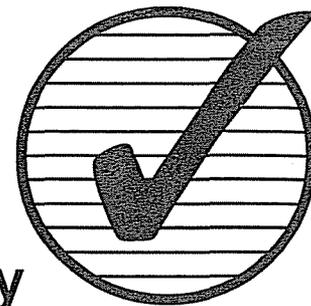


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## Library Programs Expand Your Horizons

Did you know that the Oak Lawn Public Library offers programs for all ages and interests? Whether it might be a toddler attending a Storyhour, a senior citizen at a lecture about new tax laws, a career person wishing to learn more about finding a new job, a teen learning sign language or a family out for a pleasant afternoon of musical entertainment, your Oak Lawn Public Library is one of the best and brightest centers for lifetime learning in all of suburban Chicago.

People not only need to learn in order to keep up with ever changing times, they enjoy expanding horizons and exploring new frontiers of knowledge. The late Mary Nelson knew this very well. Right up to the time of her death last May, she was looking for new ideas for programs. In that same spirit of endless discovery, we ask you -- our patrons -- to let us know what kind of programs you would like us to provide during the months and years to come. What new vistas of knowledge do you find to be the most enticing?

- Dr. James B. Casey, Director

### Early Winter Adult Programs

#### *Arm Yourself to Prepare for Today's New Work Environment*

10 a.m. Saturday, January 17

Career consultant, Bruce Bloom, will share the new trends and rules shaping today's employment market and an array of assessment options for marketing yourself. Admission free. First-come, first-seated. Lower level meeting rooms.

#### *The Solomon Islands -- An Underwater Travelog*

7 p.m. Wednesday, February 18

Master scuba diver, Frank Slonina, will present a slide show of photographs taken underwater off the coast of the Solomon Islands. Slonina will take you to the Guadalcanal, where he has captured the beauty and intricacy of a world most never see. Admission free. First-come, first-seated. Lower level meeting rooms.

#### *All-Day Basic Genealogy Workshop*

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, February 21 -- Preregistration & fee required.

Genealogical expert and reference librarian, Kathy O'Leary, will lead an all-day introductory program of techniques for researching family histories. The morning session will focus on print resources and the afternoon session will explore the Internet. Registration forms will be available at the General Information Booth beginning February 2. Session limited to 20 participants. First-come, first-served. The workshop fee, which includes materials, lunch and breaks, is \$15 per person.

#### *Forest View Express -- Sunday With Friends*

2 p.m. Sunday, February 22

Put on your foot-tapping shoes and grab a friend! You'll have just as much fun watching this energetic group of bluegrass musicians as they will have playing a delightful afternoon of music for you. This concert is brought to you by the Sunday with Friends series sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Free admission. Seating first-come, first-seated. Lower level meeting rooms.



The "Heritage Harmonizers" of the Oak Lawn Chapter of the Barbershop Quartet Society performed November 16 to a record crowd of 165 library patrons at a **Sunday with Friends** concert. Entertainment on this grand scale was made possible through Friends of the Library sponsorship and the recent room remodeling project funded by the Illinois State Library Live and Learn Grant.

### Opera Lectures

Hear musical selections and learn about the plot and composer of an upcoming opera performed at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The library offers opera lectures presented by the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, without charge or registration, on a first-come, first-seated basis, in the lower level meeting rooms on select Sundays at 2 p.m.

\* The Pearl Fishers Jan. 25

\* The Marriage of Figaro Feb. 8

This series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Next time you check out a video, CD or Audio Book, you'll miss a familiar face. Josephine Trafficanta, 20-year library employee, retired in November. She intends to spend time with her family and take up bowling.

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\* Closed Sundays Memorial Day to Labor Day

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# Youth Services Winter Programs

## \* STORYHOURS \*

The Youth Services Department is pleased to present the following Winter/Spring programs. Registration for programs begins January 3, unless otherwise noted. Oak Lawn residents and students will be given first preference. Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration. For Toddler Time, Preschool Storyhour, and Junior Friends, registration must be made in-person. Programs fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

**Toddler Time** is designed for two-year olds and an accompanying adult. The Winter series consists of five sessions, January 20 - February 20, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. There is a limit of 12 child/adult teams per class. Registration for the Spring series begins February 17.

**Preschool and Afterschool Storyhours** will begin the week of January 12 and continue through the week of April 24. Preschool Storyhour is designed for three to five-year-olds and is offered Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Thursday evenings or Friday mornings. Afterschool Storyhour is for children in kindergarten through second grade and is offered Wednesdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

**Drop-in Storyhours** will continue on the first Saturday of each month, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. This program is for busy, on-the-go families, so no registration is required. Children ages three to eight are invited to attend. Parents must remain in the library during storyhours. Mark your calendar for January 3, February 7 and March 7.

Due to popular demand, **The American Girls** program of Fall 1997 will be repeated. Third through sixth graders will meet Thursdays, January 22, 29, February 5 and 12, from 4 to 5 p.m. to explore American lifestyles and history through the adventures of the American Girls. Registration for students on last fall's waiting list begins January 3. Depending on availability, registration for the public begins January 10.

New and exciting, **The "Y" Files** will examine the strange and the bizarre in this mysterious club for third through sixth graders. Students will meet Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration begins February 21.

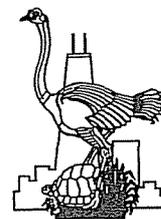
**Junior Friends**, a volunteer group for those in seventh to tenth grade, help with displays, programs and special projects in Youth Services for one hour a week, January 13 - April 25. There will be an initial meeting for members Tuesday, January 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. Come join the fun!

For more information about these and other programs, pick up a Youth Services Winter/Spring 1998 Program Booklet or visit our web site:

<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/ys/ys-prog.htm>

## \* SATURDAY SPECIALS \*

Enjoy an enlightening encounter with Charlotte the tarantula, Stellaluna the fruit bat, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle the hedgehog and other special animals at the **Scales and Tales Traveling Animal Show** set for Saturday, January 24 at 2 p.m. Children ages three to twelve can pick up their free tickets beginning Saturday January 10 at the Youth Services Desk. Don't miss this opportunity to see these and other exotic animals!



SCALES & TALES

The Children's Theatre of Western Springs will present **Aladdin** Saturday, February 28 at 2 p.m. for children ages three to twelve. This inventive, imaginative version of the Arabian classic is filled with comedy, suspense and the excitement of helping Aladdin defeat the Evil Magician. The audience will be invited to participate from their seats in this ideal theatrical experience. Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, February 14.

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## House Calls for Homebound

Oak Lawn residents who are homebound due to illness or physical disability may be eligible for Homebound Services. Ann Stovall, Periodicals Librarian, and her staff can make arrangements to bring library materials to those who qualify.

For details, contact the library and ask for Homebound Services or visit the Homebound Services site on our Home Page and print out an application form:

<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/hb-intro.htm>

## Display Cases

Drop by to see the works and wares of two local clubs in our Community Display Cases, first floor. Through the month of January, we will exhibit prize-winning photographs taken by the Oak Lawn Camera Club. February offers a collection of archeological artifacts, fossils, minerals, gems and handmade jewelry displayed by the Greater Oak Lawn Diggers (G.O.L.D.).

Individuals and local community groups may exhibit special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works. Pick up an application at the General Information Booth. For more information about reserving a display case, call Linda Olsen, Public Relations and Development Officer, 708-422-4990.



Do you recognize this roman numeral MV? That's how many books Lillian Spiewak has read as a member of the CDM CLUB. Lillian's lifelong love of books includes teaching literacy and volunteerism at the Chicago Public Library. She enjoys reading a variety of genres. The Fiction Desk staff invites patrons high school age and up to join the CDM Club and earn prizes. CDM are the roman numerals that represent the reading goals of 50, 100 and 1,000 books. Stop by the Fiction Desk for more details. (Answer: 4,000)

## Basic Sign Language

Adults, high school and up, can enroll in a six-week basic sign language class offered Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., February 7 through March 14.

Registration begins Monday, January 5 and continues until Wednesday, February 4 or when the class is full, whichever comes first. Class size is limited to 20 plus, five alternates. A \$20 non-refundable fee per person covers materials and instructor. Registration forms are available at the General Information Booth during regular hours and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be submitted with the form in order to be eligible for enrollment.

A Certificate of Completion will be issued at the end of the course to those who meet completion requirements.



## Librarian Attends World Mystery Convention

Susan Baird, *Patron Services Department Head*, attended the 1997 World Mystery Convention in Monterey California, October 30 - November 2. This annual conference gave mystery authors, fans, librarians and bookstore owners an opportunity to meet and discuss the subjects they all hold so dear -- murder, mayhem and mystery! The fact that it was Halloween weekend made it that much the better. The event was Bouchercon 28.

There were panels, author signings, books for sale and lots of conversation about mysteries. Susan moderated a panel which was her brainchild -- *Master Librarian Sleuths: Do they go by the book?* Other panelists included mystery writers Jo Dereske, Charlene Harris and Miriam Grace Monfredo. Each of these authors have written a book with a sleuth who happens to be a librarian in a public library. Part of the intent of the program was to see if libraries and librarians fit the stereotype.

The library has books by each of the panelists, please check the catalog or ask at the Fiction Desk.

## Income Tax Forms

The library provides some of the basic federal and state income tax forms through April 15. They are available on a self-serve basis in the Raymond Avenue entryway. Reproducible forms are available 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 S. Kostner, fourth floor, Chicago (Ford City Shopping Center). For tax assistance, call 1-800-829-1040. To order forms/publications, call 1-800-829-3676. For recorded tax and refund information, call 1-800-829-4477.

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



Claudia Zekas, an intern from the College of DuPage LTA Program, works on compiling a database of children's poetry for Youth Services. Her two months at the library also included hands-on training in our Technical Services Department.

## Help Preserve Oak Lawn History!

April 21, 1967, 5:27 p.m. Were you living here when the devastating tornado tore through Oak Lawn? Were you or a family member one of the hundreds of emergency workers who aided survivors? Were you among the multitude of volunteers who helped in the clean up efforts over the weeks that followed? Or did you perhaps come from another area to view the horrendous damage? Whatever your role, you will likely never forget that terrible day.

The library's Local History section would be grateful for the opportunity to copy any home movies or photos of the storm and its aftermath. Please help us preserve that part of our community's history. Contact William Goodfellow (708-422-4990), if you are willing to donate or lend movies, audiotapes or photographs.

Thanks to the many people who brought us newspaper accounts of the Oak Lawn Tornado, we were able to add dozens of articles that were not in the Local History collection. Our local "historians": Linda Dauner, Mark Habajcick, Helen Lewis, Mary Ellen Niles and Janet Rus.



