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Annual Report 2011

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**The Library Board
meets on the
second Wednesday of
each month at
7:00 p.m.**

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday
10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday
10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Closed Sunday

It's hard to believe that another year has passed. At WWPL we definitely had to do more with less and had to find new and inventive ways to provide excellent library service to the City of Westfield and Washington Township. In the following paragraphs, I would like to summarize some of the things we have done in the last year to provide that excellent service.

Due to the property tax caps and the fact that the General Obligation Bond for the library mold remediation was paid off, the library's revenues were significantly reduced. In order to absorb this revenue reduction the library board decided to reduce the library's operating hours by one hour per day. We hope this hasn't caused too much of an inconvenience to our patrons, and after compiling statistics from 2010 our circulation per hour open has increased from 163/hour in 2009 to 174/hour in 2010.

All of the Hamilton County Libraries entered into a Reciprocal Borrowing agreement, allowing the library patrons of Hamilton County to use any library in the county to check out materials. We believe this has greatly enhanced the county's library service. Along with the Evergreen Indiana consortium, the library has provided increased collection and services to our patrons.

The WWPL Board completed the Library's Strategic Plan for 2010-2015. They used the input from the survey that was conducted in 2009. We received over 1,200 responses to the survey. The service directions the library board has outlined are as follows:

Education/Learning – The library will offer support for the lifelong learning and education needs of community residents through resources and programs which stimulate intellectual growth and development.

Current Topics and Titles – The library will seek to fulfill the patron's desire for information about current issues and popular trends. The library will provide an experience that nurtures a love of reading and the joy of discovery.

Commons – The library will provide a place for people to meet and interact with others in their community on a formal or informal basis. (From survey results and informal feedback from patrons, this is a priority.)

Partnerships – The library will establish and build on partnerships with local organizations where appropriate.

Technology – The library is committed to developing and maintaining the technology to aid patrons in their learning experience.

In 2009 the Library's HVAC system was retro commissioned. The library's gas, electric and maintenance costs of the HVAC system have all been reduced. We have also continued to enhance our partnership with Westfield Washington Schools which provides savings to the library through reduced cleaning, snow removal, lawn maintenance and supply costs.

The Children's department received a grant from the Betty Overman Endowment Fund, to

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purchase books used as reading incentives for the 2010 Summer Reading Program and to help with the purchase of the books for the Award-winning Books collection. The department also received a grant from the Target Foundation to hold a Thaddeus Rex concert.

The Library received a federally funded LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant to purchase 6 new computers for Public Internet Access. We hope to have those functional by the first quarter of 2011.

A self check workstation was installed to help alleviate our patrons' wait at the check out lines.

I would like to thank the Friends of the Westfield Library for the continued support through their fundraising efforts throughout the year. The Friends fund the incentives for the Children and Adult Summer Reading programs. They also supplement other programming costs and any special purchases the library may need throughout the year. In 2010 they contributed \$1500 to help the library purchase Reference/USA, an online database.

The library volunteers also provide invaluable support. The processing and the repair of materials is now done solely by volunteers, freeing up the staff to better serve our patrons. Thank you for the countless hours you have given to the library.

The Westfield Washington Public Library is looking forward to meeting your library service needs for 2011. Finally, I would like to thank the dedicated staff and Library Trustees for their hard work and continued efforts to make this a wonderful asset to the City of Westfield and Washington Township.

Sheryl Sollars
Library Director

Staff

Total number of paid staff: 37

Volunteers: Meredith Burns, Roy Duhamel, Pat Gilbert, Karen Koziura, Chelsea Mitchell, Paul Saft

Collection

Books:	123,650
Bound serials:	796
Video materials:	12,687
Audio materials:	11,721
Electronic format:	493
Current serial subscriptions:	225

Public Access Computers

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Public Computer Users	20,710	19,470

Patrons

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total number of Cardholders	16,808	14,558	16,759
Total number of Visits to the library	140,764	157,378	170,586

Circulation

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Adult books	90,200	98,212	89,773
Juvenile Books	136,314	139,315	132,152
Young Adult Books	10,640	13,433	11,970
Magazines	9,263	11,128	9,685
Audio Books	19,286	19,315	16,738
CD-Roms	2,255	1,606	1,144
DVDs	139,499	150,884	154,369
Downloadable Audio	766	1,491	,303
Multimedia	320	257	116
CDs	25,037	26,310	22,235
VHS	32,978	26,048	7,807
TOTAL CIRCULATION	466,558	487,999	458,292

Programming

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Children's Programs	493	600	620
Young Adult Programs	142	128	193
Adult Programs	632	511	433
General Programs (All age groups)	25	13	17
TOTAL PROGRAMS	1,292	1,252	1,263
TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	21,502	23,083	23,254

Information/Reference Services

Many of the programs from last year are continuing. We facilitate two book discussion groups and offer English as a Second Language. There are also monthly computer classes, watercolor classes and a genealogy meeting the first Saturday of each month. Also, AARP came in every Friday from February to April to provide free tax assistance.

