

Connections

Lawrence Public Library Events, Information, and Services

July 2004



Films *Directed by Billy Wilder* featured in July series

Versatile Hollywood writer, director, and producer Billy Wilder received an incredible twenty Academy Award nominations, winning six times during a career that spanned nearly 50 years. Many of the biggest stars in the business appeared in his films, which ranged in subject from film noir dramas to satirical and slapstick comedy.

Four of Wilder's best movies will be screened at the Library on Friday nights in July. All begin at 7 pm in the Auditorium, and are free and open to the public. Popcorn will be provided. The schedule is as follows:

July 9 *Sunset Boulevard* (1950)



Gloria Swanson is a washed-up movie star who, with the help of a washed-up screenwriter played by William Holden, plans to make a comeback. Wilder won the Oscar for best screenplay.

July 16 *Stalag 17* (1953)

POWs in a Nazi camp suspect one of their own, played by William Holden, is a stool pigeon ratting them out to the German guards.

July 23 *Some Like it Hot* (1959)

Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis hide from hitmen by dressing as women and joining a female band. With Marilyn Monroe.

July 30 *The Apartment* (1960)

A triple Oscar winner for Wilder as producer, director and writer. Jack Lemmon's boss uses his apartment for a tryst, but Lemmon falls for the girl, played by Shirley Maclaine.

African American churches topic of panel discussion

"Church" is generally defined as a place of religious worship, or the collective group of people who worship in a particular place. For African Americans, in Lawrence and elsewhere, the importance and function of the church is much broader and more complex than simply the exercise of faith. Churches have traditionally offered African Americans safe places for the expression of culture, an accepting and inclusive community, opportunities for leadership, education, nurturance of hopes and dreams, and a place for social, political and civil rights activities.

A panel discussion on *African American Churches in Lawrence: Citadels of Faith, Hope and Community*, on Wednesday, July 21, at 7 pm in the Library Auditorium, will address the many meanings and functions of churches in the African American community. Moderator for the program will be Rev. Reginald Bachus, pastor of the First Regular Missionary Baptist Church. Panelists will be Dr. Dorothy Pennington, Ph.D., associate professor in the departments of African and African American Studies and Communication Studies at KU; Rev. William Dulin of Calvary Church of God in Christ; Rev. Leo Barbee, Jr., of Victory Bible Church; and Rev. Verdell Taylor, Jr., of St. Luke AME Church.

In conjunction with the event, a series of photographs of Lawrence's African American churches will be on display. The program is co-sponsored by the KU Department of African and African American Studies and the Lawrence Ecumenical Fellowship, Inc., with funding provided by the Lawrence Sesquicentennial Commission. The program is free and open to the public.

Summer reading programs run through July 31

There's still time to complete the summer reading program! This year's theme for children and adults is *Discover New Trails @ Your Library*. Readers and listeners up to 18 years of age who complete 16 books will receive a packet of free coupons and other goodies, including a new book to keep.



Adults need to read only four books, each of which is related in some way to the theme, to receive a coupon packet and be entered in a grand prize drawing for two tickets to the Star Spangled Spectacular at the Lied Center on November 7, and dinner for two at the Free State Brewery. Entry forms are available at the Reference Desk. The deadline is July 31.

Young Adult readers ages 11 to 18 who participate in the *Get Lost @ Your Library* reading program are eligible for a host of valuable prizes. Stop by The Zone for more information and to sign up.

Just-released FBI documents confirm ALA's USA PATRIOT Act concerns

by the American Library Association

The American Library Association (ALA) reported on June 22 that just-released Federal Bureau of Investigation documents indicate that the FBI sought to use Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act less than one month after Attorney General John Ashcroft told ALA President Carla Hayden that this power had never been used. The records, turned over to the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) and other First Amendment organizations, do not indicate how many times the FBI has invoked Section 215 since October 2003.

"These documents demonstrate there is no validity in the Department of Justice's ongoing suggestions that librarians and other critics of PATRIOT Act provisions are 'hysterical,'" Hayden said. "The guidance memo confirms the ALA's understanding of the scope and nature of the business records authority

granted by Section 215 and that the judicial review is of a lower legal standard than was previously provided in U.S. law."

The records about the government's use of the PATRIOT Act were obtained through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed in October 2003 on behalf of the FTRF, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Electronic Privacy Information Center and the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression. Five documents were released, including a guidance memorandum on Business Records Orders and an email that acknowledges that Section 215 can be used to obtain physical objects - including a person's apartment key - in addition to records. To see electronic versions of the documents, please go to <http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=15327&c=262>. A further release is expected in July.

To read more about the ALA's objections to USA PATRIOT Act, please visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/mediarelations/patriotactmedia.htm>. As part of the Campaign for Reader Privacy (www.readerprivacy.org), the ALA has helped gather more than 130,000 signatures seeking amendments to the Act.

