



The LAMPLIGHTER

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DIRECTOR'S MEMO

ANOTHER MONTH ... ANOTHER HAT!

It's June Dairy Month in Wisconsin; the President of the WVLS Board, Sandi Cihlar, is a member of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board; cows are fun (I know that 'cuz Elsie told me so when I was a child); milk and cheese and ice cream are very good. Take advantage of the statewide celebration and attend a dairy breakfast in your area or at least wear your big, yellow cheesehead for something other than a Packer game!

LIBRARIES ARE VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSETS

I noticed on the Rural Libraries page of the Web Junction online newsletter that a call went out for single-word definitions of rural libraries. Responses included the following: Indispensable...Vital... Frugal... Fundamental...Awesome...Resourceful...Central...Innovative ...Inspiring...Outstanding... But then, you all knew that already, didn't you? An idea: have a contest in your local library and ask your patrons to describe your library in one word. Publish their descriptions in your local paper – spread the word about how valuable your patrons think you are in their lives.

PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE

These words are common attributes of library folks but they are also the names of the world-renowned pair of marble lions that stand outside the majestic New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street in Manhattan. During the 1930s, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia gave the lions their names for the qualities he felt New Yorkers would need to survive the economic depression.

OCTOTHORPE – is the name of the # symbol. Try to work that into your next trivia session!

WVLS SERVICES SURVEY

Thanks to all who responded to the recent survey of WVLS services. We will be studying the results as we develop our system plan for 2007 and beyond. There were really no great surprises, i.e., most of you want to continue/expand current services.

-- Heather Eldred

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

2nd NORTHWOODS CONFERENCE *for* Library Friends, Supporters & Volunteers



September 30, 2006
Rothschild Village Hall Community Room
Rothschild, WI 54474



Mark your calendars NOW!

The topics “fundraising” and “book sales” generated a great deal of interest and enthusiasm at the first *Northwoods Conference for Library Friends, Supporters & Volunteers*, so the Friends of the Marathon County Public Library and the Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) have decided that these issues will be the focus of the second Northwoods Conference.

WATCH for more information!

Conference updates will be announced via: WISPUBLIB (the Wisconsin public library listserv); the WVLS web site at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Workshops/workshop.html>; the WVLS monthly newsletter, *The Lamplighter*, and mailings to public library systems, public libraries and Friends groups.

YOUTH MATTERS

SUMMER LISTENING!

AUDIOBOOKS ON THE GO

Soon you will be having parents and students coming in to the library looking for something to read or listen to during the summer months. *AudioFile Magazine* (April/June 2006) pulled together a collection of recommended audiobook titles for middle school kids and their families, which would be great to listen to during those long vacation trips to the beach or the mountains, or even during short commutes to soccer, swimming and other summer activities. A sampling of suggested titles follows:

Other Times & Places

- *Blood Red Horse* by K.M. Grant (Recorded Books)
- *The Sea of Trolls* by Nancy Farmer (Recorded Books)
- *The Teacher's Funeral* by Richard Peck

Classics

- *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt (Audio Bookshelf)
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London (Recorded Books)
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Recorded Books)

Family & Community

- *Bindi Babes* and *Bollywood Babes* by Narinder Dhami (Listening Library)
- *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen (Listening Library)

- *The Whale Rider* by Witi Ihimaera (Bolinda Audio)

Fantastic Worlds

- *The Golden Compass; The Subtle Knife; and The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman (Listening Library)
- *Time Stops for No Mouse; The Sands of Time; and No Time Like Show Time* by Michael Hoeye (Listening Library)

For a complete list of all 50 family-friendly titles, complete with annotations and links to AudioFile's reviews, visit http://www.audiofilemagazine.com/abotg06_dl.html. The list is also available as a convenient, eye-catching, printable PDF that may be shared with library patrons either via your library web site, as an email announcement, or as a copied promotional handout.



NEW!

CELEBRATE READING WITH CURIOUS GEORGE!

