

Looking Back and Looking Forward: Collaborating for Success & Celebrating 20 years

by Jennifer Morris, Executive Director, Pioneer Library System

A large crowd came together at the Valley Oak Event Center in Geneseo to celebrate Pioneer Library System's 20th annual dinner. Thirty-two member libraries were represented: 27 directors, 69 library trustees, and 64 library staff, friends and other supporters of libraries, for a total attendance of 160.

Each attendee had a chance to win an assortment of prizes for their library. The donations were collected by Outreach Librarian Kim Iraci. The 12 lucky winners received gift certificates and materials from among the following vendors: Overdrive, Office Max, Midwest Tape, Evanced Solutions, Recorded Books, Bearport Publishing, and the New York Library Association.

New trustees were elected to fill the outgoing positions of Pat Ayres and Dixie Prittie whose terms end December 31, 2009. The Wayne County Library Advisory Council nominated Cornelia "Pic" Schade; the Ontario County Public Library Advisory Council nominated Clifton Springs trustee Anne Mancilla. Each will serve a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2010.

Dixie Prittie was the surprised recipient of the 13th annual Pioneer Award. She was recognized for her 25 years of service to libraries, as a Palmyra Library Friend, trustee, and later as a Pioneer trustee. Dixie's "love of libraries, her strong activism and unassuming dedication made her a perfect choice for the award."



PLS Board President Kathleen Brown announces Dixie Prittie as the 2009 Pioneer Award winner.

Jennifer Morris, Executive Director, highlighted the many changes of the past 20 years at PLS. Through slide photos she delighted many with glimpses of their more youthful selves. Changes in formats and technology also were highlighted—remember when a fax machine seemed like radical new technology?

Keynote Speaker Josh Cohen reviewed changes libraries have seen—including the competition for resources and monies. He reminded everyone that through it all, libraries adapt and resolve to meet the needs of their communities.

Upon becoming the NYLA president, Josh was asked what his theme would be and he answered peace, love, and freedom.

Peace...

Because the library continues to be a neutral place for everyone. Your age,

beliefs, affiliation with organizations or political parties do not matter—the library is for everyone. It's a peaceful place.

Love...

Because librarians love reading, history, and culture. They keep track of this for all people.

Freedom...

Because who controls the past, controls the future. Librarians preserve history and records of the who, what, why and where of people.

The Future

Josh summed up his talk with the ideal of what should be in the future of libraries.

- Continue to be the place people can come and access materials.

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- A place to meet, and come together.
- A place that has a quiet zone. A quiet and peaceful spot for contemplation, reading, etc. will be appreciated.
- Continue to keep current with technology.
- Have trained staff that are up on the latest technology, because people need assistance with using the computer for job applications, to download information and in finding information.
- Libraries and librarians will continue to do things in a cost-effective way.
- Will continue to evolve. Libraries have broadband and downloadables now and will explore new technology.
- Libraries will continue to be the pillar in the community to talk, to learn, to gather.

Josh encouraged trustees and library staff to practice the three **V's**:

Value – be cost effective; **Visibility** – be the institution that provides what is needed; **Viability** – be solid & governed well; the public trusts you with their dollars.

Josh finally urged all to grow their libraries, and not to be content with the status quo or shrinking budgets. Josh urged trustees and library directors to meet the challenges that are ahead and to explore ways to become even stronger assets in their communities.

Long Range Planning Showcases Community Importance of the Library

submitted by Kim Iraci, Communications, Advocacy and Outreach Librarian

Three member libraries utilized Pioneer Library System services to facilitate their long range planning process in 2009. Arcade Free Library, Avon Free Library, and Honeoye Public Library hosted two four-hour meetings with their community stakeholders to explore community vision, needs and library services. The process followed the Public Library Association endorsed *New Planning for Results* and *Strategic Planning for Results*,



models developed by Sandra Nelson. The process facilitated by Kim Iraci, Communications, Advocacy and Outreach Librarian at Pioneer, provided a wonderful opportunity for libraries

to meet with a cross representation of their local community to learn more about community need, ways the library could meet that need and to explore potential partnerships. The plans developed during these

meetings give our member library directors, staff and trustees a viable roadmap for the next five years that is truly unique and reflects the local communities they serve.