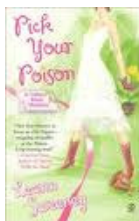
We continue our collaborative efforts with other Hamilton County libraries by providing reciprocal borrowing, as well as participating in the county wide reading program, Hamilton County Reads, that took place in March.

New this year is a monthly movie night complete with popcorn.

Adult Activities

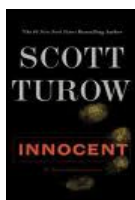
Book Discussion Groups

The Mystery Book Discussion Group will be talking about *Pick Your Poison* by Leann Sweeney, when they meet on Wednesday, February 2, at 1 p.m.



Come join other mystery lovers at a once-a-month discussion group which meets to talk about a variety of mysteries. Future discussions will be about:

- March 2: *The Likeness*
by Tana French
- April 6: *Still Life*
by Louise Penny



The General Group reads a wide variety of genres and meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. *Innocent* by Scott Turow will be the topic for this month,

and the discussion will be in the Sumner Room on Wednesday, February 16, at 1 p.m.

Future discussions will be about:

- March 16: *A Reliable Wife*
by Robert Goolrick
- April 20: *The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love*
by Joan Medlicott

These groups are a great way to chat with others who have read the book, or you can just come and listen! You are invited even if you haven't read the book!

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of one of the books and participating in this free program, please contact Information/Reference Services at 317-896-9391.

Genealogy Club

Join the Westfield Genealogy Club on Saturday, February 5, and share ideas, new Web sites and sources about family history, as well as meet some terrific people. The club meets the first Saturday of every month at 10:15 a.m. in the Sumner Room, and all genealogists are welcome to become members.

Euchre Group

The Westfield Washington Public Library Euchre Group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of fun with some great people on Wednesday, February 9, and on Wednesday, February 23, at this free program.



Computer Classes

There will be a free Computer Class at the library all about Microsoft Publisher, desktop publishing software that allows users to create everything from simple flyers to greeting cards and newsletters. The class will be presented on Thursday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m., and again on Monday, February 21, also at 6:30 p.m.



Join us at the library for a free class called E-mail Basics, designed for beginners who want to learn how easy it can be to keep up with friends and family through the Internet. Learn how to set up a free e-mail account, as well as how to send and receive messages. Classes are

scheduled for Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, February 24, at 3 p.m.



Watercolor Painting Class

Talented artist Jan Roland will teach a class in Watercolor Painting and Techniques at the library on Thursday, February 17, at 10:30 a.m. No previous art experience is necessary, and the class fee of \$12 includes all materials. Come and enjoy expressing your creativity!

Please contact Information/Reference Services to register for any of these classes.

Free Tax Assistance from AARP

Beginning February 4, AARP will again offer free tax assistance at the library. Representatives will be in the Sumner Room every Friday from February 4 to April 8. Something new this year is the need to register in advance. Appointments are available between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please contact Information/Reference Services to reserve a spot.



Please note: The IRS and State of Indiana will not be mailing paper tax forms this year, and only a limited amount of forms will be available at the library. We will also be glad to print forms from the Internet for you at a cost of 10¢ per page for black and white and 25¢ per page for color. We are not able to print copies of the instruction booklets due to their size.

Children's Activities

Baby Love

Birth to 18 Months
Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
February 3, 10, 17 & 24



Give your child a head start to early literacy with this unique program of rhyme, play and song. Free

Storytime

Miss Vicki will read a story, and there will be a craft afterward. Mondays, times are 10:30 a.m. for Toddlers (18 months to 3 1/2 accompanied by a caregiver) and 1 p.m. for Preschoolers (3 1/2 Kindergarten).

Tuesdays, times are 10:15 a.m. for Preschoolers and 11:15 a.m. for Toddlers.

Free

School Age Stuff

Grades K-4
Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.
February 2

Jazzy Jewelry-Be My Valentine

February 9

Heart Attack

February 16

Buddy Brouhaha!

Free



Paws & Read

All Ages
Saturday, February 12,
at 10:30 a.m.

