

# WAYNE'S WORD

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Newsletter of Wayne Public Library

JULY 2009

**Library Hours**  
(beginning August 1)  
Monday-Thursday 10-7 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday 10-2 p.m.

Wayne Public Library is an independent library  
serving the Elmwood School District and surrounding communities.

## Budget News

A big THANK YOU to WPL patrons who contacted the Governor and congressmen regarding their concerns with the extreme library funding cuts proposed by Governor Strickland. Your voices were heard loud and clear! The support shown was amazing and we sincerely appreciate your efforts. Instead of facing a 50% cut in funds, the OLC (Ohio Library Council) now estimates for right now the total cuts will instead be in the 30% range. Because WPL's funding is based on a percentage of what the State receives, this amount varies from month to month. Unfortunately, WPL could be facing even larger cuts if the Ohio economy continues to worsen.

On Thursday, July 16th, the WPL Board met in special session to discuss ways to help cover the 30% reduction. The decisions made by the Board were difficult, but necessary to keep the Library open. The Board will periodically re-examine the budget and make adjustments as needed. For now, the following changes should help cover a projected \$38,567.00 deficit.

**Book/DVD/CD Purchases** - Anticipating a budget reduction, book purchases have already been reduced by 43% and DVD's/CD's by 28% year to date.

**Hours of Operation** - There will be a 10% reduction in hours of operation. Beginning August 1st, WPL will be open Monday-Thursday from 10:00-7:00 and Friday-Saturday from 10:00-2:00.

**Staff Cuts** - In addition to working 3-5 less hours per week, all staff members will see a 10% reduction in their paychecks. Two staff members who recently left will not be replaced. It should also be noted that staff members do not receive health care benefits so cuts could not be made in that area.

**ILL Service** - Delivery of materials to and from other libraries will be reduced from 5 to 4 days.

**Paperless for Overdues** - WPL will no longer send notices by mail for overdue materials. Emails will be sent if an email address is provided.

**Newsletter Mailings** - Newsletter mailings will be discontinued. Newsletters will be available at the Library and information will be posted on WPL's website and in the newspaper.

**Bookmobile Service** - Beginning September 1st, bookmobile service will be cancelled.

**Janitorial Service** - Service will be cut from 3 to 2 days per week (3 hour reduction).

**M and D Contract** - The delivery service of books to the school (twice a month) will not be renewed for the 2009-10 school year. However, WPL will be working with the school to provide books and continue monthly visits to the classrooms.

**Children's/YA Programming** - Saturday and other special programming will be very limited. Patrons are encouraged to check at the Library or on the WPL website for program announcements. For special programs, a small fee to cover supplies may be charged. WPL will offer the following fall programs (cash and snack donations would be greatly appreciated).

## FALL 2009 PROGRAMS

### Wee Folks Play Dates

Monthly unstructured play dates especially for children ages 12-36 months (with parent or caregiver).  
Tuesdays: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 (11 a.m. - ?)  
Registration is not required.

### Listen, Learn, & Do Story Time

Early literacy story time for ages 4 through kindergarten.  
Limit - 12 kids.  
Tuesdays: Sept. 15 - Nov. 17 (5 p.m. 30-45 min.)  
Registration forms will be available Monday, Aug. 17th.

### Fun Club

Games, crafts, and fun for kids in 1st-5th grades.  
Limit - 25 kids.  
Thursdays: Sept. 17 - Nov. 19 (5 p.m. 45-60 min.)  
Registration forms will be available Monday, Aug. 17th.

### TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

6th - 12th grades  
Organizational meeting:  
Monday, Sept. 28 (6-6:45 p.m.)  
Those interested in joining the 2009-10 TAG must attend the Sept. 28th meeting or contact the Library.

For more information on these programs, contact Lynn.