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Classes Offered on How to Use Computer Catalog

What is the computer catalog? How does it work? What kind of information does it give? Is it difficult to use? Patrons ask these and many other questions when they discover the computer catalog touch terminals located throughout the Library.

The Library staff plans to provide answers by offering computer catalog classes for those who are interested in becoming more comfortable with the operation of the computer catalog. The classes will be small and informal with an opportunity for participants to get some "hands on" experience and to have individual attention.

Three identical sessions are scheduled: 1:30 - 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 15; 7:30 - 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 16; and 10:30 - noon, Saturday, January 19. Enrollment is limited to 12 per class. Registration will be accepted in person or by phone at the Circulation Desk.

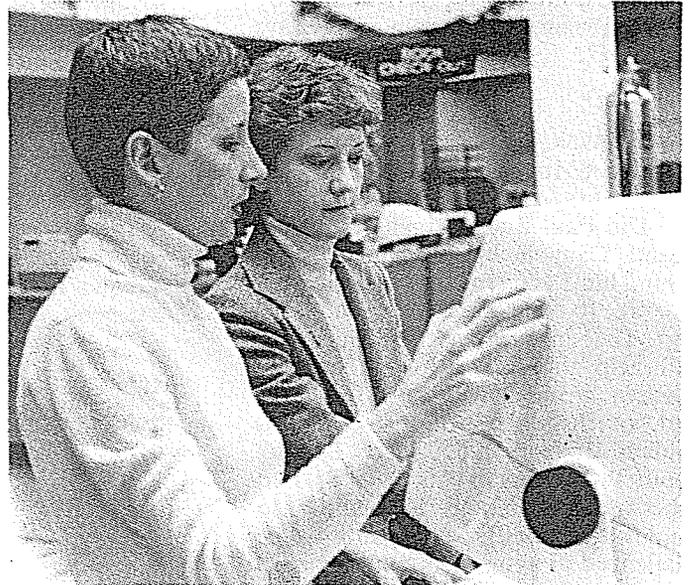
The Library has ten computer catalog terminals. They were installed in late 1982 and were introduced to the public through the *Newsletter* in January, 1983. The computer catalog is programmed to allow users to search for materials in the same classifications as the standard card catalog — author, title and subject. With the touch of a patron's finger, the computer will disclose whether the material is on the shelf or out in circulation. It also will tell the user whether it is available from any of the other libraries in the Suburban Library System, a service not provided through the card catalog. The computer catalog is updated daily. The card catalog is not maintained and will be phased out when the remodeling of the Library is complete.

Staff librarians are planning to offer additional classes based on the response to the initial sessions.

Questions can be directed to Librarians Pamela Grudzien and Anne Kozak who are the class instructors.

Parents Of Children 0-14 Years:

Your input can help us provide new, interesting, entertaining and educational children's programs. Complete and return the HELP WANTED SURVEY on page 3.



Librarians Anne Kozak and Pamela Grudzien use a computer catalog touch terminal to prepare effective handout material for classes they will teach this month.

Videotapes Listing Ready for Pick Up

Patrons with access to videotape players will be interested in the Library's newest publication, *Videotapes*, which is available in the Fine Arts Department. The brochure lists more than 300 videotapes that are available for check out. Current movies and many classics are included. Although the largest number are VHS, there are a substantial number of BETA tapes, also.

Videotapes can be checked out by patrons who are at least 18 years of age. Only one can be checked out on a library card at a time. Loan time is three days including the day it is picked up and the day of return. Renewals cannot be made. An insurance fee of 50¢ is charged for each tape.

The Library owns a majority of the videotapes that it circulates. In order to provide an even bigger selection for patrons, it participates in a cooperative with other local libraries. Through this arrangement, cooperative tapes are rotated every two months. *Videotapes* is updated as new titles come into the collection. The January — February listing is scheduled for release by January 10.

The Fine Arts Department is on the second floor, east.

Children's Department

Fantasy Storyhour

First and second graders can enter the magical world of fairy tales and fantasy during the special storyhour, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 18. They will hear about animals that talk and come to life, about magical powers and about wishes that come true. Stories, poems and songs will take the audience on an exciting trip to the land of imagination.

Registration, in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. Monday, January 7.

Paul Bunyan Creative Writing Workshop

Did Paul Bunyan really carve the Grand Canyon by dragging his ax behind him? Is it true that he used a tall pine tree to comb his beard each morning? The answers to these questions will help to set the format for the creative writing workshop for third and fourth graders, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 25. After hearing about Paul Bunyan, his Blue Ox and other characters and happenings in similar "tall tales", participants will be challenged to write their own stories to see who has the wildest imagination.

Registration, in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. Monday, January 7.

Hats Off Storyhours for Preschoolers

Hats off to preschoolers! Winter is here and with it comes another series of preschool storyhours for children who are three to five years old. They are set to run from January 28 to February 27. The sessions will be filled with stories and songs, puppets and poems, fingerplays and films and fun. To set the mood for the series, children are asked to wear their favorite hat to the first meeting.

Selection of a convenient time can be made from the following schedule:

Three-year-olds

Mondays, 1:30 p.m. or
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Four- and five-year-olds

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. or
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Registration, in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. January 14.

History Fair Resources Available

A variety of resources are available in the Local History Room for students who are participating in the 1985 Chicago Metro History Fair.

Resource materials include:

—an extensive file of newspaper clippings with information about local residents, the Oak Lawn Park District, elections, government and area businesses;

—historical photographs and documents;

—oral history tapes and transcripts recorded by Oak Lawn pioneers;

—minutes of board meetings from various local governments - Village of Oak Lawn, elementary and high schools, Oak Lawn Park District and others.

The Local History Room is on the second floor, next to the Fine Arts desk.

Hats Off Storyhour for First and Second Graders

Hats off to first and second grade students! This is a special program that will feature an hour of stories, songs, puppets, poems and a film — all dealing with hats. The event is set for 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 1. Participants will discover hats that are magical, hats that are troublesome and hats that are silly. All those who attend are asked to wear a hat.

Registration, in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. Monday, January 21.

Contest Still Open

The Publish-A-Book Contest still is open for kids in grades four through six. Deadline for entries is January 31. The first prize entry will be published next fall as part of the Heritage Book Series. Other prizes include cash for the winners and a selection of free books for the sponsoring libraries.

Those who enter write a true story about their family history, either about a person in the family or something that happened in the family's past. The story must be between 700 and 800 words in length.

All of the contest rules, assistance with writing and copies of the winning entries of past contests can be found in the Children's Department. Librarians Rita Bert and Cindy Kittleson have resources and information that can help contest entrants.



"When can I start making music?" seems to be the question as these youngsters wait to play their new rhythm instruments. The music makers are a contribution to the Children's Department from the Friends of the Library. Although concerts are not a part of planning for the future, Children's Librarians are looking forward to the musical interpretations that can be added to storyhours.

Thank You, Friends

Six locust trees have been planted at the north end of the Library as a memorial to Ramona Griffin, former President of the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, who died June 7, 1984. The trees were a gift from the Friends to complete the landscaping of a newly-completed driveway and parking strip.

Children who attend storyhours will be able to add new dimension to their participation — music played on instruments that were purchased by the Friends. Included are a 15-player rhythm set, autoharp, kalimba, three pairs of maracas and four hand bongo drums.

The Friends organization is an independent group whose purpose is to support the Library. They serve as volunteers for patron surveys, assist with community program planning and raise funds to provide equipment, materials and special gifts for the Library. Each year, attendance at entertainment and cultural activities is made possible for many local residents through bus trips sponsored by the Friends. Any profits from the ventures are added to those of the group's primary fund raiser, the annual Book Sale.

Members of the Friends Executive Board are Jeanette Fowler, President, Dee Kopf, Vice President, Evelyn Stanton, Secretary; Dorothy Bergstrom, Treasurer; Dorothy Wolf, Membership; Genevieve Sobanski, Program, and Beth Baird, Director. Meetings, which are open to the public, are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Library.

HELP WANTED SURVEY

I. PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

A. Indicate ages of your children and number in each age group:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 - 8 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 12 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 4 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 - 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 - 14 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 6 years | | |

B. Check current activities in which your children participate:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boy scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Church programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire Girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Park district programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Band | | |

C. Check times of their involvement:

- | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening |
| Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening |
| Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening |
| Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening |
| Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | |
| Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | |
| Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | | |

D. Check programs you would like to see offered at the Library:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Magicians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book discussion groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Clowns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authors | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppets/Marionettes | <input type="checkbox"/> Representatives from zoos, museums, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative dramatics | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

II. PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS

A. Are you interested in attending programs on parenting?

- Yes No

B. Check topics of interest:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book selection | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer activities for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Child safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

C. Check times that are convenient for you to attend programs at the Library:

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| Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening |
| Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening |
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| Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | |
| Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | |
| Sunday | | | |

III. COMPUTERS

A. Do you own a computer?

- Yes No

B. If so, check the model:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRS 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> Commodore 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple IIE | <input type="checkbox"/> Atari 800 XL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IBM PC | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

C. Do your children have access to computers at school?

- Yes No

D. If so, check model:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRS 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> Commodore 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple IIE | <input type="checkbox"/> Atari 800 XL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IBM PC | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

E. Do your children do their own programming?

- Yes No

F. Check the languages they use:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BASIC | <input type="checkbox"/> LOGO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PASCAL | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COBOL | |

G. Check types of software your children would probably use:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Math | <input type="checkbox"/> Grammar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |

Comments:

Extra! Extra!

HELP WANTED

PARENTS with interest in Library programs for kids. Input needed. To apply, complete survey by Feb. 1. Forward to Children's Department, Oak Lawn Library, 9427 Raymond.



Don Sheriff, David E. Trimle, Arthur Granat and Jack Sheriff shovel snow on the south side of 98th Street, between 54th and Minnick Avenues. The date is April 6, 1938. The snowfall is 9.1 inches!



The Krueger home makes a pretty picture through the trees in the winter of 1915. The camera is looking north from 94th Street along 51st Avenue.

From the Resourceful Librarian . . .

For people in business: The Oak Lawn Public Library can be especially helpful to business people. A large portion of the Library's reference and circulating book collection relates to business. Any titles that the Library does not have can be obtained by interlibrary loan through the Suburban Library System. Those who have business problems or questions should think of the Library first. It pays!

For everyone: Today's industry says, "Send me a person who reads." Institutions of higher learning say, "Students who read, succeed." The Library says, "The key to new and exciting worlds is reading." No matter who says it, the fact is clear that anyone who doesn't take time to read is missing one of the important things of life.

Meeting Rooms

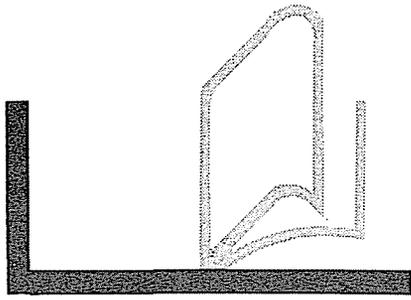
Because of the Library's remodeling program, community use of the meeting rooms has been discontinued. Groups or individuals who are interested in scheduling future not-for-profit activities are urged to watch the Newsletter for information about the reopening of the rooms.

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Librarians Pamela Grudzien and Anne Kozak conduct a session and answer questions during a computer catalog class in January. Computer catalog classes begin with an orientation session to acquaint participants with the basic concepts of using the touch terminals.



Computer class "students" coach each other as they follow the steps for finding a book via the touch terminal. The second half of the class is devoted to "hands on" instruction and individual assistance from the instructors.

Automatic Doors Installed

Automatic opening doors are now in operation at the Raymond Avenue entrance. An electrically-operated system has been installed which controls both outer and inner lobby doors.

Patrons with armloads of books, large framed prints, audiovisual equipment and little babies no longer have to find a free hand in order to open a double set of doors. Physically handicapped patrons have direct access from their designated parking spaces on Raymond Avenue.

The Cook Avenue entrance will remain a manual operation.

Hold the Books

For several years, library patrons have contributed books, magazines and other materials for the annual Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Regular contributors know that a spot near the east entrance is the place to put donations. However, while the Library is being remodeled, the generous public is asked to "hold the books."

Space will be at a premium during the renovation, and no storage room will be available for book sale materials.

An announcement of the renewal of collections will be made in the *Newsletter*.

Additional Computer Catalog Classes Offered

The second series of classes on how to use the computer catalog will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 13; 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, February 19; and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, February 24.

All sessions are identical and limited to 12 persons each.

The classes are designed for those who are interested in becoming more comfortable with the operation of the touch terminals. Classes are small and informal. Library staff members explain the process with a step-by-step introduction using visual aids for clarification. Following this, the participants are brought to the computer catalog terminals for individual "hands on" experience and attention.

Each person who attends receives a handbook on touch terminal use and a packet of examples that show each screen that appears in a search for material.

The computer catalog is programmed so that users can look for materials in the same divisions as the card catalog - author, title and subject. However, the computer catalog contains considerably more information than the card catalog which only reveals whether or not the material was in the Oak Lawn collection. The computer catalog discloses whether the material is in the shelf or out in circulation, when it is due and whether it is available from any of the other libraries in the Suburban Library System.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning February 11. There is no charge for the class.

Questions about the sessions can be directed to Librarians Pamela Grudzien and Anne Kozak, class instructors.

At a later date, instructions will be offered on how to operate the computer catalog keyboard terminal. Information will be given in the *Newsletter*.

Updated Loan Periods Announced

The standard loan period for materials is three weeks with no limitation on the number of items checked out. Anyone with an Oak Lawn or Suburban Library System card is eligible. However, some materials are available on a limited or restricted basis. The updated list of these exceptions appears in the following table.

MATERIAL	LOAN PERIOD	QUANTITY	BORROWER
Books:			
Reference (selective)	Overnight		
New Book Room	14 days		
Interlibrary Loan (ILL)	14 days or as noted		Oak Lawn resident
Juvenile Holiday Books	1 week	3	
Science Experiment Books	1 week	3	
Pamphlets	3 weeks	5	
Periodicals (Adult)	Non-circulating		
Art Prints and Mini Prints	2 months		
Sculptures and Statues	2 months		
Suburban Audiovisual System (SAVS) Materials	Determined by SAVS	Determined by SAVS	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
16 mm Film Catalogs	1 week	1	
16 mm Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
8 mm Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
Projection Screens	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
Slide Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
AV Kits	1 week	3	
Filmstrip Viewer	1 week	1	
Filmstrips	1 week	3	
Cassette Players		1	
Videotapes	3 days	1	18 and older
Christmas Records (Thanksgiving - New Years Day)	1 week	3	
Software		3	
T/S Computers	1 month	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 12 and older
Polaroid Cameras	3 days - 1 month	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 12 and older

Tax Help

The Library has tax forms and tax planning books to help complete income tax returns.

Included are Internal Revenue Publication #1132, *Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries*. Copies of income tax forms can be made from these on Library copy machines for ten cents each. These are acceptable for filing with the IRS.

Also on hand are the most commonly used forms from the 1040 series: 1040A, 1040 schedules A and B, 1040 short form, 1040EZ and 1040 schedule for married couples who both work.

Expected soon from the IRS are audiocassettes and videocassettes on tax preparation. When these arrive, they can be checked out for home or business use.

In its regular collection, the Library has IRS publications and other books that will help in filing tax forms and in tax planning for next year.

For Illinois tax, the Library has requested the most commonly used income tax forms. These will be available as soon as they are received.

For additional information, contact the Information Desk by phone or in person.

Library Copy Machines

Six copy machines are located throughout the Library for patron convenience. Copies on all machines are ten cents each. Two sizes are provided.