Who isn't smitten with Curious George? The inquisitive little monkey who always seems to get into one scrape after another and does all those naughty little things that kids would like to do but don't, appeals to the child in all of us. Riding on the popularity of the predictably unpredictable monkey, the ALSC (American Library Services to Children) and Houghton Mifflin created a new "Curious About..." story hour program designed to

encourage children to come to the library to satisfy their curiosity. The web site, <http://www.curiousgeorge.com>, offers all the components a library needs to host a fun-filled reading event, including reproducible announcement flyers, bookmarks, stationery, event suggestions, and activity handouts. Click on "Download 'Curious About...' Storytime Materials" to see a number of recommended reading lists created by ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

(adapted from *Y.E.N. of Youth*, newsletter of the Indianhead Federated Library System; 4/10/06)

SPECIAL NEEDS

SPANISH LANGUAGE COURT FORMS AVAILABLE

The Director of State Courts Office recently introduced sixteen Spanish language circuit court forms on the court system's web site (<http://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/spanish/index.htm>) to help meet the growing need for Spanish language court forms. The forms incorporate both English and Spanish, using a combination of check boxes and free-text areas.

The purpose of the forms is to make it easier for interpreters to translate the information for court users who have limited English proficiency. Each form contains a disclaimer in both Spanish and English, which states the "form does not replace the need for an interpreter, any colloquies mandated by law, or the responsibility of court and counsel to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency fully comprehend their rights and obligations." There are currently 33 certified Spanish-language court interpreters in Wisconsin.

According to Attorney Carmel Capati, Manager of the Court Interpreter Program, there are plans for additional circuit court forms to be translated. The committee hopes to have several juvenile and CHIPS forms translated into Spanish and to translate forms into Hmong.

(edited from *WSLL @ Your Service*, newsletter of the Wisconsin State Law Library, <http://wsll.state.wi.us/newsletter/0605.html>; May 2006)

INFO TO GO

THE LATEST IN BOOK PUBLISHING

According to R.R. Bowker's annual assessment, compiled from its *Books in Print* database, United States **book production plummeted in 2005**. The shocking nine percent decrease in 2005, the first decline in U.S. title output since 1999 and only the tenth downturn in the last 50 years, comes on the heels of a record 14 percent increase in 2004. The approximate 23 percent swing inside of 12 months and the decreased title trend is likely to stretch into 2006 at least. According to Gary Aiello, Bowker's chief operating officer, "The price of paper has already gone up twice this year, and publishers, especially the small ones, will have to think very carefully about what to publish." For additional charts and statistics, visit <http://www.Bookwire.com> and click on "Book Industry Statistics." (*Library Hotline*; 5/15/06)

How does this impact book prices? Well, according to the March 2006 issue of *School Library Journal* (<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6311760.html>), book prices for preschool to grade four, and nonfiction for grades five and up have risen sharply, while prices for adult nonfiction hardcover books have actually decreased. Following are the average prices for books in 2006:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Children's and YA Titles: Hardcover (Source: <i>School Library Journal</i>)			
Average price (all titles)	\$19.31	\$20.52	\$21.60
Preschool to grade four	\$17.51	\$18.92	\$21.60
Grade five and up (fiction)	\$16.84	\$16.85	\$16.87
Grade five and up (nonfiction)	\$23.25	\$24.92	\$26.81

Adult Titles: Hardcover (Source: Bowker's <i>Books in Print</i>)			
Fiction (excluding special editions, etc.)	\$24.81	\$24.95	- NA -
Nonfiction	\$41.07	\$36.86	- NA -
Nonfiction (prices include single-volume reference titles)	\$73.64	\$70.72	- NA -

Adult Titles: Paperback (excluding mass market) (Source: Bowker's <i>Books in Print</i>)			
Fiction	\$14.95	\$18.63	- NA -
Nonfiction (prices include reference and related resources)	\$27.38	\$33.81	- NA -

FREE!

