

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Winter Programs for Adults

A full schedule of programs has been planned for 1995. Many are in response to patrons who completed Adult Program Suggestion Forms which were available in the library during October and November. Others continue with ongoing activities such as short story and poetry readings. Some are new to this library but offer audiences a chance to learn and enjoy another activity. The listing for January and February are described in this publication.

The year will begin with an opera lecture on Giuseppe Verdi's magnificent *Aida* at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 8. Arnold Buanoamici, a volunteer from the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will present the program. It has been said that if Cecil B. DeMille produced an opera, he would have chosen *Aida* because this is grand opera's show of shows. It has everything — massive armies, pyramids, dancers, potentates, priests and prisoners. It is a riveting story of pomp, pageantry, jealousy and love. The vocal music is some of the best ever composed. Come and hear the story and the music. The program is one of the Sunday with Friends Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library as a public service.

A series of three financial planning seminars will be held at 7 p.m. on successive Wednesdays, beginning January 18. **How to Make Your Money Work Harder** is the first program. Vince Uzzardo will present the program. He will discuss the many different kinds of investment opportunities that are available today and how to determine those best suited to individual needs and goals through an effective investment strategy. **Investing in the Stock Market** with Robert Borchardt and Tom Swik will be held on January 25. They will give instructions on the fundamental characteristics of winning stocks and on using technical analysis to improve stock selection and timing. The program benefit both beginning and experienced investors. **Are You Paying Too Much in Taxes?** is set for February 1 with Malcolm Proudfoot and Scott Magnesen. During the seminar, they will explore 18 ways to save dollars on income taxes and will discuss tax advantaged investments and investment vehicles.

An opera lecture on Gioachino Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, a Sunday with Friends program, has been scheduled for 2 p.m. February 5. This is an opera buffa master-



Contributions to the "Toys for Tots" campaign are picked up by representatives of the US Marine Corps Reserve. Thanks to library patrons, hundreds of needy children will have gifts of new and "like new" toys. Three highly successful campaigns have been sponsored by the library staff association as a public service.

piece. The story centers around two young lovers who call for help from Figaro, the Barber of Seville. According to opera notes, he is "the master of befuddlement and bamboozlement, and the best friend two lovers ever had." Opera lecturer is Jon Siner.

Cause and Effect, a jazz combo, will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 19. Jazz fans and music lovers will want to mark down this date for a genuine treat. This is the first of six Sunday with Friends 1995 music programs. Each will feature a different variety of music, musicians and instruments.

A continuing program with a new twist will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 26, an **Open Mike Short Story and Poetry Reading**. These have been held separately in the past. However, many of the participants have attended both and have indicated that a combination will work very well. Local writers can share their work and meet with others for an exchange of ideas.

All of the programs are held on the lower level, Meeting Room B. They are open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Basic Sign Language Class

A six-week Basic Sign Language class for those 18 years or older will be offered from 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, February 11 to March 18. The cost is \$20 per person which covers material and instructor costs. The class is limited to 20 plus two alternates. Mary Minervini is the instructor. The class will meet in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Registration on a first-come, first-served basis will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 28, in the first floor lobby near the Raymond Avenue entrance. It will continue until noon or until the class is filled. If the class is not full at the noon closing, registrations will be taken in the Public Relations office, lower level, beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, January 30.

DIAL SWAN

With modems and appropriate software, library patrons can access the library computer catalog from their own homes or offices through DIAL SWAN.

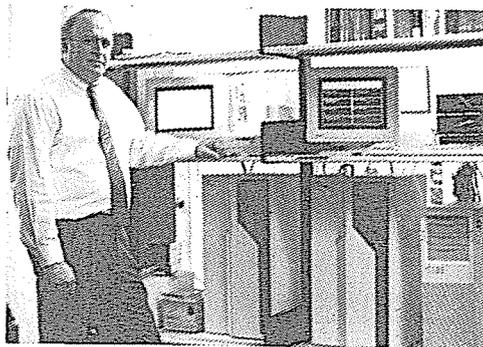
What is DIAL SWAN? DIAL SWAN is a free, on-line service featuring the CL-CAT catalog. This catalog includes listings for books, magazines, sound recordings and videocassettes held in more than 70 Suburban Library System (SLS) libraries. In it is all the information found in a card catalog. However, CL-CAT goes beyond a card catalog with its ability to combine different types of searches. In addition, the on-line user will be able to see which libraries own an item and whether that item is currently available.

To get started, a user needs a Hayes-compatible modem, personal computer or ASCII terminal and communications software with ANSI VY100 emulation. Complete information on settings and directions on how to retrieve information is available at the reference desk, second floor.

Library Meeting Rooms

Library meeting rooms are scheduled for public use six months at a time. Applications are accepted beginning December 15 for the period from January 1 to June 30. Applications are accepted beginning June 15 for the period from July 1 through December 31.

Those who wish to use the rooms must pick up and complete the standard application form which has the entire Board Policy Statement on the reverse side. Copies are available at the first floor information booth. Reservations are not made by phone. Only limited room setups can be furnished. The room diagram which is given with the application must accompany each application which is returned.



Richard Gast, the library's Local Area Network (LAN) manager, displays the two CD-ROM towers which are located in his "computer room" on the library's lower level. Read the Director's Corner to find out how these units benefit library patrons.

Income Tax Forms

The library again will provide some of the basic federal and state tax forms. They will be furnished on a self-serve basis in the outer lobby of the Raymond Avenue entrance. Federal forms will be available beginning January 2. State forms will be put out as soon as they arrive. Also available are tax forms in a reproducible format. These will be placed near the copy machines for easy accessibility.

The most complete selection of federal tax forms can be picked up at an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) office. The closest is at 7601 South Kostner, fourth floor, Chicago (Ford City Shopping Center.)

The IRS phone numbers for forms or assistance are:

- tax assistance; 1-800-829-1040
or 1-312-435-1040
 - order forms/publications;
1-800-829-3676
 - recorded tax and refund information;
1-800-829-4477
- Best times to call are 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

State of Illinois tax forms can be picked up at 9730 South Western Avenue, Evergreen Park. The phone number is 708-857-2300. However, assistance is given on a walk in basis only.

House Calls for Homebound

Oak Lawn residents who are homebound due to illness or physical disability may be eligible for Homebound Services. According to staff member Mary Lynn Mysz, the library will make arrangements to bring books to the homes of those who qualify.

To get details about this service, contact the library and ask for Homebound Services.

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DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Dr. James B. Casey

One of the biggest service improvements in our library during 1994 occurred on November 20 when access to several very important CD-ROM products was opened to our patrons. CD-ROM means Compact Disk-Read Only Memory. Although no bigger than the CDs which you are accustomed to seeing which contain musical recordings, these CD-ROMs are packed with millions of bits of information which you can retrieve in a matter of seconds using some relatively simple search software. It's fun. It's fast. It's powerful. It's economical.

In the Reference Department, while you are looking at the screen of one of the three microcomputer stations which access the CD-Rom products, the actual CD-ROMs themselves are down in the lower level "computer room" on a CD-ROM "tower." Through our local area network (LAN) you and dozens of our staff members with microcomputers on their desks have the ability to use the same CD-ROM at the very same time.

Using one CD-ROM product called **Books in Print Plus**, you can do a "key word" search using one word from the title or a subject or author's name and combine that with another key word to find a list of titles from which you can choose the one you are looking for. Then you can obtain the publisher's address, toll free phone numbers and other order information. With the press of a button, all of this data can be printed out. **Video Directory Plus** works the same way, but with information about videocassette, movie titles, actors and actresses, academy awards and subjects providing the "key word" search clues that you would use.

Newsbank and Magazine Index also offer "key word" search capabilities where you can quickly, magically find articles and abstracts (summaries) of articles on practically any subject.

If this all sounds complicated and difficult to understand come up to the Reference Department and watch our patrons zip along through their searches. The computer age is here and our library wants you — our patrons — to join in the fun.

One at a Time, Please

At the request of patrons, the library staff has opened the outside book and video drops for 24 hours a day. In return the library staff has a request to make of patrons. When using the drops, please place only one item at a time in the drop. This may take a minute or two longer, but all users will appreciate the effort. Stacks of books or videos can jam the drops and prevent others from using them.

A hint for depositing a very large book. Open the book in the middle and slide it into the drop.

Youth Services Winter/Spring Programs

Youth Services staff has announced programs for the winter/spring season. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Unless otherwise stated, registration for programs begins on Monday, January 2. **Please note: Every child registering must have a library card. Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration.**

Storyhours will resume in January. Registration for Preschool Storyhours (ages three to five) and Afterschool Story Time (kindergarten through second grade) will open Monday, January 2. These sessions begin the week of January 16 and continue through April 24. Sessions fill quickly so early registration is recommended.

Registration for Toddler Time, a storyhour for two-year-olds and accompanying adults, also opens January 2. The session lasts for five weeks. Participants may choose either Tuesday or Thursday, 9:30 a.m. — 10 a.m. The session begins the week of January 24.

Saturday Storycrafters offers a blend of storytelling and arts and crafts activities for adults and children (ages three through grade two) to enjoy together. Session I will be held on February 4. Registration for this session only will be held from January 23 to February 2.

Programs for Grades Three to Six

Youth Services is looking for reporters, creative writers and illustrators for Kids Gazette. This is a program in which children create their own newsletter using a computer program. Participants will attend their first meeting on Wednesday, January 11.

Culture Club is a popular program where children discover traditions, folklore, music, arts and crafts and foods of four different countries. Registration opens February 6. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21.

Programs for Junior High and Up

Youth Services is looking for boys and girls who would like to help with displays, programs and special projects in the department. Junior Friends, a volunteer group for students in grades seven to ten, wants new members who are willing to help from January 10 to April 14. Registration, which opens January 2, is limited to 15. An initial meeting for the group is scheduled for 4 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10.

It's All Magic

Children ages three and up are invited to a spectacular show presented by "The World's Greatest Magician" Jeff Fredrickson, 2 p.m. Saturday, January 21. He delights his audiences with his tremendous tricks and delightful sense of humor. Tickets will be available beginning January 9.

