



# PIGEON TALES

## Dick Magee

The White Pigeon Township Library is once again proud to sponsor a wonderful and informative storytelling series by Dick Magee. He has spun his true story yarns in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Florida. This will be his 6th year performing at our library. The 2008 series, *Stories in History*, promises to be just as entertaining as Dick's earlier visits! Please make sure you mark your calendars for these programs, both held on Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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**July 22: Lafayette: America's Adopted Son**  
**September 16: The Battle of Gettysburg**

Please pick up a brochure at the library for more information!

## Celebrate White Pigeon!

Most local residents are disappointed about the absence of White Pigeon Days, and especially the fantastic fireworks we have all enjoyed for many years. But don't be too sad, because there will still be the traditional parade, and a special day at the library! Here is the schedule for Friday the 11th of July:

- \*Summer Reading Program featuring Magic with "Mr. Jim" Merrills at 1:00.
- \*Project Kidsight in the Dorothy Lee Room from 5-6:30.
- \*Shakin' Hammers String Band from 5:30-7:00
- \*Book Sale all day! \$2 per bag
- \*The library closes at 7:00, just in time for the start of the parade!

**What is Project Kidsight?** It is a special vision screening program sponsored by Lions Clubs throughout the United States which can detect seven different diseases of the eye in children age 1 –5 years of age. (Approximately 1 in 20 children in this age group will have a condition that can permanently affect their vision if left untreated.) For the child, the process is very simple ... like having a picture taken of their eyes!

# New Books in July!

**July 1-7**

Paul Coelho *Brida*

Emilie Richards *Sister's Choice*

Lawrence Block *Hit and Run*

Stella Rimington *Illegal Action*

**July 8-14**

James Lee Burke *Swan Peak*

Norah Roberts *Tribute*

Rita Mae Brown *Sand Castle*

Iris Johansen *Silent Thunder*

**July 15-21**

Christopher Reich

*Rules of Deception*

James Patterson

*Dangerous Days of Daniel X*

**July 22-31**

Daniel Silva *Moscow Rules*

Karen Slaughter *Fractured*

Luanne Rice *Last Kiss*

Suzanne Brockman *Into the Fire*

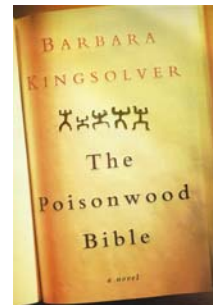
J.A. Konrath *Fuzzy Navel*

## Lunch & Lit Club

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

God's Kingdom in its pure, unlightened glory. So fourteen-year-old Leah Price expects when, in the summer of 1959, she arrives in the Congo with her family. Her Baptist-preacher father, Reverend Nathan Price, assigned to Kilanga mission, is determined to enlighten the savages and to rule his family with strict biblical sanction. Leah's twin, Adah, the victim of hemiplegia at birth, limps along and maintains silence. Fifteen-year-old Rachel resents being dropped on "this dread dark shore" far from America's fashions

and comforts. Ruth May, five years old, faints. And their mother, Orleanna, reads herself to protect them all from whatever perils may come--from jungle, river, or father and his terrible God.



The Lunch & Lit Club meets the 3rd Monday of each month. Stop in to get a copy of the book if you would like to join us!

# Friends of the Library

**Friends Wanted!** If you would like to join the Friends of the Library, please fill out this form and return it to the



Library with \$3 for your annual dues. Members take part in various activities which benefit the library and provide for things that might not otherwise fit into the budget. The group meets about once every four months.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Friends Notes

Our thanks go out to all the Friends' members who helped in any way with the Father's Day Store!

A few of you are supplying much appreciated-cookies for the Summer Reading Program, the rest of you have the summer off! We'll see you at the next Friends' meeting in September!

# Managing Summer Media

This article comes from the website [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

June 8, 2008 by Liz Perl

School's out for summer!

No more homework, baseball practices, or rigid bedtimes. And if your house is like my house, no more obvious rules about when media can be on and off.

This is a dream for my kids. To me, it often feels nightmarish trying to get them to tune out of their media and tune into the real world.

My kids want to veg out. They want to spend endless hours on their computers, playing online video games (my tween son) and checking the latest MySpace postings (my teen daughter). They both want to spend hours in front of the TV, snacking on whatever is on TV and in the cupboards, send texts to their friends, and listen to their iTunes.

They've worked hard all year and have earned their downtime. But what I have to remind my kids is that just as they can't eat junk food all summer, they can't mindlessly consume media from sunrise to sunset either.

You can relax more rigid rules and still have some ground rules for safe and responsible media use. Here are some tips that might make things easier:

1. **Set boundaries.** Agree with your kids in advance about how many hours will be devoted to watching television, playing PlayStation, or hanging out online. Look for active alternatives like exergaming with the Wii Fit, to keep kids entertained, but off the couch. Make sure you include reading, playing, and being outside as part of every day's activities.
2. **Review Internet safety basics.** Yes, our kids say they know the rules, but it doesn't hurt to remind them about the basics of using privacy settings, of posting only appropriate content and communicating respectfully. And you might want to take a look at their MySpace or Facebook pages -- just to be sure.
3. **Do your homework.** School's out for kids, but parents still have homework. Before you let your kids go to a movie, hang out on a new site, or play a videogame, make sure you know the content and that it's age appropriate. Just because your kids are watching the edited versions of *Sex and the City* doesn't mean the new movie is appropriate for them! Check out our reviews. Or someone else's. But check it out.
4. **Enjoy media together.** Have a family movie night. Take a trip to the bookstore or library. Play video games together. Share the music you loved at their ages. Enjoying media with your kids can lead naturally to conversations about what they're seeing, playing, and hearing -- and can help them think more clearly (even in the summer) about the messages they're absorbing.

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### July Calendar

**4 Closed**

**11 Extended Hours!**

**Open 9:00-7:00 p.m.**

**\*Summer Reading:**

**Jim Merrills**

**\*Project Kidsight 5:00**

**\*Book Sale all day**

**\*Shakin' Hammers**

**String Band 5:30-7:00**

**18 Summer Reading :**

**Picnic in the Park 1:00**

**21 Lunch & Lit Club 11:30**

**22 Dick Magee 7:00**

### Coming in August

**\*Teen Blast @the library**

For ages (going into) 6th grade and up. Learn cartooning, creative writing, enjoy pizza and a movie and more!

**\*Computer Classes**

Watch for further details!

## Services for Library Patrons

**Inter-library Loan:** We can help you find just the book you're looking for. If we don't own it, we should be able to get it for you through our state-wide interloan program.

In addition to our regular fiction and non-fiction holdings, we also have **large print books** and **audio books** (tape and CD).

**Movies:** Patrons may borrow movies for 2 days at a time.

**Computers:** We have 16 public use computers.

**Free Wireless Internet:** just bring your laptop!

**Genealogy / Local History:** Visit our History Room! We have census records and some newspapers on microfilm; we have many obituaries, family histories, and vintage scrapbooks. Patrons can access Heritage Quest online at the library and at home ... ask us how!

**Home Delivery:** We offer free delivery services for the homebound. Please call for more information.

**Online Database:** Visit our website and click on "Online Catalog".

**Miscellaneous Services:** copies .15; laminating .75 for an 8.5 X 11 sheet; fax (sending) \$2 for the first page, \$1 for each additional page; fax (receiving) \$1 for up to 10 pages; .25 for each additional page.

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