Machine location and copy sizes are:

Reference Department 8½ x 14
 Near elevator, 1st floor 8½ x 14
 Cook Avenue entrance 8½ x 11
 Fine Arts Department 8½ x 14
 Children's Department 8½ x 11
 Circulation Desk 8½ x 11
 (ten or more copies) and 8½ x 14

The single copy machines are equipped to furnish change for a quarter and to accept nickels and dimes. Change for a dollar bill can be obtained at the Circulation Desk. The multicopy machine requires registration at the Circulation Desk. Copies are paid for after they are made. The specified ten or more copies can be from one original or several.

Children's Department

Blume Creative Writing Workshop Set

Judy Blume fans are invited to come to a creative writing workshop to share their interest with other fans from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 15. Those who attend must have read at least one Judy Blume book before the program.

Registrations will be accepted in the Children's Department by phone or in person beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, February 4.

Questions should be directed to Children's Librarian Cindy Kittleson.

Meeting Rooms

Because of the Library's remodeling program, community use of the meeting rooms has been discontinued. Groups or individuals who are interested in scheduling future not-for-profit activities are urged to watch the *Newsletter* for information about the reopening of the rooms.



Second graders Dana Cepican, Ralph Wright and Kelly Galassi get a preview of the Fantasy Storyhour from Librarian Cindy Kittleson. All of the children are seven years old and Oak Lawn residents. Kittleson is the newest staff member of the Children's Department.

Children's Librarian Introduced

Cindy Kittleson, newest librarian in the Children's Department, says that she decided to become a librarian when she was in seventh grade and never had any reason to change her mind. Based on the rapt attention of the audience during a recent storyhour, the children in Oak Lawn are glad that she stayed with her goal.

In addition to conducting storyhours, she has a definite interest in encouraging young people to write. She has developed several creative writing sessions for elementary school ages to stimulate the process. Her collection of unicorns not only was the theme for one program, but also was an attractive and interesting display in one of the Library's exhibit cases.

Kittleson is on the review board of the *School Library Journal* for both books and audiovisual materials. She says that she gets to see things before they are released to the public, but the "best part of the arrangement is that I can keep the materials for Oak Lawn Library use."

She is interested in working with young adults at the junior high school level and is hoping that persons from that age group will let her know what kind of reading-related programs they would find interesting. Meeting with parents to discuss children's reading and the use of the library is another consideration.

Recently she agreed to participate in Oak Lawn Fire Department's babysitting course. She will provide the participants with information about activities and materials they can use for entertaining children while babysitting.

Kittleson received her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University with a major in English and minors in French and library science. Her masters' degree in library science is from Indiana University with an emphasis on children's services and computers. At graduation she was awarded the Evelyn Ray Sickels Award for her academic achievement and potential in children's librarianship. She is a member of Beta Phi Mu, honorary association of librarians.

Friends of Library Plan Trip to *Gigi*

A trip to see *Gigi* with Louis Jourdan has been scheduled for Sunday, March 31, by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Reservations will be taken from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, February 14, at the Library.

Price of tickets is \$21 for members of the Friends and \$23 for non-members. The ticket includes round trip bus transportation from the Library and reserved seating for the show. The bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. for the 3 p.m. performance.

Gigi is a Lerner and Lowe musical that takes place in turn-of-the-century Paris. Louis Jourdan plays the title role of 'Honoré' in this lavish, new production.

According to the New York Times: "The enchanting score, featuring such favorites as *The Night They Invented Champagne*, *Thank Heaven for Little Girls* and *I Remember It Well*, gives *Gigi* the flavor and sparkle of French champagne."

Future plans of the Friends of the Library include a trip to see the musical *Cats* in May. Details will be available at a later date.

Friends Membership Drive Coming

The membership year for the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is from June 1 to May 31. The group conducts an annual membership drive beginning in March. Those who join for the first time after March 1 are accepted immediately and receive a two-month membership bonus according to Dorothy Wolf, Membership Chair.

"A membership application form will be published in the March *Newsletter* for those who are interested in joining the Friends," Wolf said. "The purpose of our organization is to support the Oak Lawn Public Library in any way that is needed. We raise funds through book sales and through trips to a variety of cultural activities in the Chicagoland area. We are interested in having new members who would like to become active on our Board. Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Library. They are open to the public."

Membership questions can be directed to Dorothy Wolf, 425-5512.

New Newspapers for Readers

Patrons are invited to pick up a copy of *Openers*, a newspaper published quarterly by the American Library Association. It is an eight-page tabloid that features a variety of topics and ideas, guaranteed to interest readers and furnished without charge as a Library "extra."

The current issue takes a lively look at books, movies, television, sports and more. What's all the hoopla about college basketball? *Openers* asks CBS personality Billy Packer. How do you write a best seller? *Openers* talks with *Evergreen* author Belva Plain. Will the November Man come in

from the cold? *Openers* talks with spy writer Bill Granger. Is it time to buy a home computer? *Openers* checks out the facts. All of this is just for openers.

Also featured in the winter publication is a look at kids' cookbooks and The Answer Place, a regular column designed to answer readers' timely and trivial information needs. Free Stuff for Fun, a listing of things that kids can request by mail, appears in this publication. Mystery fans will enjoy the feature article about the 50th anniversary of sleuth Nero Wolfe.

Free copies are available in the information racks on a first-come, first-served basis.

Openers

For openers, read what best-selling authors have to say about their work.

For openers, pick up tips on home repair, cooking, crafts and gardening.

For openers, find out which books will be reviewed in "The Reserve Shelf."

For openers, read more about books, movies, sports, music and popular culture in every issue of *Openers*, the good reading newspaper, free from your library.

What Can The Library Do For You?

(A brief library quiz for patrons)

1. Your wife tells you that she's on a waiting list for *Good-bye Mickey Mouse*. This means that she's:
 - a. giving up her Mouseketeer ears.
 - b. calling an exterminator.
 - c. keeping up with the bestsellers at the Library.
2. You love to read, but squinting at small print gives you a headache. You can:
 - a. hire a freelance reader.
 - b. buy a high-powered magnifying glass.
 - c. try some books from the Library's large print collection.
3. Your child likes to be read to, but you don't always have the time. You can:
 - a. pretend you lost your voice.
 - b. get your child interested in soap operas.
 - c. take the child to storyhours at the Library.
4. It's important that you reach your old classmate in Peoria. You've lost his address so you:
 - a. drive to Peoria and rent a sound truck.
 - b. consult a psychic.
 - c. check the current Peoria phone directory at the Library.
5. Your music teacher wants you to find what song was number one in 1956. You:
 - a. accost everyone wearing bobby sox or a flattop and ask them.
 - b. find a radio station that plays oldies and listen until the DJ announces the song you are looking for.
 - c. call the Reference Department of the Library.
6. You lost that important phone number from the classified ads in last Sunday's newspaper. You can:
 - a. call random numbers in the phone book until you get it right.
 - b. look through the trash for the newspaper.
 - c. check the local papers at the Library.

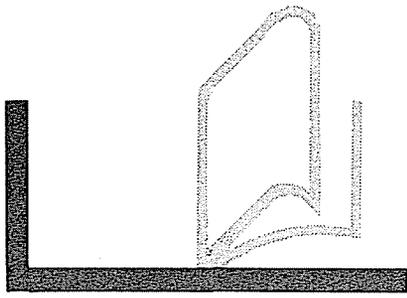
7. For your term paper you need a book on the aborigines of Australia. The University of Southern California has the only copy so you:
 - a. pack your bags and hitchhike to the west coast.
 - b. change your topic.
 - c. request the book through interlibrary loan at the Library.
8. You would like to be more involved with your Library. You can:
 - a. take out a library card.
 - b. take out a librarian.
 - c. take out books, cassettes, records, films, pictures, paperbacks.
 - d. take advantage of the Library's public service programs.
 - e. all of the above.

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Bank and Library Co-Sponsor Lithuanian Exhibit and Demonstration

An exhibit of Lithuanian artifacts, memorabilia and publications will be available from March 1 to April 7 in the lobby of the Oak Lawn National Bank, 9400 Cicero Ave., as a joint effort of the Bank and the Library.

The program is the first in a series of cooperative exhibits, displays and programs involving the Bank and the Library. The original suggestion for cooperating sponsorships of displays was advanced by William Brouwer, Executive Vice President of the Bank, who indicated to James M. O'Brien, Head Librarian, that exhibit space was available if the Library would furnish resources for seeking suitable traveling exhibits. With a major remodeling beginning this spring, the joint effort provides the Library with a timely opportunity to continue participation in public service activities.

Bank Marketing Director Roberta Bauer and Library Public Relations Officer Mary Nelson are working together to develop and implement the project. They have expanded on the original concept and are investigating several possibilities that will involve the community in contests, celebrations and games. These will be announced at a later date.

The Lithuanian display features hand-decorated Easter eggs, a variety of children's books, ethnic cook books and several wayside crosses. There are samples of homespun and embroidered textiles, historic coins and an array of unpolished and uncut native amber and amber jewelry.

The exhibit is from the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture through the courtesy of Stanley Balzekas, Jr. The Easter egg demonstration will be conducted by Pat Bakunas, Director of Children's Programs at the Museum.

Hold the Books

Generous library patrons are asked to "hold the books" that they normally would contribute to the annual Friends Book Sale. Storage space is not available during Library remodeling. Watch the *Newsletter* for an announcement of the renewal of collections.



A member of the construction crew tackles the completion of the mansard roof line in the snow and zero weather. The photographer, however, is catching the action from the warmth and comfort of a second floor window in the Children's Department. Major Library interior remodeling will begin in the near future.

COIN Career Choices

Searching for a career? Thinking of changing careers? Looking for help in determining a suitable occupational field? Lost in the ever-growing and changing technical world?

The Coordinated Occupational Information Network (COIN) can provide answers to the above questions and serve as a guide for selecting appropriate institutions of higher learning. COIN is a software program that is available for use on the Library's Apple II+ computer.

COIN is simple to use. Participants are given a series of questions. Their responses control the step-by-step process that gives direction to the computer program. At the conclusion, career suggestions are given that are based on the needs and interests of the users.

COIN furnishes general information about careers and gives additional references to subjects which are in the Library's collection so that details of the careers can be examined. References also include post-high school institutions which offer suitable career educational opportunities and training.

Those who are interested can reserve time on the Apple II+ computer at the Information Desk. The fee is \$1 for one-half hour. However, first-time users receive the first one-half hour without charge.

College Financial Aid Information

High school seniors and other prospective college students will find valuable Federal financial aid information, including the Pell Grant Program, at the Library. They can pick up applications, instructions and guidelines at the Information Desk.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, more than 12.3 million citizens of the United States are planning to attend college, university or specialized schools of higher education this year. This country enrolls twice as many of its people in postsecondary education as the Soviet Union, ten times as many as France and 15 times as many as the United Kingdom. During 1985-86 the United States will spend an estimated \$240 billion for education. Of this amount, more than \$11.8 billion will be for Federal financial assistance for those who need help in order to pursue higher education. The five Federal programs are of two varieties — outright grants and student loans.

They are the Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work-Study (CW-S), National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL).

Federal application deadline is May 1. However, because mailing in the form is only the first step in seeking student aid, applicants are urged to file as soon as possible. In some cases, individual schools have earlier deadlines that have to be met.

Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH)

The world of ideas from the printed page — inspirational, humorous, happy, sad, exciting and factual — is available to all residents of the community including those who are blind and physically handicapped. The Library has access to a collection of approximately 20,000 Talking Books that eligible patrons can use without charge. Talking Books are recordings of entire books on cassette tapes or records.

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH) is a federally-sponsored program for all persons who cannot see or who cannot use regular books because of a physical limitation. This may have been caused by loss of limbs, nerve or muscle control; stroke, palsy, severe arthritis or other disabilities which make it difficult or impossible to hold a book.

Talking Books and players are furnished free to patrons with a note that establishes eligibility from a doctor, nurse or librarian. Relatives or friends of non-sighted or physically handicapped persons are invited to inquire about the details of BPH in the Local History Room.

Abraham Lincoln Collection On Display

An exhibit of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia is currently on display in the Local History Room. It includes watch fobs dating from 1912 to 1922, a campaign coin of 1860, a book published in 1860, *The Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln* and a china plate picturing Lincoln leaving Springfield for Washington, D.C. to assume the Presidency.

Also in the collection are small Lincoln statues, medals, 1918 half dollar, a variety of commemorative coins and dozens of other items.

The Lincoln collection will be on display through March. It was loaned to the Library by local resident Don Liversey.

Children's Department

Animals, Animals, Animals

Children in first and second grade are invited to join the fun of this storyhour. There will be stories, songs, poems and a film. All of it will be about animals — from ducks to dinosaurs.

In order to accommodate as many as possible, two sessions will be held. The first will be 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 8. The second is set for 10-11 a.m. Saturday, March 9. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 4, by phone or in person, 422-4990.

Preschool Storyhours

A new three-week session of storyhours for three- to five-year-olds begins March 18. Sessions for three-year-olds will be held at 1:30 p.m. Mondays or 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Sessions for four- and five-year-olds are set for 10:30 a.m. Mondays or 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

The storyhours will center around a spring theme and will include tales about ducks, frogs and Easter.

Registration, in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 4.

Learning at the Library

This very special program for two-year-old children and accompanying parents is scheduled for 10-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 12. It will include activities, songs and rhymes that are designed for parent-child interaction. For that reason, older or younger siblings may not attend, and each child must have a parent partner.

Registration, by phone or in person, begins March 4.

Touring Children's Theater, 1985

Remus Tales will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 15, by the Touring Children's Theater of Moraine Valley Community College. The production is directed by Kate Wulle who works with college students each year in presenting traveling plays that are suitable for children through eighth grade.

Remus Tales, by Stanley V. Longman of the University of Georgia, is an unpublished script involving Brer Terrapin, Brer Fox, Brer Bear and Brer Rabbit. The play is adapted from Uncle Remus tales with good taste and sensitivity while still retaining the delightful Southern accents and the humor of the characters.

Registration is not required. The performance will be staged in the Children's Department.

Movie: The Hobbit

Youngsters are certain to enjoy Bilbo Baggins and his adventures in Middle Earth in this animated film adaptation of the well-known book by J.R. Tolkien. The audience will enjoy meeting film versions of Gandalf, Frodo and Gollum.

The movie will be shown from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 22. Registration is not required.

Location of the showing will be announced on the day of the event.

Magic Program

William Koukala will present a mystifying and entertaining program for children through eighth grade at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23. He uses ropes, cards and various interesting props in his show. Audience participation plays a part, too. He has performed at LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Orland Park and Woodridge Public Libraries.

Tickets are not required.

Folktales and Fairytales

First and second graders have another storyhour treat coming up. Identical sessions are scheduled for 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 29, or 10-11 a.m. Saturday, March 30.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 18, either in person or by phone, in the Children's Department.

Meeting Rooms

Because of the Library's remodeling program, community use of the meeting rooms has been discontinued. Groups or individuals who are interested in scheduling future not-for-profit activities are urged to watch the *Newsletter* for information about the reopening of the rooms.