"Snow White"

Children's Theater of Western Springs will give a special production of this classic fairy tale, 2 p.m. — 3 p.m. Saturday, February 11. Children, three years and up, are invited to attend. Tickets will be available beginning January 30.

Additional information about these and other programs can be found in the Winter/Spring 1995 Program Booklet available for pick up in the Youth Services Department.

Speakers Bureau Service

Now is the time when many clubs and organizations put together their annual program plans. For those who are looking for speakers, there is an added resource which may not be familiar to new program committees — the library's Speakers Bureau Service. The service has a listing of speakers who have asked to be included. New speakers are added as they indicate their interest. In addition, the library has speakers who can discuss the library, its many services and a variety of other topics. If these resources do not provide the speaker needed for a specific or special topic, the library will try to find someone to meet the need.

Resource speakers may or may not have a fee. That is not a part of the listing in most cases. However, direct contact with the speakers will furnish that information. Library speakers do not charge.

Speakers who wish to be added to the resource list are welcome. A letter with information about the speaker and the topics covered should be sent to the library, Attention: Mary Nelson. Speakers and topics are listed on the resource list. A backup file is maintained in case program committees have additional questions after receiving the list.

SPECIAL FOR PROGRAM PLANNERS: To receive a copy of the Speakers Bureau Service resource list, complete the coupon below and bring or send it to the library. The current list will be returned by mail.

The Americans With Disabilities Act

The Oak Lawn Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Those planning to attend a program who need special accommodations or who have a question regarding library accessibility should call the Administration Office 708-422-4990 during regular business hours at least seven working days prior to the event.

SPEAKERS BUREAU SERVICE

Please send me a copy of the resource listing of speakers.

Name of organization _____

Person requesting _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Send or bring the completed form to Oak Lawn Public Library, Attention: Mary Nelson, 9427 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Friends Plan Trips

Lyric Opera, Barber of Seville

The **Barber of Seville** at the Lyric Opera of Chicago is the first bus trip planned in 1995. The date is Wednesday, February 8. Cost of reservations is \$39 for members; \$41 for others which includes round trip transportation and reserved seats. The bus will leave the Cook Avenue entrance of the library at 6 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Deadline to call Bennie 708-424-3781 for reservations is January 15.

Those who plan to attend will want to come to the library for the Opera Lecture on **Barber of Seville** at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 5. Information about the program and the opera is included with the "Winter Programs for Adults" article, page one.

On Wednesday, March 29, a trip is planned to the Briar Street Theater to attend a matinee of the hilarious **Laughter on the 23rd Floor**. Prior to the theater, the group will stop for lunch at Ann Sathers Restaurant. The choice of entrees are baked spring chicken with celery dressing or Swedish meatballs with egg noodles. Cost of reservations which include transportation, lunch and reserved theater seats is \$43 for members; \$45 for others. The bus will leave the Cook Avenue entrance at 10:15 a.m. for an 11:30 a.m. lunch. The matinee begins at 2 p.m. Call Bennie, 708-424-3781 by March 1 to reserve.

Trips under consideration for spring are Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago and Theater at the Center, Munster, IN. Summer will include trips to Grant Park and Ravinia.



The Klingons join the library's Science-Fiction Special and field questions from the audience in a "Stump the Klingons" quiz. More than 250 people attended the November event to find out about "Generation Next: A Trek to the Future."

Newsletter Distribution

The library *Newsletter* is mailed to all 60453 zip code postal patrons. The schedule for mailing is a day or two prior to January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1. Those who do not receive their copies within a few days of the dates should report this to their local post office.

Those outside of the Oak Lawn zip code area can pick up copies of the *Newsletter* at the library in the information racks. Each issue contains information about library happenings, activities, events, programs and Friends of the Library.

Quotable Quote

There is nothing new about the highly touted, much proclaimed, so called futuristic information superhighway. We have had an information superhighway in our midst for a long, long time.

It's called the public library.

William E. Carsley
Daily Southtown

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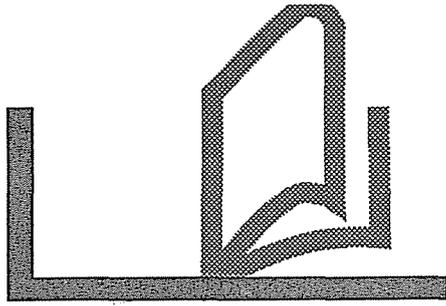
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Adult Programs for March and April

Effective Job Strategies for the 90's

Career consultant Bruce Bloom will present this seminar at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11. He will concentrate on marketing skills for success through effective search strategies for the 90's and beyond. Included in the discussion will be an overview of the job market, strategies for networking and information on interviewing, business cards, job clubs, alumni associations, professional associations, public libraries, book stores, effectively working job fairs, radio job files and electronic job search tools.

The program will provide information and assistance for those who are looking for employment, thinking of changing jobs or careers, are considering re-entering the job market, are looking to find employment for the first time after leaving school and others who have an interest in the changing job market picture. Handouts will be distributed.

Bruce Bloom has an extensive background in the career consulting field. He served as career advisor for the Illinois Institute of Technology and prepared a newsletter for their Career Services called "Farr Side." At Moraine Valley Community College he worked in the Job Placement Center as a trainer and created a new workshop called "WordPerfect Resume Writing." He performed several other functions, also. He is editor of the Governmental College Relations Council Newsletter and serves in other capacities for that group. He is affiliated with most of the prominent professional organizations in the Chicago area. He assists job seekers in support groups throughout the area. He is a member of the Alumni Advisory Committee for the Alumni Career Center of Northern Illinois University (NIU) at Hoffman Estates and on the board of directors for the College of Education Alumni Council of NIU.

The program is open to the public without registration or charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in meeting room B on the lower level.

Wolves: Leaders of the Pack

This is a super library special featuring John Basile, owner of the Big Run Wolf Ranch in Homer Township. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18. Basile maintains that wolves have an image problem which has been promoted for years with tales of werewolves, the big bad wolf, wolfman and more. He will bring a coyote and a wolf for the program. First, he will introduce the coyote with a brief discussion. Then he will bring in the wolf and devote a major portion of the program to this animal. He will talk about Indian folklore relating to the wolf, about the history of the wolf and about its characteristics. He will stay to answer questions.

Patti Palmer, reference librarian, will give a short introduction to the program focusing on the wolf-human relationship and current information of wolf introductions in Yellowstone and Idaho. She will give information about what is available on the wolf in the library. Handouts will be available. A contest will be held in con-



Oak Lawn resident Barbara Eagan receives assistance with her income taxes from David Dawidowicz and Richard Bryan, members of the Oak Lawn Jaycees. Jaycees are providing free income tax service for senior citizens, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays, through March 25, in the lower level Oak Lawn Rotary Room.

junction with the program and a prize will be awarded. The meeting room will be set up with wolf photographs, information on wolves and an audio tape of howling wolves.

This is an adult program, not intended for children under twelve years of age. Admission is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Rockin' Bluegrass Boys

This group will be here to entertain and delight you with its music at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, as part of the Sunday with Friends Series. The group consist of three members who perform bluegrass, country and rock-n-roll.

Tom Deuter has been playing the five string banjo for more than six years. He is a member of the Fretted Instrument Guild of America and the Old Town School of Music where he has been studying the picking style of Earl Scruggs.

Ed Kwiatkowski started playing the guitar 13 years ago. He has a wide range of experience on both electric and acoustic guitars. He concentrates closely on the musical style of Jim Reeves and Hank Williams.

John Serlitie has played the bass for many years and has performed in several local bands. His years of musical experience and knowledge and his great vocal talent make him the backbone of the group.

The show will be held in the lower level meeting room B on the usual first-come, first-seated basis.

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Library Collects Cancelled Postage Stamps

The staff of the library invites the public to join them in collecting cancelled postage stamps for a program which helps needy African children. The program is coordinated by Oxfam, an organization in Oxford, England, which collects and bags used stamps for sale to stamp collectors. The monies raised go for food, education and efforts to aid Africans improve their economy.

Susan Baird, head of the library's Patron Services Department, introduced the program to the library staff. She discovered the project through an article written by Carolyn G. Hart, well-known mystery writer. Baird conducted a study into the background of the organization and confirmed the fact that the cancelled stamps really do furnish assistance for the needy in Africa. She is serving as chair of the Oak Lawn effort.

Stamps may be ripped off the corner of the letters (neatness is not a factor) and deposited in a marked container on the first floor circulation desk.

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Maxine Drenthe (Oak Lawn) looks over some of the new paperbacks in the library's collection to add to 2,000 books she has read as a member of the library's adult book club.

Prize Book Reader

Maxine Drenthe is a reader! She is the first member of the library's Book Club to read and report 2,000 books. In fact, when she was interviewed in early February, she was up to 2,200 books.

Maxine Drenthe says that she has always been a reader and she reads every kind of book. She does have some favorite authors. She keeps an eye on new book listings in the Chicago Tribune, and when she sees that a favorite author has a new book published, she hands in a library reserve slip right away. Very often, she noted, she's first on the reserve list to check out the book.

Although she was an only child, she is the proud mother of seven children. Now she has 25 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and more on the way this year.

Congratulations to avid reader Maxine Drenthe!

Basic Sign Language Class

Basic Sign Language classes will resume in April. Mary Minervini, instructor, will be available, well and healthy after hand and arm surgery. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on six successive Saturdays beginning April 29.

The class is limited to 20 persons and five alternates. In person registrations will be taken from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 15, in the first floor lobby near the Raymond Ave. entrance. If seats in the class are still available after the initial enrollment, registrations will be taken beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, April 17, in the library administrative office, lower level. Fee for the course is \$20 per person. This covers the cost of the instructor and the course handbook.

Director's Corner

James B. Casey

Many of you have noticed in recent months that the library has changed to a new photocopier system. What may not be as readily apparent are the major cost savings and other significant advantages which we believe shall result from this move.

