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**Off the Shelf:**

An e-mail newsletter from the Prince William Public Library System  
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2009 Love My Library Campaign Begins!

February is "Love My Library" month! For the fifth consecutive year, all libraries in the Prince William Public Library System will display heart-themed cards with titles of books, music CDs, audiobooks, and DVDs that the Library could use in its collection! Library users simply select and fill out one of the displayed cards, then give the card and either cash or check to the Circulation staff. In return, donors receive a Love My Library bag and bookmark and their choice of a Love My Library magnetic date due receipt holder, squishy stress-relief heart or ribbon magnet. A special Love My Library book plate with the donor and/or honoree's name will be placed in the item selected. Items may also be donated in honor of or in memory of any individual!

In 2008, 406 items were donated by library users in a variety of categories: from boardbooks and children's fiction to adult fiction, non-fiction, audiobooks and DVDs! The Library System would like to thank its patrons for its generosity throughout the years!

The 2009 "I Love My Library" Campaign begins February 14th (Valentine's Day) and runs through the last day of National Library Week (April 18). For more information, please contact your local library or call 703-792-6100.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:**

**Woman's Day Call for entries about how the library helped you save money!**

Has the library helped you save money? If the library has helped you or your family out of a touch financial crunch, helping you save in unexpected ways, why not submit an essay 700 words or less to *Woman's Day* magazine! Enter between February 17 and May 18<sup>th</sup>! Official rules can be found at: <http://womansday.com/ala>. Up to four women will be featured in the March 2010 issues of *Woman's Day*!

Since 2002, *Woman's Day* has asked readers to write in about various library related topics, such as: "how the library has changed my life," "why I would want to be a librarian for a day" and "how I started my business at the library." The March 2009 issue features four readers who used the library to improve their health and wellness: a wife who turned to the library for solace during her husband's illness, a new mom who sought answers about postpartum depression at the library, a retiree who learned how to find trusted medical resources at a free library class, and a reader who rediscovered books through the Library of Congress' Talking Books program after losing her sight.

Do you have a story to tell? Why not send your essay in today?

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