



FEBRUARY 20 & 21: Bowling for Books

Help us raise funds to support our programs! Join us for our annual bowl-a-thon, bake sale, raffle and Chinese auction! How can you help? Sign up to bowl, donate items for the bake sale, and come and shop!! Call the Library for more information 217-648-2112!! Sponsored by Redwing Bowl and Mattingly Automotive

<u>Children's/Teen</u> Programs (All children's programs sponsored by Masonic Lodge No. 165 A.F. & A.M.)

February 11, 6:30PM. *Eureka! Kids' Reading & Art Night: Valentine Boxes.* Kids of all ages are welcome to join us to make creative old-fashioned valentine's boxes. Bring a shoe box and your imagination! Registration required. Call 217-648-2112 by February 9 to sign up. FREE

February 29, 6:00PM. *Creative Cooks: Cupcakes.* Kids 6th to 10th grade are invited to learn the art of cupcake-making. Registration required. Call the Library 217-648-2112 by February 26 to sign up. FREE. <u>Adult Programs</u>

February 5, 5:00PM. *Dinner at the Palms Grill* welcomes Mark Pickering, Editor of <u>The Pantagraph</u>, who will talk about his 30 years with the paper, overall trends in the newspaper industry, online and print versions of the paper, and more. <u>Reservations required</u>. Call 217-648-5077. Cost of dinner. *Sponsored by the A-Team*

February 12, 7:00PM. *Fireside Friday.* An evening of adult stories by the fire in the Library's beautiful adult reading room. Join us for refreshments and a surprise guest reader. Great company, good food, and terrific conversation. FREE. Sponsored by the Atlanta Betterment Fund

February 13, 5:00 PM. A Night at the Museum: Piedmont and Country Blues. Guitarist and vocalist Dave Berchtold brings his special brand of music-making to Atlanta in the Library's new "Palms Up" space. Come for dinner at the Palms Grill and receive a free ticket to the event. Entrance without a dinner ticket is \$10.00. <u>Reservations required</u>. Call 217-648-5077 to sign up. *Sponsored by the Atlanta National Bank*

February 16, 8:30AM. *This Golden Age: "Hidden in Plain View.*" In their 1999 book, <u>Hidden in Plain View</u>, Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond Dobard contended that contended that quilts were used as signals to lead freedom seekers to safety on the Underground Railroad. Truth or fiction? Join Nancy Rollings Saul, curator of the Layman Gallery's Underground Railroad exhibit in the 2003 Lincoln Sesquicentennial and see what you think. Join us for coffee and continental breakfast at 8:30...presentation at 9:00. FREE. *Sponsored by Quiram Peasley Funeral Home*

February 19, 5:30PM. *Dinner at the Palms Grill: Duck Decoys.* Pat Gregory (great grandson of legendary Illinois River carver George "Home Run" Barto) and Dave Ludington will discuss the art of duck decoy carving and demonstrate the painting techniques they use to create life-like working decoys. Reservations required. Call 217-648-5077. Cost of dinner. *Sponsored by the A-Team*

February 22, 5:30PM. *Worldviews Book Group.* Join us for dinner at the Palms Grill Café (optional) followed by a discussion of Sue Monk Kidd's lovely book The Invention of Wings. Kidd's touching novel tells the story of the relationship between Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century

<u>Charleston, and Sarah Grimke, who receives ownership of Hettie on her 11th birthday. Come find out how</u> they shape each other's destinies over 35 years. Books available at the Library. FREE (except cost of <u>dinner</u>)

February 23, 10:00AM. *ArtPlay* at the Library. This month's *ArtPlay* with Mary Sunday features mixed media. No experience is required for these fun adult art-making activities. Join us for refreshments, great conversation, and take some original art home! Cost: \$10.00. Registration required. Call 217-648-2112 by February 20 to sign up.

February 24, 9:00AM. *Presidential Rhyme.* Join us for the second in our *Coffee and Rhyme* Series as we celebrate the poetry of presidents. Come explore the poems written by presidents, including Abraham Lincoln, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama; discover the poets and poems featured in the inaugurations of presidents; and hear the unforgettable poems written following the assassination of beloved presidents.

February 27, 5:30 PM. A Night at the Museum: An Evening with Lucy Smith. Amazing vocalist and South Side Chicagoan Lucy Smith and her trio will bring us a variety of spirituals, jazz and folk music in the Library's new "Palms Up" space. Come for dinner at the Palms Grill and receive a free ticket to the event. Entrance without a dinner ticket is \$10.00. Reservations required. Call 217-648-5077 to sign up. Sponsored by the Atlanta National Bank

> Enjoy Keith Leesman's exhibit of Lincoln memorabilia in our Community Collections Cabinet all month!