When the library's lease purchase agreement on photocopiers ended recently, we replaced it with a vending agreement. For the past few years, the library was not only paying nearly \$20,000 per year for the lease purchase of the six photocopiers, but was paying for the paper, toner and service agreements on these units. As many of you know, when you pay "up front" for service on equipment, the results are not always satisfactory. In 1994, we realized that the library needed to improve its equipment and the service of that equipment. That promised to be a very expensive proposition for our 1995 budget. Even more costly would be our need to acquire microfilm reader printers to replace our present old units. The price of new microfilm reader printers generally runs about \$9,000 each with a great deal more for service agreements, toner and specially treated paper. Naturally, we wanted to avoid spending so many of your tax dollars and receiving the mixed results on service which we had experienced in the past.

The vending agreement we negotiated with a local company called University Copy Services (DUAL) of University Park, Illinois provides the library with a viable solution to our dilemma. DUAL has agreed to place in the library six good photocopiers, four new Minolta microfilm reader printers and one color copier at no cost whatsoever to the library. The company also agreed to provide paper, toner, parts and service on all of these units at no cost. If the library had to purchase this equipment, the cost would be about \$75,000. An additional \$10,000 per year would be required for purchase of service agreements, paper and toner for the nine units. In turn, DUAL is taking virtually all of the copier proceeds and paying the library about 15 percent on all photocopies purchased. While the library is losing about \$45,000 per year in copier revenue, we are avoiding capital and ongoing expenses which could run as high as \$85,000 during 1995 alone. What is even more gratifying is the notion that DUAL will have to keep this equipment in good working order and satisfy YOU, the patrons, or else not make a profit. This is a partnership between the library and business which should prove beneficial to taxpayers.

Another good feature of the copier vending agreement is that it offers you, the patrons, the opportunity to buy copier cards which you can use to purchase copies at ten cents each rather than the 15 cents required of coin copies. You can keep "recharging" the card with value and use it on any copier or reader printer in the library. If you need to run several copies, you can simply make the copies without having to look for change each time you press the print button. The copier card system is often used in university libraries where students must make hundreds of copies during a busy school year and do so at the lowest cost possible.

Youth Services Spring Programs

Toddler Time

Registrants for the spring session of Toddler Time began on February 27. Registrations may choose a Tuesday session from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. or a Thursday session from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Each session will meet during the weeks of March 13 to April 10. Toddler Time is a program of stories, fingerplays, songs and activities for two-year-olds and accompanying care giver.

Note: Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration.

Saturday Storycrafters

The third Saturday Storycrafters is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. April 1. Registration for this program will begin on March 20. It is limited to 30 participants. Saturday Storycrafters offers a blend of storytelling and story-related arts and crafts activities for children from age three through second grade along with an accompanying adult.

Note: Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration.

Storyteller Jennifer Munro

Children from kindergarten on up are invited to the library from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 for an afternoon of captivating stories presented by Jennifer Munro, professional storyteller. Tickets can be picked up in the Youth Services Department.

"The Talking Cat" Presented by Roberts Marionettes

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, children from kindergarten and up are invited to the library for a special treat. Roberts life-like marionettes will present a play of the folk tale "The Talking Cat." Tickets for this special Library Week performance will be available beginning March 27.

Ticket Note: Tickets for Saturday performances will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Adults may pick up only enough tickets for the children they will be bringing to the program. Adults who accompany children under age seven may stay for the performance, but they do not need tickets.

Additional information on all programs offered by the Youth Services Department is available in the Winter-Spring 1995 program booklet which can be picked up in the Youth Services Department.

Library Foundation Sponsors April Clues Day

A scavenger hunt in the library? Yes, a very special scavenger hunt sponsored by the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will take place from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1. **April Clues Day** will give participants an opportunity to solve two sets of ten mystery questions by using various library information services such as books, computers, data bases, etc. Prizes include a pair of Bulls tickets, a red wagon load of books, and two dinners for two at local restaurants. Refreshments will be available as the sleuths seek the solutions to the questions.

Anyone 16 years of age or older can join the fun. Beginning March 1, registrations will be taken at the General Information booth. Entry fee is a non-refundable \$15 for a detective team of two in the spirit of Holmes and Watson or for individuals who may wish to participate as lone "gumshoes" in the likes of Miss Marple or Sam Spade. The event is limited to 50 teams or individuals. Upon registration, entrants will receive a Clue Sheet listing all of the sources in which the answers to the questions will be found. Those who register early will have ample time to become familiar with the sources and be ready for the questions on **April Clues Day**.

Proceeds from the event will be used for installing a new Youth Services Electronic Reference Center at a cost of \$7,000. The Foundation also is accepting donations for the Electronic Reference Center.

Now is the time to register, pick up your Clue Sheet and be ready to become an Information Super Sleuth on **April Clues Day**.

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Josephine Bolin (Chicago Ridge) chooses some of the books she is interested in reading from the Friends Ongoing Book Sale. She says that she used to buy new books but now she comes to the ongoing sale for her reading needs.

Friends of the Library

Trips

A trip to the Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago, is in the planning stages for April. When the schedule is finalized, information will be posted in the library and sent to the local press. Also under consideration for spring, a trip to the Theater at the Center, Munster, IN.

Programs

Each year the Friends sponsor a series of cultural programs called Sunday with Friends. This year, the presentations include opera lectures and a wide variety of musical groups. To avoid the confusion of separate listings, the Sunday with Friends offerings are listed chronologically with library sponsored programs. Membership in the Friends is not a prerequisite for attending any library programs. However, memberships (and book sales) help to make program sponsorship possible.

Ongoing Used Book Sale

A popular place in the library is the Ongoing Book Sale, first floor, near the Raymond Avenue entrance. Members of the Friends stock the shelves with fresh material every day. The prices are unbelievable -- hard covers are 35 cents; paper backs are 25 cents, magazines are five cents and records, when available, are 25 cents. The sale is conducted on an honor system. Money for selections can be dropped in the convenient cash box. The Friends also hold an annual used book sale the last full week in June.

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Violin and Piano Concert

Linda Valeckis, violinist, and Alvydas Vasaitis, piano, will present a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, a Sunday with Friends program. The music will be classical and will include "Dido Abandonata," a sonata in G minor by G. Tartini; "Ballade," a sonata for unaccompanied violin by E. Ysaye; Sonata in G Major, OP. 30, No. 3 by L.v. Beethoven; and Polonaise de Concert, OP. 4 by H. Wieniawski. Both are accomplished musicians who are members of the Lyric Opera Orchestra and several other organizations throughout the area. Valeckis has been to the Oak Lawn Library before in her capacity as a lecturer for the Lyric Opera.

Life on the Oregon Trail Travelog

John Lynn, an all-time audience favorite at the library, will present his slides and delightful narrative at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. He will tell the story of the American westward movement with modern-day photographs and the adventures that he experienced while bicycling 2,000 miles from Missouri to Oregon on today's Oregon National Historic Trail.

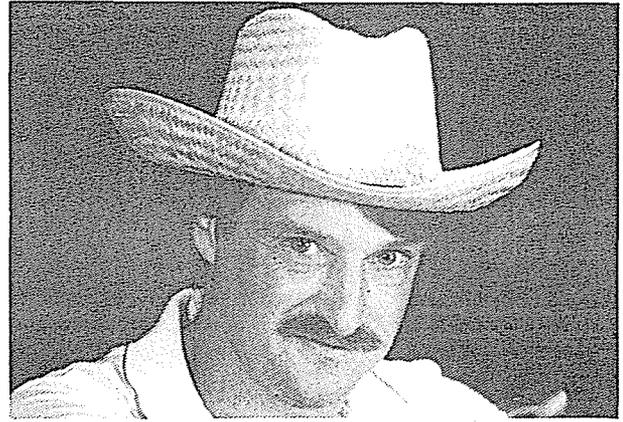
Lynn has taken Oak Lawn library audiences on the walk that covered the entire Appalachian Trail, on a bike ride over the Alaska Highway, on a canoe trip down the entire Mississippi River and on a wonderful 400 mile walking tour of the cities and towns of Illinois.

John is from central Illinois. He has a history degree from the University of Illinois. He is a former computer salesman, naturalist and teacher. For the past 14 years he has developed international credentials as a writer, lecturer and photographer.

The program will be presented in the lower level meeting room on a first-come, first-seated basis.

First Time Home Buyers

"Are you now renting? Are you earning \$28,000 a year?" Bob Starshak asks these questions and indicates that people who answer yes can own their own home and save money at tax time. He will discuss the subject when he presents this seminar at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22. Topics to be covered include information about new government regulations regarding first time buyers, home



John Lynn presents his travelog, *Life on the Oregon Trail*, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.

owning versus renting, borrower prequalifications, A,B,C credit programs, adjustable rate mortgages, financial planning and why it's never too early to start and tax benefits of home ownership. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Starshak is a representative of Midwest Lending Services, Inc. However, the seminar will be a generic program touching on services and programs that are available from many local lending institutions.

Coming in May

An all day *Writers Workshop* is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. Delores Bius will conduct the session.

Bob Milne, pianist, will bring *Ragtime, Blues and Boogie Woogie* to the library at 2 p.m. Sunday May 7, as part of the Sunday with Friends Series.

The Job of Searching for a Job is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13, featuring, by popular demand, Patty Bach.

Details of these programs will be found in the May/June issue of the Newsletter.

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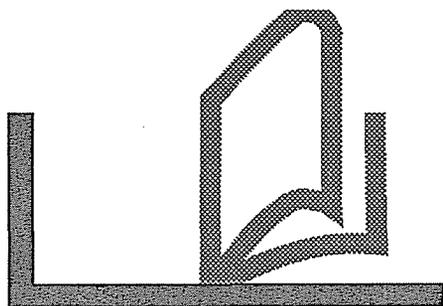
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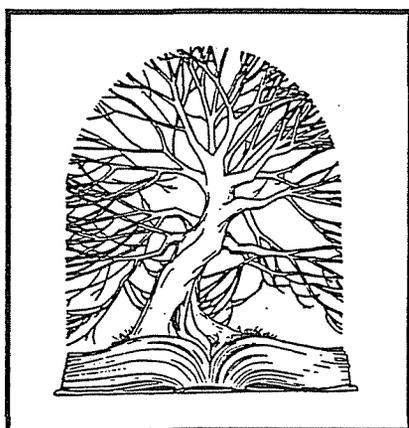
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OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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READING is TREMENDOUS

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Summer Reading Program

Oak Lawn Public Library has joined with the IREAD committee of the Illinois Library Association in encouraging Oak Lawn students to discover that **READING IS TREMENDOUS!** This is the theme of the summer reading program which is for youngsters from preschool through eighth grade. The program is scheduled to run for ten weeks, from June 5 to August 11.