The economy has certainly had an impact on community outlook. Stakeholders advocated for increased library programming, technology support and meeting room space to meet community need. Each session demonstrated support of the library and its services. Discussion during stakeholder meetings echoed nationwide statistics that during tough economic times, more and more people turn to their library for educational, computer and entertainment needs. Pioneer Library System will continue to offer facilitation of long range planning for three libraries in 2010 as part of its Outreach services.



Heidi Jensen, Cataloging Assistant at Pioneer Library System was the 2009 recipient of the NYLA Public Library Section's Dewey Fellowship Award. Heidi was recognized for her dedicated service to Pioneer Library System members and for her work advocating for recognition of the many contributions of library support staff in our region and across New York State. Heidi has contributed greatly to the training and awareness of library assistants within Pioneer Library System.

The recognition by the Public Library Section of NYLA came with a full New York State Library Association conference scholarship and a \$100 to be spent at the NYLA store.

Find Some Good Books to Read

submitted by Ellen Reynolds, Collection Management and Youth Services Librarian

Looking for a good book to read? Pioneer Library System has two services that can give you some ideas.

BookLetters is a service providing emailed newsletters once a month. You select newsletters based on your interests. Selections below are samples of new fiction and non-fiction lists available:

- **Book Club Choices** – New and older titles that book clubs may want to consider
- **Book Sizzle** – Books in the media. From authors on the air to the latest TV/movie adaptations.
- **Business Titles** – Personal finance and what is new in the business world
- **Children's Picture Books**
- **Fiction Best Sellers** – From the New York Times Bestseller List
- **Fiction Preview** – Titles just coming out
- **New Fiction** – New general fiction titles that are just being published
- **Nonfiction Best Sellers** – From the New York Times Bestseller List
- **Teen Scene** – New titles for teens
- **Meet the Author** is an interview with an author who has a new book coming out.

The section titled “Our Newsletters” includes a monthly “Pioneer Picks”

that includes titles suggested by staff in member libraries. The “Spotlight” list usually presents titles that pertain to a topic of significance for the month. Wood Library does a monthly newsletter for its patrons. Geneva Public Library also has a featured list “New Additions to the Central Library Collection” that includes newly purchased nonfiction.

In addition to the emailed newsletters there are book discussion guides, a directory of author interviews, lists of book awards, and genre lists. To find out more go to owl.org and select Reader's Corner from the top menu and click on Bookletters. To sign up to receive emails of a specific list just click on the “subscribe to a newsletter” link. Most newsletters are sent out once a month on a staggered schedule.

For your convenience you can place a hold directly on any title in the Book-Letter lists. Just click on “View Details” in the book's description to go to the OWWL catalog.

Another readers' service is NoveList. If you are in an OWWL book record you may notice the NoveList Reader's Advisory logo. Click on it and you will go into the NoveList online database. Once in NoveList, you can read a review of the book, find more titles by the author, or find similar books. NoveList also features detailed book discussion guides, reviews, recommended lists, and author read-alike lists. NoveList can also be found on the www.owl.org page under Readers' Corner.

Check out the above resources and find good books to read today!



Book repair and advocacy were the focus of the 6th annual Pioneer Library System Fall Support Staff workshop. The half-day event led by Heidi Jensen, Pioneer Library System Cataloging Assistant, was held on October 30th with 33 attendees. Speakers included Leah Hamilton from the University of Rochester demonstrating book repair techniques, and Jennifer Morris, Executive Director of PLS and Kathy Miller, Executive Director of Rochester Regional Library Council providing timely tips on advocacy. Heidi Jensen, Cataloging Assistant states the annual workshop is “an excellent opportunity for support staff to receive training and to network with other support staff in their area.”



Celebrating ALL of Wyoming County on OWWL

by Kimberly Iraci, Communications, Advocacy, and Outreach Librarian, Pioneer Library System

The Gainesville Public Library in Silver Springs was packed in celebration on November 14th as the Wyoming County Public Libraries and Pioneer Library System recognized the milestone of all 42 public libraries in the system on OWWL.org. Silver Springs, host of the festivities was the final library to join the online catalog of holdings. Residents in Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming and Livingston Counties can use their OWWL card to access materials from all public libraries in the System. Materials placed on hold are delivered to the library of choice and returns can be made at any public library within Pioneer's service area.



