Support Your Library on Erie Gives Day

August 12, 2014 marks the fourth Erie Gives Day. The Friends of the Erie County Library and the Erie Regional Library Foundation will both be participating in the event which will allow you to donate $25 or more from 8 AM – 8 PM on the day of Erie Gives.

In 2013, Erie Gives was a tremendous success. Every participating nonprofit that received a donation also received a percentage of the $150,000 pro-rated match pool from GE Transportation and The Erie Community Foundation. The more donations made to a nonprofit, the more pro-rated matching funds that nonprofit received. In 12 hours $1,720,842 was raised for local nonprofits, amazing! This year the prorated match pool is $200,000. Imagine what can happen!

What this means for you is that you have an opportunity to support the library in a couple of different ways:

A donation to the Friends of the Erie County Library will support children’s programs like the summer reading program, our concert series, performances, and adult programs like our drawing classes, computer classes, and lots more to come.

A donation to the Erie Regional Library Foundation will go to support the library’s materials and collections and will also help in the renovation or building of new library spaces.

Giving in either way is such a gift to us, and we thank you for your kindness! Just go to www.eriegives.org for more info or to make your donation on August 12th.

Call for Artists to Display at Blasco

Over the last many months, you may have noticed a change on the first floor of the Blasco Library—a rotating art display has taken up residence across from the Circulation Desk.

So far, it has been a temporary home to digital photos and a 3D display of ceramics from Mc Dowell High School; a display from our first Artist in Residence, Jude Shingle; and displays from a few elementary school classrooms that included drawings, sculptures, and photos.

The month of August will feature a Bhutanese photo exhibit that you won’t want to miss.

Our wall is open to anyone in the community who wishes to display art work. If you or someone you know would like to hang or display art, please contact me, Marcy Hall, at 451-6959.
Artist in Residence Program Soon Accepting Applicants

Look for an announcement in the next month or so that the Erie County Public Library will be taking applications for our second Artist in Residence.

The Artist in Residence Program is open to any applicant 18 and over, who is a resident of Erie County, and who sees himself or herself as an artist of some kind. "Artist," in this case, is a broadly defined concept.

This could be a traditional visual artist, like a painter, sculptor, or photographer, textile artist, etc; it could be a performance artist, such as a dancer, musician, or actor; it could take the form of a writer, poet or playwright. All artists of any type are welcome to apply even if you're not sure you'll fit into the category of what we think of as an "artist." Try us!

In exchange for a small stipend and public space to display or perform his or her art, this person will be expected to provide programming to the library's young adult and adult patrons as part of their residence during the months of February and March of 2015.

Those interested in applying should keep an eye on our Facebook page, the next newsletter, or on our website at www.erielibrary.org. All places will be letting you know soon how you can apply.

For more information, email mhall@eriecountygov.org

Computer Classes to Resume for Fall

Blasco Library’s Computer Training Lab will be busy again starting in September.

After taking the Summer off, our teacher, Cindy Silvis, is back for a fall session.

Classes available will be as follows: Intro to the Internet/PCs, Files and Folders, Intro to Laptops, Intro to Excel, Intro to Power Point, Intro to Word, and Intro to Access.

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these classes, please check our website at www.erielibrary.org under the EVENTS tab, or stop by or call and talk to a Librarian at 451-6927 to find a list of classes, dates, and times or to sign up. Classes are $5 each.

Remember that class size is limited, so sign up soon!

August and September Senior Days

The second Thursday of every month is our recurring Senior Days program. If you’ve never come before, this is a perfect time to try it out, as we’ve got some great programs coming up to round out the summer and take us into autumn.

On August 11, we welcome back local artist Peggy Brace for a basic drawing class. All materials will be provided by the library.

And on September 11, we are excited to host the Elm Street Strummers, a hammer dulcimer group from Titusville, PA.

Senior Days is a free program that is open to the public. The program always starts at 1 PM and is held in the Admiral Room of the Blasco Library. Snacks and coffee/tea are provided. Blood pressure screenings follow the program. We hope to see you there!
Teen Programs Coming Soon to Your Library

New programs for our young adult library lovers are in the works for Fall.

Teen Reading Lounge, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the Friends of the Library, is an interactive book discussion series created by PHC for public libraries to encourage teens, ages 12-18, to read and talk about literature that matters to them.

Through book discussion and artistic workshops with a qualified facilitator, teens create special projects and sharpen critical thinking skills. The program, which occurs over several sessions, appeals to popular interests in young adult literature through comic books or fantasy literature.

And in the vein of comic books, we will also be embarking on some Comic Jams. Comic Jams are a comic creating experience for kids ages 10-14. Participants will work in teams to create a one page comic story while learning about and discussing story structure.

Keep your eyes open for these exciting opportunities! Times and sign up info coming soon.

Library to Participate in WQLN’s JUMP! Back to School Expo

WQLN Education is making BIG plans to ignite, inspire, and engage the academic potential of all students, from kindergarteners to seniors in high school, who are preparing for the 2014-15 school year.

On Sunday, August 10, 2014, from 11am to 4pm, WQLN along with many community partners will present JUMP! Back to School Expo at the Bayfront Convention Center.

JUMP! will provide families a one-stop experience of the latest in products, services, and resources that will contribute to their child’s academic success.

In addition, students will have a chance to JUMP! into technology, science, and math when they visit some of the cool exhibits. The Library is excited to be part of this event and to showcase some of the great services, databases, and resources we have available for kids and adults of all ages who are headed back to school in the next few weeks.

Come and see us! Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door and can be purchased at:
http://www.wqln.org/Departments/Education/JUMP

Memorial Donations for Joseph H. Bohrer, Jr.

The Following are donations in Memoriam for Joseph H. Bohrer, father of Erie County Public library director, Mary Rennie, who passed away on July 2, 2014:

Joe and Carol Paradisi
Mary Jane and Nob Steimer and Marty Brown
Richard and Debra Rennie

David and Patty Bohrer
Dan and Pam Wilson
Matt and Cindy Camp
Florence Daub
Darcie Rzomp
Dennis and Lynn Kudlak
Hilda Pesta
Shirley Bauer
Marie and Jill Kirsch

Helen Rennie
Margaret and Adele Stewart
Joe and Joyce Mineo
Gerald and Mary Jane Bohrer
Linda and Al Staiti
Julie Schlosser
Mary Lovette and Family
Edmund L. Thomas Shelter Staff
“Hilltoppers” at Curry Schell

Let the Library help you get back to school!
**Erie County Public Library**

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

**Find us online at:**
www.erielibrary.org

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**Library Locations and Hours**

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