

Check It Out column for week of March 1-7

Why Patrons love the Library.

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In celebration of Library Lover's Month, an "I Love the Library Because..." contest was held. It was fun and informative to read the entries. Entrants included the unemployed, stay-at-home moms, grandparents living states apart from their grandchildren, and writers. Reasons ranged from the great selection of DVD's, toys, classes, movies, free Internet, to the wide range of books offered.

Michelle Weidenbenner was selected as this year's winner for her entry and won a candy-filled valentine for her efforts. Here is some of what she wrote:

"I love the library because it's given me: A connection to the real world beyond Warsaw, Indiana, where I'm able to glimpse into the lives of other nations and peoples...the tools and resources to successfully home school my daughter...a place to share my own stories with fellow writers...a place to sit and write without interruptions...memorable moments of holding hands with my granddaughter at story hour...where life comes alive through story books, rhymes and play time."

Other entries were:

"I am unemployed and I don't own a computer. I am able to go to the library and file my unemployment and search and apply for a new job. Times are tough and the library is clean, bright and a fun atmosphere...I can forget my troubles for a little while."

"I can get on the Internet and see pictures of my six month old grandson, who lives in Texas."

"Visiting the library with my son has become a favorite part of our weekly routine in which we socialize with friends, explore the books, play with toys that we don't have and develop preschool skills on the computer."

"It is a great place to find information. You can check out a variety of books on a topic, rather than just relying on one."

"When my children were small children, our favorite place to go was the library. They have pictures that we took back then...My youngest is [now] a straight A student and an excellent reader."

Warsaw Community Public Library has something for everyone. Every morning the laughter of small children fills the air as Story Hour, Book Buddies and Baby & Me classes take place. In the evenings, there is a buzz that rivals any chain bookstore as people arrive for the different classes. We invite you to visit us and personally discover what the Library has to offer for its patrons.