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## Bookmark contest draws 146 entries

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

When the librarians at Indian Trails Public Library started thinking about how to celebrate National Children's Book Week, they wanted to do something that would get children into the library and keep them coming back.

This year's bookmark contest could do just that and save the pages of some of the library's books in the process, they thought.

"We usually hold some sort of contest related to reading," Jane Lenser, children's program director, said. "Bookmarks are always fun for children to take. It's good if they can learn young that turning down the corners of book pages to save your place is a no-no."

The contest drew about 146 entries in two age groups: kindergarten through third grade and fourth grade through eighth grade. There were two winners and three runners-up in each category. All of the bookmarks are being displayed this week on a bulletin board in the young people's department.

Anastasia Masurat, 13, of Wheeling, became a two-time winner of book week competitions this year. Her bookmark said, "Reading is the key that opens the door to your imagination."

Having a contest winner in the family is not new to the Masurats. Anastasia won the contest for the first time when she was in third grade. Her brother won it the following year.

"I like to read all kinds of books," she said. "Mysteries, classics, everything but autobiographies."

Karina Orlowski, 8, of Buffalo Grove, won first place and runner-up for her two entries, "Keep me warm between the pages" and "Leap into reading."

"I just thought of winter coming up and thought about jumping into a good book to keep warm," she said.

National Book Week is sponsored each year by the American Library Association to emphasize children's books and encourage children to use the library, Lenser said.

Copies of the four winning bookmarks are available in the young people's department of the library.

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## Cast your ballot in a whale of election

Come one, come all! Cast your vote this week for the whale of your choice at the Indian Trails Library in Wheeling. If you're too young to vote in the regular polls, you can exercise your rights by casting a ballot in the Whale Adoption Election.

"William Terry (a Wheeling resident) has made a donation to the library in the name of his mother, Doris Terry, who was a schoolteacher and environmentalist," says Chris Gibson. Outreach librarian at Indian Trails. "This has enabled us to 'adopt' a whale. The kids will vote this week on which whale they would like to see us adopt."

The International Wildlife Coalition, an organization dedicated to making the sea a better and safer place not only for whales but for all marine mammals, has sent information on 50 humpback whales to the library. Staff and administrators have narrowed it down to six, and the children in our community will have the opportunity to determine the final choice. The library will send in a monetary donation to support further research by the coalition, and will then receive regular reports on the activity of their adoptee.

Of course, it's always important to know something about the candidates before you vote in any election. So here's the run-down on the contenders in this race:

1) "Halfmoon" - Male. Described as a "friendly" whale, whose photograph was used to persuade President Reagan to take action against the commercial killing of whales by Japan.

2) "Othello" - Male. Named for a large, black "O" on his tail. Was observed in the Caribbean with a rowdy group of males.

3) "Navaho" - Male. Named for the patterns on his flanks which resemble Navaho Indian art.

4) "Crystal" - Male. Seen near Provincetown each year, and also sighted in the Caribbean. Crystal is the subject of the book, "Crystal: The Story of a Real Baby Whale."

5) "Sirius" - Male. Named after the brightest star in the summer sky. In the summer of 1988 he

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swallowed a herring gull by mistake.

6) "Cat's Paw" - Female. Best known for her spectacular feeding displays when she lunges out of the water vertically, with half of her body visible.

Each of the potential adoptees is a humpback whale, an endangered species. The humpback is a medium-sized whale, weighing up to 65 tons and ranging in length from 38 to 53 feet. Humpback babies are 15 feet long and weigh 1 1/2 tons. The humpback is usually black, with variable white patches and has long, winglike flippers. They make a noise, or "song," which is known as the longest and most melodious of all whale songs. Humpbacks are often observed in large groups. Although they are found worldwide, there are now only about 8,000 to 10,000 of them left in the whole world.

"Once we decide on the whale that we want," explains Jan Lenser, children's program coordinator at the library, "the Wildlife coalition will send us a picture of him or her, and keep us informed as to where our whale has been seen, and who they've been with. We will keep patrons posted with regular updates on our whale."

Children may vote for their favorite whale during regular library hours this week. (Nov. 4 - 11): Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Indian Trails Public Library is located at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road in Wheeling. For further information, call 459-4100.

## Babysit blues

Kelly Gorlewicz, 11, seems to be enjoying her efforts to put a shirt on a doll baby during a babysitting workshop at Indian Trials Library. Another picture is on

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Kathy Tray/Pioneer Press

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Danette Brown/Pioneer Press

### Diaper change

Chris Dunsing and Becky Moyer, both 10, wrap a diaper on a baby dummy. Babysitting

skills were bestowed at an Indian Trails Library workshop.

