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POETRY READING AT WRIGHT LIBRARY

On Saturday, January 26th at 2 p.m. the Wright Library Poets will read from their works. Open mic will follow for anyone interested in sharing an original or favorite poem. Come enjoy an afternoon of poetry! (Cont. on Page 9)

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2013 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Oakwood High School is pleased to announce the names of six seniors who have been named **National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**, as well as seven seniors who qualified for the designation of **Commended Scholars**. (Continued on Page 5)

City

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT SHAFOR PARK

The Annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony will be held at Shafor Park again this Year. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 2.

- Come hear the high school band and choir perform holiday tunes.
- Come enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn with friends and neighbors.
- Come take a carriage or wagon ride (free of charge) to view the beautiful luminarias.
- Come watch for a special red-suited visitor and his helpers from the North Pole.

The event is held concurrent with "Lighting Up" of Oakwood.



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HELP DIRECT YOUR TAXES TO OAKWOOD

Oakwood residents who work outside of Oakwood and incur business travel outside of their employment city can and should request a refund from their employment city. If you can provide a list of dates and work locations, along with vacation, holiday and sick days for which you were compensated during 2012, the Oakwood Tax Department will prepare the necessary tax forms in order to return the appropriate portion of your local tax dollars to the city of Oakwood. Your total tax liability will not change.

For those individuals working outside the city of Oakwood, please review your pay stub to ensure proper withholding. You should only be withheld for your city of employment, if applicable and your city of residency (Oakwood.) Because our postal mailing address is "Dayton, Ohio," some employers may assume that your city of residency is the same and withhold accordingly. You should immediately contact your employer to correct all improper withholdings. If you have any questions regarding the Oakwood income tax and filing requirements, please contact the Tax Department at 298-0531.

"LIGHTING UP" OAKWOOD SET FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

The City, under leadership of the Environmental Committee, is "Lighting Up" Oakwood on December 2, beginning at 6 p.m. This event is an effort to brighten the entire community at the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the boulevards on Far Hills and on Shafor as well as the city building, community center, Smith Gardens, Huffman Park and other public areas. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the fun.



LUMINARIA KITS

Luminaria kits will be sold at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$3.50 per dozen. The price includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour candles. Residents interested in helping with this project should call Carol Collins at 298-0775.

2013 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

2013 licenses will be sold at the Oakwood city building from Monday, December 3 to Thursday, January 31, 2013. The base fee is \$20, the same as last year, but is for spayed/neutered dogs only. The fee for unaltered dogs is \$24.

There are several exclusions to the \$4 non-spayed/neutered fee:

- If the dog is 9 months old or less
- If the dog is too old or has a medical condition preventing the dog from being spayed/neutered (the owner must get a veterinarian's certification)
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for breeding or show (a Breed Registry number is required)
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for hunting (The owner's hunting license number is required)

If veterinarian certification, breed registry number or hunting license number are provided to avoid the \$4 fee, the license must be purchased by mail to or in person at the Auditor's Office, the Animal Resource Center, SICSA, or the Humane Society.



DECEMBER/JANUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City council will meet in work session at 5 p.m. on Mondays, December 3 and January 28, and in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10 and Monday, January 7. All meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:00 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Time Warner Ch. 6 and AT&T Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net/ for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos may be viewed on-line at the city's website: www.mvcc.net/oakwood

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas and Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's.

The City offices, Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 21 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for holiday refuse collection schedule.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

CANDY CANE HUNT: Held at Shafor Park on Saturday, December 1 beginning at 2 p.m. This event is for children ages 3-8. Rudolph will be there to meet the children and join in the fun.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 15 from 9-11:30 a.m. and is open to children ages 9 and under. Everyone attending must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the OCC. **JUNIOR HIGH DANCES AT THE OCC:** Dances will be held on Friday, December 7 and Fridays, January 11 and January 25 from 9:30 – 11 p.m. These dances are for Oakwood students only.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT NEWS

The holidays are typically a joyous time for families to gather, friends to reunite and numerous celebrations and festivities to take place. Unfortunately the holidays can also be a time of tragedies. Too often, fire safety gets overlooked during the holidays and our homes become more prone to experience fires due to the use of candles, decorations, ornamental lighting, extension cords and fireplaces, and other potential sources of ignition including space heaters and other supplemental heating sources. One tragic event that points out the need for fire safety vigilance occurred on Christmas Day 2011, in Connecticut. A family's evening celebration involved a large fire in the fireplace. As the evening wore on and the fire died down to ash one of the occupants removed the ashes and placed them outside in a paper sack near the residence. The family retired to bed only to be awoken later by a raging fire and thick smoke. Frantic calls to the fire department brought numerous firefighters to the scene to battle the flames. Sadly, when the fire was out several family members had perished.

