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Wright Library: A Plan for the Future

Wright Memorial Public Library's Board of Trustees has placed a \$9.7 million bond levy on the March 2016 ballot to reconstruct and expand the back of the Library while preserving the building's historic features.

Why now? There are many deficiencies in the current structure, including drainage, moisture and temperature problems in the basement. Wright Library has limited event and meeting space, leading librarians to turn down programming opportunities and limit registrations for some events.

In the Library's 2014 Community Survey, patrons identified other areas for improvement, such as reading and study spaces, flexible meeting rooms and updated technology options.

What would this cost me? The 1.8 mill bond levy would cost \$5.25 per month per \$100,000 in property value (\$63 annually).

When did the Library last renovate? The last update to the facility was an addition completed in 1983, and the last bond levy was on the ballot in 1937.

Would the Library's National Register of Historic Places designation be preserved? Yes, the project would preserve the historic front reading rooms, foyer, and entrance to the building, and the new

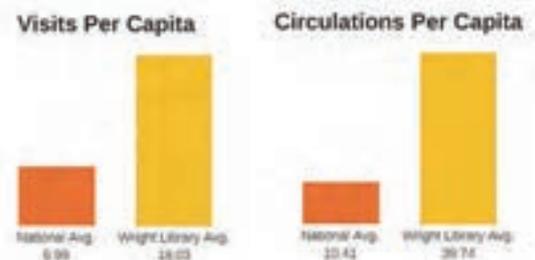
construction would be architecturally consistent with the Library's exterior.

What would be new? The project would renovate the back portion of the building and add approximately 4,300 square feet to allow for more meeting, study, reading and programming spaces. The addition would be technologically current with flexible, multi-use spaces, and large windows to let in natural light and views of Wright Park. The east entrance would also be opened.

How can I learn more? Please visit wrightlibrary.org for more information and to view a rendering. The public is invited to attend bond levy information sessions at Wright Library. Library leaders will be there to share information and answer questions about the project.

Bond Levy Information Sessions

Monday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.,
Wright Library
Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.,
Wright Library



P2 REFUSE PROGRAM One of our primary city services is collection and disposal of refuse. This includes weekly household trash, recyclables, bulk items, and green waste.

P8 2016-17 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 14, 2016 Parents who are considering kindergarten for their children in the 2016-2017 school year should contact Lange School.

P10 WRIGHT LIBRARY IS PLEASED TO INTRODUCE ITS NEW DIRECTOR, KRISTI HALE Wright Library is pleased to introduce its new director, Kristi Hale. Kristi comes to Wright Library from Washington-Centerville's Woodbourne Library, where she was manager.



Refuse Program

One of our primary city services is collection and disposal of refuse. This includes weekly household trash, recyclables, bulk items, and green waste. Given the enormous number of trees in Oakwood and the extensive landscaping throughout the city, we generate a very large amount of green waste (yard debris). Roughly 20-25% of the cost to operate our refuse program is related to the green waste collection and disposal.

Effective January 2016, our monthly residential refuse rate was increased from \$25 to \$27. This was necessary to begin addressing capital equipment replacement costs that we will incur over the next few years. The previous \$25 monthly charge was in place over the three year period from 2013 through 2015. Below are some details about our comprehensive refuse program.

