



# Between the Stacks



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## Happy Birthday Porter County!



2011 marks the 175th anniversary of the creation of Porter County. The state legislature created the county in 1836 and named it after American naval hero Commodore David Porter. He apparently never visited the area but certain locations in the county would have reminded him of major events in his life.

The county seat was originally called Portersville but renamed Valparaiso after the city in Chile that he led a naval battle off the coast of and his ship the Essex was also the name of a township at one time.

Everything about Porter County revolves around location, location and location. Whatever makes up the exis-

tence of the county goes back to pre-historic times and the movement of glaciers over the region.

A giant ice shelf descended upon the area and carved out what is now Lake Michigan. The residue of the giant hole that formed the lake was deposited onto the north of half of what is now the county forming a geomorphic formation called the Valparaiso Moraine.

The glacier also pulled up smaller sections of earth to form small lakes in the northern part of the county. This resulted in a hilly terrain and the sand dunes that highlight the north shore.

By the time the ice mass reached the center part of the county it began to crush the land forms and eventually created a mostly flat area in the south

county which became rich farmland.

There are numerous geological and topographic maps and books in the Genealogy Department of the Porter County Public Library System and in the library branches detailing this geomorphic development and how the entire economic and social development of the area resulted due to this.

The area was first settled by the Potawatomie Indian Tribe. There were reports of French explorers such as LaSalle and Mar-



Portrait of Commodore David Porter

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## Coming Soon...eBooks

We know that many of our patrons have been patiently waiting for PCPLS to offer eBooks. In fact, over 130 patrons completed our recent eBook survey and an overwhelming number of those people indicated that they would like us to start offering eBooks. After carefully considering all of the survey responses and researching the various eBook services available to libraries, we are happy to announce that we are planning on offering eBooks to our patrons in the Fall of 2011. Later this summer we hope to bring you more details about the services we will offer.



Here's some of the results of the eBook survey:

The most popular eReader devices people owned were Kindles, Nooks, and iPads/iPhones.

Most people wanted us to buy eBooks in the following genres: Mystery, Best Sellers, Historical, Hobbies, Travel, Biographies, and History.

Most of the 130+ people who responded said they would be willing to wait on a hold list for an eBook.

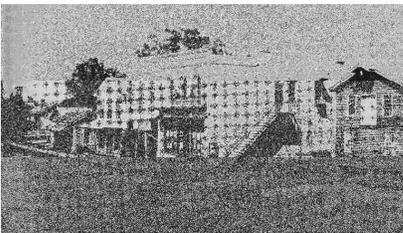
quette passing through on the Kankakee River and other paths such as the Sauk Trail and Yellowstone Trail being used for people moving westward but there was no real settlement in the area until 1832.

The legendary Joseph Bailly did set up residence as a fur trader before the government allowed actual residences to be established. Stories of those early times can be found in his granddaughter Frances Bailly Howe's book, "The Account of a French Homestead in the Old Northwest."

The United States government signed a treaty with the Pottawatomie Indians to open up the area to settlement in 1832. The area was ripe for development because the location south of Lake Michigan presented major routes for people heading westward.

The state of Indiana organized the new territory. Originally it was part of St. Joseph County but the western section of the territory was used to create La Porte County. Porter County was part of La Porte County from 1832 to 1836. The federal government owned most of the land and set up a land office in La Porte. People stopping at the office could see what property was available and purchase it there. The deeds for these purchases are found at the website [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov) for those who want to find more about the early settlers in the area.

Another way people acquired land was as a reward for military service. The government gave out sections of property called bounty land warrants. Most of the people who received these were Revolutionary War soldiers. These men were fairly old by the early 1830's. They often didn't want to move to the wilderness and would give the deeds to family members or friends. They also



1866 Valparaiso scene

would sell the rights to people called specu-

lators who would give them cash for the properties and then come out to the area and set up their own land offices.

Philander Paine purchased a lot of these land warrants and became a major real estate agent during the early years. The first real atlas of Porter County wasn't published until 1876. *Hardesty's Illustrated Atlas of Porter County, Indiana* includes maps of the land ownership in 1876 but also an early account of the county's history. It includes a listing of the earliest settlers in the county as well as the year they arrived and where they came from.

The Genealogy Department has photocopies and microfilm copies of the earliest records of Porter County. An inventory of these documents include the marriage books from 1836-1984, estate administration and inventory records from 1836 to 1955, tax assessment books from the 1850's to 1870's, civil court cases from 1889-1963, guardianship and divorce records from 1889 to 1963, deed indexes from 1836 to 1909 and deeds filed in La Porte County for lands which became Porter County from 1832 -1836.

