



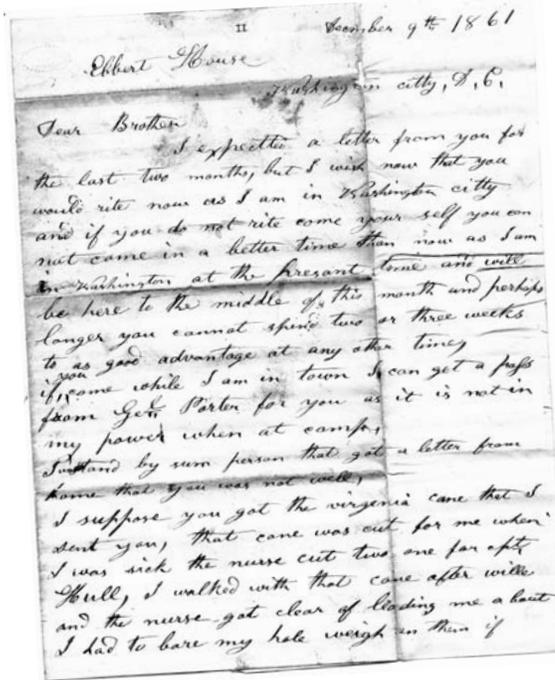
## Unexpected Treasure Walks Through Front Door of Library

By Marty Neaman

It was looking to be another normal Saturday last August 25 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. The library was winding down at 2:45 p.m. in order to close by 3 p.m., the end of the day during summer hours.

To the employees working that day, word began to spread that someone was soon to arrive with a donation for the Library. It wasn't the fact that a donation was about to be made, but rather, it was what the donation was rumored to be. A man was enroute to donate eight letters written by Capt. Thomas Espy and his nephew Jess Espy (both spellings used). Letters written by them while in the Union Army during the Civil War, no less. One letter, dated December 9, 1861 was written by

Capt. Thomas Espy and the rest by Jess Espy.



*The Capt. Thos. Espy Letter.*

It was Captain Espy's fate to be mortally wounded June 27, 1862 at the battle of Gaines' Mill, VA, taken prisoner and die at Gaines' Mill on July 6, 1862. He was buried by the Confederates in an unmarked grave near that battlefield, his body never being recovered. It was in his honor that the 153rd GAR Post in Pennsylvania was named after him. Captain Espy was born in Upper St. Clair Township, Allegheny County, PA, November 27, 1807. He enlisted July 4, 1861, as Captain, Co. H, 62nd Reg., Pa. Volunteers.

The Capt. Thos. Espy Post No. 153, was organized December 31, 1879. The following poem is part of the description of item no. 1, a picture of Capt. Espy in his St. Clair Guards uniform, now hanging in the Post above the Commanders

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## Jones X Two a Win for Children's Literacy

It is with great appreciation that we, as Administrators of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall, write to the Carnegie community. Your kind, collective efforts made the recent Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall fundraiser, Jones x Two, a decisive win for our children's literacy programs. The Pittsburgh Grand Prix Store, Papa J's, Third Street Gallery, Main Street Frame Co., and Marlene Smith Pendleton of MS Designs, to name a few of the merchants, graciously contributed to the benefit's success. Bob's Diner volunteers Pam Hrabak and Kari Barrett and Melissa Goda from Arpino's Restaurant tirelessly worked serving guests. Local underwriting sponsor Vesuvius was generous. The evening's attentive caterer, Tom Pifer from Sojourn Catering, is from Carnegie, and those wildly rich desserts were donated by Jason Black from A. Ward Cheesecakes in Carnegie. (Jason is deeply committed to helping our community's youth as a percentage of his sales are donated to our Library's successful Math4U program.)

Thank you to the many Carnegie and surrounding area residents, benefit committee members, sponsors, volunteers, and merchants for your goodwill and support of the ACFL&MH.