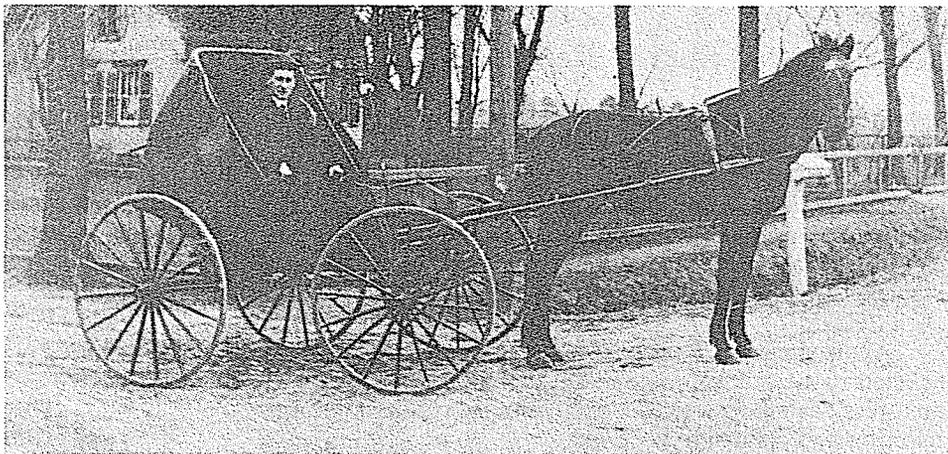
Friends Membership Open

The 1985-86 membership campaign of the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library begins with this issue of the *Newsletter*. Renewals and new memberships will be accepted. The regular membership year is June 1-May 31. However, those who join for the first time this year will be entered in the 1985-86 membership file as soon as their checks are received. For those signing up in March, this is more than a two-month bonus.

The Friends organization is an independent, volunteer group whose purpose is to support the Library in a variety of ways. Members help with patron surveys, assist with community program planning and raise funds to provide equipment, materials and special gifts for the Library. Each year attendance at entertaining and cultural activities is made possible for many local residents through bus trips sponsored by the Friends. Profits from these ventures are added to those of the group's primary raiser, the annual Book Sale.

Executive Board members are Jeanette Fowler, President; Dee Kopf, Vice President; Evelyn Stanton, Secretary; Dorothy Bergstrom, Treasurer; Dorothy Wolf, Membership; Genevieve Sobanski, Program, and Beth Baird, Director.

Meetings, which are open to the public, are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Library.



Hans Reimer pauses in his horse and buggy at 103rd Street and Cicero Avenue. The time is 1900. The horse is a colt from Blue Mantle, a famed race horse that ran the Worth Track, 111th Street and Ridgeland Avenue.

Friends Trip to Drury Lane, Oak Brook

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library have scheduled a trip to a matinee performance with lunch at the Drury Lane Theater, Oak Brook, Wednesday, April 17. Shelly Winters will star in the comedy production *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water Is Running*.

Tickets for this outing are \$22 for members of the Friends and \$24 for non-members. Ticket price includes bus transportation from the Library, a complete lunch and the play.

Reservations will be taken at the Library on a first-come, first-served basis, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, and 9 a.m. -noon, Thursday, March 14.

On the day of the performance, the bus will leave the Cook Avenue Library entrance promptly at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. The play begins at 3 p.m. The bus will return to the Library between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For additional information about the trip, contact Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

Computer Catalog Classes Announced

March classes on how to use the computer catalog have been scheduled. Two sessions on using the **touch terminals** are in the offing. Both sessions are identical and limited to 12 person each. The first will be 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. The second is set for 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16.

These classes are designed for those who are interested in becoming more comfortable with the operation of touch terminals. The classes are informal and include a step-by-step introduction with visual aids and individual, hands on experience and instruction on the terminals.

A class on how to use the computer catalog **keyboard terminal** will be held for the first time from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 12. The class is limited to the first 12 persons who register.

Registration for all sessions begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 11, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information is available from Librarians Pamela Grudzien or Anne Kozak, class instructors.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who want the Newsletter mailed to them should add \$3 for postage.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

_____ Individual (\$5)

_____ New

_____ Newsletter (\$3)

_____ Family (\$8)
(spouse/children under 18)

_____ Renewal

\$ _____ Total amount sent

If you are interested in becoming an active member of Friends, check one or more of the activities in which you wish to volunteer. Friends will contact you.

_____ Programming
_____ Publicity

_____ Membership
_____ Projects

_____ Surveys
_____ Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Help Wanted Survey Report

Storytelling, zoo personnel, museum representatives, puppets and marionettes were the top choices for programs that parents would like to see offered by the Children's Department. The selections were tallied from the **Help Wanted Survey** that was published in the January Newsletter. Parents also indicated a preference for programs with magicians, crafts, music and clowns.

Approximately 70 percent of the respondents were interested in attending programs on parenting, particularly on topics dealing with summer activities for children, book selection and child safety.

According to the survey, 20 percent of those who completed the form own computers. However, more than 50 percent said that computers were used by their children in school.

The survey results will be used by the Children's Department in planning future programs.

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Computer Catalog Class Evaluation

"This was very necessary to my continued use of the Library. Thanks for offering it."

"Enjoyed the class very much, and instructors were very helpful in answering all of our questions. Hands on experience on the terminals brought together everything we learned in the class very effectively."

"The class was great. Instruction at the terminals was helpful, but the classroom instruction was fantastic."

"I feel much more confident about the computer and will now use it."

These are samples of the evaluation comments made by patrons who enrolled in the first classes offered by the Library to show how to use the computer catalog **touch terminals**. All of the students indicated that the class was worthwhile and that they would be interested in an additional class to learn about the keyboard terminal.

Information about March classes is on page 3 of this publication.

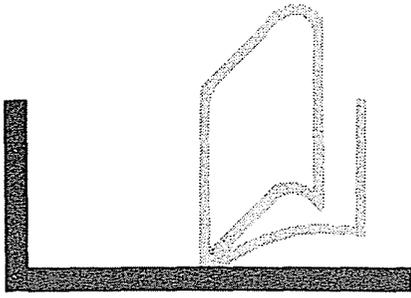
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April 1985

Public Invited to Big Balloon Launch

Kids and grown-ups—people of all ages—are invited to participate in the Big Balloon Launch, co-sponsored by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Bank parking lot, 9400 South Cicero Ave. The special event is scheduled to **LAUNCH** the series of programs and exhibits that are being planned cooperatively by the two organizations.

A total of 1,500 helium-filled balloons are available for the big launch. All participants will be given tagalong cards to attach to their balloons. One side will be for the “launchers” to fill in with their names and addresses. The other side is for the “finders” to complete and return. The balloon cards that are returned from the three most distant places will earn prizes, furnished by the bank, for the “launchers” and the “finders”. First prizes are \$100; second, \$75; third \$50.

Those who are unable to attend the launch in person can fill out balloon tagalong cards in advance either at the Bank or the Library. These will be attached to balloons and sent along with the others. The sponsors ask participants to limit themselves to one card per person; however, each family member can complete a tagalong card. Advance deadline is Friday, April 12.

Balloon tracking charts will be posted in the Library and the Bank to record those tags that are received. May 1 is the tentative date for announcing the winners and presenting the awards.

Joint Library and Bank projects in the planning stages for 1985-86 are a photography contest, a LEGO exhibit, ethnic exhibits and crafts demonstrations, a kite festival and an exhibition from the Smithsonian Institute.

The first jointly-sponsored activity in March, a Lithuanian exhibit and Easter egg demonstration, met with wide public approval. Hundreds of people viewed the display in the Bank Lobby, furnished by the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. A group of more than 30 potential artists participated in the egg decorating demonstration with Pat Bakunas.

Additional information about the balloon launch and other activities is available from Library Public Relations Officer Mary Nelson or Bank Marketing Director Roberta Bauer.

**Closed on Easter Sunday
April 7, 1985**



April showers are here, and Patrick Day is ready for them. He's dressed to beat the weather with his raincoat and umbrella and to find all the puddles to test his high boots.

High School Student Furnishes Tornado Exhibit

James Gray, a junior at Chicago Christian High School and an Oak Lawn resident, currently is showing his Oak Lawn tornado exhibit in the Local History Room. The theme of the display is the sense of unity and caring that prevailed in the aftermath of the destructive storm on April 21, 1967.

Included in the presentation are photos of various buildings and areas that were most severely hit by the twister and a map showing the path of the tornado. As a follow up, Gray shows how Oak Lawn has continued to grow and prosper in the 18 years since the tragedy by taking photographs of many of the buildings and of the reconstructed sections of the town as they look today.

For those who are interested, the Library has albums of newspaper accounts and numerous pictures of the tornado damage that were taken shortly after the storm struck.

Staff Notes

Children's Librarian Cindy Kittleson is a member of the book and audiovisual review board for School Library Journal. The Journal is the most comprehensive review source for children's literature in the field today. The goal of the publication is to review all of the 2,500 children's books and other materials that are published each year. She joined the group in October, 1984, and has had her first review published in the February issue.

In addition to her full schedule at the Library and her publication reviews, she also had time in March to address the Elementary and Early Childhood Club of St. Xavier College on the topic *Children and Books*. The presentation included ideas and methods for sharing books with children, selecting "good" children's books, giving chalk talks and paper folding stories and conducting traditional storytelling sessions.

Reference Librarian Cary Czarnecki is a contributor to a new Journal initiated by Rosary College. Appearing in Volume 1, Number 1, is his critique of *Defusing Censorship: The Librarian's Guide to Handling Censorship Conflicts* by Frances M. Jones.

Head of Circulation Services Pamela Grudzien will be attending a seminar on English libraries and librarianship at Oxford University, England. The three-week session includes discussions, lectures, library tours and an opportunity to explore automated library systems in England.

Head of Children's Services Rita Bert is hostess of the annual Regina Medal Award luncheon this spring. Award recipient is Jean Fritz, author of juvenile novels set in colonial America during the Revolutionary War. The medal has been presented annually since 1959 by the national Catholic Library Association (CLA) for "continued excellence in children's literature." Rita Bert is Chairperson of the Children's Services Section of the CLA.

Best-Selling Author James Michener Featured in Spring Openers

The spring issue of *Openers* is a great place to keep up with what's new in reading. James Michener talks about launching his novel *Space* as a miniseries on TV. Bill Cosby, star of NBC's hit TV series, is pictured on the cover in a poster promotion for National Library Week, April 14-20. Award-winning author and illustrator Chris Van Allsburg discusses writing provocative books for kids.

A new addition to this issue is *The Magazine Rack*, a brief survey of noteworthy articles from recently published magazines. *Openers* also takes a look at bicycle fitness, children's sports books and winners of the Newbery and Caldecott Awards.

And that's just for openers. For a look at books, sports, TV, movies and more, pick up a copy of *Openers*, a quarterly newspaper published by the American Library Association. Free copies are available in the Information racks on a first-come, first-served basis.



Brer Rabbit sits on his laughing log while Brer Terrapin tells the children in the audience what's going to happen next in this selection from *Uncle Remus Tales*. Moraine Valley Community College students portray the characters in this year's production of Children's Touring Theater. A Library presentation is sponsored annually by the Children's Department.

Children's Department

"The Last Unicorn" Movie Scheduled

Three showings of the animated feature movie *The Last Unicorn* are scheduled during Spring vacation: 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 10; 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 11; and 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 11.

The movie is a wistful, romantic, enchanted fable based on Peter S. Beagle's fantasy novel about a Unicorn who leaves everything familiar to her to save the rest of the species held captive by the vicious Red Bull and wicked King Haggard.

Registration is not required. The movie will be shown in the Children's Department.

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves Puppet Show Set

Two performances of *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* by Roberts Marionettes are set for Saturday, April 27. The first show is at 10:30 a.m. The second show is at 1:30 p.m. Each show is 40 minutes long.

The show is open to children through eighth grade. Tickets, which are required, will be available for pickup April 20.

Performances will be in the lower level, Community Room B.

Old Keys Wanted

Finally, there is a place to dispose of old keys, all of those mystery unlockers that haven't opened anything for as long as anyone can remember. The Children's Department is planning a program for summer that involves keys. A large number can be used. All those wishing to contribute are asked to bring them in. Any size, weight or type will be accepted.

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Friends Plan Trip to Musical Cats

Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library have secured a limited number of tickets for a matinee performance of the popular musical *Cats*, Saturday, May 18.

Reservations for the show and bus transportation will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, one night only, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the lower level, Community Room B.

Reservations are limited to two per person. Telephone orders will not be accepted. There are no refunds or exchanges.

Prices are \$40 per person for members of the Friends and \$42 for others. This includes round trip by bus from the Library to the Shubert Theater and seating in the first balcony.

On the day of the performance, the bus will leave the Cook Avenue entrance promptly at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. curtain. Return will be between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Based on the initial interest and the popularity of the show, the Friends are considering another trip to *Cats* in the fall. Information about the arrangements will be published in the Newsletter when available.

Questions can be directed to Genevieve Sobanski, Program Chair, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, Vice President, 422-0488.

Friends Organization Works for Library

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Membership in the Friends is open to all who are interested. Contact Dorothy Wolf, Membership Chairman, for information about joining, 425-5512, or pick up a form from the Information rack.

101 Things To Do At The Library

1. Get a library card.
2. Find that federal tax form you were looking for.
3. Listen to a recording of the hits of 1959.
4. Keep up on the new movies: read *Variety*.
5. Determine which 19 inch color TV is the best buy for your money.
6. Check on a film to show in your home.
7. Check out a projector to show the film that you checked out to show in your home.
8. Learn to build a still.
9. Discover who manufactures ball bearings in New Jersey.
10. Hear a story in the Children's Department.
11. Check out a camera to use.
12. Use the restrooms.
13. Enjoy the view of 95th Street.
14. Check out a cassette with Boy George on it.
15. Keep up with the business world by reading the *Wall Street Journal*.
16. Look up your Minnesota relative on telephone microfiche.
17. Get a drink of water.
18. Copy something on the copier.
19. Choose and check out an art print (nicely framed of course) for your office or home.
20. Check out a videotape.
21. Check out a book.
22. Bring the kids to a program in the Children's Department.
23. Talk to a friendly library staff member.
24. Ask a question at the Information Desk.
25. Sign up your youngster for a story hour.
26. Find a zip code.
27. Unravel the mysteries of relativity.
28. Unravel the mysteries of computers.
29. Unravel the mysteries in the mystery collection.
30. Look at the latest Consumer Price Index before you ask for a raise.
31. Read a poem by Walt Whitman.
32. Read a play.
33. Learn Spanish from a tape or record.
34. Read about notorious criminals.
35. Find the recommended price for a used car.
36. Sit down with some of the hundreds of magazines and enjoy browsing through something different.
37. Learn how to take better photographs from Ansel Adams.
38. Explore alternate futures in the science-fiction section.
39. Use a typewriter.
40. See what's on the New Book Shelf.
41. Check out a computer.
42. Find some mouth-watering German recipes.
43. Locate the dimensions for your own horseshoe pit.
44. Look up your ancestors from this area.
45. Read the local newspapers.
46. Identify a leaf.
47. Identify a coin.
48. Identify a disease.
49. Read some Zane Grey westerns.
50. Browse through a thousand floor plans for new homes.
51. Look for plans to build a workbench.
52. Look for plans for something to build once you have the workbench constructed.
53. Find out how to put a finish on the project you built on the workbench you constructed.
54. Find a quote on greed.
55. Type a letter.
56. Check out a filmstrip.
57. Find the current worth of a stamp.
58. Look at the displays in the display cases.
59. Bring the children to use the Listening Station in the Children's Library.
60. Examine the future of various occupations.
61. Compare colleges for size, majors and quality.
62. Now compare colleges for cost.
63. Find population figures for all countries in the U.S.
64. Explore the religions of the world, past and present.
65. Discover how many firms in Illinois manufacture steel tanks.
66. Read about thousands of famous people in our biography section.
67. Find the mileage from Oak Lawn to New Orleans.
68. Check out the Information racks.
69. Research your favorite author.
70. Pick up a copy of the latest *New In Business* brochure.
71. Locate the address of chambers of commerce throughout the world.
72. Arrange to meet a friend at the Library.
73. Use the Apple computer.
74. Do your homework.
75. Access material held in other libraries via the interlibrary loan system.
76. Find a reason to celebrate any day of the year in *Chase's Calendar of Annual Events*.
77. Look up a company address.
78. Find out when Easter will be in 1988.
79. Find a diet that will help you lose weight.
80. Find a diet that will help you cut down on salt.
81. Explore the art of Norman Rockwell.
82. Listen to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
83. Find out what a haiku is.
84. Get tune-up specifications for a 1975 Ford Mustang.
85. Discover the fine points of starting and maintaining a compost heap.
86. Learn how to cut kids' hair.
87. Get the address of your elected representative in village, county, state or federal government.
88. Take out a book on bird watching.
89. Find the side effects of a medication.
90. Find travel information for that trip you're planning.
91. Enjoy the humor of Mark Twain.
92. Save some money and learn how to fix that dripping faucet yourself.
93. Have Stephen King keep you awake at night.
94. Find out about hobbits and middle earth.
95. Learn about wines.
96. Learn about mixing drinks.
97. Learn about Illinois drunk driving laws.
98. Explore alternate heating methods for your home.
99. Study the problems of solid waste management.
100. Read a *Life* magazine from 1948.
101. Pick up and read the library's monthly *Newsletter*.