All available Valparaiso newspapers that have been microfilmed are available to be viewed. There are a few issues from the early 1840's, and then 1847 to the present. The earliest papers were weeklies and have been abstracted from 1847 to 1906.

Three important books cover the earliest years of the county's history. They are: *Goodspeed's History of Porter and Lake Counties, Indiana* published in 1882, the 1912 *History of Porter County, Indiana* and the 1927 edition of the *Calumet Region of Northwestern Indiana*.



2nd Porter County courthouse completed in 1853.

The first non-native people to settle in Porter County were American-born and most were from the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia. The first foreign born residents were from Germany during the 1860's; then came residents from Sweden. Eastern Europeans started to arrive during the 1890's.

Most early residents were farmers but merchants came to open businesses in the larger towns that were developed. Valparaiso was the first real settlement but the first post office was actually in Tassinong, near the intersection of what is now Highway 49 and Baum's Bridge Road in Morgan Township. A marker is located there to show the spot. Other monuments indicate special locations such as one for the Old Sauk Trail next to the Valparaiso City Hall and a marker at Jefferson and Franklin Streets in Valparaiso marking the location of the first school.

The Genealogy Department has a collection of all the cemetery listings for Porter County. These books provide information on people that may then lead to court records, newspapers, land purchases, history books and other materials which follow that person's path through the early years of Porter County.

This has been a brief overview of things that happened when Porter County was in its' infancy. One hundred seventy five years of history would take a long time to cover and many of the highlights can be explored in the library.

\* The creation of the Indiana State Park and the Indiana National Lakeshore made Porter County a major tourist attraction and the development of Valparaiso University brought people from around the world to the area.

\* The Port of Indiana and the development of Bethlehem



Public Library 1905

and Midwest Steel along the lake shore brought industry to the county. Urschel Laboratories and Mc Gill Manufacturing made Valparaiso a center for product development.

\*Orville Redenbacher's television commercials made people connect the area to popcorn. Early resident Josephine Garris Cochran patented the first dishwasher and the Calkin brothers developed an early clothes washing machine.

\*The Lincoln Highway or U.S. Highway 30 was the first national highway crossing the county. The Indiana Toll Road opened up in 1955 and made commuting across the state fast and easy.

\*The Interurban Train that went from Valparaiso to Gary from 1910 to 1938 opened the door for people to work and shop in one place and live in another.

\*Local high schools have won numerous state championships. The careers of local athletes such as Jeff Samardzija can be followed from VHS to Notre Dame to the Chicago Cubs in the Times or Post-Tribune newspapers.

\*Former Valparaiso resident Beulah Bondi was nominated for the first Academy Award for an Actress in a Supporting Role. David Lilienthal was the first head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Many more stories could be told about the people and events from the past one hundred seventy five years created the foundation for Porter County which deserves a great big Happy Birthday!!

Larry J. Clark-  
Head of Genealogy Department

## Introducing... Judi Hanson

### **How long have you been a library trustee?**

*I am currently completing my fourth four year term.*

### **What do you like most about being a trustee?**

*By being involved with the library on this level I have met so many fine library staff members, volunteers and patrons. This has been a great learning experience for me in terms of how our government works. Our staff does an outstanding job of wisely running our libraries. They know how to give our communities the very best service for their tax dollar. I am most appreciative of them and their effort.*

### **Are you married? Do you have any children/grandchildren?**

*My husband Ed and I have been married for 40 exciting and interesting years and have two lovely daughters. Monica lives in Zionsville with her husband, Matthew and daughter, Maddy, age seven. Dinah lives in South Bend with her husband, Pete and daughter, one year old Sloane.*

### **Do you have any extracurricular activities that you are involved in?**

*I am a volunteer with the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library which is a part of the Indiana State Library. I am serving on the state Intellectual Freedom Committee. In the past I have served as president of American Association of University Women. While teaching I was a consultant with the State Department of Education specializing in education for exceptionally gifted students.*

### **What is the one thing that people would be surprised to know about you?**

*I lived in Japan for two years and studied Japanese arts and crafts, worked and traveled throughout the Orient.*

### **How were you appointed to the Board?**

*Darl Jarnecke has been a friend for many years and he was instrumental in my appointment by the Porter County Commissions.*

### **Anything else you think someone would like to know about you?**

*I love our libraries. The best bargain in town is the use of your public library. The second best thing is the Book Sale Rooms at our libraries. If you want to own books and media items inexpensively purchase these things through the book sale rooms. I always stop by the sale room before the trustee's meeting. We have had to buy two more bookcases to hold the books that my granddaughters enjoy when they visit. They love taking home their latest favorite books for their own bookcases.*

Thank you Judi!