*Warm Regards,*

*Lois Wholey, Executive Director*

*Erin Tipping, Library Director*

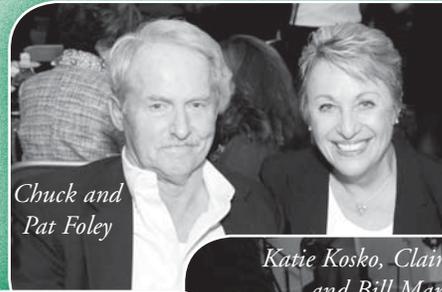


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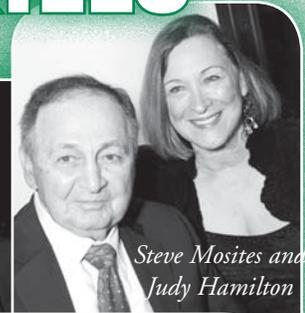
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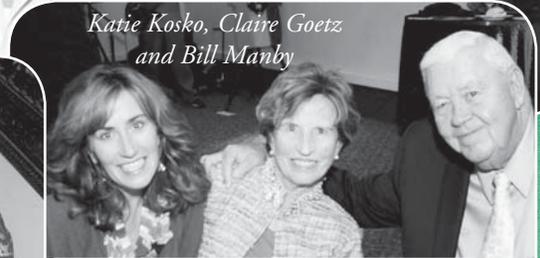
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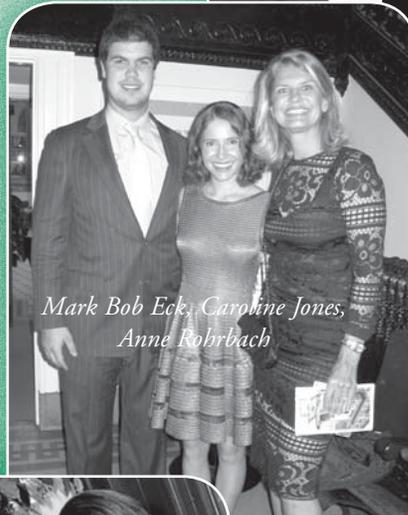
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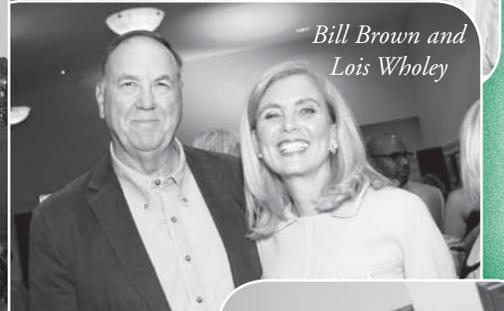
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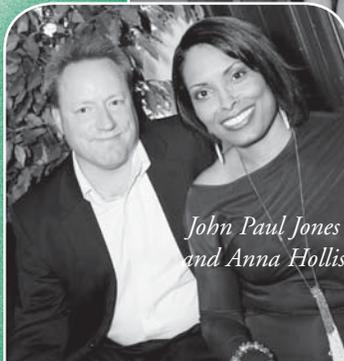
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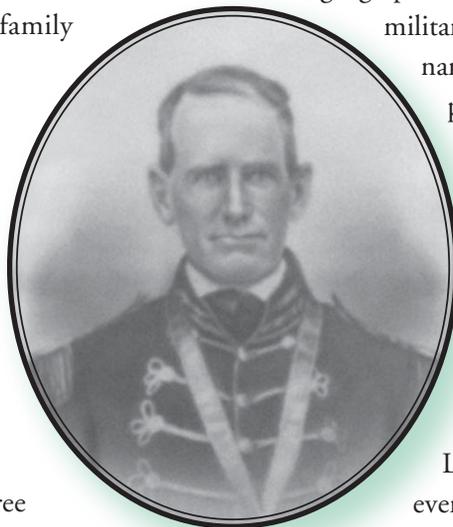
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## From 1861 to 1951 to 2012 and Home at Last

By Wayne W. Ferguson, M.D.

My parents, Wayne and Edna Ferguson, and their three children, moved into a small farm house in Washington County, PA (just off Route 19 about midway between Washington and Canonsburg) in 1951. The previous occupants, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Espy, had lived in the house and raised their children there starting in 1939 when the house was built. My dad lived nearby and knew the Espy children in my dad's growing up years. Otherwise, there was no connection between the Espy family and the Ferguson family, except that both families attended Chartiers (Hill) Presbyterian Church, near Canonsburg, PA on Route 19.

