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Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

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Library Expansion Report

Our library is now in the process of completing a 30,000 square foot addition on the north end of our complex. For timely updates, information, drawings and construction photos, visit our building expansion project web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/building.htm).

New Addition Nears Completion

This winter, the library's addition will be finished and open for public use. Once this happens, renovations will commence on all three floors of the older portion of our facility. The grand opening for the entire building project is scheduled to take place this spring.

Please be advised that it will be necessary to close the library for several days, sometimes on short notice, to conduct large-scale furniture and equipment moves into the new addition and other remodeled areas of the building. You may also face limited access to some library resources and materials for short periods of time. Closing announcements and other timely information will be posted on the library's entry doors, provided during our opening phone greeting and released to local newspapers, if time permits.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding through these more disruptive phases of our construction project. We apologize for any inconveniences.

Here's What's In Store

At completion in Spring 2004, library patrons will experience 25% more space and the following additions and improvements:

- ✓ Patron Computer Lab
- ✓ Drive-up Book Drop
- ✓ Patron Cafe
- ✓ Beautiful window views of the Village Green
- ✓ Expanded collection areas for all materials
- ✓ More public seating and group study rooms
- ✓ Better accessibility for persons with disabilities
- ✓ More community meeting rooms
- ✓ Automatic doors at the Cook Avenue entrance
- ✓ One centralized check out desk for all types of materials
- ✓ Enlarged area for the Friends Ongoing Book Sale
- ✓ Second elevator
- ✓ Space for future growth.



See additional library expansion photos on back page.

Tax Form Information

Starting January 2, the library will offer reproducible versions of basic federal and Illinois state income tax forms in 3-ring binders near each photocopy machine. You may also download forms and publications at our 2003 Federal & State Income Tax web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). Look inside for information on where you can pick up or order forms from the IRS and IL Department of Revenue.

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Happy Birthday!

Celebrate the hundredth birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2, 2004. The author, whose name was actually Theodor Seuss Geisel, wrote such famous works as "The Cat in the Hat," "Fox in Socks," "Green Eggs and Ham," "Hop on Pop," "Horton Hatches the Egg," "The Lorax," and "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish."



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Sun.* 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Youth Services Programs -- Winter 2004

Registration for the following children's programs begins on Friday, January 2 at the Youth Services Desk. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented to sign up. In-person registration is required for Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime and Read to Succeed.

For more information, come to the Youth Services Department for a Winter/Spring 2004 booklet or visit our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Toddler Time

This program is designed for two-year-olds and an accompanying adult, as well as children up to 3½-years-old who are not ready to attend Preschool Storytime by themselves. Each series consists of six sessions from January 27 to March 5. Patrons may choose Tuesdays at 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. or Fridays at 10:00-10:30 a.m. Limit: 12 adult/child teams per series.

Preschool & After School Storytime

These storytimes begin the week of January 26 and run through the week of March 1. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

Preschool Storytime, for three to five-year-olds, is offered on Mondays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 1:30-2:00 p.m. and 7:00-7:30 p.m.

After School Storytime, for students in kindergarten to second grade, is held Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

On the first Saturday of each month at 10:00-10:30 a.m., a Youth Services Librarian will present a half-hour of stories for children ages three to eight. This program is for busy, on-the-go families, so no registration is required. Parents are welcome to join their children for these storytimes on January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3 and May 1. Parents who do not attend must remain in the library.

Drop-In Crafts

One week each month, Monday-Friday, the Youth Services Department provides art supplies and work space so that participants can show off their creative talents by cutting, coloring and pasting their way through various crafts. No registration required.

Read to Succeed: Chicago Wolves

Young readers, through eighth grade, are invited to join a special reading incentive program initiated by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team. The goal is to read three library books between January 2 and January 31 to earn a prize. One prize per child.



Junior Friends of the Library

Students in seventh to tenth grade may volunteer to assist with displays, programs and other special projects in the Youth Services Department for one hour a week, January 12 through March 19. Members must attend an orientation meeting Monday, January 12 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. A thank you party will be held for those Junior Friends who contribute at least ten hours of volunteer time. Limit: 10 members.