Sheila Minton-Administrative Assistant



## **Database Spotlight- Antiques Reference Database**



Interested in the value of that old teapot that your aunt left you? Wonder about the real value of the item on an online auction site? Check the library's antique database, P4A Antiques Reference, available at the Porter County Public Library through the library website.

This database is current and up-to-date as far as recent auctions in the United States.

The database only lists national auction houses, with qualified experts in each field. 87% of the information on the Antiques Reference database is only available on this site.

A table of contents lists the different categories and types of antiques. A search box also allows searching by keywords, narrowing by category, origin, auction house or auction date.

Major regional auction houses are listed, along with a description of their specialties.

The resource center page provides links to books, recent auctions, and an archive of the articles from the database.

Barbara Borg-Jenkins- Head of South Haven Reference

# July 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p><b>1</b> 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Young Adults 11:15 a.m. (H) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Young Adults 2:15 p.m. (H) 6:30 PM-"Back to the Feature: The Goonies" (K)</p>	<p><b>2</b> All Day-Last day to sign up for Summer Reading (S) 9:15 AM-*Beginning Basket Weaving (P) 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S) 12:00 PM-Anime Club (S)</p>
<p><b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY LIBRARY CLOSED 8:00 AM-Portage July 4th Parade! (P)</p> 	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 AM-K-2 One World: Many Dishes (P) 10:15 AM-Toddler Time: 10:15 a.m. (H) 10:15 AM-Wonders from down Under 10:15 a.m. (K) 10:15 AM-Toddler Time (S) 11:00 AM-Preschool Story-time (S) 11:00 AM-Grades 3-5 One World: Many Dishes (P) 11:15 AM-Story Time: 11:15 a.m. (H) 1:00 PM-Wonders from Down Under 1:00 p.m. (K) 1:30 PM-Wrapping ourselves up in Summer Reading with an Argentinean Poncho (K) 2:00 PM-*Amazing Artists: Henna Tattoos(V) 2:15 PM-Toddler Time: 2:15 p.m. (H) 3:15 PM-Story Time: 3:15 p.m. (H) 5:30 PM-Toddler Time (P) 6:30 PM-Story Time (P) 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K) 7:30 PM-Practice Makes the Perfect Pizza (P)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30 AM-Toddler Time (P) 10:00 AM- *Fossil Hunters (V) 10:15 AM-Drum up interesting facts about South Korea 10:15 a.m. (K) 10:30 AM-K-1 Story Time (P) 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Grades K-2nd 11:15 a.m. (H) 11:30 AM-Mexican Paper Butterflies (P) 11:45 AM-Drum Up Interesting Facts about South Korea 11:45 a.m. (K) 1:15 PM-Drum up interesting facts about South Korea 1:15 p.m. (K) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Grades K-2nd 2:15 p.m. (H) 3:00 PM-Mummies and Pharaohs (S) 7:00 PM-One World, Many Stories Foreign Film Fest! (P)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 2:30 AM-Mexican Paper Butterflies (P) 10:30 AM-Story Time (P) 10:30 AM-Fairy Tale Breakfast (S) 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Grades 3rd-5th 11:15 a.m. (H) 11:30 AM-K-1 Story Time (P) 2:00 PM-*An American Girl Event: Catch the Aloha Spirit!(V) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Grades 3rd-5th 2:15 p.m. (H)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Young Adults 11:15 a.m. (H) 2:00 PM-*Feathered Arm Band(V) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Young Adults 2:15 p.m. (H)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 AM-*Feathered Arm Band(V) 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S) 10:30 AM-One World: Many Songs (P)</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10:15 AM-Join us on an African Safari 10:15 a.m. (K) 12:00 PM-Blood pressure screening (P) 1:00 PM-Join us on an African Safari 1:00 p.m. (K) 2:00 PM-Monday Movie (H) 2:00 PM-*Wonderful World of Stories(V) 2:00 PM-Feature Movie (S) 2:00 PM-Discover Japan at the Portage Library (P) 3:45 PM-*Lego Club(V) 6:00 PM-Internet &amp; Catalog Training (S)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:15 AM-Toddler Time: 10:15 a.m. (H) 10:15 AM-Toddler Time (S) 11:00 AM-Preschool Story-time (S) 11:15 AM-Story Time: 11:15 a.m. (H) 12:00 PM-Valpo Brown Baggies (V) 1:30 PM-Learn the Japanese art of Origami (K) 2:00 PM-*Book Bingo for Teens(V) 2:15 PM-Toddler Time: 2:15 p.m. (H) 3:15 PM-Story Time: 3:15 p.m. (H) 5:30 PM-Toddler Time (P) 6:30 PM-Story Time (P) 7:00 PM-*Discussion: Shiver &amp; Linger by Maggie Stiefvater(V) 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K) 7:30 PM-DDR/Karaoke Night (P)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:30 AM-Toddler Time (P) 10:00 AM- <u>Immunization Clinic</u> (K) 10:15 AM-Willkommen kinder! 10:15 a.m. (K) 10:30 AM-Painting Dinosaurs, Butterflies, &amp; More (S) 10:30 AM-K-1 Story Time (P) 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Grades K-2nd 11:15 a.m. (H) 11:30 AM-Italian Quilling (P) 11:45 AM-Willkommen kinder! 11:45 a.m. (K) 1:15 PM-Willkommen kinder! 1:15 p.m. (K) 2:00 PM-*Clever Cooks: Fair Food(V) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Grades K-2nd 2:15 p.m. (H)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:30 AM-Story Time (P) 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Grades 3rd-5th 11:15 a.m. (H) 11:30 AM-K-1 Story Time (P) 2:00 PM-*Super Hero Summer(V) 2:00 PM-Tie-Dyeing (S) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Grades 3rd-5th 2:15 p.m. (H) 2:30 PM-Italian Quilling (P) 7:00 PM-*Pajama Party: African Adventure(V) 7:00 PM-One World, Many Stories Foreign Film Fest! (P)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:15 AM-Summer Reading: Young Adults 11:15 a.m. (H) 2:00 PM-*Comic Book Workshop with Bill Halliar (V) 2:15 PM-Summer Reading: Young Adults 2:15 p.m. (H) 6:30 PM-"Back to the Feature: E.T." (K)</p>	<p><b>16</b> All Day-Last Day to Pick up Summer Reading Prizes! 10:00 AM-* Beginning Oil Painting (P) 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S) 1:30 PM-Crayon Critter Circus (S)</p>
<p><b>18</b> 2:00 PM-Monday Movie (H) 6:00 PM-Internet &amp; Catalog Training (S)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10:00 AM-Independent Reading: Awards Open House (P)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 3:00 PM-Independent Reading: Awards Open House (P) 6:30 PM-*Teen Party: Japanese Culture Connection(V)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S) 1:30 PM-LEGO Club (S)</p>
<p><b>25</b> 6:30 PM-Preventing Identity Theft (P) 7:00 PM-"Bookends" Book Discussion (S)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 12:00 PM-Movie Discussion Group (V) 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:00 PM-Movie Night (S) 7:00 PM-One World, Many Stories Foreign Film Fest! (P)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:00 PM-Kouts Pageturners (K) 7:00 PM-* Portage Reading Circle (P)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 PM-"Back to the Feature: The Sandlot" (K)</p>	<p><b>30</b> All Day-Adult Summer Reading Program ends! 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S)</p>

