

## the Director's desk...Brenda Williams

I can't believe we are starting a new year. I hope you had a glorious holiday season. The tax season is upon us. We will be hosting the tax assistance program again this year. As you have noticed in the newsletter there are two days where you can sign up in advance for your session with the AARP tax preparers. You can also sign up for one session on the days the tax preparers are here.

We will be changing cards for all North Gibson non-resident students and reciprocal borrowers. Your EVERGREEN card will now be blue in color instead of green. You will have the same rights as before: access to the holdings at our library but not to other evergreen libraries and overdrive consortium.

We have now offered e-books and audio downloads for the past four months. If you have purchase suggestions for e-books or audio downloads, you may contact me with your suggestions at [director@princetonpl.lib.in.us](mailto:director@princetonpl.lib.in.us). Please remember that some books are not accessible in eBook format.

All the items that were scanned during the Gibson County Scan Day can now be seen at the Wabash Valley Visions and Voices site. We have a link to this site on our web page. After you get there, click on project partners, click on Gibson County to browse this collection. Or you can click on Princeton Public Library to browse our glass negative collection, plus we now have the 1882-1890 marriage application book at this site complete with a searchable index. This was a team effort of Bettie and Bonnie who did the index; while Jason, Sherry, Cathy, and I did the scanning, cropping and adding the pages to the database. We are now beginning the process again with the 1890-1895 marriage application book for Gibson County.

Please remember in case of bad weather, the library will announce our closing on WRAY. You can also call the library and the answering machine will state we are closed.

The Library Board of Trustees has lost another valuable member. Steve Nixon has served on the Library Board for the maximum number of years, 16. We are sorry to see his term end. There will be a new face on board in January appointed by the Patoka Township Advisory Board.

## Youth Services...Ronda Colbert

What a wonderful year we had in 2011 in the Youth Services Department. We have had so many great programs and activities for the youth this year and I can't wait to start planning for this New Year. It really doesn't seem possible that it is the year 2012.

Our theme for the Summer Reading program is "Summer (K)Nights." The month of June all of our programs will be about "knights" and medieval times. The month of July our programs will be about the night: camping, astronomy, nocturnal animals, and monsters! I can't wait, it is going to be great!

We are adding to the Playaways collection and the DVD movie collection. Some new Playaways in are: *Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy*, *Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Alice I Think*, *Ella Enchanted*, and *Raising Dragons*. This is just a few of the new ones in.

Some new DVD movies in are: The PBS *Dinosaur Train* series of Jim Henson's, *Curious George A Day at the Library*, Disney's *African Cats*, *Chop Kick Panda*, and a new *Olivia*. This is also just a few of the new ones we have available.

New teen titles in are: Gary Paulsen's *Flat Broke*, which is the companion book to *Liar, Liar, Drizzle* by Kathleen Van Cleve, which shows us just how unusual a rhubarb farm can be, and *Rangers Apprentice, the Lost Stories* by John Flanagan.

I have computers available for the youth and teens in the youth room. We have games, and toys available to play with and of most importance, I have a wonderful selection of books and magazines to come read and check out. Programs going on are Story times for different ages, Wimpy Kid Club for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and TAG team for the teens. Check our calendar for dates and times.

A great big thank you to the Wimpy Kid Club kids for decorating the youth room for us for Christmas! It looks great!

Happy New Year!

## Cathy's Corner...book reviews

18 is here! Boyfriends Joe and Ranger are kept busy with our favorite bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum, in the newest book by Janet Evanovich. *Explosive Eighteen* is bursting with action at a much faster pace than Plum stepped through in Seventeen. Grandma and Lula are on board and Plum fans won't want to miss this one.

Sniper on mall duty: *Soft Target* is the newest novel in the Stephen Hunter series about Bob Lee Swagger and his son Ray Cruz. Families have packed a huge shopping mall on Black Friday while terrorists begin a takeover plan to change the world. Cruz, inside the mall with his own family, assists the police with his sniper training.

Semper Fi Dog: Read the fascinating true story of *Sergeant Rex*, a Marine working dog on duty in Iraq's Triangle of Death. Rex's handler, Mike Dowling, tells his story how dogs have not been used in serious warfare since Vietnam. Mike and Rex are two of the first on current duty searching for weapons, bombs, and IEDs. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his and Rex's Iraq operations.

More new titles: *Drop* by Michael Connelly continues the Harry Bosch action; *11.22.63* by Stephen King; *V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton; *Micro* by Michael Crichton and Richard Preston; *Zero Day* by David Baldacci; *Silver Lotus* by Thomas Steinbeck; *Covert Warriors* by W. E. B. Griffin; and *Locked on* by Tom Clancy.

What's for dinner?: *New Moroccan* by Mourad Lahlou is a cookbook that reads like a tour guide to Morocco lifestyles. Go somewhere different tonight for dinner and try his Short Rib Tangia, lamb stew, or many fish recipes. The cover notes read, "Don't let his good looks fool you. Mourad's food is soulful and tasty, marrying tradition and innovation."

The Last Word: Once in a while a book comes along that is truly hard to describe. That book this month is *Black Light* written by Patrick Melton, Marcus Dunstan, and Stephen Romano. This trio wrote the scripts for the Saw movie franchise, so thrillers are their mainstay. The hero Buck Carlsbad is a mix of philanthropist, exorcist, psychic, and super tough guy. He travels through space and time fighting through serious levels of evil to stop the bad guys. This is a no holds barred, roller coaster ride.