MARKETING RESOURCES FOR LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Thorndike Press has some free marketing resources for large print book titles. You can download full-color bookmarks, table tent cards, posters, shelf markers and other materials that promote reading from <http://www.gale.com/thorndike/market.htm> (*NewsFlashes*, newsletter of the Indianhead Federated Library System; 6/1/06)

AWARDS & HONORS

2006 AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR!

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY: THE TERTIARY PHASE

At a black-tie gala in Washington, D.C. on May 19, the Audio Publishers Association (APA) honored their peers at the annual "The Audies" award ceremony. Considered "the Oscar race" of the audio publishing

industry, winning titles are chosen based on content, production quality, packaging and narration. Following are some of the 2006 winners:

- AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR – *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: The Tertiary Phase* by Douglas Adams (BBC AudioBooks)
Finalists: *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling (Listening Library)
The Truth (With Jokes) by Al Franken (Brilliance Audio)
- FICTION, ABRIDGED – *Q&A* by Vikas Swarup (The Audio Partners Publishing Corp.)
- FICTION, UNABRIDGED – *A Slight Trick of the Mind* by Mitch Cullin (HighBridge Audio)
- MYSTERY (Fiction) – *Serpent on the Crown* by Elizabeth Peters (HarperCollins Publishers)
- ROMANCE – *Origin in Death* by Nora Roberts writing as J.D. Robb (Brilliance Audio)
- SCIENCE FICTION – *Market Forces* by Richard K. Morgan (Tantor Media, Inc.)
- CLASSICS – *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne (Listening Library)
- CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES UP TO 8 – *Arnie the Doughnut* by Laurie Keller (Weston Wood Studios)
- CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES 8+ – *Star of Kazan* by Eva Ibbotson (Record Books, LLC)
- HUMOR – *The Truth (With Jokes)* by Al Franken (Brilliance Audio)
- NON-FICTION, ABRIDGED – *Luckiest Man* by Jonathan Eig (Simon & Schuster)
- NON-FICTION, UNABRIDGED – *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman (Audio Renaissance)

Winner of the 2006 HALL OF FAME AWARD: The Harry Potter Audiobook Series by J.K. Rowling (Listening Library)

Winner of the: 2006 SPECIAL JUDGES' AWARD FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE TITLES: *El Código Da Vinci* by Dan Brown (FonoLibro Inc.)

The complete listing of audio winners in a dynamic, multimedia document is available at <http://www.audiopub.org/files/public/TheAudiesWinnersRelease2006.pdf> Provided as an Adobe Acrobat PDF, you may post this document to a library web site and/or listen to sound clips and read reviews online.

ON COMMAND

MAKE YOUR LOST FLASH DRIVE EASY TO RETURN

Many of us are not using those wonderful little portable devices called flash drives (a.k.a. USB drives, memory sticks, thumb drives, etc.). They are a great way to carry files with you, without taking up a lot of room in your briefcase or purse and are *relatively* trouble-free to use.

But what happens if you lose your flash drive? How would anyone be able to tell who it belongs to? Here's a tip from a reader of Ask MetaFilter (<http://ask.metafilter.com/>): "First thing I would do with a new USB stick (or Flash memory card of any kind) is rename the drive to my mobile phone number, and create a text file with my contact information called REWARD IF FOUND.TXT." What a great idea! And easy to do. Another reader does something similar, but less high tech: "I put mine on a split ring with a small address tag."

For more ideas on how to make your flash drive easily returnable if lost, along with other tips on using a USB drive, go to Ask MetaFilter's "What is on your USB memory stick?" at

<http://ask.metafilter.com/mefi/37230>.

(*Tidbits*, newsletter of the Outagamie-Waupaca Library System; May 2006 – USB Drive Special Edition;

<http://www.owlsweb.info/tidbits/2006/may.asp>; used with permission.)

FREE!

INTERACTIVE WEB SERVICES

Glenn Peterson, a librarian with a desire to make a pro bono contribution to libraries has developed EngagedPatrons.org, a site where qualified libraries (those with a total budget of less than \$1 million) can obtain interactive web services free of charge to plug into their sites. By day, Peterson is a web administrator for the Hennepin County Library (Minnetonka, MN), and by night he devotes his free time to small libraries "frustrated by the lack of ability to do what they need."

EngagedPatrons.org (<http://www.engagedpatrons.org/>) offers library event registration tools, blogs, feedback mechanisms, RSS feeds, and custom web-enabled databases. Prospective clients select a service and answer some questions about their library, including customization options. Since all services are hosted at Peterson's site, selected libraries receive a URL to link from the library's web site to the new service.