Sign up at the Children's Desk for a 15 minute time slot to read to a dog who is a very good listener. Free



Webkinz Club

All Ages

First Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 3
Join in the fun when the Webkinz Club gets together to share Web site tips, trade cards, make a craft and find new friends. Bring your favorite Webkinz animal. Free

Yu-Gi-Oh!/Pokemon Club

All Ages

Second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 9.
Bring your cards, play the games, trade cards, and have fun! Free

American Girls Club

All Ages

Second Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 10

This program is about the collection of dolls based on pre-teen girl characters from various periods of American history. Dress up as an American Girl, bring your doll, play American Girl games and create some cool crafts. Free



Magic the Gathering Club

School Age and Teens
Fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 24
Bring your cards and play the game. Starter decks are available to borrow for new players. Free

Strategy Games Club

School Age to Adult

First & Third Saturday of every month at 1 p.m.

Next Meetings: February 5 & 19
For fans of Heroscape, Risk, and those games that are more fun to play with friends, you can bring your games and some friends and spread out in the craft room. Free



Lego Freebuild

School Age

Fourth Thursday of every month 3 - 5 p.m.

Next Meeting:

February 24

Play around with legos and create whatever strikes your fancy while you hang out with other

lego-lovers. There will be plenty of legos and lots of room to work. Free



Pottery and Printmaking with Jeremy South

Friday, February 11

10:15 a.m. Tiny Tots Printmaking	
Ages 9 mo - 3 yrs	\$8
11 a.m. Preschool Printmaking	
Ages 3-6	\$9
12:30 p.m. Kids' Pottery	
Ages 5 to adult	\$16
2:15 p.m. Tiny Tots Pottery	
Ages 9 mo - 3 yrs	\$8
3 p.m. Preschool Pottery	
Ages 3-6	\$9
4 p.m. Kids Printmaking	
Ages 5 to adult	\$16

Kids' Marketplace: For Kids, by Kids

Friday, February 18 12 p.m. & Saturday, February 19 10 a.m.

Bring your homemade creations and/or old toys & books to sell to your friends. Homemade craft items, baked goods, whatever you like – kids' items only, please. No clothes allowed. Bring cash (and change) and prepare to shop, barter & trade with other kid vendors.

For Teens Only

Teen Movie Time

The first Tuesday of each month, the library will show a movie just for teens. This month's movie is *The Last Airbender* (T.M. & ©



Paramount Pictures Corporation PG). The movie will be shown at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, and you must be 13 or older to attend.

TAG -- Your Opinion Counts!

Be part of the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) when it meets at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, at the library. We need you to help choose and plan teen library activities. These programs are for you, so come and tell us what you want!

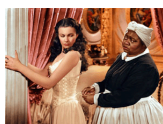
Audio/Visual

February is Black History Month. Celebrate the culture which has helped to shape our nation into a diverse and vibrant society!

Gone With the Wind

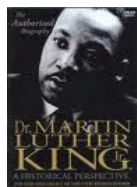
Did you know Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American to win an Academy Award?

She won Best Supporting Actress in 1940 for her role as Mammy the House Servant in *Gone with the Wind*.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The name Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. symbolizes the civil rights movement. This DVD tells the story of Dr. King's life. Including photographs and rare footage, the director portrays the ideas, methods, and beliefs behind the spokesperson of



Just Hangin'

Whatevah Time for Teens is on Tuesday, February 8, at 2:30 p.m., in the Craft Room at the library. Spend the afternoon just hanging out, playing the Wii, eating snacks, talking or doing "whatevah."



Anime/Manga Meets Mondays

Join us every Monday at the library for the Anime Manga Club. Hang out, watch anime and have snacks starting at 2:30 p.m. You must be 13 or older, or have a parent signed permission slip to attend. The gatherings will be on February 7, 14 & 28.

the civil rights movement.

A Moment in History: The Inauguration of Barack Obama

A moment that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. could only dream of arrived on January 20, 2009 at the Inauguration of the first black President of the United States. Watch the full Inauguration of the 44th President along with special features on this commemorative DVD.

Some other resources include:

- *Eyes on the Prize* a 7 volume PBS documentary on the Civil Rights Movement.
- *Roots* the celebrated TV series chronicling the story of one family through approximately 120 years.



Cosplay Club

The Westfield Washington Public Library has a new club for teens all about cosplay, short for "costume play." Be there every Friday at 2:30 p.m., and be sure to bring your creativity!

Un-Valentine Party

Single? Been dumped? Have someone special? Whatever the situation, teens are invited to an Un-Valentine Party at the library on Thursday, February 10, at 3 p.m. Make cards, decorate heart cookies, have snacks, and play games.