Prevention of holiday tragedies like this one are the reason for this article. Families need to discuss fire safety and assure that their homes have working smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors. Test all detectors on a monthly basis, if the detector uses a battery, change it every year. As a family, discuss evacuation plans and have at least two routes out of your home in the event of a fire. Have a point outside where everyone is to

meet and never go back into the home once outside. Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so and tell the dispatcher of the location of anyone still inside. Never leave candles unattended or matches, lighters or smoking materials where children have access. Smoking materials should be handled and disposed of with the utmost care. Only use Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved decorative lighting in your home. Check the wiring on all decorations and promptly dispose of any that have signs of fraying, wear, or that do not function properly. Limit the use of extension cords in your decorating. Make sure any live decorations remain watered and moist, do not place any source of ignition near live decorations. Turn all interior decorations off when leaving your home. If you use a fireplace, have it regularly inspected and cleaned by a professional. Chimney fires are a significant factor contributing to the increase in wintertime fires. Remove fireplace ashes only when they can safely be placed into a metal can with a tight fitting lid. Ashes properly secured in a metal can should be taken outside and placed well away from any structure. Never place ashes in paper, plastic or any other type of combustible container. Ashes can remain smoldering and represent an ignition source for hours after the fire appears to be out. Please practice fire prevention during the holidays and throughout the year.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

WINTER WEATHER PLOWING POLICY

In the event of a major snowfall, the city follows this policy to keep streets and alleys clear.



Salting: Major streets, hills and intersections take priority with residential streets following. In most situations, all streets are salted.

Plowing: During heavy snowfall, it may be necessary to clear streets of

all parked vehicles. Please help us during any snowfall by not parking your vehicle on the streets. In emergency situations, temporary NO PARKING signs may be posted and cars parked in these locations may be towed.

Sidewalk Plowing: When there is an accumulation of 1" or more of snow, sidewalk plows may be dispatched. Plows will make **one pass** through the city on all five-foot wide sidewalks. Please remember that while our city offers this unique service, under city ordinance it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks at their frontage clear of snow and ice.

Alley Plowing: Alleys are plowed after an accumulation of 4" or more of snow.

Driveway Plowing: If you are plowing your driveway, please make arrangements so that the snow is not pushed into or across the street. Also, please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to make certain their own driveway is clear of snow and ice to allow the city refuse collection vehicles to enter into the areas in a safe and efficient manner.

HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL



Holiday trees placed between the sidewalk and curb will be picked up according to the normal brush collection schedule (see map below). These items should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible and not in boulevard areas. Please remove plastic covers from Christmas trees. Evergreen wreaths and boughs, wires, ribbons, ornamental items, and wrapping paper should be placed with your regular refuse items.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

If you wish to recycle large amounts of cardboard, you may drop it off in the containers located at the Creager field parking lot at Shafor and Irving. These containers are accessible 24 hours per day. Small amounts of flattened cardboard may be placed with your regular recycling items.

BRUSH AND BRANCH COLLECTION

Brush and branch material may be placed between the sidewalk and curb for automatic collection by the city according to the schedule below. Please do not place any brush and branch material in the streets or boulevards. Brush should be no longer than 6 feet in length and in a manageable pile that is away from trees, poles, fire hydrants and other obstructions.

Note: As a cost cutting measure, beginning in February, the city will collect yard debris (green waste) on a monthly, rather than bi-weekly schedule.

