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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Storyhour for ages 3-5 throughout the school year on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Scrabble for players of all levels Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. FOL serves cookies Tuesday, April 16.

Shakespeare visits the library Thursday, April 11. Free performances are at 2 p.m. for local students and other children and at 5:30 p.m. for adults.

National Library Week is Sunday-Saturday, April 14-20. See stories in this newsletter for information on planned events.

Friends of the Library meets Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged, and public is welcome.

Lego Club for Grades 2-4 meets Friday, April 19 after school-5 p.m.

Third Sunday Jam performs at the library's open house Sunday, April 21 from 1-3:30 p.m.

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FOL collects books to sell at the annual Art in the Park Book Sale June 8 at Cumberland Tourist Park.



Greetings from Lori the Librarian

Greetings from Lori -- one last time. And, yes, I cry when I write that. I will be retiring in a few weeks. I hope I get a chance to see all of you before I leave the library, but in case I don't, here are some things I want you to know. Working at the Cumberland library has been the most wonderful experience of my life. Librarians fight against the tendency to think or talk about "my" library because, of course, the library does not belong to the director, but to the patrons. I have had a struggle with that because so much of my heart and soul lives in this place. The thought of leaving my desk and my patrons and yes even my coffee pot is really, really sad. And, I have all of you to thank for that. As library patrons you have been so kind and supportive -- a joy to be with every day. You have suffered through construction, computer upgrades and bad weather. You were always there to be a huge part of our lives. Thank you for that. As Friends of the Library, many of you have worked tirelessly for years to make this library what it is today -- to make sure that programs happened, people were fed and everyone felt welcome. Thank you for that. As staff -- devoted, hard working, and underpaid -- you have made me look good by doing everything that needed to be done before I even noticed. Thank you for that. And last of all I want to thank my husband (Allen) who has always been there to fix things, clean things and keep everything running smoothly. Dear, dear Allen, thank you for all of that -- now and in the future we find together.

Spring is a good time for change and making everything new and it is spring again at the library. I watch patrons come in with a bounce in their step and smiles on their faces. Staff members greet them with a genuine sparkle. Of course, spring is special here because of National Library Week in April. It is our time to celebrate with great programs and to spend a little time saying thank you to our patrons, our Friends of the Library and our staff. This year's NLW theme of Communities Matter @ Your Library is especially appropriate for Cumberland, where our community makes this wonderful library possible. We will kick off our NLW celebration with a visit from William Shakespeare. This Wisconsin Humanities Council program combines the timeless beauty of Shakespeare's work with a humorous look at life in Renaissance England. We end our National Library Week celebration with a Sunday open house—a chance for me to say goodbye to all of you. The open house will feature the special music of our own local Third Sunday Jam. Later we will be celebrating spring with a program where you can make your very own fairy gardens. As always, there is a lot going on at the library. So, find a spot of warm April sunshine, shoo away those pesky robins, sit down and read all about it right here.

Lori Bock



Celebrate National Library Week

Shakespeare to visit during National Library Week

National Library Week 2013 is Sunday-Saturday, April 14-20.

The observance was started in 1958 by the American Library Association and libraries across the United States to honor the contributions of libraries and librarians to education and community life.

This year's theme is "Communities Matter @ Your Library," and Caroline Kennedy is honorary chair. Kennedy is an advocate for reading, literacy and libraries and has written or edited ten bestselling books on American history, politics and poetry. Her latest book is "Poems to Learn by Heart."



The annual calendar of events includes National Library Workers' Day, which this year is Tuesday, April 16. Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library serves its librarians breakfast that day to recognize the value of their work.

The Cumberland library begins its National Library Week celebration a few days early with a visit from Shakespeare on Thursday, April 11. Actor, artist and educator Ron Fry of Milwaukee portrays the famous English playwright for the public at 2 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m. Fry's presentation is a fun, interactive opportunity for audiences of all ages to learn about Renaissance history and Shakespeare's work. Cumberland students attend the afternoon performance. Registration is required for the 5:30 performance, which includes sandwiches served by library board members. Call the library at 715-822-2767 or stop by the circulation desk to register.

