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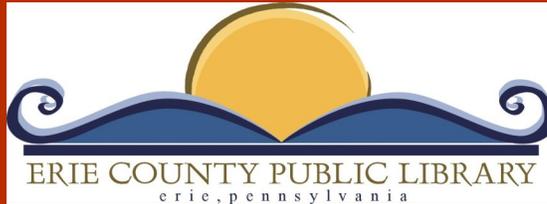
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Director's Note from Mary Rennie

Library ...

Quick—what is your first thought? If you're like most of us, the word "library" triggers a mental image of books of varying sizes and shapes—maybe piled in stacks or neatly lining row after row of shelves.

Whatever image of books you can conjure up—rest assured—we have them. In fact, let's just say it up-front: Here at the Erie County Public Library, we LOVE books. After all, books have been the primary tool or resource of libraries for...well, as long as there have been libraries.

As much as we love them however, books are just ONE tool—one medium. Libraries are not defined by books. They are much more than that. That "more" is the conversation we've started with each of you in the past year.

Public libraries are more than the materials we carry—whether its books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, newspapers, or audio books. Public libraries act as a catalyst—the starting point for almost anything you can

imagine. Libraries are about ideas and about people—and the wonderful things that are made possible when people connect with each other to share ideas.



What's next for your Erie County Public Library? Stay tuned to find out!

One of the great things done at the Erie County Public Library in the past year include the popular Artist in Residence program, which brings kids and adults alike together to create their own animation productions through technology.

We introduced the signature *Everything Jazz* collection and related programs at the Blasco Library. We have been working to help parents and caregivers build strong socialization and early learning foundations for their children through a several different targeted levels of regular children's pro-

grams, including the innovative "Baby Signing Story-time."

People also come to the Library, among other things, to read to the Therapy Dogs, practice Qigong, or attend lectures and concerts. Families attend programs where they can create art together. They learn everything from basic computing skills to Excel, Word and Publisher—all at the Erie County Public Library. What will the future Erie County Public Library look like? I am happy to pass along a small hint of what is to come:

The Library will soon be THE place for people of all ages to create, discover, imagine and invent.

The Erie County Public Library will, in the coming months, begin to act as a community conduit that brings together people, businesses, institutions and organizations in partnerships to provide resources, share ideas, and work collaboratively to build a stronger community.

This is a new and exciting era for library services in Erie County. What's next? Stay tuned!

A Farewell to Florence Smith



Florence M. Smith
Beloved Children's Librarian
1927-2014

Those of you who grew up going to the Old Library in Perry Square through the 50's, 60's 70's 80's and early 90's may remember a seemingly nutty lady who worked at the library. One who frequently imitated Donald Duck, danced jigs, and loved nothing more than Children's Literature.

That would have been Children's Librarian, Florence Smith.

Florence received her Bachelor of Science in

Home Economics from Villa Maria College, and her Master's Degree in Library Science from Case Western Reserve.

During the 1960s, she was instrumental in the development of several public library branches in the city schools.

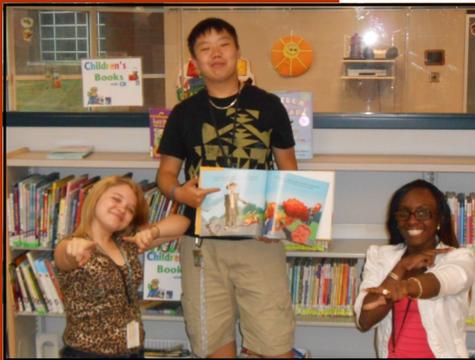
While her career included time as both branch manager and reader's advisor, her passion was library service to children, and she completed her library ser-

vice once again as manager of the Children's Library.

After retirement, Florence continued her work with children's literacy, as a founding member of Hooked on Books for Kids.

She leaves behind many friends in the library system and in the community who will remember her fondly. Her feistiness, her sense of humor, her desire to serve her community and her love of literature are an example for all of us to follow.

Summer Jobs and More



The Blasco Memorial Library was an honored participant in Summer Jobs and More in Erie, a community service program un-

der the direction of Venango Training and Development

Three pages each worked 30 hours per week at Blasco. They worked in the internet lab, assisted in

the Business Office, and did a phenomenal job shelving in the Children's library.

Their last day of work was August 16th. The summer pages did so much work that they are surely missed by everyone. at Blasco.

Automatic Comics!

Do you know someone between the ages of 8-14 who loves comics, art, and having fun?

In this cooperative activity, participants will join a comic creating team and create their own one page comic.