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# AMERICAN LIBRARIES

## BULLETIN BOARD



**CHEERS TO:** ☐ Laramie County (Wyo.) Library System's central branch now has a stained-glass hanging donated by the Glass Artists of Wyoming that depicts the state's heritage. ☐ A Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle makes a personal appearance at Cuyahoga County (Ohio) PL. ☐ After voting in Indian Trails Library District's recent Adopt-a-Whale campaign, patrons got a keepsake button. The whale of a winner: Halfmoon.

### And more cheers!

☐ Johnson County (Kans.) Library officials happily report that their 1991 budget is 13.2% higher than 1990, and provides for some two dozen new FTEs to help cope with booming patron demand. Circulation rose 16% from 1987 to 1988, only to be topped with a 20% rise in 1989.

☐ Voters recently approved formation of the North Valley Public Library, a new library district centered in Stevensville, Wis.

☐ St. Louis (Mo.) County Library's "Passport to Reading" club had more participants than ever in its fourth year. Of 3,690 children and adults who signed up, 1,365 received canvas book bags for reading 25 YA or adult books.

☐ Last fall Riverside (Calif.) City and County Public Library launched *RCCPL Highlights*, a quarterly newsletter for patrons. One immediate news flash for its pages: the Library Building Foundation in Temecula received the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners Award Nov. 3 for raising more than \$500,000 to help fund a new branch facility there.

☐ Recent library birthday celebrants include the Association of Jewish Libraries, Brunswick County (Va.) Library, and the New Jersey Library Association, which turned 25, 50, and 100 respectively.

☐ Worcester (Mass.) Public Library recently had two reasons to celebrate: Its bookmobile service turned 50 and its cata-

log has gone online.

☐ To enable Sleeper Public Library, Uby, Mich., to expand into a vacant storefront next door to its present site, the deed holder, First America Bank, has donated half the property's worth to the library.

### Up and running

☐ A 275-terminal ATLAS circulation system from Data Research Associates at Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, N.Y., installed by three teams of technicians over Memorial Day weekend. ☐ Dial-in access to the catalogs of St. Louis County (Mo.) Library and Miami-Dade (Fla.) Public Library System; ☐ An initial 60 OPAC stations in 23 branches of Memphis-Shelby County (Tenn.) Public Library and Information Center—with expectations that all system facilities will have workstations to access the Data Research Associates software within a year. ☐ WESTLYNX automated circulation system at Bedford Hills (N.Y.) Correctional Facility Library. ☐ CLSI system upgrades at the North of Boston Library Exchange and Salt Lake City Public Library, and CL-CAT at the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association.

### Apply for:

☐ By Feb. 1, June 1, Oct. 1: Matching grants to locate and preserve historical documents of national and regional significance. For more information, contact:

Records Commission, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives Bldg., Washington, DC 20408; 202-501-5610.

☐ By Feb. 1: Summer research fellowships of \$1,100 per month for 1-2 months' duration between June and September at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Library Company of Philadelphia. Send four copies of vita, project description, and letter of reference to: James Green, Curator, Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215-546-3181.

☐ By Feb. 1: Minority Research Library Fellowship, focusing on academic research librarianship, beginning this fall at the University of Iowa. After completing library school there, the fellow will begin a two-year appointment as Librarian I in the University Libraries at \$24,500/year minimum. Request SLIS application form from: Ethel Bloesch, SLIS, Main Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242 and letter of intent c/o Barbara I. Dewey, Director, Administrative and Access Services.

☐ By Feb. 1: \$2,000 medical librarianship scholarships available to Afro-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Island, and Native American students with at least half their library school training to complete after receiving the award. Apply to: Angela Hubbard, Medical Library Association, 6 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602; 312-419-9094. —B.G.

JAN. 1991 Our whale "Halfmoon"

# Young library patrons 'adopt' special whale

By KAREN CULLOTTA KRAUSE  
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Nikki Gutman and Frank Demonte read up on whales by an Indian Trails Public Library display.

Daily Herald Photo/Bob Chwedyk

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When the Indian Trails Library in Wheeling served as a polling place for the last election, more than 200 children also solemnly cast their votes.

After much deliberation, the young constituents "elected" Halfmoon the whale as representative of their fledgling Whale Adoption Project.