- *Voices of the Civil Right Movement* a CD set of Black American Freedom Songs from 1960 thru 1966.

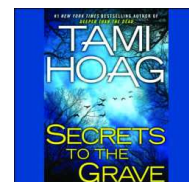
NEW DVDs

American Dinner for Schmucks
Easy A
Social Network
Red
Wall Street-Money Never Sleeps



NEW BOOKS ON CD

Sentry
by Robert Crais
Judas Gate
by Jack Higgins
Secrets to the Grave
by Tami Hoag
Damage
by John Lescroart

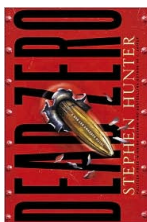


February New Materials

Dead Zero

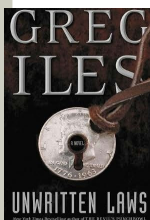
By Stephen Hunter

Whiskey 2-2, a marine sniper team on a mission in tribal territories on the Afghan-Pakistan border, is ambushed by professionals using the latest high-tech shooting gear. Badly wounded, the team's sole survivor, Gunnery Sergeant Ray Cruz, aka "the Cruise Missile," is determined to finish his job.



Unwritten Laws

By Greg Iles

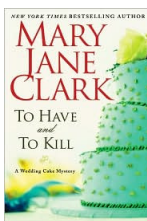


Penn Cage's father, Dr. Tom Cage, stands accused of murder, and each effort to defend him unearths new, shocking secrets, leaving Penn to question whether he ever really knew his father at all.

To Have and To Kill: A Wedding Cake Mystery

By Mary Jane Clark

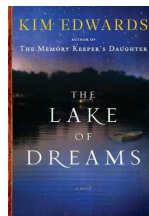
Piper, a struggling actress with no immediate prospects and a recently broken engagement, moves back in with her parents to take stock of her life. She steps tentatively into the family bakery business and finds herself agreeing to create a wedding cake for the acclaimed star of a daytime television drama.



The Lake of Dreams

As Lucy discovers and explores the traces of her lineage, the family story she has always known is shattered, Lucy's quest for the truth reconfigures her family's

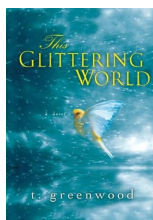
history, links her to a unique slice of the suffragette movement, and yields dramatic insights that embolden her to live freely.



This Glittering World

By T. Greenwood

When Ben Bailey, an adjunct history professor and part-time bartender, finds the badly beaten body of a young Native

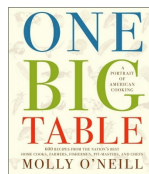


American on his lawn, he's driven to find out what happened. His quest takes on a new dimension once the young man dies and his death goes all but unnoticed.

One Big Table: A Portrait of American Cooking

By Molly O'Neill

This collection celebrates the nation's culinary diversity, both ethnically and agriculturally, and offers a uniquely intimate look at what home cooking in America is truly like today. O'Neill crossed the country, interviewing home cooks and spending time in the kitchens of recent immigrants.



The Secret of Chanel No. 5: The Intimate History of the World's Most Famous Perfume

By Tilar J. Mazzeo



The author takes readers all over France, to the U.S., Germany, and Imperial Russia, to explain the far-flung origins and unprecedented success of the perfume the author calls a "cultural monument."

23 Things They don't Tell You

About Capitalism

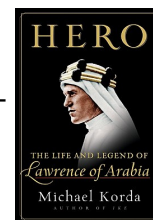
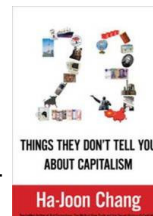
by Ha-Joon Chang

This is a lighthearted book with a serious purpose: to question the assumptions

behind the dogma and sheer hype that the dominant school of neoliberal economists—the apostles of the freemarket—have spun since the Age of Reagan.

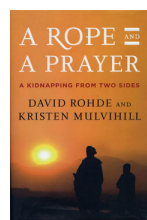
Hero: The Life and Legend of Lawrence of Arabia

by Michael Korda
A revealing, in-depth, and gripping biography of the extraordinary, mysterious, and dynamic Englishman whose daring exploits and romantic profile—including his blond, sun-burnished good looks and flowing white robes—made him an object of intense fascination, still famous the world over as "Lawrence of Arabia."



A Rope and a Prayer: A Kidnapping from Two Sides

by David Rohde & Kristen Mulvihill
Invited to an interview by a Taliban commander, *New York Times* reporter David Rohde and two Afghan colleagues were kidnapped in November 2008 and spirited to the tribal areas of Pakistan. For the next seven months, they lived in an alternate reality, ruled by jihadists, in which paranoia, conspiracy theories, and shifting alliances abounded.