There are two sessions for

this program: the first will be Monday, September 15 at 6 PM, and the second will take place on Monday, October 20, also at 6 PM. Both will be held at the Blasco Library.

This program is presented in partnership with The GeekERIE run by local writer

and comic enthusiast, Sean McGrath.

For more information, or to sign up, call 451-6927.

Automatic Comics is coming to the Blasco Library! Call 451-6927 to sign up.



Branch Programs Coming in September



As usual, there are lots of interesting and innovative programs hap-

Come have fun at your Local Library!

pening at the branch libraries. Here's a preview of what's up for September:

9/16 at the **Edinboro Branch Library**, 413 Plum Street from 1-2PM— Local Author, Donald Grieshober will present a program for aspiring authors on writing and publishing your own book.

And at the **Lincoln Branch Library**, 1255 Manchester Road,

Fairview: 9/9 10-10:45 AM "Eco Friendly Home: Say No to Harsh Chemicals and Yes to Clean," PRESENTED BY Samantha Lincoln and Elyssa Lindenberger

9-18-9/19 PIRATE DAYS

9/18 2-2:40 PM and 9/23 6:30-7:30 PM Learn How to Self Publish with Local Author Jim DeHaven

9/18 3:30-4:30 PM "Guess a Gadget" with Sandy Traphagen

All programs are free and open to all. For information, call the Lincoln Library at 451-7085.

The ever popular Blasco Concert Series is back for your enjoyment. Join us for great music.

Blasco Concert Series Begins Again

Our always-popular Blasco Concert Series is back for another round of shows this Fall and Winter.

The 2014-2015 Series kicks off with the Concert Band of Pennsylvania on September 15 at 7 PM performing *In the Style of John Philip Sousa*.

Next up, on October 27 at 7 PM is the Edinboro Chamber Players playing *Wedding Music of the Decades*. This is a special Tribute Con-

cert to the Friends of the Library, who support and fund, not only this Concert Series, but pretty much all Library programming.

On Sunday, November 2, we welcome the Gem City Concert Band for their annual *Fall Concert*. This will start at 2 PM.

December will be host to two concerts, the first being the Jr. Philharmonic Ensembles on Thursday,

December 4 at 7 PM, presenting their *Winter Concert*, and the second being the Presque Isle Flute Choir on Monday, December 8 at 7 PM with their *Winter Concert*.

All these wonderful concerts are offered to the public FREE of charge (thanks to the Friends!) and will be held in the H.O. Hirt Auditorium.

See you there!

Displays at Blasco

Next time you're at the Blasco Library, check out our two current displays.

The first, in our display area across from the Circulation Desk, is a look at the lives of five refugee women from the Bhutan. It follows their lives from before they arrived in the U.S. and their progress since.

A narrative of the women and of

the Bhutanese Community will lead you along in their journey as you look at the photos of the women and their families.

The second display is in the case that leads to the Children's Library. It is an awesome collection of Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys memorabilia that you won't want to miss.



Make sure to check out our displays!



Erie County Public Library

For information about Library Programs and Events, check our website at www.erialibrary.org, like us on **facebook**, or give us a call at 451-6900. We've got something for everyone!

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Given by: Robert, Neil & Heather Donovan

In Memory of Robert G. McKenley

Given by: Great Lakes Automation Services, Inc.

In Memory of Douglas Lowry

Given by: Mrs. Nancy Rogers

Library Locations and Hours

<p>Raymond M. Blasco, M. D. Memorial Library 160 East Front St. Erie, PA 16507 (814) 451-6900</p> <p>Monday through Thursday: 9:00am to 8:30pm</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Sunday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm</p>	<p>Edinboro Branch Library 413 W Plum St Edinboro, PA 16412 (814) 451-7081</p> <p>Monday: 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Tuesday: 12:00pm to 8:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, and Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm</p> <p>Sunday: Closed</p>	<p>Iroquois Avenue Branch Library 4212 Iroquois Ave. Erie, PA 16511 (814) 451-7082</p> <p>Monday and Tuesday: 9:00am to 8:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, and Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm</p> <p>Sunday: Closed</p>	<p>Lincoln Community Center 1255 Manchester Rd Erie, PA 16505 (814) 451-7085</p> <p>Monday and Tuesday: 9:00am to 8:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, and Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm</p> <p>Sunday: Closed</p>	<p>Millcreek Branch Library 2088 Interchange Rd. Suite 280 Erie, PA 16565 (814) 451-7084</p> <p>Monday and Tuesday: 9:00am to 8:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Sunday: Closed</p>
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