

Whitman Public Library Spring Newsletter 2011

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Welcome to Our New Youth Services Librarian Melissa Arnett!



Get to know Melissa!
She...

1. Can read, write, and speak some Spanish and Korean and would be happy to help you find some materials so you can too!
2. Is from the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee and has the accent to prove it. The Appalachian Trail even goes across her parents' property.
3. Could eat Colombian empanadas every day and never get sick of them! (You can find

recipes for your favorite foods in the 641s).

4. Her favorite book of all time is "The Yearling" by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.
5. Her favorite music includes world music, bluegrass, rap, and R&B (take a look at the library's music collection to find one of your favorites).
6. Loves Summertime in New England – she can't wait for this year's Summer Reading Program!

7. Has been to London, England and Barranquilla, Colombia and hopes to visit many more countries! (You can too, all you need is a library card.)

8. Loves to hear Jack Tales, scary stories, and any stories that kids have to tell! (Check out our collection of scary stories in JNF 133 and 398.2.)

You can visit Miss Melissa at the Whitman Public Library for drop-in storytimes beginning in April, every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Events to Celebrate National Poetry Month and National Library Week!

- Poetry Writing With Ms. Orłowski, 4/4, 6pm
- Dzvinia Orłowski Poetry Reading, 4/5 6:30pm
- Memoir Writing Workshop, 4/11, 5pm
- Poem in your Pocket Day, 4/14
- Publishing Workshop, 4/12, 6pm
- Poetry Contest Awards and Readings, 4/16, 1pm
- Poetry Reading and Open Mic, 4/28, 6:30pm

Celebrations Planned for National Poetry Month and National Library Week in April

APRIL is the cruellest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.

-T. S. Eliot, *The Wasteland*

Contrary to T.S. Eliot's thoughts on the subject, April has always been a favorable month for libraries—after all, it is National Poetry Month! The Whitman Public Library has an array of poetry appreciation workshops and activities lined up. Beginning on April

4th, Dzvinia Orłowski will be here to lead a workshop on poetry writing. This is a very special opportunity to write alongside a local poet, who is a Pushcart-Award winner and a nationally recognized figure, in addition, she has been a teacher for many years at the Solstice MFA writing program. If you cannot make the workshop, we're lucky enough to be hosting a reading by Ms. Orłowski the next night, on **Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm.**

On **Saturday, April 16th at 1pm**, come hear the winning poems of the poetry writing contest! Refreshments will be served to accompany the spoken words!

Thursday, April 28th at 6:30pm is the final poetry event, featuring 4 local, published poets. They'll be sharing their works, and encouraging others to share poems in an open mic setting!

New Web site Arriving in May!

www.whitmanpubliclibrary.org

You may have noticed that we've been working on a new Web site. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we hope to unveil a brand new, user-friendly Web site by early May. This new Web site will:

- Make booking museum passes easier
- Allow you to search the catalog right from the home page
- Allow you to see our upcoming events right on the home page
- Showcase our new books and staff reviews

And much, much more! Visit the Web site in May and see for yourself!

Upcoming Workshops for Job Seekers:

- April 13, 2-3:30: One Life at a Time Presents- Networking and Informational Interviews Workshop
- April 14, 6pm: Monthly Job Seekers Networking Group, featuring Bruce Marquis, talking about what employers expect from potential workers.

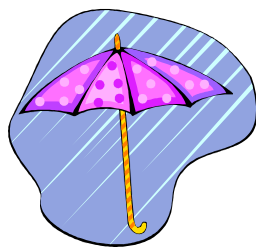
The Monthly Networking Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month!

Always featuring a guest speaker, and always free and open to all!

Upcoming meetings:

5/12: Karen Biscoe, of Green Search Partner on how to find a "green collar job."

6/9: Tom Ingrassia, on getting from where you are to where you want to be



"My guess is (it will be) about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in search."
—Craig Silverstein, director of technology, Google.com

National Library Week...

...starts on April 10, so come create your own story here at your library to celebrate with us and the rest of the country!

Maureen Cornell is leading a Memoir Writing Workshop on **April 11th at 5pm**. If you are interested in penning your own story, this is a great opportunity to get guidance from a seasoned professional.

On **Tuesday, April 12th at 6pm** there is another workshop—how to get published! The leaders of this one will be discussing the two options in publishing: traditional agent publication, and the newer route of self-publishing.



Eternity by William Blake

He who binds to
himself a joy /
Does the winged
life destroy /
He who kisses the
joy as it flies /
Lives in eternity's sunrise

Read With Us!

Did you know that the Whitman Public Library has three book clubs? Each one has a dedicated group of readers, but new members are always welcome to attend as often or infrequently as schedules permit.

The Mystery Book Group is led by the Director, Jessi Finnie, and meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, reading selections of pure mystery.

Mary's Book Group reads a wide variety of popular titles, and they meet on the third Friday of every month at 10am.

The Strong Women and Literature Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, and they read literary fiction and non-fiction with empowering themes.

**Ask a librarian to reserve you a copy
of an upcoming title today!**