Wyoming County's journey to automation began with these automation Pioneers in 2000
Pictured: Sandy Kushner, Jackie Hoyt, Linda Lavery, Peggy Parker and Mary Mann.



Current Wyoming County Directors pose with Booker B. OWWL to celebrate ALL of Wyoming County on OWWL.

Bottom row: Angela Gonzalez (Warsaw), Mary Mann (Silver Springs), Sue Reding (Arcade), Doris Flint (Pike), Linda Lavery (Bliss).

Top row: Cheryl Northup (Wyoming), Erin Robinson (Castile), Nancy Burns (Attica), and Peggy Parker (Perry) with library mascot Booker B. OWWL.



Elected officials, Library staff and Directors participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Young attendees enjoyed learning about the owl species and meeting live owls. The overview and meet-and-greet was provided by the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center.



Celebration attendees were provided with numerous treats including cake, cookies and refreshments. Raffle baskets were provided by each library and the drawings were a crowd favorite.

*****Mark Your Calendar—Upcoming Trustee Workshop*****

January 19, 2010 at Pioneer Library System

Ideas for 21st Century Libraries

and

Ideas to Increase Your Operating Budget

presented by Kim Bolan Cullin and Rob Cullin, Evanced Solutions
and Jennifer Morris, Executive Director, Pioneer Library System

Trustees and Library Staff, register at www.pls-net.org

New Year Rolls Out New Campaign for Pioneer Libraries

submitted by Kim Iraci, Communications, Advocacy & Outreach Librarian

The New Year brings forth a new campaign to get the word out on services that Pioneer member libraries offer—the transformative value of libraries and the value of an OWWL library card. The project, a joint venture between Pioneer Library System, RIT's Spring 2009 Social Marketing class, and the Ad Council of Rochester, was based on the findings of the OCLC commissioned study *From Awareness to Funding*. The project partners focused on the creation of billboard, print, poster and postcard campaigns. The full campaign will be launched at the Arcade Free Library, Mount Morris Library and Williamson Free Public Library as pilot sites. Directors met with Jennifer Morris and Kim Iraci from Pioneer to view a series of proposed materials created and pitched by student teams from the RIT class. Outstanding work was presented. The campaign selected was then further developed by Professor Mike Mooney, owner of Full Moon

Advertising in Rochester. The campaign with the tagline **Your Story Starts Here at Your OWWL Library** encourages young families, teens and job seekers to check out library offerings. The campaign also seeks to increase awareness of OWWL2go system-wide downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks to patrons 24/7 via their OWWL card.

Pioneer will evaluate the campaign on several measures and the impact it has on awareness of library services and funding. Templates of the campaign materials will then be made available for all 42 public library members for use in their communities. A sampling of posters created for the campaign are showcased below.

Homeschoolers Find Resources and Support at the Library

submitted by Louise Furber, Director

The Phelps Community Memorial Library started a new support and resource group – P.HELP.S. – **Practical HELP** for homeschool families. This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2 – 4 p.m. Homeschool families share resources, curriculum, strategies and successes. A corner of the juvenile section is reserved for the sharing of curriculum materials, journals and catalogs. Families share their resources with other participants. The library has added a special section to its website with helpful links for homeschoolers. The library community meeting room is available for group studies, presentations and meetings.



**YOUR STORY STARTS HERE
AT YOUR OWWL LIBRARY**



Victor Free Library Celebrates — 70 Years of Service to the Community

submitted by Lynne Madden, Children's Services

As part of the library's 70th Anniversary celebration, the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the library sponsored a *What the Library Means to Me* contest.

Kids, ages 4 to 17, were invited to write an essay, draw a picture, or write a poem about what the library means to them.

Winners were announced on *Hang Around Victor Day* and received a \$25 gift certificate to Borders Books, donated by the Friends.

The following is one of the creative winning entries.

Very kind librarians
Interesting activities
Cool books
Tools for life
Out of this world books
Right information
Find things we need
Reading fun
Excellent
Extreme books
Life is books
I love my library
Books make us smart
Reading is #1
Awesome books
Read all the time
Yes, I love reading!