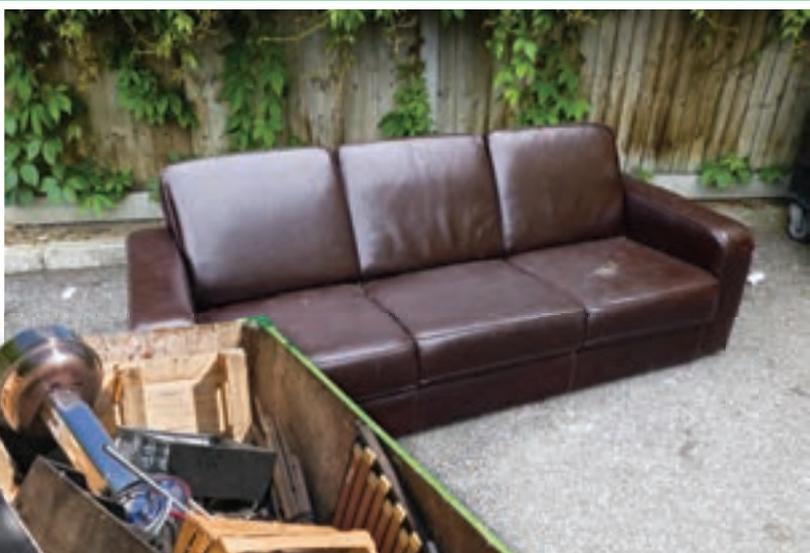
- **Creager Field Green Waste and Recycling Drop-off** At the Creager Field parking lot adjacent to Shafor and Irving (by Oakwood Dog Park), you will find dumpsters for drop-off of yard debris and recyclable materials. There are separate containers for cardboard and for co-mingled recyclables (glass, plastics, metal, etc.). These containers are accessible 24-7 and are for Oakwood residents only. The more green waste and recyclables that we remove from the landfill stream, the cheaper it is to operate our city refuse collection program.
- **Special Pickups** All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups are charged at \$100 each. Special pickups are for large items only (e.g., furniture, appliances, etc.) and can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. All items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them, such as driveways away from structures and fences.
- **Leaf Mulch Program** Our fall 2015 leaves are being processed into garden mulch. Oakwood citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining the leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$90

and 6 cubic yards for \$130. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We will be taking orders beginning in March on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on five Saturdays beginning on April 9 and ending on May 7. On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the material themselves and must provide proof of residency. The free mulch is for Oakwood residents only. No commercial vehicles are permitted.

Note: The mulch we offered in 2015 was different than previous years. The 2016 mulch will be a similar product to what we offered in 2014 and in prior years.

- **Refuse Dumpsters** As an alternative to special pickups, and for remodeling projects and piles of small debris, residents can request refuse dumpsters. Dumpsters are for disposing of resident generated debris only (no contractor generated). There is a \$75 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials.





- **Free Dumpsters for Yard Debris** If you have a large amount of yard debris (green waste) and would like to use a dumpster for disposing of the material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled monthly pickup, please call 298-0777 to request a container drop-off. There is no charge when using dumpsters exclusively for yard debris disposal. Please consider coordinating the dumpster use with your neighbors.

- **Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup** The city collects yard debris monthly. Please refer to the enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days and plan your work accordingly. As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, here are a few things to remember:
 - o Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches in the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
 - o Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
 - o The city will not pick up contractor generated material.
 - o If you have a large amount of yard debris, please call for a free dumpster, but remember that this dumpster must only include yard debris.
 - o Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of garbage cans.
 - o Please remember the 35 gallon and 60 pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
 - o Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or curbside yard debris collection, or at the Creager Field drop-off site.



- **Yard Debris and Refuse Drop-off** The Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard is open the first Saturday of every month for residents to drop off yard debris and other household waste and recycling, including large items such as furniture and appliances. If dropping off a refrigerator or freezer, the Freon must be removed. For large amounts of construction debris, please use the dumpster program.



Presidents Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 15 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

2016 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2016 sidewalk, curb and driveway apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills Avenue from Patterson Road to Irving Avenue. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have begun inspecting the areas and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Engineering Technician Tom Long at 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be completed and inspected by June 3.



