



THOMAS ST. ANGELO

Public Library Newsletter

Cumberland, Wisconsin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Scrabble for players of all levels
Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Open House Thursday,
Dec. 6 focuses on gingerbread
houses. Elementary students may
build after school-5 p.m.
Nancy Miller offers gingerbread
tips from 5-6 p.m. Manfred
Schonauer provides music from
4-5 p.m. and from 6-7 p.m. Friends
of the Library serves refreshments.

The library closes at 2 p.m. on
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
on Monday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31
and is closed Christmas Day and
New Year's Day on Tuesday, Dec. 25
and Jan. 1.

Friends of the Library meets
Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.
Members are encouraged to
attend, and the public is welcome.

Lego Club for Grades 2-4 meets
Friday, Jan. 18 after school-5 p.m.

Author Julie Kramer speaks at the
Brown Bag on Thursday, Jan. 24 at
Noon. Friends of the Library serves
a light meal.

Remember that Friends of the
Library collects Our Family brand
labels. The labels are redeemed
for cash to fund children's
programming.



Greetings

from Lori the Librarian

Another year is coming to a close – a good time for reflection and gratitude. I am reminded once again that 2012 has been an awesome time to be at our library. The Board, the staff, the Friends of the Library and the community all came together to create something special here. And, we are so very thankful for each and every one of you who made this happen. We started the year with Lauren Pelon, a wonderful musician brought to us by the Wisconsin Humanities Council. In March we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Cumberland Fire Department. Michael Perry came in April for National Library Week. Our Margaret retired in May. The spring brought Brown Bag programs on butterfly gardens and tall sailing ships. Summer was filled with Sundaes on Sunday, the Thomas St. Angelo movie premiere, author Victoria Houston, the Rutabaga Festival Candidate Reception, Norwegian Lutheran farm girl humorist Janet Martin and our Rutabaga Parade float winning first prize. This fall we've had computer classes, an ETC art exhibit, author Steve Thayer and photographer Jeff Richter. The holiday season started with Theresa Weir reading from "Deadly Treats" for Halloween and local chef Jenö Herman making a Thanksgiving turducken for us. We've had more wonderful children's programs this year, too, including Hot Dog We're Reading, Poetry and Pizza, Lego Club, a live theater production of "Peter Pan" and Magical Paul for Halloween. We end our year with a very special Gingerbread Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 6. We kick-off 2013 with another great author program. So, take a little break from your busy holiday schedule, curl up in a comfy chair by the fire and read all about what's coming up right here.



Holiday greetings

The library staff recently gathered beside the Christmas tree to wish patrons and friends a safe and happy season. From the top are Barb Powell, Julie Anderson, Karen Anderson, Lori Bock, Diana Ostness, Diane Decker and Gary Borrmann. The beautiful tree is the artwork of Friends of the Library member Marge Lindemann.

Lori Bock



Year in Review

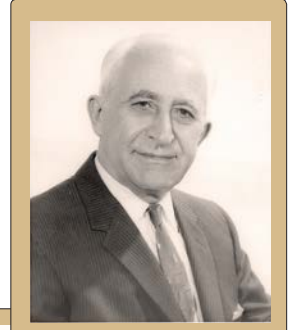


Pelon honors music, instruments, cultures

Library patrons heard music from around the world played on instruments old and new when musician Lauren Pelon of Red Wing, Minn., performed Feb. 9. Pelon plays such intriguing instruments as the cornamuse, schreierpfeife, and Kiowa courting flute.

Movie honors library namesake

The library hosted a reception July 29 following the premiere of the documentary film "Thomas St. Angelo: An Unconventional Scholar." St. Angelo was a Cumberland native who graduated from Cumberland High School and later served two terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly.



Library marks fire department's anniversary

Cumberland fire chief Barry Kuenkel presented the history of the Cumberland Fire Department on March 15 at the library's observance of the organization's 100th anniversary.

Perry featured during National Library Week

Author, humorist and singer/songwriter Michael Perry's April 12 presentation was the highlight of National Library Week. Perry uses insight and humor to celebrate every day.



Familiar face bids farewell

Part-time librarian Margaret Madison retired in May. During her 27-year tenure at the library, Madison witnessed the transition from hand-written to computerized

records and from the outgrown quarters to the spacious new addition. Her favorite part of the job was getting to know the patrons. "All are my friends," she said.

You gotta believe

Right, a youngster keeps a close eye on Magical Paul during his Oct. 30 library performance. Paul Steger's family friendly magic has thrilled audiences of all ages for 40 years.



Poetry and Pizza

At left, local third- and fourth-grade students recite Shel Silverstein's "Mirror, Mirror" at the library's Poetry and Pizza Brown Bag event in April. The pizza was provided by FOL.



Weir talks writing

Author Theresa Weir's visit Nov. 1 included supper with library patrons at Nezy's in Cumberland, followed by a presentation at the library with a larger gathering of her fans.

First-rate float

At right is library patron Leah Brunberg with the library's entry in the annual Cumberland Rutabaga Festival Grand Parade in August. The float titled "Dream Big - Read" earned Thomas St. Angelo Public Library a first-place finish in the Service Organization category.