Planning Ahead ...

Registration begins February 21 for Spring sessions of Baby Business, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime and After School Storytime. The registration for a second session of Junior Friends begins on March 6.



Blood Pressure ✓

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free Blood Pressure Screenings at our library on the second Wednesday of most months at 1:00-3:00 p.m. Next screening dates: January 14 and February 11. For more information, call 708-346-3289 or visit their web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).



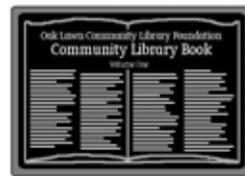
Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation

The Community Library Book

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation continues to accept contributions to the "Community Library Book," a fund raiser designed to celebrate the completion of a new library addition and offer community members and local businesses an opportunity to create a lasting legacy and show their support in a highly visible way. The money raised will go toward the purchase of new patron seating and tables for the library's addition.

For a \$25 minimum tax-deductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, you may dedicate one or more square feet of the Oak Lawn Public Library for yourself, your business, in honor of a friend, in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.

To recognize this gift, the honoree's name will be engraved on a "Community Library Book" plaque, which will be displayed in the library for all to view. One individual, business or family name per donation. "Volume One" of the book plaques will be unveiled at the grand opening of the new library addition in Spring 2004. Donation forms are now available in our lobby.



The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to ensure that the Oak Lawn Public Library will continue to meet the current needs of our community and grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

For more information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/lib-fnd.htm).

Own Oak Lawn History

"The Oak Lawn Story" is a limited-edition volume filled with interesting facts and details about the Village of Oak Lawn. The book offers more than 230 fascinating photographs, stories chronicling the Village's growth and amusing anecdotes collected from the archives of the Oak Lawn Public Library.



The Oak Lawn Public Library in 1934

The cost is \$33.95, which includes a \$10 tax-deductible donation to the Library Foundation. Purchase a copy at the library's Reception Desk. Checks or money orders only, made payable to: *Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation*. Shipping is available at \$4 per book.

The sponsorship for the creation and production of this book was provided by Oak Lawn Bank.



Le Roy Erwin of the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade presents our library with a plaque in appreciation for our continued support as a collection site. It is accepted by Linda Olsen, public relations officer, on behalf of the library and all of the generous patrons who have donated thousands of toys since 1991.

NEW -- Fakebook Index

There's a new high tech way for musicians and singers to locate specific songs in the library's fakebook collection. Recently, an online index was launched for 136 of the 152 titles owned by our library. Visit the Reference Services Dept. section of our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us) and click on "Fakebook Index" to search by composer or a word or phrase from the song's title or first line. To conduct the most complete search, patrons should consult the print index of the remaining 16 fakebook titles at the library's Reference Desk.

Beyond Feature Films

The library's Audio Visual collection has thousands of VHS videos in the following categories:

- ✓ Art ✓ Biography ✓ Business ✓ Classic TV Shows
- ✓ Computers ✓ Dancing ✓ Educational ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Exercise ✓ Family Fare ✓ Foreign Language ✓ Health
- ✓ History ✓ How-to ✓ Music ✓ Nature ✓ Opera
- ✓ PBS Videos ✓ Plays ✓ Poetry ✓ Public Service ✓ Religion
- ✓ Short Stories ✓ Sports ✓ Travel

Income Tax Form Information

To pick up forms and publications:

Federal: Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
7601 S. Kostner Ave. (Ford City complex, 3rd floor)
Phone: 312-566-4912 -- M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

IL State: Illinois Department of Revenue
9730 S. Western Ave., Room 304, Evergreen Park
Phone: 708-857-2300 -- M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To order forms and publications by phone:

Federal: 1-800-829-3676 IL State: 1-800-356-6302



Friends Footnotes

Day Trip Offerings

✓ **Madama Butterfly:** Thursday, February 26. See a matinee performance of Puccini's tragic love story at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. In Italian with projected English titles. Cost: \$62 for members, \$67 for others. Departs: 12:30 p.m. Returns: 6:30 p.m. In-person registration at 9-11 a.m. Saturday, January 10.

