

Friends of the Library

Edgar Allen Poe to Perform at CPL!

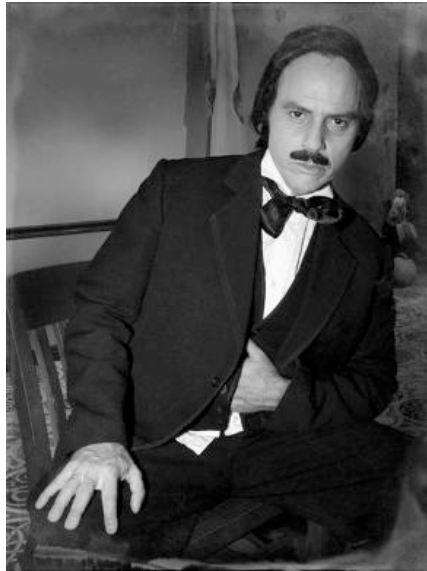
Professional actor Duffy Hudson will perform as Edgar Allen Poe in his original one-man show, "In the Shadow of the Raven," Wednesday, Sep. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Carroll Public Library reading room.

In his portrayal of the famous author, Hudson rises from the scene of Poe's mysterious death to tell the poet's life story.

Audience members will hear some of Poe's most famous works including "Annabel Lee" "The Raven," and "The Tell Tale Heart."

In addition to acting, Hudson directs, writes, teaches and is a film maker. He attended the Circle in the Square Theater School and has performed on and off Broadway. Duffy has

directed over 300 theatrical pieces, and has worked with Brooke Shields, Jessica Lange, Don Johnson, Tatum O'Neal and Marlo Thomas.



Professional Actor Duffy Hudson as Edgar Allen Poe

He is the author of several stage scripts, adaptations and films. He is also the author of his two one-man shows. In addition to his portrayal of Poe, he performs "The Relativity of Albert Einstein," telling the life story of the great physicist. He has also authored a children's book, "The Boy Who Came From Heaven."

Throughout his career Duffy has been active as a teacher on both the professional and the collegiate level. He is co-owner of the film company Cincinnatus Motion Pictures. Recent film acting film credits include "The Greater Good," "Finders Keepers" and "Hell-O-Ween."

This program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library is free and open to the public.

Public Input Needed at Architect's Meetings

Want to have a say in what's included in the proposed new Carroll Public Library? Then you need to attend a public meeting Thursday, September 9, at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

FEH, the architectural firm hired to design the library, wants public input on what the new library should include. What do you want? A life-long learning room? Expanded genealogy area? Teen area? They need to hear from you.

The public is also encouraged to attend the Design Review Sessions of the Charrettes (mini-meetings) FEH has included as part of its design process.

They are scheduled for Monday & Tuesday, Sep. 20 & 21, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. , and Wednesday, Sep. 22 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Charlie's at the Carrollton Inn. Plan on being a part of the new library design process -- your input is important!

"Storytellers of the Prairie" Coming in November

"Everybody has stories and we are telling ours," say the Storytellers of the Prairie who will share their tales on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in the library reading room.

The storytellers, Clayton & Linda Layman from Rockwell City and Alan Baughman from Manson, share family stories and tales of pioneer lives on the prairie. They have performed at the Iowa State Fair, Living History Farms and many other places in Iowa and the Midwest.



Storytellers of the Prairie

Clayton & Linda Layman and Alan Baughman

They are members of the Heartland Storytellers Guild, the Fort Dodge Storytellers, and other storytelling groups. Their stories are not only entertaining but teach about storytelling as the stories happen.

"We're used to stories from books," said Friends President Carol Blincow. "We thought it would be fun to share the oral tradition with our library patrons. These are seasoned storytellers who use wit and humor to engage and entertain."

Clayton is an auctioneer, Linda is a retired schoolteacher and Alan is a farmer, poet and singer. All, obviously, are "talkers."

Among the selections Carroll audiences may hear

are Clayton's "The One-Armed Schoolteacher," "Oyster Stew" and "Dogs in the Sheep." Allen's stories include "Picking Asparagus with Dad," "Three Little Goldfinches" and "The Story Bell." Linda tells about Clayton finding a pony tied to the Christmas tree when he was five. Called "The Christmas Pony," she also has published it as a children's book.

This Friends'-sponsored program is free and open to the public. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult and need to be taken to the lobby if they become fussy.