More hands lighten work

Right, Executive Chef Jenö Herman of Bistro 63 in Barronett and his Mom and Bistro co-owner, Sharon Herman of Cumberland, prepare turducken for the library's Brown Bag on Nov. 15.





Trade food for fines

Food for Fines is a great way to benefit the library and the community this holiday season.

Library patrons with outstanding fines may pay them with food for the Cumberland Food Pantry. Each non-perishable food item brought to the library is worth \$1 toward a fine, said Cumberland student and library patron Gavin Fountaine, project volunteer. The offer is good for up to \$10 in fines.

Those who do not have a fine to pay but who would like to contribute to the Food Pantry effort may register to win one of several prizes with each donation up to 10 items. The drawing is Thursday, Dec. 6 during the library's Holiday Open House. Winners must be present.

"My family and I use the library a lot, so I wanted to include it in my project," said Fountaine, who chose Food for Fines as his Service Project for Island City Research Academy.

The Food Pantry was started in mid-1980s by a group of local women who saw the need for emergency food boxes for those needing temporary help because of health issues, job loss, loss of a home, etc., said food pantry secretary Cindi Schell. Permanent, weekly support soon followed and has continued. The pantry now serves Cumberland, Comstock and Barronett in the former Police Department at the old City Hall on Main Street.

"I don't encourage late return of library books, but in this case, we are grateful for these timely donations," said Schell. "On behalf of the families using the Cumberland Food Pantry, we thank you for your generous contributions."



Looking out for others
Above are Cumberland Food Pantry secretary Cindi Schell and library volunteer Gavin Fountaine with a box of food that is headed for the pantry.

Brown Bag Kramer to speak at Noon Brown Bag

The library's next author visit on Thursday, Jan. 24 features mystery/suspense writer Julie Kramer. Kramer is a former investigative television journalist who writes a thriller set in the world of TV news. Her books include "Stalking Susan," "Missing Mark," "Killing Kate," "Silencing Sam" and "Shunning Sarah." Her thrillers take readers into the chaotic world of the newsroom and feature street-smart series heroine, reporter Riley Spartz.

Kramer is a recipient of the Daphne Du Maurier Award for Mainstream Mystery/Suspense, the Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award for Best First Mystery and the Minnesota Book Award. Her work has also been nominated for several Best Amateur Sleuth Awards.

Kramer ran the I Team at WCCO-TV in Minneapolis, where she won several national investigative awards before becoming a freelance network news producer for NBC and CBS. She grew up along the Minnesota/Iowa border on a farm where her family has raised cattle and farmed corn for 130 years. Kramer now lives with her family in White Bear Lake, Minn.

The event begins at Noon, with a light lunch served by Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library. Registration is required.

Kramer's books will be available for sale and signing.



Open house to feature gingerbread houses

Gingerbread houses are the focus of the library's free Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Elementary school students are invited to make gingerbread houses with Friends of the Library members after school-5 p.m. River Falls Public Library director Nancy Miller demonstrates the art of building gingerbread houses from 5-6 p.m.

Musician Manfred Schonauer of Pipe Dream Center in Comstock performs holiday music from 4-5 p.m. and from 6-7 p.m. Schonauer's music is well-known throughout the region, and he has offered music lessons and performance opportunities for students and area musicians for 25 years.

Drawings for several prizes will be held for those who donated food to the Food for Fines project but did not have a fine to pay. Winners must be present.

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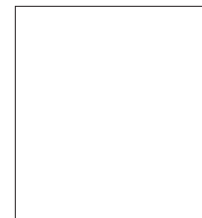
Sweet holiday event

At right is the gingerbread man that local artist and Friends of the Library member Marge Lindemann recently created to announce the library's annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 6.





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Student art show

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library hosts a student art exhibit Saturday-Friday, Jan. 26-Feb. 1. The free show features the work of Cumberland students in Grades 7-12. The display will be available for viewing during library business hours.



Letters to Santa

Children with Christmas wishes may write to Santa Claus and mail their letters at the library.

Youngsters may pick up special stationery at the library. Letters must be deposited in the golden mailbox located on the library's main floor by Saturday, Dec. 15 so that Santa has time to send personal replies.



Area students may **Read Off Your Fines** in January. Readers will earn \$1 off their fines for every 20 minutes of reading done at the library and documented by a library staff member.

The library's **Lego Club for Grades 2-4** meets after school Friday, Jan. 18 until 5 p.m. Bring your imagination and

turn your ideas into fun.

The Lego Club will not meet in December.



Friends of Thomas St. Angelo Public Library membership form

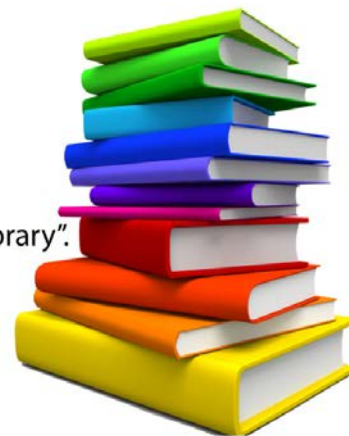
Membership is open to everyone. Your membership helps bring quality programs and services to the library, and your support is greatly appreciated.

- 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**
• **P. O. Box 97**
• **Cumberland, WI 54829**



• Name _____

• Address _____

• State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

• Email _____

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