

## Reflections by Tobi Battista

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, and I wonder when the book sale is? I hope the robins will forgive the poetic license I've taken with this little ditty we recited as children. After the miserable winter we've had, I look forward to the promise of spring gardens and the first tulips.

I have always had a garden since the age of about four or five. During the Great Depression everyone had gardens to survive. My father plowed a half acre plot with a hand plow and planted every vegetable known to man. The fruits of his labor fed not only our family but half the neighborhood. Many families were on relief (now known as welfare). Father was proud of the fact that we were never on that assistance. In return for the produce he provided the neighbors, they would share the beans, flour, sugar, etc. that they received from relief. The barter system allowed everyone at least a semblance of a good meal.

I loved being in the garden with my father. My job was to pull weeds. Often the weeds weren't the only thing that got yanked. He decided to give me a little plot of my own. It probably was not more than seven foot square. I planted peas, carrots, radishes and two or three stalks of corn. There was nothing better than picking peas and pulling carrots right from the earth, wiping them on the seat of your pants and eating them on the spot.

In addition to the vegetable gardens, our landscape was filled with flower beds. Many of the flowers were those not seen much in gardens today, Hollyhocks, larkspur, cosmos, bluebells, etc. Cut bouquets graced the dinner table and made the soup seem more elegant. One of the neighbors once asked my father why he wasted land on flowers when he could have put it to better use planting more vegetables. Father replied "Vegetables are for the stomach, flowers are for the soul"

I have always felt that working in the garden was the best therapy that one could receive. No matter how upset you are, digging in the soil and pulling weeds can relieve even the most dire frustrations.

A beginning gardener or a gardenholic should check out the wonderful collection of gardening books that we have at the book sale. You'll find everything from planting, cooking, freezing vegetables to landscaping, flowers and arranging. These books are priced at no more than a dollar, a fraction of their original cost. If you don't have a green thumb, give gardening a chance, even if it is a pot or two on the deck. There are books to direct you to amazing results. You'll be a happy gardener!!



## Tallmadge Branch Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 am-8 pm

Wednesday & Friday, 12-6 pm

Saturday, 10 am-5 pm



Join our **Facebook** page at Tallmadge Branch Library  
Visit our **blog** at [tallmadgebranch.akronlibrary.org](http://tallmadgebranch.akronlibrary.org)  
**Get updates on the latest events!**

## Join Us for Our Annual Dinner

Monday, May 19, 6 pm

Please RSVP.

**Upcoming dates:**  
Thursday, May 1, 4-8 pm  
Friend's Preview  
Friday, May 2, 10 am-5:30 pm  
Book Sale  
Saturday, May 3, 9 am-3 pm  
All day bag sale, \$5 a bag

TLA c/o Tallmadge Branch Library  
90 Community Rd  
Tallmadge, OH 44278



## Book Sale

Please join us for the Tallmadge Library Association's next book sale Friday, May 2 through Saturday, May 3, 2014. Friends of the Library members are invited to the presale on Thursday, May 1, 4-8 pm. Memberships will be available at the door. All are welcome to attend the sale on Friday, May 2, 10 am-5:30 pm and Saturday, May 3, 9 am-3 pm. We have a large assortment of books, both hardcover and paperback, DVDs, music CDs and much more! Find the perfect gift or stock up on your own summer reading. Looking for a special deal? Fill a grocery bag all day Saturday for only \$5 a bag. Don't want to fill a bag with books? Fill yourself with homemade goodies at our bake sale. We welcome all the help we can get. Can you bake? Sort books? Help on sale days? Call Linda Hoff to volunteer at 330-633-2077.



### Tallmadge Library Association Book Sale

#### PRICE LIST

#### Books

Hardbacks .....	\$1
Paperbacks .....	3/\$1 or \$.40
Trade (large) Paperbacks .....	\$.75
Children's Paperbacks .....	3/\$1
Children's Hardbacks .....	\$.50
Recent Titles & Special Items.....	Priced as Marked

#### Audio/Visual

Single Cassettes.....	\$.50
Music CDs .....	\$1
Books on Tape/CD .....	\$2
Single VHS/DVDs .....	\$1
LPs .....	\$.50

Puzzles..... \$.50 small, \$1 large

Magazines..... \$1.10

Bag Sale..... (All Day Saturday) \$5 a bag

## Bake Sale Donations Sought for Book Sale

Fire-up that oven and bake something yummy for our Spring Bake Sale! Donations of baked goods are highly appreciated and accepted on Wednesday, April 30, 10 am-8:30 pm and Thursday, May 1, 10 am-4 pm.



## Message from the President

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Thank heavens spring has arrived and we can all start to enjoy some warmer weather! I'm sure we had enough "stay in" weather and were able to catch up on our reading.

Speaking of reading, my father was an eye, ear, nose and throat physician for over 50 years. I can remember he said that he noticed that near-sighted children tended to be more intelligent than far-sighted children. Because they saw things better close up, they tended to read more than their far-sighted friends. Remember in those days there were no smart phones, computers and little TV.

