p.m.) *Afternoon Book Discussion Group* — This month's selection is *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler.*

*Books available at Circulation Desk.

Children's Programs

Thursday, February 15 and March 15 (3:45 - 4:30 p.m.) *Pickle Tree Club* — Kids will explore the real and not-so real world through books, crafts, and other activities — for children in kindergarten through grade 2. Registration required, beginning February 8 and March 8.

Saturday, February 17 and March 17 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) *MITICraft* — A Make It Take It craft experience with all supplies provided --- a drop-in craft for children and their caring adults.

Monday, February 19 (10 - 11 a.m.) *Acting Out Touring Company Puppets and Players* — The Westlake WestShore Arts Council presents a special President's Day program for children ages 3 - 8. Tickets available at the Youth Services Desk starting February 12.

Friday, February 23 and March 23 (10 - 11 a.m.) *Come Play With Me* — Open play time with a variety of age appropriate toys for children ages 2 through 4 and their caring adults. Registration required beginning February 16 and March 16.

Friday, March 2 (10 - 10:45 a.m.) *Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss* — Children ages 3 - 5 years old are invited to help the Youth Services Department celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a morning movie, stories and a simple craft. Registration required, starting February 23.

Friday, March 16 (10 a.m.) *Aladdin* — Members of the Ohio Dance Theatre will read the children's classic *Aladdin*, bring some costumes, and interact with children ages 3 - 5 with their caregivers. Registration required, starting March 9.

Art at the Library

Check out these artists featured in our art gallery area!

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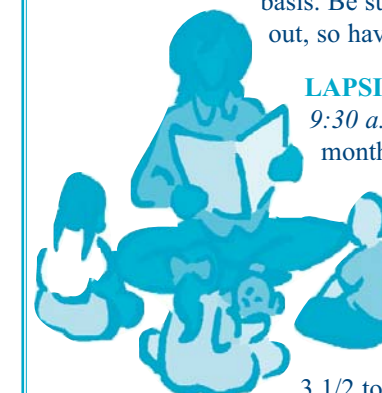
Vincent O'Keefe — photography and poetry

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Marjorie Garrett — watercolors

SPRING STORYTIMES

Storytime sessions run from February 5 - 15 and again starting the week of March 5 and running through the week of April 2. NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY. (The Storytime room capacity is 58 occupants.) Admittance is on a first-come first-served basis. Be sure to claim a key when you arrive. When the keys run out, so have our storytime spots!



LAPSIT STORYTIME - Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 9:30 a.m. — Rhymes, songs and stories for children 6-24 months and their caregivers.

TODDLER STORYTIME - Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 10:15 a.m. — Rhymes, songs and stories for children 2 - 3 1/2 years old with their caregivers.

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME - Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. — Rhymes, songs and stories for children 3 1/2 to 5 years old.

Teen Programs

February 1 - 14 *Candy Cache* — Picture this: One container (the cache) with candy. Your job: Count how many. Your prize? The container and the candy. Grades 6 - 12.

Saturday, February 10 (2 p.m.) *Teens Tie Dye Tees* — Tie dye creates one-of-a-kind artistic tees. So, bring a 100% cotton tee (even an old one) and you can give it some flair! Grades 6-12. Registration required, starting February 3.

Tuesday, February 27 (7:00 p.m.) *Teens Talk Books* — Friends, food and fun. Oh, and books, too. We meet the last Tuesday of each month. Sometimes we all read the same book, sometimes it's whatever you're reading. Grades 6 -12.

Sunday, March 4 - Saturday, March 10 *NEW: Teen Tech Week* — Books, books and more books. DVDs, databases, audiobooks, games and more are here too! Join us this week for highlights of what we have. Enter a drawing for our door prize, too! Grades 6 - 12.

Saturday, March 10 (3 p.m.) *Chess 101 for Teens* — Have you always wanted to try chess and see if it was something you would like to do? Here's a class just for teens in grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting March 3.

Tuesday, March 27 (7:00 p.m.) *Teens Talk Books* — Friends, food and fun. Oh, and books, too. We meet the last Tuesday of each month. Sometimes we all read the same book, sometimes it's whatever you're reading. Grades 6 -12.

Registering for programs

Online: <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>

Phone (our area code is 440):

Business Programs — 250-5460

Other Adult Programs — 250-5462

PC/Technology Programs — 250-5461

Children's/Teen Programs — 250-5471

Or visit the appropriate service desk at the library