

## Christmas Adult Afternoon a Hit

Caroling, storytelling and parting gifts were just part of the fun at the Christmas Adult Afternoon at the Library. Dave Nixon and Santa Claus were certainly the key highlights.

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Wiarnton Friends of the Library

hosts a variety of events that are worth attending. In January, we had a really fun games day with Euchre, Cribbage and a word game, as well as refreshments and prizes. It was a particularly snowy, cold winter day, and we were delighted to share a fun afternoon

with our hardy regulars and new faces.

February 10 will be a celebration of Valentine's Day with the romantic movie "Sleepless in Seattle," and be sure to mark your calendar for March 10, and join us for a St. Patrick's Day afternoon Crokinole tournament.

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## Book Club's December Choice of *The Shock Doctrine* Sparks Controversy

Submitted by Sandra Wilson

Naomi Klein has struck several chords with Book Club members, making for some lively debate at the most recent evening meeting. Close to a dozen braved the cold to come out and debate the merits of Klein's latest novel, *The Shock Doctrine*, a detailed look at "disaster capitalism."

Not everyone agreed with Klein's views, and many were quick to share their opinions.

"As far as I'm concerned, this book

is nothing more than anti-American propaganda based largely on hearsay," noted Stacey Hunt. "I found it painful to read, but definitely worth debating."

Sandra Wilson didn't agree: "I think there is a lot of truth to what Klein is saying. I do believe, as the book suggests, that the Americans manipulate situations around the world that lead to great harm, crippling wars and unjustified human torture."

The variety of opinions made for one of the most interesting Book Club evenings of the year. In fact, the meeting had to wrap up long before the debate was over.

## Teen Writing Workshop to Feature Local Authors

Plans are well underway for a Teen Writing Workshop at the Library. The first session, hopefully one of many, will be held on Sunday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Local authors will be participating, representing various genres. The workshop is open to teens aged 13 to 19. To register, please contact the Library at (519) 534-2602 or Patti Roberts at (519) 534-1533. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free to all participants. Watch the Spring Newsletter for further details.



## Book Club Starts 2009 With Mystery Night

A discussion on various mystery novels kicked off this year's lively Book Club discussions.

Members were asked to share their favourite mystery authors and

discuss a favourite book. Ken Roberts and Hank Sawatsky were the presenters for the night, and everyone had the chance to discover new authors.

After this lighthearted evening, the Book Club will have a contrast in February with the non-fiction choice of *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin*, by David Quammen.

## Upcoming Book Club Reads

Join us at the Library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., from September through June.

February: *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin*, by David Quammen

March: *Churchill's Hour*, by Michael Dobbs

April: *Sisters in the Wilderness*, by Charlotte Gray

May: *Late Nights on Air*, by Elizabeth Hay

June: *I Feel Bad About My Neck*, by Nora Ephron

## Thoughts on Re-Reading

Submitted by Shirley Bruer

This Christmas, one of the books I received was *A Reading Diary*, by Alberto Manguel, subtitled *A Passionate Reader's Reflection on a Year of Books*. Manguel decided to re-read a few of his favourite old books.

The idea of re-reading a book a month caught my fancy, and I decided I would give it a try. It will be interesting to see if a book still speaks to me, carries me to the end or disappoints. So far, I have found nine of the 12 books I intend to re-read.

Manguel decided it was important to have a little of everything, and I took his advice. Here's my list in no particular order. I will read what appeals to me at the moment, but I will try to do one a month.

*Not Wanted on the Voyage*, by Timothy Findlay

*The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion

*Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom

*The Way Forward is With a Broken Heart*, by Alice Walker

*The Bruce Beckons*, by W. Sherwood Fox

*The Stone Angel*, by Margaret Laurence

*Small Wonder*, by Barbara Kingsolver

*When I Am an Old Woman I Shall Wear*

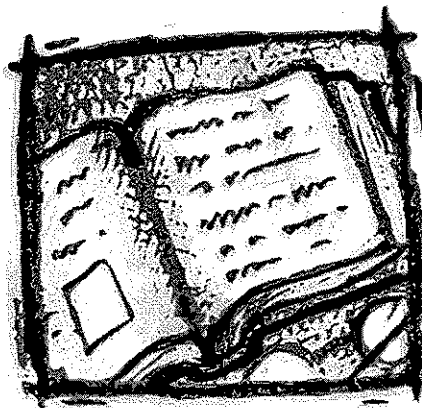
*Purple*, edited by Sandra Haldeman Martz

*The Cloister Walk*, by Kathleen Norris

What will I add? There is very little fiction in this list, and I realized that most of my present-day reading is fiction of one kind or another, so I decided to add a few from long ago that influenced me. First, I will try to find a copy of *The Girl of the Limberlost*, by Gene Stratton Porter. I read it at

about 13, and I wonder now why I remember it. Then *Charlotte's Web*, by

E.B. White, because my four-year-old granddaughter has fallen in love with pigs. Finally, *Swallows and Amazons*, by Arthur Ransome, because, while it is peopled with children, I re-read the whole series a



few years ago, and I know I would love it again.