LEAF PICKUP

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on December 21. Please remember that leaves should be raked to the curb or gutter and must not be bagged. Also, no brush, branches or other yard debris should be included with the leaves. This other yard debris should be placed off the street behind the curb, or in containers with the regular trash if it is a small amount. Please be aware of the safety concerns of having leaves in the street and spread out large piles to avoid blocking entire lanes of roadways. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the brush and branch schedule per the map below.

SPECIAL PICKUPS

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf season will begin again on January 3. You may schedule this service on or after January 2 by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center at 298-0777. This service is for large items only. Piles of loose debris require the use of a city dumpster.

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31

Regular Schedule

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Schedule

Monday AM**
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

WEEK OF JANUARY 21

Regular Schedule

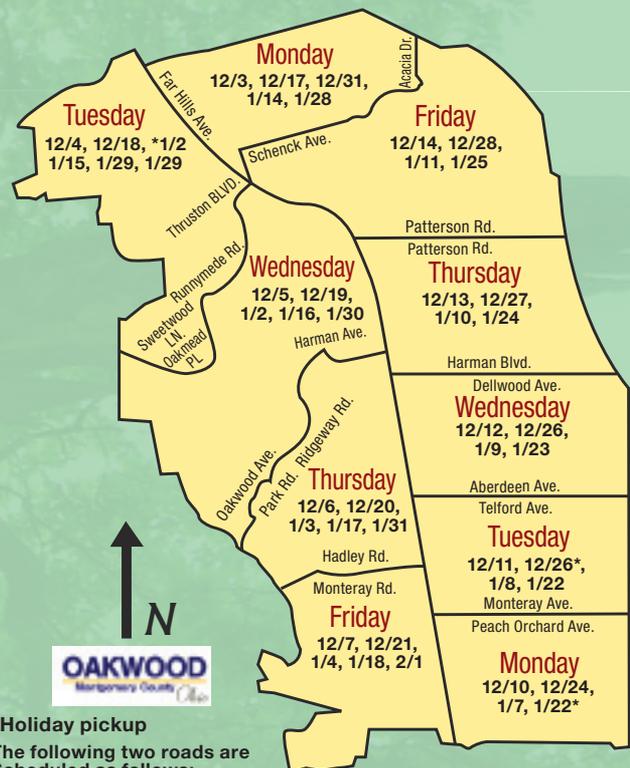
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Holiday Schedule

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

****Please note that on December 24 and 31 refuse collection will take place entirely in the morning, so please have all of your materials out by 7:30 a.m. with driveways clear of obstructions.**

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



*Holiday pickup

The following two roads are Scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 1/31
- Shroyer Rd. 12/13, 12/27, 1/10, 1/24

2013 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

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Congratulations to seniors **Sophia Cothrel, Rebecca Deal, Benjamin Gallatin, Elizabeth Huizenga, Samuel Stanley, and Ryan White** on being named **National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**. These students scored in the top 1% among college-bound students on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in October of their junior year. These students are eligible to become National Merit Finalists and possibly receive National Merit Scholarships.

We are also pleased to recognize seniors **Heather Brooks, Rebecca Deitz, Marisa Harner, Ingrid Hofeldt, Cameron Long, Andrew Stephenson, and Jacqueline White** on being named **Commended Scholars**. These students placed in the top 5% of college-bound high school students.



2013 National Merit Semifinalists

Rebecca Deal
Ben Gallatin
Sophia Cothrel
Ryan White
Elizabeth Huizenga
Sam Stanley



2013 Commended Scholars

Andrew Stephenson
Marisa Harner
Ingrid Hofeldt
Jacqueline White
Rebecca Deitz
Heather Brooks
Cameron Long

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2012/JANUARY 2013

December 2012

12/4	12 p.m. JH Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
12/7	4 p.m. OHS Talent Show
12/10	7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
12/12	10:30 a.m. – Smith Holiday Concert
12/12	7 p.m. OJHS/OHS Holiday Concert
12/14	9 a.m. Harman Holiday Assembly
	10:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. – Parent Assemblies
12/17	6 p.m. Business Advisory Council Meeting
12/18	11:45 a.m. Harman Battle of the Books Competition
12/20	Lange Holiday Parties
12/20	10 a.m. Harman Family Band & Orchestra Concert
12/21	Harman Classroom Parties
12/24-31	No School/Holiday Break

