



REPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES
AND
STATE LEGISLATORS

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Author Will Hillenbrand and Kite Day

Popular PA author/illustrator Will Hillenbrand delighted hundreds of children, parents, and teachers during his visit to IVPL on Wednesday, April 13. His visit, part of PA's "One Book/Every Young Child," included IVPL as one stop on a 5-week-long tour around the state.

Over 220 preschoolers, plus parents and teachers, came to see Mr. Hillenbrand tell his story about how he conceived of the plots and drew the illustrations for the Bear and Mole stories. Every young child received his/her own copy of the paperback to take home. Then, each made an easy kite with colored paper, string, and a bright orange tail, and everyone went outside to fly their kites in the breezy, springtime sun. What a day!

Programs and Workshops this Spring

Two important series for adults get under way this month:

- From Ghetto To World Prominence: Major Turning Points in Modern Jewish History.
Led by Prof. Tom Kolsky of Mont Co Community College. Four Sundays, April 17, 24 and May 1, 8 at 2 pm. Short film, presentation, discussion.
- Money-Smart Week. A variety of programs addressing financial issues.
College financial planning on Mon/Apr 25, 7 pm.
Savvy Social Security on Mon/Apr 25 and Tue/Apr 26, 7 pm.
Ins and Outs of Selling Your Home on Wed/Apr 27, 2 pm.
Paying for Post-Secondary Education on Wed/Apr 27, 6:30 pm.
Buying a Home on Thu/Apr 28, 6:30 pm.

Children's Programs Gear Up for Summer

All the springtime storyhours --nine every week -- and workshops for children (LEGO Club, Chess Club, Junior Engineers, and more) will be winding up at the end of April -- and new summer activities begin as soon as school is dismissed in June. Dozens of programs for preschoolers, school-age kids, and teens are in the works. Prizes are given for time spent reading (or being read to).

Over 200 families are participating in "1000 Books Before Kindergarten."

Herb Sale in May

Orders are being taken for the annual Herb Sale, sponsored by the Indian Valley Junior Women's Club. In addition, herbs and plants can be purchased at the sale, set for Saturday, April 30, 10 am to 1 pm. This annual fundraiser has been a huge success every year, as gardeners begin thinking about the planting season.

New Leadership at the Library

Margie Stern will be taking over as director of the library, beginning June 1, with the retirement of Linda Beck. Margie has been a district consultant for youth library services at the Delaware County Library System for over 20 years. She is the past president of the PA Library Association. In accepting the position offered her by the Board of Trustees, she commented how much she is looking forward to leading a big, busy library with innovative programs and a true community spirit.

Linda Beck started at IVPL in 1988 as the children's librarian and was appointed director in 1996. Since then, several additions have been built on to the library (including the Reading Room, Storyhour Room, and 2010 nonfiction addition), and staff and hours were expanded to give service seven days a week. IVPL is one of the busiest libraries in Montgomery County. Linda looks forward to a retirement filled with good things to read.

Coming This Summer:

BeerFest fundraiser, sponsored by the library's Capital Development Committee and the Lutheran Community at Telford --
Saturday, July 30, 5:30-8:30 pm. VIP session 4-5:30 pm.
Featuring local craft breweries, food trucks, music, fun.

Looking at the Numbers for March:

People coming to the library:

*23,653 people came to IVPL in March
(average 815 people every day)*

Books and materials checked out:

32,898 books and A-V items were borrowed in March (3% more than in March 2015)

Programs/workshops/classes for kids and adults:

*41 storyhours and programs for kids
For 550 children and 380 adults
53 programs for adults
Involving 457 people*

Internet and word processors:

Computers were used 2206 times in March.

Library card sign-ups and usage:

Franconia	7860
<i>(60% of total pop. of 13,064)</i>	
Lower Salford	8135
<i>(54% of total pop. of 14,959)</i>	
Salford	1518
<i>(60% of total pop. of 2504)</i>	
Souderton	5443
<i>(82% of total pop. of 6618)</i>	
Telford	4095
<i>(87% of total pop. of 4680)</i>	

TOTAL borrowers from the 5 municipalities: 27,051

TOTAL borrowers from other areas: 11,001

Reference questions:

1689 questions were asked and answered.

Meeting rooms were used 22 times by 554 people.

What you can borrow at the library:

There are 159,499 items in the collection.