## Open House a Success

On Sunday, November 2, the Oak Lawn Public Library held an Open House celebrating the completion of the lower level meeting room remodeling project. Throughout the afternoon over 100 well-wishers stopped by to see the improved facilities and enjoy some light refreshments.

In his speech, Dr. James B. Casey, Library Director, explained the library's need for remodeling and the grant received from the Illinois State Library Live and Learn program. Improvements made to the meeting rooms include redividing the rooms with a flexible wall, better lighting and a new ventilation system. The library is now capable of accommodating larger, more comfortable audiences at library programs and community-sponsored meetings.

Pictured left, Open House attendees: (left to right) State Senator Patrick O'Malley, Joann Buschbach, library trustee, Dr. James B. Casey, library director, Shirley Barrett, library board secretary, and Lee Stein, library board vice president.



# Friends Footnotes

## Friends Schedule Trip to see "Forever Plaid"

Here's your chance to see a matinee performance of the popular musical comedy "Forever Plaid" April 15 at the Royal George Cabaret Theatre. The cost of the trip, which includes deluxe coach transportation, reserved seats and lunch, will be \$46 for members and \$48 for others.

Registration begins with an in-person sign up 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, in the library's first floor lobby, near the Raymond Avenue entrance. If tickets remain, you may register by calling Genevieve Sobanski, trip chair, 708-598-7971, after 4 p.m.

## Friends Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month September through May at 1 p.m. in the lower level Conference Room. Material is available in advance at the library. Everyone is welcome to join. For additional information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

### Short Story Discussion, 2nd Wednesday

- \* January 14 - "You Could Look It Up" by James Thurber
- \* February 11 - "Mademoiselle 'O'" by Vladimir Nabokov
- \* March 11 - "The Afterlife" by John Updike

### Novel Discussion, 4th Wednesday

- \* January 28 - "Actor, Soldier, Physician, Priest" by Stephanie Colwell
- \* February 25 - "The Warden" by Anthony Trollope
- \* March 25 - "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne

## Friends Ongoing Book Sale -- Bargains Everyday!

Don't fret if you missed our Annual Book Sale in October, you can buy books and magazines at bargain prices everyday at the Friends Ongoing Book Sale, located near the Cook Avenue entrance, first floor. Sales are based on the honor system. Patrons are encouraged to make their selections and deposit the appropriate amount in a cash box attached to the shelves. It's the best deal in town! Hardcover cost 35¢, paperbacks are 25¢ and magazines cost 5¢ each. Sale shelves are stocked with fresh donated material almost daily, so you never know what you'll find!

## Friends Book Donations Request

We have too much of a good thing! Since our book donations storage area is nearly full, we request that patrons avoid bringing in the following unsellable and unpopular items:

- \* Text books more than 2 years old
- \* Encyclopedias more than 10 years old
- \* Material that is musty, mildewed, soiled or torn

Donations are accepted year-round on a table located near the Cook Avenue entrance. Tax letter forms are available at the General Information Booth. Thank you!

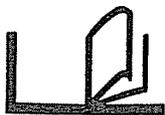


Two Friends of the Library take a moment to share a good book with a young customer at the Friends Annual Book Sale, October 22-25. Pictured (left to right): Ashley Ocegüera, Dorothy Wolf, and Monica Stock.

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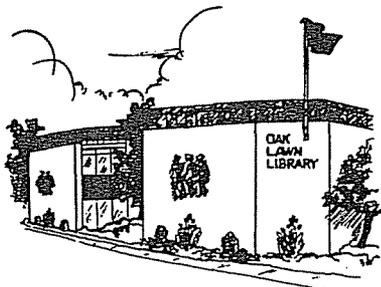
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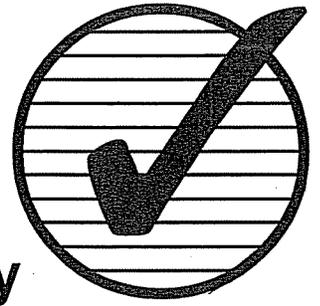


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## Celebrate National Library Week -- April 19-25 Connect @ The Library

*"Libraries have always connected us with faraway people and places through books and print resources. But today's library users have a new tool -- one that can connect them almost instantaneously to information resources around the world -- the Internet."*

- American Library Association

### Your Library, the Internet and You

Have you ever asked yourself: "If I can access the Internet and have so much information at my fingertips at home, why will I need to come to the library?"

For those of us who have been in the "information business" for several decades, the answer is fairly clear. Libraries will be busier and more necessary than ever simply because the Internet will serve to further stimulate - not quench - our desire for information.

Twenty-five years ago, "expert" futurists proclaimed that books would be phased out with the growth of technology. Despite information "alternatives," such as cable TV, VCRs, CD-ROMs and the Internet, book circulation and library use have grown dramatically. Our own library's circulation has increased by 132% from 1975 to 1995.

There are plenty of examples of how technology has stimulated reading. Seeing a book recommended by Oprah Winfrey on TV is a signal for thousands of people to seek copies at their local library. Moviegoers who were enchanted by "Titanic" and people who follow TV and Internet coverage of famous court cases become inspired to seek out books and background information on those subjects. The information explosion that has arisen with the growth of technology has only served to ignite an even greater curiosity explosion.

Library service and the information literacy which it fosters will become increasingly important for adults and youngsters alike as we head to the year 2000. Fortunately, Oak Lawn residents have invested their hard earned tax dollars wisely in developing one of the finest public libraries in Illinois. We are well prepared to exploit the vast opportunities of the Information Age. - **Dr. James B. Casey, Director**



Sarah Ghouleh, age 2½, and her mother, Amani, participate in *Arthur's Reading Race* using a "Living Books" CD-ROM. Turn to page 3 to find out more ways Kids Connect @ Youth Services.

### National Library Week Special Events

- \* April 18 @ 10 a.m. - Local Author Visit
- \* April 19 @ 1 p.m. - Open House for the "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball"
- \* April 19 @ 2 p.m. - "Dixie Dogs" in Concert
- \* April 20 @ 7 p.m. - Internet Demonstration
- \* April 22 @ 7 p.m. - "Into Africa" Travelog
- \* April 25 @ 2 p.m. - "Rapunzel" for Children

For more information about these and other upcoming library programs, turn to page 2.

Turn to page 3 for information about our Home Page, computers, CD-ROMs and Internet access at the library.

The library will be CLOSED  
Easter Sunday, April 12.



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Celebrate National Library Week with a local author! Alice Collins will review "Sweet Sixteen Cookies 'n Chaos" 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18. (Pictured above) Collins donates a copy to the library.

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# Spring Into Adult Programs!

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## ***The Romance of Spain's Alhambra*** 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15

What a treat for the eyes and ears! Norman Ruiz will perform a classical guitar concert accompanied by a slide show of Spain's most impressive palace, the Alhambra. This concert is brought to you by the **Sunday with Friends** series sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

## ***The Tax Reform Act of 1997 & You*** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18

Robert Thompson, C.F.P., will share financial planning strategies for individuals following the Tax Reform Act of 1997. (Repeat of a program held in December 1997.) Handouts available. Sponsored by the **Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation**.

## ***Gardening, Nature's Way*** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25

Jim Nachel will present a slide show illustrating how many beautiful and versatile native plants can be used as low maintenance alternatives to conventional lawns and annual flower beds. It'll grow on you!

## ***Wolves: Leaders of the Pack*** 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28

WOLVES in the library! John Basile, owner of the Big Run Wolf Ranch in Homer Township, will bring two adult wolves and present an educational program covering the history of the wolf and its characteristics.



## ***Local Author Visit*** 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18

Alice Collins, local author and newspaper columnist, will review her latest work "Sweet 16 Cookies 'n Chaos." She will be available for autographs. Copies will be sold.

## ***The Dixie Dogs*** 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19

You'll think you're in New Orleans when you hear this six-piece traditional jazz band's sizzlin' hot improvisational style. This concert brought to you by the **Sunday with Friends** series sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

## ***Internet Demonstration*** 7 p.m. Monday, April 20

What is the Internet anyway? Find out at this introductory talk and demonstration where you'll learn key terms and the basic principles of Internet searches. Handouts available. No hands-on instruction.

## ***Into Africa -- A Travelog*** 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22

Put on your safari hat and travel with us to East Africa this Earth Day. Kent Jager brings a multimedia presentation of slides, recorded music and animal sounds. Wild!

## Calling All Writers!

Would you be interested in forming a Writer's Group and sharing your works with other budding wordsmiths? A questionnaire for interested participants is available at the Reception/General Information Booth. More info. to come!

# What's Going On In Youth Services?

For more information about these and other programs, come to the Youth Services Department for a Winter/Spring 1998 Program Booklet or visit our homepage at: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/fys.htm>

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## SATURDAY SPECIALS:

Children three to twelve years old are invited to join the fun at **Cowboy Roy's Reading Roundup** 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28. This Western extravaganza is chocked full of jugglin', magic, songs and good ol' tales that might just make you laugh the stuffin' right out of you. Cowboy Roy even lassoes volunteers to help share the fun. Tickets, free of charge, are available beginning Saturday, March 14 at the Youth Services Desk.



Children kindergarten through eighth grade can celebrate *National Library Week* with Roberts Marionettes' production of **Rapunzel** 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25. This colorful production will delight children as they experience professionally crafted marionettes dressed in costumes that authentically portray the historical period, accompanied by classical music that enhances the emotional tone of the characters and scenes. Tickets available beginning April 11.



What would Lincoln be thinkin' if he knew he was on the Internet? (Pictured left to right) Fourth graders David Weber and Danny Mora search the Web for sites devoted to our 16th president. Sue Weber sits alongside to pick up a few Internet tips from the kids.

## Internet Access @ The Library

More and more the information we need for our daily lives is being made available on the Internet. For many people, the library may be the only place they can go to log on. That's why we provide four Internet access computers for patron use.

The Reference Department, second floor, has three Internet access computers. Adults, high school and up, can reserve 60 minute periods on two of the computers. The third is dedicated to walk up use, limited to 15 minute periods.

The Youth Services Department, first floor, provides one Internet access computer. Children, third through eighth grade, can reserve 30 minute periods. Parents are encouraged to work closely with their children to select Internet sites that are consistent with their family's values. Parental supervision is advised.