Many personal effects of the Espy family were left in the house when my parents bought it. My mom found a packet of old letters from people whom she did not recognize. At that point the Espy family had disappeared from the area, so Mom tucked the old letters away for safe keeping, still folded in a small envelope. Three years passed and I entered high school. I was hoping to go to college, so I started to practice typing on our old Royal typewriter. Mom suggested that I try transcribing the old letters she had found. It took a while, but I finally got through all 8 letters. Most were written in pencil and parts could not be made out, but looking back, I am surprised how much was decipherable back then, even with



Capt. Thos. Espy

the non-standardized spellings and grammar.

The letters and my typewritten transcriptions found their way back into folders, and after years passed they were given to me. I had forgotten them by then so back into the envelope and folders they went. Enter the digital age with the ability to search almost any subject. About 2010, I once more rediscovered the packet and realized the story these letters told. I searched every geographic site mentioned in the old letters, every military officer, every enlisted man and family name. Very soon I had a fascinating three year picture of the Northern defense of Washington, D.C. as seen through the eyes of Captain Thomas Espy and of Jesse S. Espy and their families.

I then discovered the Captain Thomas Espy Post No. 153 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library in Carnegie. On a visit to Washington, PA, to see my mother (91 years young) I decided to visit the Library. The staff generously welcomed me in even though it was 10 minutes after closing time on a Saturday afternoon. I had finally found a home at The Andrew Carnegie Free library & Music Hall for Thomas's and Jesse's letters, now 150 years old. They have traveled with me for about 50 years, from Washington, PA to New York City, to Iowa City, to Charlottesville, VA, to Norfolk and Virginia Beach, VA, and back to Charlottesville, VA. Now home at last.

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chair, as found in the 1911 catalogue:

*There are little mounds on Southern soil,  
Whose graves they are, God only knows.  
They are sheltered to those, who in life's toil,  
Met death as brave men meet their foes.*

Jess Espy wrote his mother on July 4, 1862:

*"We lay in the woods till about 8 o'clock the rebels came and we went in. We drove them back then they drove us back and that's the way it went for 3 hours when we had to fall back. Col. Black was killed the first fire. We got our Regt formed when the Enemy appeared on our left. We were ordered to charge on them there. They were in the edge of the woods. We went up to them, they rushed out of the woods and poured in volley after volley into us. Col*

*Switzer give the word retreat and we broke. We had a great many men Killed there. It was at that time that Col. Sweitzer was killed and it was there that Capt Espy was last seen. We retreated. The Irish Brigade came up and drove the rebels back to the Mill. We then crossed the river and staid all night."*

These letters are the first that we have seen that were by Capt Espy or about him. They offer a personal glimpse into the human qualities of what are otherwise names. We can now hear them speak through their written words and we have a first hand account of the fight in which Capt. Espy was wounded and captured.

It was Dr. Ferguson's intention to donate the Espy letters to the Smithsonian, but in doing research, Dr. Ferguson discovered the Capt. Thos. Espy GAR Post in our Library and offered them to us.

## Of Note for Children at the Library

Fairy Tale Fridays are back for a limited time this fall. November 30 and December 14 at 3:30 we will have stories and activities all about your favorite fairy tales and fables. Call the library to register for these great family friendly events. Other upcoming events at the library include the Stuffed Animal Sleepover on November 16 and 17, Homemade Holiday Presents on December 1, our Christmas Movie Marathon and Christmas Tree Lighting on December 15. Crafts and activities such as gingerbread house making will also be available that day.

Vision screening generously offered by Dr. Theodore Katz is also available for young children on Tuesday, January 15 at 4 p.m. in the Library. All young children and teenagers are encouraged to come and have their vision screened.

### THANKS TO PNC GROW UP GREAT AND THE GRABLE FOUNDATION

Ms. Erin Tipping, ACFL&MH Library Director, successfully graduated the inaugural class of Science4U, made possible by a two year grant from PNC Grow UP Great Foundation.

The Grable Foundation recently made available an important grant for Math4U for 2013.

Ms. Tipping and her team look forward to once again providing these stellar literacy programs for our community's children. Thank you to The PNC Grow up Great Foundation and The Grable Foundation for your vote of confidence in our mission.



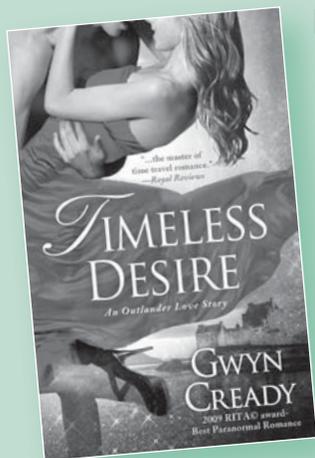
Science 4U Graduates 2012.