Summer Employment Opportunities



Applications for summer employment with the City of Oakwood are now available at the OCC, the city building and on the city's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov. Students 16 years of age and older are eligible for lifeguard and concession positions at Gardner Pool. Students interested in general maintenance and landscaping positions must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employments. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Substitute Crossing Guards

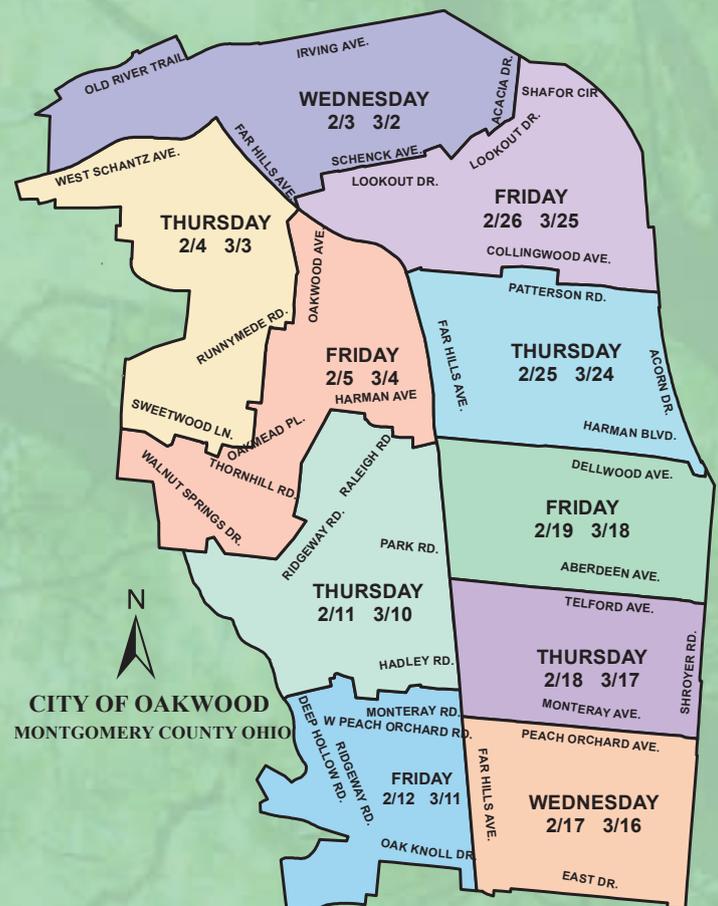
The Oakwood Schools and Public Safety Department are looking for adults to periodically substitute as crossing guards at the following four intersections. These are paid positions.

- Far Hills at Aberdeen
- Far Hills at Park Ave.
- Far Hills at Patterson
- Far Hills at Oakwood/Thruston (Five Points)

The guards are at their intersections on all school days in the morning, noon and after school. Coverage times are from 7:50 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please contact the Oakwood Board of Education at 297-7802 if you wish to apply.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE February and March



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 2/11 & 3/10

SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 2/25 & 3/24



Oakwood Community Center Upcoming Events/Classes

- JUNIOR HIGH DANCE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FROM 8:30 TO 10 P.M.
- ANNUAL JUNIOR HIGH SKI TRIP, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AT PERFECT NORTH SLOPES
- PRE-SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLINIC, SATURDAY MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 19 FOR AGES 4-5.
- EGG COLORING AND PICTURE WITH THE EASTER BUNNY, THURSDAY, MARCH 24 FROM 6:30 TO 7:15 P.M. AND FROM 7-7:45 P.M.
- FRIENDS OF SMITH GARDENS PERENNIAL SALE, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 22 AND 23 AT THE OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER. HOURS ARE 3 TO 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY AND 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

For more details and information about these events, please contact the Community Center at 298-0775.

2015 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 18



The City of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not any tax

is due. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must notify the tax office in writing in order to be exempt from the filing requirement.

Should you require an extension of time to file your return, a copy of your federal extension must be submitted to our office on or before April 18, 2016. Payment of your estimated tax liability must accompany the request as an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay the tax due. An underpayment penalty and interest charges will be charged for all payments made after April 18. If no extension is filed, a late filing fee will apply.

The 2015 Oakwood income tax return is available on the City's web site at www.oakwoodohio.gov. If you do not have internet access, forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 31, 2016. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided on Friday, April 15 and Monday April 18, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your City of Oakwood income tax return, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531.