The first two weeks are reserved for registration only. Young people may join the **forest** of readers and find out what **ground breaking** events have been planned for the summer. All who register will receive a Reading is Tremendous bookmark and will have an opportunity to check out books to read at home.

Readers will be registered in the following categories:

Seedlings: prereaders who have someone to read 20 books to them;

Sprouts: readers through grade four who can read ten books at their own reading level;

Saplings: Readers in grades five through eight who can read five books at their own reading level.

New this year: Participants can come to the library to record their books once a week. Those who read challenging, longer books will have an opportunity to earn double points.

Each school in Oak Lawn will be represented by a tree growing on the wall of the Youth Services department! Those who participate in the summer program can add leaves bearing their names to the tree branches. In addition, a library reading tree will be "planted" at the front of the department without any bark. Summer readers will be able to add a piece of "bark" for each book they read. When readers reach their goals, they will make the



Youth Services department head Judith McMahon and librarian Jean Day demonstrate how Oak Lawn students will make their school trees "leaf out" when they participate in this year's ten-week summer reading program **READING IS TREMENDOUS!** due to start in June.

reading tree bloom with books.

Many other "tremendous" activities are planned for the summer including a Beanstalk Contest, Animal Hideout, Endangered Species Challenge, Recycled Crafts and Lucky Leaf Pile.

Planned programs include Woodland Wonderland, Discover Your Roots, Oak Lawn Budding Actors, Forest Rangers and Going Out on a Limb Fridays.

As always there will be prizes—buttons, plastic bags, static decals and coupons from local merchants. However, the purpose of the program is not to see who can read the most books or earn the most prizes. The purpose is to see who can find the most summer months enjoyment in reading.

Last year more than 1,800 young people joined the summer reading program. Youth Service librarians are hoping that just as many or more **branch out** and join this year.

Details about the program can be found in the **Reading is Tremendous** program booklet available in the Youth Services department.

NOTE: For all Youth Services programs, young peoples' library cards must be presented at the time of registration.

Library Announcements

The library will observe regular hours during the Oak Lawn Auto Show and Sale, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20. Parking lots on Cook and Raymond Avenues will be used for the event. Patrons will have to find alternative parking during the sale and during set up and take down times.

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 28 and May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

The library will be closed on Sundays for the summer and will reopen on September 10.

ADULT PROGRAMS FOR SPRING

Ragtime Piano Featured on Sunday with Friends

Bob Milne, professional pianist specializing in ragtime, boogie-woogie and player piano styles, will present the next program in the Sunday with Friends Series, 2 p.m. May 7.

Milne is well-known around the Detroit area and nationally as a ragtime pianist. He holds a music degree in French horn performance and has played with some of the top symphonies in this country. His piano playing career now includes 30 years of everything from concert halls and night clubs to saloons. Today he is a highly sought after performer at ragtime festivals all over the country. He also serves as a lecturer and educator in the field of ragtime. He is one of the few performers in America to have actually made a working career exclusively as a piano soloist.

He has written more than 40 piano rags, many classical art songs, two concertos, a collection of poetry and two novels, both of which currently are being written into film scripts. One of these, *Turtle Lake: Portrait of an Extortionist* has been released recently.

The program will be held in the lower level meeting room. Seating, which is limited to 100, will be on a first-come, first-seated basis.

The Job of Searching for a Job

This seminar, designed to help people in their job search, is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13. Patricia Bach, a former human resources consultant with United Airlines, will bring her expertise and experience to share with the participants.

She will cover nine points in her presentation: general tips, job search psychology, self analysis, market research, employment networking, classified ads, agencies/services, news opportunities and self advertising.

Bach has a BA in Organizational/Corporate Communications from Northern Illinois University with a minor in Behavioral Sciences. She had 11 years of experience with United Airlines before starting her own consulting firm.

The program will be held in the lower level meeting room on a first-come, first-seated basis. Handouts will be available.

Senior Citizen Special: Estate Planning and the Revocable Trust

An educational seminar for senior citizens will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18. The focus of the first part will be on the five dangers of estate planning: probate, capital gains taxes, conservatorship and federal estate taxes. The second part will deal with the revocable living trust—how it works and its effects on estate planning. Representatives of the Heritage Assurance Group, a non-profit organization comprised of attorneys and financial consultants, will give a 90-minute presentation. The program is being coordinated by Thomas Halpin, an executive and estate planner and member of the Heritage group.

Saturday Specials for Adults

There is something new in programming this summer — Saturday Specials for Adults. Summer library program emphasis is always on young people enrolled in the Youth Services summer reading program. However, a current review of facilities and schedules reveals that room and time are available for limited adult programming. Based on this, a pilot project is being introduced this summer. It consists of occasional Saturday Specials — programs that are “stand alone” types.

“Stand alone” means that there will not be a correlation between programs or any kind of theme. They will be presentations that appear to be interesting, educational and/or entertaining. In some cases, they might be those which could not be scheduled during the rest of the year. If the programs are supported, the possibility exists for a continuation next year. Listed next is the very first program.

Saturday Special: Travelog Glacier-Waterton International Peace Park

George Carey will bring his slides and his narrative to the library at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, lower level meeting room. Many will remember the exceptionally fine presentation of New England Fall Colors that he presented last year. This production is another testimony to his excellent camera work. The travelog will include wild flowers and animals as well as scenic views of the area which is located in Montana and Alberta, Canada.

Carey and his wife have vacationed in the park seven times with a minimum stay of two weeks each time. The latest visit was in 1994. What could be a better way to spend a Saturday morning than to take this exciting trip? Seating is on a first-come basis up to the room limit of 100.

Director's Corner

James B. Casey

Now that spring is here, the vision of sitting on a cool porch, lounging in a hammock or sunning on the beach is fast becoming a reality. What better way to fill those pleasant relaxing hours than by becoming engrossed in a good novel or series of novels? Our library has many from which to choose. Some of the very best are now “out of print” or no longer available in bookstores or from the publishers.

In summers past, I would plow through some very diverse and odd mixtures of literature. In two or three short summers, I managed to read not only all of the spellbinding mystery novels of Agatha Christie but made a substantial “dent” in reading the Perry Mason series by Erle Stanley Gardner. Trying to determine the culprits and how they committed their crimes was a bit more than intriguing. Historical fiction caught my fancy during several summer holidays as my wife and I enjoyed reading all of the “Poldark” novels by Winston Graham. The adventures of Ross Poldark and his family in the rough world of copper mining in 18th century Cornwall, England, filled many hours with enjoyable reading.

The entire “Anne of Green Gables” and “Emily of New Moon” series, a total of 11 novels by Lucy Maud Montgomery consumed one whole summer of reading. While supposedly written for children and found in the Youth Services department fiction collections, these novels of growing up in 19th and early 20th century Prince Edward's Island, Canada, provided enchanting diversion for our decidedly adult reading tastes.

Stop by your library, check out some good books and prepare to sit back and enjoy the nice weather.

Summer Activities For Teens

Based on last year's success, the library will offer again a summer program for high school students. The program, which is open to grades nine through 12, includes a genealogy workshop and a reading club. Registrations will be accepted at the Fiction desk beginning June 5.

A theater troupe and volunteer group are available for students in grades seven through ten. Those interested in these activities can register in the Youth Services department.

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The Americans With Disabilities Act

The Oak Lawn Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Those planning to attend a program who need special accommodations or who have a question regarding library accessibility should call the Administration Office 708-422-4990 during regular business hours at least seven working days prior to the event.

News from the Friends of the Library

Annual Dinner Meeting

The 17th annual dinner meeting of the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will be held at the Old Barn Restaurant, Central Ave. and State Road, Thursday, June 1. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost remains the same as last year, \$12 per person. Deadline for reservations is May 19.

Annual elections will be held during the meeting. The current officers have agreed to run as a slate for the 1995-96 membership year. They are Dorothy Bergstrom, president; Beth Baird, vice president; Dorothy Wolf, secretary; and Pat Porges, treasurer. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Annual Used Book Sale

The book sale will be held the week of June 19-24. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up the rooms and stocking the shelves from Monday to Wednesday, June 19-21. Volunteers are needed also to help with sales during the rest of the week.

The sale will open with a "members only" night, 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21. General public hours are 9 a.m.—8:45 p.m. Thursday, June 22; 9 a.m.—5:45 p.m. Friday, June 23; and 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Saturday, June 24. Those who are interested in helping should contact Monica Stock, 708-424-4633.



John Basile, (left) owner of the Big Run Wolf Ranch in Homer Township, talks about the two British Columbian black wolves which he brought to the library for an adult program recently. Assistant Shari Vance, (right) along with a few young friends, assists with the program presentation. The popular event, which brought out an overflow crowd, was repeated at a later date for those who had to be turned away at the first showing.

Electronic Reference Center

There's something new in the Youth Services department this spring—an Electronic Reference Center. It is a cluster of four computers that are networked with the other library departments to provide reference information on CD-ROMs. The menu includes *Books in Print*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Children's Reference Plus*, *Gales's Literary Reference*, *Health Reference Center*, *Magazine Index*, *Newsbank* and *Video Directory Plus*.

This center replaces the Listening Center which has been a part of the Youth

Services department for many years. It has served well in providing filmstrip projectors, record turntables, and cassette players for children to hear audiovisual recordings. However, these formats have become obsolete and the time has come to move to more advanced technology.

This is only the beginning of CD-ROMs in the library. Other reference programs that will be available in the coming year include encyclopedias and programs for younger patrons such as *Living Books*. New developments will be announced as soon as possible.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Individual (\$5) New
 Family (\$8) Renewal
 Newsletter (\$3)

(Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who would like to have the *Oak Lawn Library Newsletter* mailed to them.)