Since launching the site on April 20, 2006, over 53 libraries have started using EngagedPatrons.org and Peterson has received offers from other librarians, including Hennepin colleagues, to help. Peterson is already working on a readers' advisory tool that facilitates online book discussions and wants to extend the philosophy of Web 2.0 – the ability of library web site visitors to interact with other library web site visitors or library staff – in the future.

(edited from *Library Hotline News*; 5/18/06)

"Just because we are a small library doesn't mean that we can't offer professional services... We have just started using [EngagedPatrons.org] and so far – I LOVE it! With their help I can continually update our upcoming events [on the library's web site] without having to invest in a copy of FrontPage or hiring a web consultant. The other benefit is that they remove events after they have occurred so that there are no old postings left on the website."

-- Matt Rosendahl; Director of the Milltown Public Library (Milltown, WI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any questions about EngagedPatrons.org and how their services might benefit your library, please feel free to contact Matt Rosendahl at the Milltown Public Library (61 W Main Street; Milltown, WI 54848); by phone at 715/825-2313 or email at milltownpl@ifls.lib.wi.us.

GRANT UPDATE

YOUTH GARDEN GRANT PROGRAM

The National Gardening Association (<http://www.garden.org/>) and Home Depot (<http://www.homedepot.com/>) have announced the 24th annual Youth Garden Grant Program. Over the last twenty-four years, NGA's Youth Garden Grants program has helped more than 1.3 million youngsters reap rewards and vital life lessons from working in gardens and habitats. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to garden in 2007 with at least fifteen children between the ages of three and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply must wait one year and have significantly expanded their garden programs.

Applicants should demonstrate a child-centered plan that emphasizes children/youth learning and working in an outdoor garden. Areas considered for support include educational, environmental, or social programming; leadership; community support; sustainability; innovation, and need. Each winning program will receive educational materials from NGA and a gift card (amount to be determined) from Home Depot.

Program information and application are available at the NGA Kidsgardening Web site at <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>
(CEO, newsletter of the Lakeshores Library System and MidWisconsin Federated Library System; 4/26/06)

FROM HITHER & YON

NEW!

MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED MAY 20TH

After several years of construction, the new Minneapolis Central Library opened its doors on May 20th. Made possible by a \$110 million voter-approved library referendum in 2000 and supplemented with \$15 million in private funding, the 353,000 square foot building, located in downtown Minneapolis, features a glass and limestone design, a cantilevered roof over two entrances, and a roof that incorporates sun- and drought-resistant plants, and 140,000 square feet of underground parking. With the new library there will be new services: nearly 100% access to the library collection (compared to 15% at the older library); 300 computers; wireless access; a New America's Center to provide service to the 6,000 immigrants that annually visit the library; a Best Buy Technology Center that offers classes on computer applications, resume writing, and job and small business information centers; and, 25 meeting rooms and study areas. A new Minnesota Planetarium & Space Discovery Center is scheduled to open on the library's 5th floor in 2010. (*Library Hotline News*; 5/15/06)

WHAT'S THE RECORD FOR MOST ORGAN TRANSPLANTS IN ONE PROCEDURE?

The most organs received in one transplant procedure is eight. Alessia Di Matteo, a six-month-old Italian baby, received a liver, stomach, pancreas, small and large intestine, spleen, and two kidneys in a surgery performed at the University of Miami on January 31, 2004. She survived for about a year, dying on January 12, 2005. Alessia had a disorder that prevents normal functioning of the stomach, intestines, and kidneys and is generally fatal.

(*World Almanac e-newsletter*, June 2006)

EMAILS HURT IQ MORE THAN POT!

According to a survey commissioned by Hewlett Packard and carried out by TNS Research, constant interruptions reduce productivity and leave employees feeling tired and lethargic. The survey of 1,100 Britons also showed:

- Almost two thirds check their electronic messages out of office hours and when on holiday.
- Half of all workers respond to an email within 60 minutes of receiving one.
- One in five will break off from a business or social engagement to respond to a message.