Door-To-Door Soliciting And Canvassing

The City of Oakwood provides residential property owners with a means to prohibit certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing. This is addressed in Chapter 733 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances. Residents can request that their property be included on the city's "Do Not Solicit" list by visiting our website at www.oakwoodohio.gov.



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In Our Schools

building blocks for healthy
development of young people

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Oakwood High School and Junior High School Choirs performed a Holiday Concert for parents and community members.



Oakwood School students from K-6 participate in the annual Holiday Aid Program by collecting items to feed the hungry across the Miami Valley.



Harman students collected hundreds of hats, mittens and toys to donate to area children.

Oakwood City Schools Preschool Program

In an effort to provide appropriate services to preschool-age children with disabilities, Oakwood City Schools operates an integrated preschool program. This program provides intervention services to children with disabilities designed to meet their specific needs and the opportunity to interact with typically developing children in a positive learning environment. The program operates four days per week with half-day sessions and enrolls preschool-age children with disabilities and typically developing children.

Process for Selecting Typically Developing Students

Typically developing preschool students are selected for the program by signing up on a waitlist. Students must be age 3 by September 30, 2016; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Applications for the waitlist will be made available on the district's website and as a print copy at any of the school buildings beginning January 11, 2016. Applications for placement in the 2016-2017 school year can be turned in starting at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Lange Elementary School, 219 W. Dorothy Lane. Only one application per person will be accepted (unless multiple applicants live at the same address). Applications that are mailed in will be time stamped as 4:00 p.m. the day that they are received by the school. Mailed applications that are received prior to April 2, 2016 will be considered received at 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2016. Families of students who receive a slot will be notified of the slot and whether it is in the morning or afternoon section on May 13, 2016.

Cost of the program for the 2016-2017 school year is \$1,300 annually, payable quarterly. Families of students who receive a slot in the program are required to pay a \$325 non-refundable deposit by June 17, 2016, which will be applied to 1st quarter tuition. If the deposit is not received another student will be selected. Proof of residency is required at time of payment. To obtain an application or for additional information, contact Frank Eaton, Special Education Supervisor, eaton.frank@oakwoodschoools.org or Holly Brigner, brigner.holly@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-7803.

Children With Disabilities

Ohio School Districts are required to provide free appropriate educational services to all children in their attendance areas who are age 3 through 21 and who are determined to have a disability. Disability, in this case, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, multiple disabilities, cognitive disabilities, physical impairments, other health impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury.

Schools are required to provide evaluations to determine if a child has such a disability. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact your local school district for more information. In Oakwood, please contact Frank Eaton, Special Education Supervisor, at eaton.frank@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-7803.



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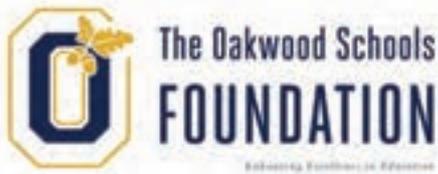
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As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, school board members focus on the vision of education, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. We recognize our dedicated school board members who are committed to the success of our schools by doing what is best for students.

Nominations Being Accepted For Sixth Annual Parker Love Of Teaching Award



Nominations are now being accepted for The Oakwood Schools Foundation's sixth annual **Parker**

Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award. The award, presented each spring, honors a current Oakwood teacher who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works.



2015 winner Susan Kuntz with Bev Parker

In 2010, **The Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award** was created by former longtime Oakwood teacher Beverly (Bev) Parker in memory of her late husband, Robert (Bob) Parker. Based on the belief that teachers in Oakwood are

exceptional and give much of themselves for the betterment of the children in our community, the Parker Award honors teachers who go above and beyond what is expected of them.