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Make checks payable to Friends/Membership and mail to Friends of the Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Friends membership year is June 1 - May 31.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Annual Dinner Reservation Old Barn Restaurant 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 1995

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Choice of entrees: _____ Sirloin of beef _____ Chicken Kiev _____ Sole

Number of reservations @ \$12 each for a total amount of \$ _____

Make checks payable to Friends/Annual Dinner and send to Friends Annual Dinner, 9427 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Deadline for dinner reservations: May 19, 1995

Library Foundation Report

April Clues Day

Proceeds from *April Clues Day*, an activity sponsored by the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, will be donated to the new Youth Services Electronic Reference Center. The special event was developed by the Foundation primarily as a first step in introducing the organization to the public. However, a profit of \$365 was realized. Additional donations are being accepted.

April Clues Day was an "information seeking" scavenger hunt staged at the library. More than 20 "detective teams" or individual "sleuths" paid a small fee to participate in solving a set of ten mystery questions by using various library information resources such as books, computers, data bases, etc. Refreshments for the event were donated by White Castle, Dominicks, Freshline Certified Foods and McDonalds. Prizes were donated by Rickie Hawkinson, Lois Gasteyer, Les Brothers restaurant and the Oak Lawn restaurant.

Top prize was a pair of front row tickets (with parking) to a Chicago Bulls Game. The winning team, Curtis and Sue Fleharty, answered all of the mystery questions correctly.



Rickie Hawkinson congratulates Sue and Curtis Fleharty, Oak Lawn, first prize winners in the *April Clues Day* challenge. Hawkinson, a member of the board of the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, suggested the idea for a library scavenger hunt at a board meeting earlier this year.

House Calls for Homebound

Oak Lawn residents who are homebound due to illness or physical disability may be eligible for Homebound Services. According to staff member Mary Lynn Mysz, the library will make arrangements to bring books to the homes of those who qualify.

To get details about this service, contact the library and ask for Homebound Services.

Newsletter Distribution

The library *Newsletter* is mailed to all 60453 zip code postal patrons. The schedule for mailing is a day or two prior to January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1. Those who do not receive their copies within a few days of the dates should report this to their local post office.

Those outside of the Oak Lawn zip code area can pick up copies of the *Newsletter* at the library in the information racks. Each issue contains information about library happenings, activities, events, programs and Friends of the Library.

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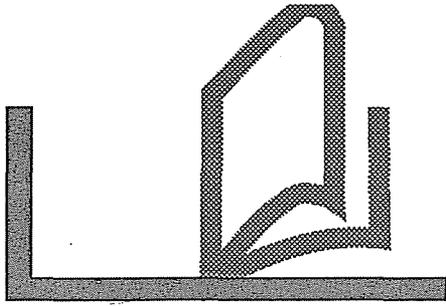
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SUMMER SATURDAY SPECIALS OFFERED

Summer Saturday Special, a pilot project offering adult programs during the summer, includes presentations in July and August plus a bonus Poetry and Short Story Reading.

'**Tis Irish We Are**, a book review by the author Alice Collins, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29. The book is a novelette that examines American life through stories of family, faith and friends. Many readers know author Alice Collins through her columns which appear regularly in local newspapers. Those who have read the book have described it as enjoyable, touching, funny and very true to life. Collins will be available to autograph her book. Copies will be sold on the day of the program.

TV, Philo T and You, a history of television presented by Dr. Stephen Hofer, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, August 19. His presentation traces the early attempts to create visual communication over 100 years ago to the current types of programs that are seen on a weekly basis in America. The program will cover the life of Philo T. Farnsworth, inventor of electronic TV, who got the idea at the age of 14. He also will discuss the future of television as well as cable T.V. In addition to his presentation, Dr. Hofer will have a display of memorabilia including old TV sets, pre-national TV listings, TV Guides, foreign listings and copies of patents.

Dr. Hofer has lived with TV since 1948 when his father purchased a set at an auction and brought it home. Since then he has seen the Golden, Silver and current prime time programs from the five TV networks. He teaches broadcasting and public speaking at Chicago State University. He owns and operates the Farnsworth TV Museum in Fort Wayne, IN, located in Karen's Antique Mall, 1510 Fairfield Ave. It is open daily and admission is free.

A **POETRY AND SHORT STORY READING**, open to all who are interested, will be held from 9:30 a.m. - noon, Saturday, August 5. Light refreshments will be available throughout the morning. The program will be set up in two segments. Those who wish to read during the first segment can sign in at the door. Each



Members of the library board of trustees pose with newly-elected members and 1995-96 officers. They are Patricia Roberts, new member; Lee Stein, new member; Shirley Barrett, vice president; Lois Gasteyer, trustee; Joann Buschbach, president; Marian Sullivan, treasurer; and Robert Honkisz, secretary.

poetry reader will have five minutes; each short story reader will have ten minutes. As a courtesy to others, all participants are asked to pre-time their presentations so that time limits are observed. After all have read, there will be a short break. The second segment will be for those who did not sign in, but now wish to read, and up until the noon closing, for those who wish to read a second time. Again, time limits should be considered. Vittorio Carli will preside and bring along his usual quota of puns. He has served as group leader for several of the library's readings.

Adult Summer Reading Club Introduced

Not to be outdone by summer reading programs for children and young adults, the fiction desk staff has initiated an Adult Summer Reading Club. The feature of this club is *Reado*, a form of bingo that involves reading a series of books, each from a different genre. Prizes are awarded depending on the number and variety of books read. The deadline for the game is August 11

Friends Ongoing Book Sale

All those people who missed the annual book sale have a resource available to them every day. The ongoing book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library is open to the public whenever the library is open.

It has become a popular spot for avid readers, book browsers and commuters. Readers find that it's easy to find books which may be a little out-of-date but are those which they have not read before. Book browsers can look as long as they like and select a wide variety of material at practically no cost. Commuters make selections for quick reading on the bus or train as they ride to and from work. The sale shelves are located on the main floor near the Raymond Avenue entrance.

Shelves are stocked with hard cover books for 35 cents; paperbacks for 25 cents; and magazines for five cents. The whole program is run on the honor system. A cash box is attached to the book shelves for patron convenience.

A great group of Friends volunteers select the material from donated used books and stock the shelves on a daily basis. This provides an unusually large and varied collection for the public. All proceeds are used by the Friends to support projects and programs of the library.

Career Center Aids Job Searches

One of the busiest places in the library is the Career Center, located in the Reference Department, second floor. This center offers hundreds of books and manuals that deal with careers, resumes, education, changing jobs, job applications and job interviews.

Another service in the center is *Job Search*, a take home resource guide which provides a variety of job source listings which can be found at the library. Several magazines and newspapers with employment listings can be requested at the desk.

Job Bank provides daily listings on microfiche of jobs that are available in Chicagoland. Brochures, bulletins and pamphlets are displayed for pick up.

The Career Center provides information for job seekers of all kinds including those who are recent college graduates. A visit to the center can reveal the types of jobs to seek, the right kind of resume to submit, how to use proven techniques for successful job interviews and how to determine the appropriate place to send applications.

Library Announcements

The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day and on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

The library will be open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. beginning September 10.



Lois Gasteyer, member of the library board of trustees, presents a plaque and a letter of commendation to Evelyn Kanost, 20-year library employee who retired in June. Kanost was a familiar staff member at the circulation desk.

Speakers Bureau Service Offered

Program planners for clubs and community organizations in the area have a resource for securing speakers for their meetings in the library's Speakers Bureau Service.

This is a two-part program. First, it is a listing of speakers on a wide range of topics. Second, it is a place for speakers to place their names and topics if they wish to speak to community groups.

The list of speakers is available to community groups on request. The speakers' names, addresses, phone numbers and topics are listed in the order in which they entered the program. If backup information has been furnished to the library, that is indicated. The listing is updated as often as new entries are submitted.

The speakers who want to become a part of the service should send or bring the necessary information to the Public Relations Office of the library. The library does not act as an agent for the speakers. All arrangements for speaking dates including fees, if any, are made between the group and the speaker. Many speakers choose to forego payment when engaged by non-profit community groups which usually operate on a very limited budget. Often speakers believe that this is a way to create an awareness of their subject with a large segment of the public.

To contract the Speakers Bureau Service, call Mary Nelson, public relations and development officer, 708-422-4990.

Young Adults Summer Reading Club

It's not too late to join the Young Adults Summer Reading Club. This special summer program offers high school students an opportunity to read and participate in the group's activities. A party ends the program in August. Those who are interested should stop at the fiction desk on the main floor for details and a chance to enroll.

Director's Corner

James B. Casey

It probably will be no surprise to our patrons to learn that the Oak Lawn Public Library is clearly far above average in many respects. In one very important area, however, your library exceeds many state and national standards by a very significant margin. That particular criterion of excellence librarians call "collection development." A very well-trained and efficient group of librarians goes about the task of choosing the books you need (or want) and then getting those titles on the shelves as soon as possible. As a result of skill and desire to serve the patrons, this library has been able to devote many more precious tax dollars to an activity which has a direct and very pleasant result for the public.

Your library spends a larger proportion of its overall budget to buy books, periodicals, videos, compact discs, software and other items used directly by our patrons than most other libraries. Since we try to proceed in a cost effective manner in all areas of our operation, more money is available for us to buy the materials you want. Illinois Public Libraries have a goal or standard of 12 percent as the portion of the operating budget used to purchase materials. An average for libraries in the United States during 1993 was 14.5 percent. The Oak Lawn Public Library devoted 17.5 percent for this important purpose during 1995. Given our commitment to buying the materials you want, it is not surprising that your library experienced an average per capita circulation of 12 from 1992-94. The national average for libraries of our size was only eight during 1993. That result is 50 percent better than average. Not only does your library use 20 percent more of its operating budget for materials than the national average, but it is operating 45 percent above the proportion standard set recently by the librarians around the State of Illinois for successful library service.

Thanks to your generous tax support of this public library and the skill and dedication of our staff, we have been able to establish a much higher standard of excellence in service to taxpayers than many other communities can even imagine.

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Summer Reading Program Still Open To Kids

Reading Is Tremendous, theme of this year's summer reading program, is off to a tremendous start, according to the Youth Services department staff. Oak Lawn residents and students from preschool through eighth grade are eligible to participate and enrollment still is open. A library card is required to join the reading club.