# August 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 12:00 PM-Blood pressure screening (P) 6:00 PM-Internet & Catalog Training (S)	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:15 AM-*Beginning Basket Weaving 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S) 12:00 PM-Anime Club (S)
<b>8</b> 2:00 PM-Movie Monday (P) 6:00 PM-Internet & Catalog Training (S)	<b>9</b> 12:00 PM-Valpo Brown Baggers (V) 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM- <u>Immunization Clinic</u> (K)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM-"Back to the Future: Back to the Future" (K)	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S)
<b>15</b> 6:00 PM-Internet & Catalog Training (S)	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM-Porter Co. Health Dept. Immunization Clinic (H)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM-* Beginning Oil Painting (P) 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S)
<b>22</b> 7:00 PM-"Bookends" Book Discussion (S)	<b>23</b> 12:00 PM-Movie Discussion Group (V) 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM-Movie Night (S)	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM-Kouts Pageturners (K) 7:00 PM-* Portage Reading Circle (P)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> All Day-PORK FEST KOUTS BRANCH CLOSED 10:30 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (S) 1:30 PM-LEGO Club (S)
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM-Learn Sign Language (K)	<b>31</b>	<div data-bbox="867 1556 1396 1675" data-label="Text"> <p><i>(H) Hebron (K) Kouts (P) Portage (S) South Haven (V) Valparaiso</i></p> </div>		

For detailed information about these programs, check our website: [www.pcpls.lib.in.us](http://www.pcpls.lib.in.us) Or call the branch library:  
**Hebron(H) 996-3684 Kouts(K) 766-2271**  
**Portage(P) 763-1508 South Haven(S) 759-4474**  
**Valparaiso(V) 462-0524**

Note: \* events require pre-registration. Contact the library branch to sign up.