The award consists of a \$1,200 prize, which is divided between the recipient and an academic department, grade or program of the recipient's choosing. **For more information contact Dante Connell, OSF Director, by email at osf@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-5332.**

OSF Welcomes New Board Member



Lindsey Deck is the newest elected member to The Oakwood Schools Foundation's Board of Trustees. Lindsey is a paralegal in the Litigation and Immigration Departments at Sebaly Shillito + Dyer. Lindsey was born and raised in Oakwood, Ohio, graduating from Oakwood High School in 2002. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Tech in

Blacksburg, Virginia where she received a B.A. in political science and international studies. After four years in Virginia, Lindsey returned to the Midwest where she attended Hamline University School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Upon graduation in 2009, Lindsey returned to her roots in Oakwood, Ohio. Before joining SS+D, Lindsey worked as a Discovery Attorney at WilmerHale in Kettering, Ohio where she became well versed in e-discovery. Lindsey is also a Board Member on the Montgomery County Citizens Review Board. Lindsey enjoys spending time with her husband, Carson (OHS Class of 1999), daughter, Morgan and their two dogs, Boomer and Mack.

Parker Award Nomination Information

- Eligible teachers will have taught in the Oakwood District for at least five years
- Nominations or letters of support can be submitted by parents, students, alumni, community members, faculty and administrators
- Nominations do not carry over from year to year
- Download the 2016 nomination form at www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org

Dome Collaboration Answers Alumni Question - "Where are they now?"



The community knows what a great education Oakwood's students are receiving, but what do they do with it after they leave? And how can our current students benefit from alumni experience? The Oakwood High School (OHS) Alumni Association recognized gaps in keeping the connection with our alumni in tact

after they leave the "Dome," and aims to connect students with alumni.

This Fall, the OHS Alumni Association began a new collaboration with The Dome, the independent student news publication of OHS. With the participation of student and staff columnist Madeline Vance and Dome Supervisor Kelsey Jackson, the Dome

is finishing up their second interview with SE Hayes, a 1997 OHS grad, and designer at Stanford University. The interview asks alumni about what they are doing today, and how their experience at Oakwood has contributed and impacted them.

The first interview was done with Oakwood resident and 1996 graduate, Dr. Jonathan Coyne. Coyne shares a private dental practice with his father, Coyne Dentistry, and is married to fellow OHS alumna Ashley (Patton) Coyne, Class of 1997.

The "Where Are They Now?" alumni interviews are published in The Dome, but are also available on the OHS Alumni Association website at www.oakwoodschoools.org under Community.

OHS Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Recognition as a distinguished alumnus shall be limited to those individuals, living or deceased, who have attended and/or graduated from Oakwood High School no fewer than fifteen (15) years previous to the nomination and have made significant accomplishments in one or both of the following areas while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character:

- an outstanding leader in his/her field
- service to his/her community through local, state, national, or international organizations

Download the nomination form at www.oakwoodschoools.org under Community/Alumni, or contact Amy Martin, Alumni Association Director, at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 298-8711.

District seeks nominations for Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor

Established in 1980, the Hall of Honor inducts individuals who have:

- stimulated students to seek excellence
- displayed personal qualities of leadership, and
- inspired students to continue education, community interest, and public service throughout their lives.

Oakwood Schools will continue this long-standing tradition by celebrating the Hall of Honor during 2016 Homecoming Week.

For more information contact Sandy Maresh at the Oakwood Board of Education at maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-5332.

Hall of Honor Nomination Information

- Nomination deadline March 1, 2016
- Download nomination form at www.oakwoodschoools.org under Community/Honors

Join us for these upcoming events:

- 2/5 4 & 6 p.m. OJHS Play *Romeo & Winifred*
- 2/6 4 & 6 p.m. OJHS Play *Romeo & Winifred*
- 2/10 7 p.m. OHS Winter Chamber Concert
- 2/11 7 p.m. OHS Winter Band/Orchestra Concert
- 3/5 7 p.m. Athletic Booster Fundraiser at OCC
- 3/10 7 p.m. OHS Spring Musical *Children of Eden*
- 3/11 8 p.m. OHS Spring Musical *Children of Eden*
- 3/12 2 & 8 p.m. OHS Spring Musical *Children of Eden*

2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Beginning March 14, 2016

Parents who are considering Kindergarten for their children in the 2016-2017 school year should visit Lange School beginning March 14, 2016 to register. The registration form can be downloaded from the Lange School web site at [http://lange.oakwoodschoools.org/Information/Registration and Enrollment](http://lange.oakwoodschoools.org/Information/Registration%20and%20Enrollment). Once registered, parents may sign up for a Kindergarten screening date.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2016, may be registered for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, may be considered for early entrance.