All Internet users must have basic computer skills. Staff will provide limited assistance. To make a reservation for Internet use, call 708-422-4990. The Internet Access site on our Home Page lists guidelines and procedures: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

Patrons of all ages are invited to an Internet Demonstration 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the lower level meeting room. This introductory talk will cover key terms and the basic principles of Internet searches. Handouts available. No hands-on instruction.

## Income Tax Forms @ Our Home Page

Having a hard time finding tax forms? Why not make your life easier by visiting the 1997 Federal & State Income Tax Forms site on our Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us> We have compiled an annotated list of links to sites for Federal, Illinois and out of state tax forms and publications. Just log on, link up, select what you need and print!

The library provides some basic federal and state income tax forms through April 15. They are available on a self-serve basis in the Raymond Avenue entryway. Please be considerate and take no more than two of any form or publication. Reproducible forms are available near the copy machines.

### First Floor Community Display Cases

- March** - Oak Lawn Chapter of A.A.R.P. informational exhibit  
 - An Infant of Prague statue with seasonal robes
- April** - Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation's "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball"  
 - A collection of hand-made Beanie Baby costumes

For information about reserving a display case, call Linda Olsen, Public Relations and Development Officer, 708-422-4990.

## Reference @ Our Home Page

The Reference Services Department has devoted much time and effort to develop its portion of the library's Home Page into a useful and interesting resource. You can access the following sites (in BOLD print) at <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

**General Information and Guidance: About the Department** - a brief overview of collections and services offered. **New and Timely Sites** - an annotated list of topical and seasonal subjects. **New Nonfiction** - an annotated list of recent additions to our non-fiction collection, circulating and non-circulating, new brochures created by the librarians and displays exhibited in the department. **Searching the Internet** - a brief introduction to the Internet with numerous hints, suggestions and links to major search engines. **WWW Sites** - librarians routinely link to useful or interesting web sites, which they organize into specific categories (business, employment, Illinois government, sports, etc.).

**Local Databases that Research the Library's Collections:**

**Automotive Repair** - a detailed index to one of the largest repair manual collections in the state that allows the user to determine exactly what materials we own on a make, model, and year of car or truck. **Foreign Short Stories and Poetry** - a geographic index to collections of literature owned by the library designed to help with multi-cultural school assignments. **Genealogy Collection** - an annotated listing of our genealogical holdings consisting of databases arranged geographically and by general subject. **Literary Criticism** - a family of six different databases useful in locating criticisms, analyses, and discussions of selected literary works in both books and journals. The six subjects covered are The Canterbury Tales, American Novels, English Novels, Plays (excluding Shakespeare), Plays of William Shakespeare, and Short Stories. **Local Newspapers** - indexes area newspapers for information dealing primarily with Oak Lawn, 1989 to the present. However, in many instances other villages are also covered. Obituaries are not included. Titles indexed are *The Southtown Economist*, *The Daily Southtown*, *The Oak Lawn Independent*, *The Oak Lawn Reporter*, *The Star* (Oak Lawn ed.), and the *Village Review*. **Meeting Minutes** - the full text minutes of the Oak Lawn Village Board and Oak Lawn Public Library Board for 1997. As time goes on, we would like to expand coverage to other local government agencies.

We invite you to visit the library's Home Page and take a look at what the Reference Services Department has assembled. Comments or suggestions are always welcome, 708-422-4990.

## Kids Connect @ Youth Services

The ability to read is a survival skill in an information society, but it isn't enough. Our children must know how to use computers. The Youth Services Department has assembled various computer resources for children of all ages, through eighth grade.

We have several multimedia computers with useful and educational CD-ROMs. Interactive stories are brought to life with "Living Books" CD-ROMs. Children delight in watching, reading along and listening to *Arthur's Reading Race* and *The Magic School Bus*. Informational CD-ROMs, such as *World Book Multimedia Encyclopedia*, *The National Geographic Picture Atlas of the World*, *The Way Things Work* and *The Ultimate Human Body* are handy for homework assignments. Circulating CD-ROMs for children can be checked out for three weeks in Audio Visual.

Children grades three to eight can access the Internet in Youth Services. Reservations are taken for thirty minute periods. Guidelines regarding Internet use are available at the Youth Services Desk or on our Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

Last of all -- Don't forget to visit the Youth Services site on the library's Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/ys.htm> We've just added a link to **700+ Great Internet Sites for Children and Parents**, including such favorites as "Arthur" and dinosaurs. Our site also has the current programming schedule and information about the department.

For questions about computer resources in Youth Services, call 708-422-4990, or come in and ask a librarian.

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation requests the pleasure of your participation in the

Second Annual  
**Stay Home and Read a Book Ball**  
National Library Week -- April 19-25, 1998

**Come to our Open House**  
April 19 at 1 p.m., in the library's lobby  
*coffee and refreshments*

It's very simple! You don't need to get all dressed, drive across town and stay out too late. Instead, relax at home with a good book and send a donation to support the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. And, because there is no event to attend, your donation is fully tax-deductible.

The Library Foundation was founded in 1993 to seek private sector support. Most of the money received is invested in a professionally managed Endowment Fund. It is our hope that over the years this fund will grow and become large enough to fund major capital projects or future needs of the library.

If you would like more information, call 708-422-4990.



## Friends Footnotes

### Friends Trips -- To be Announced

The Friends of the Library are in the process of planning trips for this spring and summer. Currently under consideration are trips to the Steppenwolf Theatre and Omnimax Theater at the Museum of Science and Industry. When a schedule is finalized, information will be posted in the library and sent to the local press. Your patience is appreciated.

### Friends Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month September through May at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room, lower level. Material is available in advance at the library and everyone is welcome to join. For additional information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

#### Short Story Discussion, 2nd Wednesday

- \* March 11 - "The Afterlife" by John Updike
- \* April 8 - "The Story Teller" by Saki (H.H. Munro)
- \* May 13 - "The Sermon In the Guava Tree" by Kiran Desai

#### Novel Discussion, 4th Wednesday

- \* March 25 - "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- \* April 22 - "The Moon and Sixpence" by Somerset Maugham
- \* May 27 - "Straight Man" by Richard Russo

## Roof & HVAC Replacement

The Oak Lawn Public Library has slated replacement of the leaky roof and 25-year-old HVAC system for this Spring. The project, anticipated begin in late March or early April, will take approximately two months to complete, if weather permits.

"We are making plans to minimize inconvenience," said, Dr. James B. Casey, library director. He intends to keep the library open throughout the entire project.

Since the majority of work will be done outside, disruption of service should be limited. Patrons are warned that air handlers will not be in use during some phases of the HVAC replacement. This means that the library will not be able to control the interior temperature at all times. Construction machinery and materials will occupy some parking areas.

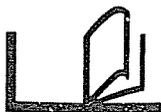
Your patience is appreciated.

## Photocopies are now just 10¢ each!

The Oak Lawn Public Library has contracted a new vending firm for photocopy service. Photocopies now cost 10 cents each, instead of 15 cents each. The copy card system is no longer in use. Microfilm reader printer copies cost 25 cents each.

### Check it out ✓

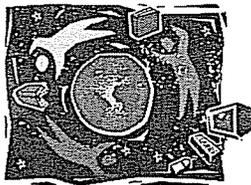
Each issue of the Oak Lawn Public Library's newsletter features a special aspect of materials or services. Our May/June issue will highlight this year's Summer Reading Program: "Dive Into Books."



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## Make a BIG SPLASH this Summer! DIVE INTO BOOKS



### Summer Reading Makes a Difference

Each year, children in Oak Lawn are on summer vacation for up to 12 weeks. During this long break many skills learned at school are forgotten. When school reopens, teachers spend precious time reviewing studies from the previous year to refresh their students' memories.

In an effort to reverse this effect, public libraries have taken up the project of providing summer reading programs that encourage children to read and develop the habit of visiting their library. Studies have shown that library-sponsored summer reading programs help children retain many of the skills they learned during the school year and make learning easier once they return in the fall.

Our Youth Services Department wholeheartedly endorses these programs and has provided them each year for children preschool through eighth grade since the inception of the statewide summer reading program developed by the IREAD (Illinois Reading Enrichment and Development) Committee sponsored by the Illinois Library Association.

This year's program is entitled DIVE INTO BOOKS. Our reading requirements are minimal, to accommodate all who join. The goal is not to see who can read the most books or earn the most prizes, but to encourage children to find enjoyment through reading. The quantity of books is not so important as the quality of the reading. To this end, children should consider reading those longer and more difficult books that can't be read when homework, sports, clubs and other activities use up so much time during the school year.

In May, the Youth Services Librarians will be visiting all the schools in Oak Lawn to promote this year's program, DIVE INTO BOOKS. Each student will be given a bookmark to remind them of the many programs and activities offered June 1 through August 7. Parents of children attending school outside Oak Lawn or of preschool age are encouraged to come to the library to pick up a program booklet. It's a great way to have fun during the summer and receive educational benefits as well.

- Judith McMahon, Youth Services Department Head

Turn to page 2 for information about how children, teens and adults can DIVE INTO BOOKS this summer.



Youth Services librarian, Margaret Hall, gears up for this year's Summer Reading Program, DIVE INTO BOOKS. Turn to page 2 for details.

### IMPORTANT SURVEY ENCLOSED

The library is seeking input from residents in a community-wide survey attached to this issue of *Check it out*. Please take a few moments to complete and return by July 2.

### Library Closings

- \* The library will be CLOSED Sunday and Monday, May 24 and 25 in observance of Memorial Day.
- \* The library will be CLOSED Sundays after May 17. Sunday hours resume September 20.

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**TAKE THE PLUNGE!**  
Sign up begins June 1.

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<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

**E-mail:**  
[jimcasey@lib.oak-lawn.il.us](mailto:jimcasey@lib.oak-lawn.il.us)

**Hours:**  
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun. \*1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

\* Closed Sundays Memorial Day to Labor Day

#### Board of Trustees:

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The library board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Meetings are open to the public.

**Director:**  
Dr. James B. Casey

**Editor of Check it out:**  
Linda Olsen

#### THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Oak Lawn Public 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.

## Youth Services Embarks on a Reading Voyage!

Swim, float, wade or paddle into the library for ten weeks of wet and wild fun as we DIVE INTO BOOKS this summer, June 1- August 7.

Registration for Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools in preschool through eighth grade begins June 1 in Youth Services. Library cards must be presented at the time of registration. Program participants will receive a bookmark to embark on a voyage of reading and register in one of three groups:

\* Cannonballs - Prereaders who will have someone read 20 books to them.

\* Swan Divers - Readers through fourth grade who will read ten books at their own reading level.

\* High Divers - Readers in the fifth through eighth grade who will read five books at their own reading level.

