

December Newsletter

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From the Director's Desk . . .

Every year around this time I am amazed at how quickly the year has passed. But this year, I feel like we have accomplished some great things at the Library. We finally finished the bathroom! The roof was repaired. We are continually expanding the new teen area and have recently begun teen programming (see the article below for details).

And 2007 promises to be another outstanding year. We are currently working on a renovation/expansion plan for the Library. This means some headaches for all of us but in the long run it will equal more space, more collections and more services that we can provide to you. To that end, please take a moment to complete the survey attached to this newsletter.

The Library will also be celebrating its 80th birthday in 2007. Look for special events all year to commemorate this anniversary and to begin fundraising for the renovations.

The entire staff at the Library are looking forward to another beautiful holiday season. The Friends of the Library want to help make your holidays a bit easier (see the article on the other side). We hope that you and your families and friends all have a healthy, safe and happy holiday.



Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

THIRD THURSDAY TEENS

Starting this October, the Library began offering Teen programs! We started with beading, henna tattoos, and a great teen murder mystery Halloween party! We have lots of great ideas still to come.

December's program will be on **DECEMBER 21**. It's our teen holiday party. The computers will be on and the teens can just come, socialize and hang out.

In January, we are planning to do a Top 10 Free Web Tools with a professor and librarian from Rider University.

The programs are always the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm and running until 9 pm. Sign up is usually required so we can have enough snacks, food, materials. Contact Louise or Karen for more information or details about specific programs. Parents can pick up their teens at the Library at 9 pm.

Santa's Helpers want to help YOU!

Never have a place to wrap presents for the holidays? Kids into everything and want to keep their gifts under wraps? Hate wrapping presents and wish someone else would do it for you?

The Friends of the Library are hosting two evenings of gift wrapping on December 19th and 21st from 8 pm to 10 pm. They will be serving dessert and have punch to drink while you work.

You have a couple of options:

- 1) Pay \$5 per evening and bring all your wrapping paper, gifts and bows to the Library. Use our clean and empty tables to wrap your presents without the kids, spouse, or significant other sneaking peeks at their presents.
- 2) Drop off your presents and the Friends will wrap them for you for a small fee, ranging from \$1- \$5 depending on the size of the gift. You can then pick up your wrapped gifts later that evening or the next day during normal Library hours. Please notify the Library in advance if you will dropping off gifts to be wrapped.

For more information, contact a staff member at the Library!



The Wrong Man

book review by Diana Luzsanyi

Having read all of John Katzenbach's previous books, I was eager to read the newest novel **The Wrong Man**. I was not disappointed.

Ashley Freeman is a graduate student who has a one night stand. The consequences of that one night will change her and her family's lives forever. At first glance the book appears to be about Michael O'Connell, a psychotic stalker. But the real power of the story lies in the question "How far will you go to protect your loved ones?" "Under what circumstances if any, would you take a life?" As the story unfolds, you will ask yourself these questions and more. Your answers may surprise you.

National Book Festival in DC

by Grace Vetrano

On September 30, 2006 I attended the National Book Festival in Washington, DC. My coworker Diana Luzsanyi and library board member Jeanne Beaudette were with me. We drove down on Friday night and stayed at a Sheraton Hotel in Virginia. On Saturday we took the metro to the Mall in Washington where the Book Festival is held. Big tents were set up for authors of Mystery, Fiction, and Nonfiction. There were also tents for Poetry and Children's authors.

We spent all of our time in the Mystery tent. Some of our favorite authors spoke, such as Scott Turow, Kathy Reichs, Brad Meltzer, Vince Flynn and Harlan Coben (I got my picture taken with him). But the hit of the day was Alexander McCall Smith. He was born in Zimbabwe, but spent most of his life in Scotland. Dressed in a kilt, he talked about his books and some of the characters. He was delightful. We laughed so hard we almost cried. If you are interested in reading one of his books, start with [The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency](#).

The National Book Festival is held on the Mall in Washington, DC every year around the end of September or the beginning of October. It is free to the public, so anyone is allowed to go. If you like books and authors, you'll have a good time.

