



## Worthington Public Library brings *Discovery Place* to you!

On January 3, 1994 the Worthington Public Library will begin the New Year with a new catalog and circulation system, called

*Discovery Place*. This system will tie us in with 24

other libraries in Franklin County, and give you access to over 2 million items. All 20 branches and the Main Library of the Columbus Metropolitan Library are included, as well as Southwest Libraries (Grove City and Westland) and Franklin University Library. Worthington Public Library patrons

**DISCOVERY PLACE**  
LIBRARIES

will be able to review the combined collections of all these libraries, and place reserves on any circulating item (except videos) on the *Discovery Place* system.

Convenient features include

the ability to renew most items for the same loan period, the option of returning borrowed materials to any of the 25 libraries, and the ease of placing reserves yourself on a terminal in the Library, or from your home or office if you have a computer with a modem. You choose the pick-up location!

New borrowers' cards will be needed for full access to the benefits of *Discovery Place*. Stop in, update your borrower information and get your new card beginning January 3, 1994.

A separate brochure has been enclosed with full information on our transition to *Discovery Place*. Let us know if you have any questions!



Retirees Nancy Easterday (staff) and William McNutt (Board) flank outgoing President of the Friends of the Library, Beverly Seigel, who was presented with a picture of the Worthington Public Library as thanks for her efforts to reactivate the Friends group during 1992 and 1993.

⇒ See page 3 for details.

## More parking available!

After several months of negotiations, the Library has purchased the bank building at 820 High Street, on the corner of Stafford Avenue. This is a 7,400 square foot building which is similar in architectural style to the Library. We have immediately gained 21 parking spaces! Following completion of the Northwest Library in 1995, the space will be renovated and joined to the current Hartford Street building. This will allow expansion of the collection and seating at Hartford Street, as administrative and technical functions will be relocated to the new building.



## New Northwest Library!

In the past several years, the Northwest area of Franklin County has grown rapidly. In order to serve the needs of the families living in this area, a 23,000 square foot library will be constructed at 2270 and 2280 Hard Road. Ground will be broken in 1994, with completion in late 1995. This is a joint project of the Worthington Public Library and the Columbus Metropolitan Library, since the area is served by both library districts. The architectural firm of Design Group, Inc. has been selected to design the building. Principal Jack Hedge has begun design work with library staff and trustees.



## Writers' Forum

Think you could be an author someday? Find out if you've got the "write stuff" at the First Annual Writers Conference sponsored by the Central Ohio Friends of the Library on Saturday, February 5th, 1994 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at The Ohio State University Law School Auditorium, corner of High Street and 12th Avenue. These sessions will be co-sponsored by Nickleby's Bookstore. Professional writers, authors of fiction and non-fiction books, will be present to share their expertise. A modest fee will be charged. Call 645-2620 for more information.

## Library Activities

### For Children:

#### Tales for Twos

January 18 - March 8  
Tuesday 9:30-10:00 a.m.

*Registration is required for the Tuesday Tales for Twos. Registration begins January 10 and is limited to 35 two year olds. An adult is asked to remain with each child.*

January 19 - March 9  
Wednesday 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Two year olds and their families can enjoy stories, rhymes and songs together at the Library.  
*Registration is not necessary, but adults are asked to remain with their children.*

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#### Stories in the Corner

for 3-5 Year Olds  
January 17 - March 10

Monday 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
Monday 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
Thursday 9:30-10:00 a.m.

*Registration is required for Stories in the Corner. Registration begins January 10 and is limited to 35 preschoolers.*

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#### Stories and Such

for 3-5 Year Olds & their Families  
January 18 - March 9

Tuesday 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Preschoolers aged 3-5 and their families can enjoy stories and rhymes together at the Library.  
*Registration is not necessary, but adults are asked to remain with their children.*

## Special Events!

### For Children:

#### Holiday "Box It" with stories

Ages 3 to 8  
Saturday, December 4, 1993  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Children will decorate holiday gift boxes (assisted by Volunteens) while listening to stories told by Children's Librarians.

Adults are invited to listen to a presentation of "Gifts from the Heart," suggested books for holiday giving, at the same times.

*Registration is not necessary.*

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#### Winnie the Pooh

Ages 4 and older  
Saturday, January 15, 1994  
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

A theatre production by "Imaginating Dramatics" and a birthday party for Pooh's creator, A.A. Milne.

*Registration is not necessary*



## For Adults:

### February by the Fire

Set in front of the glowing fireplace here at the Worthington Public Library, there will be a musical program each week at various times. Check the February calendar in the Library for dates and times of these offerings.

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## Board of Trustees

The Library Board of Trustees recently lost two excellent members due to job transfers, Thomas Moser and Drew Parobek. We wish them well in their new homes! Replacing them are Gregg A. Christenson, Senior Vice President and Comptroller for Huntington Mortgage Company, and Donald B. Leach, Jr., an attorney with Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs.

