



REPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES
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STATE LEGISLATORS

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Author Will Hillenbrand at IVPL

If preschoolers could talk about favorite books, and favorite authors, chances are Will Hillenbrand would be in their Top Ten. Over many years, this Pennsylvania author/illustrator has written dozens of picture books. His 2012 work, Kite Day: a Bear and Mole Story, has been chosen for the 2016 "PA One Book" award, and he will be visiting libraries across the state all year.

Which brings him to Indian Valley - on Wednesday, April 13, at 10 am. Nursery schools and daycare centers are welcome to come, as are all members of the public. Books can be signed on this day. Funds from the Irv Rubin Director's Discretionary fund are being used to give each child a paperback book to take home.

School Art Month

"A creative feast for the eyes" - so described the abundance of stunning art works on display in the library all month. The artists are students in grades K-12 of the Souderton Area School District, and the occasion is national School Art Month. A reception for teachers, artists, and parents was held March 17. Many thanks to the art teachers for making this all possible.

Opportunities to Learn - @ the Library

IVPL is offering a fascinating array of interesting programs this spring - all free-of-charge and open to the public:

- **Civil War Re-enactors Event**
Saturday, April 2, 12-3 pm. An opportunity to meet local re-enactors from the PA 71st. Basic drills, displays of period costumes and items, and more.
- **From Ghetto to World Prominence: Major Turning Points in Modern Jewish History.**
Sundays, April 17 and 24, May 1 and 8, 2 pm. Led by Dr. Tom Kolsky of the Montgomery County Community College. Focuses on the major personalities, events, and forces that shaped Jewish history in the context of world history.
- **Imagination and Morality in Literature**
Mondays, April 4,11,18,25, 7 pm. Taught by Darryl Smith of Muhlenberg College. Using stories to understand moral issues, exploring characters and the choices they make.
- **Money-Smart Week**
April 25-29, sponsored by the Federal Reserve of Chicago. A series of programs focusing on personal financial wellbeing, including workshops on Social Security strategies, consumer questions, identity theft, and more.
- **TED Talks**
The third Saturday of every month, 3 pm. Includes TED Talk screenings and discussion. This month: quietness and introversion.

World of Creatures!

Many thanks to the students of DelVal University in Doylestown for bringing a large array of animals (reptiles, amphibians) and insects to the library in early March. Children and parents who came to this program could touch and talk to all these creatures. DelVal students were able to talk one-on-one about the animals they brought. And, at the end of the evening, all the animals made their way back to DelVal safely. Not a single one was left in the library stacks.

This wonderful partnership between IVPL and DelVal began several Septembers ago for the first "Wild About Wildlife" day at IVPL. Since then, DelVal students have brought their creatures over here several times.

...And for Children

They're usually so quiet, the rest of the library doesn't hear a thing. But the groups of preschoolers that come to IVPL for storyhours (eight or ten storyhours every week) are anything but quiet once the storyhour begins. Songs, fingergames, sometimes the parachute, and stories are an integral part of every storyhour.

New this season: Junior Engineers once a month after school (for school-age children) and Block Party for preschoolers.

Looking at the Numbers for February:

People coming to the library:

*20,931 people came to IVPL in February (open 28 days)
(average 747 people every day)*

Books and materials checked out:

29,738 books and A-V items were borrowed in February

Programs/workshops/classes for kids and adults:

*58 storyhours and programs for kids
For 871 children and 575 adults
52 programs for adults
Involving 408 people*

Internet and word processors:

Computers were used 3036 times in February.

Library card sign-ups and usage:

Franconia	7850
(60% of total pop. of 13,064)	
Lower Salford	8102
(54% of total pop. of 14,959)	
Salford	1516
(60% of total pop. of 2504)	
Souderton	5415
(82% of total pop. of 6618)	
Telford	4076
(87% of total pop. of 4680)	

TOTAL borrowers from the 5 municipalities:	26,959
TOTAL borrowers from other areas:	10,938

Reference questions:

1536 questions were answered in February

Meeting rooms were used 18 times by 437 people.

What you can borrow at the library:

There are 159,460 items in the collection.