

The Idea!

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Budget vote set for Wed. April 21

On Wednesday, April 21, voters of the Sullivan West School District will have the opportunity to vote on Western Sullivan Public Library's 2010-2011 budget and board election.

WSPL's executive director and library board have designed a budget that respects the current difficult economic climate at the same time as it tries to keep pace with the needs of the community. Those needs include books, films, e-books, books on tape and CD, newspapers, magazines, computer access including wireless, and ongoing programs to attract varied age groups.

available at each branch. Please pick up a copy. WSPL values your dedicated support.

Voters will also elect two members to the Board of Directors for five-year

terms. The terms of Keith Robisch and Jim Halloran expire on June 30.

Eligible voters who are unable to vote in person should contact District Clerk Peg Luty at 482-4610, ext. 3000 to obtain an absentee ballot application.

Put it on the Calendar



Knit-n-Stitch! Free. Open to all levels. Sit and knit and chat. Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m. Narrowsburg branch.



Chess for Fun. Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m., Narrowsburg branch. Free. Open to all.



Storytime. Call the branch of your choice for days and times: Callicoon, 887-4040; Jeffersonville, 482-4350; Narrowsburg, 252-3360.

A detailed chart of 2010-2011 expenditures and revenue is

Current Board of Trustees
Pam Reinhardt, President
William Whalen, Vice President
Keith Robisch, Treasurer
Jane Luchsinger, Secretary
Marge Brown
James Halloran
Barbara Harder
Annie Hilton
Beth Peck

Remember to vote!

Voting will take place on April 21 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at each of our three branches: Callicoon, Jeffersonville and Narrowsburg. Anyone who has not registered may do so on Wednesday, April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at each branch.

A personal look through the lens of the library

By Susan Scott
Director
Western Sullivan Public Library



It has been a long time since we just checked out books.

I wanted to write an inspiring article on the reasons why libraries are important to everyone in the community, to somehow stress the powerful benefits of libraries, especially during hard economic times. However, I realized that you've heard it before so I couldn't just sit down and list the library's benefits yet again. Instead I will try to tell the story of how it has affected me and how important the idea of the existence of a library can be to many single persons.

Who are those people?

They are a drifting boy whose father just died, a young elementary school girl being picked on and looking for refuge, a man without employment, a woman who just lost her job, a mother assisting her children with homework, a teenager with no computer access at home, a college graduate looking at the classifieds online, a toddler learning to see words and pictures together, or just you when you stop by to talk to us, about books, your family, your worries, your ideas.

Lastly, that one person is me, the one who is lucky enough to see you all come here with different ideas, views and interests. I get to see needs fulfilled by my amazing and interested staff and volunteers. I guess that is what community is, and I am thankful to be a part of yours. I hope you will support WSPL on April 21st, so that we can keep helping you, your families and your neighbors.

When programs meet people at WSPL

By Jen Rhoades

One of the things that brings us the most pride and satisfaction at the Library is the variety of programming we are able to offer free to the public (for people of all ages). Coordinated by our Children's and Adult Programmer, Laura Moran, these programs draw on the talents and expertise of those in our local and extended communities, who share their passions, knowledge and skills with us. They provide opportunities to bring families together, meet new people and make new friends, and catch up with familiar faces.

Last month, we flexed our artistic and culinary muscles, decorating Springtime Cupcakes; we learned about Maple Sugaring in our own backyards and discussed the latest Book Discussion Group selection, *The Book Thief*.

Here are a few highlights of upcoming April programs:

Artist and Educator Kirstin Broussard, from New York City's Museum of Modern Art, comes to us with an exciting opportunity for families to explore American Art together. In a six-session series entitled, **FindArt: Family Art Projects**, school-age children, parents, and grandparents are welcome and encouraged to create their own unique art inspired by the American artwork they discover at each session. Held at the Jeffersonville branch, sessions are scheduled for April 17 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Call 482-4350 to register.

A new teen acting workshop entitled, **Act Underground**, will be led by Penelope Morgan-Lohr, a 25-year acting and teaching veteran of the professional theater (not to mention, Tusten-Cochection branch manager). The workshop, which begins in Narrowsburg branch on April 8, will immerse teens in acting techniques designed to bring characters to life - to take them from "the page to the stage." The first four sessions will emphasize character creation, with the following four focusing on textual work. The culmination will be on May 28, open to the public, where teens can present the work, through a collection of scene and monologue performances.

One of our most requested programs is computer and inter-



Spring Book Sale

Sat., May 15 through Sat., May 22
Jeffersonville Branch, Library hours

net classes - so we are happy to continue our series of monthly computer classes at each branch. Be sure to check out specific computer topics that will be covered each month (past programs have included Beginner's and Intermediate Internet, and Desktop Publishing). To lead the classes, we are lucky to have computer "guru" Chris Sarles, whose one-on-one guidance helps participants acquire hands-on experience, and allows for tailoring towards specific needs and interests. Call the branch of your choice for times and dates.

Those of you who are fans of Lilian Jackson Braun's "The Cat Who..." mysteries won't want to miss our new book discussion club in Jeffersonville on the second Wednesday of each month beginning April 14 at 6:30 p.m. A different "Cat" novel will be highlighted each month (here's a little "teaser"- fans of hers know that many of these mysteries involve food...).

Finally, don't forget such favorites as First Friday Contemporary Writers Series, Knit-n-Stitch, Chess for Fun, and Storytime, all of which are free, so drop in and attend! Our monthly program schedule can be viewed on both our website (<http://www.wsplonline.org/>), and our Facebook page.