



Homeschooling Newsletter

Hamilton East Public Library

Spring 2010

Hamilton County Reads 2010

Since the late 1990s One Book, One Community programs have become very popular. These programs connect the people in a community through literature and promote reading in the community as a whole. On the Library of Congress website, www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/0601/cfb.html, you will find an informative article giving the history of this type of program and examples of "One Book" programs across the country.

For the past few years Hamilton East Public Library has participated in Hamilton County Reads, a community reading project. The Hamilton County Reads book for this year, announced March 1st, is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. Take time to read this book during March and April and discuss it with friends, family and neighbors. All five Hamilton County libraries will offer programs related to the theme of the book.

Beginning last year, a children's book was selected as a companion to the adult Hamilton County Reads book choice. This year a children's book was again selected, and the Hamilton East Public Library's Youth Services staff has planned a number of programs around the children's book choice. The title of this year's selection is Blueberries for the Queen by John Paterson. It is a picture book, but the story is sophisticated

enough to interest older children. It is a school-age rather than a preschool book choice.

There are a number of library programs your child may attend during March and April to listen to Blueberries for the Queen and participate in crafts and activities related to the book. You may see complete information about the children's and adult programs on the program calendar on our website (www.hepl.lib.in.us) or on flyers available at both libraries. Here is a brief list of children's programs:

*Tues. Mar. 23 Blueberry Fun at the Fishers Library at 4:30 for grades K-4

*Sat. Mar 27 Blueberries for the Queen at the Noblesville Library at 2 pm for ages 4-6.

*Tues. Mar. 30 Bake Blueberry Muffins at the Noblesville Library at 4:30 for grades 4-6.

*Tues. Apr. 13 Picture Yourself Royal at the Noblesville Library at 7 pm for the whole family.

*Tues. Apr. 20 Knights Program at the Fishers Library at 4:30 for grades K-4.

*Mon. Apr. 26 Blueberry Blast at the Fishers Library at 4:30 for grades 3-6.

*Mon. Apr. 26 Letters from Home at the Noblesville Library at 7 pm for grades K-6

*Wed. Apr. 28 Letters from Home at the Fishers Library at 7 pm for grades K-6.

*Thurs. Apr. 29 Blueberry Blast at the Fishers Library at 10 am for grades 3-6.

Highlight on Electronic Resources

Announcing "Hamilton County in 1990: through a young person's lens," <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalscholarship/collections/HEPL>, a new digital collection of historic photographs from the HEPL Indiana Room local history collection.

Hamilton County, Indiana, at the turn of the 19th to the 20th century was a prosperous and diverse community. A natural gas boom had started in 1887 and reached its peak around 1900. About this time, two sets of photographs were being created, one by a young photographer and one of students and schools.

Early Brooks, 1883-1968, acquired a camera as a young man and began taking pictures of friends, teachers, the countryside, events in Noblesville and the surrounding area and scenes while on

trips out of state. These photographs were taken between approximately 1897 and 1904.

The 68 photographs of Hamilton County Township Schools were taken between 1892 and 1909. At the turn of the century, County School Superintendent Ellis A. Hutchens announced his wish to have a photograph taken of every Hamilton County school.

There are four ways to search these collections—Basic search—enter Fall Creek in the search box, for example. Or select Browse Search to display all of the images in alphabetical order. The Advanced search can search all of the IU-PUI digital collections. The drop down box on the far right brings up pre-selected subjects.

TeenZone News

It's time for the 12th Annual Teen Poetry Contest and the 4th Annual Teen Create-a-Cover Art Contest. Artwork and poetry will be accepted from Monday, March 8 through Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. Entry guidelines are available in the TeenZone at both libraries or you may call 770-3242 (Noblesville) or 579-0315 (Fishers) for information.

In conjunction with the April Poetry Contest, Fishers Teen Advisory Board is

sponsoring its third annual costume party. Participants should come dressed as their favorite poet, author, or book character. The costume party will be Thursday, April 29th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fishers TeenZone. Light refreshments will be served.

Watch for information about a teen mini-expo coming up in May. It may include a raffle for a free haircut, manicure, & skin analysis.

New and Recommended Resources

Teaching the Fun of Science to Young Learners, grades Pre-K-2 by Janice VanCleave is a new book in our Teaching Resources collection at both libraries. The call number is j Teaching Resources 507.8 Van 2008. This book includes science activities and investigations that can be used in the classroom. The six sections of the book are Observing, Communicating, Making and Using Definitions, Measuring and Estimating, and Grouping. The book contains reproducibles for each topic and includes a glossary at the end to define science vocabulary. It is useful for hands-on activities to teach science concepts to younger students.

HEPL Spring 2010 School-Age Programs

Primary School Age (grades K-3) Craft Fun

March, 2010

Think spring with ladybug crafts.

Noblesville: Mondays, Mar. 1 & 8 @ 1:30
or 4:30

Fishers: Tuesdays, Mar. 2 & 9 @ 4:30 or
Thursdays, Mar. 4 & 11 @ 10:00

Primary School Age (grades K-3) Craft Fun

April, 2010

*Hop Into Spring and April Showers bring
Rainbows*

Noblesville: Mondays, April 5 & 12 @
1:30 or 4:30

Fishers: Tuesdays, April 6 & 13 @ 4:30
or Thursdays, April 8 & 15 @ 10:00

Waggin' Tales (Early Readers)

Dogs are great listeners! New, hesitant, or struggling readers or those who love to read aloud can practice their reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog who loves to listen. This program is now held at both the Noblesville and Fishers Libraries. Please call the Youth Services Department or check our program calendar online for upcoming dates.

Intermediate School Age (Grades 4-6) Be Creative @ Your Library

March, 2010

*Be creative with funny stories and silly
crafts.*

Noblesville: Monday, Mar. 15 @ 7:00
or Thursday, Mar. 18 @ 11:00

Fishers: Monday, Mar. 15 @ 4:30 or
Thursday, Mar. 18 @ 10:00

Intermediate School Age (Grades 4-6) Be Creative @ Your Library

April, 2010

Be creative with Rhyme and Rhythm

Noblesville: Monday, April 12 @ 7:00 or
Thursday, April 22 @ 11:00

Fishers: Monday, April 19 @ 4:30 or
Thursday, April 22 @ 10:00

Intermediate School Age (Grades 4-6) Be Creative @ Your Library

May, 2010

Be creative with dance and movement

Noblesville: Monday, May 10 @ 7:00 or
Thursday, May 20 @ 11:00

Fishers: Monday, May 17 @ 4:30 or
Thursday, May 20 @ 10:00

Please register for Youth Services programs online at www.hepl.lib.in.us, in person at the Youth Services desk at either library, or by calling 770-3216 (Noblesville) or 579-0304 (Fishers).