But the mental impact of trying to balance a steady inflow of messages with getting on with normal work took its toll, the UK's Press Association reported. Dr. Glenn Wilson, a psychiatrist at King's College London University, monitored the IQ of workers throughout the day in 80 clinical trials. The results showed that the IQ of those who tried to juggle messages and work fell by 10 points – the equivalent to missing a whole night's sleep and more than double the 4-point fall seen after smoking marijuana.

"This is a very real and widespread phenomenon," Wilson said.

"The research suggests that we are in danger of being caught up in a 24-hour 'always on' society," said David Smith of Hewlett Packard.
(*CNN.com*; 4/22/05; <http://www.cnn.com/2005/WORLD/europe/04/22/text.iq>)

DANGERS OF MULTITASKING

Multitasking, for most Americans, has become a way of life. Executives revel in it. Parents with jobs and children rely on it.

But researchers peering into the brains of those engaged in several tasks at once are concluding what some overworked Americans had begun to suspect: that multitasking, which many have embraced as the key to success, is instead a formula for shoddy work, mismanaged time, rote solutions, stress and forgetfulness. Not to mention car crashes, kitchen fires, forgotten children, near-misses in the skies and other dangers of inattention.

So turn off the music, hang up the phone, pull over to the side of the road and take note: When it comes to using your brain to conduct several tasks at one time, "there is no free lunch," says University of Michigan psychologist David E. Meyer. For all but a few mental undertakings are truly routine – it will take more time for the brain to switch among tasks than it would have to complete one and then turn to the other. When the two get squished together, each will be shortchanged, resulting in errors.

And a prolonged jag of extreme multitasking, warns Meyer, may lead to a shorter attention span, poorer judgment and impaired memory.

(*Los Angeles Times*; 8/6/04 via the pubyac listserv; 8/10/04)

WEB SITES OF INTEREST (tourist traps on the information superhighway!)

HOUSEKEEPINGCHANNEL.com (HC) <http://www.housekeepingchannel.com/>

This site is a comprehensive resource for "Better, Faster, Healthier" cleaning and housekeeping. HC exists to help you clean, protect and enhance your home environment using proven processes and practices from cleaning experts, professional cleaning services, environmental service professionals, and organizational and time-management consultants.

(*Refdesk Site-Of-The-Day*; 5/18/06)

LIBRARIES IN SOCIAL NETWORKING SOFTWARE

<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2006/05/10/libraries-in-social-networking-software/>

An excellent round-up of the discussion in libraryland about whether or not to establish a library presence in MySpace, FaceBook and other social networking sites - and how some libraries have used their presence there. (*Neat New Stuff I Found This Week*; 6/2/06; <http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html>; Copyright, Marylaine Block, 1999-2006)

PATRIOT ACT BROCHURE FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

http://www.cal-webs.org/brochure_patriot_act.pdf

The Colorado Association of Libraries' Intellectual Freedom Committee has updated its award-winning brochure on the Patriot Act to reflect the changes made in 2006. Libraries are encouraged to reproduce this flyer (PDF file) and share the information with their patrons.

(*American Libraries Direct*; 5/24/06)

SITES ON POISON IVY

- **Poison Ivy Itchier, More Plentiful With Warming**

Some know it by its scientific name, *Toxicodendron radicans*, while some just call it a plain nuisance. Regardless of what appellation one might use, recent research findings indicate that this rather widespread plant might become more potent as a result of global warming. For more info, visit the National Geographic News service at <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/05/060530-warming.html>

- **Poison Ivy: Treatment Options** <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/poison-ivy/DS00774>

This site contains advice from an expert at the Mayo Clinic on poison ivy treatment options.

- **Outsmarting Poison Ivy and its Cousins** http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/796_ivy.html

This site offers some remedies straight from the good folks at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (From *The Scout Report*, Copyright Internet Scout Project 1994-2006; <http://scout.wisc.edu/>; 6/2/06)

PUBLIC RADIO PODCAST DIRECTORY <http://www.publicradiofan.com/podcasts.html>

Over 650 podcasts (and growing!) are listed in this comprehensive directory of podcasts from public radio stations. In addition to the directory, PRF.com offers a real-time listing (think *TV Guide*) of what's on or what will soon air/stream from public radio stations around the globe. Go directly from the directory to a live stream of the program. The service can even be personalized so that you may search and sort stations by name, stations by language, and programs by name.