A family is introduced to the Library's Patron Survey by Evelyn Stanton, member of the Friends of the Library and a volunteer for the survey project. All visitors to the Library during specific time periods the week of March 10-16 were given an opportunity to participate.

Survey Tabulation Begins

Tabulation of the results of the Patron Survey that was conducted in March is under way. A full report is planned for the May issue of the *Newsletter*.

A total of 1,833 survey forms were distributed during three-hour periods on four separate days. Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library provided the volunteers who distributed the questionnaires to everyone who entered the Library. The tabulation will show how many forms were completed and how well the respondents believe the public is being served.

The brief survey measures user experience in looking for materials, other reasons for coming and a general rating of the Library. Results are important in planning future projects and services.

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Tape Instructions Help Beat Tax Deadlines

Both audio and video cassette tapes from the Internal Revenue Service can be checked out to help complete federal income tax forms before April 15. The tapes include step-by-step instructions for preparing tax forms 1040EZ; 1040A and Schedule 1; 1040, Schedules A, B, and W and tips for the self-employed and the military. The videotapes are available in VHS or BETA.

Other materials that are on hand are tax forms and tax books for reference. Included also are Internal Revenue Publication #1132, **Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries**. Forms that are available are 1040A, 1040 Schedules A and B, 1040 short form, 1040EZ, and 1040 Schedule for Married Couples Who Both Work. Copies can be picked up during regular library hours.

For additional information contact the Information Desk.

Meeting Rooms

Because of the Library's remodeling program, community use of the meeting rooms has been discontinued. Groups or individuals who are interested in scheduling future not-for-profit activities are urged to watch the *Newsletter* for information about the reopening of the rooms.

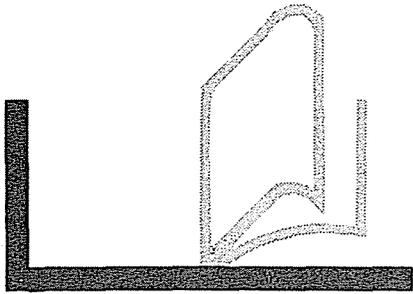
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OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 1985

Vacations, Venues and Visits: Photo Contest Announced

A summer photo contest is the next community program co-sponsored by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank. Theme of the contest is *Vacations, Venues and Visits*. Photos entered in the contest must illustrate the theme with pictures taken since January 1, 1985. The contest is open to amateur photographers in two classes: youth, ages seven to 18, and adults, over 18. Two kinds of photos will be accepted: black-and-white and color. All entries must be unmounted, 5 x 7 prints. Instant-type photos are not eligible. Photographers are limited to two entries each, regardless of category or class.

Contest rules and entry forms will be ready for pick up on May 3, both at the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank. Entries will be accepted August 1-15. Winners will be announced on September 3.

Prizes, furnished by the Bank, are \$100 gift certificates for first prizes; \$50 gift certificates for second prizes; and \$25 gift certificates for honorable mentions.

A panel of local photographers will serve as judges.



"Launchers" get ready to release their helium-filled balloons during the Big Balloon Launch co-sponsored by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank. Prizes will be awarded for balloon cards that are returned from the three most distant points. This activity is the first in a series of Library and Bank cooperative programs planned for 1985-86.

Soaring Balloons Launch Cooperative Programs

More than 1,000 helium-filled, brightly-colored balloons filled the sky above the Oak Lawn National Bank on that sunny, windy Saturday afternoon of April 13. The occasion was the Big Balloon Launch, an activity co-sponsored by the Library and the Bank, to *LAUNCH* a series of cooperative community programs for 1985-86.

People from Oak Lawn and surrounding communities crowded into the bank entrance and out to the grassy launch area to send off balloons with their identification cards attached. A large number of those who came volunteered to help launch the several hundred balloons that were pre-registered by those unable to attend the launch in person.

Prizes will be awarded to both the launchers and the finders for balloon cards returned from the three farthest distances. The public can keep informed about returned cards by watching the balloon tracking charts on display at the Library and the Bank.

Deadline date for recognizing returns is May 3. Winners will be announced in May.

The Library will be closed Sundays

from May 26 through September 1.

Closed May 27, Memorial Day

Software Programs Added for the Apple

Several new programs have been added to the collection of Apple software. *The Bank Street Writer*, a very popular word processing program, enables users to write, edit and save their work in a variety of ways. Its companion program, *The Bank Street Speller*, is a 30,000 word electronic dictionary that "corrects" words used in *The Bank Street Writer*. Both programs are designed for a wide range of patrons, from grade school youth to adults.

Five new programs on the workings of the human body are now in the collection. Although they are intended primarily for use by grade and high school students, interested adults who are looking for specific details might find them informative. The programs are *Bones and Muscles*, *The Digestive System*, *Exploring Your Brain*, *The Heart* and *The Respiratory System*.

These programs and all library-owned software can be requested for use on the in-house Apple II+ computer. Reservations for the computer are taken at the Information Desk. The fee for using the Apple is \$1 for each one-half hour. First-time users receive the first one-half hour free.

New in Business Booklet Published

The latest edition of *New in Business* is ready for distribution in the Reference Department. This booklet is prepared several times each year by the Adult Services staff as a service to local people who are interested in the latest publications relating to the business and financial world.

New in Business provides brief and interesting reviews of current books, magazines, almanacs and other items, all under appropriate headings for easy referral. For example, the current issue contains sections on Advertising, Automobile Industry and Trade, Banks and Banking, Career Education, Corporations, Electronic Data Processing, Investments, Marine Resources, Personnel Management and Small Business.

There also is information about the Library's stock market price quotation service and about new business magazines.

The booklet can be picked up at the Library without charge. Staff members in the Reference Department can answer questions about the publications.



Newly-elected Library Directors Beth McElroy and Carol James are individually sworn into office by Seymour Simon, Judge of the Illinois Supreme Court, during a meeting of the Oak Lawn Village Board. The new directors will begin their official duties when the Library Board holds its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14.

A-V Project Benefits Patrons

The Fine Arts Department announces that the Library now has access to the audio recording collection of the Suburban Audio Visual Service. (SAVS). Through a federally-funded project, Sound Recording Plus, a collection of Standard LP's, audio cassettes and compact discs can be procured by patrons.

In the collection are items of an esoteric nature which are not readily available to the average library patron. Included are language courses, classical music, operas, instructional materials, folk music, sound effects, spoken word, etc. The project provides for assembling a collection of the latest advance in audio technology, the compact disc. The project goal is 500 compact discs. Approximately 100 are in the initial offering.

The Sound Recordings Plus Project also will attempt to satisfy requests for audio recordings not found in the regular listing or in the Library's collection. This service is furnished for Oak Lawn residents only.

A copy of the SAVS Sound Recording Plus Audio Catalog and details on ordering are available in the Fine Arts Department.

Correction:

The correct name of the Chicago Christian High School student who furnished the tornado exhibit in April is **Jason Gray**, not James Gray as published in the April *Newsletter*. The editor regrets this error.

Book Sale Cancelled

The annual June book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library has been cancelled due to the major remodeling of the Library.

Although to date the remodeling project has not had an impact on general services, many behind-the-scenes activities have been in progress for several months. This preparatory work has eliminated the storage area for donated book sale materials and the use of the community room where the sale has been held.

According to Jeanette Fowler, President of the Friends, the group is looking forward to a "bigger than ever" sale in 1986. "We hope that all of our generous contributors will hang on to their books, magazines, records and other items until the work is over and storage space can be used again," she said. "As soon as we are advised, we will let the public know."

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Friends Schedule Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Library invites the public to the seventh annual meeting of the organization scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn.

The evening will begin with a complete ham dinner. The annual business meeting will be held after the meal.

The meeting includes election of officers for the 1985-86 program year. A slate of candidates has been selected by the nominating committee:

President, Jeanette Fowler

Vice President, Dee Kopf

Secretary, Viola Baike

Treasurer, Dorothy Bergstrom

Nominations can be made from the floor during the meeting.

Program speaker is Head Librarian James M. O'Brien who will discuss "Remodeling the Oak Lawn Library".

The cost of the dinner is \$5.50 per person. Reservations can be made by completing the form at the bottom of this page and returning it to the Friends.

For information about the dinner, contact Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

Children's Department Previews Summer Reading Program

OPEN BOOKS OPEN DOORS is the theme for the children's summer reading program. It's almost here again.

According to the Children's Librarians, plenty of exciting activities are planned. To be eligible, young people must read a book before they come in to register. Registration begins June 3. Once in the program, they can open the doors to summer fun and reading.

Summer will bring:

T-Shirt Week, June 17-22

Vacation Travel Kits, June 24-29

Bedtime Storyhours, June 26

Storyhours, ages 4-7, July 1-23

Mystery Writing, July 25

Laura Ingalls Wilder Day, July 10

Choose Your Own Adventure, July 18

Cartoons and Comic Strips, July 31

And much more.

Contact the Children's Department for all the details.

Phone-A-Renewal Service

Renewing by phone provides a simple solution for patrons who need more time to finish their books or who are unable to get to the Library before their books are due.

Some exceptions apply, however. Books that cannot be renewed by phone include those that are overdue already; those marked seven-day or 14-day; those on reserve.

Patrons calling in renewals should have on hand their library cards and the books to be renewed. The Library phone number is 422-4990. Renewals are handled by the Circulation Department.

(cut on line)



Graduation is a special occasion. Hazel Phillips demonstrates this as she poses for a photograph to preserve the memory of her graduation from Cook Avenue School in 1915.

Thanks, Again, Friends

Black Oak and After, a series describing the history of Oak Lawn, has seven sections completed, thanks to the generous financial support of the Friends of the Library.

According to staff members of the Local History Room, the Friends organization has underwritten the cost of the original publications plus reprints when needed. Local History staff has been responsible for compiling and writing the brochures.

The sections that are printed are Schools in Oak Lawn, I; Schools in Oak Lawn, II; First Churches of Oak Lawn; Oak Lawn Roundup; Village of Oak Lawn Adopts New Name and Government; Law and Order Comes to Oak Lawn; and Voices of the Past.

Copies can be picked up without charge in the Local History Room.

Reservation for Friends Annual Dinner Meeting

Name _____ Phone number _____

Number of reservations _____ at \$5.50 each for a total of \$ _____

Make checks Payable to Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Send to Friends Annual Dinner Meeting, c/o Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 1985

PATRON SURVEY TABULATION

Hours of Survey (Week of March 11-16)	Distribution		General Rating of Services	
Monday, 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Thursday, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m.	1,832 forms given out 1,141 forms completed		Excellent	714
			Good	300
			Fair	42
			Poor	12
Reason for Visiting Library Method Used	Number	Found Material		Percentage
Looking for specific title	417	272		65.22
Looking for subject or author	264	176		66.66
Using card catalog	474	375		79.11
Using computer catalog	296	194		65.54
Browsing	688	590		85.75
Other Reasons for Visiting Library	Number	Other Reasons for Visiting Library	Number	
Apple II Computer	39	Typewriter use	47	
Local History Room	36	Use of business area	69	
Microfilm/Microfiche	57	Xerox	268	
Out-of-town phone books	40	Returning materials	261	
Program	20	Studying	210	
Reading	199	Tax form pickup	100	
Reference question	111	Other (not specified)	143	

According to the comment section of the survey, the Library is doing very well. In addition, many patrons offered suggestions and constructive ideas for improving services. Random samplings of the comments included:

- *The Oak Lawn Library is a credit to Oak Lawn and the entire S. W. Suburban community. Keep up the good work!*
- *Have problems using the computer catalog.*
- *Classes on the use of the computer catalog before noon.*

- *A great place to visit; an oasis in a cultural desert.*
- *I'd like to see more books on contemporary artists.*
- *Not enough current best sellers.*
- *You folks are doing a fine job. Keep up the good work!*
- *I am proud of my library. I am an Oak Lawn resident for 35 years. Everyone is courteous and soft-spoken, an asset to my visit.*
- *I haven't been here in years, and I really love the children's section.*

- *This library is too noisy.*
- *I love coming to the library because it's always quiet and fun.*
- *You need more country music tapes.*
- *Good music book selection.*
- *People are helpful, but not enough of them and not enough materials for a wonderful community. We, the community, should provide funding.*
- *You need some business programs for the Apple II computer.*
- *Possibly another computer, and I feel it should be free.*
- *Videotape selection is great.*
- *Possibly obtain some different videos.*
- *Great job! Keep it! Keep up the good work.*
- *This library supplies everything I have ever needed. I attend Northern Illinois University and when home, I use this library.*
- *This is my favorite library.*
- *The Oak Lawn Library is "tops" and gives me much pleasure.*

All of the statistics show that the Library is a busy place and that the community makes use of its services. Records for 1984 indicate that 55 percent of the population of Oak Lawn has Library cards.

All of the information from the study is important in planning library services, and more surveys will be conducted in the future.

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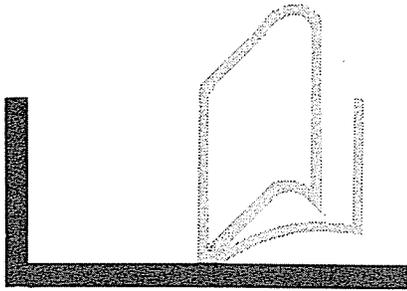
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June 1985

Winners Of Launch Announced

Hundreds of people from Oak Lawn and surrounding communities helped to send off more than 1,000 helium-filled, brightly-colored balloons on that sunny and windy Saturday afternoon of April 13. The occasion was the Big Balloon Launch, a contest co-sponsored by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank, to LAUNCH a series of cooperative programs for 1985-86.

Balloon launch cards that were mailed back from Michigan established the first and second place winners for returns from the farthest away. Because of a multiple retrieval, third place ended up in a tie. Cash prizes were furnished by the Bank.

Todd Cruzan, White Cloud, Michigan, was the "finder" of a balloon whose "launcher" was John Owens, Oak Lawn. Each received \$100.

Howard Ackerman, Twin Lake, Michigan, found and returned a card from a balloon launched by Dean Kowal, Oak Lawn. Each received \$75.

Timothy Van den Akker, Chicago, rescued three balloons on Chicago's Northside whose strings were entangled. The three launchers were Dawn Grossenbacher, Brian Duckman and Paul Dyckman. Van den Akker received \$50. The three launchers split the remaining \$50.

