

Michael's Message

By Michael Seigler, Director, Smyrna Library



Another new year is dawning and everyone at the library is looking forward to having the best year ever. Last year library use continued to grow, while we expanded library services and programming.

One of the major programs that was added last year is the **Third Thursday** program. The Friends of the Library organized and sponsored this monthly speaker program. Several great programs were presented, which included Storytelling in the Cemetery, Deborah Ford of "G.R.I.T.S." and a multimedia blues program. Third Thursday will continue to bring exciting speakers to the library this year and there are programs you won't want to miss.

Now we're not going to rest on our laurels. The Smyrna Library has some new things for the New Year:

First, would you like to learn subjects you didn't take in school or refresh your knowledge of those you did? The library **has purchased the Learning 2000 system library**. This is a CD-ROM based system that teaches math, science, literature, history, and personal skills. It's a great way to update your knowledge for standardized tests like the SAT or the GED or just to learn for the pleasure of learning.

Second, do you like going to the movies, but hate spending \$7.00 or more for a ticket? The library will begin **showing movies on our large screen** in the afternoons twice a month. We will present one classic film and one children's film each month beginning in January. Call the library for the schedule. You're sure to see some old and new favorites.

Third, the library is **expanding wireless Internet access for the public**. We are adding three additional computer stations in the children's department, two additional stations in the reference section and an open Wi-Fi network. This will allow users with Wi-Fi connections in their laptops to access the Internet anywhere in the library. More library patrons will be using the Internet with shorter waits.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year. Check us out and see what's happening.

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