Information Technology

In 2010, the Information Technology Department:

- Received an LSTA grant for \$6000 to add six additional public computer stations and upgrade library's public wireless network.
- Created dynamic reading lists for the website with help from other staff members.
- Put in a self-check station near the circulation desk.
- Upgraded three catalog computers and added an additional catalog computer in the Audio & Video Department.
- Updated the library's Facebook page a few times a week with events, library announcements and other relevant information.
- Migrated to a more robust website editing program, and redesigned the library website including rotating graphic announcements for the front page.
- Revised the Library's Technology Plan.
- Worked with the Evergreen consortium to better train our staff on the new ILS system, run reports and develop policies.
- Offered one-on-one technical support for patrons as requested.
- Maintained over 200 pieces of equipment.
- Donated obsolete equipment to non-profit group Wings for West Africa to be repurposed or recycled.

Children's Services

In 2010, services provided by the Children's Department continued to expand despite numerous cutbacks. It was a record breaking year for Children's Services with 20,959 people attending 833 programs and activities.

The Children' Department received a *We the People Bookshelf Grant* from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association. The grant was for 17 books for young people with the theme "A More Perfect Union," and they portray American history and culture during the Civil War.

We also received a Target Literacy Grant, which funded *Read Like a Rockstar*, a literacy based musical performance by PBS personality Thaddeus Rex.

Area businesses generously donated coupons, prizes and prize packages in 2010 that were key to the success of the Summer Reading Program. The Westfield Woman's Club generously sponsored two popular summer programs, and the Overman Endowment funded the purchase of paperback books used for the Children's Summer Reading Program prizes, as well as additional books for our special Award-winning Books collection.

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Audio/Visual

In 2010, the AV Department introduced a new format to the collection – Wii software. There are 23 games available with a circulating time of one week.

Family DVDs seem to be the most popular genre, with an average circulation count of 2500 per month and Children's VHS tapes at 300.

<u>DVDs</u>	
New	1600
Comedy & Drama	1500
Childrens	1300
TV Series	1200
Action	850
SF/Horror & NF	700
Musicals	200
Hallmark	150
Foreign Language	75
Religious	60
Anime	40

The most popular music is Pop, Country and Classical.

Young Adult Services

Teens had many programs offered to them in 2010. The Anime Manga Club attracts teens every Monday after school to enjoy all things related to the popular Japanese art forms. Whatevah Time for Teens is held monthly in the craft room, providing a positive environment for teens to be themselves. Regular activities include playing the Wii, doing homework, socializing and enjoying snacks. Impromptu gaming allowed teens to play the Wii when space was available. Starting in September, monthly movies chosen by the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) were offered. In December, the Cosplay Club met for the first time. The teens plan to design and make costumes of their favorite anime characters.

The 2010 teen summer reading program had an increase in participation of 7%. Sixty-six teens received their choice of a book and gift card for reading ten books. Members of TAG helped choose prizes.

New young adult books were regularly added to the collection, with the Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins being one of the most popular. The Twilight books by Stephenie Meyer continued to be in demand. Night of Eclipse was held in the summer to celebrate the books and the movies and was well attended.

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The Westfield Washington Public Library will strive, in partnership with organizations, to provide quality services, materials and facilities that fulfill the educational, informational, technological, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community.

Friends of the Westfield Library

Friends Board:

Virginia Fiscus, President
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The Friends of the Westfield Library is an organization designed to promote and support the mission of the Westfield Washington Public Library. Through its fundraising efforts, primarily book sales held every other month, and our Annual Craft Bazaar and Silent Auction, the group raises money used to fund library programs and to purchase items that are not in the library's operating budget.

2011 Book Sales

Feb. 4: Preview 6-7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 5-12, regular sale
 Apr. 8: Preview 6-7:30 p.m.
 Apr. 9-16: Regular sale
 June 3: Preview 6-7:30 p.m.
 June 4-11: Regular sale
 Aug. 5: Preview 6-7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 6-13: Regular sale
 Oct. 7: Preview 6-7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8-15: Regular sale
 Nearly New Sale:
 Dec. 2: Preview 6-7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 3-10: Regular sale

How do I become a member?

Membership is open to any individual, family, or organization. Memberships are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Annual Dues:

- Staff \$5
- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Contributing \$25
- Sustaining \$50
- Lifetime \$100 This one time payment includes an engraved name plaque on display in the library.

Membership forms are available at the library's Circulation Desk.