

Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of *ECPL Update*, a monthly e-newsletter aimed at keeping you in the know on programs, services and events in the Erie County Public Library system.

Searching the Stacks

Books, movies, music and more, not necessarily on the best seller lists.

- *At home with Madhur Jaffrey: simple, delectable dishes from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka* by Madhur Jaffrey (book).
- *The essential 5th Dimension* by The Fifth Dimension (music CD).
- *Max on life: answers and insights to your most important questions* by Max Lucado (book).
- *So beautiful or so what* by Paul Simon (music CD).

Erie Gives!

The Erie Regional Library Foundation, Inc., a fundraising arm of the library system, is participating in ***Erie Gives!***

Go to www.ErieGives.org on Tuesday, August 2 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and donate \$25 or more to the Erie Regional Library Foundation. In celebration of The Erie Community foundation's 75th anniversary, a prorated match from a pool of \$75,000 will be added to your donation.

The more money we raise through on-line donations on August 2nd, the more of the pro-rated match of the \$75,000 we will receive.

Visit the Erie Regional Library Foundation's website at www.ecplfoundation.org or www.ErieGives.org for more information and please, consider a donation to the library foundation that day so we can continue to operate quality facilities, programs and services for you.

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Library Fast Facts

The Library system recently completed its annual report to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This report asks us almost 300 questions about our libraries, programs, circulation, computers, staff, revenue, expenses and collections, among other things.

So, here's a brief synopsis of those 300 questions to give you an idea of what we were able to accomplish in 2010 thanks to your assistance, dedication and enthusiasm.

- Provided 12,081 hours of service to the citizens of Erie County through the Blasco Library, the four branches and the bookmobile
- Circulated just under 1.5 million books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, videos and tapes across the library system
- Saw nearly 240,000 hits on our website. This includes people looking for books and other library materials in our online catalog, all of the electronic reference materials and requests for genealogy research services
- Offered 338 programs, including story times, concerts, lectures, book talks and tours to nearly 11,000 attendees system-wide
- Lent over 33,000 items to patrons from other libraries
- Borrowed nearly 32,000 items from other libraries for our users
- Circulated close to 8,500 eBooks, downloadable audio books, music and video to Erie Countians
- Expanded the number of public computers at the Blasco Library and offered more classes thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Erie County Public Library
- Re-designed the fiction area at the Blasco Library, again due to the generosity of the Friends, enabling users to have better access to this collection
- Introduced early learning computer work stations for preschool and school age children at the Lincoln Community Center, Millcreek Branch and the Blasco Library with funding from the Friends of the Library
- Saw nearly 5,000 children complete the Summer Reading Program and over 1,500 adults complete the Adult Summer Reading Program. Incentives for both programs came from grants from the Verizon Foundation and the Friends of the Library
- Provided 105,000 Internet logins across the system to library users



Macy's Shop for a Cause

The *Friends of the Erie County Library* are participating in Macy's **Shop for a Cause** on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Since 2006, Macy's **Shop for a Cause** event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$38 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

The Friends will use this money to fund additional ebook purchases for the library.

Shop for a Cause gives you the opportunity to give back to your community and to help the library.

Purchase a \$5.00 Shopping Pass for exclusive savings in every Macy's store and online at www.macys.com on Saturday, August 27th and the Friends keep 100% of the proceeds. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's gift card.

Some exclusions and restriction apply. For more information or to purchase a pass, contact the Friends of the Library in the *Bayfront Bookshelf Gift Shop* in the Blasco Library's lobby at 451-6942.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FAMILY SUMMER STORY TIME – MONDAY, AUGUST 1

MILLCREEK BRANCH LIBRARY

10:00 -- 11:00 A.M.

Summer themed story time for all ages. Registration is required. Please call 814-451-8936 to register.

GIRLS SCOUTS DISCOVERY GIRL – FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

EDINBORO BRANCH LIBRARY

2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Girls will read and discuss one book each week based on the achievements of girls and women and will participate in activities that reinforce the concepts that are introduced.

Girls will also write their own story.

Call 814-451-6936 for more information.

SENIOR DAY – AUGUST 11

BLASCO LIBRARY – ADMIRAL ROOM

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

John DeMarco from the Brugger Funeral Home discusses funeral planning.

Also, free blood pressure screenings and healthy snacks.

CAMPING WITH MOM AND ME STORY TIME – AUGUST 16

BLASCO LIBRARY – MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM

10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-8936 to register.

LITERARY DISCUSSION – AUGUST 16

BLASCO LIBRARY – ADMIRAL ROOM

2:00 -- 5:00 P.M.

Join Edinboro professor Dr. John Cussen for a discussion of Jhumpa Lahiri's book *Namesake*. The program also features movie clips to make the conversation even livelier!

All programs sponsored through the generosity of the Friends of the Erie County Public Library.

Library locations and hours

BLASCO MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 160 EAST FRONT ST., ERIE, PA 16507 451-6900

SUNDAY	1:00 – 5:00 A.M.
MONDAY – THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 8:30 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

EDINBORO BRANCH, 413 WEST PLUM ST., EDINBORO, PA 16412 451-7081

MONDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH, 4212 IROQUOIS AVE., ERIE, PA 16511 451-7082

MONDAY	12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER, 1255 MANCHESTER RD., ERIE, PA 16505 451-7085

MONDAY	12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

MILLCREEK BRANCH, 2088 INTERCHANGE RD., SUITE 280, ERIE, PA 16565 451-7084

MONDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
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BOOKMOBILE SERVICES 451-6935

FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR STOPS AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

[HTTP://WWW.ERIEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/HOURSBKM.PDF](http://www.eriepubliclibrary.org/hoursbkm.pdf)

Book Club in a Bag

Are you currently a member of a book club? Are you interested in forming a book club but aren't sure how to being? We would like to help foster your group through our Book Club in a Bag program. The book club bag contains everything your group needs to enjoy reading and discussing your next book. Each bag contains at least 10 copies of a title, discussion questions, a biographical sketch of the author and a book sign-up sheet to help the club leader stay organized. The kits will be available by August 1 so keep checking our website www.erieibrary.org for the start date and additional information.

Available Titles:

- *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett
- *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tann
- *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaeffer
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Sklott
- *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch
- *Lily Dale* by Christine Wicker
- *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich
- *Marley and Me* by John Grogan
- *Postmistress* by Sarah Blake
- *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
- *The Runaway Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini
- *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

Book Club in a Bag – Available Titles (continued)



- *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott
- *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson
- *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- *Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion



Call Us

Children's Library	451-6936
Reference	451-6927
Interlibrary Loan	451-6922
Bookmobile	451-6935
Heritage Room	451-6983
TDD for the hearing impaired	451-6931



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Promoting education, cultural
enrichment and recreation***

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