✓ **Chicago Flower & Garden Show:** Friday, March 19. Explore 25 gardens featuring flora from all over the world in full bloom at Chicago's Navy Pier. Get ideas for this spring's plantings and shop the vendors. Lunch will be on your own. Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Departs: 9:30 a.m. Returns: 3:00 p.m. In-person registration at 9-11 a.m. Saturday, February 7.

✓ **Notice:** The location of each in-person registration will be posted on the Cook Avenue doors that morning. Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.

Discussion Groups

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month at the library, September through May. For more information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

✓ **Short Story Group -- 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

Jan. 14 - "The Gardens of Mont..." by W. Maxwell

Feb. 11 - "Lying Under the Apple Tree" by A. Munro

✓ **Book Group -- 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

Jan. 28 - "Bel Canto" by A. Patchett

Feb. 25 - "The Devil in the White City" by E. Larson



By the end of 2003, the exterior brickwork, windows and roof of the library's 30,000 square foot addition were completed. Work is now underway to finish the interior areas. Library materials and operations will move into the addition during the early months of 2004. The first floor will house the Fiction collection, a patron cafe and the Friends Ongoing Book Sale. The second floor will offer a computer lab, the magazines and newspapers department and beautiful views of the Village Green.



Patrick Callahan of Gilfillan/Callahan Architects visits the library's construction site to see his drawings become reality. This area of the addition will house the Friends Ongoing Book Sale.



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New Addition Scheduled to Open

They say that “good things come to those who wait.” And now, the library’s board and staff are excited to announce the opening of the new library addition within the next few weeks. This milestone also marks the beginning of the second and final phase of our building expansion and renovation project.

Sometime in mid-March, the library will be closed for several days, possibly an entire week, to move furniture, equipment, shelving, service desks and staff offices into the new addition. During this closing period, the construction crew can more easily prepare older portions of the library for renovations to those areas.

Closing announcements will be posted on the library’s entry doors, provided during our opening phone greeting and released to local newspapers, if time permits. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding through the more disruptive phases of our construction project. We apologize for any inconveniences.

When the library reopens, a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony will commemorate occupancy of the new addition. Patrons will be able to enter the newest part of the library and experience picturesque window views of the Village Green, one centralized Circulation Desk for the checkout of all materials, the drive-up book drop, more public seating and two additional group study rooms. Also at that time, the new Raymond Avenue entrance will be operational, providing more convenient access from the west side. Scheduled remodeling of the Cook Avenue entrance will necessitate temporary use of an alternate entrance on the east side of the library.

The grand opening for the entire building project will take place once the remaining renovations are completed. A formal announcement will be mailed to all residences.



A gorgeous view of the Village Green is one of the noteworthy features in the library’s new addition.

The library will be **CLOSED**
Easter Sunday, April 11.



The library must close for several days to move into the new addition. Details on this page.

Tax Form Information

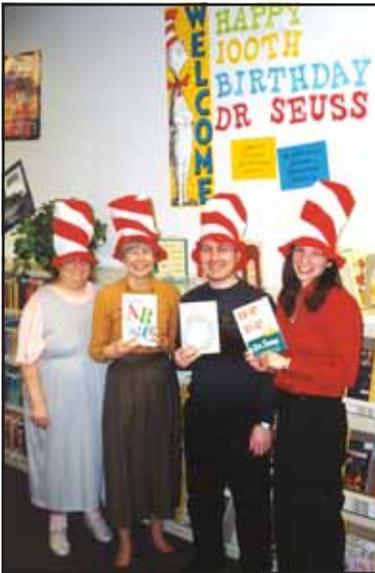
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Youth Services Programs -- Spring 2004

Registration is underway for the following children's programs, unless otherwise noted. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented to sign up. In-person registration is required for Baby Business, Toddler Time and Preschool Storytime.

