

January 2012

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SHELBY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Library Lingo



The Year in Review: 2011

The year started out strong with the library joining the Up North Digital Collection (also known as Overdrive). Patrons are able to download audiobooks, ebooks, music & videos to portable devices. Currently, there are 2,256 items in the collection. In March, the library received \$1,000 from the Shelby Optimist Club to assist in purchasing shelving in the Teen Area. In April/May the Friends of the Library sponsored the Pet Photo Contest. It's always fun to see the cute pictures of beloved pets. In June/July: chairs, cradles, and rocking horses filled the library during A Little Chair-ity, a Friends sponsored event that keeps on growing each year! In July, the library had a team at Relay for Life. Walkers included Friends of the Library, library patrons, library staff, and their families. August 5 was the Community Foundation's Match Day. Thanks to generous donations from many wonderful people, the library was presented with a check for \$12,043.47. We are using a portion of that money to purchase three new shelving units in the non-fiction section of the library. In October, Sally Diepen retired as Library Director. We had a lovely reception to honor her years at the library in August. Also in 2011, we expanded our Spanish Book Collection and with help from Damian Omness, hosted two bilingual programs. The year ended with a successful Celebration of the Trees.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and helped at the events mentioned above! We appreciate all you do for the library!

Happy New Year!

WINTER GOES A WHOLE LOT FASTER WITH A GOOD BOOK (OR SEVERAL!)

From January 16 through February 29, the Shelby Area District Library encourages you to spend some of your cold, snowy days checking out some books and sharing your reaction as part of our winter reading program for adults.

Don't forget that there are more possible reading formats to choose from than ever before—audiobooks (CD or downloadable MP3 and WMA format), downloads for your e-Readers (iPad, Kindle, Nook, etc.) and the always popular print books!

Fill out a review form to share your reactions to the books you read/listen to as part of the program. Review forms are available at the library, or you can print them from the library's website at www.shelbylibrary.org. Hand your review forms in at the library. Each review goes into a drawing for prizes (5 tote bags filled with goodies). Submit reviews before March 1st (drawing will be on March 1st, and winners will be notified by phone).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Make 2012 your best year yet!	2 LIBRARY CLOSED	3	4 Storytime 10:15am	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Storytime 10:15am Friends Meeting 5pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Storytime 10:15am	19	20	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting 5pm	25 Storytime 10:15am	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Library Hours

Mondays through Thursdays 9am-7pm

Fridays 9am-5pm

Saturdays 9am-1pm

Lines from Leon for December 2011

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again. Because of all of the Friend's efforts this past year, we were able to raise well over \$5000.00. These are funds that the library can use to further the goal of being the informational/educational resource for patrons of all ages.

Photo contests, book sales, Little Chair-ity event and the Celebration of the Trees just ended took a special effort on all of your parts to help them be a success, and we thank you for that.

Thanks to all of you who were involved in the Celebration of the Trees. Marcia Martin, our leader, did an excellent job of organizing this event again this year. Thank you Marcia. As you know, the end of this event is the most exciting as people who want a specific item bid against each other to get it. This year was no exception. I'm continually amazed at all of the talent we have in our community as evident in the ideas for Christmas decorations we saw again this year.

As we look toward the coming year, we know that charitable deductions on our taxes are changing, and this could have an effect on the funding the library gets from donations and through the Community Foundation fund. I believe that the Community Foundation fund for the library will play an increasingly important part in the funding of every day needs at the library. The Friends, as you know, contribute 10% of each fundraiser to the Community Foundation fund that was established. Our plan, of course is to continue that contribution for the coming year to help this fund continue to grow.

The upcoming Little Chair-ity event should be fun. I currently have over 40 items for our local artists and crafters to choose from this spring as we begin to put that event together with the able leadership of Cindy McKinnon.

Last year, we raised \$2000.00 with this event selling 43 chairs and other children's seating items at auction. We then made the decision to put that money in the Community Foundation Match day and that raised another \$1000.00. We still haven't made the decision how to dispense that money. It all came back to the library as part of the Match Day program. Tiffany does not currently need money for the Children's section of the library, so part of our decision may be to leave most or all of those funds at the Foundation to help that fund continue to grow until it is needed. We'll be making that decision at our January meeting.

Well, that's about it for this year. Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you in the New Year.

Leon

The Friends of the Shelby Area District Library is organized for the development of the Library, to bring together people interested in books, to promote and publicize the interest, usefulness, and resources of the Shelby Area District Library facilities through publications, programs, exhibits, and other means, and to raise funds to provide for the purchase of materials for the library.

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