## Love the Love in Romance novels? Read Further!

*"Through the Storage Room Door: How Libraries (and Especially the Carnegie Carnegie) Inspired A Romance Novel"*

RITA Award-winning author Gwyn Cready will talk about her latest book, *Timeless Desire*, set in our own Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at noon. Whether you read romance novels or not, you will enjoy Cready's entertaining discussion of what it takes to write a book, the role setting plays in a good story and her journey to become a published writer. *Timeless Desire* is Cready's sixth book. All of her books are set in Pittsburgh. She considers herself the romance laureate of Pittsburgh. She is also the co-founder of Women Read/Women Write, the largest book festival targeting women in Pennsylvania.

Admission is free. Book clubs welcome!



## Reality Financing for Your Future: The Basics of Finance

Join thirty-five-year veteran high school mathematics teacher and tax preparer, Mr. Tom Torchia, to learn basics of finance for high school students and young adults.

- How does compound interest on your credit card wipe out the sale price you paid?
- Who is this FICA and why is he taking a big chunk of my paycheck?
- When does a student loan become a bad decision?
- What are the pitfalls of co-signing for a loan?

This seminar is not for individuals who are investing or planning for retirement. This is an overview of the basics of finance.

Topics also include: writing checks, calculating pay checks, calculating taxable income, and introductory car, home purchasing and budgeting.

Four one-hour classes at ACFL&MH start Tuesday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m. and the following three Tuesdays. Light food will be served afterward. Registration is \$10.00 for four weeks. To register please call 412-276-3456 x6.

## One Library and a Generation Apart

“We’re going to the library today.” Hearing that phrase as a child indicated it was going to be a great day. During my preschool years, going to the AC Free Library meant having story-time and getting to see my grandma, Jo Vetter, who works at the library. My grandma was always at the front desk ready to greet me with a smile for me or anyone else that walked through the doors. As I continued to grow I never forgot the charm the library possessed. My mother would take me to visit other more local libraries, even ones that had the children’s section in a train car or a colorful room, yet the AC Free library still held its charm.

When I entered high school and realized I needed to start collecting volunteer hours not only for college, but for scholarships and National Honors Society, I began to wonder where I could find volunteer work that I enjoyed. All of a sudden it hit me, my grandma always talked about the volunteers that came into the library every week and how sweet they all were. I began to volunteer at the AC Free library. This allowed me to get a whole different view of the library compared to my story-time years. I began to realize how much work was involved in keeping the place running and how much the people working there needed the help of volunteers. I remember trying so hard to volunteer on the days when my grandmother worked. Those days she would let me work with her behind the desk checking things in and out, and even at fourteen years old, using a scanner to check books in and out was just as fascinating and fun as a four year-old thinks it would be. Eventually after a few years of volunteering, I was offered a job at the library.

My first day as an official employee was intimidating as I was put at the front desk and given the daunting task of checking in everything that came in from the boxes. I felt overwhelmed. Even with all those years of volunteering, I never realized how much work was involved in running the circulation desk. For the first time I truly saw how much work my grandma had to put in every day at the library checking in the boxes, attending

to the patrons, shelf-reading, going through lists of books and searching for them on the shelves, and the list goes on and on. As I began to work more often I began to enjoy the days most

when I worked with my grandma. While I enjoy working with other library employees, being with my grandma means not just a nice day at work, but a great day at work! I love being able to talk with her and spend time with her, especially now since I am leaving for college at the end of the summer. It makes me smile, though, when I work without her and hear from patrons about what a gem my grandma is. Through our patrons, I truly see how special she is. My

grandma has worked at the library for almost as long as I have been alive and she truly is a cherished part of the library. She knows countless patrons by name. When she sees our patrons, my grandma always asks about them and their families.

Earlier this summer a lady brought her elderly mother into the library to visit. The mother had gone to AC Free as a young child many years ago, and was revisiting it since she had not been there in years. The mother told us stories of how she would visit the library every day when she was little. She had to come to visit her library again since it held such a special place in her heart. She even found the same *Wizard of Oz* book she came in to read every day as a child as well.