Fry has been the artistic director at Optimist Theatre in Milwaukee since 1992 and teaches Improvisation and Circus Skills at Milwaukee Public Theatre. His local appearance is sponsored through the Wisconsin Humanities Council, United Fund of Cumberland and the local FOL.

Library staff hand out free NLW pencils and bookmarks throughout the week, and FOL members serve cookies at the weekly Storyhour and Scrabble events.

The local NLW observance stretches into Sunday, April 21 with a National Library Week Open House from 1-3:30 p.m. Bluegrass and classic rock-and-roll music is provided by the local band Third Sunday Jam, with members John Ostrem and Dave Evenson, and FOL provides refreshments.

National Library Week is the perfect time to consider joining Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library. For an annual membership fee of \$3 for youths up to 18 and as little as \$5 for adults, library patrons can support FOL's efforts to promote reading for all ages; provide fun, educational programming for children and adults; offer discarded library books, magazines, movies and music at nominal prices; support and participate in Cumberland's annual Rutabaga Festival; support the annual Summer Reading Program, Storyhour for pre-schoolers and year-round Brown Bag lunch seminars. Membership forms are available in each newsletter and at the check-out desk.

Master Gardener to share fairy gardening

Master Gardener Colleen Gifford shares her love of fairy gardens Thursday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m.

The Polk County resident has been a certified Master Gardener since 2002 and recently completed a class on Fairy Gardens offered by the Winter Greenhouse of Winter.

Fairy gardens are enchanting environments specifically designed for those tiny, mischievous beings that some believe inhabit the realm of the unseen. The hobby of fairy gardening is growing in popularity, and gardens may range in size from a single indoor planter to garden landscapes that feature lifelike communities with miniature buildings and live plants. Gifford plans to continue her new hobby and to offer classes to help others "bring fairies into their world." She is also a certified Master Composter and offers composting classes.

Participants may bring pots, planters and planting soil to the library event to create their own "starter" fairy gardens.

Gifford was the director of the Polk County Library for 11 years and currently volunteers at the Clear Lake Public Library and as a grant writer for WPCA Radio in Amery.





Poet, mystery writer Mary Logue to speak



Author and rug maker Mary Logue is featured guest at the library's May 16 Brown Bag Lunch.

"I'll talk about my mysteries, my life as a writer, my dogs, my guy, my rug-hooking," said Logue. "I'll talk about natural dyeing, writing kid's books, editing, my favorite books."

Logue has loved reading and writing since early childhood, when she went through an entire book circling "you" and "I," the two words that she could read.

"I knew that reading was the key to the rest of the world," she said. Logue wrote her first mystery as a sixth-grader, but poetry is now the foundation of her work. Her four books of poetry include "Hand Work," a product of the year she spent writing a poem every day. Her mysteries include the Claire Watkins series set in Pepin County along the Mississippi River, the place that Logue said she loves and knows "as well as I will ever know one place on earth."

Her other work includes a young adult novel, "Dancing with an Alien," winner of the American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults; the Bloodwater mystery series, written with National Book Award winner Pete Hautman; a biography of her grandmother, "Halfway Home;" and the nonfiction "Courthouses of Minnesota."

Logue's new mystery "Killer Librarian," was written under the pseudonym Mary Lou Kirwin. Her works in progress include the children's bedtime story "Sleep Like a Tiger," illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist Pamela Zagarenski.