An interesting and unusual letter regarding the contest was turned over to contest sponsors by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. Inside the envelope were the scraps of one or more launch cards with no perceptible writing; however, a small scrap had the printing Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The correspondent explained that she and her children had found a couple of balloons caught in some brush in a wooded area near Hesteria, Michigan. Based on the remnant of the address, she sent her letter to: Mayor of Oak Lawn, c/o. Chamber of Commerce. Although this was not a prize winner, the letter indicated that additional balloons made it over Lake Michigan.



New officers of the Library Board of Directors are (seated) Harriet Murphy, Treasurer; William Roach, Vice President; (standing) Thomas Krzeminski, President; Catherine Siemeck, Secretary. They will serve until April, 1986. Other board members are Dave Gallagher, Carol James and Beth McElroy.

Photo Contest Under Way

Vacations, Venues and Visits, a summer contest for amateur photographers, is under way and drawing considerable interest in the local area. The competition is another of the cooperative programs sponsored by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank.

The contest is open to amateur photographers in two classes: youth, for those 7-18 years of age; and adult, for those over 18. Photos can be black-and-white or color, but they must be 5 x 7, mounted, must follow the theme and must have been taken since January 1, 1985. Instant-type camera pictures are not qualified. Only two entries per person will be permitted.

First prize in each class is a \$100 gift certificate; second is a \$50 certificate; honorable mention is a \$25 certificate. All prizes are furnished by the Bank.

A complete panel of local judges for the contest will be announced in July.

Official entry forms with all details and directions are available at the Bank, 9400 Cicero, or the Library, 9427 Raymond, during regular business hours. Entries will be accepted between August 1 and 15. Winners will be announced after Labor Day.

Additional information can be obtained from Roberta Bauer, Bank Marketing Director, 636-2112, or Mary Nelson, Library Public Relations Officer, 422-4990.

Children's Summer Reading Program Begins

OPEN BOOKS OPEN DOORS is the State of Illinois theme for its summer reading program, and the Children's Department is joining in with a full array of activities.

The summer program begins June 3 and continues until August 2. It includes reading, of course, and an additional series of special events that run throughout the summer.

Youngsters have to read one book before they can register for the program. Registrations will be taken from June 3 through July 26. A certificate will be awarded at the end of the program to all of those who have read at least five books. School principals will distribute them in September.

During the summer, the program will include a Key Contest, School Contest, Baseball Contest, Puzzles, T-Shirt Week, Travel Kit Week, Bedtime Story Hour, Story Times, Preschool Story Times, Laura Ingalls Program, Open Doors to Adventure, Open Doors to Mystery, Cartoons and the History of Cartooning.

Key Contest

Those who are interested should read a book and register as soon as possible. For every five books they read this summer they will be able to place a key into a large jar. During the week of August 5-23, those who have placed keys can guess how many keys are in the jar. Prizes will be awarded for those who are the closest to the actual number.

School Contest

A poster is displayed in the Children's Department for each elementary school in Oak Lawn. Students who enroll in the summer program can help their school become NUMBER ONE. Here's how it works. The posters have a picture of the entrance to each school. As the students register, their names become one of the building blocks to build up the school walls. At the close of the program, the school that has the largest percentage of its students in the program is the winner and NUMBER ONE.

Baseball Contest

Those who read five books in five different categories score a home run and receive a prize for crossing home plate. A special booklet can be picked up with all the details and the forms for recording the books that are read.

Puzzles

A variety of puzzles will be available every week to challenge the mind and stimulate the imagination.



Little Lauren Solski says goodbye to her huge clown doll and tells him to behave himself in his new home in the Children's Department. Lauren's generous contribution to the Library gives all young patrons a chance to enjoy his smiling presence. Pat Solski, Lauren's mother, provided her daughter with the helping hand that was needed to bring the six-foot character into the Library. The Solski family lives in Oak Lawn.

T-Shirt Week

Art materials will be provided for young people to design their own T-shirts with the Open Books Open Doors theme from June 17-22. The art work is free, but participants must supply a clean or new T-shirt.

Madeline L'Engle Visit

Madeline L'Engle, well-known children's author, has indicated that she will visit the Library on Saturday, June 22. When arrangements are complete, information will be found in the Children's Department, 422-4990.

Travel Kit Week

For those planning trips this summer, Travel Kit Week is a "must". From June 24 to 29, there will be copies of games, songs, puzzles and maps that can be selected and assembled in a kit. All those who take part in this can put together their own individualized trip materials.

Bedtime Story Hour

This is a family event for children from kindergarten through second grade. The program is set for 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Youngsters can wear their pajamas and bring along their teddy bears and dolls. Registration is not required.

Preschool Story Time

This is for four- and five-year-olds. There will be stories, songs, fingerplay and crafts on Monday mornings in July. Registration begins June 24.

Story Time, Grades One and Two

This activity will take place on Tuesday mornings in July, but registration begins on June 24.

Children's Department Quilt

All but a couple of quilt blocks have been completed by interested parents and talented crafts people and turned in at the Children's Department. The project for designing and completing a quilt was started last fall when volunteers took home cloth blocks to turn into quilt blocks representing a children's book or story character.

Some work of assembling the materials is in progress. When all finished blocks are on hand, the quilt will be put together. The quilt will be displayed in the new Children's Department after Library remodeling is completed.

Summer Specials

Many of the services offered by the Library have special significance during the summer. Some of them are listed below.

Vacations Loans

Borrowers can take out books for six weeks on a vacation loan. This includes novels and non-fiction; however, 14-day books are not included. The loan is not automatic, so those wishing the extended time period must tell the person at the desk when checking the books out.

Camera Loans

Polaroid cameras can be checked out in the Fine Arts Department. Loan times vary from three days to a month, depending on the needs of the patron. Borrowers must be Oak Lawn residents at least 12 years of age.

Computer Loans

Nine Timex Sinclair TS/1000 computers and software can be borrowed on a three-week loan. Borrowers must be 12 years of age and Oak Lawn residents.

Framed Arts Prints and Sculpture

The large number of selections in this category can be checked out for two months with a two-month renewal if wanted. There is no limit on the number that may be taken at one time.

Videotapes

This service is popular all the year. As a summer special, borrowers may take out two tapes at a time until Labor Day. A listing of current offerings and check out procedures can be picked up in the Fine Arts Department.

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Friends Planning Summer Trips

Several bus trips to special summer events are being planned by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

According to Genevieve Sobanski, Program Chairman, at least four concerts will be scheduled — two each for Grant Park and Ravinia. Suggested dates and alternatives for July and August have been submitted to the appropriate concert offices. Confirmation is expected within a few weeks.

The India Exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry is a consideration for a September offering.

Dates of the trips and ticket information will be included in future *Newsletters*.

Additional information about the Friends' trips is available from Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

Friends Membership Open

The Friends organization is an independent, volunteer group whose purpose is to support the Library in a variety of ways. Members help with patron surveys, assist with community program planning and raise funds to provide equipment, materials and special gifts for the Library. Each year attendance at entertaining and cultural activities is made possible for many local residents through bus trips sponsored by the Friends. Profits from these ventures are added to those of the group's primary raiser, the annual Book Sale.

Executive Board members are Jeanette Fowler, President; Dee Kopf, Vice President; Dorothy Bergstrom, Treasurer; Dorothy Wolf, Membership; Genevieve Sobanski, Program, and Beth Baird, Director.

Meetings, which are open to the public, are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Library.

What's In The Attic? Or The Basement?

The Local History Room has told this story before, but it's worth repeating every once in awhile.

Picture yourself up in the attic cleaning out years of accumulated odds and ends. Old clothes, lamps, faded draperies — what are you going to do with all of it?

As you rummage through an old shoe box, you find a stack of family photographs, including pictures of your kids growing up, your early days in Oak Lawn, your ancestors' first home in the area. Maybe you don't even remember who the people are anymore. What are you going to do with them?

All too often people end up throwing away the old photograph showing people they don't recognize posing next to a store that no longer exists. Who wants these old photos?

The Oak Lawn Library! The Local History Room is always on the lookout for old photographs, maps, licenses, telephone books, village election and campaign material or anything that will help preserve the history of Oak Lawn. If you want to keep the originals rather than donate them to the Library, copies of photographs and documents can be made.

If you have relics such as a diary, map, traffic ticket or other documents, remember that they might be of great interest to the Local History Room.

Summer Schedule

From Memorial Day until Labor Day, the Library will not be open on Sundays. Regular hours will be maintained for the remaining six days.



Albert Brandt and Mary Wilson pose for the photographer on their wedding day. Although the exact date is not known, staff members estimate that it was in the early 1900's. The photograph is from the collection in the Local History Room.

Settle's Tornado Pictures on Display

Gary Settle, a former newspaper photographer for the Chicago Daily News, is exhibiting his photographs of the Oak Lawn tornado pictures.

His pictures were taken shortly after the tornado struck the Village on a warm, humid afternoon, April 21, 1967.

After the storm, 474 person were treated in 12 hospitals for injuries. Of this number, 342 were released after treatment; 100 were admitted; 32 died.

A comprehensive collection of photos, newspaper accounts and stories of recovery related to the storm can be found in Local History Room files.

Hold The Books

Generous library patrons are asked to "hold the books" that they normally would contribute to the annual Friends Book Sale. Storage space is not available during Library remodeling. Watch the *Newsletter* for an announcement of the renewal of collections.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who want the Newsletter mailed to them should add \$3 for postage.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Individual (\$5) New Newsletter (\$3)
 Family (\$8) Renewal \$ _____ Total amount sent
 (spouse/children under 18)

If you are interested in becoming an active member of Friends, check one or more of the activities in which you wish to volunteer. Friends will contact you.

Programming Membership Surveys
 Publicity Projects Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Baffle Gab Thesaurus

As any self-respecting bureaucrat knows, it is bad form to use a simple word when six or seven obfuscating ones will do. But where can the inexperienced phrasemaker turn to find the words "a foot-and-a-half-long"? Here is the answer, the **Baffle Gab Thesaurus**.

Think of a three-digit number, any three digit number will do, and select the corresponding "buzz words" from the three columns. For example, 257 produces "systemized logistical projection" which has the ring of absolute authority and means absolutely nothing.

	A	B	C
0)	Integrated	Management	Options
1)	Total	Organizational	Flexibility
2)	Systematized	Monitored	Capability
3)	Parallel	Reciprocal	Mobility
4)	Functional	Digital	Programming
5)	Responsive	Logistical	Concept
6)	Optional	Transitional	Time-Phase
7)	Synchronized	Incremental	Projection
8)	Compatible	Third-Generation	Hardware
9)	Balanced	Policy	Contingency

Staff Notes

Karen Lang, Children's Department Page, was the winner in two separate high school competitions this year. She is a student at Chicago Christian High School. In an essay contest on Jeffersonian Democracy sponsored by Union Carbide, she was one of 120 nationwide winners who received a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in a session of Washington Workshops. The workshop included many lectures, discussions, meetings with congressmen and senators and the development of a model Congress.

Karen also was a school and district winner and competed as a finalist in the Chicago Metro History Fair at the Chicago Public Library. Her entry was a ten-minute slide and tape presentation entitled "*This Is Your Life, Oak Lawn Public Library*." It displayed the Library's life beginning with 1932 and including all the building phases.

Cindy Kittleson, Children's Librarian, is the co-author of an article published in the Winter edition of **Collection Building**. "*Due Process Principles Applied to the Development of Reconsideration Policies*" was written with Daniel Callison, Assistant Professor, Indiana University.

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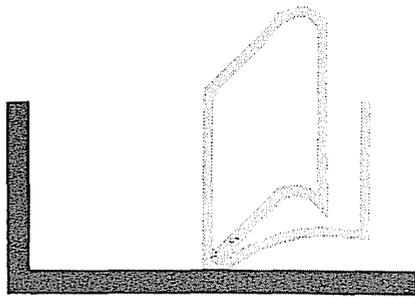
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Major Remodeling Project Due to Begin

The preliminary work is complete; the funding is secured; the bids have been let and the contracts awarded; the major remodeling work will soon be apparent to Library patrons.

The purpose of the renovation is to provide a greater amount of more convenient space for patrons and to utilize staff for improved patron service. The end result will be a Library facility better suited to the needs of the Oak Lawn community.

Changes that will take place include moving the Children's Department to the first floor and adding a story room that can be closed when programs are in progress. The reference section which has been crowded into the first floor will be moved to the second floor in larger quarters. For those who like a quiet place for reading or study, there will be a separate "quiet" room. Another room will be set up with a small conference table for discussion groups.

Administrative offices will be moved to the lower level to free up space on the first floor. Technical Services, which processes all Library materials, also will move to the lower level. This will provide room for a larger circulation desk and implementation of a reader's service function. The small meeting room in the lower level will remain the same size; however, the larger room will be made smaller in order to accommodate the offices.

A new central stairway will be installed that will lead directly to the main floor circulation desk. Fine arts and literature books will be intergrated with the adult non-fiction books on the second floor. Audio-visual services will be moved to the first floor. Local history materials will be moved to an open area for easier access.

Many months have been devoted to preliminary work in preparation for the renovation. A garage and maintenance facility were added to the north end of the Library. A driveway and parking strip were completed for convenient truck deliveries. Storage units were constructed in the maintenance area and the lower level for use during the changeover and for general use in the future. The mansard roof line was finished off around the entire Library. Automatic doors for the handicapped were installed at the west entrance.

Hague Richards Associates, Ltd. is the architect on the project. The interior work will be done by Berg and Associates, Inc., South Holland, based on a low bid of \$471,850. Carpet work will be done by Carpet Laying Service, Desplaines, whose low bid was \$150,894. Sound, Inc., Warrenville, will install a new phone system with state-of-the-art capabilities which are not available in the current installation. The cost will be \$17,795.

Funding is provided by \$200,000 in federal funds awarded through the Library Services and Construction Act and local funds which are earmarked for the project.

Although there may be some inconveniences along the way, the Library plans to remain open and maintain regular hours during the estimated six months of work.



Secretary of State and State Librarian Jim Edgar signs the contract for a Library Services and Construction Act grant to the Library as Board Members Catherine Siemeck, Thomas Krzeminski, Harriet Murphy, William Roach and Head Librarian James M. O'Brien look on. The funds will be used for the Library's major remodeling project.

Photo Contest In Full Swing

Hundred of official entry forms for the Photography Contest have been distributed at the Oak Lawn National Bank and the Library, the cooperative sponsors of the summer competition. The contest is open to amateurs in two classes: youth and adult. The entries must illustrate the theme of the contest, *Vacations, Venues and Visits*. Two entries per person can be submitted in either color or black-and-white. All of the rules of the contest are published in the official entry forms.

An excellent panel of experienced photographers will judge the entries and select the winners in each class. Members of the panel are William H. Cramp, Milton Anderson and Sybil Crooks.

Prizes for the contest, furnished by the bank, will be gift certificates from the Oak Lawn Camera Shop. First prizes are \$100 certificates; seconds, \$50; honorable mentions, \$25.

Entry forms can be picked up at the Bank, 9400 Cicero, and the Library, 9427 Raymond. Entries will be accepted from August 1 to August 15.

Additional information is available from Mary Nelson, Library Public Relations Officer, 422-4990, and Roberta Bauer, Bank Marketing Director, 636-2112.

Closed Thursday, July 4

Busy Summertime in the Children's Department

OPEN BOOKS OPEN DOORS, the summer reading program, is in full swing. Children are signing up daily and joining in the large variety of programs that are offered. For example, those who like to read are receiving a key to place in a large jar for every five books they complete. During the week of August 5-23, all the readers who contributed keys can guess how many keys are in the jar-one guess for every five books they read. Prizes will be awarded.