On the library wall, each school will be represented by a cruise ship. For every book read, a member can add a coin or a pearl to the Oak Lawn Treasure Chest. The more books read, the greater the wealth of knowledge.

As children reach their reading goals, they will receive a button, a certificate, a paper fish to add to the library wall and an invitation to a pizza party at Haunted Trails Family Amusement Center. Upon reaching additional goals, members are eligible to receive coupons from Aladdin's Castle, Arbys, Burger

King, Hollywood Park, Jr. Hot Dogs, Jupiter Ice Cream Parlor, Little Caesar's Pizza, McDonald's, Oak Lawn Park District, Pizza Hut, Premo's, Tenth Planet, Wendy's, and White Castle. For those who reach their goal eight times, a special DIVE INTO BOOKS reading patch will be awarded.

Flow in with the library tide for storyhours, games, puzzles, contests, weekly drawings, skits, crafts, a trading treasure trove day, junior volunteers and special Friday programs. Prizes such as plastic bags, pencils, pens, stickers and mouse pads will be offered to program participants.

The purpose of our program is to provide children enjoyment in reading and to motivate them to maintain reading skills during the long summer break.

Complete details are available in a DIVE INTO BOOKS program booklet which can be picked up in the Youth Services Department or on our Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>



## Anchors Away for Adults and Teens!

Back by popular demand -- A Summer Reading Program just for you! Last year, participants read and reviewed over 400 books. To celebrate, we held a party in the Village Green gazebo. This year's theme is DIVE INTO BOOKS. Maybe you would like to read a sea adventure or dive undercover in a spy novel this summer. Sign up begins June 1 at the Fiction Desk, first floor. The program will run through August 7. Join us for great reads and prizes!

## June is Audio Books Month

Stress taking over your life? Why not invest some time in a good book and let someone else do the reading!

Audio Books offer you "hands free" reading so that you are able to do two things at once, such as driving, exercising, gardening, doing housework or needlework. With about 2,000 Audio Book titles to choose from, we've got something for everyone. Our collection includes mysteries, humor, classics, poetry, nonfiction and a special section of "family fare." If you haven't tried an Audio Book, check one out today!

## Community Meeting Rooms

The library's meeting rooms are available to community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational or civic in character. Applications for July 1 to December 29 will be accepted beginning June 1.

Applicants must pick up, complete and return the standard application form to the Reception Booth or mail, ATTN: Public Relations. Reservations will not be accepted via phone or fax. Rooms are reserved first-come, first-served. The Board Policy governing room use is printed on the reverse of the application.



John Basile, owner of the Big Run Wolf Ranch in Homer Township, presented a program with a live wolf, lynx and coyote March 28 to an overflow crowd. It was WILD!

### Help Preserve Oak Lawn History

Was your house built before 1940? If so, we would like the opportunity to photograph the building's exterior. Here's what we'll need know:

- \* Your name, address and phone number
- \* Year the house was built
- \* Dates of major exterior additions
- \* If you have a title abstract or other historical record you would like to share
- \* If you have historical photos we can copy



Please alert neighbors whose homes should also be documented in the library's Local History photograph collection. We expect to develop a list of Oak Lawn's historic homes and begin our photography project in the near future. Please contact William Goodfellow or Barbara Wolfe of the Reference Department, 708-422-4990.

### Spring Food Drive -- May 1<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thanksgiving and Christmas shouldn't be the only times of the year that we help those who are less fortunate.



That is why the library will be accepting nonperishable food and paper products May 1<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> in a collection bin located by the central staircase, near the Circulation Desk.

Your donations will be sent to an Oak Lawn-based food pantry for distribution to needy families in the area.



## Friends Footnotes

### Friends Annual Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner Meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, at The Old Barn Restaurant. \$12 per person. Reservation forms are available at the library's Reception Booth, first floor.

### Friends Annual Book Sale

The Annual Book Sale will take place in late summer or early fall. When the sale dates have been set, announcements will be made through the local press, flyers in the library and this newsletter. In the meantime, you are welcome to take advantage of the great selections and everyday low prices of the Friends Ongoing Book Sale, located at the library near the elevator, first floor.

### Friends Summer Trips

You'll know you're traveling with "friends" when you go on one of these exciting summer trips!

**Sunday, June 14** - A matinee performance of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," starring John Mahoney of TV's *Frasier*, at The Steppenwolf Theatre. The cost of the trip (theater admission, transportation and dinner at Nikos Restaurant) is \$42 for members and \$44 for others.

**Sunday, June 28** - An afternoon showing of "Whales" at the Omnimax Theater of the Museum of Science and Industry. The cost of the trip (theater and museum admission, transportation and dinner at The Old Barn Restaurant) is \$30 for members and \$32 for others.

An in-person registration for both June trips will be held 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in the library's west lobby.

The Friends are still working on plans for summer concert trips to Grant Park and Ravinia for July and August. Watch for details in the local press, flyers in the library and this newsletter. Advance registration for summer concert trips will be offered exclusively to Friends attending the Annual Dinner Meeting, June 4.

### Friends Membership

It's time for Friends members to renew their membership and for new members to join for the first time! The membership year runs June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please use the membership form below. You may drop off your membership form and dues at the library's Reception Booth, first floor, or mail them to the address listed on the form.

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### Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Individual (\$5)    \_\_\_ New    \_\_\_ Newsletter (\$3): If you live outside Oak Lawn and would like to receive the library's bi-monthly newsletter, *Check it out*, add \$3 to your membership fee  
 \_\_\_ Family (\$8)    \_\_\_ Renewal

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Library, Membership

Send to: Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, 9427 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
 Friends Membership year is June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>

## More Spring Adult Programs

The following programs are offered to the public without charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting rooms. Adult programming will be "on vacation" June through August. Have a great summer!

### *Jutta & the Hi-Dukes -- Sunday With Friends*

2 p.m. Sunday, May 3

Come see this multi-talented acoustic trio perform their own unique bend of European ethnic music with influences from the Greek, Klezmer, Balkan, Scandinavian, Gypsy and Hungarian traditions. This concert is sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

### *Open Mike Readings*

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9

Put down that pen or stop typing! You should be sharing your works with other poets, writers and people who enjoy listening to original creative works. Bring your best piece and register at the door to read. Time limits: Poems 5 minutes; Short Stories 10 minutes. *Coffee and refreshments.*

### *The Prairie State Primer*

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

John Lynn returns with the informative, colorful and often surprising story of Illinois, its features, attractions and heritage. Lynn is the definitive "Illinois expert."

### *How to Take Better Pictures*

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27

Don't be disappointed with this year's vacation pictures! Monte Gerlach will present a lecture and slide show illustrating the basics of photography for amateurs.

### Past Newsletter Correction

The "Reference @ Our Home Page" article in the March/April 1998 issue should have included the *Village View* among local newspapers indexed on a database located on the library's Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

## Employment Opportunities

Nice place to visit...How would you like to work here? Year-round, the library accepts employment applications that are kept on file for one year. Since we do not have a centralized hiring office, positions are filled by the supervisors in each department. Openings are sometimes posted on the Community Information bulletin board, first floor. Positions that are most often needed are night maintenance and pages (book shelving). Must be at least 16 years old to apply.

## Roof & HVAC Project Update

Replacement of the leaky roof and 25-year-old HVAC system is now underway. The two projects, which began in late April, will take approximately two months to complete, weather permitting.

Since the majority of work will be done outside, disruption of service will be limited. The library should be able to remain open throughout the entire ordeal. Patrons are warned that air handlers will not be in use during some phases of the HVAC replacement. This means that the library will not be able to control the interior temperature at all times. Construction machinery and materials will occupy some parking areas. Your patience is appreciated.

## Writer's Group Scheduled to Meet

Thanks to an outstanding response to a questionnaire posed to budding wordsmiths in the community, the library will be forming a Writer's Group. An organizational meeting will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14 to establish the group. Everyone is welcome to join!

## Check it out ✓

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# Oak Lawn Public Library Community Survey

The deadline is Thursday, July 2, 1998.

Do you have a library card in your name?  Yes  No

How long has it been since you or one of your family members last visited the Oak Lawn Public Library?  
 1 month  6 months  1 year  5 years  10 years  Never

What were the reasons you or one of your family members last visited the library? (Check all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Reading             | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy Machines                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information, Reference, Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Income Tax Forms                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Assignment                | <input type="checkbox"/> Videotapes                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cassettes, CDs                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines, Newspapers            | <input type="checkbox"/> Program for Adults                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Access                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Program or Storyhour for Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word Processing Computer         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____             |

Did you know that the library offers the following?

- | Yes                      | No                       |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Internet Access for Adults and Children                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Word Processing Computers  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Renewals by Phone  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Interlibrary Loans (borrowing a book that Oak Lawn does not own) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Programs for Adults  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Programs and Storyhours for Children                             |

Your suggestions will guide us in making changes to meet your needs. (Check all that you prefer)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | More Programs for Children (suggestions) _____            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | More Electronic Resources (specify) _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | More Services/Equipment for the Disabled (comments) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (specify) _____                                     |

Regular library hours are Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday (Labor Day through Memorial Day) 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Are we open enough hours?  Yes  No

If you checked "no," please indicate which hours you would prefer:

**Space for additional comments is provided on reverse.**

# Oak Lawn Public Library Community Survey

Citizen input is vital to the successful operation of any publicly funded entity. One method of securing information about the needs of the community is issuing a survey.

Please take a few moments to complete and return the attached survey. When you have finished, cut it out of the newsletter, fold it in half and either mail it to the library postage-free or drop it off at the Reception Booth, first floor. Results of the survey will be available at the library's Community Information Centers at a later date.

The deadline is Thursday, July 2, 1998.

Additional Comments:

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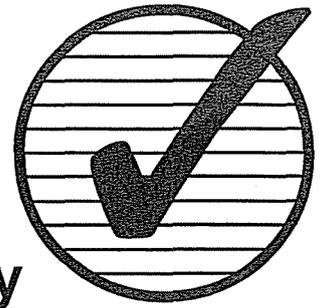
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## Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

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### Lean on Libraries for Lifelong Learning



*"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it."* - Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784

*"Our libraries serve as the school rooms for a lifetime of learning - and the launching pads for our future."* - President George Bush

#### Where Learning Never Ends

Although schools may be closed for the summer, the learning process never really stops. In fact, human beings begin learning at birth and only finish learning when they die. It is one of the great blessings of life that there is always more information to gather and more knowledge to be gained. Your Oak Lawn Public Library offers learning opportunities for all residents -- from toddlers to retirement age:

\* The Youth Services Department provides storyhours year-round, including some evenings for busy working parents. Youngsters with school assignments find the library to be an excellent place to do homework after school or on weekends. During the summer months, they come back by the thousands to join our Summer Reading Program.