Hours set for fall book sale

The Friends of Lawrence Public Library have announced the dates for their 2004 Fall Book Sale, which will again be held in the tent and garage at 7th and Kentucky. Thanks to the generous donations of books and other items by the citizens of Lawrence, and due directly to the many hours of hard work put in year-round by the Friends' volunteers who sort and price books and make the sale happen, the Library receives thousands of dollars in support each year from the sales. These funds are used to add materials to the collection, buy needed equipment, and provide programs.

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| Thurs, Sept 30 | 5-9 pm | Members Night |
| Fri, Oct 1 | 10 am-8 pm | |
| Sat, Oct 2 | 10 am-6 pm | |
| Sun, Oct 3 | 1-6 pm | Half Price Day |
| Tues, Oct 5 | 5-8 pm | \$7 Bag Night |
| Thurs, Oct 7 | 5-8 pm | \$5 Bag Night |
| Sat, Oct 9 | 10am-4 pm | Giveaway |

Renew your memberships and mark your calendars now!

Lawrence Art Guild members' display their works

Original artwork created by participating members of the Lawrence Art Guild is on exhibit at the Library during the month of July in the Entrances, Gallery, Cases and Lower Level. Approximately 45 artists have created works in a variety of media including acrylics, oils, watercolors, pastels, monoprints, mixed media, collages, assemblages, textiles, fused glass, and more.

A public reception will be held in the Library Gallery on Friday, July 23, from 7 to 9 pm during the Summer Downtown Gallery Walk. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the artists, to see the wide diversity of artwork created by Guild members, and for the artists to share their artwork with our community!



"Cultural Creatives United" by Laurie Culling, acrylics on canvas, 4" x 4". This painting is one of thirty 4" x 4" artworks created by 30 different artists for a collaboration artwork given to former Lawrence Art Guild president Elaine Matt.

Art exhibits at the Lawrence Public Library are sponsored by the Lawrence Art Guild. For more information on the Guild, see their web site at <http://www.lawrenceartguild.com>. Laurie Culling is the coordinator for the Guild's July show and for all of the Library art exhibits.

Coming up in August

August 21—*Civil War on the Western Frontier*
A full day of activities!

10 am-Civil War genealogist shares tips
11 am-HeritagQuest web site demonstration
1 pm-*Civil War in Kansas* author Roy Bird
2 pm-Military uniform display
2:30 pm-*Of Corset Matters*, a dressing out

Watch for details in the next issue of *Connections*!

New Books

How to Hunt Ghosts by Joshua Warren (133.1 WARREN J). This "practical guide" to ghost hunting tells you everything you need to know to find, exorcise, or communicate with spirits.

Boomer Nation by Steve Gillon (305.2409 GILLON S). How the largest and richest generation in American history has changed and shaped our culture.

America's National Wildlife Refuges by Russell D. Butcher (333.7809 BUTCHER). A thorough state-by-state guide to all places wild, with info on accessibility and facilities.

When Life Nearly Died by Michael J. Benton (576.84 BENTON M). What caused the extinction 251 million years ago, long before the dinosaurs were wiped out by a meteorite, of 90 percent of the life on Earth?

The Circle of Life by Anup and Manoj Shah (OVERSIZE 591.7409 SAH A). Take a front seat journey to the African savannah through this collection of stunning photographs.

Barbie Loves L.A. by Greg LaVoi (688.7221 LAVOI G). America's favorite doll shares her photo diary, wearing her most fabulous clothes in L.A.'s trendiest spots. This one's a hoot!

Gustav Stickley by David Cathers (749.213 STICKLEY). The first full-length biography of the Arts & Crafts design genius' life and work. With many photographs.

A Year at the Races by Jane Smiley (798.4009 SMILEY J). Pulitzer Prize winner and horse lover Smiley reflects on all aspects of horse and human relationships.

Shakespeare's Face by Stephanie Nolen (822.33 NOLEN S). An investigation into whether a portrait found under a bed in Canada is really the face of the Bard.

The Brontë Myth by Lucasta Miller (823.809 BRONTE C). Exploration of the myth surrounding the three sisters and their work.

The Island at the Center of the World by Russell Shorto (974.7102 SHORTO R). Story of the founding of Manhattan by the Dutch, and their lasting influence on America.



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Summer programs keep kids (and the Library!) busy

Record crowds have flocked to Lawrence Public Library this summer to take advantage of the many programs we have to offer for children and Young Adults. Continuing through July is a full schedule of storytimes for all ages, a kid's drama club, special Wednesday programs for kids ages 5 to 8, and Young Adult book club, crafts, card tournaments, and movie days. For more information, stop by and pick up a schedule, or go to the Library web site at www.lawrencepubliclibrary.org and click on "Events." Don't miss out on the fun!



Above left: Library Young Adult Specialist Kim Patton confers with a participant during a recent Young Adult craft program, while others work on their Underground Railroad quilt squares. Above right: Tweets the Classic Clown entertains during a Wednesday special event.