At the end of the year, William McNutt's term will expire, and he will complete ten years of service on the Board. Thanks, Bill! His replacement will be Dennis R. Lewis, Columbus Special Services Area Manager for Ameritech. Carolyn Owens will continue to serve on the Board through 1994.

The 1993 Board of Trustees officers are Cheryl E. Foster, President, W. Charles Curley, Vice-President and Amos J. Loveday, Secretary. The Board of Trustees meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level Conference Room and are open to the public. Upcoming dates: December 20, January 17, February 21.

## You asked for it!

So many of our patrons requested that a due date be given in each book or item checked out from the Library, that we have begun doing just that! Thanks to the efforts of 148 volunteers, all 180,000 books in the collection had date due slips pasted in them! An "honor roll" of volunteers will be displayed in the Library during the month of December. Look for names such as Al Foulger (52 hours) and Joan Frazier (45 hours), as well as those of your friends and neighbors who volunteered a total of 1,726 hours!



## Worthington FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Friends of the Worthington Public Library Seek Members Both New and Old

Would you like to join hundreds of your neighbors in supporting special activities at the Worthington Public Library? The Friends group offers everyone a way to express appreciation and support for the services provided by the Library.

Member dues and active support of its 200+ members enable this volunteer, non-profit organization to sponsor:

- special children's activities, including the Summer Reading Program
- Music in the Amphitheater
- the annual Used Book Sale.

The Friends also operate "The Book Place" on the Library's lower level and a Gift Cart which is open periodically in the Library lobby. Library souvenirs, such as book bags, beverage mugs, T-shirts and note paper, are sold from the cart. All proceeds are added to the Friends' treasury for support of library activities.

The Friends are governed by an elected Board of Directors. Recently elected 1994 officers are: Bostwick Wyman, President; Carol Briek, First Vice-President, Projects; Pamela Lombardi, Second Vice-President, Membership; Lynn Bill, Secretary; and Charles Spademan, Treasurer.

☞ See Membership Form, page 4.

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## Staff Retirements

After 22 years of service to the Worthington Public Library, Nancy Easterday will retire in December. Nancy's warm, caring personality has guided the Library through many changes and transitions. She managed the Circulation and Technical Services departments, oversaw the volunteer and homebound programs and served as the staff liaison to the Friends of the Library. We will certainly miss Nancy's dedication and loyalty to the Library. Best wishes, Nancy!

Gretchen Dagefoerde will also retire in December, after 10 1/2 years of service. Gretchen has handled the thousands of documents which the Library receives as a federally designated depository of government information. Thanks, Gretchen!

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## Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed December 24, December 25 and December 26 for Christmas, and December 31, January 1 and January 2, 1994 for New Year's and conversion to Discovery Place. The Library will be using the new computer system when it opens on Monday, January 3.



This is the first issue of "Off the Shelf," the newsletter of the Worthington Public Library. It is being sent to all households in the Worthington Library District and to Friends of the Library. If you would like to receive future issues of this quarterly newsletter, please fill in the form below and return it to:

**Worthington Public Library  
805 Hartford Street  
Worthington, Ohio 43085**

**YES! Please add my name to the mailing list for "Off the Shelf."**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## New Telephone Numbers

The Worthington Public Library will have a new, improved Centrex telephone system starting December 1, 1993. New numbers will allow patrons to call all public service departments directly, and will permit departments inside the Library to transfer calls. A special line will also be available for use by hearing-impaired patrons who have access to a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf).



## The new telephone numbers are:

HOURS AND LOCATION—RECORDED MESSAGE .....	645-2630
CATALOG—BOOKS OWNED BY LIBRARY .....	645-2625
CATALOG—DIAL-UP ACCESS .....	645-2070
INFORMATION—REFERENCE QUESTIONS .....	645-2626
TDD ONLY .....	645-2639
ADMINISTRATION .....	645-2620
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES .....	645-2628
BORROWED ITEMS—FINES AND OVERDUES .....	645-2622
CHILDREN'S SERVICES .....	645-2623
FICTION & YOUNG ADULT & LARGE PRINT .....	645-2627
HOMEBOUND SERVICES.....	645-2620
ITEMS BEING HELD AND LIBRARY CARDS .....	645-2621
MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS .....	645-2624

## I would also like to join the Friends of the Worthington Public Library!

___ Junior (under age 18)	\$ 5.00
___ Senior Citizen	\$ 7.50
___ Individual	\$10.00
___ Family	\$ 15.00
___ Supporting	\$ 25.00
___ Patron	\$ 50.00
___ Super Friend	\$100.00
(a book donated in your name)	

Make check payable to the Friends of the Worthington Public Library. In addition to supporting the Friends' work, you will receive a 10% discount on all items on their Gift Cart, will receive the Friends' quarterly newsletter and will be admitted to the presale at the annual Used Book Sale.



## Library Hours

<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	<b>9 a.m. to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b>	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 - 5 p.m.</b>