January 2013

1/1-4	No School/Holiday Break
1/7	Classes Resume
1/8	7 p.m. Smith PTO Meeting
1/10	11:45 OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
1/14	7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
1/16	11:45 Harman PTO Meeting/Luncheon
1/17	6 p.m. Business Advisory Council Meeting
1/18	Smith 5th Grade DARE Graduation - PM
1/18	9 p.m. OHS Techno Dance
1/21	No School/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/21	6 p.m. Business Advisory Council Meeting
1/22	No School/Waiver Day
1/23	6:45 p.m. OJHS Winter Band Concert
	7:30 p.m. OHS Winter Band Concert
1/24	COSI at Harman
1/28-2/1	Smith Jump and Hoops for Heart
1/31	6 p.m. 4th Grade Family Science Night at Harman

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html

2013-14 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

March 4-7, 2013

*Look for information in the
February/March Oakwood Scene*

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.

SAM ANDREWS EDUCATIONAL HALL OF HONOR

Nominations being accepted

The Oakwood City School District is accepting written nominations for the 2013 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. Nominations must be submitted to the Superintendent, Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH 45409, by March 1, 2013.

Currently in year two nomination: Joseph R. Suter, Oakwood High School English Teacher, 1965-1970, 1971-1972. Letters of support are currently being accepted.



Nominations for the Hall of Honor may be submitted at any time. To be eligible for the current year, nominations must be received by March 1st. To

obtain a nomination form and additional information please visit www.oakwood.k12.oh.us, or contact Sandy Maresh at the Oakwood Board of Education, maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org, or (937) 297-5332

STAYING IN TOUCH THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

The Oakwood School District's Staying in Touch Program is designed to provide community members with opportunities to talk with the Superintendent and representatives of the Board of Education about school matters in comfortable, informal settings. Residents are invited to host meetings in their homes and invite their neighbors. To volunteer to host, **Please contact**

Mrs. Sandy Maresh at the Board of Education
Office: 297-5332 or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org.

Check out our Website!

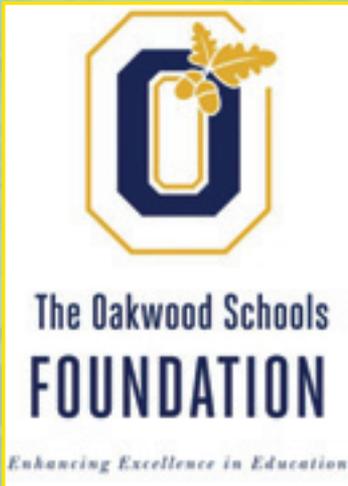
The Oakwood City Schools web site is a great source of information about events and activities of the district and schools. Read the district and school newsletters and much more. Check us out at



www.oakwood.k12.oh.us

THE OAKWOOD SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

New Logo, Website Help Tell the Story



Thanks to a design contest open to high school students last spring, The Oakwood Schools Foundation now sports a new look that more clearly links the 30-year-old organization to our schools and our community. The new design is a stylized version of the well-known Oakwood “O” and is adorned with acorns and oak leaves. The logo is already in use on The Foundation’s new website and on Facebook, and it will soon be applied to new marketing materials.

“There’s so much artistic talent in our district, and we wanted to see how students might visually express what The Foundation is all about,” said Julie Halpern, Director of The Oakwood Schools Foundation. “We had a number of terrific entries, but ultimately our selection committee determined that senior **Annie Lutz** had the winning approach with her creative use of the Oakwood “O” and the acorns and oak leaves.” The Foundation turned Annie’s approach over to Oakwood graphic artist **Emi Ryan** of eRpictorial (www.erpictorial.com), who combined Annie’s design concepts with simple typography to create the new logo.



ANNIE LUTZ

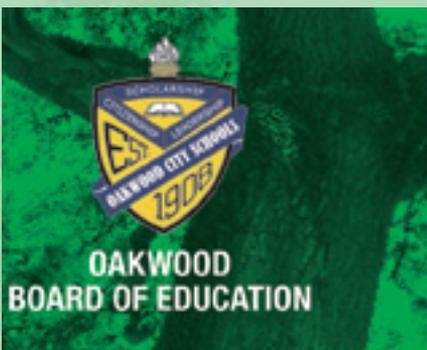
“Our Advisory Council is really excited about this new look for The Foundation, and we’re especially proud that it represents the work of both a student and a community volunteer/Oakwood parent,” said Halpern. “It’s an energetic, fresh new look and yet it incorporates traditional elements of Oakwood’s identity.”