For more information, come to the Youth Services Department for a current program booklet or visit our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Baby Business

Babies age 12 to 24 months and an accompanying adult may enroll in this program of simple stories, fingerplays, Mother Goose rhymes and songs. Two four-week series will be held on Tuesdays 9:30-10:00 a.m., during the months of March and April. Limit: 10 adult/child teams per series.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time is designed for two-year-olds and an accompanying adult, as well as children up to 3½-years-old who are not ready to attend Preschool Storytime by themselves. Each series consists of six sessions from March 16 to April 23. Patrons may choose Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. or Fridays at 10:00-10:30 a.m. Limit: 12 adult/child teams per series.

Preschool & After School Storytime

These storytimes begin the week of March 15 and run through the week of April 19. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

Preschool Storytime for three to five-year-olds is offered Monday mornings at 10:30-11:00 a.m., Tuesday afternoons at 1:30-2:00 p.m., and Tuesday evenings at 7:00-7:30 p.m.

After School Storytime for students in kindergarten to second grade are held on Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Drop-In Crafts

One week each month, Monday through Friday, the Youth Services Department provides art supplies and work space so that children can show off their creative talents by cutting, coloring and pasting their way through various crafts. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for a list of upcoming projects. No registration required.

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On the first Saturday of each month at 10:00-10:30 a.m., a Youth Services Librarian presents a half hour of stories for children ages three to eight. This program is for busy, on-the-go families, so no registration is required. Parents are welcome to join their children for storytimes on March 6, April 3 and May 1. Parents who do not attend must remain in the library.

Junior Friends of the Library

Students in seventh to tenth grade may volunteer to assist with displays, programs and other special projects in the Youth Services Department for one hour a week, March 22 through May 28. Registration begins on Saturday, March 6. Members must attend an orientation meeting Monday, March 22 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. A thank you party will be held for those Junior Friends who contribute at least ten hours of volunteer time. Limit: 10 members.

Planning Ahead

Registration begins Monday, June 7 for our 2004 Summer Reading Program, "Explore the Reading Trail."

Remembering JFK

During the month of November, the Reference Services Department created an exhibit paying tribute to the life and accomplishments of John F. Kennedy. In recognition of this effort to educate patrons about President Kennedy, The History Channel has donated a DVD of the three-hour documentary "JFK: A Presidency Revealed" to our collection. This item is now available for check-out in the library's Audio Visual Department.

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Visit Audio Visual to see what's "Now Showing" on DVD. Some recent additions include: "The Pianist," "Daredevil," "Cardio Salsa," "Doctor Zhivago," "Seabiscuit," "The Civil War," "Bob the Builder: Teamwork!," and "Johnstown Flood." Limit two per patron.

Exploring "Frankenstein"

Our library has partnered with Moraine Valley Community College and eight other public libraries to host events related to "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibit which will be on display in the Moraine Valley Library from March 30 to April 28. The following panel discussions will be held in the library's lower level meeting room.

The Novel Frankenstein

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Frankenstein, published in 1818, was the first science fiction novel, and it was written by a woman at a time when women were not taken seriously in the literary world. This discussion will focus on the novel Frankenstein and its significance and impact on our culture.

Art in Mass Media

Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

The image of Frankenstein's monster that we see in mass media does not resemble the monster described in Mary Shelley's novel. This discussion will center on the various ways that art lives on in our popular culture.

For a listing of panel discussions and a film series offered at other libraries, visit Moraine Valley's Frankenstein web site (www.morainevalley.edu/frankenstein).

Free Blood Pressure ✓

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DVDs Added to AV Collection

Patrons age 18 and up may now check out DVDs for five-day loan periods. Because our collection is small (but growing), there is a limit of two DVDs per patron. To view a list of our holdings via the Internet, go to the SWAN online catalog (<http://swan.sls.lib.il.us>) and conduct a "Keyword" search. Use "DVD" as the keyword term, limit your search to items at "Oak Lawn" and select "DVD/VIDEODISC" as the format.