"After the votes were tallied, Halfmoon was the winner," said Jane Lenser, children's program coordinator at the library. "The International Wildlife Coalition had sent us the descriptions and photographs of 50 whales and we narrowed our choices down to six. Halfmoon had been used in an attempt to convince President Reagan to take action against the commercial killing of whales by Japan and I think that contributed to his popularity."

The Whale Adoption Project, a major educational program of the International Wildlife Coalition, assists in supporting marine mammal protection and research efforts pertaining to whales inhabiting the waters off Cape Cod in the Atlantic Ocean.

"The library received a generous

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## WHALES: Halfmoon is adopted

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ality is only about 10 years away, he said

donation from Mr. William Terry in honor of his mother," Lenser said. "He asked that the funds be used to support environmental programs. I received a kit from the Whale Adoption Project and I thought it would be interesting for the children. It's really a great idea -- we will be awaiting further reports on sightings of Halfmoon as well as educational worksheets, crossword puzzles and literature. We're learning that whales are actually very intelligent."

As ocean-dwelling cetaceans, whales are mammals, not fish. Whales breathe air like land animals, give birth and feed their calves milk from mammary glands.

The humpback whale, an endangered species, is a friendly, sociable animal. Often traveling in pairs or groups, the humpbacks migrate 4,000 miles annually. As Halfmoon and his friends travel from their summer home in Cape Cod, Mass., to their winter domicile off the West Indies in the Caribbean Sea, researchers study their migratory patterns and behavior. As identified by markings on their tail flukes (the cetacean equivalent of fingerprints), the humpbacks embrace diverse personalities; playful and purposeful, showoffs or introverts.



Laurels to Wheeling-area youngsters who, through the Indian Trails Library's children's program, recently adopted a whale named Halfmoon as part of the International Wildlife Coalition's Whale Adoption Project. To participate, youngsters will use a generous donation from William Terry, who asked that the money be used to support environmental programs. The youths chose Halfmoon after examining photographs and descriptions of 50 whales. The children will receive information on sightings of Halfmoon, who lives in the Atlantic, and educational information about whales.

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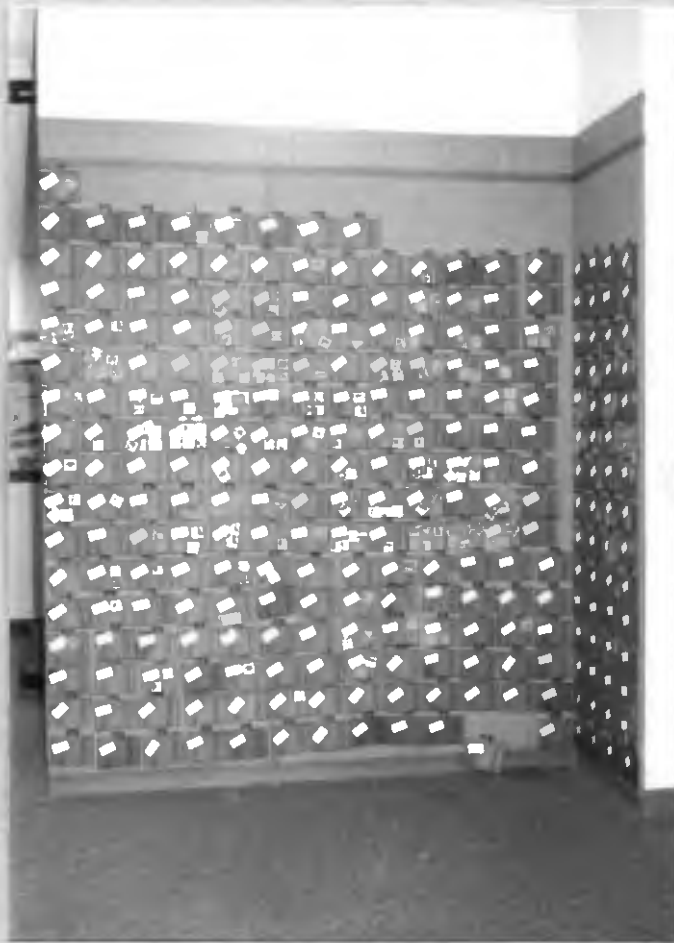
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# Programs to focus on environment

By BONNIE BOOTH  
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The Indian Trails Public Library Young People's Department will provide children with four opportunities to learn about the environment this month in programs offered in conjunction with the summer reading program.

