The Book Worm

The Director’s Notes
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Spring has sprung at the St. Marys Public Library! As the snow melts and the flowers bloom, we will begin preparation for our busier season. There are many new titles on the new book shelf and our eBook selection is growing steadily. For more information about getting books for your Kindle or Nook call me at 834-6141 and we will get you up and running with free eBooks from your public library!

We are also getting ready to “Dig Into” Summer Reading, planning all of the programs and raising funds for this popular program. Registration for Summer Reading begins in June. Don’t forget to register for this worthwhile program! There are lots of activities, prizes and fun!

While you’re out enjoying the sunshine and blooming flowers don’t forget to stop by the library to see what we have to offer!

To see things in the seed, that is genius.
Lao Tzu

Mission Statement
It is the mission of the St. Marys Public Library to provide, equally and impartially to the best of its ability, materials that will meet the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the residents of the City of St. Marys.

BOOK CLUB IS READING...
May: Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks
June: A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
July: Have a Little Faith: A True Story by Mitch Albom
August: The Keeper of Lime Rock by Lenore Skomal
September: Submission by Amy Waldman
October: Pawley’s Island by Dorothea Benton Frank
November: How It All Began by Penelope Lively
December: Three Weeks With My Brother by Nicholas Sparks

The SMPL Book Club meets the second Tuesday evening of the month in the small meeting room from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Books are provided. All are welcome.

Library Hours

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Special points of interest:

- A donation to the library can be designated to purchase ebooks
- Donated DVDs may be added to the collection or sold to benefit the library
- Wireless internet is available both inside and out of the library
- For a small fee, the SMPL can send or receive a FAX

The entire fruit is already present in the seed.
Tertullian
Many book donations come through the doors of the St. Marys Public Library. The variety of books is plentiful: children, health, history, western, romance, new and old. Recently a very old book came across the desk. It was published in 1904, titled *Vivilore, the Pathway to Mental and Physical Perfection, the Twentieth Century Book for Every Woman*. This book was written by Mary Ries Melendy, M.D., Ph. D. an author of scientific works and eminent practitioner. The following are a few excerpts from that book, which was very up to date for that time.

♦ How Often to Shampoo. “In a very dry, dusty country, or in a smoke-begrimed city where Old King Coal (if Mother Goose will pardon the variation in spelling!) rules everything with his bituminous scepter, the hair and scalp should be washed twice a month, or oftener if very oily. In cleaner localities once a month is often sufficient.”

♦ Baldness: “Sickness, worry, excessive study, exercise of the passions, or anything else which exhausts the nervous energy, will produce baldness.”

♦ Strawberry Arm Bath. “There is in society a young woman whose skin is a deep olive and whose arms especially are a ripe olive brown. At times, when she is bilious or out of condition, her arms are almost brown. This young woman cuts a strawberry and rubs it over her brown arms. Then she washes off the juice with a basin of hot water with a teaspoonful of borax dissolved in the water and about five drops of ammonia. She is careful not to get this into her eyes. And, to soothe the skin, she follows the arm bath with an application of cold cream.

Watch for more excerpts from this interesting book in future editions of The Book Worm.
AND THE WINNERS ARE:

The SMPL recently had a contest during the month of February which of course involved love and the sentiment for Patron’s to complete was: I love the St. Marys Library because...

KIDS WINNING ENTRIES

...I love to read and it is like being in a fun toy store, but the books here are free and toys in a store are not free. Also they give me a lot of time to read the books I get. (Alex Gregory Gurton, Grade 4)

...it has so many books that help me learn things and make me laugh. (Audrey Dornisch, Grade 3)

ADULT WINNING ENTRIES

...I don't want to purchase every book I am interested in reading - this way the books I read are recycled to the next reader - also I usually learn something new from the helpful women who work here. (Ann Polaski)

...the library to me was a major part of my daughters lives as well as mine. I’m a single parent now of two beautiful young adult ladies. From day one on being on my own the library provided us with places we never would've gone. From road maps to the nearest star. The library grew each day in our daily lives. From the collection of VCR tapes, to DVDs, to Computers, and now the Kindle Fire.

The library helped my daughters grow with every changes in their lives; from the first day of Kindergarten, all their Middle School years and then the remaining years of High School. From term papers, research projects, and flash drives on computers. The library is also helping them as of today; finishing College classes and moving forward into the work force. The library has been a huge help for me as well. Learning more and more about Computers, to the newest resources out there “iTablet”.

Life today is so fast paced and some people can’t find the time to make even one trip to the library. I suggest slow down take one day at a time and go explore the local library today. It will be the best experience you will ever start in your daily life. I wish the best for the local library that it continues to help others grow with their children as well as themselves just like it did for my family. (Danita Moate)

HONORABLE MENTION (KIDS)

...I LOVE BOOKS! (Karalyn)

...it always has the right books. Whenever I have a book report or research reports I come here. It’s a really cool place and I love coming here. (Kelsey)

...it is a good place to read and it has sooo many good books that help me with AR [Accelerated Readers]. (Tessa)

...they always have crafts for me to do! (Sophia)

HONORABLE MENTION (ADULTS)

...I can get all my information all in one place from internet to the old fashioned way of finding the reference and reading. (Brent)

...I am free to wander, gaze, and imagine myself in the life and times of the people in these many wondrous books. (Paula)

...they always amaze me with the quality of their collection - especially the children’s books. (Mary)

...the wealth of books offered, the personnel who are so good in knowing what you need, where to find it and wish you good reading. Thank you St. Marys Library

...it is very up to date with convenient hours and online services. The staff is always very friendly and helpful. Thank you for your great job. (Jennifer)

...I still like reading books with covers (and not on a tablet). (Sally)

...of the e-books! Plus the large selection of books and DVDs. (Eileen)

...I started my professional library career here! 1970. (Karen)
The Grandmother’s Glasses Finger Play

Recite this first verse of this chant in a high-pitched voice:

These are Grandma’s glasses. Make “glasses” over eyes with fingers.
This is Grandma’s hat.  Place hands close together over head.
And this is the way she folds her hands. Clasp hands together.
And lays them in her lap. Place hands in lap.

Recite this second verse in a deep, low voice:

These are Grandpa’s glasses. Make “glasses” over eyes with fingers.
This is Grandpa’s hat. Place hands farther apart over head.
And this is the way he folds his arms. Cross arms.
And takes a little nap. Place head on arms, as if sleeping.