Longtime Staffer Promoted

MaryLynn Mysz was recently appointed to the position of Head of Patron Services Department. Since starting at our library in 1988, Mary Lynn has worked as a Library Associate and Senior Librarian. MaryLynn now oversees a staff of more than 30 employees who are responsible for collection development in fiction and audio visual, circulation of materials and patron records.

Foraging in Fiction

Trying to choose the next book for your discussion group? Wish that you could find another book that would appeal to you as much as the one you just returned? How about finding all of the titles in a series?

The library's NoveList database can help you with all of those things and more. NoveList can be accessed at the "tall" computer located between the computer catalogs in the adult fiction area. Look up book descriptions and reviews, author interviews, feature articles and award winner lists. The "browsing" feature enables you to discover books on a theme within a genre (fantasy, romance, etc.). How about "Investigative Reporters" and "Comic Capers" in the Mystery section, or "Aliens Among Us" and "Mars" in Science Fiction?

The next time you're in the library, have a seat at the NoveList computer and give it a try. It's fun! You will be delighted at how much information it provides. If you need help, just stop by the Fiction Desk.

Staff Happenings

Eleven long-term library employees were recently recognized for years of service in five year increments:

- 5 years – Dorothy Heisler, Patron Services
- 5 years – Lana Magnavite, Reference Services
- 10 years – Verlyn Biere, Reference Librarian
- 10 years – Mary Donovan, Technical Services
- 10 years – Fiona Lindenbusch, Patron Services
- 10 years – Pedro Robledo, Building Services
- 15 years – Jamesine Akin, Building Services
- 15 years – Deborah Cocanig, Reference Librarian
- 15 years – Kay Gibson, Reference Services
- 15 years – MaryLynn Mysz, Head of Patron Services
- 25 years – Elaine McClure, Technical Services

Live Homework Help

Oak Lawn students struggling to finish homework assignments can now take advantage of online homework help offered at the library's Internet workstations and via our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). This service is available to students in fourth through twelfth grade, free of charge, seven days a week from 4:00-10:00 p.m. Students may chat-type with an expert tutor for up to 20 minutes of online interactions. Assistance is offered in math, science, social studies and English. An Oak Lawn Public Library card number is required to log on to the program via the Internet.

Ask a Librarian On-line Service

Need a question answered and you can't stop in or call? Oak Lawn residents are encouraged to submit brief, factual questions to our reference librarians via the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). This service is also available to non-residents who have specific questions about Oak Lawn history. Just click on "Ask a Librarian" at the opening page of our web site and fill out the short electronic form. You must supply complete contact information to ensure a reply. Responses will usually be provided within 24 hours, Monday through Friday, during the library's regular business hours.

Community Display Cases

Spotlight your club or organization! Show off your collection! Exhibit handicrafts! Promote a local activity or event! Be creative!

Here's how -- The library has two community display cases that may be reserved for one month by individuals, local community groups and organizations. Each display case measures roughly three feet wide by four feet tall and two feet deep, with two adjustable shelves. Applications are available at the Reception Desk.

Recently, the library has hosted displays from the Salt Creek Quilt Guild, the Italian-American Women's Club, Musichoral and the Oak Lawn Camera Club.

Speakers Bureau Service

Clubs and organizations who need speakers and speakers who wish to make themselves available to such groups can get connected through the library's Speakers Bureau Service List. Participating speakers and agencies offer a wide variety of topics for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. The library does not act as an agent for any of the speakers, who may or may not charge a fee. All speaking arrangements and financial agreements are between the speaker and the hiring group.

To get a Speakers Bureau List or to sign up as a speaker, call 708-422-4990 or visit our Speakers Bureau Service web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/speaker.htm).



On Friday, April 21, 1967, the worst tornado to ever strike an urban area of the United States ravaged the Village of Oak Lawn. (Pictured) Oak Lawn High School was one of nine hundred buildings damaged in the disaster. Visit the Local History portion of the library's web site to view additional photos taken after this fateful event (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

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Access Chicagoland Records

Interested in determining current home values? Want to invest in foreclosed properties? Need to market products or services to recently established businesses?

