

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer?

Remember the old song that celebrated “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer?” With family vacations, softball and baseball games, trips to the community pool, summer camp, gardens to tend—not to mention so much to read and do at the library, was summertime ever really a “lazy” time? The warm days and balmy nights may lull us into sometimes moving more slowly, but I think we keep as busy as ever. That’s certainly true at the library!

How busy is the library? I’m happy to report that in 2015, WCDPL saw increases in items borrowed (3.8%), people visiting the library (19%) and attending library events (10%). My annual “State of the Library, 2015” report, shown in full on page (NUMBER), provides a complete look at WCDPL’s vigorous health and growth during last year.

Heading into the summer, things look just as healthy in 2016. Summer Reading Program activities will keep things hopping as the Children’s Place staff prepare for “On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!” See related stories from Youth Services librarian, Maria Simon on pages [enter appropriate page #'s]. Adults will have an opportunity to get in on the Summer Reading action, too.

This summer will also see the 4,000 square foot expansion of the Walbridge Branch Library continuing to move forward. Poggemeyer Design Group in BG and the Design Group in Columbus are now drafting design plans, which will incorporate the village’s rich heritage and its ties to trains and the railroad. When the plans are ready you’ll be able to see them on display at the Walbridge Library. We’re looking forward to breaking ground this year.

So much is happening at the library—come in to get out of the heat, to enjoy a program, to find your perfect vacation read. See you at the library!

~Michael Penrod.
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