I have begun with *The Cloister Walk*, and find I bring a new perspective to it. My look at life is a great deal different than it was 10 years ago. I am sure the other books will have new impacts as well, so I really look forward to this year of great re-reading.

## Warton Friends of the Library

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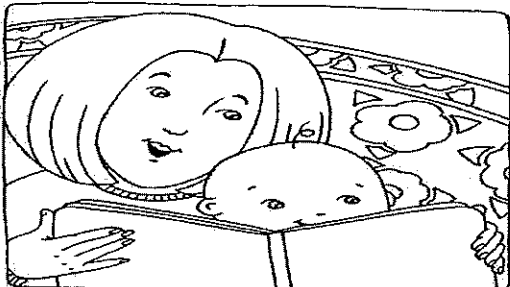
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## WIARTON BRANCH

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



## Calendar of Events

### Story Time for Tots

Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Open to all preschool children (up to 5 years) and their caregivers. Join Carol D'Ambrumenil, Juvenile Programming Library Clerk, for a fun filled half-hour of stories, songs and crafts.

### 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11

Open to children up to 12 years of age.

### Teen Writing Workshop

Sunday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Earth Day Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22

## Help Us Help Your Library

The Warton Friends of the Library works hard to raise funds to support your Library, and help is always needed. Fundraising efforts include our annual book sale; the collection of Solway's tapes; and our annual membership dues, which are only \$10 per year. In Memoriam and other unsolicited donations are also always welcomed.

For more information on joining the Friends, call Ken Roberts at (519) 534-1533. For additional details on our various fundraisers or to inquire as to how to make your donation, please contact Helga Brown at (519) 534-3722.

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

*- Lady Bird Johnson*

### Warton Friends of the Library Mandate

"To support the Library service in Warton and work with the appropriate authorities to maintain, improve and extend Library services and facilities."

The Warton Friends of the Library meets at the Library the 2nd Friday of each month, September through June, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

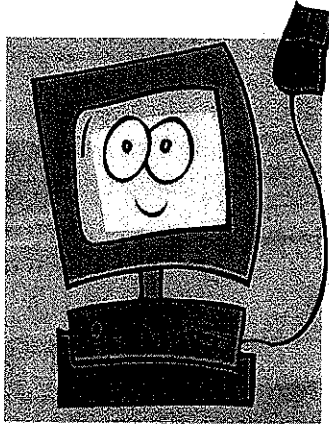
Membership is just \$10 per year and covers the period from June 1 to May 31.

The Warton Friends of the Library Quarterly Newsletter is edited by Patti Roberts and Lynn Sawatsky. Contributions such as Book Reviews, Member News and general comments can be sent via e-mail for consideration to [hanlyn@amtelecom.net](mailto:hanlyn@amtelecom.net).

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Website: [www.brucecounty.on.ca](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca) Located in the Ross Whicher Centre (at the corner of William & Brown Streets)

Computer Tutorials run by Jaden Long, the Library CAP student, are offered free of charge through early March of this year.

Library staff has received many compliments about this program and



Jaden's teaching ability. Time is running short. If you want to take advantage of the opportunity to learn *anything* about the computer or the Internet, contact the Library to book a date with Jaden.

## The Chesley Challenge

The Chesley Branch of the Bruce County Public Library is once again issuing their Challenge to Libraries and Friends of the Library groups across Canada. After the selection is made by the Canada Reads panel, Chesley will issue its challenge on March 23, with the final day of reading set for May 16. Please sign the sheet in the Library when you've read the book. Let's repeat our earlier success and win the challenge!

## Art in the Library

The walls of the Library were adorned in January with colourful images created by our very own talented high school students. We hope you took the opportunity to view their work and appreciate the breadth of talent displayed by these

young artists. In February, **Barry Given** will be the featured artist at the Library. Be sure to visit and view his work. Don't forget to drop by in March, too, and take some time to see the work of **Christa Eggers**.

## Gift Books for Christmas Hampers

In early December, some members of the Friends met at the Library to gift wrap more than 100 books for children aged two to 14. The gifts, which were generously donated by Scholastics Book Publishers, Kids Can Press, Laura Robinson and Mary Wilson, were included in the Salvation Army's Christmas Hampers.

With Christmas music playing in the background and cookies to munch, the afternoon flew by as the colourful packages accumulated. We hope the children enjoyed their books as much as we enjoyed wrapping them.

## Spring Luncheon - Earth Day, April 22

Displays by local gardening experts, prizes galore, a guest speaker, a gourmet lunch and lots more. Don't miss it - get your tickets early from a Friends member or at the Library.

## Canada Reads

Tune in to CBC Radio One (FM 98.7) from March 2 to March 6, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., as celebrity members of a special panel choose their favourite Canadian books to defend during the week. One book a day is eliminated until a champion is named on the final day.

The five books chosen to compete are:

*The Book of Negroes*, by Lawrence Hill

*The Fat Woman Next Door is Pregnant*, by Michel Tremblay

*Fruit*, by Brian Francis

*Mercy Among the Children*, by David Adams Richards

*The Outlander*, by Gil Adamson

## Author's Event Coming This Spring

Local author John Wright will be appearing at the Library to launch his new book "The Healer."

Watch for details in the Spring Newsletter.

