



Friends of the Library, Dearborn

Newsletter

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The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to foster closer relations between the Dearborn Department of Libraries, the Dearborn city government, and the people of Dearborn; and further to promote knowledge of, and informed interest in, the functions, services, resources and needs of the public library.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

7:30 PM

Henry Ford Centennial Library

**Eloise
Jo Johnson**

People who have lived in and around Dearborn for many years are familiar with the name Eloise. The hospital was once one of the largest mental hospitals in the country. At one time, it housed over 8,000 people who were mentally ill, had tuberculosis, or were just plain poor. It was opened in 1839 as the Wayne County Poorhouse. Eloise was operational in what is now Westland from 1839, until it closed in 1979.



Eloise Hospital

Many buildings were erected throughout the years to serve the residents there. By the early 1940s, there were 75 buildings, including a morgue, a bakery, a library, police and fire departments, and the largest building, an Infirmary. One of the hospital's most well-known residents was Elijah McCoy, famed inventor. Our speaker, Jo Johnson, will tell us about the hospital, the origin of the name "Eloise", and other interesting facts. She will also bring a first-hand account by a former resident who lived at the hospital. Plan to join us for this informative program and learn all the things you never knew, or didn't remember, about Eloise. As always, refreshments will be served in the Rotunda after the program.

Used Book Sale

We welcomed the new year of 2010 by adding \$2306.85 to the library fund from our February sale. It was a very nice beginning for our patrons and also for our volunteers, who always give a cheer when the end of the day brings us a really good total. The next FOLD sale will be full of bargains. In keeping with "March Madness," we are offering a completely mad price for our children's videos. This month they are going for only 50 cents each! And all of our children's biography books will be only 25 cents each! Our adult patrons will find a brand new supply of unabridged audio books on cassette for the fantastic price of only 50 cents each! This is a wonderful way to have a complete novel "read to you" while driving the car or doing household chores. For the armchair reader, we have put together a collection of the grand "900" books. When Melville Dewey compiled this group of non-fiction books, it included history, travel, discovery, and countries of the world, among other subjects. You are sure to find something very interesting within this group of books. And lastly, I know you will welcome our new supply of DVDs. Join us please, March 3 at the Centennial Library from 9:30 to 6 pm. And "keep warm!"

Lenore Churgay

President's Message

Our February program was a wow! The music was grand, plus the raffle netted us \$41.00. For March, our guest lecturer will talk about "Eloise". Please come, it will be very interesting. The time for new officers is here. As I announced at the February meeting, if you're interested, please contact 943-2321. Happy St. Patrick's Day! See you at the library.

Don Valocik

BLOCKBUSTER FILMS
7:00 Henry Ford Centennial Library

MARCH 1—*THE COVE* (2009) – In a sleepy lagoon off the coast of Japan, behind a wall of barbed wire and “Keep Out” signs, lies a shocking secret. It is here, under cover of night, that the fishermen of Taiji engage in an unseen, horrifying hunt for thousands of dolphins. But when an elite team of activists, filmmakers and free-divers embark on a covert mission to penetrate the cove, they discover the terrible atrocities they find there are just the tip of the iceberg. This acclaimed documentary is nominated for this year’s Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. Directed by Louie Psihoyos. (PG-13, 92 min.)

MARCH 8—*DISTRICT 9* (2009) – From producer Peter Jackson and director Neill Blomkamp comes this startlingly original science fiction thriller that was nominated for an Academy Award as the Best Picture of 2009! With stunning special effects and gritty realism, the film plunges us into a world where the aliens have landed... only to be exiled to a slum on the fringes of Johannesburg. Now, one lone human (Sharlto Copley) discovers the mysterious secret of the extraterrestrial weapon technology. Hunted and hounded through the bizarre back alleys of an alien shantytown, he will discover what it means to be the ultimate outsider on your own planet. (R, 112 min.)

MARCH 15—*G-FORCE* (2009) – In this hilarious animated feature, a team of trained secret agent guinea pigs work for an elite government agency. For their toughest assignment, they are asked to prevent a diabolical billionaire from taking over the world! Funny, exciting and action-packed. Directed by Hoyt Yeatman. Featuring the voices of Kelli Garner, Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz. (PG, 88 min.)

MARCH 22—*THE INFORMANT!* (2009) – Based on a tattle-tale. Mark Whitacre (Matt Damon), a high-ranking executive at an agri-business giant, becomes a whistleblower when he realizes his company is guilty of price-fixing. Things don’t go as planned in this fascinating, if unexpected, human comedy. Directed by Steven Soderbergh. (R, 108 min.)

MARCH 29—*DAMES* (1934) – This definitive Busby Berkeley musical can not be beat for sheer entertainment. The plot entails a multi-millionaire (Warren Baxter) waging a public decency campaign against Broadway, but what’s most important are the dazzling musical numbers including “I Only Have Eyes For You.” Starring Ruby Keeler, Dick Powell and Joan Blondell. (Not rated, 90 min.)

FOLD Welcomes New Members
Pat White

And New Book Sale Volunteer, Tara Gnau

Library News

Interested in saving time and money, and the environment as well? A new service is being offered for all patrons. All you have to do is make sure your correct email address is on your library account, and then indicate your interest in receiving email notifications. Call any of the four locations service desks, and take care of this matter over the telephone. Due date reminders will be sent, via email, to alert patrons that the material they have checked out is due within 3 days. The email serves as a pre-notification to return or renew material as soon as possible, to avoid overdue fines. In addition to receiving due date reminders, you will also receive pick-up notices when requested materials become available, and overdue notices via email. The benefit for you is quicker communication and convenience. The environment benefits as well as the library’s budget, since we can reduce the amount of paper mailers we generate, and avoid mailing costs. For more information, go to www.dearbornlibrary.org or ask at any of the library’s service desks.

Thanks to 2009 Book Sale Volunteers

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