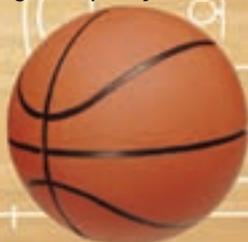
For information, please contact Lange School at (937) 299-8730 or email: Nanci Koepke, Administrative Assistant, koepke.nanci@oakwoodschoools.org Frank Eaton, Principal, at eaton.frank@oakwoodschoools.org

Important 2016-2017 Kindergarten Dates:

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation:**
Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
- **Kindergarten Screening:**
Week of April 11, 2016 by appointment only.

Athletic Passes for Senior Citizens

Residents of Oakwood who are at least age 65 qualify for an athletic pass, good for free admission to all home athletic games, excluding tournaments. The pass will admit the holder and one guest. Please visit the Board Office at 20 Rubicon Road to obtain a pass.



OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016

February 2016

- 2/2 11:45 a.m. OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory
- 2/2 7 p.m. 6th Grade Parent Meeting
- 2/4 5-8 p.m. OHS Curriculum Night
- 2/4 7 p.m. College Credit Plus Meeting
- 2/5 4 & 6 p.m. OJHS Play *Romeo & Winifred***
- 2/6 4 & 6 p.m. OJHS Play *Romeo & Winifred***
- 2/8 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 2/9 11:45 a.m. OHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
- 2/9 12 noon Smith PTO Meeting
- 2/9 7 p.m. 8th Grade Parent Meeting
- 2/10 7 p.m. OHS Winter Chamber Concert**
- 2/11 1:15 p.m. Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program
- 2/11 7 p.m. OHS Winter Band/Orchestra Concert**
- 2/12 Lange/Harman/Smith Valentine Parties
- 2/15 No School/Presidents' Day**
- 2/16-19 No School/Winter Break**
- 2/15 6 p.m. BAC Meeting
- 2/22 Classes Resume
- 2/23 Lange Class Picture Day
- 2/25 7 p.m. OJHS Winter Sports Recognition
- 2/27 8 p.m. OHS Turnabout Dance

March 2016

- 3/2 12 noon OJHS Parent/Principal Meeting
- 3/4 Smith 1st Grade Muse Sharing Program
- 3/5 6 p.m. Smith PTO Movie Night
- 3/8 6 p.m. Smith PTO Meeting
- 3/8 6:30 p.m. OHS Winter Sports Banquet
- 3/10 11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 3/10 7 p.m. OHS Spring Musical *Children of Eden***
- 3/11 8 p.m. OHS Spring Musical *Children of Eden***
- 3/12 2 & 8 p.m. OHS Spring Musical *Children of Eden***
- 3/14-18 Kindergarten Registration Week
- 3/14 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 3/18 Early Dismissal/PD Half Day**
- 3/21-25 No School/Spring Break**
- 3/21 6 p.m. BAC Meeting
- 3/28 Classes Resume

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at:
www.oakwoodschoools.org



Wright Memorial
Public Library

1776 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood
937-294-7171 • www.wrightlibrary.org

Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Ann Hagedorn to speak on “The Writing Life” Feb. 6



Join Oakwood native and nonfiction author Ann Hagedorn to learn about the writing life at 2 p.m. Feb. 6 at Wright Library. Born in Dayton and a resident of Oakwood until the 9th grade, Ann will talk about her early

influences in Dayton and the challenges and joys of the narrative nonfiction genre. For those working on writing projects, she will also share some wisdom about the process of writing books. The talk will be followed by a book signing of two of her books: *The Invisible*

Soldiers and *Beyond the River*. Hagedorn is the award-winning author of *The Invisible Soldiers* and four previous books: *Wild Ride*, *Ransom*, *Beyond the River*, and *Savage Peace*, and has been a staff writer for *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Daily News* and *San Jose Mercury News*. She has taught writing at Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism, Xavier University, and Miami University. She holds an M.S. in journalism from Columbia University and an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Denison University. She divides her time between New York City and a small Ohio River town, which she discovered during her research for *Beyond the River*.