During July, club members have an opportunity to enjoy a fabulous number of forest frolics.

On Mondays, children in grades three to six are invited to come to *Discover their Roots*. This genealogy program combines fact-finding and creative writing to help participants make a family tree. Advance registration is required for this activity.

On Wednesdays, children ages three to eight and their parents are encouraged to attend *Woodland Wonderland* storyhours from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

On Fridays, special programs will be offered in the afternoon under the theme of **Out on a Limb**. Titles and dates are: *It's a Jungle Out There*, July 7; **Helping the Homeless** animal program, July 14, *Wild, Wonderful Wolves*, July 21; and *East of the Sun, West of the Moon*, a play by the Oak Lawn Budding Actors, July 28. Those who are interested must pick up tickets for these activities.

Complete descriptions of these and other programs and events will be found in the Reading is Tremendous booklet which can be picked up in the Youth Services department. Young people must be members of the summer reading club in order to attend the programs.



Sheila Hayes looks on as her daughter Katie, a fourth grade student at Lieb school, registers for **Reading is Tremendous**, the library's summer reading program for Oak Lawn residents and students from preschool through eighth grade.

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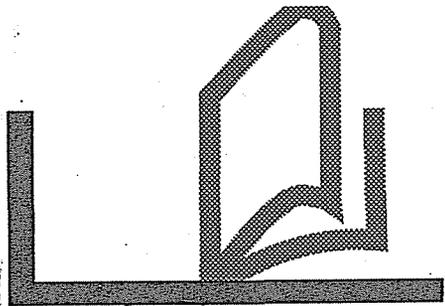
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FALL ADULT PROGRAMS SCHEDULED

A variety of fall programs for adults has been scheduled for presentation at the library this fall. The public is invited to attend without charge or registration. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis up to the capacity of the meeting rooms.

The first offering is a seminar on **Senior Long Term Health Care: Successful Asset Preservation**, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, presented by Marleen LeBlanc Stewart. A survey conducted by AARP shows that 79 percent of the people expecting to need nursing home care believe, incorrectly, that Medicare will foot the bill. This important seminar will explain how much long term health care costs, what Medicare does and does not cover and why people should be concerned. Those who attend will learn how to protect their assets in the event of needed health care. Attendees will receive a 54-page workbook to help follow this interesting and educational presentation.

Marleen Stewart has a nursing background. She has owned Medical Claim Services, Inc. for 12 years. The company evolved from requests from the elderly who were having difficulty filing claims and from those who asked how to conserve their assets so that their life savings would not be spent on nursing care costs.

A sequel to an all-day program that was held last spring will be presented Saturday, Sept. 30. **Don't You Know There's a War On**, a two-part exploration into segments of World War II, will feature Brian Weaver and Milton Andersen. Weaver will be in charge of the 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. lecture segment recounting some of the history and events of the time. Following a lunch break, Andersen will preside over the second session, 1-3 p.m. He will bring other veterans of the division with him to delve into the story behind the 82nd Airborne Special Services.

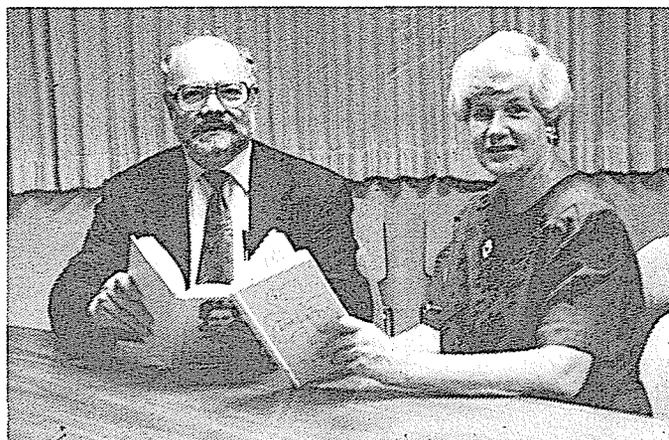
Brian Weaver fascinated a full-house audience in March with his all-day lecture about World War II, a war that continues to shape the world. He indicates that his program is "designed to inform and entertain those too young to remember and those too old to forget." His interest in the war began during high school and has continued to grow. Currently he is writing a book about World War II.

Milton Andersen, owner of Oak Lawn Camera, indicates that participants in the afternoon program will be in full dress uniform as they discuss their role in the war and the missions in which they participated.

Interested area residents are invited to attend one or both of the sessions. Lunch is not included in the day's activities.

The first fall travelog will feature that favorite couple, Stanley and Paula Sims, presenting **Canada — East and West** 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 11. This 70-minute production will include the dramatic history of "our neighbors" to the north, Niagara Falls, glaciers, cathedrals, and skyscrapers created by man and nature.

The Sims have appeared at the library several times in the last few years. Their presentations include beautiful slides, informative and entertaining narrations and appropriate music, all syncopated into a masterful presentation.



Library director Dr. James B. Casey and author Alice Collins look through two new books that will be added to the library's collection. Author Collins donated copies of her latest books, *'Tis Irish We Are* and *The Rhythm Girls*.

A Poetry and Short Story Reading is set for 9:30 a.m. - noon, Saturday, October 14. Local writers are invited to bring their works to share with others who have the same interest. Those who wish to read can sign in at the door. Poetry readers will have five minutes; short story readers have ten minutes. After all have read, there will be a short break. Following this, those who have not read previously will have an opportunity to do so. The same time limits apply. Light refreshments will be available.

A Folk Music Concert with Dan Zahn, a Sunday with Friends offering sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is scheduled for 2 p.m. October 22. Dan's trademark is his sincerity. He believes in the music he performs. He selects his material carefully and chooses only those songs which strike a responsive chord within him. He sings about personal experiences and childhood memories of rural America. He sings about love, historical events, homelessness, and he sings the blues. Dan's original songs have been described as short stories set to music. Using his instrumental skills on 6-string guitar, 12-string guitar and mandolin, he creates unique arrangements of traditional songs which allow an audience to hear these timeless songs again — for the first time.

True Chicagoland Ghost Tales will be told by Dale Kaczmarek at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, just in time to set the mood for Halloween. The program is a look at the many things throughout Chicago and suburbs which are considered to be haunted. He will discuss actual encounters by credible witnesses. Those in the audience may discover what may be active around their own neighborhood. Kaczmarek is president of the Ghost Research Society and a noted expert in the field of the supernatural and the paranormal. He has been investigating ghosts and haunting since 1975 and is an active and contributing member of *The Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained*, *International Fortean Organization* and *The American Association for Electronic Voice Phenomena*. He is the director of Excursions into the Unknown, a bus tour of legendary haunted locations.

Fall Youth Services Programs

Note: For all programs, Oak Lawn residents and students will be given preference for registration. Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration.

Storyhours will resume the week of September 19 and continue through the week of December 11. Registration for *Preschool Storyhour*, ages three to five, and for *After School Story Time*, grades kindergarten to second, began on August 28 and will continue until September 25 or until full. Sessions fill quickly so early registration is encouraged.

The early fall session of *Toddler Time*, a storyhour for two-year-olds and an accompanying adult, will be offered the week of September 25 to the week of October 23. Registration began the week of August 28 and will continue until September 22 or until full. The late fall session of *Toddler Time* will be offered the week of November 6 to the week of December 11. Registration will begin October 30.

Programs for Third through Sixth Grade

Back to School with the American Girls will be offered this September. This is a series of programs for those interested in the American Girl books and in learning about times past. Participants will meet on four consecutive Thursdays beginning September 7. Registration, which is limited to 30, began August 28.

This fall, the Youth Services Department is pleased to offer a new program, *Goosebumps Club*. This program is for kids interested in sharing their thoughts and ideas about books in the *Goosebumps* series and in writing stories of their own. Participants will meet on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning October 3. Registration, which is limited to 30, begins September 18.

Programs for Junior High and Up

Junior Friends of the Library, a volunteer group of seventh through tenth graders, is seeking new members who would like to help in the Youth Services Department with displays, programs and other special projects. Members volunteer for one hour per week from September 11 until November 10. Registration, which is limited to 15, began August 28. Registrants should plan to attend an initial meeting, 4 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, September 11.

Spine Chillers and Funny Bone Ticklers will be presented by storyteller Beth Horner on October 21. Children, grades kindergarten through eighth, are invited to get into the Halloween "spirit" and to enjoy the scary stories and the spooky songs. Tickets, a requirement for this program, will be available at the Youth Services desk beginning October 9.

Fall Program Booklets

Additional information about programs is available in the fall program booklet available at the Youth Services desk.



Oak Lawn resident Lillian Spiewak looks through some future paperback selections with staff member Anne Curran. Spiewak, an avid reader, has read 1,000 books. She is a member of the library's book club which keeps a record of her reading.

Opera Lecture Series

Eight opera lectures will be presented this year. Each lecture will be given by a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps. Opera lectures give area residents an opportunity to hear the opera story line, selections of its wonderful vocal music and orchestrations and to learn something about the composers. Many people believe that they are not opera fans; however, opera lectures have often converted those in doubt.

The following is the schedule for September and October including the

name of the lecturer. All lectures are on Sundays, 2 p.m. lower level meeting room. They are open to the public without charge. This is a public service sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Simon Boccanegra
September 24, Caroline Wheeler

Xerxes
October 1, Jonathan Siner

Ghost of Versailles
October 15, Harry Clamor

A full schedule of the operas and a brief summary of each is available for pick up at the library.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who want the Newsletter mailed to them should add \$3.00 for postage.

Name _____ Phone _____

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Individual (\$5) New Newsletter (\$3)

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(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.

Friends of The Library

The fall season of the novel and short story discussion groups sponsored by the Friends will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 13 with two short stories by Dorothy Parker, "**Standard of Living**" and "**Big Blonde.**" **An American Tragedy**, a novel by Theodore Dreiser, will be discussed at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 27. Each group meets once a month for an hour of lively discussion in the library's lower level conference room. Meetings are open to all who are interested. Library staff provides reprints of the short stories and makes them available at the Readers Services desk. Novels are available from the Circulation desk. The Friends sponsor the groups as part of its cultural programming for the community. For additional information, contact Mary Nelson, public relations and development officer, 708-422-4990.

