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A Special 2015 Note from the Director

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." – Sir Isaac Newton

So, how's the view from where you're standing?

For most of us, it's more limited than we would like. In this world, the path ahead is rarely clear. Alone, we can see only by the light of our own backgrounds, experiences, and understanding.

Unless you happen to know we to find some friendly giants willing to raise you up and help you see.

At Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, our shelves are full of giants. We've collected towering work and wisdom from thousands of authors, artists, and filmmakers, and each title holds a wealth of understanding and experience waiting to become yours.

Do you wonder what it takes to face extreme environments? Let Sebastian Junger sail you into *The Perfect Storm* or John Krakauer take you *Into Thin Air*.

Do you yearn for a simpler life? Dee Williams shares the joys and the burdens of minimalist living in *The Big Tiny*.

Are you unsure how to stand up for what's right even

when everyone else says it's wrong? So was a kid named *Huckleberry Finn*. That was 130 years ago, but he's still willing to show you the way.

At its core, the library will always be about using stories – whether fiction or nonfiction, from a book or on a screen – to connect our patrons to other minds. We want to offer you the wisdom of the past and the promise of the present. Our passion is enlarging your life.

And our wish is simply this: That every time you walk through our doors, your path would become more clear.



Welcome to the T-SPL Team!

It was a rough couple of months last year, with the retirements of two key staff members at the Library. But after a long, hard search, T-SPL is happy to announce the arrival of two new staff members.

Katy Higgs has been named the newest Adult Services Librarian and is ready to take on the challenge of answering any and all questions patrons might have. She will also be helping to plan adult programs and events.

Miss Higgs said, "I am looking forward to participating in community events and leading library programs. I am hoping to kick off a cookbook club in the near future."

She is originally from Cleveland, but for ten years, travelled overseas with her parents as they worked around the world.

Miss Higgs attended school in Florida and obtained her MLS degree from the University of South Florida. She has worked in an elementary school setting, a teen setting and is now excited to work in an adult services position.



Miss Higgs's favorite book of all time? "Pride and Prejudice."

And, we'd like to welcome Tami Frasier, who has been named T-SPL's Housekeeper. Mrs. Frasier definitely has an eye for detail as she keeps the Library in tip-top shape for both patrons and staff.

Mrs. Frasier was born in Fremont and has lived "all over." In fact, she just moved back to the Tiffin area, after living in Myrtle Beach for three years.

She has a husband and two daughters, ages 11 and 12, who go to Tiffin City Schools.;

Mrs. Frasier says, "I like working. I like doing my job. I feel like I am doing something nice for everybody. And, I really enjoy the people I work with."

Her favorite book is the classic "The Giving Tree" by Dr. Seuss and her favorite movies are "Despicable Me 1 and 2."

Welcome, ladies, to the T-SPL team. We are so happy to have you with us. Please feel free to stop by and say hello to Tami and Katy!



Thank you Allen Eiry!

The Library's Senior Citizen Outreach program has received a grant of \$7,500 from the Allen Eiry Fund of the Columbus Foundation.

This is the 29th consecutive year that Allen Eiry has donated money to the library for its original programming for senior citizens throughout the county.

The goal of the Senior Citizen Outreach program is to help brighten the lives of senior citizens in Seneca County who reside in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Janet Kimmet, T-SPL's Seniors Program



Coordinator, presents new programs every month geared toward themes of remembering the past. Presentations are designed to rekindle memories and encourage sharing about bygone days, as well as entertain and educate through visual displays, music, poetry, stories, trivia games and simple crafts.

Kimmet says, "I am grateful for the support of the Allen Eiry Fund and T-SPL so that programs can continue in 2015. The seniors look forward to attending and appreciate the opportunity to share their thoughts, memories, and stories."

Thank you for your ongoing support, Allen Eiry!

Thank you!

T-SPL's Board of Trustees and staff would like to take the time to thank two wonderful organizations who support the Library year after year.

Thank you to the Eagles for their generous donation of \$2,500; and, thank you to the B.A. Seitz Fund for their kind donation of \$500.

The Eagles and the B.A. Seitz Fund's goodwill and support of the Library makes us so grateful to have such caring community members and organizations that help to make Seneca County a great place to live for all ages.

We appreciate it more than you know. Thank you.



A special note from the Friends

The Friends of Tiffin-Seneca Public Library would like to thank the Seneca County Community for another very successful Books for Kids fundraiser in 2014. This past holiday season, Books for Kids placed 1,078 new, age-appropriate books into the hands of local children through various local non-profit groups. These groups included the Salvation Army, St. Paul's Sharing Kitchen, the Tiffin Fire Department, CASA, Patch-Works House, the YMCA's preschool program, the Morrison House, the NOAH Foundation, Tiffin-Seneca Teen Center and Help Me Grow.

The Friends and the Library would especially like to thank those who supported the program with their generous donations and to the Friends members who helped count, package and deliver the books. The program would not be a success without all of you.



New and exciting events for adults

The Adult Services Team has been hard at work brainstorming, creating partnerships and planning events for a whole new series of programs for adults at the Library.

The 'Tabletop Gaming Night' series begins Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 pm. The Library will provide time, space and the most popular tabletop games, thanks to generous donations from gaming companies.

On February 4 at 10:30 am, Ruth Anne Musgrave, retired educator from the Ohio State Extension Office, returns with her latest program 'Everything Hearts.' Participants will learn to make all types of food, using a heart theme just in time for Valentine's Day.

The Library will also host 'How to Sell Your House,' presented by Heidi Stephey with Select Realty Group. Mrs. Stephey will discuss sales statistics for Tiffin, pricing and sales timelines, marketing strategies and more. The program is the second event of the Library's 'How To' series.

Finally, T-SPL has partnered with the Seneca County Opportunity Center to host 'Get Crafty @ T-SPL with the Seneca Re-Ads.' Every month, workers from the Seneca Re-Ads will teach library patrons how to make a new craft. The first program on February 12 at 10:30 am will feature message boards made out of insulation board.

For more information on any events at the library or to register for an event, just go to www.tiffinsenecalibrary.org.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Every month, the Library displays the talents of local artists in the east and west hallways of the lobby and we are looking for a few more talents.

If you or anyone you know of would be interested in displaying their art, please contact Debby Roszman at 419-447-3751 or email at roszmade@oplin.org. We ask that there are a minimum of twelve matted or framed pieces and that they are suitable for family viewing.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, give us a call. We want to hear from you!



Presidents' Day closing

Just a reminder that the Library will be closed Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day. We will reopen Monday, February 17 with regular hours.