The library now provides access to a new public record electronic database published by Record Information Services. There, you'll find detailed information on individual home sales, new businesses, foreclosures, foreclosure sales and bankruptcies that have taken place over the past four years in the immediate six county area of Northeast Illinois (Cook, Dupage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will). Because the data is compiled directly from county courthouses, it is very current. This valuable resource is available on any of the research computers located in the Reference Services Department, second floor. For more information, ask a Reference Librarian or call 708-422-4990.



The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation presents

The Community Library Book

DON'T WAIT! ACT FAST!

In order to allot time for engraving...

The deadline to be a part of the Grand Opening unveiling of the first series of book plaques is

April 15, 2004

Please note: Contributions received after that date will be subject to new donation guidelines.

Show your support in a highly visible way

Celebrate the opening of the new library addition! For a \$25 minimum tax-deductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, you can dedicate one or more square feet of the Oak Lawn Public Library for yourself, your business, in honor of a friend or in memory of a loved one. Best of all, the honoree's name will be engraved on a Community Library Book Plaque, to be prominently displayed in the library. At your request, a dedication card will be sent to the honoree or, in the case of a memorial, to the family of the deceased.

Help furnish the new library

Your donation will be applied toward the purchase of patron seating and tables for the library's new addition. If this campaign is a rousing success, other projects will be undertaken to benefit the library's facilities.

Reserve your square foot today

Please fill out the form below and return it to the library before April 15, 2004. "Volume One" of the Library Foundation's Community Library Book Plaques will be unveiled at the library's grand opening, yet to be scheduled. For more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/lib-fnd.htm).

The Library Foundation thanks you

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines, the full amount of this contribution is reportable for tax purposes.

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The Community Library Book Donation Form

Yes, I would like to dedicate ____ square foot/feet of the Oak Lawn Public Library at \$25 per square foot.*
(Names will be listed on the plaque once. Any additional square feet will be recognized next to the entry.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please make your check payable to:
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Drop off at the library's Reception Desk or mail to:
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Friends Footnotes

Spring Day Trip Offerings

✓ **Musical Comedy Double Feature:** Sunday, April 25. Your visit to The Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN begins with a delicious brunch. Afterwards, enjoy a matinee performance of two fantastic theater productions: "A Day in Hollywood," a musical celebrating the Golden Age of Cinema with dancing and memorable hit songs; and "A Night in the Ukraine," a comedy featuring the Marx Brothers, who reek havoc in Russia in yet another nutty adventure. Cost: \$52 for members, \$57 for others. Departs at Noon. Returns at 5:00 p.m. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 13.

✓ **Ethnic Grocery Store & Bakery Tour:** Monday, May 17. Explore new flavors and experience multicultural cuisine. Stop and shop in a variety of ethnic neighborhoods on Chicago's north side, including: Argyle for Vietnamese and Chinese selections; Andersonville for a Swedish bakery and lunch at Reza's Restaurant, where the menu is Persian and Mediterranean; and the Devon Street area for the foods of India. This highly informative tour will be led by a docent who is a member of the Chicago Culinary Historians. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, for there is a fair amount of walking on this trip. Cost: \$32 for members, \$37 for others. Departs at 9:00 a.m. Returns at 3:00 p.m. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 3.

✓ **Notice:** The location of each in-person registration will be posted on the Cook Avenue doors that morning. Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.

Members of the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Short Story Discussion Group share views about their latest read. Meetings regularly consist of 12-20 participants. New members are welcome. No registration required.



Discussion Groups

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month at the library, September through May. For more information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

✓ **Short Story Discussion -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.**

March 10 - "The Concert Player..." by F. O'Connor

April 14 - "The Hitch-Hikers" by E. Welty

✓ **Book Discussion -- 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m.**

March 24 - "Nickel and Dimed..." by B. Ehrenreich

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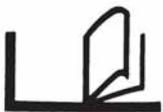
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Construction Closing

Sometime in mid-March, the library will be closed for several days, possibly an entire week, to move into the new addition. Closing announcements will be posted on the library's entry doors, provided during our opening phone greeting and released to local newspapers, if time permits. We apologize for any inconveniences.