“... There was this little library there, the Wright Library on Far Hills Avenue. And that’s where I would go every summer for the Johnny Appleseed’s reading club and all kinds of reading activities. I really think it began there” – Ann Hagedorn, author.

Wright Library is pleased to introduce its new director, Kristi Hale



Kristi comes to Wright Library from Washington-Centerville’s Woodbourne Library, where she was manager. With seven years of experience in library management, Hale has expertise in library operations, fiscal management, strategic planning, staff supervision, collection development and grant writing. Hale holds a master’s degree of library and information science and a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Kent State University. She grew up in northeast Ohio, and has lived in Centerville for the past 14 years with her husband and four children. She enjoys nature walks, reading, cooking and traveling.

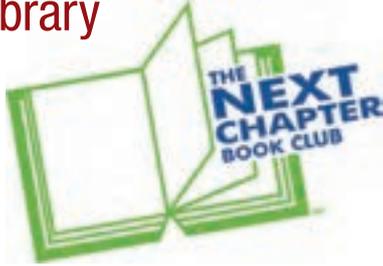
Please help us welcome Kristi to the Oakwood community!

Discover and meet your favorite local authors at Wright Library’s Author Fair, March 5

Stop by Wright Library between 2 and 4 p.m. March 5 for a local author extravaganza. Authors will be talking with the public and selling their wares throughout the front reading rooms. Wright Library’s Author Fair is the perfect opportunity to meet writers and discover some great books. Are you in a book club? Why not try reading a local author? Fiction, non-fiction and poetry will be represented at the fair. Check wrightlibrary.org for a full list of authors coming soon.



Nationally recognized literacy program launching at Wright Library



Wright Memorial Public Library and the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association are partnering to bring the Next Chapter Book Club to the Dayton area. The book club is a community-based literacy program for adults, 18 and over, with developmental disabilities of any reading level.

Wright Library is the first library in the Dayton region to offer the program. Library staff received training at The Ohio State University to bring the program to Oakwood.

The Next Chapter Book Club model has been implemented in more than 100 cities. Founded at Ohio State, it offers weekly opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to read and learn together, talk about books, and make friends in a relaxed, community setting.

The group will meet at 2 p.m. on Sundays at Wright Memorial Public Library. Registration is not required. The first meeting is Sunday, Jan. 24. For more information, call (937) 294-7171 or email Youth Services Coordinator Jacqui Taylor at taylor@wrightlibrary.org.

February 2016

- 2/1 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E)
- 2/2 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)
- 2/5 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P), 7 p.m. Writers' Cafe (A)
- 2/6 10:30 a.m. Picture This! (E), 2 p.m. Paws to Read (E), **2-4 p.m. Author Visit: Ann Hagedorn on "The Writing Life" (A)**
- 2/7 2 p.m. Picture This! (E), 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities)
- 2/8 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E)
- 2/9 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T), 7 p.m. Book Club (A)
- 2/10 3:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Board (T), 7 p.m. SAVE US Dayton Session
- 2/11 1:30 p.m. Device Users' Group
- 2/12 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P), 6:30 p.m. Teen Cafe (T)
- 2/13 TechFest @ Sinclair Community College, **2-4 p.m. Special Family Event: Jungle Safari (F)**
- 2/14 TechFest @ Sinclair Community College, 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities), 2 p.m. Let's Go Lego (P,E)
- 2/16 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T), 7 p.m. Wright Library Poets (A)
- 2/19 7 p.m. Writers' Cafe (A)
- 2/21 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities), **2-4 p.m. Far Hills Speaker Series: "The Old Barn Club and the Golden Age of Hills and Dales Park" (A)**
- 2/22 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E), 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Bond Levy Information Sessions
- 2/23 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)
- 2/25 1:30 p.m. Device Users' Group
- 2/26 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P)
- 2/27 2, 3 & 4 p.m. Bond Levy Information Sessions
- 2/28 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities), 2 p.m. Let's Go Lego (P,E)
- 2/29 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E)