# Friends of the Library News

There are three areas I want to share with you in this column. The first is update information, the second is a new administrative area, and the third is an introduction to a few Board members.

**First of all**, the FRIENDS organization has given \$21,000 to the Porter Co. Library System since Jan 1st, for materials and "wish list" items. We also have paid \$1800 as staff scholarships for continuing education. Additional scholarships were accepted in our Executive Board meeting last week, so that amount will increase before the end of the year. We contributed \$1,900 for summer programs at our library system. At this point, we have a total of 415 members.

**Secondly**, the Board approved the title of "Assistant Bookroom Coordinator" for two of our members, to assist the designated Coordinator at Valpo (Judy Hallberg) and Portage (Lynne Tone). The "ABC" for the Valpo BookRoom is Cheryl Oestreich, and the "ABC" for Portage is Marcia Dwyer.

**Lastly**, I've asked that you let me know what you would want to see in this column, and last Saturday I got a response....tell us about the Board members. Today I'll highlight three of our nine members.

Ilene Chelf has been a Valparaiso (Center Township) representative on the Board since Nov. 2002, and she will be retiring from that position in October, after completing nine years. (The By-Laws of the Friends state that this is the maximum tenure of a Board member.) She is currently Treasurer of the Board/organization. Previously, she held the position



of President of the Board. She has lived in Valparaiso since 1949, and worked at Lemsters Floral Shop for fifty years before retiring. She and husband Paul (deceased) were married 49 years, and have five children: David, Susan, Roy, Karol, and Jennifer, and there are seven grandchildren. She loves to travel to visit children and grandchildren, making frequent trips to Texas, Arizona, and Kentucky, as well as keeping close to local family members. She has a twin sister living in Lafayette, IN, and they enjoy getting together, as well. Some of her favorite activities are working in the Valpo Book Room, antique shopping, going to garage sales, taking care of her dog, Wren, and enjoying the 100 + clocks in her home. She does volunteer work in her church, the First Christian Church, in Valpo, is an expert seamstress, and quilts as a hobby.

Cheryl Oestreich joined the Board in June 2008, again from Valparaiso (Center Township). She is currently Vice-President of the Board, and ABC of the Valpo Book Room.

Cheryl is a life-long resident of Valparaiso, and is retired from her job as an executive assistant at Valparaiso University. She and husband Charles have two children: Gary and Julie, and two grandchildren. She is also Vice-President of Tri-County Women's Reading Club. She enjoys traveling, reading, and her family, especially the grandchildren! Cheryl says the reason for joining the Friends of the PCPLS is that "having grown up as a reader at the Valpo Library, it was the first place I wanted to volunteer when I retired."

Lois Thurner joined the Board in Nov. 2004, and is the representative of Hebron (Boone Township). She comes from IL, but began her music teaching career in IN, and has never left. She has lived in rural Hebron for forty years, with husband David, and they have three children: Geoffrey, Bethany, and Rebecca, as well as one grandchild. She retired from Kankakee Valley School Corp. in 2003, and continues her music activities as a church organist and handbell director at Hebron United Methodist Church. One of her favorite activities is playing tennis, and she loves to travel to AZ in springtime, to visit her sister and watch a few Cubs baseball games in Mesa. She also travels to visit a brother and aunt in Springfield, IL. She enjoys the Hebron Library Book Discussion group (Novel Ideas), and is glad when the book of the month is available on audio since she does most of her books during her travels. She joined the Friends as an opportunity to volunteer at a great asset of the community, the library, and has met many avid readers and extremely interesting people during her work on the Board and at the PCPLS. Currently she is president of the Board. Previously, Lois was Treasurer and Publicity Chairperson.



The next issue of BETWEEN THE STACKS will highlight three more Board members. Meanwhile, have an enjoyable and safe summer, and thank you for being an important part of our FRIENDS

*Lois Thurner- president*



## Have you joined the Adult Summer Reading Program?

Summer reading will be a wide world of fun this summer at all PCPLS libraries.

