

# What the Library does in the Summer will simply amaze you.

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# First Edition



*Magician, Robert Westcott entertains children at one of last year's Summer Reading Programs.*

Schools are closed. Families have moved to their summer homes. Grandchildren are visiting. Increasingly young people seem to be at loose ends, AND, perhaps, some of us are starting to think that these young people are spending entirely too much time with their video games!

Although we may read the "Summer Family Fun Calendar", very few of us really understand the scope of LCL's summer programs. These include: the reading program, with a free book for those readers who complete it; Ms. Tonya's "Babygarten" with stories, songs and rhymes; and, for teenagers, a biweekly program with the Boys and Girls Club. In addition there are regular programs with the YMCA camp; Shiloh Baptist Church's "Super Nineteen Club;" the 4-H program; Belle Isle State Park; and with Historic Christ Church. Slightly different offerings are the "American Girl Tea Party", and (of somewhat more interest to boys) the "Pirate Party."

By no means last in importance, the Storymobile takes on an expanded schedule, with even more children

on board, visiting day-cares, churches, and even, upon request, private homes. Ms. Tonya, who coordinates the summer activities from the eye of the storm, says, "I can tie anything to a book!"

Please help Lancaster Library provide these alternatives. If you have not yet supported the LCL Annual Giving - now would be an excellent time to give! If you have already given, could you manage a second gift specifically to help provide for our summer programs? Have you ever heard, "I'm bored!" or, "There's nothing to do?" (My mother used to reply, "Bored people are boring.") Some generous community organizations help your library to provide programs for young people throughout the summer. Will you join them?

Your gift, in the enclosed envelope, will do much to help local young people have an enjoyable and worthwhile summer. *Thank you so much.*

**Barnaby Roberts**  
**Chair, Development Committee**

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# Sunday Afternoons at the Library



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*Lindsay Gardner, Director*

“What do a Secret Service agent, a traveler to Mongolia, a Kuwaiti ambassador, a Civil War historian, an actor, and an aquarium veterinarian have in common?”

This isn't the beginning to one of my famously-bad jokes, I promise! These people were all speakers in our Sundays at Two series for 2013. The attendance for our Sundays at Two lectures this year increased to a total of 760 people for an average attendance of 126 people per program. In anticipation of overflow crowds, Jeff Logan, our technology specialist, and Trevor Winstanley, a technology volunteer, worked with me to stream the lectures from an iPad in the meeting room to a large flat-screened television in the main reading area. This system allowed people sitting in our main library to see and hear the speaker when seating became unavailable in the meeting room.

Sundays at Two began in 1996 when a committee was formed to choose speakers, organize publicity, and make cookies for the afternoon lectures. Gloria Wallace was one of the founders of Sundays at Two and chairs the committee today. She works with Lovey Jane Long,

Elaine Weekley, Nancy Brandon, and Jackie Ferriter to convince interesting and high-powered speakers from near and far to share their experiences – for free! These ladies are charming, funny, and extremely efficient, and they are an important part of our Lancaster Community Library family. Many thanks to the Sundays at Two committee for their untiring efforts to enrich our community.

As I continue to answer the “who needs libraries?” question, I almost always mention Sundays at Two. Technology can be a lonely affair, and humans (well most of us) need interaction with others in a safe and hospitable environment to feel fulfilled. The library provides that experience every single day as almost one hundred people flow through our doors, but on certain Sundays in January, February, and March, over one-hundred people gather in the same room (mostly) at the same time to do more than connect. These folks are curious about the world, how they fit into it, and how they can be better informed citizens. Through local and regional speakers, Sundays at Two brings the wider world to our neck of the woods.

**Watch for another evening of  
“Literature & Libations” coming  
in October 2013!**



# Lancaster Library has something for all ages!



*Richard LeBaron speaks on "Foreign Policy for the Next Four Years" at a Sundays at Two program.*



*Little boy on the Storymobile.*



*A little boy helps his Mom look up books on the catalog computer.*



*A mom and daughter doing a craft together at Storytime.*



*Employees at Noblett's win the \$10,000 Grand Prize at this year's Lottery.*

# Friends Giant Book Sale - April 25th - 27th



Once again it's time for the Friends of the Library Giant Book Sale and Elaine is busy sorting books! This sale includes books, DVD's, videos, and puzzles that have been donated throughout the year. They will also have the Preview Night on Wednesday, April 24th for all of those who have contributed to the 2013 Annual Giving Campaign (*need invitation to attend please*).

**April 25th - 27th**

**Thursday and Friday, 9 am - 5 pm**

**Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm**

**(April 24th, Wed. 5 - 8 pm - 2013 Annual Giving Contributors only)**

## Miss Tonya in-a-bag!

One of the staff came up with this clever synonym, "Miss Tonya in a Bag" for the bright red, yellow and blue Storytelling Kits that live in the children's library. They include pretty much everything you would get at a Storytime session: a book or two, a toy, a puzzle and numerous rhymes, everything but our Miss Tonya! Sorry we haven't figured out how to clone her and put her into a bag! These bags can be checked out for three weeks just like a book, so if you or your kids haven't discovered them yet, we highly recommend that you do. They're conveniently hanging on the bookshelves just behind the tables as you go in the door.



## Upcoming Events:

**April 19th - 6-7:30 pm - Family Fun Night, featuring: Storyteller, Nancy Wanzong**

**April 25th - 27th - Friends Giant Book Sale**

**June 17th - Summer Reading Program starts**

**July 26th - Summer Reading Program ends**

