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Lunch With Books Goes “On the Road” for Two Programs

Due to the temporary closure of the Ohio County Public Library’s main parking lot for repairs, two of the library’s September Lunch With Books programs will be offered on the 3rd Floor of the Wheeling Artisan Center above River City Restaurant at 1400 Main Street in Wheeling.

The first program, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon, will feature author, antiques expert, and TV star, Tim Luke, who will be in town courtesy of the Museums of Oglebay Institute. Luke will present a 3-part program called, "A Look Into the World of Auctions & Appraisals," which will include, "Hot Collectibles," "How to Shop Auctions, Flea Markets & Estate Sales," & "Creating Future Collectibles."

Tim Luke has an extensive background in the antique and collectibles field. He is a featured appraiser on HGTV’s show “Cash in the Attic” and has participated as an appraiser on public television’s “Antique’s Roadshow.” He has worked at Christie’s auction house in New York City and is the author of two books on the history and background of collecting. He is president and co-owner of his own auction appraisal business, TreasureQuest Appraisal Group, Inc. Mr. Luke has appeared as an expert appraiser on the Today Show, The View, Oprah, Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, CNN, and Lifetime Television.

The second Lunch With Books program to be moved from the library to the Artisan Center will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at noon. Indiana based living historian Gib Young will portray Theodore Roosevelt in honor of the President’s September 1902 visit to Wheeling.

Gib Young is a charter member of the Champion Hill Toppers Vintage Base Ball Club (1862 rules and uniforms). As a singer and actor, he has appeared in numerous stage plays and musicals and is active in The Company Singers (A Civil War era singing ensemble.) He has been a life long admirer of Theodore Roosevelt and is a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Association. Fritz Klein, the foremost Abraham Lincoln interpreter, convinced Mr. Young to become a professional interpreter himself. Mr. Klein felt that Young’s Theodore Roosevelt impression was the best he had ever seen. Besides the physical resemblance to Roosevelt, Mr. Young has been able to develop the vocal attributes and movements of his subject to a high degree. Mr. Young has had the honor of appearing as TR at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial, Washington’s Mt. Vernon, the JFK Library and the American Museum of History of the Smithsonian among other places. He has offered scores of presentations before historical societies, schools, and libraries.

Just as they are at the library, these Lunch With Books programs will be free and open to the public. Patrons are invited to bring a bag lunch and free beverages will be provided. For more information, call the library at 304-232-0244 or visit the library’s web site at www.ohiocountylibrary.org. The Artisan Center can be reached at 304-232-1810 or by visiting www.artisancenter.com. Parking is available at the Robert C. Byrd Intermodal Transportation Center, located just across Main Street from the Artisan Center.