



# Violet's Porch

The Newsletter of the Jefferson Township Public Library



## From the Director's Desk: *More Than Just Books*

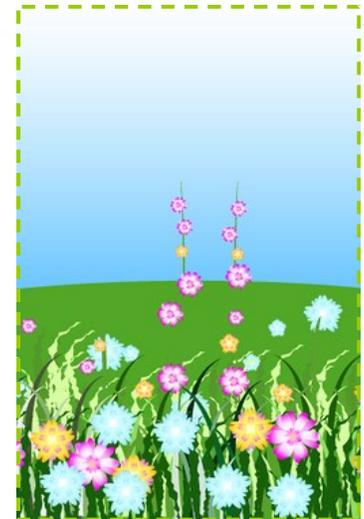
"More than just books"... has become one of the most overused phrases in librarianship. The phrase often is followed by a summary of the many services libraries offer beyond loaning books.

Although I have spoken this phrase a few times myself, it is not one that I like very much. For me the phrase relegates books to a minor role in the library.

There is, however, truth in this phrase. If a public library's book collection is largely unused and unresponsive to the interests and desires of the community, it is "just" a collection of books.

On the other hand, when a library has a collection that generates a desire to read, inspires dreams, and oozes growth and opportunity, it is much more than just books. That collection is a gateway to a vast and rich world that grabs you and fills you with an unquenchable desire to read.

It is my hope that this library will be recognized for more than computers, DVDs and programs. It is an entry into a world of books that offers unimaginable possibilities, excites your interests, nurtures your curiosity, and fuels your desire to learn and grow.



## Afternoon on a Hill

by Edna St. Vincent Millay

I will be the gladdest thing  
Under the sun!  
I will touch a hundred flowers  
And not pick one.

I will look at cliffs and clouds  
With quiet eyes,  
Watch the wind bow down the  
grass,  
And the grass rise.

And when lights begin to show  
Up from the town,  
I will mark which must be mine,  
And then start down!

## TOP TEN Fiction for Teens

*The Carnival at Bray* by Jessie Ann Foley

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

*The Gospel of Winter* by Brendan Kiely

*I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson

*Jackaby* by William Ritter

*Noggin* by John Corey Whaley

*The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim* by E. K. Johnson

*Vango* by Timothee de Fombelle

*We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart

*The Young Elites* by Marie Lu

(from The Young Adult Library Services Assn.)



# WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?

HAVING A LIBRARY CARD. GET YOURS TODAY! [lovelibraries.org/library-card](http://lovelibraries.org/library-card)





The library will  
be closed  
LABOR DAY  
Mon. Sept. 7

# Story Time

FALL Story Time  
September 14 to November 20, 2015  
Registration begins August 31 at  
[www.jeffersonlibrary.net](http://www.jeffersonlibrary.net)

## Monday

10-10:30 AM – Lapsit Story Time Ages 2 1/2 and under  
10:45–11:15 AM – Exploring the Alphabet with Books,  
Ages 3 and up  
12–12:30 PM–Story time for Ages 4 and Up  
1–2 PM–Drop in Craft

## Tuesday

9:30–10 AM – Lapsit Story Time Ages 2 1/2 and under  
10:15–11 AM–Animals, Animals Everywhere!  
11:15–11:45 AM–Story Time for Ages 3 to 5  
12–1 PM–Drop in Craft

## Wednesday

10–10:30 AM–Lapsit  
11–11:30 AM–Bingo, Board Games and Building, Ages 3+

## Thursday

4–4:45 PM–Magic Tree House Reading Club  
(a program for independent readers)  
6–7 PM–Pajama Story Time & Craft



## Library Happenings – –for the adult crowd



August 7–2 PM

### My Summer Vacation

Be spirited away to the turn of the 20th century by actress Michele LaRue and her dramatic readings, featuring Sarah Orne Jewett's *Miss Esther's Guest* and *The Nice People* by H. C. Bunner. Life was simpler then--often harder, but our ancestors' loves, longings, and laughter were just like ours, and their stories remain enchanting!

August 11–7 PM

### Dear Mr. Watterson

A documentary film about the Calvin & Hobbes comic strip and its cartoonist Bill Watterson. The film focuses on its special artistic qualities and extraordinary lasting appeal decades after its conclusion. 89 min., directed by Joel Schroeder.

August 13, and August 20–10:30 AM

### Coffee, Donuts & a Movie: *American Sniper*

A biopic of Chris Kyle (played by Bradley Cooper), the most celebrated sniper in American military history. Directed by Clint Eastwood (2014, rated R, 134 minutes) Refreshments served at 10:30 AM, show time is 11 AM. (two showings)

August 28–6:30–8:30 PM

### Color YOUR World

Take part in the newest craze - coloring for adults! Reduce stress, generate wellness, and stimulate your creativity. We'll provide a selection of beautiful designs, colored pencils and crayons; feel free to bring any other supplies you'd like to use. *Come for a while, or stay for the whole time, whatever you are comfortable with!*



September 10–11 AM

### Coffee, Donuts & a Movie: *Labor Day*

Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin star in this suspenseful drama, based on the novel by Joyce Maynard, about two strangers who are drawn together under incredible circumstances. What starts as an unforeseen encounter over a long holiday weekend soon becomes a second chance love story. (2013, rated PG-13, 111 minutes) Refreshments served at 10:30 AM, show time is 11 AM.

September 20–2 PM

### Tibetan Singing Bowl Peace meditation

Celebrate International Day of Peace (9/21) with a Tibetan Singing Bowl meditation led by meditation practitioner and teacher Jessica Morris. The vibrations of the singing bowls produce original beautiful sounds and encourage relaxation along with stress and pain relief.

September 22–7 PM

### Pathways to Happiness

"Don't worry, be happy" -- but how? Enjoy a fun and light-hearted overview of "Happiness," looking at historical perspectives from ancient philosophers to inspiring quotes from modern sages. Walter C. will cover the latest scientific and statistical research on the subject and share his own secrets for being happy!

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# OUR MISSION

The Jefferson Township Public Library is a haven for the investigation of life skills and interests, connecting a diverse community socially, culturally and intellectually.



There's nothing like live music under the stars! And although summer goes so fast, there is still time to take in a **Free Friday Night Gazebo Concert** (7 PM), co-sponsored by the Jefferson Township Gazebo Committee and the Jefferson Township Public Library.

On Friday, August 7 **JERSEY SOUND** performs a classic blend of Oldies, Motown, R & B and Pop, with excellent vocalists and a killer rhythm section holding it all together.

**SOUL GROOVE** performs on Friday, August 14 featuring a 5-piece female-fronted R & B band that likes to keep an audience dancing and singing all night!

Don't miss **CARNABY STREET** on Friday, August 21. If you love the great music from the fabulous 60s – the British Invasion to Psychedelic Rock – The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, The Rolling Stones – this one is for you.

**DR. BRIAN & FRIENDS** performs all their favorite classic rock hits on Friday, August 28, wrapping up this year's series of shows.

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 \* **A Taste of Poetry** \*  
 \* *Meets monthly, second Thurs-* \*  
 \* *days @ 1PM, just drop in!* \*  
 \* *August 12* \*  
 \* ***Poems of John Berryman*** \*  
 \* *"In the night-reaches dreamed* \*  
 \* *he of better graces, of libera-* \*  
 \* *tions, and beloved faces..."* \*  
 \* *September 9* \*  
 \* ***Poems of Denise Levertov*** \*  
 \* *"Ah grief, I should not treat* \*  
 \* *you like a homeless dog..."* \*  
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