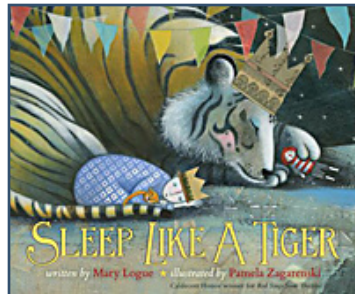
Logue is a freelance editor and has worked at several presses including the Village Voice and Simon and Schuster. She has taught writing since 1977, including at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis and for many years in the Master of Liberal Studies program at Hamline University in St. Paul. She is currently on the staff of the low-residency Children's Literature Master of Fine Arts Program at Hamline University. Logue and Hautman live in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal served by Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library. Registration is required by calling 715-822-2767. Friends of the Library meets after Logue's presentation. The public is welcome.

Protect Your Peeps

Middle School students face-off Friday, April 26 in a challenge to keep their Peeps.

Participants divide into armies of Peeps candy chicks and bombard opponents with marshmallow weapons. The goal is fun, and the first team to resist the temptation to snack and obliterate the other marshmallow military wins the game. The hour-long battle begins at 4 p.m.



New Book Shelf additions

The following books are due out soon. Stop in or call the library to add your name to the waiting list.

April

"Aunt Dimity and the Lost Prince," by Nancy Atherton

"Hit," by David Baldacci

"Secrets from the Past," by Barbara Bradford

"Daddy's Gone a-Hunting," by Mary Higgins Clark

"Fly Away," by Kristin Hannah

"Taking Eve," by Iris Johansen

"Wedding Night," by Sophie Kinsella

"Starting Now (Blossom St)," by Debbie Macomber

"Blossom Sisters," by Fern Michaels

"12th of Never," by James Patterson

"Midnight at Marble Arch," by Anne Perry

"Whiskey Beach," by Nora Roberts

"Don't Go," by Lisa Scottoline

"Unintended Consequences," by Stuart Woods

May

"Inferno," by Dan Brown

"Pirate Alley," by Stephen Coonts

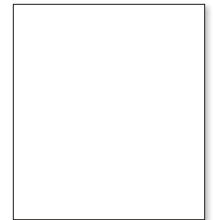
"Zero Hour," by Clive Cussler

"Triumph," by Janaet Dailey

"Untitled," by Vince Flynn

"Delicate Truth," by John Learre

"Silken Prey," by John Sandford



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Donations sought for annual book sale

Spring is the perfect time to clean bookshelves and donate unwanted books, magazines and movies to the library for the annual Art in the Park book sale.

This year's Art in the Park festival is Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cumberland Tourist Park. Books may be left at the library check-out desk on the main floor.

Sale proceeds fund children's programming.



brown bag

Poetry and Pizza

The public is invited to share poetry and a slice of pizza with Cumberland Elementary School students Thursday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Poetry and Pizza features Barb Wistrill's and Deb Tempesta's third- and fourth-grade students reading or reciting poems that they have written or chosen as favorites. Costumes and props may be part of the performances.

Registration for the lunch is required by calling the library at 715-822-2767 or stopping by the circulation desk. Food for this event is provided by Cumberland Kiwanis and Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library. FOL serves the lunch.

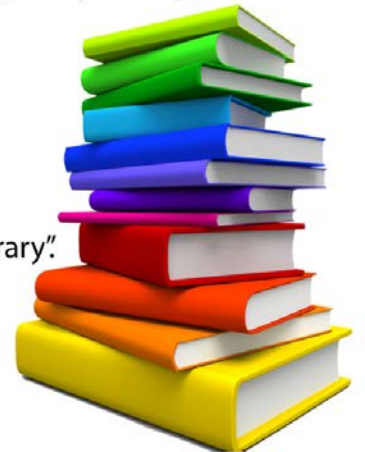
Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library membership form

Membership is open to everyone. Your membership helps bring quality programs and services to the library, and your support is greatly appreciated.

- Youth (up to age 18)\$3
- Adult\$5
- Family\$10
- Life (one time donation)\$100

• Make checks payable to "Friends of the Library".
• Memberships are accepted year-round.

• **Friends of the Library**
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• **Cumberland, WI 54829**



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• Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday evening beginning at 7 pm. Notice of monthly meetings will be published in the local paper.