From Our Director: New Year’s Resolutions Stick—With Help from the Library

It’s time to make New Year’s Resolutions. Read on for suggestions on how the Library can help with these ever-popular resolutions!

This is the year I will:

· Learn a new skill. This is the year I will learn to knit or crochet—or to speak a foreign language. I will learn to paint, to improve my photography, or to grow a garden. I’ll finally organize my stamp or coin collection. I will learn new computer skills.

The St. Marys Community Public Library offers computer classes on everything from the basics to Facebook and—new in 2014—Pinterest. The classes are free and are offered in afternoon and evening sessions. The Library also has research databases linked to free online computer training as well as books covering the latest technology.

If a new craft is your intention, join the Craft Circle. It meets every Friday at the Library, and the members there are eager to share their knowledge of craft techniques. On the Library shelf you’ll find titles like: The Principles of Knitting; Knit Your Socks On Straight; Convertible Crochet, Crochet-opedia and Crochet Today and Knit Simple magazines.

Shutterbug, Sew News, and Coin World magazines are also available, as well as Horticulture, Ohio Gardener, Better Homes & Gardens, and Organic Gardening.

Teach yourself a foreign language with books and CDs like Dr. Blair’s Japanese (or Spanish, Italian, German, Italian or French) in No Time.

· Lose weight. The Library owns many of the latest exercise, diet and cook books, as well as workout DVDs. Magazines like Vegetarian Times, Cooking Light, and Fitness bring you fresh inspiration every month.

· Declutter and organize. Get started by checking out a copy of Organize Your Home: Clutter Cures For Every Room; Organize Your Mind, Organize Your Life: Train Your Brain To Get More Done In Less Time; or Organized Simplicity: A Clutter-Free Approach to Intentional Living.

· Trace my family history. Visit the Library Local History Room for access to online databases Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest. The library also subscribes to the magazine Internet Genealogy, and has a room full of cemetery books, directories, maps, censuses, and back issues of the St. Marys newspapers on microfilm/CD.

· Plan a get-away. Spend some time daydreaming and planning with our large selection of travel guidebooks and DVDs. Pick up a copy of Ohio or Midwest Living magazines for short trip ideas or Afar magazine for an excursion farther afield.

· Spend more time with my family. Plan a weekly family visit to the Library – to choose reading material and movies or to attend a free program. Join our Family Read program.

Make your New Year’s Resolutions stick this year @ the Library!

Susan Heckler Pittman
Library Director
Warm Winter with a Book Discussion

Adults are invited to join our book discussions. Each book will be discussed at two sites/times. Choose the session that best fits your schedule. **MORNING sessions** are at 10:30 AM in the **St. Marys Community Public Library Meeting Room.** **EVENING sessions** are at 6:30 PM in the **Wissman Room at Otterbein Lifestyle Community St. Marys,** 11230 State Route 364. Books are available for checkout at the Library.

- December 3 MORNING and December 17 EVENING – *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

Crafters Invited to Meet Every Friday

The Friday Craft Circle meets **every Friday morning** from 10 AM to Noon in the Library Meeting Room. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring projects to work on in the company of fellow crafters. Make new friends and learn about new crafts, materials and techniques.

Valentine’s Day is Fine Free Friday

We love our patrons! Fines will be waived for everyone visiting the Library on Valentine’s Day, **February 14.** In addition, a “Reading is Sweet” bookmark will be given to the first 200 library customers.

Discover the Proper English Tea

Julie Knous will demonstrate how to set up an English tea on **Tuesday, January 21** from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room. There will be finger sandwiches, cookies, and, of course, tea. **Adults only** are invited to this special event. **Registration requested by January 14.**

Library Closed for Winter Holidays

The Library will be closed on Monday, **January 20,** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. On Monday, **February 17,** the Library will be closed for Presidents’ Day.
Family Read Program is Fun for All
Youth in grades 3-5 and a parent or grandparent are welcome to join our Family Read Program. Check the books out at the library, and read them. Then join us for a fun and insightful discussion about the book followed by a related activity. 6:00 PM.
- January 6 – *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein.
- February 3 – *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo.

**New! Teen Book Club**
Read the book & discuss it with your friends. Books will be available at the Library and can be checked out a few weeks before the session. 5:00-6:00 PM.
- January 15 – *Game Changer* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.
- February 19 – *The Adoration of Genna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson.

**Asian Pop Culture Club**
Explore Asian culture in our club for grades 9-12 only. Monthly after-school meetings explore Asian popular culture: tv shows, music videos and YouTube clips. 3:15 PM.
- January 7 • February 4 •

**Back by Popular Demand!**
**Preschool Movie with Parent Busy Bag**
While the little ones are entertained by an age-appropriate movie, parents or caregivers visit and construct busy bags for the child to take home and play with later. All supplies are provided. 11:00 AM.
January 13 & 27; February 10 & 24.

**Story Times**
Story Times run weekly from January 8 to February 27.
- **Preschool Story Time:** for children ages 3-5 years old. Wednesdays at 11:00 AM.
- **Books, Babies & More** For babies 0-36 mos. and a caregiver. Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
- **Preschool Dance Party:** for children ages 3-5 years old. Wednesday, January 15 & February 19 At 11:00 AM. (Replaces regular story time for these dates.)

**Fun! Lego Club**
Participants in Grades K-5 build individual Lego creations. After the programs, creations will be displayed in the Library. 4:30-5:30 PM.
- January 8 • February 12 •

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**Free Classes Introduce Computer Basics**

Session I: Using the Mouse & Computer Basics; Session II: Windows Basics; and Session III: Internet—Surfing & Searching.

Each Class is comprised of three sessions that will take the novice from using the mouse to searching the Web, taught by Jay Miley. Class sizes are small so please register early. (You will be registering for a three-session class.)

- **Thursdays at 6:00 PM on January 16, 23 & 30** OR
- **Tuesdays at 1:00 PM on February 11, 18 & 25.**