This woman’s story deeply touched me because I could immediately picture myself coming back to AC Free years from now. I will be telling the same story, filled with memories, over again to whomever will be working the AC Free circulation desk in the future. However, as wonderful as my library is, if I came back years from now when I was that woman’s age, it would not be the same to me. Even with all its historic charm, my library would not be the same without me walking in and seeing my grandma smiling at the front desk the moment I walked through those doors.

*Post note: Mallory Vetter is now a successful freshman at Kent State University.*



*Mallory with her grandparents Bill and Jo Vetter*

## Welcome New Board Member

Welcome new Board Member, Mrs. Ryann Cindrich. Ryann joins the ACFL&MH board as a certified teacher with a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education. Ryann brings to the ACFL&MH her experience of teaching in the classroom and most recently, teaching elementary teachers throughout the state of Pennsylvania in the areas of inquiry-based science, literacy, and assessment.

Ryann has already been a productive ACFL&MH benefit committee member whose help insured the benefit’s success. Ryann lives with her husband, Ron Cindrich, Jr. and their young daughter, Stella, in Nevillewood.



## Who wants to be a library volunteer?

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How do returned books make it back to the correct location on the shelf? How are the art supplies prepared for tomorrow's story hour project or for next week's Math4You class?

Time and time again, volunteers are the key resource to help our talented library staff. We could not keep our library running smoothly without them.

I am proud to say that I am a volunteer at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Erin, Katie, Nate, and team know how to keep me busy – whether it is during an afternoon visit, when I have a few hours to give, or during a quick 25 minutes, when I make it through the Fort Pitt tunnels without traffic (wow!) before a bi-monthly board meeting.

The next time that you have a few extra minutes, I would encourage you to ask the library staff if they need a hand. Here are just a few of the many reasons to offer your help:

- You want to say “thank you” to the library for being there when you need reading material, internet access, or a new DVD – and who writes thank you notes by hand anymore?
- You want to enjoy the community service hours that you complete to fulfill your high school's graduation requirements.
- You haven't used crayons and markers since you were in grade school, and Miss Erin's story time crafts look like so much fun!

- You just saw the tall stacks of returned books sitting near Katie at the main desk, and you know that you're heading to check out other books in that section of the library anyway.
- You are proud to be a member of the ACFL&MH community – and you've been looking for a way to give back.

Thank you in advance for considering our library for your next volunteer opportunity. I'll see you there!

*Jennifer Garczyk joined the ACFL&MH Board in April, 2012 and is chair of the Operations Committee. Jennifer is Manager of the H.J. Heinz Co. U.S. northeast regional sales division, and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Minnesota.*



*ACFL&MH Board Member, Jennifer Garczyk, far right, at the Jones x Two benefit, with husband, Greg Ullom (far left), and friends, Ryan and Alison Petersen.*

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*Don't miss out on valuable information from the ACFL&MH*



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Join the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall page on Facebook to keep up-to-date on patron news, events and programs at ACFL&MH [www.fb.com/carnegiecarnegie](http://www.fb.com/carnegiecarnegie)

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### Library Hours

Monday - 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
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Thursday - 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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*The official registration and financial information of the Andrew Carnegie free Library & Music Hall may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll-free within PA 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

## Memorials honoring longtime friends of The ACFL&MH

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of the late Ms. Joanne McGarry, Mrs. Ethel Gideon and Mrs. Rose M. Camp. Their dedication to our Library will always be remembered. We thank their families for suggesting to friends and family to support our Library & Music Hall in lieu of flowers.

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### *The following people honor Mrs. Rose M. Camp:*

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Glenn and Mary Pamer  
Ruth Rutkauskas  
Gail and Gary Champlin  
Dolores & Patricia Nelson  
Carl & Yvonne Voiner  
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## ACFL&MH Needs Your Support

Please consider supporting the ACFL&MH for your 2012 end of year giving. We recognize that you have a wide choice of organizations to whom to contribute at this time of year. By supporting the ACFL&MH, you can make a difference in this community, support our children's literacy, and help your overall financial profile at the same time. The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall greatly values your support as our Library needs to purchase new books and computers, keep pace with rising utility bills, and invest in our staff's professional development.

Thank you to our newest William Hill Society Members:

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The ACFL&MH Board and staff wish you and your family a very happy holiday!



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