Bus Trips

A trip to Joliet's riverboat casino, the Empress, complete with a buffet lunch, has been set for Tuesday, September 26. The bus will leave the Cook Avenue entrance of the library at 11 a.m. for a 12:15 lunch. Participants will board the ship at 1:30 p.m. The ship will sail at 2 p.m. and return at 4:15 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$18 for members; \$20 for others. Reservations can be made with Bennie and Al Cunningham, 424-3781.

Oriental Museum, Rockefeller Chapel and Organ Concert

A great trip to the Oriental Museum and Rockefeller Chapel with an organ concert as the climax is set for Sunday, October 29. The group will have a one hour tour of the Oriental Museum beginning at 2:30 p.m. After a short stroll to Rockefeller Chapel, there will be a one hour tour of the chapel. The organ concert will begin at 5 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$14 for members; \$16 for others. The bus will leave the Cook Avenue entrance of the library at 1:15 p.m. Call Bennie and Al Cunningham for reservations, 424-3781.

FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

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Short Stories

September 13	<i>Standard of Living & Big Blonde</i> by Dorothy Parker
October 11	<i>Chrysanthemums</i> by John Steinbeck
November 15	<i>Maud</i> by Louis Auchincloss
January 10	A story by James Thurber led by Beth Kobe
February 14	<i>The Minister's Black Veil</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne
March 13	<i>Revolt of Mother</i> by Mary Wilkens Freeman
April 10	<i>The Retreat</i> by Bobbie Ann Mason
May 8	<i>Forgiveness of Families</i> by Alice Munro

Novels

September 27	<i>An American Tragedy</i> by Theodore Dreiser
October 25	<i>So Long, See You Tomorrow</i> by William Maxwell
November 29	<i>The Prime of Miss Brodie</i> by Muriel Spark
January 24	<i>Stones for Ibarra</i> by Harriet Doerr
February 28	<i>Intruder in the Dust</i> by William Faulkner
March 27	<i>Democracy</i> by Henry Adams
April 24	<i>The Awakening</i> by Kate Chopin
May 22	<i>Catch 22</i> by Joseph Heller

Discussion groups meet at 1 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 Raymond Avenue.

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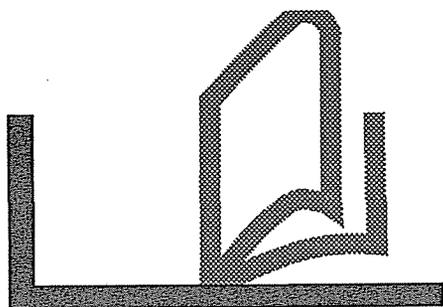
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Adult Programs

Volunteers for Adoption Education
7 p.m. Thursday, November 2

Volunteers for Adoption Education is a special presentation sponsored by The Cradle in Evanston. A panel comprised of an adoptive parent, young adopted adult and a birth mother with an adoption plan will share information and answer questions about adoption from various perspectives. This program has been presented to various high schools in the area; however, this presentation is the first in the vicinity for an adult audience.

The Cradle is a private, not-for-profit, non-sectarian, state licensed adoption agency. It remains one of the few all-donation agencies in the country, providing services with no required fees to birth parents, adopted children and adults throughout their lifetimes. The Cradle has placed more than 13,000 infants with loving families in its 71 years. The agency provides important research and education on adoption issues. It supports university research; provides experts in adoption law, child care and social work; trains adoption volunteers; and shares its learning through qualified speakers at schools, hospitals and other community organizations.

All Day Writers Workshop
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday, November 4

This *All Day Writers Workshop* will be conducted by Cynthia Gallaher who provided an excellent presentation in her first appearance at the library last year. Fee for the workshop is \$15 which includes all materials, a portion of the instructor's fee, coffee break and lunch. The session is limited to 25 people.

The session will include lecture, instruction, exercises and class participation. The class is limited to 25.

Cynthia Gallaher has held workshops or readings at Wayne State University, the Inter-American Literary Festival, Northwestern University, Moraine Valley Community College, Randolph Street Gallery and Cook County Jail. She is an active graphic arts/publicity coordinator for poetry events and is an editor and publisher. She is a native Chicagoan and the recipient of two Community Arts Assistance Grants from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

Norway: Oslo to North Cape
7 p.m., Thursday, November 9

Travel with Mary Nelson on a cruise along the beautiful coast of Norway up to the "Land of the Midnight Sun." Spectacular falls, gorgeous scenery, ancient and interesting towns, reindeer, mountains, friendly people are all a part of a once-a-year journey sponsored by a cruise line.

According to Nelson, no slides can do justice to the views, but perhaps this travelog visit will inspire others to go see for themselves.

Quintuplex Woodwind Quintet
Sunday with Friends
2 p.m., Sunday, November 12

The unique sound of the Quintuplex woodwind quintet has been ringing through the Chicago area since 1983. At the Sears Tower, State of Illinois Building, Drury Lane (Oak Brook) and Morton Arboretum, Quintuplex has dazzled audiences with its exceptional blend of music styles. Classical standards, jazz greats and popular favorites are all included in the extensive repertoire of this versatile group. The union of five diverse sounds of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn forms a refreshing combination which is long remembered.

Carlyn Lloyd-Ford, flute, is the founding member and acting manager of the group. She has also contributed to the group's repertoire by writing



Maura Weaver poses nonchalantly as a live reminder of the famous World War II poster of Rosie the Riveter displayed next to her. She attended the recent *World War II Revisited* program at the library where her husband, Brian, was a major presenter.

many of the arrangements of popular and light classical works. She performs extensively in the Midwest with this group and with pianist Jon Warfel. Audiences may recall their stirring performances at the Oak Lawn library. Lloyd-Ford is a graduate of Western Illinois University where she studied with Gerald Carey. She is a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and is listed in the *International Who's Who in Music* and *Who's Who in American Music*. She and her husband Jeff share their home with two dogs, two parakeets and four turtles.

Kaethe Seeman, oboe, holds multiple Masters degrees from Northern Illinois University. She spent the summer of 1987 playing principal oboe with the Musicisti American Chamber Orchestra in Sulmona, Italy. When in Illinois, she enjoys playing principal oboe with the Rockford Symphony. Her teachers include Ray Still, Carl Sonic and Scott Bell. In her limited free time she enjoys the outdoors and is a mountain climber and certified lifeguard.

Katherine Betts, clarinet, joined Quintuplex after two years playing in the Oxford Symphony, England. She received her musical training at the New England Conservatory of Music and studied with Harold Wright and Keith Wilson. She currently is principal clarinet in the New Philharmonic of Glen Ellyn. She teaches privately. In addition to her full-time music career, she maintains a full-time position as mom to her two children, Nicholas and Alison.

James Mamminga, bassoon, is principal bassoonist with the Fox River Valley Symphony. He has been soloist with the orchestra on several occasions. While at the University of Illinois, he studied with Sandy Bunch and was a member of Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity. He is an excellent vocalist, also, and performs with the Fine Arts Chorale of Geneva. He received his DDS from the University of Illinois and has an active dental practice in Aurora.

Donna M. Petry, French Horn, is a recent acquisition from Tennessee where she was a member of the Chattanooga Symphonic and Opera orchestras and a member of the Riverbend Woodwind Quintet. Currently, she is a member of the Elmhurst Symphony and studies with Dale Clevenger. As a diversion from her busy musical schedule, she owns a

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Cancelled Postage Stamps Delivered

Readers may recall that the March/April *Library Newsletter* carried an item asking the public to join the staff in collecting cancelled postage stamps for a program that helps needy children. The program is coordinated by OXFAM, an organization in Oxford, England, which collects and bags used stamps to sell to stamp collectors. The proceeds go for food, education and efforts to aid Africans improve their economy. Patrons of the Oak Lawn Public Library responded with donations of thousands of cancelled stamps from all over the world.

Susan Baird, Patron Services Department head, who initiated the campaign, spent a weekend in Oxford, England, in August. She was able to deliver in person all of the stamps that were so generously given at the library. According to Baird, OXFAM in Oxford is the main headquarters for a world-wide effort. While she was there, several photos were taken. These have been reproduced on a letter that OXFAM wrote to thank Oak Lawn for all its efforts. Copies can be picked up at the Circulation desk.

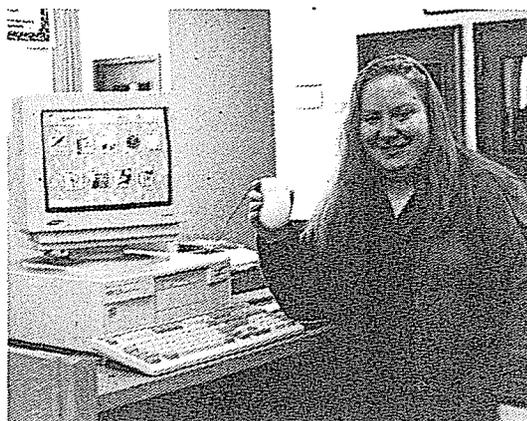
With holiday mailings approaching, Baird reminds the public to continue to save stamps. She suggests that those who have been participating in the program should ask at least one other person to join so the collection would be even bigger and better in 1996. Those who are interested in literature specifically citing OXFAM's work should contact Susan Baird at the library.

Local History Photo Display

Area residents are invited to examine the display of old photographs located in the Local History area of the Reference Department, second floor. Barbara Wolfe, reference librarian, is anxious to identify the people in the photographs and/or to pinpoint the year of school class pictures if not already noted.

As an added incentive to prospective viewers, pictures will be photocopied for those who discover themselves, relatives, old friends and old classmates pictured in the display.

Librarian Wolfe is preparing to set up a display of veterans pictures in the future. Again, community assistance in identifying the servicemen will be solicited. She also is interested in donations of photos, yearbooks, Roundup mementos and other materials from Oak Lawn's past. Contact her in the Reference department for additional information.