\* Teens and college students use our library for school work, exploring career options and pursuing hobbies.

\* Persons in their working years not only find materials to entertain and fascinate, but important resources to help job hunters, car repair buffs, gardeners, cooks, artists, stock market followers, business persons and even access to vital forms and publications at tax time.

\* Adults attend educational and informative library programs, September through May, that carry out our commitment of promoting and stimulating the communication of ideas.

\* Families use our library not only for books, music, videos and an abundance of information in a wide variety of formats, but as a place to come for quiet relaxation.

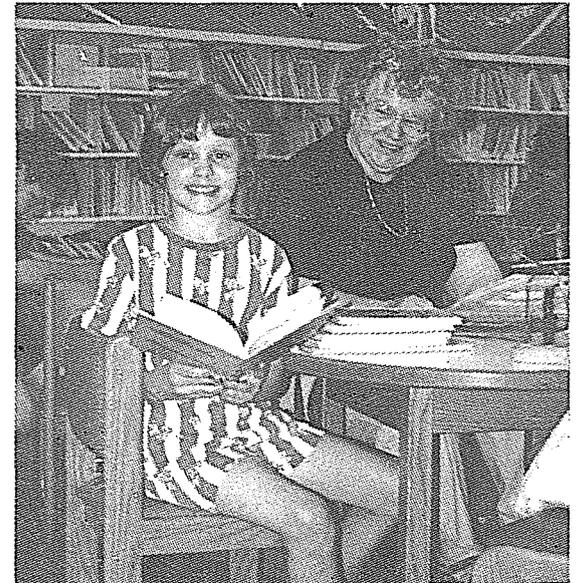
\* Senior citizens find their library to be a fully accessible and comfortable center for reading, educational programs and Friends of the Library cultural excursions and activities.

\* Residents who are homebound due to illness or physical disability may have a variety of materials brought to their home with our Homebound Services program.

\* An increasing number of patrons are visiting the library electronically via our Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

Your public library is open and accessible to all persons who wish to enrich their lifelong learning adventure.

- Dr. James B. Casey, Director



Dorothy Cap (right) enjoys sharing the library with her granddaughter, Sara, when she comes to town. Next time you visit, bring a friend!

#### Our Mission Statement

The purpose of the Oak Lawn Public Library is: 1. To assemble, preserve and administer in organized collections, information in a variety of formats to serve the educational and recreational needs of the community; 2. To promote and stimulate the communication of ideas, fostering enlightened citizenship and enrich personal lives; 3. To encourage and provide all citizens the opportunity and resources for *lifelong learning*.

The library will be **CLOSED**  
Friday & Saturday, July 3rd & 4th,  
in observance of Independence Day.



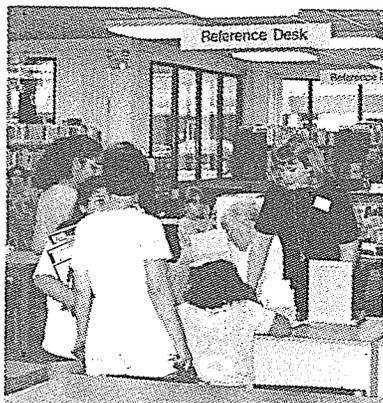
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## What's Going On In Youth Services?

The DIVE INTO BOOKS Summer Reading Program is cruising along. Registration is still open for those who have not yet joined. The last day to participate in DIVE INTO BOOKS is Friday, August 7.

The following activities are available to reading club members:

### Creative Sea Stars

Young creative minds are invited to reflect in story, poem, or drawing upon a book they have read with a water-related theme. The entries will be compiled into a big book which will be donated to local schools and added to the library's collection. Entry forms are now available and can be turned in anytime until August 7.

### Great White Whale of a Sale

Registration is now open, but limited, for children of all ages who wish to trade, barter or sell their treasures. The event will take place on Monday, July 13 from 2-3 p.m. Those who are looking for treasures are welcome to attend.

### Whale Size Tales

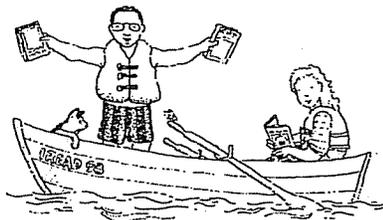
Three to eight-year-olds can enjoy storytelling, poetry and songs on Wednesday evenings, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. No registration is required.

### Wet-n-Wild Water Day

A variety of water-related games and silly contests will be available for children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, July 30 from 2-3 p.m. Registration begins July 20.

### Skits Ahoy!

This program is for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders who like to write, perform or design fun skits. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, July 7, 14 and 21 from 2-3 p.m., with the performance set for Tuesday, July 28 from 7-8 p.m. Registration is now open, but limited.



## Ahoy, Adults & Teens!

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Then don't miss your chance to DIVE INTO BOOKS!

Adults and teens are invited to sail by the Fiction Desk, first floor, for great reads and book reviews. Each five books that you read and review entitles you to "dive" for a small prize (up to four) and enters you in a drawing for larger prizes. Patron reviews will be posted on the Book Chat bulletin board.



### Fish on Friday: The Catch of the Week

On Friday, July 10 from 2-3 p.m. the Timestep Players will invite the audience into an exciting search for a real treasure in "The Great Diving Adventure." Tickets are currently available at the Youth Services desk.

On Friday, July 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Madcap Productions will use giant puppets to tell a tale about a fisherman and his wife in "When You Wish Upon a Fish." Tickets will be available beginning July 10.

### Port of Call

While visiting the library, check out the Youth Services "oceanarium" with ocean liners representing each school, paper fish honoring those readers who have reached their goal, and a treasure chest displaying the total number of books read.

### Certificates

For those reading club members who have reached their goal, a certificate of achievement will be sent to the Oak Lawn school principals in September. For those members who have reached their goal but do not attend an Oak Lawn school (including preschoolers), certificates of achievement may be picked up at the library beginning July 15.

### For More Information

Stop by the Youth Services Department to pick up a Summer Reading Program booklet or visit the library's Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

### Fall Registration

Registration for fall programs will begin the last week in August. Pick up a Fall program booklet in the Youth Services Department in August for information about Toddler Time, Preschool Storyhour, After-school Storyhour, the American Girls program and other fun-filled events.

- Margaret Hall, Youth Services Librarian

## Learn Windows 98

Become a master of Windows 98 at an informative demonstration scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 11. A representative from Microsoft will be by to show you the new capabilities and features added to this very popular operating system's latest upgrade. No hands-on instruction.

For more information, call Public Relations, 708-422-4990.



## Career Center + You = A Great Job

Where can recent grads and job seekers find vocational guidance and information on the latest searching techniques? A great place to start is the library's Career Center, located in the south-east corner of the Reference Department, second floor.

Come to the Career Center for materials that assist you in locating job openings, landing the job you want and keeping that job. We have more than 1,300 different book titles, 2,200 circulating pamphlets, select magazines and a bulletin board that focuses on career and employment issues. Our librarians have also created research guides to help lead you to books pertaining to particular topics, such as career changes, government jobs, interviewing, high demand jobs for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, local employment services, resumes and part-time and temporary jobs.

Looking for job listings? We have nearly a dozen publications listing local, national and international job openings available at the Reference Desk. You can access even more listings by visiting "WWW Sites" in the Reference Services section of our Home Page: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

## Places to Go, Videos to See

Why not use your library card as a boarding pass and take a "video vacation" this summer! Our Audio Visual, first floor, offers nearly 250 travel videos that take armchair travelers and vacation planners to various domestic and international destinations. The collection is organized alphabetically by location.

Patrons 18 years and up can check out videos for three days from Audio Visual using their valid library card. The cost is just 50¢ for residents and \$1 for nonresidents.

## Visually Impaired? Now Read This!

Don't let poor vision put a damper on your love of reading. The library offers several reading options for the visually impaired.

Make it big! Stop squinting over tiny text and take advantage of our Large Print collection. There are nearly 6,000 book titles in both fiction and nonfiction to choose from. We also have Large Print editions of Readers Digest and the New York Times Weekly available for checkout.

Make it even bigger! Come in and use one of our two closed caption television magnifiers located in Periodicals, first floor, and Reference Services, second floor. They can enlarge text and objects up to 45 times the original size.

Just use your ears! Take home an Audio Book and have a book read to you from an audiocassette. Our collection of 2,000 titles is organized by general fiction, mysteries, humor, classics, poetry, nonfiction and "family fare."

## Computer Catalog Instruction

Do you have a hard time finding library materials using our computerized catalog system? If so, stop by the Fiction Desk, first floor, any Saturday at 9:30 a.m. for detailed instruction on how to conduct computer searches. Those who attend should expect to spend an hour learning the capabilities of the computer catalog system and CD-ROMs for fiction and periodicals. No registration required.

If you just need basic instruction, staff at the Fiction and Interlibrary Loan desks are available anytime on request.

## Magazines for Summer Fun

The following magazines are available for browsing in Periodicals: *Bicycling*, *Boating*, *Consumer Reports Travel Letter*, *Cycle World*, *Field & Stream*, *Flower & Garden*, *Golf Digest*, *Motor Boating & Sailing*, *Motor Home*, *Outdoor Life*, *Runners World*, *Skin Diver*, *National Geographic Traveler* and *Travel & Leisure*.

**Thank you for supporting our Spring Food Drive!**



Kathy O'Leary (left), librarian and dedicated genealogist, assists Dorothy LaBianca at a recent All-Day Basic Genealogy Workshop. Our library has an expansive collection of genealogy materials including books, ship passenger lists, CD-ROM databases, magazines and newsletters. Visit our Home Page for a listing of our genealogy holdings and links to over 90 genealogy-related web sites: <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>

## Help Preserve Oak Lawn History

- Have you lived in Oak Lawn for at least 50 years?
- Were any family members longtime residents?
- Were earlier generations among the Oak Lawn "pioneers?"

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, we would like to have your family's record on file in our Local History section. Just ask for a Family Information form at the Reference Desk. The information you supply would be available to genealogists and others researching local families. Contact William Goodfellow or Barbara Wolfe, 708-422-4990.

## You're Never Too Young

The Youth Services Department serves the needs of children through eighth grade, even the ones who are too young to read. Here are some ways that parents and guardians can foster a lifelong love of libraries in even the littlest patron.