The Adult Summer Reading program theme this year is "One World, Many Stories."

This program will end July 30. Patrons 18 and older can participate by checking out a book or an audio book from any Porter County library and complete a review card for each item to be entered in the prize drawings.

Prizes include gift cards for \$50 and \$25 from local gas stations as well as other gift items.

The more you read, the better your chances of winning! Visit your Porter County library today and get reading!

Go to our website at [www.pcpls.lib.in.us](http://www.pcpls.lib.in.us) for more information about both the Adult and Youth Summer Reading programs and all that PCPLS libraries have to offer! Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



# Youth Services: Book Review

*Bad Kitty Meets the Baby* by Nick Bruel is another fun book in the Bad Kitty series. Of course life was pretty good for Bad Kitty before the dog came and things did work out, but now there is a surprise- a baby! Read all about the hilarious events in this latest Bad Kitty book.



Katherine Hannigan, author of the best selling book *Ida B* has written a new book entitled *True (... sort of)*. Delly, which is short for Delaware is big trouble. She is always in trouble for one thing or another but she does not do it out of meanness. She does it for fun or for good. When she was young she did not think that it was right for the chickens to be in cages at the county fair so she let them out and of course that caused all sorts of chaos at the fair. This is a wonderful story of family and friendships and the "Dellyctionary" - words invented by Delly is so funny. A great read.

For a new twist on an old tale, you might want to try *Fandango Stew* written by David Davies and illustrated by Ben Galbraith. Two hungry hombres ride into the town of Skinflint looking for food. They are very poor and have no money at all but they do have a fandango bean. Of course no one in the town thinks that they can make stew with one bean but the sheriff says to let them try. They do and just like in the original version of Stone Soup everyone in the town shares what they have and they end up having a fiesta. If you enjoyed *Stone Soup* you will want to read this. You might also want to try *Cactus Soup* retold by Eric Kimmel.

*Charlie the Ranch Dog* is one busy, hardworking dog! Well, actually he thinks about working but he really prefers napping and eating bacon which is his favorite food. Charlie is a Bassett hound who has large floppy ears, short legs and big paws. The story is told from Charlie's viewpoint and the pictures are a real delight. Written by Ree Drummond who is also known as The Pioneer Woman and illustrated by well known children's author and illustrator Diane deGroat, all dog lovers will enjoy this story.

Kathy Blackburn- Head of South Haven Youth Services

## Relatively Speaking:

### Notes from the Genealogy Department

 Larry Clark attended the National Genealogical Society Conference in Charleston, South Carolina in May. He attended many workshops on genealogical research primarily dealing with the southern states. Many vendors attended the meetings and a lot of new research materials were displayed. The Genealogy Department will be purchasing some of these materials.

Representatives from the Family Search website of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints spent several weeks microfilming many of the county court records stored in the department.

The department continues to exchange and receive duplicate copies of materials and had transactions with the Lake County Reference Library, the St. Joseph County Public Library and the Plainfield Public Library.

The Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society and Ancestry.com are sponsoring noted genealogist Lou Szucs as the guest speaker at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the society at the Valparaiso Public Library at 10:00 AM. There will be no charge and the public is invited to attend. Ms. Szucs has published several books, including one on Cook County, Illinois which is her area of expertise.

The shelves are starting to get full so shifting materials and getting things ready to be bound are the main projects the department has been working on.

Larry J. Clark- Head of Genealogy Department

## PCPLS Book Discussion Groups

### Valparaiso 12-1 pm

(Bring a sack lunch.)

July 12 – *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation*  
by Cokie Roberts

August 9 – *Change of Heart: a novel*

by Jodi Picoult

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### Hebron 1:30 pm

July 14 – *Where Men Win Glory*  
by Jon Krakauer

August 11 – *Home Safe*  
by Elizabeth Berg

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### Kouts 7:00 pm

July 28 – *The Pillars of the Earth*  
by Ken Follett

August 25 – *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women From 1960*

*to the Present*

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### South Haven 7:00 pm

July 25 – *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*

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August 22 – *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

by Jamie Ford

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### Portage 7:00 pm

July 28 – *The Poisonwood Bible*  
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We believe that libraries can change people's lives and are a cornerstone of our democracy. The mission of the Porter County Public Library System is to provide all residents of the library district with a comprehensive collection of materials in a variety of media that records human knowledge, ideas and culture and to organize these materials for ready access. The library encourages the love of reading and the joy of learning, and offers the assistance people need to find, evaluate, and use electronic and print information resources that help them live successful and rewarding lives.

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