Winners of the Victor Free Library's *What the Library Means to Me* Contest.
Front row l-r: Kelsey Van Aken, Lane Fitzsimmons, Katie Barton, Hannah Pink
Back row l-r: Karen Smith, Aaron Schaible, Donna To, Sienna Sulecki

Edgar Allan Poe Haunts Canandaigua

submitted by Jenny Goodemote, Young Adult and Reference Librarian

The life and works of Edgar Allan Poe were celebrated in Canandaigua as part of Wood Library's Big Read. The Big Read is an initiative by the National Endowment for the Arts to stimulate and revive interest in reading classic literature. A Masquerade Ball at Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion was the official kick-off event. Dramatic readings of "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "The Raven" set the mood while Canandaigua Academy students roamed the mansion depicting Poe's troubled characters.

At the library adults were treated to a Poe Projected Film Series. Local mystery writer Charles Benoit taught writing workshops. Adults attended a special "after-dark" café that included dramatic Poe readings, treats, and

conversation. To be sure all adults could participate in the many Poe events, Wood Library's Writer's for Literacy Group adapted Poe's tales into easy-to-read formats for the adult learners and their tutors.

Teens were invited to participate in a teen horror writing workshop to look at horror writers from the past and present. Erica Bapst, owner and designer at Adorn Jewelry, taught teens the art of creating a gothic necklace to help get them in the spirit of Poe.

Children experienced Poe through events such as "Something Spooky," storytime and crafts, "Horrorgami" paperfolding with a twist and at "The Mask of Amontillado" where masquerade masks were created.



Wood Library participates in the Big Read

The Victor Free Library, the Red Jacket Community Library, and the Bloomfield Public Library also held discussions of Poe's works and the Macedon Public Library loaned a rare 1850 edition of *The Works of Edgar Allan Poe* for library use. The event was successful and truly a community Big Read!

Lyons Public Library Receives Outstanding Building Award and Hosts Fundraisers

submitted by Theresa Streb, Director

It was an exciting and busy fall for all at the Lyons Public Library. In October, the Library was honored by the Public Library Section of the New York Library Association at the 2009 Annual Conference in Niagara Falls. Lyons was the recipient of one of only two state awards for Outstanding Library Building for its new facility. Director Theresa Streb accepted the award plaque as well as a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Library. Secondly, the library held its annual Friends book and bake sale, raising \$1,275 which included memberships as well as the library's new tote bags.

In November, the library and the Friends of the Library worked together on two projects. Lauren Christler,

a landscape architecture student, provided planning for exterior landscaping. She shared exciting plans for the front and back of the library which were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees as well as the Friends' Board of Directors. Q's Lawn and Landscape of Newark purchased the plants and installed them during the week of Thanksgiving. Staff is looking forward to seeing everything blooming next spring. Memorials, fundraising and funding from the Friends of the Library are paying for the landscaping. The Friends of the Library also held a Christmas Flea Market in November as a fundraiser for the landscaping and raised over \$140.



Lyons Director Theresa Streb, accepting building award from Susan Considine, Director Fayetteville Free Library

We Love Our Friends!

submitted by Carol Garland, Director

The hardworking Sodus Community Library Friends group had their most successful used book sale in November, and met a 50% match with Phase II of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Opportunity Online Hardware Grant. Because of their efforts, the library has three new Dell laptops available for public use. Friends are also purchasing a Wii game console to be used for programming and are considering other items on the Library's wish list. Community

members are looking forward to the Friends' yearly *Everything Chocolate* sale in February. Along with fundraising activities, Friends spend time volunteering, cleaning DVD cases and children's books, and sponsoring a book club, needlework group, and rock painting classes. The group was also a great help in the successful rechartering, which has enabled the library to expand hours to better serve the Sodus community. The energy of the Friends is boundless, and library staff are grateful for all their efforts.



Winterfest Makes Its Debut at the Stevens Community Memorial Library

submitted by Nancy Burns, Director

Attica's first Winterfest was held on Saturday, December 5th. The Attica Central Middle School Band (7th and 8th grade students) provided holiday music. The band's music teacher, Mrs. Hofheins led the students for a half an hour of musical celebration for parents, patrons and staff at the library.

Also included during the day's festivities was an historical view of the railroads in Attica with Max Szemplenski. He entertained the audience with the pictures and film of western New York trains. The visitors were amazed at the resources presented.

Guest reader, Attica Town Supervisor Douglas Patti, read a variety of holiday stories in the spirit of the season. Stories and crafts were enjoyed by children and parents. One young guest even showed our favorite reader how to make the snowman gift bag that everyone took home.