Young children delight in playing with the toys and puzzles available for use in Youth Services, and all the while they are developing the fine motor and discriminatory skills needed to learn to read. Puzzles in plastic bags are also available for checkout.

Board books were made with toddlers in mind. They have minimal text, simple, bright pictures, durable cardboard pages and come in smaller sizes that are easier for small hands to hold.

Storyhours are a perfect introduction to the world of books. During our summer reading program, DIVE INTO BOOKS, children ages three to eight who are registered in the program may attend "Whale Size Tales" Wednesday evenings, 7-7:45 p.m. July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Registration is still open for this ten-week reading program. Registration for fall programs, including Toddler Time, Preschool Storyhour and Afterschool Storyhour will begin August 29.

## First Floor Community Display Cases

**July - Civil War Gettysburg Anniversary Tribute**

**August - Illinois Audubon Society**

Individuals and local community groups interested in reserving a display case may pick up an application at the Reception Booth, first floor. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



Lois Gasteyer, Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation chair, presents a certificate of appreciation to Mark J. Wiegel, of George Washington Savings Bank, for outstanding services rendered as honorary chair of the Foundation's second annual "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball," April 19-25.

## Library Foundation Report

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is proud to announce a 50 percent increase in the number of donors for the second annual "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball," April 19-25.

The Foundation wishes to thank the private citizens and businesses who so generously contributed a total of \$4,531 in proceeds to this unique nonevent fund-raiser. Their tax-deductible donations were added to the professionally managed Endowment Fund established by the Foundation for the library. Winners of a free book in the donors' drawing will be notified by mail.

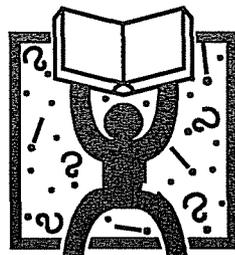
Business donors have been recognized on a poster located in the library's lobby through the month of July. In the history of the fund-raiser, the First National Bank of Evergreen Park has made two of the largest single contributions.

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation was founded in 1993 to seek private sector support for future needs of the Oak Lawn Public Library. For more information, call 708-422-4990.



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# Friends Footnotes

## Friends Summer Concert Trips

The Friends of the Library are already accepting registrations for the following concert trips:

- \* Friday, July 24 - Ravinia concert - Rachmaninoff & Strauss
- \* Sunday, August 2 - Grant Park concert - Midsummer Mozart
- \* Saturday, August 15 - Grant Park concert - Canadian Brass

Unfortunately, the Ravinia and Grant Park summer concert schedules were not available in time to announce these trips in our last newsletter. We have relied on the local press and flyers at the library for our advance publicity. To check ticket availability, call Genevieve Sobanski, 708-598-7971, after 4 p.m. daily.

## Friends Announce Annual Book Sale

Attention readers, book collectors, young and old. Bring some loose change and your love of books to the Friends Annual Book Sale, August 27-29.

- \* Members Only: Thursday, August 27 at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
  - \* Open to the Public: Friday, August 28 at 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  - \* Bag of Books for \$1: Saturday, August 29 at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Membership applications will be accepted at sale dates.

## Friends Request Book Sale Donations

The Friends wish to express their sincere gratitude to all of the patrons who have brought in used materials for resale at the annual and ongoing book sales.

"Gently used" books, magazines and other suitable sale material can be donated year-round by placing donations on a designated table near the Cook Avenue entrance. Tax letter forms are available at the Reception Booth, first floor.

Since it is our aim to sell the material you donate, we request that patrons refrain from bringing in musty, mildewed, soiled, smoke damaged or torn items. Thanks again!

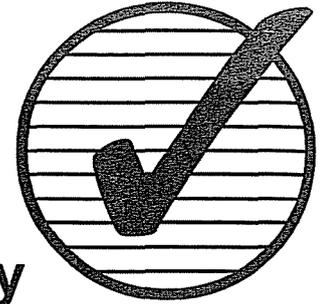
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## Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

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### The Best Deal in Town!

"It was as true," said Mr. Barkis, "...as true as taxes is. And nothing's truer than them." - excerpt from "David Copperfield" by Charles Dickens

#### Where Your Buck Never Stops Working

Throughout human history, payment of taxes has been among the least favorite exercises. The gasps and groans heard by Oak Lawn residents as we receive our property tax bills echo down through the ages from ancient times to present day. That historical perspective may be little comfort to us while gazing at our bottom-line costs, but it is of some cheer to know that many of the services offered to Oak Lawn residents are an excellent value for our hard earned tax dollars.

In the case of our Oak Lawn Public Library, only 4% of the total property tax bill goes to fund its operation. That modest 4% accounts for nearly 90% of the library's total budget -- and the library has remained strictly within budget for decades.

Accounting for about 650,000 circulations per year and tens of thousands of reference transactions, the library maintains a collection of nearly 250,000 items, hundreds of subscriptions and a large public facility that can serve the research, recreational and educational needs of the entire community. The library has ongoing youth and seasonal adult programs that often draw audiences of over 200 persons. The library is also one of the most modern and technologically advanced in metro-Chicago with Internet access and a full range of electronic resources.

Oak Lawn residents should be proud to acknowledge that our library is one of the finest in Illinois -- providing outstanding services and collections to patrons of all ages and drawing thousands of persons from surrounding suburbs into the retail sections of our Village.

Your public library is open seven days per week during the school year and on evenings and Saturdays throughout the year. With new technology, patrons can access the library's web site 24 hours a day for basic information and to search several databases for our collection right from a home computer (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>).

It might take some of the sting out of parting with tax dollars for us to remember that some of those dollars never stop working for us.

- Dr. James B. Casey, Director

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5. THERE IS A REPLACEMENT CHARGE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED CARDS.
6. I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S REGULATIONS.



Are you one of the 46,984 library card holders living in Oak Lawn? Then stop in Wednesday, September 16 for "Patron Appreciation Day" and pick up a free magnet or plastic tote at the Circulation Desk.

#### Library Card Sign Up Month September 1998

Get a card, get a prize! In honor of National Library Card Sign Up Month, we're giving children who register or renew their library cards a choice between a free bookmark or pencil during the entire month of September.

Don't miss our "Patron Appreciation Day" Wednesday, September 16, where the friendly staff at our Circulation Desk will be giving out smiles and free gifts to Oak Lawn residents.

#### Library Announcements

- \* The library will be CLOSED Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.
- \* The library will observe regular hours Saturday, September 12, during Fall On The Green, a two day program sponsored by the Village of Oak Lawn. Patrons will need to find alternate parking while this event occupies both parking lots.
- \* Sunday hours, 1-5 p.m., resume September 20.

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A dedicated staff is one of your library's greatest assets. Jamy Akin of Maintenance (pictured above) works at beautifying our grounds. Keep an eye out for even more landscaping improvements on the way!

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## Fall Adult Programs

The following programs are offered to the public without charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting rooms.

### Open Mike Readings

7 p.m. Thursday, September 17

Share your writings with other wordsmiths and people who enjoy listening to original creative works. Time limits: Poems 5 minutes; Short Stories 10 minutes. *Coffee and refreshments.*

### Resumes and Cover Letters

10 a.m.-Noon Saturday, September 19

Nail that job! Bruce Bloom of Career Consulting Services will show you ways to effectively market yourself through self-management and linking transferable skills in two resume formats.

### The Hoosier Prairie Band

2 p.m. Sunday, September 20

Join us for an afternoon of hot n' spicy Cajun music that'll really get your toes a'tappin'! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Estate Planning

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 29

Will your "will" be enough? What advantages do living trusts provide? How can you protect your assets? Learn these answers and more at an informative presentation brought to you by Jerry Schmitt of Wilmarc Financial Group, Inc.

### Investment Planning for Women

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 6

Jan Beutler, a Financial Advisor with Prudential Securities, will teach you the necessary steps to ensure that your financial future is sound. Men are also welcome!

## Basic Sign Language

Our ever popular basic sign language classes return this fall with three six-week programs for adults and children.

### Adults (high school & up):

\$20 non-refundable fee per person.

\* Series 1: October 3 - November 7

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

\* Series 2: November 14 - December 19

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

### Children (8th grade & under):

\$15 non-refundable fee per person.

\* Series 1: October 10 - November 21

(No class on Halloween, October 31)

Noon - 1 p.m.

Registration for all three classes begins Tuesday, September 8 and continues until the Wednesday before the first class meeting of each series or when the classes are full, whichever comes first. Registrations will be accepted first-come, first-served at the Reception Booth, first floor. Class sizes are limited to 20, plus five alternates. Payment must be submitted at time of enrollment.

## The Chicago School of Television

7 p.m. Thursday, October 15

Remember "Kukla, Fran and Olly?" Did you ever watch "Garroway at Large?" Then you won't want to miss this special program celebrating 50 years of television in Chicago told through history and video clips brought to you by Joel Sternberg of Saint Xavier University.

## Dyed in the Wool

2 p.m. Sunday, October 18

Celtic music at its finest! This Beverly-based troupe will play and sing many of your favorites from the Emerald Isles. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Yosemite National Park

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 21

Hike the wilderness trails and valleys without leaving your seat! America's majesty brought to you in a travelog slide presentation by George Carey, a returning library favorite.

## Antiques Show and Tell

10 a.m. Saturday, October 24

Is it an antique? Find out at this special identification program presided over by Shirley Walsh, of Antiques Unique in Frankfort. Sorry, no appraisals of value.

## True Crime

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 28

John O'Brien, veteran Chicago Tribune columnist and author, will share his experiences following famous crimes.

## Coming Soon...

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Southside Cinema Club's Annual Show 2 p.m. November 1 and see "Scanning Scandinavia," an original film by Bill and Mary Ann Leeder.

## Discover Great Books

The Oak Lawn Library Great Books Discussion Group opens its eleventh year of discussion and interpretation of Western Civilization's greatest literary works at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. For information, contact Dr. Ernest Jaski, coordinator, 708-535-1997.

## New Writers' Groups

Are you seeking motivation and support from fellow writers? Then you should consider joining our new Writers' Groups that meet during the 2nd & 4th weeks of the month in the Conference Room, lower level.

\* Group 1: Thursdays at 7-9 p.m.

\* Group 2: Saturdays at 10 a.m.-Noon.

## 1st Floor Display Cases

September - Oak Lawn Camera Club

October - Oak Lawn Business &

Professional Women's Club

For information about reserving display cases, call Linda Olsen, 708-422-4990.

## Youth Services Fall Programs

Registration for the Youth Services Fall 1998 program offerings begins Saturday, August 29, unless otherwise noted. Preference will be given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at registration.