The school contest is drawing much interest. There is a poster for each school in Oak Lawn. As youngsters join the reading program, their names are added to their school's poster. The winner-the school with the largest percentage of students signed up-will be announced as NUMBER ONE.

Open Doors to Baseball is another segment of the summer program that involves reading. For those that enroll and read five books in five different categories, special prizes will be given.

A variety of puzzles are available for the asking each week. They are designed to test the skills and imaginations of children who work them out.

Just a couple of reminders: Preschool Story Times are scheduled for 10-11 a.m. Mondays, July 1-22, for those who pre-registered in June. Story Times for grades one and two will be held 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, July 2-23, for all those who registered in advance.

Registration begins on July 1 for children in grades three through eight to meet Laura Ingalls Wilder in a program set for 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 10. Dressed as Laura, Joyce Carpenter, a teacher from Cedar Lake, Indiana, will tell stories and show slides based on the *Little House* books and the life that Laura lived.

Open Doors to Adventure promises to be a "fun" program for children, grades three to eight, 10-11 a.m. Thursday, July 18. A popular adventure book will be read aloud



John Owens and Paul Dyckman, prize winners in the Balloon Launch Contest, receive their checks from the Oak Lawn National Bank. On hand for the presentation are Head Librarian James M. O'Brien and Bank Marketing Director Roberta Bauer. The two boys, along with Dean Kowal who was not present, were the "launchers" whose balloons were returned from the farthest distances. The "finders" prizes were mailed. The launch was a part of the series of cooperative programs sponsored by the Library and the Bank as a community service.

(Children's Dept. continued)

with the audience voting on which page to turn to next to see what will happen. Registration begins July 1 and is limited to Oak Lawn residents.

Open Doors to Mystery, 10-11 a.m. Thursday, July 25, is a creative writing workshop for third through eighth graders. A man named Harris Burdick disappeared without a trace many years ago. He left behind a series of 14 mysterious pictures with titles of stories to go with them. Those who register, beginning July 1, can see the pictures and create their own stories.

Charles Fiolla will present The History of Animated Cartoons in a special program, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 31. He will tell the audience how to produce comic strips and give a basic drawing structure. Registration begins July 1.

All materials and answers to questions can be found in the Children's Department, or by calling 422-4990.

Friends Announce Summer Bus Trips

The summer schedule of bus trips sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library has been announced. Included are a visit to the India Festival of Science exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry, two concerts at Ravinia and two concerts at Grant Park.

The India Festival of Science trip is set for Wednesday, July 24. This is the first time that an important exhibit on India's science and technology has ever been shown in the United States. The exhibit features demonstrations by India's craftsmen showing their extraordinary skills in woodcarving, silver filigree and gem stone cutting. The bus leaves the Library at 9:30 a.m. for an 11 a.m. viewing. Lunch prepared by authentic Indian chefs will be served at 1 p.m. The cost is all-inclusive and is \$13 for members and \$15 for others.

The first Ravinia concert date is Friday, August 2. The program is *The Big Band Sounds: Summer of '36* featuring Tex Beneke and his orchestra plus special guest stars Helen O'Connell, Johnny Desmond and the Modernaires with Paula Kelley, Jr. The bus departs from the Library at 6 p.m. for the 8 p.m. concert. The all-inclusive price is \$20 for members and \$22 for others.

The second Ravinia concert is Sunday, August 11, for *A Salute to Broadway* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Eric Kusnel, conductor. Selections from *Show Boat, South Pacific, Jesus Christ, Superstar, Cats* and many more are on the bill. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert. The all-inclusive price is \$22 for members and \$24 for others.

Trips to Ravinia include deluxe, air conditioned buses and reserved seating inside the pavilion. Sufficient time has been allowed before all concerts for those who are interested to enjoy light refreshments.

Grant Park concert dates are Friday, August 9, for an all-Tchaikowsky program, and Friday, August 23, for Mitch Miller and *The Classics Go Hollywood*. On both dates, the bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. for 8 p.m. concerts. The price is \$3 for members and \$4 for others.

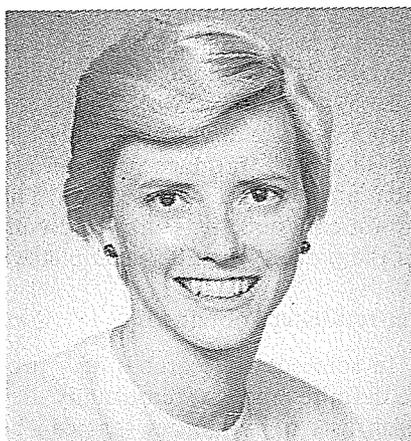
The Tchaikowsky program will be conducted by Hugh Wolff with Sheldon Skolnik playing the First Piano Concert. Mitch Miller brings his own inimitable program style in an entertaining and interesting look into the real source of great film music.

In-person reservations for all of the summer dates will be taken from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, and 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, July 11, in the Library. Friends reserves the right to limit tickets to two per person when demands are heavy. All sales are final, and refunds and exchanges are not made.

Additional information is available from Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

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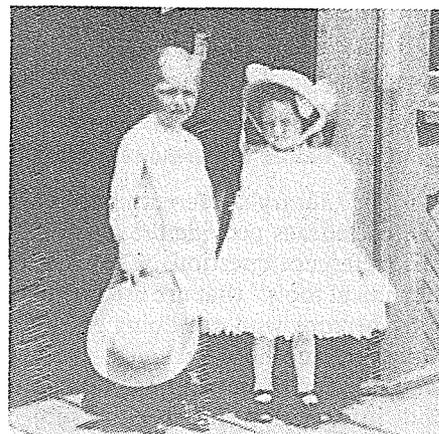


Colette Meyer

Staff Notes

Nora Anderson, formerly a Page in the Children's Department, is the winner of the 1985 Chicago Mary from Dungloe contest. Her prize is a trip to Ireland where she will represent the Chicago area in International competition. The International winner receives a cash prize of \$1,000. Nora, daughter of Oak Lawn residents Donald and Noreen Anderson, is a nursing student at Evangelical School of Nursing.

Reference Librarian Cary Czarnecki has been selected for listing in the 20th edition of Marquis' *Who's Who in the Midwest*.



The time is approximately 1911. Buddy Phillips and Berenice Emery are all dressed up and waiting on the platform of the Oak Lawn train station for an outing in Chicago. Recently, plans have been completed for a new, modern train station to begin serving the Village in Fall, 1985.

New Department Head Appointed

Colette Meyer is the new Head of Technical Services. She formerly was a field consultant for the Suburban Library System where she assisted libraries in planning and implementing procedures for the use of the on-line computer system. Her professional experience also includes an administrative position at the Blue Island Library where she served as Head of Technical and Circulation Services.

She attended Illinois State University and earned a BA degree in Library Science and French. As part of her studies there, she attended one semester at the University of Grenoble, France. She went on to Graduate Library School, Rosary College, and earned a Master's degree in Library Science (MLS). She is a member of the American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association.

Although the Technical Services Department operates behind the scenes, Colette Meyer says that she enjoys working with the great technical services staff who process all the Library's materials.

In her spare time, she likes to play volleyball and ride her bike. She is planning to participate in at least one 50-mile bike run this year. She enjoys reading, especially mystery stories by British authors.

Friends Elect Officers

Officers elected by the Friends for the 1985-86 year are Jeanette Fowler, President; Dee Kopf, Vice President; Viola Baike, Secretary; and Dorothy Bergstrom, Treasurer. The election was held at the annual dinner meeting in June.

The Friends organization is an independent, not-for-profit group whose purpose is to support the Library and its programs. The members volunteer to help with patron surveys, community program planning and other Library activities. Each year they sponsor fund-raising events to provide special equipment, materials and gifts for the Library. Through the bus trips which they arrange, many local residents are able to attend area cultural, entertaining and enriching programs.

Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. The full membership meets once a year for an annual report and election of officers.

From the Local History Room . .

How many historic sites in Oak Lawn can you name and describe?

More than two dozen historical sites are listed in a free brochure in the Local History Room.

The brochure contains a map with a key to the location of each of the places and a brief description of the building or the location.

Why not plan to visit some of these areas during the coming months? Invite family and friends to come along.

Use the Library as the starting point and go to five or six sites on your first outing. After a week or two, plan another tour.

If you follow this pattern, by the end of the summer you will have covered the 26 historic places in the brochure and learned some interesting facts about people and places that played an important role in Village history.

A walking tour of your town can be a pleasant experience for both children and adults. Give it a try!

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who want the Newsletter mailed to them should add \$3 for postage.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

_____ Individual (\$5)

_____ New

_____ Newsletter (\$3)

_____ Family (\$8)
(spotse/children under 18)

_____ Renewal

\$ _____ Total amount sent

If you are interested in becoming an active member of Friends, check one or more of the activities in which you wish to volunteer. Friends will contact you.

_____ Programming
_____ Publicity

_____ Membership
_____ Projects

_____ Surveys
_____ Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Online Database Searches

What are online database searches?

The Library's reference books and printed indexes provide the answers to most reference questions. They are the "technical tools" that are used regularly by persons who are doing research. However, another "technical tool" is available for those who are unable to find information in specific subject areas such as medicine, business or education. Using a computer terminal and a telephone, online searches can be made directly to information sources called databases.

The Library uses two database services, BRS and DIALOG, which have more than 200 databases and more than a million pieces of information. Online database searching is a supplement to Library sources and is helpful for those involved in detailed research or person requiring very specific information.

When can searches be used?

Searches can be conducted if the librarian is convinced that available

printed sources do not have the answer and that the databases may. Online searches are most useful when a patron is requesting a very specific piece of information, very current information or a list of journal articles. Examples of this are requests for the most recent medical treatment or for data in areas where printed indexes or books are limited or non-existent.

Who is in charge of conducting the searches?

Librarians at the Information Desk or the Fine Arts Desk can determine whether online searches are appropriate. If they are, searches usually can be completed within a day or two of the request. There is no guarantee that searchers will find exactly what they are looking for despite the millions of articles that are accessible.

How does it work?

Databases are essentially indexes or reference books on a computer system. Just as an index or reference book does not include all available information, a database only includes the information specified by the producer. Some databases are general in scope and some are very specific. In

addition, the search must be conducted in a way that the computer can understand. With the patron's help, the librarian can decide which database is most likely to produce the desired results and what terms to use. The librarian conducts the search and contacts the patron when it is completed.

What results are obtained?

In some cases, searches may produce definite answers, but usually they furnish lists of references that can be found in periodicals or reports. Occasionally summaries of articles are given in addition to the listings. If the Oak Lawn Library does not have copies of the articles on the lists, they can be requested through Interlibrary Loan or photocopy service, the same as when printed indexes are used.

Is the service expensive?

The service is expensive, but the many hours of reference time that can be saved make it worthwhile. The cost of the equipment and initial access to the databases were underwritten by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. The Library is committed to providing this service. Users should be aware that fees may be charged.

HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Closed Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day

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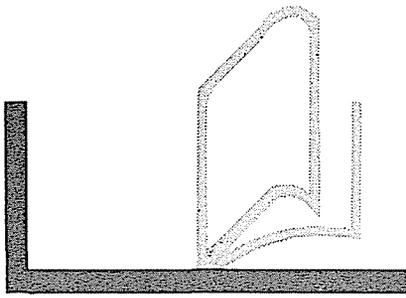
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Winners of Photo Contest Announced

Winners of the photography contest, *Vacations, Venues and Visits*, have been announced by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank, co-sponsors of the event.

First place winner in the adult category for a color photo is Gerald Stanton with the entry *Sunset at Maui*. First place in the youth category in color is Raymond Migas with the entry *St. John's Chapel*. Each will receive \$100. Second place winners of \$75 are Edward Schmitz, adult, with the entry *Stillness of a Slough*; and Debbie Slowinski, youth, with the entry *Buckingham Fountain at Night*. Honorable mentions who will receive \$25 are Casey Prunchunas, adult, and Raymond Migas, youth.

First place winner in the adult category for a black and white photo is Craig Bessett with an untitled entry. He also is the winner of second place with his second untitled entry. First prize is \$100; second is \$75. Honorable mention is given to Eugene Strucinski for his entry *Pillar and Post*. He receives \$25. There were no youth entries in black and white.

Judges for the contest were professional photographers Sybil Crooks, William Cramp and William Crooks.

Winning photographs will be on display at the Oak Lawn National Bank, 9400 Cicero Avenue, until September 15. After that time, contestants can pick up their photographs at the Bank Marketing Office, Garden Level, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



A workman breaks through the Walt Disney wall in the lower level community room to begin the Library's major remodeling project. The entire wall will be removed as new Administration offices are constructed. (Additional renovation photos on page 3)

Remodeling Starts with a Bang

And the walls came tumbling down . . .

Patrons may not be direct witnesses to all the current remodeling activity, but they can attest to the noise of the saw and hammer as the work progresses.

The first walls to feel the blows of the sledge hammer were in the lower level community room. The projection booth disappeared; the Walt Disney wall was broken through; ceiling tiles and carpeting were removed; rest rooms were stripped.

However, already apparent are the partitions for new offices, a new projection booth and new rest rooms. Completion of reconstruction at the lower level will signal the beginning of activity on the first and second floors where patrons will have an opportunity to observe first hand the shape of things to come.

The Library will maintain regular hours during the estimated six months of the project.

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**Closed Labor Day
September 2**

Youth Services

Department

(formerly Children's Department)

Wishes and Dreams: Creative Writing Workshop

Young people in grades three to eight are invited to this workshop. They will have an opportunity to create stories and poems about their favorite dreams or their strangest wishes. Wild imaginations are encouraged. The program is scheduled for 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 13.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, September 9, by phone or in person.

Story Hour for First and Second Grade

First and second grade students won't want to miss this special program about Johnny Appleseed. This is an Apple Festival with stories, a craft and some delicious tastings! It will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 27.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, September 17, by phone or in person.

Preschoolers Fall Story Hour

This is a seven-week series for Oak Lawn residents that includes stories, songs, poems, games and much more. The programs take place from October 7 to November 21. However, registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, September 23, in person or by phone. Select a convenient time from the appropriate listing below.

Three-year-olds

Mondays 10-10:30 a.m.
11-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays 1:30-2 p.m.

Four-year-olds

Tuesdays 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Thursdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Summer Reading Program Successful

A total of 849 young people participated in OPEN BOOKS OPEN DOORS, the summer children's reading program. This is 138 more than took part in last year's program. Of the total, 781 were in kindergarten through eighth grade; 68 were preschool. More than 30 public and private schools were represented. St. Gerald's had the highest percentage of participants, 24 percent. A close second was St. Linus with 22 percent followed by Sward with 19 percent and St. Germaine with 18 percent.

In addition to reading books, OPEN BOOKS OPEN DOORS included several other offerings. During T-Shirt Week, 130 students brought in a shirt and painted their own OPEN BOOKS OPEN DOORS design on them. Many of them wore these shirts to the Library for other summer activities. Travel kits were assembled by 458 vacationers. The Bedtime Story Hour attracted 65 children and parents. July story hours for four and five-year-olds brought in 86 children. Story hours for grades one and two drew 116. Several programs were held for grades three through eight: 60 attended Laura Ingalls Wilder; 21 were on hand for Open Doors to Adventure; 22 for Open Doors to Mystery, and 68 for Cartoons and the History of Cartooning.

A grand total of 414 students earned certificates for reading five or more books. The awards are being sent to the schools for presentation this fall.



Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students pose at the entrance to the two-room Cook Avenue School, 9526 Cook Ave., about 1911. The teacher is Peter B. Ritzma.