Thank you to all of the elves, musicians, and visitors for starting the holidays with a joyful time at the library.



Attica Central Middle School Band provides the sounds of the season for Attica's first Winterfest held at the library.

Fall Fun for All Ages at the Arcade Free Library

submitted by Dona Roll, Youth Services Specialist

Harvest Festival Attendees Had Fun

On October 30th, thirty costumed youngsters painted pumpkins, ate pretzel stick witches and green 'chocolate' bark, danced to fall music, and took home goodie bags of fruit roll-ups, raisins, apples and pretzels.

Local Author Visit A Huge Hit

"GOT GHOSTS?" was the Buffalo News' headline for an article about local author Cassidy O'Connor, a paranormal investigator who co-authored *Haunted Buffalo: Ghosts of the Queen City*. Seventy-two people



crowded into the library to learn more about her paranormal investigations. The library ran out of books for her to

sign and has scheduled a second visit in December. To learn more, check out her *Haunted Buffalo* book from OWWL.



2nd Annual FOOD FOR FINES

Arcade Free Library held a food drive to benefit the local food pantry. Non-perishable food items were collected in lieu of overdue fines. One item of food equaled up to \$1.00 in fines and over 450 food items were collected and given to the Food Pantry.

Wearable Art Workshop a Stunning Success!

Fifteen teens and tweens showed up to make wearable art pieces for

themselves or for gifts at the library in November. Choosing from duct tape, paper, coupling nuts, S-hooks or guitar picks, participants created cool and unique wearable art. Both boys and girls enjoyed

this activity and want to do a re-run in February! The activity was sponsored by the Teen Advisory Group.



A Tale for Three Counties Announces 2010 Book and Author

submitted by Peggy Parker, Director, Perry Public Library

A new twist, the Tale for Three Counties committee hosted four simultaneous announcement parties on September 21 to reveal Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain* as the selected title for 2010, the eighth year of the annual "one book" program. In Wyoming County, Perry Public Library hosted the event, which included festive book-related decorations and snacks, and an unveiling of the poster and a showing of a video clip promotion of the book.

The story, told from the point of view of a dog named Enzo, appeals to a wide audience. *The Art of Racing in the Rain* has enjoyed outstanding reviews and best-seller status. Four book discussions and an author visit are scheduled for the public libraries in Wyoming County:

Book Discussions:

- Saturday, January 23, 2010, 1:00 p.m., Wyoming Free Library
- Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Perry Public Library
- Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Stevens Memorial Community Library, Attica
- Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Warsaw Public Library

Visit by Author Garth Stein:

Saturday, March 13, 2010, 2:00 PM, hosted by public libraries in Wyoming County at Perry Elementary/Middle School Auditorium.

The author's appearance in Wyoming County is sponsored by a decentralization regrant from NYSCA, administered by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.

A Tale for Three Counties is an area-wide community read project for Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties in western New York State and is presented by the 19 public libraries in these counties, Genesee Community College, Batavia's The Daily News, and Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (BOCES) School Library System.

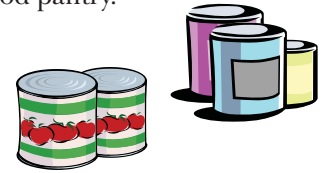


From left:
At Perry Public Library for the Tale 2010 announcement party are Youth Services Librarian Janet Rossman and Library Director Peggy Parker of Perry Public Library; Library Director Mary Mann of the Gainesville Public Library in Silver Springs; Library Director Nancy Burns of Stevens Memorial Community Library in Attica; Library Director Sue Reding of Arcade Free Library; and Library Director Linda Lavery of Eagle Free Library in Bliss.

February is Food for Fines Month at Warsaw Public Library

submitted by Angela Gonzalez, Director

February 2010 is a good time to return overdue library materials and clean out crowded cupboards. Bring in one non-perishable food item per library item that has overdue fines on it, and the fines will be forgiven for that item. Bring back those long overdue books, DVDs, audio books, and puppets!! You are, of course, welcome to bring in food items even if you do not have fines. All the food collected will be donated to our local food pantry.