I'm sure that being near-sighted or far-sighted had little or nothing to do with basic intelligence, but the reading did! Involving children and young adults in reading is a major thrust of our Tallmadge Branch Library from baby play groups and story times to a summer reading program for all ages. I hope all of our readers will encourage their children and grandchildren to read, particularly in this age of electronic games. Also, remember they can download books from the Library on their smart phones, too.

Of course adults who read also tend to be more interesting, better informed, and more knowledgeable. Be sure to continue your reading this summer – stay sharp! We also had a great response from our members renewing their Friends of the Library memberships and I would like to say "thank you." With your help, we can continue to furnish needed funds for library programs that cannot be supported by the reduced budget. Again, have a wonderful summer and enjoy all that your library has to offer. It's the best deal in town!

John T. Lanshe  
President, Tallmadge Library Association



## TLA Scholarship Grants

The Tallmadge Library Association is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Educational Scholarship Grant. The Scholarship Grant is available to residents of Tallmadge as well as employees of the Tallmadge Branch Library, who will be returning to college during the 2014-2015 school year. The amount of this year's grant is \$2,500. Applicants must submit a Scholarship Grant Application, complete college transcript(s), a 250 – 300 word essay, and two to three letters of recommendation. The applications are available from a librarian at the circulation desk of the Tallmadge Branch Library. All completed applications and attachments must be received no later than May 5, 2014. The Tallmadge Library Association is proud to offer this community based Educational Scholarship Grant and we look forward to offering this award for years to come.

The Tallmadge Library Association will also be offering a scholarship grant for a graduating high school senior in the amount of \$1,000 through the Tallmadge City Schools Local Scholarship Program.

Questions should be directed to Carol Law, Chairperson of the Tallmadge Library Association Educational Scholarship Grant Committee at 330-633-6883.

## Tallmadge Branch Library Programs

### Baby Play Group

**Fridays, 12–1 pm**, no play group on May 2

For babies up to age 24 months with a caregiver. Meet new friends and bring your little one to the library for a first group play experience. Join other moms, dads, grandmas, and caregivers for a group playtime. The library will provide a meeting room and developmentally appropriate toys.

### Mother's Day Craft and Gift Making

**Wednesday, May 7, 4:30–5:30 pm** for grades K-5

Make some Mother's Day cards and a gift for your Mom, favorite aunt, or grandma!

### Paws for Reading

**Every first and third Saturday of the month, 1-2 pm**

Look for therapy dogs, Caesar or Sophie, in the Children's area and improve your reading skills by reading a book to a furry friend. Bring along a book you are reading or choose one from our shelves!

### We Need You!

**Teen Summer Reading Volunteer Program Meeting**

**Friday, May 30, 3 pm**

Must be 13-18 years old to volunteer.

Love the library? Need service hours? Join our group of teen volunteers in helping with our summer reading program. Please ask at the front desk for an application. Make sure to come to this mandatory meeting prior to the start of the program!

## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions for Adults

**Mondays, 6:30 pm**

**May 12 ZEITOUN** by Dave Eggers

### Make Your Own Bookmarks

**Thursday, May 15, 2 pm**

Use markers, stamps, and colored pencils to decorate your own bookmarks. Keep them or give them as gifts. Please register in advance.

### Gluten-Free Cooking

**Wednesday, May 21, 2 pm**

Learn how to make gluten-free cooking easy! Enjoy everyday foods and great recipes for those new to gluten-free cooking. Learn new things for the experienced cook! Please register in advance.

### Knit and Crochet Club

**Thursdays, May 8, June 5, July 3, 3-4:30 pm**

Do you love to knit or crochet? Want to learn? Join us as we create projects to be donated to charity, or work on one of your own. Basic supplies and instruction provided.

## The Tallmadge Library Association Invites You To Our Annual Dinner Meeting

**Monday, May 19, 2014**

**Social Hour at 6 pm**

**Dinner at 6:30 pm**

**Meeting to follow**

A buffet dinner will be served.

Price \$13.00. You may pay the evening of the dinner.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 12 to Denise Lee at the library by phone or email. [dlee@akronlibrary.org](mailto:dlee@akronlibrary.org)

## Mind, Body & Sole

Read at Your Own Pace

**June 9 – August 30, 2014**

**Mind, Body & Sole is a reading/wellness experience for the whole family to enjoy.**

Register at your local library and read 30 minutes each day between June 9 and August 30. Win a prize, or be entered into a prize drawing after reaching reading milestones.

Choose to be active also! Run/walk 26 miles (or 52,000 pedometer steps) AND read 26 days and receive a Mind, Body & Sole T-shirt. If a pedometer cannot record your movement activity, 30 minutes of activity counts as one mile. Enter our end-of-summer Grand Prize Drawing to be held at the Library's 140th Anniversary Celebration on September 13.

Find out more at your local library.

### Friend's Presale

**Thursday, May 1, 4-8 pm**

Members only admitted.

Memberships for sale at the door.

Membership: \$5 individual, \$10 family

**Bag Sale** all day Saturday, \$5 a bag

**Friday, May 2, 10 am-5:30 pm**

**Saturday, May 3, 9 am-3 pm**

**Bake Sale**

Thursday-Saturday



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READ AT YOUR OWN PACE

## Check It Out Spring 2014

This newsletter is written for the members of the Tallmadge Library Association which supports and promotes interest in the Tallmadge Branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

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