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**CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 100th ANNIVERSARY
1908-2008**

This April the Springfield Public Library marks its one hundredth anniversary. We're celebrating in style with a full month of special events.

The kick-off April event will be **Tuesday, April 1, at 3:30 pm**, in the library meeting room. Judy Sierra, well-known children's author, poet and folklorist will delight and entertain with stories and slides and will read one of her wildly popular books. Will it be *The Secret Science Project That Ate The School* or *Wild About Books?* Fun and Participatory. Recommended for grades K-5.

The evening of **April 1 at 7:00 pm**, in library meeting room, Sierra will present. "Writing from Folklore: Authors Do It, Kids and You Can Too," She will tell how her work is connected to folktale style and structure, share fun anecdotes and will read from her new book, *Born to Read*. For writers, educators, librarians and other interested folks.

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00-9:00, library meeting room OSPA Poetry Reading featuring poets David Hedges, Karen Lindley and Jenny Root and presented by the Eugene-Springfield Chapter of the OSPA.

GALA COMMUNITY EVENT: The 100th Anniversary Party thanking the community for 100 years of support, will be **Saturday, April 12, 12:00-3:00 pm**. The community is invited for music, entertainment, birthday cake and children's activities. The Springfield High School Jazz Ensemble, Old-Time Musicians, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Pig from *If You Give A Pig a Pancake*, children's games and "Tied in Knots" balloon twisting fun will be going on throughout the open house hours. **At 1:00 pm, Juggler Extraordinaire Charlie Brown will perform in the lobby. His absurd comedy and technical feats will create a memorable experience for all ages.**

Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 pm, Wildish Theatre 630 Main Street Award winning mystery and science fiction author, Kate Wilhelm, will give a reading and share remarks about her writing. Among her numerous awards are the Hugo and Nebula, the Kurt Lasswitz Award from Germany, and the Prix Apollo from France. Her work has been translated into more than a dozen languages.

Monday, April 28, 5:00-7:00 pm, in the library Dia de los Ninos! Join our celebration of the Day of the Child, recognizing the International Rights of Children with music, games and refreshments for the whole family.

Background: On April 13, 1908, a group of civic-minded women gathered in the local Methodist Church with the purpose of starting a library association for the town. They resolved "That it is the desire of the ladies that a Library Association be formed in the city of Springfield." A month later, they held a fundraising dinner and raised the heady sum of \$65.10. The ladies agreed to pay 25 cents annually to belong to the association. They chose city hall, at 244 Main St., for the library's location, and started up with an inventory of \$49.55 worth of books. The beautifully hand-written minutes of their first meetings and their original constitution are in the library archives today. They will be exhibited along with other historical displays in the library and at the city hall gallery throughout the month.

What: Historical anecdote and calendar of events for 100th Anniversary
When: Throughout April but with an emphasis on Gala Community event: Saturday, April 12th

Where: With the exception of Kate Wilhelm appearing at the Wildish Theatre (4/22), all events are at the Springfield Public Library.

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