### Toddler Time

This storyhour is designed for two-year-olds and an accompanying adult. Each series consists of five sessions and patrons may choose either Thursdays or Fridays at 9:30-10 a.m. Limit 12 adult/child teams per series. In-person registration required. Registration for Series 2 begins October 3.

\* Series 1: September 10 - October 9

\* Series 2: October 22 - November 20.

### Preschool and After School Storyhours

These storyhours will begin the week of September 21 and continue through the week of December 14. Please remember that sessions fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

\* Preschool Storyhour for children three to five years old is offered Monday afternoons, Wednesday evenings, Thursday and Friday mornings. In-person registration required.

\* After School Storyhour for children in kindergarten through second grade is offered Wednesdays from 4-4:45 p.m.

### Drop-In Storyhour

A storyhour for busy, on-the-go families, with no registration! Children ages three to eight can attend open storyhours 10-10:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month in the Youth Services Program Room. Parents must remain in the library. Mark your calendar for October 3, November 7 and December 5!

### Halloween Club

Third through sixth graders who enjoy writing or telling scary, Halloween stories can join the ghoulish fun 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27. Registration begins September 19.

### Junior Friends of the Library

Seventh through tenth graders can volunteer to help with displays, programs and special events in Youth Services for one hour a week, September 15 - December 1. There will be an initial meeting for members 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, September 15. In-person registration required.

### Laser Light Show

McShane Laser Arts demonstrates the relationship between art and science as lasers create holograms and light sculptures at 2-3 p.m. Saturday, September 26. Free tickets, for children ages four and up, available beginning September 12.

### A Children's African Safari

Ami, an African pygmy hedgehog, accompanies an African family through their daily life and demonstrates the differences and similarities of life in comparison to ours at 2-3 p.m. Saturday, October 17. Free tickets, for children ages three and up, available beginning October 3.

### Planning Ahead...

The American Girls Club for third through sixth graders will be offered 4-5 p.m. Thursdays, November 12, 19, December 3 & 10. Registration begins Saturday, October 24.

Come meet Debbie Dadey, author of the popular series, *Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* and *Triplet Trouble*, 2 p.m. Saturday, November 21. Be sure to read her books, available in our paperback collection, before her visit. Free tickets, for children kindergarten and up, available beginning November 8.

### Program Booklets

For more information about these and other programs, come to the Youth Services Department for a Fall 1998 Program Booklet or visit our web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/ys.htm>).



Cheryl Overland and her daughters (left) Brittney and (right) Jamie "made a killing" selling and trading their wares at the "Great White Whale of a Sale," July 13. This program was one of many offered to the 1,681 children who participated in the DIVE INTO BOOKS Summer Reading Program, June 1 - August 7.

## Homebound Service

Can't make it to the library? Then we'll come to you! Homebound Service is available to Oak Lawn residents of any age who cannot use the library due to physical disabilities or illness. Contact Ann Stovall, 708-422-4990, or visit the Homebound web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/HB-INTRO.HTM>).

## Interlibrary Loan Photocopy Service

Now available! Oak Lawn residents may request copies of magazine articles not found in our collection. Stop by the Periodicals Desk, first floor, for details.

Did you know that our magazines and newspapers are listed on the Internet? Link up to many of your favorite periodicals at our web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/MN.HTM>).

## And the Winners Are...

The Summer Reading Club for teens and adults ended the first week of August with a drawing for summertime fun prizes:

\* Joy Flowers won first prize, a \$20 gift certificate for Red Lobster Restaurants, donated by Patrick O'Malley, manager of the Joliet location.

\* Jan Goetz won second prize, a huge beach towel.

\* Doris Fennessy won third prize, a sand chair.

\* Maxine Drenthe won a set of fish-themed plastic cups.

Seventy-two club participants read and reviewed more than 400 books. They are all winners! Don't miss the reviews on file in a decorated notebook at the Fiction Desk, first floor.

## Teen Read Week -- October 18-24

Read...for the fun of it! High school students are invited to suggest a favorite book by writing out the title on a slip of paper and putting it in a suggestion box located in the Young Adult area, first floor. Watch for a list of titles coming October 1.

## Reserve That Book

Help us help you get the books you want! When filling out reserve requests, be sure to include your library card number. And please, just one title per form. Thank you!

## Meet Our Foundation!

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation was founded in 1993 to seek private sector support for the future needs of the Oak Lawn Public Library. The Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization governed by a volunteer board of community leaders.

Donations by individuals and businesses are tax-deductible as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation recommends that prospective donors consult with a qualified attorney or financial advisor regarding the tax advantages of contributing to the Foundation. Options include: cash contributions, property donations, last wills and testaments and living trusts.

In recent years, most of the Foundation's donations have been invested in a professionally managed Endowment Fund established for the long term security of the Oak Lawn Public Library. Over the years, this reserve will grow and become large enough to fund major capital projects.

For more information, call 708-422-4990.

## 1998-99 Opera Lecture Series

Eight opera lectures are scheduled to precede the opening performances of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 1998-99 season. Lectures are open to the public without charge or registration on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting rooms.

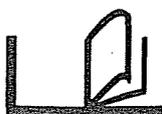
Members of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will present these informative sessions with vocal and musical selections.

- \* La Gioconda 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27
- \* Mourning Becomes Electra 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4
- \* Ariadne Auf Naxos 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25

A full schedule of opera lecture dates is available at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

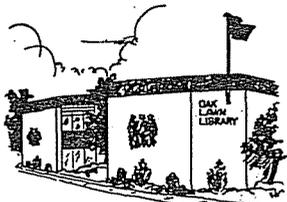
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## Friends Footnotes

### Friends Trips Offer Variety

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library offer the following trips for the remaining months of 1998:

**Death of a Salesman:** Sunday, October 11, an evening performance starring Brian Dennehy at the Goodman Theatre. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation and theater admission, is \$34 for members and \$36 for others. An in-person registration will be held 9-11 a.m. September 5.

**The Eddie Cash Show:** Wednesday, November 4, a Branson-style singing revue at the Belfry Theatre in Delavan, WI. The cost of the trip, which includes deluxe coach transportation, theater admission, lunch at Millie's Country Restaurant and time for shopping, is \$42 for members and \$44 for others. An in-person registration will be held 9-11 a.m. October 3.

**Mefistofele:** Thursday, December 17 at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation and theater admission is \$48 for members and \$50 for others. An in-person registration will be held 9-11 a.m. October 17.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All in-person registrations will be held on Saturday mornings in the library's first floor lobby, near the Raymond Ave. entrance. After the in-person registration closes on each trip, check ticket availability by calling Genevieve Sobanski, trip chair, 708-598-7971, after 4 p.m. daily.

### Friends Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month September through May at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room, lower level. Material is available in advance at the library and everyone is welcome to join. For additional information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

#### Short Story Discussion, 2nd Wednesday

- \* September 9 - "Rope" by Katherine Anne Porter
- \* October 14 - "Gifts of War" by Margaret Drabble

#### Novel Discussion, 4th Wednesday

- \* September 23 - "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner
- \* October 28 - "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

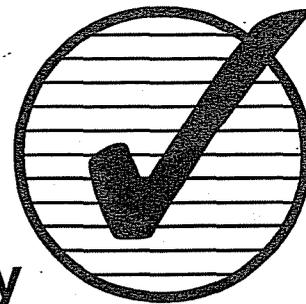
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## A Season of Giving



*Are you looking for ways to help those less fortunate this holiday season? The Oak Lawn Public Library would like to offer the following suggestions:*

### Donate Toys for Tots

The Oak Lawn Public Library Staff Association is again sponsoring the Toys for Tots campaign, November 27 through December 20.

You may drop off new and "like new" toys in the large collection barrels located near our first floor holiday display. Toys should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender.

Delivery assistance provided by *Oak Lawn Harley Davidson, Inc.*

Since 1991, library patrons have donated thousands of toys and brought holiday joy to needy children of all ages.

### Collect Stamps for OXFAM

As you begin receiving holiday cards, the Oak Lawn Public Library asks that you collect the canceled postage stamps for Oxford Famine Relief (OXFAM), an Oxford, England-based organization that packages and sells the stamps to collectors. The money raised goes towards helping the poor, starving and homeless worldwide, but especially to ravaged Africa.

You may drop off canceled postage stamps year-round in a collection box located at the Circulation Desk or in front of the OXFAM display, both on the first floor. We accept U.S., worldwide and bulk mail stamps.

Since 1995, an amazing number of private citizens, businesses and organizations have helped with this effort.

### Bring in Used Eyeglasses for VOSH

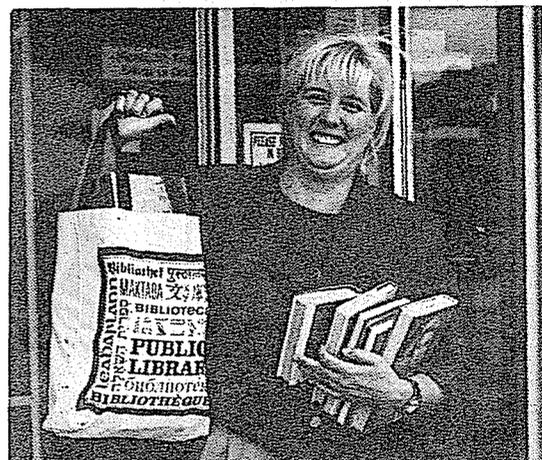
Do you have a drawerful of old eyeglasses? Here's your opportunity to clean out some storage space while putting those glasses to good use.

The Oak Lawn Public Library continues to serve as a collection site for Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH), a not-for-profit organization of volunteer optometrists who travel to remote regions of underdeveloped countries to provide eye exams and glasses to the needy.

You may drop off used eyeglasses year-round in a collection box located at the Circulation Desk, first floor.

Since 1993, the library has collected thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses that have given the gift of sight to people around the world.

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



Ann Stovall, Librarian, is on her way to make another "house call." For information about Homebound Services, call 708-422-4990, or visit the Homebound web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/HB-INTRO.HTM>).

### CLOSED Staff Inservice Day

The library will be **CLOSED** all day Friday, December 11 for the annual Staff Inservice Day. Regular hours resume Saturday.

Library staff will attend workshops aimed to help them work to their fullest potential.

### Mark Your Calendar:

- \* **CLOSED Thursday, November 26** in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- \* **CLOSED Friday, December 11** for the annual Staff Inservice Day.
- \* **CLOSED Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25** in observance of Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.
- \* **CLOSED Thursday & Friday, December 31 & January 1** in observance of New Year's Eve & New Year's Day.