REBECCA DEAL

The Foundation’s website is also all-new this fall, thanks to the hard work of senior **Rebecca Deal**, who has served as OSF’s webmaster for several years. Check out her creativity and learn more about The Oakwood Schools Foundation online at www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation provides significant annual support to our schools by funding grants, scholarships and special wish list items, all for the benefit of Oakwood students. For more information, please contact Julie Halpern, Director, at 297-5332.



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OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS Winter Weather Preparedness

How the decision to delay or close school is made

Safe passage to our schools and respect for the importance of the work that occurs in our classrooms guide weather-related decisions.

It is not uncommon for winter weather to cause interruptions to the schedules of surrounding school districts. Most districts make their delay or closure decisions based on the ability to safely provide bus transportation. In our community, however, most students live within a 20-minute walk or a 5-minute drive to school. Therefore, conditions that may delay or close our schools may be different than those of other districts.

There is no one-size-fits-all formula for deciding to close or delay school. Many variables come into play:

- The timing of the storm in relation to the start of school;
- The amount of snow and ice;
- The temperature and wind chill factor;
- The extended forecast prediction;
- The ability of the road crews to make headway in clearing crosswalks and the ability of homeowners in clearing their sidewalks;
- The conditions at the school buildings, i.e. Are the boilers working?
- The advice of the Safety Department and our Groundskeeper.

Before finalizing this decision, the Superintendent typically walks and drives in different parts of the community and checks-in with the Safety Department. Because Oakwood is a 'walking community,' students are reminded to dress appropriately for the winter weather conditions.

How the decision to delay or close school is communicated.

In the event that winter weather conditions cause school to be delayed or closed, we will:

- Use The One Call Now system to contact parents. To ensure you are called in an emergency, parents can go to the Oakwood Schools' home page at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us and click the link to One Call Now. Parents may add cell, work or other phone numbers to which you would like emergency messages directed. Parents can update phone numbers at any time.
- Announce on TV and radio by 6:30 a.m. the status of school that day.
- Publish the status of school that day on our district website at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us.

If school is closed: All classes and programs are cancelled. This includes the preschool program and South Connection.

Special Note for Lange School Kindergarten:

- When Kettering Schools are closed and Oakwood Schools are open there will be no bus transportation for Kindergarten. Parents will need to transport their children to Lange.
- When Oakwood Schools and/or Kettering Schools are delayed, the following Kindergarten bus shuttle will be adjusted according to the following schedule:

	2-Hour Delay	1-Hour Delay
Shuttle pick up at Harman/Smith	10:30 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle departs Harman/Smith	10:40 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle arrives at Lange	10:45 a.m.	No bus

CALENDAR December 2012-January 2013

December 2012

December 1 – Christmas in Winter Wonderland, 2 p.m.
 December 6 – Geronimo Stilton Party, 4 p.m.
 December 17 – Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
 December 21 – School's Out Movie, 2 p.m.
 December 24 – Library Closed, Christmas Eve
 December 25 – Library Closed, Christmas Day
 December 26-28 – Holiday Drop-In Activities, 2 p.m.
 December 31 – Library Closed, New Year's Eve

January 2013

January 1 – Library Closed, New Year's Day
 January 2-4 – Holiday Drop-In Activities, 2 p.m.
 January 12 – Martha Moody Book Signing, 2 p.m.
 January 21 – Library Closed, Martin Luther King Day
 January 26 – Poetry Reading, Wright Library Poets, 2 p.m.
 January 27 – Joanne Yeck Book Signing, 2 p.m.
 January 28 – Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN WINTER WONDERLAND

Kick-off the holiday season with Chris Rowlands Saturday, December 1st at 2 p.m. Chris will present music, puppets, and magic in this special holiday program for preschoolers and their families. No registration necessary.