Rain forests are the theme of the summer reading program. Jane Lenser, young people's program coordinator, said the four programs — scheduled for consecutive Wednesdays in July — are loosely based around that theme.

"We have been doing a lot of programs along these lines," Lenser said. "We got donations to buy books and materials about the environment and the rain forests and then we received a grant for programming in those areas also."

All four programs are drop-in programs with limited attendance and will be held in the library's conference room at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road. They are open to children entering the first- through eighth-grades in the fall.

Tickets will be handed out by the Young People's Department on a first-come, first-served basis 30 minutes before the program is scheduled to begin.

The first program, "Create Rain Forest Wildlife" will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today. The library staff will have craft materials on-hand and children will create their own rain forest creature.

"There are many species of wildlife in the rain forests that have not been discovered yet," Lenser said. "This encourages the kids to use their imagination and create whatever animals they want."

Attendance at the craft program is limited to 50 children.

July 15, Jessica Ticus, a former member of the Shedd Aquarium staff, will speak about sharks, the famous people who have hunted them and the people who study them. Ticus will speak from 10 to 11 a.m. and the program is limited to 75 children.

"Enviromagic" will be the theme of a program by Chicago magician Jeff Fredriksen from 10 to 10:45 a.m. July 22.

The month will be rounded out July 29 with an "Exotic Animal Encounter" in which children will have a chance to pet a hedgehog and an armadillo from 10 to 11 a.m.



Danny Estep, from left, Kristen Szczepanski, Katie Trelford, Mike Trelford, Marni Waler, Rachel Fishman, Jay Gainer and Jarot Fishman hold a 10-foot long python.

Daily Herald Photo/Ray Carlin

## Indian Trails Library takes walk on wild side

The Indian Trails Public Library looked a bit like a zoo recently when the Young People's Department hosted an "Exotic Animal Encounter" for 75 children.

And another 25 kids and parents joined in when the program moved outside.

The kids got the chance to see — and in some cases hold — a python, box turtles, an armadillo and a hedgehog.

The program was the last in a series of July events that highlighted

the library's summer reading theme for children centering around rain forests and conservation issues.

"Our summer reading theme is conservation," said Kathy Staerkel, head of young people's services. "We have tried to bring in activities that deal with the environment."

Also on tap in July were a magic show that exposed children to the magic of the planet, a visit with former Shedd Aquarium employee Jessica Ticus and an arts and crafts activity in which children created their own rainforest wildlife.



Both Bishop shows an armadillo to children attending the recent "Exotic Animal Encounter" at the Indian Trails Public Library in Wheeling.

Daily Herald Photo/Ray Carlin

## NorthwestScene

### Rain forests reign supreme

**T**wenty children learned they didn't have to journey to the depths of South America, Africa, or Asia to discover the lush beauty of a rain forest.

Instead, kindergarten and 1st graders found it at the Rain Forest Workshop at the Indian Trails Public Library. Started last month, the popular program has already generated a waiting list and was made possible through a \$500 grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, which honors the children's author.

The free program is presented at the library in Wheeling, and is open to residents outside the district. Children need to bring a wide-mouth jar and can be enrolled by calling the Young People's Department at 708-459-4100.

During the hour-long session, kids colored pictures of rain



Photo by Ed Zurbano

Jane Lenser helps Elizabeth Davies with her rain forest in a jar.

forests and crafted parrot-shaped windsocks out of construction and crepe paper.

But the highlight came when everyone made their own private rain forest by packing jars with rocks, plants and dirt, then

added charcoal chips to stifle the odor. Jane Lenser, children's program coordinator, gave some facts along the way, and her information made an impression on youngsters.

"Some animals in the rain for-

est don't touch the ground hardly, and army ants can eat big things and little things, but not humans," said 5-year-old Samantha Lewis from Buffalo Grove.

Other classmates like Stephanie Sanecki, Corey Schuster, and Elizabeth Davies—all 6 years old—recited lessons Lenser taught about animals lurking in the rain forests.

Afterward, everyone took their terrarium home and planned special care to keep it alive.

"I'm going to put my jar where a whole lot of plants are, and it's going to grow and grow and grow. Goodie, goodie, goodie," said David Victor, a 6-year-old from Buffalo Grove.

Ashley Levitt, 6, plans to sing to her terrarium to help it grow, while 5-year-old Jessica Jordan thought the green-thumb strategy of sunlight and plant food would be the best approach.

"They're having so much fun, that they don't even realize they're learning," Lenser said.

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# "Create A Rainforest"

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