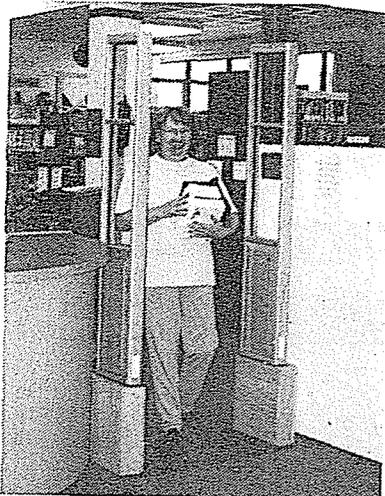
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### Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
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### Board of Trustees:

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### Editor of Check it out:

Linda Olsen

#### THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Oak Lawn Public 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.

## Fall Adult Programs

The following programs are offered to the public without charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting rooms.

### Scanning Scandinavia

2 p.m. Sunday, November 1

Movie enthusiasts are invited to attend the South Side Cinema Club's Annual Show featuring an original film by Bill and Mary Ann Leeder, longtime members.

### Internet Demonstration

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 11

Sylvia Jenkins of Moraine Valley Community College repeats this introductory demonstration covering the key terms and basic principles of Internet searches. No hands-on instruction.

### Mary Cassatt Art Lecture

3 p.m. Saturday, November 14

Before you jaunt downtown to see the Mary Cassatt exhibit at The Art Institute of Chicago, stop in to learn about the artist and her work. Jeff and Michelle Mishur, professors of art at Lewis University, will present an interactive slide presentation and lecture.

### Post WWII Tribute

2 p.m. Sunday, November 15

This special two-part program kicks off with "Harry & Bess," a dramatic presentation by Rose Productions. Afterwards, "The Right of Way Band" will heat up the room with their Big Band sound. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Read for a Lifetime

High school students are invited to participate in the "Read for a Lifetime" program initiated by the Illinois State Library.

Students must read at least four books from a list of suggested titles by April 15, 1999. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of accomplishment signed by the Secretary of State, along with a discount coupon from Waldenbooks.

Sign up at the Fiction Desk. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

## Public Internet Access

The Reference Department, second floor, has three Internet access computers for adults, high school and up. You can reserve 60 minute periods on two of the computers. The third is dedicated to walk-up use, limited to 15 minute periods.

The Youth Services Department, first floor, provides one Internet access computer for children in third through eighth grade, who can reserve 30 minute periods.

All Internet users must have basic computer skills. To make a reservation for Internet use, call 708-422-4990.

Patrons of all ages are invited to attend an Internet Demonstration set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, in the library's lower level meeting room.

## Herbal Therapies = A Healthier You

7 p.m. Thursday, November 19

Confused about herbal remedies? Alison Lapinski, registered Pharmacist, will speak on ways to protect and heal your body naturally. Learn about the effectiveness of Echinacea, St. John's Wort, Ginseng, Garlic and Ginkgo Biloba.

## Copyright Law for Writers

10 a.m. Saturday, November 21

Robert F. Kemp, Attorney at Law, will teach ways to protect your intellectual property, copyright law and the legal aspects of publishing contracts -- What every writer should know.

## Safety Awareness

7 p.m. Monday, November 23

Don't be a victim of crime! Robert F. Walsh of the Cook County Sheriff's Department brings a timely program with important safety tips for you, your car and home.

## The Best X-Mas Decorations

7 p.m. Monday, December 7

Don't spend hours shivering in your car! Mary Edsey, author of *The Best Christmas Decorations in Chicagoland*, will captivate you with images of incredible outdoor holiday displays and the delightful tales of their creators.

## Small Potatoes

2 p.m. Sunday, December 13

Back by popular demand! This dynamic Chicago-based duo returns with their eclectic brand of folk music described as "Celtic to Cowboy." Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Basic Sign Language

We are still accepting registrations for an adult basic sign language class that will be offered 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. November 14 - December 19. \$20 non-refundable fee.

Registration continues at the Reception Booth, first floor, until Wednesday, November 11 or when the class is full, whichever comes first. Class size limit: 20.

Instructor: Audrey VanEck.

## Opera Lectures

The library will host the following free opera lectures on select Sundays in the lower level meeting room, first-come, first-seated:

\* 2 p.m. November 8 - Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny

\* 2 p.m. November 22 - La Traviata

\* 2 p.m. December 6 - Mefistofele

A full schedule of opera lecture dates is available at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

## 1st Floor Display Cases

November - Art of Marie Dunkel

December - Model Trains

For information about reserving display cases, call Linda Olsen, 708-422-4990.

## What's New in Youth Services?

### **Saturday Drop-In Storyhours**

10-10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 7 and December 5.

For ages three to eight. Advance registration is not required.

A Youth Services Librarian will introduce stories, songs, fingerplays and flannel boards to young children. Parents are reminded to stay in the library while the children attend the half hour program on their own.

### **The American Girls Club**

4-5 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 19, December 3 and 10.

For grades three to six. Sign up began Saturday, October 24.

Based on the adventures of the "American Girls" series, third through sixth graders are invited to play games the girls enjoyed, explore American lifestyles and history and write a letter to their favorite American Girls' author.

### **Celebrate Children's Book Week**

Throughout the week of November 15-21, parents of children registered in storyhour programs are invited to attend with their children. Join the librarian and the children as they read stories, sing songs, and engage in other fun activities.

### **Children's Author Visit**

2-3 p.m. Saturday, November 21.

For grades kindergarten and up. Tickets available November 8.

Debbie Dadey, the author of the popular paperback series, "Adventures of the Bailey School Kids" and "Triplet Trouble," will talk with the audience about her books as well as the art and craft of writing. Ms. Dadey will be happy to autograph copies of her books which will be on sale that day. A great gift idea for the holidays!

### **Let Your Little Light Shine**

2-3 p.m. Saturday, December 12.

All ages. Tickets will be available on November 28.

Singer and storyteller, Jennifer Armstrong, grew up in Chicago among Scottish musicians and storytellers. Let Jenny put the whole family into the holiday spirit with this festive celebration of midwinter rituals.

### **Winter/Spring Program Booklets**

Stop by the Youth Services Desk or visit our web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>) for a Winter/Spring Program Booklet available in mid-December. Registration for many winter programs will begin in early January 1999.

## Summer Reading Results

The children of Oak Lawn certainly made a splash this summer as 1,672 members of the Youth Services DIVE INTO BOOKS Summer Reading Program dipped into 37,830 library books and soaked up a whale of good time reading.

Programs, crafts, contests and prizes brought children aged two through 14 to the library between June 1 and August 7. The program ended with a rousing pizza party held at Haunted Trails Amusement Park, which was attended by approximately 500 of the 1,093 members who reached their reading goals.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in DIVE INTO BOOKS and thank you to all the parents and teachers who supported our reading program by encouraging their children to swim, float, wade or paddle into the library this summer.

The Youth Services Department would like to thank the following merchants for donating thousands of coupons that were given away as prizes: *Aladdin's Castle, Arby's, Burger King, Hollywood Park, Jr. Hot Dogs, Jupiter Ice Cream Parlor, Little Caesar's Pizza, McDonald's, Oak Lawn Park District, Pizza Hut, Premo's, Tenth Planet, Wendy's* and *White Castle*.



Margaret Hall, Youth Services Senior Librarian, reads a story to brighten the day of a young patient at Hope Children's Hospital.

## Stories for Hope

Stories make smiles. That's just one of the reasons why the Youth Services Department continues to provide outreach storyhour programs at Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn.

On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, September through May, a librarian from Youth Services visits Hope Children's Hospital to perform two storyhours, one for outpatients and another for children in long term care. Since the ages of the audiences varies from week to week, the librarian brings a large assortment of stories and activities that would appeal to children up to age 12.

## Local History On-Line

On November 16th, the Oak Lawn Public Library will unveil the new Local History portion of its Home Page (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>). It will enable Internet users in Oak Lawn and around the world to view thousands of images of photographs, documents and the current minutes of governmental bodies. Also provided is a means of searching the library's index to local newspapers for citations to articles dealing with Oak Lawn.

The many photographs and full-text documents are accessible due to an Educate and Automate Grant from the Illinois State Library. The project was coordinated by William Goodfellow, Head of the Reference Services Department.

It was decided to scan the materials for electronic storage because this method not only provides expanded usage, but it protects the sometimes fragile items from inadvertent damage. Currently the library owns approximately 2,300 photographs, all of which are searchable in a database by any word or phrase. These photos generally deal with the daily life and events in Oak Lawn from the turn of the century to the 1990s.

The documents that may be viewed on the Internet range from excerpts from the very first Village Board meetings, to telephone directories from the early 1940s, to histories and handouts relating to local organizations (i.e. churches, schools, etc.), to last month's Village Board minutes.

It's important that the history of our village be preserved. Working with members of the Oak Lawn Historic Preservation Commission, the library is attempting to help ensure that such information is maintained and made readily available to students and interested residents alike.

Donations of materials of a local nature are always welcome. Contact William Goodfellow or Barbara Wolfe, 708-422-4990.

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## Friends Footnotes

### Friends Discussion Groups

For information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

**Short Story Discussion at 1 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday**

\* November 11 - "What I Did For Love" by Lynne Schwartz

\* December 9 - "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote

**Novel Discussion at 1 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday, earlier in Nov.**

\* November 18 - "The Prince and the Pauper" by M. Twain

\* December - NO MEETING

Coming May 1999:  
"Ragtime"

### Friends Winter Trip

**Mary Cassatt: Modern Woman:** Sunday, January 10, at The Art Institute of Chicago. The cost of the trip, including transportation and admission, is \$22 for members and \$24 for others.

An in-person registration will be held Saturday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room following a special **Mary Cassatt Art Lecture** set for 3 p.m. After the in-person registration closes, call Gen Sobanski, 708-598-7971.

### Friends Gifts to the Library

Because some needs are beyond the library's budget, the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library have donated an amazing number of gifts using funds that come primarily from book sales, membership dues and excess revenue from trips. Since 1987, the Friends have purchased more than \$100,000 in gifts to the library.

Some of their most recent gifts include a bookcase for new Large Print books, microfilming of Oak Lawn newspapers and Local History records, genealogy materials, maintaining a collection of unabridged audio books, a 35mm camera for library use, a VCR for the community meeting rooms, the annual opera lecture series and a skirted stage and two microphone stands for the Sunday With Friends concerts, which they also continue to support. Where would the library be without its FRIENDS?

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