GERONIMO STILTON PARTY

Do you have a Geronimo Stilton fan in your house? Plan to join Mrs. Sommer Thursday, December 6th at 4 p.m. for a Geronimo Stilton Party. They will play games and make crafts "Geronimo Stilton" style! No registration necessary.
 For grades K-6

HOLIDAY DROP-IN FOR KIDS

While the kids are home from school, stop by the library for something fun. No registration necessary.
 For grades K-5

Wednesday, December 26: Make a Snowman Thermometer
 Thursday, December 27: Make a Snowman Cookie
 Friday, December 28: Make a Snowman Pin
 Wednesday, January 2: Make a Snowman Party Drink
 Thursday, January 3: Make a Winter Night Light
 Friday, January 4: Make a Snack Cake Penguin

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Local Authors Plan Visits to Wright Library

Wright Library is looking forward to having two local authors visit during the month of January.

On **Saturday, January 12th** at 2 p.m. **Martha Moody** will discuss her most recent novel, *Dark and Dangerous Virtues*. *Dark and Dangerous Virtues* takes place in Dayton, Ohio in 2047 and has been described as "a suspenseful what-if that readers will continue to ponder long after they've put it down," by *Booklist*.

Martha Moody is a lifelong resident of Ohio. A novelist and physician from Dayton, Moody's three previous books of fiction have sold close to 1 million copies. She is the author of *Best Friends* (2001), *The Office of Desire* (2007), and *Sometimes Mine* (2009).

On **Sunday, January 27th** at 2 p.m. **Joanne Yeck** will discuss her most recent book, *The Jefferson Brothers*. In *The Jefferson Brothers* Joanne Yeck introduces Randolph Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson's only brother, and brings him out from the shadow of his famous sibling, focusing on the years during which their paths crossed. Additionally, *The Jefferson Brothers* introduces a new Thomas Jefferson, not the great statesman of monumental intellect, but the thoughtful brother and dedicated farmer.

Historian Joanne Yeck has been exploring her Virginia roots since 1995. After earning her doctorate in cinema studies at the University of Southern California, she taught and wrote about film history for many years. She is the co-author of *Movie Westerns* and *Our Movie Heritage*. Today, her love for Virginia, especially Buckingham County, has translated into a full-time occupation. The results include "At a Place Called Buckingham" .. *Historic Sketches of Buckingham County, Virginia* (2011) and *The Jefferson Brothers* (2012).

POETRY READING AT WRIGHT LIBRARY

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The Wright Library Poets meet the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at Starbucks in Oakwood. They are an open writing group for local poets who want to share their work and hone their craft. For more information contact Elizabeth Schmidt at 294-7171 or schmidt@wrightlibrary.org.



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Asset Builder Profile

Since moving to Oakwood in 1991 with her husband John, Joan Fisk has been a dedicated volunteer and role model for the youth of our community. Joan, mother of Rachel, Rollie, and Emma, has served in numerous roles, including Girl Scout leader, member of the LEAD movement at Holy Angels Church, chair for the Harman PTO's Battle of the Books, board member of the Oakwood Band Parents and Oakwood Arts Bridge Associations, and substitute school secretary. Using her expertise in the field of nutrition, Joan led the district's review of the food service program for Lange School's all-day Kindergarten. In August, she joined the staff of Smith School as an educational aide assisting students with special needs.

As the current President of the Oakwood Arts Bridge, Joan coordinated the first annual *Ghostwood* event, which supports the performing and visual arts.

Joan exemplifies the Oakwood Schools' Core Value of Community. ***“Community describes a commitment to our students that is shared by our citizens, families, faculty, and staff. Our students thrive when relationships and a sense of common purpose are focused towards making a positive difference in their lives.”***

Assets: 1 Family Support, 3 Other Adult Relationships, 4 Caring Neighborhood, 6 Parent Involvement in Schooling, 7 Community Values Youth, 9 Service to Others, 14 Adult Role Models, 32 Planning and Decision Making.

Joan Fisk ***is*** an ***Asset Builder!***

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

The 40 Developmental Assets

where the Oakwood Community is key!

Visit the Oakwood community's 40 Asset website at <http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets> for information, news, events and more.