Top row: John Marr, Edward Hosman, John Hopkins, Warren Walters, Matthew Hardwell (custodian), Blanche Singleton, Kathryn Montgomery, Mary Bradshaw, Florence Singleton, Myrtle Miller;

Middle row: Jessie Lange, Margaret Jorn, Elsie Hilgendorf, Roy Hiltabiddle, Arnold Sahn, Ellen Armstrong, Frances Hageman, Mildred Schultz, Gertrude Hoffman, Myrtle Fortin;

Bottom row: Earl Hiltabiddle, Leo Donovan, Neil Mooi, Fred Schmidt, Han Vogel, Arthur Jorn, Harry Fortin, Elbert Hageman, Bradshaw.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Louis W. Priller (Ida Schmidt)

Introducing Mr. Logo and Beulah Bookworm

Mr. Logo and Beulah Bookworm are two new Library characters who are being introduced to the public this month. They were designed and developed specifically to enhance exhibits in Library display cases.

Mr. Logo is a direct spinoff of the Library's trademark. He first was used in May as part of a poster exhibit at the Illinois Library Association convention in Springfield. His first appearance locally was on publications that told patrons about computer "down time" in July. Now Mr. Logo has taken up residence in person in the large Cook Avenue entrance display case. For his initial appearance, he has gathered together an interesting array of materials to demonstrate "Back to School".

Beulah Bookworm is on view for the first time anywhere. She is presiding over the "Devour the Classics" exhibit in the exhibit case on the east wall entrance.

The two characters are creations of the Public Relations Office. Public Relations Officer Mary Nelson initiated the idea. Graphic Artist Rose Franceschini created the models. Interesting and unusual materials that were used to construct them included panty hose, several pounds of great northern beans, foam packing pieces, wire coat hangers, dowel rods, aluminum baking tins, plaster of paris, door springs, cotton balls, paint, felt and glue.

Ideas for additional show case characters are under consideration. Patrons who want to contribute suggestions should contact Mary Nelson.

Display Cases

"Tickle Your Funny Bone" is the theme of the case on the first floor, east wall. Several books by well-known humorous writers are featured. A graphic rendition of a "funny bone" which changes frowns to smiles is shown.

Names of the winners of the Photography contest are posted in the exhibit across from the checkout desk. (Complete story on page 1)

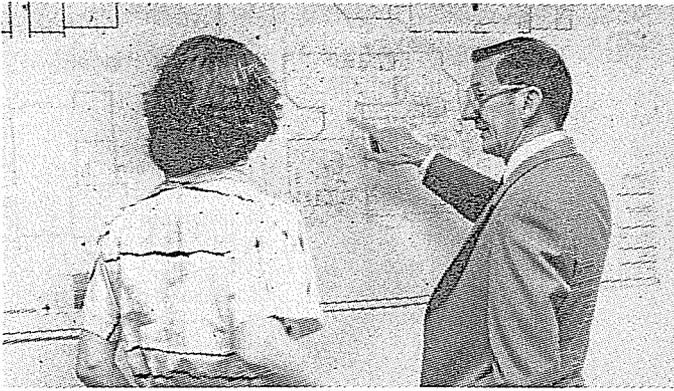
Animals are the Strangest People is demonstrated in the large case near the Raymond Avenue entrance. Stuffed toys, cutouts and coloring books join a display of both adult and juvenile books about animals.

Tomie DePaola, children's author and illustrator, is featured in the large case in the Youth Service Department, second floor.

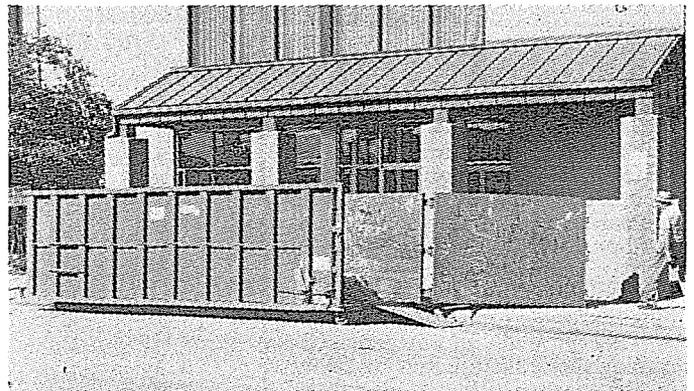
Display cases will be set up periodically with new exhibits as long as the remodeling project permits.

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Head Librarian James M. O'Brien reviews the remodeling plans with Assistant Head Librarian Linda Elliott.



The large dumpster in front of the Cook Avenue entrance is the first indication to patrons that construction is beginning at the Library.



The hanging control panel for the sound system is all that remains of the projection booth in the large community room. When work is completed, patrons will find a new booth and more convenient seating in a slightly smaller room.



Framework goes into place and starts to define the layout of the offices that will be moved to the lower level.

Friends Tours Begin

A cruise on Lake Michigan will "launch" the fall season of special events sponsored by the Friends of the Library. A "Celebrate Chicago" cruise is scheduled for Saturday, September 14. The trip features a breathtaking view of the city from aboard the "Star of Chicago", a relaxing atmosphere out on the water and a delicious brunch during the cruise.

Tickets for the trip are \$28 for members and \$30 for others. Children under 12 are \$15. This includes roundtrip bus transportation from the Library to Navy Pier, the cruise, brunch, service charge and tax. Tipping is at the discretion of the individual.

The bus will leave the Cook Avenue

Library entrance promptly at 9 a.m.

Reservations will be taken at the Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, September 5.

Additional information is available from Genevieve Sobanski, program chairman, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, vice president, 422-0488.

Coming Up

Future tours are a trip to the Wac-camaw Pottery in Rolling Meadows in Oc-tober, *La Traviata* at the Lyric Opera in November and the perennial favorite Andy Williams Christmas Show at the Rialto Theater, Joliet, in December. Additional information will appear in future publica-tions of the *Newsletter*.

Time for Renewal?

A busy summer may be the reason. Or just an oversight. Whatever the cause, it's not too late to renew membership in the Friends. Those who inadvertently overlook-ed the start of a new membership year on June 1 are invited to complete the handy form at the bottom of the page and forward with their remittance. Memberships help the Friends to provide special equipment and services for the Library. At the same time, those who join enjoy discount prices for all Friends events.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

_____ Individual (\$5)

_____ New

_____ Newsletter (\$3)

_____ Family (\$8)
(spouse/children under 18)

_____ Renewal

\$ _____ Total amount sent

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_____ Programming
_____ Publicity

_____ Membership
_____ Projects

_____ Surveys
_____ Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

From the Local History Room

Did you know that minutes of various Village board meetings, school board meetings and Village ordinances are on file in the Local History Room?

An index of the ordinances lists the subject and number of each ordinance for easy reference.

Background information concerning the ordinance may be found in the meeting minutes of one or more of the Village boards.

Other information relating to an ordinance can be found in articles from local newspaper which are available in the Local History Room.

And for those who need assistance in locating materials, staff members are on hand to assist.

Investors Alert!

The Business Reference Division will be looking for patron opinions this month. Selected investment newsletters are available through Library subscriptions. Beginning September 16, a survey will be taken soliciting the advice of readers on whether to retain or replace the current publications which are *Dow Theory Letters*, *Holt Investment Advisory* and *The United Mutual Fund Selector*.

Details of the survey will be posted in the Library. Questions can be directed to the Information Desk.

100 Words Most Often Misspelled

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|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 absence | 34 embarrass | 67 principal/principle |
| 2 accessible | 35 environment | 68 privilege |
| 3 accommodate | 36 exaggerated | 69 procedure |
| 4 achievement | 37 exhilarate | 70 proceed |
| 5 acknowledgment | 38 existence | 71 questionnaire |
| 6 acquire | 39 exorbitant | 72 receive |
| 7 adolescent | 40 fascinate | 73 recommend |
| 8 all right | 41 flier | 74 referred |
| 9 argument | 42 foreign | 75 repetition |
| 10 athletic | 43 gauge | 76 restaurant |
| 11 attendance | 44 guerrilla | 77 rhythm |
| 12 believing | 45 guidance | 78 scissors |
| 13 benefited | 46 humorous | 79 seize |
| 14 broccoli | 47 ingenious | 80 sergeant |
| 15 business | 48 innocence | 81 sheriff |
| 16 caffeine | 49 judgment | 82 skiing |
| 17 calendar | 50 library | 83 silhouette |
| 18 camouflage | 51 lose/loose | 84 similar |
| 19 category | 52 maneuver | 85 stationary/stationery |
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| 21 changeable | 54 mischievous | 87 temperament |
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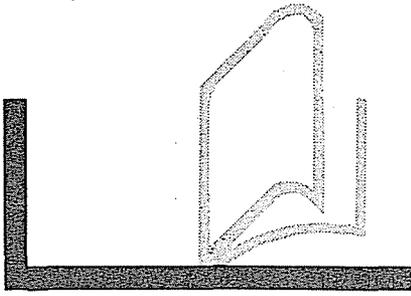
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Information and Reference Issue

Readers are urged to keep this issue of the *Newsletter* for reference and information during the renovation of the Library. It contains a compilation of most of the services that currently are available.

At the completion of the remodeling program, a new general brochure will be published with updated information, not only about the services, but also about the reorganization of the departments, new locations and new features that will be added.

Phone Renewal Service

Renewing by phone often provides a simple solution for patrons who need more time to finish their books or who are unable to get to the Library before their books are due.

Some exceptions apply. Books **cannot** be renewed by phone if they are overdue, marked seven-day or 14-day or are on reserve.

Patrons who call in renewals should have on hand their library cards and the books to be renewed. The Library phone number is 422-4990. Renewals are handled by the Circulation Department.

Library Copy Machines

Copy machines are located throughout the building for patron convenience. Copies are ten cents each. Two sizes are provided.

Machine locations and copy sizes are:

Reference Department	8 1/2 x 14
Near elevator, first floor	8 1/2 x 14
Cook Avenue entrance	8 1/2 x 11
Fine Arts Department	8 1/2 x 14
Youth Services Department	8 1/2 x 11
Circulation Desk	8 1/2 x 11
(ten or more copies)	and 8 1/2 x 14

Copy machines are equipped to furnish change for a quarter and to accept nickels and dimes. Change for a dollar can be obtained at the Circulation Desk. The machine specifically for ten or more copies requires registration at the Circulation Desk. Copies are paid for after they are made. The ten copies can be from one original or several; they do not have to be ten of the same.



Pardon the dust as the remodeling program moves into the next phase. Although there will be inconveniences along the way, the final result will be more efficient use of space and added services for patrons. Completion of the lower level is expected in late October. At that time Administrative offices will be moved down into their new quarters and demolition work will begin on the first and second floors.

Department Renamed

Youth Services is the new name for the Children's Department. Library staff members believe that this title is more descriptive of the wide range of ages that are served. Library patrons from preschool through eighth grade are familiar with the abundance of appropriate materials in the department and the large variety of age-level programs that are presented.

Parents, too, know how valuable it is to have a place to go for books to read to their young children or for resources to help them in raising their teenagers.

According to Rita Bert, Youth Services Department Head, several junior high students told her last week that they preferred the new name because "it means children of all ages, not just little ones."

Youth Services Programs

The Real Dr. Seuss

Students in grades one through three are invited to discover the real Dr. Seuss, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Friday, October 18. The program includes a filmstrip about this famous author and a chance to hear the story *Green Eggs and Ham*. In addition, green eggs will be cooked, and the participants will have a chance to taste them.

Registration begins Monday, October 14, in person or by phone, 422-4993.

Halloween Story Time

Ghost stories, poems and songs — all in the mood for Halloween — and especially prepared for students in grades one and two will be presented, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, October 25.

Registration begins Monday, October 21, by phone or in person.

Personal Computers for Loan

Nine Timex Sinclair TS/100 personal computers can be borrowed in the Fine Arts Department. The computers with 16K memory include a manual of directions and the necessary patch cords to attach the computer to a cassette player and a television set.

The following software programs are examples of those that can be taken out. Up to three at a time are permitted.

- Personal Finance
- Super Math
- Flight Simulator
- City of Xon
- Punctuation Master
- Language User
- Crazy Kong
- Fundamentals of Math
- Geometry I
- Algebra 1 and II
- Bigflap Attack
- Pinball
- Stock Option Analysis
- Portfolio Analysis
- Superdoodles
- Music Educator
- Chess Frogger
- Challenger
- IRA Planner
- Mixed Game Bag
- Stock Market Game

Computers will be loaned to Oak Lawn residents over 12 years of age. Loan period is three weeks. Interested persons can make reservations by phone or in person.

Instant Cameras on Loan

Six Polaroid instant cameras are part of the circulating collection in Fine Arts. They can be checked out by patrons who are over 12 years of age and residents of Oak Lawn. The cameras are from the Sun series and feature a built-in electronic flash and one button operation.

Loan periods for the cameras vary depending on the need of the patron. Two of them can be checked out for a short loan of three days. For the other four, the loan period can be up to a month.

Talking Books Program

The Library participates in a Library of Congress Program called Talking Books. Eligibility for the program is determined by the inability to see well enough to read conventional print or the inability to hold a book or turn a page. Those who desire to join the program need a brief statement describing their disability from a competent authority such as a doctor or registered nurse.

The National Library Service, through funding by the Library of Congress, publishes two bi-monthly magazines, *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review*. These publications keep patrons informed about the most recent periodicals that are available through the program. Lists of recorded and braille materials also are compiled in a variety of catalogs.

When a patron joins the program, the Library establishes a file and orders requested material. When the order arrives, it is handled according to the patron's preference, either mailed directly or held for pick up. The patron can return the materials in person or mail them. The postage is free for this program.

Applications, catalogs and order forms are kept on hand at the library. Residents of Oak Lawn and administrators of Oak Lawn health care facilities who wish to learn more about the program are invited to give the Library a call.

Online Database Searches

Reference books and printed indexes provide the answers to most questions at the Library. They are the "technical tools" that are used regularly by persons doing research. However, another "technical tool" is accessible for those who are unable to find information in specific subject areas such as medicine, business or education. Using a computer terminal and a telephone, online searches can be made directly to information sources called databases.

The Library uses two database services, BRS and DIALOG, which have more than 200 databases and more than a million pieces of information. Online database searching is a supplement to Library sources and is helpful for those involved in detailed research or persons requiring very specific information. Searches can be conducted if the librarian determines that printed sources do not have the answer and the databases may.

A booklet with details has been published by the Library and can be picked up at the Information Desk.

Apple II Plus Computer Available

A total of 26 computer programs are available for use on the Apple II Plus computer in the Library. For a nominal fee, patrons can use the computer and the programs or can bring their own.

For those who have never used the Library's computer, the first 30 minutes are furnished without charge. Blank disks can be purchased.

Reservations are required and can be made by phone or in person at the Information Desk, 422-4992.

The programs are listed below.

Address Book Mailing List

Algebraic Expressions

Bank Street Speller

Bank Street Writer

Barron's Computer SAT Study Program

Bones and Muscles

Coordinated Occupational Information Network (COIN)

The Digestive System

Dollars and Sense

Elementary French I

Elementary Spanish I

Elementary, My Dear Apple

Exploring Your Brain

The Heart

Magic Spells

Mailing List Database

PFS: Personal Filing System

PFS: Report

The Respiratory System

Rocky's Boots

Supertext: Form Letter

System Master Disk (for use with "How to Operate the Apple II Plus")

Typing Teacher

Visicalc

Visischedule

Visitrend/Plot

Videotapes Listing Ready for Pick Up

Patrons with videotape players can pick up the Library's publication *Videotapes* in the Fine Arts Department. The publication lists more than 650 videotapes that can be checked out. Current movies and many classics are included.