Friends & CCT Plan

Dinner-Theater/Fundraiser

October 22 & 23

"Murder in Crooke's Crossing," a fundraiser dinner-theater benefiting both the Friends of the Library and the Carroll Community Theatre/Carroll Arts Center, will be performed Oct. 22 & 23 in the library reading room.

In the play, the mayor of small town Crooke's Crossing is found murdered during a gala held in the town library. Theater-goers will "solve" the mystery using their wits and paying attention to the clues given throughout the night.

Tickets will be \$20 each and go on sale in mid-September. They will be available at the library, Carroll County State Bank Hy Vee branch, and Artworks Studio. Proceeds will be split between the Friends and CCT/CAC.

"We're excited about putting on a show in and for the library," said Laura Comito, CCT/CAC president. "A lot of actors are interested and we're ready to have a fun time with this show!"

They'll have fun and you will too so be sure to get your tickets early -- seats are limited!

Check out what's new at CPL's website:

www.carroll-library.org

Why Not Build “Up” or “Out”?

Adding on to an existing structure might seem like the best solution to a need for additional space, but in the case of the Carroll Public Library, it isn't a good option.

Just why is going up a problem?

Adding space by adding one or more stories would not work without replacing the existing foundation -- a task architects say is near impossible and prohibitively expensive.

In addition, multiple stories would result in higher staff numbers. Personnel need to be continuously present on each level to appropriately supervise the use of the books and other materials, to prevent theft and to monitor patron conduct. “We would need to add significantly to our staff numbers if we had a two- or three-story building,” said Kelly Fischbach, library director. “And the added staff would not necessarily increase services or efficiencies because they'd be ‘stuck’ on their floors. They would not be as task-flexible as they are now.”

If we can't go up, why not out?

Expanding the existing library would create a multi-level facility, require vacating two downtown streets, eliminate retail parking and have limited potential for future expansion.

The existing site slopes almost a full story downward. Many square feet would be taken up by access ramps, reducing the amount of usable space.

The building would need to be expanded south over the existing parking lot and east over Court Street which would be vacated. Fourth Street from Main to Court would be closed and converted to parking. This would essentially isolate the retail businesses east of the court house. Access to Court Street from the west or to the rest of downtown from the east would be eliminated between Third Street south of the tracks and Highway 30. It would also eliminate a

number of the already inadequate parking spaces available to those businesses.

The site poses problems for the future. The only space available for expansion would be to the south over what is now Fourth St. It's not only over a sewer line, it would create a building that would be difficult to manage.

What would happen in the meantime?

Library services need to continue during expansion.

We would need to find a place to rent for 12 to 24 months. It would probably need to be bigger than our current location so the weight of the books could be accommodated.

It would need to be cabled for computer and Internet use.

We would need to hire people to move the collection, more than 90,000 items weighing thousands of pounds.

And then, when the remodeling was done, we'd pay to move it all back.

Staff from other city departments in the building would have to deal with construction noise and dirt for many months. Parking would be at a premium. Citizen access to the building could also be more difficult.

When it's all done, we would have a building that cost millions of dollars, wasted thousands more in rent and temporary expenses and created difficult working conditions for almost everyone providing city services. It would impair access and decrease parking for businesses east of the Court House. It would require a bigger staff and make future expansion more costly and difficult.

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'In My Spare Time Series' Back by Popular Demand

Mark your calendars for the first Thursday of the month so you won't miss any of the popular 'In My Spare Time' series. Presenters this fall will include Renee Wittrock on wine tasting, Oct. 7; Al Hunter on woodworking, Nov. 4; and Kelly Fischbach on eBooks, Dec. 2.

The series is the brainchild of Program Coordinator Sonia Walsh. It features local people sharing information and anecdotes about their hobbies and interests.

"There are so many people in Carroll and the surrounding area who have unusual and fascinating interests," Sonia commented. "It's great fun to invite them to do a library program and learn about their hobbies and avocations."

Each program begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Calendar of Events

New Library Design Meeting,
Thursday, Sep. 9, 7 p.m. City Hall

Charrette Design Meetings
Mon. & Tues. Sep. 20-21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sep. 22, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Charlie's, Carrollton Inn

Edgar Allen Poe
Wednesday, Sep. 22, 7 p.m., Library

**Murder at Crooke's Crossing
Dinner-Theater**
Fri. & Sat., Oct. 8 & 9, 6:30 p.m., Library

Storytellers of the Prairie
Thursday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m. Library

Marshall Crane, Author
Thursday Dec. 2, 7 p.m., Library