(*ResourceShelf*; <http://resourceshelf.com/>; 4/17/06)

TWO WAYS TO SET UP WIRELESS HOTSPOTS: COMPARING APPLES AND ORANGES

http://www.infotoday.com/cilmag/mar06/Mutch_Ventura.shtml

There are so many ways to configure wireless hotspots; this article from *Computers in Libraries* (March 2006) explains two very different ones. One is open source with unrestricted access; the other is done with vendor software and full authentication. You can get a taste of both strategies here and see which would satisfy your needs. (*ResourceShelf*; <http://resourceshelf.com/>; 3/8/06)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June – AUDIOBOOK MONTH – Take this opportunity to promote your audiobook collections, including the downloadable titles from OverDrive! For tips on how to promote audiobooks and an audiobook promotional poster, visit <http://www.audiopub.org/files/public/AudiobookMonthposterprint.pdf>

June 15 – **WVLS Executive Committee meeting** – Marathon County Public Library – 9:30 a.m.
WVLS Collection Development Committee meeting – WVLS office – 1:00 p.m.

June 22-28 – **ALA Annual Conference** – New Orleans, LA – This year there will be two daylong community service efforts to help rebuild New Orleans, plus numerous tour packages. **Madeleine Albright** is the keynote speaker for the Opening General Session and **Caroline Kennedy**, author of two books on civil liberties and the president of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the Closing Session. To register and see a complete listing of program descriptions, go to www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/2006an.htm

July 11-13 – Farm Technology Days. Sheboygan County will be hosting this 3-day event at Quonset Farms LLC, W3018 Wilson-Lima Road, Oostburg. It is the state's largest outdoor agricultural show and showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.sheboygan.2006farmtechnologydays.com/index.htm>

(*Library Connection*, newsletter of the Eastern Shores Library System; May 2006)

July 20 – **WVLS Board of Trustees meeting** – Marathon County Public Library – 9:30 a.m.

July 26-27 – **WiLSWorld 2006 Conference** – Pyle Center, Madison - \$150 for the full conference. Toted as the premier Midwestern library technology conference, the smorgasbord of sessions will appeal to the technically-minded as well as those looking for an executive overview of technology (as well as many of us who lie somewhere in between). For complete information, go to <http://www.wils.wisc.edu/wworld/>

August 3 – **WVLS V-Cat Council meeting** – Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford – 9:30 a.m.

August 19 – **WVLS Executive Committee meeting** – Marathon County Public Library – 9:30 a.m.

September 20-21 – Northwest Wisconsin Children's Book Conference – Telemark Resort & Convention Center - \$95 (register before July 1st and take \$10 off!) – 6.5 CEUs – details are at http://www.telemarkeducation.com/bookconference/invite_sitemap.htm

September 20-24 - The Wisconsin Library Association Foundation is again sponsoring a tour to New York City. The group will fly to New York on Midwest Express on September 20 and return on September 24. The cost, which ranges from \$719 to \$1,249 depending on accommodations, includes airfare, ground transportation, four nights at the Hotel Edison, one theatre ticket and a \$25 gift to the WLA Foundation. For additional information, contact Rebecca Roepke, Director of the Cudahy Family Library, at 414-769-2246 or rebecca.roepke@mcfls.org

September 30 – **2nd Northwoods Conference for Library Friends, Supporters & Volunteers** – Rothschild Village Community Room (Rothschild, WI). Details forthcoming.

ATTENTION: Wessler Scholarships are available to cover some/all costs associated with attendance at reference and/or interlibrary loan continuing education events. If interested in becoming a Wessler Scholar, contact the WVLS office (715/261-7250) for more information. The application form and more information are available at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/About/wessler.htm>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"People rarely succeed unless they have fun at what they are doing.

-- Dale Carnegie

(Refdesk thought-of-the-day; 5/17/06)

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