Videotapes can be checked out by patrons who are at least 18 years of age. Two tapes at a time can be taken out on a library card. Loan period is three days including the day of pick up and the day of return. Renewals cannot be made. An insurance fee of 50 cents is charged for each tape.

The Library owns a majority of the tapes that it circulates. In order to provide an even bigger selection for patrons, it participates in a cooperative with other local libraries. Through this arrangement, cooperative tapes are rotated every two months. *Videotapes* is updated several times each year.

Services for Schools

Services for schools are an important part of the Library. A brochure describing the school services program has been published.

Examples of school services are listed below.

Tours for classes to visit the Library can be arranged including time for research if desired.

Assignment Alerts to reserve books and other materials relating to school projects can be taken care of with an assignment alert card or a phone call, 422-4993.

Visits by staff librarians to the school can be arranged to discuss reference materials or to explain specific library topics.

Book boxes can be supplied for use in the classroom or in the Library.

Youth Services Department can furnish additional information.

Typewriters For Patrons

Two typewriters in private rooms can be used by the public without charge. Residents who want this service can make reservations for up to two hours a day. Reservations can be made one day in advance.

If those who have reservations have not arrived within five minutes of the scheduled time, the Library will free up the time for others who are interested.

All arrangements can be made at the Information Desk.

College Federal Financial Aid Information

High School seniors and other prospective college students will find valuable Federal financial aid information, including the Pell Grant Program, at the Library. Applications, instructions and guidelines can be picked up at the Information Desk.

During 1985-86, the United States will spend an estimated \$240 billion for education. Of this amount, more than \$11.8 billion will be for Federal financial assistance for those who need help in order to pursue higher education. Five Federal programs are involved. They are of two varieties — outright grants and student loans. They are the Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work-Study (CWS), National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL).

Federal application deadline is May 1. However, because mailing in the form is only the first step in seeking student aid, applicants are urged to file as soon as possible. In some cases schools have very early deadlines which need to be considered when filing.

New In Business Booklet

New in Business is a booklet which is prepared several times each year by the Adult Services staff for those who are interested in the latest publications relating to business and the financial world.

It provides brief and interesting reviews of current books, magazines, almanacs and other items, all under appropriate headings for easy referral. For example, the current issue has sections on Advertising, Automobile Industry and Trade, Banks and Banking, Career Education, Corporations, Electronic Data Processing, Investments, Marine Resources, Personnel Management and Small Business.

The booklet is available without charge. Staff members in the Reference Department can answer questions relating to the publication.

Friends Plan Pottery Tour

All those who are interested in looking for an unusual gift item, starting their holiday shopping early or joining a friendly group for a shopping trip and lunch will enjoy the next outing of the Friends of the Library. On Thursday, October 17, Friends is sponsoring a trip to the Waccamah Pottery in Rolling Meadows with lunch at nearby Mother Tucker's Restaurant.

Waccamah Pottery is a gigantic pottery warehouse store that also includes dinnerware, glassware, wicker, crafts, toys and more. As a special feature customers can select their own flowers and containers and watch a designer create an original arrangement while they wait.

Lunch will include a sandwich of ham, roast beef or turkey, carved by the chef to please the diner, a salad bar with more than 60 items and a gourmet dessert.

The bus will leave the Library at 9 a.m. Lunch is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. with return to the Library following the meal. Tickets are \$16 for members, \$18 for others.

In-person reservations will be taken at the Library, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, and 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, October 9.

Additional information is available from Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

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Updated Loan Periods Announced

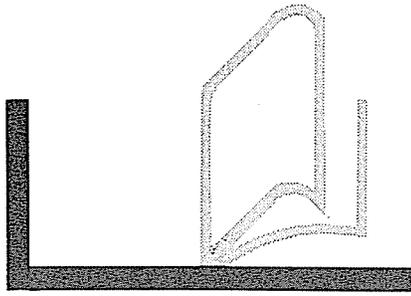
The standard loan period for materials is three weeks with no limitation on the number of items checked out. Anyone with an Oak Lawn or Suburban Library System card is eligible. However, some materials are available on a limited or restricted basis. The updated list of these exceptions appears in the following table.

MATERIAL	LOAN PERIOD	QUANTITY	BORROWER
Books:			
Reference (selective)	Overnight		
New Book Room	14 days		
Interlibrary Loan (ILL)	14 days or as noted		Oak Lawn resident
Juvenile Holiday Books	7 days	3	
Science Experiment Books	7 days	3	
Pamphlets	3 weeks	5	
Periodicals (Adult)	Non-circulating		
Art Prints and Mini Prints	2 months		
Sculptures and Statues	2 months		
Suburban Audiovisual System (SAVS) Materials	Determined by SAVS	Determined by SAVS	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
16 mm Film Catalogs	7 days	1	
16 mm Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
8 mm Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
Projection Screens	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
Slide Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
AV Kits	7 days	3	
Filmstrip Viewer	7 days	1	
Filmstrips	7 days	3	
Cassette Players (Adults)	3 weeks ¹	1	
Cassette Players (Youth Services)	7 days	1	
Videotapes	3 days	2	18 and older
Christmas Records (Thanksgiving - New Years Day)	7 days	3	
Software	3 weeks	3	
T/S Computers	3 weeks	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 12 and older
Polaroid Cameras	3 days-1 month	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 12 and older

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Construction Moves Ahead

This month the current remodeling program will become visible as well as audible to patrons. Since the project began on August 2, the construction in the lower level has been evident by the noise that has been produced — pounding, grinding and other strange mechanical sounds. At times, there have been interesting chemical odors. As the work down there nears completion, the crews will move to the first and second floors.

The schedule of November happenings is not firm. However, the information is presented here so that Library users can be aware of coming changes and watch the progress of the renovation program.

Beginning November 1, circulation activity in Youth Services will be suspended and the function moved to the main desk on the first floor. Young people will return and check out materials there. Staff members will be reassigned according to the revised functions.

During the week of November 11, carpeting is due to be installed in the lower level. Also, new telephone instruments will be put in throughout the building. At the end of the week, furniture and functions of the Administration Office and Technical Services will move to new permanent quarters in the lower level. On the weekend of November 16, Circulation Department offices will move to the lower level in temporary space in the community meeting rooms.

During the week of November 18, the walls at the north end of the building will start to come down. A new phone system will be initiated. At the same time, new typing rooms and new offices will be under construction at the southeast corner of the first floor.

All of the renovation that is beginning at this time is expected to take four to six months. In the process, there will be some inconveniences. The Library will maintain regular hours. Library staff will make every effort to make the transition as smooth as possible and to answer any questions. Progress reports will be given in the *Newsletter*.

(For an overview of the remodeling project, see *Remodeling Recap*, page 2.)



Youth Services Librarian Jean Day leads a three-year-old storyhour where children are encouraged to participate in the story sessions with hand and body movements. The sessions also include read-aloud stories, fingerplays and crafts. The Library conducts a series of storyhours for three- to five-year-olds several times each year.

Toy Program for Parents

What are children's tools? Toys are children's tools.

What role do they play in children's development? What should parents know about selecting them?

According to Cynthia Shaw, representative of Discovery Toys, toys stimulate social, physical, intellectual and personal development by filling different functions at various age levels. She notes that mothers and fathers are faced with the problem of choosing appropriate toys from the thousands that are on the market.

To help parents (and others who are interested), the Youth Service Department is sponsoring a Discovery Toy Program for Parents at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 5.

Cynthia Shaw will discuss child development and its enhancement through toys. A display of safe, durable and educational toys will be available for those in attendance to examine. Persons who wish to order Christmas gifts will have an opportunity to do so after the program.

The activity is open to the public without charge; however, registration in person or by phone is required, 422-4993.

Remodeling Recap

Changes that will take place in the remodeling include moving the Youth Services Department to the first floor and adding a story room that can be closed when programs are in progress. The Reference section will be moved from its crowded first floor area to the second floor in larger quarters. A "quiet room" and a small conference room will be added.

Administrative office will be moved to the lower level. Technical Services also will move to the lower level. The additional room on the first floor will allow for a larger circulation desk and implementation of a reader's service function.

The small community room will remain the same size; however, the larger room will be somewhat smaller than before the renovation. The rooms will serve as temporary offices until the remodeling is complete.

A new central stairway will give easy access to the new, second floor reference area. Fine arts and literature will be integrated with the adult non-fiction books on the second floor. An audiovisual services section will be opened on the first floor. Local history materials will be moved to an open area for easier patron access.

Funding for the project is provided by \$200,000 in federal funds awarded through a Library Services and Construction Act grant and by local funds which were earmarked for the project.

The purpose of the renovation is to provide a greater amount of more convenient space for patrons and to utilize staff for improved patron service. The end result will be a Library facility better suited to the needs of the Oak Lawn community.



Thomas Krzeminski, President, Oak Lawn Library Board, accepts a collection of books and pamphlets from representatives of the South Cook County Life Underwriters Association (LUA). Each year the LUA selects a library to receive its latest publications relating to life and health insurance. Looking over the collection are (seated) Kurt Nelson, LUA Educational Chairman; Rollie Bach, LUA President; Thomas Krzeminski; Tom Stanton, LUA President-elect; (standing) Richard T. Klett, LUA Vice President; Wayne Dennis, LUA Past President, and Marty Jackson, LUA Publicity Chairman.

Change for BPH Patrons

Circulation of materials for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH) will be handled by the Fine Arts Department until remodeling is completed. Formerly, this was a Local History Room function. BPH patrons can pick up and return records and tapes to the Fine Arts circulation desk located next to the Local History Room.

Local History Room staff will continue to handle the processing of BPH materials including the mailing to patrons who do not pick up their orders. Inquiries can be directed to them regarding these functions.

New Community Office Offered

A new service for non-profit community organizations is being initiated by the Public Relations Office this month. Community activities other than regular meetings will be compiled and posted on Library bulletin boards. The listing will be maintained and updated.

Interested groups are invited to complete a Community Listing Form at least one month prior to the event. Forms can be picked up at the circulation desk or from Mary Nelson, Public Relations Officer.

The Library will make every effort to maintain correct listings. However, no responsibility will be assumed for errors that may occur.

Vital Information on Today's Issues

Recent, comprehensive information on today's most current issues can be found through a library service called *Newsbank*. This publication contains articles expertly selected from the newspapers of more than 100 U.S. cities — a treasure trove of up-to-date information on almost any current topic. The articles are indexed for immediate access.

Some powerful, recent issues covered in depth are unrest in South Africa, AIDS and state seat belt laws.

Newsbank contains hard-to-find information that is not compiled in any other publication: latest issues, facts, statistics and points of view from every region of the country including the Chicago area.

Issues in politics, business, international affairs, people in the news and the arts are covered; there are issues on health concerns such as alcoholism and abortion; social issues including divorce and child abuse; environmental concerns such as nuclear power, chemical pollution and acid rain.

Reference librarians at the Information Desk will be glad to show *Newsbank* to interested patrons.

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Maintenance staff members are busy getting the building and grounds ready for winter. John Winchel uses a hoist in order to give the Cook Avenue entrance roof a fresh coat of paint while Tom Brucker rolls new sod into place around the Library's landscaped lawns.

Friends Plan Variety of Trips

Three trips have been scheduled by the Friends of the Library for the balance of the year: *LaTraviata* at the Lyric Opera House, Chicago; Andy Williams and his Christmas Show at the Rialto Theater, Joliet; and the Christmas Tree Story House Museum, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

LaTraviata tickets are for the evening performance on Wednesday, November 20. In person reservations will be taken from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, and 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, November 7. The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for others. This covers roundtrip bus transportation and balcony seating.

Sunday evening, December 8, is the selected date for the annual, ever-popular Andy Williams Christmas Show. In person reservations will be accepted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, November 13. The price is \$30 for members and \$32 for others. This includes roundtrip transportation from the Library in a deluxe coach and seating in the balcony, center section.

For those who are interested in taking the family to see the Christmas Tree Story House, the daytime trip is set for Saturday, December 14. The price is \$20 for members, \$22 for non-members and \$14 for children under 12 years of age. In person registrations will be taken at the same time as the Andy Williams show; 7-9 p.m. November 12, and 9 a.m.-noon, November 13. The cost covers roundtrip transportation in a deluxe coach, entrance fees to the museum and lunch.

Additional information is available from Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971 or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

Be a Friend

The Friends of the Library organization is a non-profit, independent group whose purpose is to support the Library and its programs. Members volunteer to help with patron surveys, community program planning and other Library activities. Each year they sponsor fund raising events to provide special equipment, materials and gifts for the Library. Through the bus trips which they arrange, many local residents are able to attend cultural, entertaining and enriching programs and to visit places of interest in the area.

Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. These are open to the public. The full membership meets once a year for an annual report and election of officers. The membership year is from June 1 to May 31.

This year's officers are Jeanette Fowler, President; Dee Kopf, Vice President; Viola Baike, Secretary; and Dorothy Bergstrom, Treasurer.

October Library Surveys

During the month of October, many patrons participated in the patron survey. They completed the brief form that related their experiences in looking for library materials. The Oak Lawn Library and many others throughout the country are attempting to measure how well the public is being served, with the ultimate goal of improving services to the community.

Results are being tabulated at this time. As with past surveys, a summary of the results will be published in the *Newsletter* when available.

Another important study conducted during October was to count all the materials used within the Library but not checked out. As with the patron survey, counts were taken during specific sample time periods.

All of the information gathered during October is very important in planning services. The Library appreciates the time taken by those who completed the forms. Special thanks go to the Friends of the Library for their help in distributing and collecting the questionnaires.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who want the Newsletter mailed to them should add \$3 for postage.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

_____ Individual (\$5)

_____ New

_____ Newsletter (\$3)

_____ Family (\$8)
(spouse/children under 18)

_____ Renewal

\$ _____ Total amount sent

If you are interested in becoming an active member of Friends, check one or more of the activities in which you wish to volunteer. Friends will contact you.

_____ Programming

_____ Membership

_____ Surveys

_____ Publicity

_____ Projects

_____ Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

(The Friends Membership year is June 1—May 31.)

For Your Information . . .

Below is a list of two-letter abbreviations for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It should be clipped or photocopied and used.

Alabama AL	Montana MT
Alaska AK	Nebraska NE
Arizona AZ	Nevada NV
Arkansas AR	New Hampshire NH
California CA	New Jersey NJ
Colorado CO	New Mexico NM
Connecticut CT	New York NY
Delaware DE	North Carolina NC
Dist. of Columbia DC	North Dakota ND
Florida FL	Ohio OH
Georgia GA	Oklahoma OK
Hawaii HI	Oregon OR
Idaho ID	Pennsylvania PA
Illinois IL	Rhode Island RI
Indiana IN	South Carolina SC
Iowa IA	South Dakota SD
Kansas KS	Tennessee TN
Kentucky KY	Texas TX
Louisiana LA	Utah UT
Maine ME	Vermont VT
Maryland MD	Virginia VA
Massachusetts MA	Washington WA
Michigan MI	West Virginia WV
Minnesota MN	Wisconsin WI
Mississippi MS	Wyoming WY
Missouri MO	

Killer Phrases (or How to Stamp Out Any New Ideas or Suggestions)

Members of clubs, organizations or boards may want to clip these and take them to the next meeting and make everyone promise to memorize them and never use them again.

We'll organize a committee . . .
We've never done it that way . . .
We've tried that before . . .
We're too small for that . . .
We're too big for that . . .
Let's study it . . .
We're not ready for that yet . . .
Why rock the boat? . . .
We haven't the time . . .
We haven't the staff . . .
The old ways are best . . .
We can't do that under the regulations . . .
It's not our responsibility . . .
Political dynamite . . .
Let's put it in writing . . .
We have too many projects now . . .

These are all guaranteed to stifle any new, creative or innovative ideas.

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