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This weekend the Strand hosted over 125 people at the Shelby County Reads Lecture. The speakers, who were in the Japanese Detainment Camps in WWII, gave an interesting lecture. Thank you to the Shelbyville-Shelby County Public Library and Shelby County Reads for holding their lecture at the Strand. We are finishing up the final details on the 2009 Strand Lecture Series. This will be the first, in what we hope, will be an annual series. We are planning 4 lectures, one each quarter, on various topics. They should be interesting and entertaining. All the lectures will be free admission. More about the details soon.

Were you at the lecture on Sunday? Did you look down? If you did?wow! Gordon H. was busy during our break paint the floors. The balcony is much nicer with its new color, and the downstairs received new coats of paint down both side aisles. We didn't realize was a rush job we did in January 2008. Only after these two coats, did we see the difference a great job makes.

Now that we are doing lectures, we have a little problem. Remember the picture of Lt. Gov. Skillman on the front page of the Shelbyville News when she was at the Strand in October? That lectern wasn't really a lectern. It is the old ticket box. When you bought your ticket to the movie, the DeWitt's tore it in half and deposited the stub in a ticket box. We painted it and Bob S. built a top for it to make it into a lectern. That was OK to get going, but as we do more lectures, we really need a proper lectern, with lights, places for the microphones, and PC hookups. If anyone knows of a lectern we could have, it would be greatly appreciated. The old ticket box has done a good job, but it is time to give it a rest.

This week we have a very special event. The Shelby Arts Council is holding its Dinner/Dance at the Strand on Saturday February 14th. The dinner is sold out, but there are plenty of tickets still available for the entertainment. The Rush County Big Band will be on the stage providing swing music for all you dancers out there. We will the dance floor in the Cabaret Area, and it should be a great time. Whether you want to just sit and listen, or cut the rug, the Strand is the place for you on Valentine's Day! Tickets are \$10 in advance and are available at Mickey's T-Mart, Smashed Productions and Mac's Music. The price will be \$12 at the door. Hope to see you there! You might remember that the Rush County Big Band came and helped us with our acoustic testing several months before we opened. It will be nice to see them on stage again. Let's have a big crowd so we can fill those new CGS totes in the back alley!

Again, thank you for all the support. The Strand is a success because of you. Whether you are here in Shelbyville or far away reading this, the fact that you care is what makes this project so special.

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