March 2016

- 3/1 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)
- 3/4 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P), 7 p.m. Teen Cafe (T)
- 3/5 10:30 a.m. Picture This! (E), **2-4 p.m. Wright Library Author Fair**
- 3/6 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities), 2 p.m. Picture This! (E), 2 p.m. Let's Go Lego (P,E)
- 3/7 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E)
- 3/8 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 7 p.m. Book Club (A)
- 3/9 3:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Board (T)
- 3/10 1:30 p.m. Device Users' Group (A)
- 3/11 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P)
- 3/12 **10:15-11 a.m. Special Family Event: Animal Connections with SISCA (F)**
- 3/13 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities), **2-3 p.m. Far Hills Speaker Series: "C.F. Kettering Research Laboratory; Ridgeleigh Terrace, Yellow Springs and Beyond" (A)**
- 3/14 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E)
- 3/15 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 7 p.m. Wright Library Poets (E)
- 3/18 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P), 7 p.m. Writers' Cafe (A)
- 3/19 2 p.m. Paws to Read (E)
- 3/20 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities), 2 p.m. Let's Go Lego (P,E)
- 3/24 1:30 p.m. Device Users' Group (A)
- 3/28 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I), 4 p.m. Art & Authors (E)
- 3/29 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales (P), 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)

Key: (I) Infant, (P) Preschool, (E) Elementary, (T) Teen, (A) Adult, (F) Family

SAVE US Dayton Sessions

Wright Library is partnering with SAVE US Dayton to raise suicide awareness. Ignoring suicide does not make it go away. Let's talk and learn all that we can from one another and reduce the impact of this "silent disease." Please join SAVE US Dayton on February 10 at 7 p.m. for a community presentation and discussion focused on suicide awareness and prevention. Together we can make a difference! The SAVE Sessions are sponsored by SAVE US Dayton. Questions? Call 937-294-3816.



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Laura Hart is an Asset Builder!



Laura Hart and husband Greg are the parents of three boys, Connor (OHS '17), Garrett (OHS '19) and Kellen, a Harman third grader.

"I have always held a strong belief about the importance of being involved in your community, so when we moved to Oakwood in June of 2012, I immediately started looking for ways to get involved. The most obvious was the schools because at the time I had three children in three different schools (Lange, Harman and the Junior High)."

Laura quickly became involved in activities including Harman Trivia Night, Battle of the Books, Harman PTO, serving as homeroom parent, classroom and cafeteria volunteer, Co-Chair of the Cherry Pie Concert,

and fundraising and chaperoning for Academic Decathlon.

"I really love all that the 40 Assets embodies, teaching not only our children, but all of us, to be positive influences, to get involved, work hard, and to make a difference in everything that we do in life. I think once you start volunteering and you see all that goes into making something happen it makes you appreciate all the work that others are doing and you want to become more involved."

In our community, Laura spearheaded Oakwood's Blvd of Flags project, funded by the Oakwood Rotary Foundation. This project brings residents together who volunteer to place 1500 hundred flags along Shafor Boulevard during patriotic holidays in the summer time.

"What I love most about getting involved is the appreciation you gain for others. Nothing is a one-man show. In everything in life we have to work with others to accomplish something. I am in awe of all of the dedicated hard-working people this community has to make things happen."

40 assets

building blocks for healthy
development of young people

Our community
endeavors to
intentionally and
strategically construct building
blocks to help our young
people grow up healthy,
caring, and responsible.

Visit the Oakwood community's
40 Asset website at
www.oakwoodschoools.org/About Us/40 Assets
for information, news, events, and more!

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