Special Programs Abound at the Dansville Public Library

submitted by Marcia Miller, Clerk

Bad Guys & Villains with artist Tom Fox

Local cartoonist Tom Fox visited the Dansville Public Library in September and taught his Bad Guys & Villains cartoon workshop to children in grades 3 and up. Ten kids participated in the event and learned special techniques to draw their very own bad guy or terrible villain. The workshop was funded by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.

Picturing America: Real Life Stories in Dansville

The Dansville Public Library held a special program, *Picturing America: Real Life Stories in Dansville* at Dansville's Ellis B. Hyde Elementary School on September 29.

Three community leaders spoke about their experiences living, working, and volunteering in Dansville to more than 100 fourth-grade students during three sessions held in the library. Presenters were Mayor Bill Dixon, local businesswoman Susan DeMuth, and Dr. Nancy Hussey, former DCS principal. As a recipient of the *We the People Picturing America* bookshelf, awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association, the Dansville Public Library received 19 new books about American history and the American experience.

Pumpkin Painting

The library hosted an annual pumpkin painting event for kids. Twenty-five children had fun painting and decorating pumpkins with glitter. The pumpkins were then displayed in the library for all to see. This special event has become a favorite for kids to take part in every autumn. The Friends of the Dansville Public Library sponsored the program.



Make, Bake and Take holiday pins provided room for lots of creativity and fun.

Make, Bake & Take Holiday Pins with Susan DeMuth.

Children enjoyed making holiday pins. Local artist Susan DeMuth taught children simple techniques for using sculpy clay. Kids rolled, cut out and embellished their creations. Each child made three or four pins. The program was funded by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Grant through the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.

Picturing America: A Civil War Union soldier's story with reenactor Dan Cox

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Dansville Public Library held a special event titled, *Picturing America: A Civil War Union Soldier's Story* with reenactor Dan Cox on November 18. Mr. Cox, a local resident of Dansville has been a reenactor for 11 years. Mr. Cox portrayed Daniel Cook, a Union soldier from the 13th New York State Volunteer Regiment based in Dansville. Cook relived his experiences as a young soldier in the Civil War to an audience of 15 people. The program was in collaboration with the We the People Bookshelf grant.



Civil War reenactor Dan Cox portrays Daniel Cook, a Union soldier from the NYS 13th Volunteer Regiment at a recent Dansville program.

Livonia Public Library Hosts Halloween Author

submitted by Sally Collins, Vice President, Livonia Public Library Board of Trustees

"I've never met anyone who wrote a book before" said Anthony Collins, age 8, beaming as he left the Livonia Public Library on a recent Saturday



A.J. Collins and author David Smith.

morning. The Friends of the Livonia Library hosted local author David R. Smith who gave a review of his pre-teen mystery, *The Halloween House*. The event was a great opportunity for youngsters interested in writing. As Mr. Smith read a chapter from his book, the young patrons listened intently to the story and expressed interest in wanting to find out more! They were surprised to learn each family attending the event would receive a free copy of the book courtesy of the Friends Group, personally signed by the author.

"What initially was intended to be a book review turned into a mini writing workshop with David R. Smith giving

several writing tips to young aspiring authors," said Sally Collins of the Livonia Friends Group. After asking the author many questions, attendees shared their own stories and received lots of encouragement to continue writing.

Wild Life Educators Present Five Week Series at the Library

submitted by Frank Sykes, Director, Livonia Public Library

The Livonia Public Library partnered with the Wildlife Educators Coalition for a five week series. Taking place on consecutive Saturday mornings at the library, the WEC brought in a wide range of exotic and regional animals. The series, based on the senses



A recent program at the Livonia Public Library provided a chance to meet up close a Skink Lizard.

included: "The Eyes have It"; "Did you Hear that?"; "The Nose Knows"; and "Hmmm, I'd take a Bite." The final presentation, "Wild Animals," featured a monkey and a baby alligator. Each theme consisted of at least one bird, mammal, and reptile. Some of the other animals included were a barred owl, an African servile cat, and a turkey vulture. The goal of the WEC, as well as the Livonia Public Library, is to educate and inform the community. The WEC series was yet another program sponsored through the generosity of the library's wonderful and hard-working Friends group.



A Barred Owl is part of the Wildlife Educators Program.



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The Pathfinder is available online at the PLS website. While you're there, be sure to check out the Calendar of Events and other library related links and resources.

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