Librarian Beth Kobe displays the mouse which is used to operate the new "fiction finder" computer program. Fiction readers are urged to expand their reading by using the program. Staff members in the fiction and interlibrary loan areas are available to introduce patrons to the ease of operation.

New Fiction Finder

A new product has been installed to help patrons select fiction books. It is called "good reads" and enables users to search in a number of ways for appropriate fiction such as genre, awards or film title. Readers choose a category: espionage, adventure/suspense, romance, historical fiction or mystery and a list of books in that category is generated. The user selects certain books from the list and a summary of the books chosen will appear. By entering the name of a favorite book, the user will be shown similar titles in terms of genre, locale and time period.

The computer with the program is on the first floor near the Fiction and Interlibrary Loan desks. The staff invites all fiction readers to come in and try it.

Librarian's Index Published

Songcite, An Index to Popular Songs, compiled by William Goodfellow, Reference Services Department Head, was published recently. The 448-page book is an easy-to-use index to collections of popular songs published between 1988 and 1994. It indexes 248 music books that are not included in any other index. The index enables the user to locate over 7,000 songs which can be searched by song title, first line or composer. It covers songs from musicals, motion pictures and television.

According to Garland Publishing, the index was designed with the librarian in mind. One of the most common reference questions in the subject area of music is how to locate words and music to recent and standard songs. This index will provide a valuable resource.

Director's Corner

Dr. James B. Casey

As the holiday season approaches, many of us will be thinking about gift(s) we can buy for people who "have everything." It isn't an easy problem to solve, and you can only imagine the countless hours which will be spent browsing and searching through shops, malls and department stores as the season draws near. If books are an option, you can save a great deal of time by visiting your Oak Lawn Public Library and using a very nifty computer source called *Books in Print Plus (BIP+)*. BIP+ is open and available to patrons of all ages on terminals in Reference, Youth Services and Periodicals areas. You can quickly locate books which are currently for sale on almost any conceivable subject. Are you trying to find a book for someone interested in fly fishing? Simply enter the subject search for "fly fishing" and a list will come up with 208 books recently published on that sport. You immediately can see the date of publication, price and publisher. If you type in one other quick command, you will see the publisher's address and toll free phone number. Some shoppers may copy down the information and go to a local book store where the book may be on the shelf. At this time, others may place an order with the publisher from home since there are still several weeks before holiday festivities.

Those interested in electronic equipment or gadgetry should examine our special Consumer Information section in the Reference department, second floor. Performance ratings on everything from radios and VCR's to automobiles are published and readily available for your inspection.

Those who must prepare the gigantic family dinners would do well to check out the library's splendid collection of cook books. Some of the titles focus on holiday meals and treats as well as decorations and entertainment tips.

The library's huge collection of videotapes will certainly be among the best and most inexpensive ways for you to provide excellent TV for youngsters who are out of school for a couple of weeks or adults who want to take a break from football. The library has 5,000 titles from which to choose, a three-day loan period and outside drop box for convenient returns.

Let the public library help you to have a happy and joyous holiday season!

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Friends of the Library

Celebration on Ice

The Friends organization has planned a trip to have dinner and to see a matinee performance of *Celebration on Ice* at Drury Lane in Evergreen Park, Tuesday, December 5. Reservations, which include round trip transportation, dinner and show, is \$32 for members; \$34 for others. The bus will leave the Cook Avenue library entrance at 11:30 a.m. for a noon dinner and 2 p.m. ice show. Call Bennie and Al Cunningham for reservations; 424-3781.

Mid-Year Book Sale

Contributors of used books have been very generous this summer. Friends storage shelves are so full that a mid-year used book sale has been scheduled for 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, December 9. For the first time, buyers will be allowed to enter a portion of the storage area to make some of their selections, thus saving Friends book sale work crew many hours of setting up and taking down. However, willing hands are always welcome.

Opera Trip in February

Friends is sponsoring a trip to Lyric Opera on Wednesday, February 14, to see and hear a performance of Charles Gounod's *Faust*. Watch for announcements of trip details in the next *Library Newsletter* and in local newspapers.

Story and Book Discussion Groups

Friends sponsors two book discussion groups. The short story group meets at 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday each month. The novel discussion group meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday each month. Contact is Beth Baird, 422-4933.

Opera Lectures

Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti
2 p.m. Sunday, November 19

The music will delight you. The story will tickle your funny bone. Wealthy, but very old, Pasquale decides to marry, and his choice is considerably younger. Not an impossible situation except his nephew happens to love the same young lady. Hear the musical highlights and learn how this involved love story ends.

Lecturer is Arn Buonamici who was born in Lucca, Italy, the birthplace of

Puccini. He says that it seems to him he has been listening to opera all of his life. He joined the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps in 1992 and lectures to high school students as well as adults. He also serves as a coordinator of lectures and is a member of the Far West Lyric Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Andrea Chenier by Umberto Giordano
2 p.m. Sunday, December 3

Dramatic and romantic! This is a passionate love story that asks the questions: Is the poet Andrea unfairly judged of treason? Does he go to the guillotine alone? Why do Andrea and Roucher duel and who wins? Tears may flow when this story and musical highlights are brought to the library — bring sufficient supplies.

Lecturer Barbara DeBolt is a native of the far south suburbs. She has a degree in French and choral music from the University of Illinois. Her love of music goes back to the time when her father took her to the Lyric Opera during its early years. She remembers performances by Maria Callas, Renata Tebaldi and Birgit Nillson. She became a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps in 1980.

Don Giovanni by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
2 p.m. Sunday, December 17

Don Giovanni, the rogue, claimed he had 2,065 female conquests named in his catalog. He's courageous and outrageous, and the ladies flock to his side like moths to a flame. But when opera's bad boy adds blasphemy to his long list of sins, he's bound to burn in Hades. And so he does in this Mozart masterpiece which George Bernard Shaw called the greatest opera ever written.

Lecturer Tom Boldenweck has been a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps since 1988. He was a boy soprano in a church choir and learned to love opera early in his life by listening to the Saturday afternoon broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera. He presents lectures to adults and high school students.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor the opera lectures as part of its *Sunday with Friends Series*. Lectures are held in the library's lower level meeting room on a first-come, first-seated basis.



Dr. James Casey, library director, and Joan Kennedy, newly-elected president of the Southwest Alliance for the Mentally Ill (SWAMI), display a recently released audiotape on schizophrenia donated to the library by Kennedy.

Adult Program Planning

Planning is underway for 1996 Adult Library Programs. Based on ideas from patrons, audience members and community groups a tentative listing has been developed. However, community input plays a big role in the process. There is still time for those who have suggestions to forward them. Complete the form below and drop it off at the General Information booth or mail it to Oak Lawn Public Library, Attention: Mary Nelson.

Consideration will be given to all suggested program ideas within the constraints of budget and appropriate space. Adult programs do not include hand-crafts, physical fitness programs or others that are handled by the Oak Lawn Park District.

Think of the library's programming in relation to music, career and job seminars, travelogs, finance and investment seminars, open mike poetry and short story readings, publicity or other workshops for non-profit community groups, creative writing, environmental education, entertainment or enrichment activities.

Deadline for submission is November 10.

ADULT PROGRAM SUGGESTION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
(Street) (Town) (Zip)

May I make the following suggestion(s) for Oak Lawn Public Library Adult Programs:

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horse breeding business and rides dressage.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library as a public service.

The Klingons Return

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, November 18

Calling all science-fiction fans. The Klingon Armada International is returning to the library for another round of activities. A crowd of interested patrons had an opportunity to meet and visit with the Klingons last year.

This year the Klingons promise another fast-paced, interesting session. There will be a trivia contest, a Klingon make over, a session to discuss the recruitment of new members, the history of the Klingons and Star Trek and exposure to their language. Participants will have an opportunity to get pictures taken with the Klingons for a small charge. All of the proceeds will be used for the various charities which the group supports including Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Chicago, food drives for the hungry and homeless and blood drives. Barrels for food donations will be set up at the library in advance of the program.

The presentation is a cooperative effort of the library's Patron Services Department and the Public Relations Office.

Poetry and Short Story Reading

9:30 a.m. - Noon, Saturday, December 2

Local writers are invited to bring their works to share with others who have the same interest. Those who wish to read can register at the door. The time limit for poetry reading is five minutes; for short story reading, ten minutes. In fairness to all, a timer will be used. Readers are urged to time their material in advance.

After all registrants have read, there will be a short break. Following this, those who have not read previously will have an opportunity to do so. The same time limits apply.

Light refreshments will be available.

Meeting location and cost

All programs unless otherwise noted are free and are held in the lower level meeting room on a first-come, first-seated basis up to the capacity of the room.

Youth Services Programs

Saturday Storycrafters

Saturday Storycrafters offers a blend of storytelling and story-related arts and crafts for children, three years through second grade, and an accompanying adult.

Session II will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, November 11. Registration opened on October 30.

Session III will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 9. Registration will begin on November 27.

Each session is limited to 30. Each child's library card number must be given at registration.

Meet Illinois Author Laurie Lawlor

In celebration of Children's Book Week, Youth Services is pleased to host a visit with Laurie Lawlor, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, November 21, for children in grades two to eight. Lawlor is an Illinois author of historical fiction and non-fiction books for children. Children attending this program will hear the author speak about her works and will have an opportunity to receive a poster. Books will be available for purchase with the author signing them at the end of the program. Tickets, which are required, will be available beginning November 6. Oak Lawn residents and students will be given preference. Those interested in reading Laurie Lawlor books before the program can check them out from the Youth Services department.

Rebecca Caudill Award

For the first time, students in grades four through eight can participate through Youth Services in the statewide Rebecca Caudill Book Award program. The 1996 award will be given to the author whose book receives the most votes from young readers in Illinois participating in the program. One of the purposes of this award is to encourage students to read for personal satisfaction.

Oak Lawn residents or students may register at the library beginning December 1. Registrants must read at least three books from the Master List of 20 books, all available to check out. Voting will be in February. Students who enroll this year also will have a chance to vote for books to be included in the 1998 Master List.

Winter/Spring Programs

Youth Services Winter/Spring Program booklets will be ready for pick up in mid-December. Registration for many winter programs including storyhours will begin Tuesday, January 2, 1996.

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