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Explore the Reading Trail

Oak Lawn students and residents in preschool through eighth grade, teens and adults are invited to join our 2004 Summer Reading Program for ten weeks of fun activities and fabulous prizes.

Summer Reading for Children

Discover new territory at the library this summer by exploring books, prizes and programs!

The Oak Lawn Public Library joins the IREAD Committee of the Illinois Library Association to invite all Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools to **EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL** at the library from June 7 until August 13.

The purpose of this program is to provide children enjoyment in reading and to motivate them to maintain reading skills during the long summer break. Our Youth Services librarians will visit Oak Lawn schools in May to promote the summer program.

Registration begins Monday, June 7 in the Youth Services Department. Summer reading goals and activities are divided according to age group. Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration.

Members may enter weekly drawings if they read a book about camping, adventure, the west, exploration, pioneering or settling the nation. The prize is an autographed paperback book.

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Katie Marovitch of Oak Lawn won first prize in the Youth Services "Explore the Reading Trail" poster contest. Registration for the library-wide summer reading program begins Monday, June 7.

New Addition Now Open!
Photos & details on back page

Spring Food Drive

The library will collect nonperishable food Friday, April 30 through Friday, May 14. Drop-off containers are located in our lobby. Donations will be sent to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

Summer Reading for Teens & Adults

Starting Monday, June 7, patrons, high school age and up, may trek into the library and **EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL**. Register for the adult summer reading program at the Readers' Advisory Desk, in the new addition. Our librarians have foraged for some great prizes. Special activities are planned for first and second year high school students. The program ends August 13.

- ✓ **CLOSED** on Sundays after May 23. Sunday hours resume in mid-September.
- ✓ **CLOSED** on Sunday and Monday, May 30 and 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

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Reading club members may pick up free tickets for "Magic for Muggles" starting Monday June 7. At this two-hour magic workshop on June 11, participants will learn to do tricks with a wand and go home with a bag of magic tricks. Limit: 150 members.

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Every two weeks a different drop-in craft will be offered for members with a creative flair.

Calling All American Girls (and Boys) is a four-week program held on Tuesday mornings. Registered members will discover how children lived long ago in America by participating in activities they once enjoyed.



The **Adventure Club** will be four thrilling weeks of fun activities on Thursday mornings. Registered members will participate in adventures through games, crafts, a "Series of Unfortunate Events" and more.

Book Buddies is a program where older readers (grades 7-10) will guide pre-readers (ages 3-6) through books by reading stories to them for a half hour.

The five Friday Specials are: **Magic for Muggles**, presented by John "Doc" Morrissy; **Happy Trails to You**, presented by Tim Hannig; **Earthkeepers**, presented by the Chicago Region Interpreters; **Explore Your Imagination**, presented by Thaddeus Rex (a.k.a. T-Rex); **Big Run Wolf Ranch**, presented by John Basile.

Complete details are available in the Youth Services Department or at our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

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Children in Preschool through 6th Grade

Chart your course for adventure! Registration for **EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL** begins Monday, June 7. The goal of the program is to encourage participants to delve into books and explore the fun of reading, but other activities will be offered, as well. Program participants will register in one of three reading groups with the following reading goals:

- ✓ **Pioneers** - Pre-readers. Goal: Someone reads 20 books to them.
- ✓ **Explorers** - Readers through 4th grade. Goal: 10 books at their reading level.
- ✓ **Adventurers** - 5th and 6th graders. Goal: five books at their reading level.

To keep track of all our readers who are exploring, each school will be represented in the library by a different Trail Marker. Upon reaching their first goal, reading club members will have their name displayed on a cowboy boot near their school's Trail Marker. They will also receive a button and an invitation to a pizza party at Haunted Trails Family Amusement Center.

Registration in the **EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL** program allows children to participate in programs all summer long. Activities offered include: storytimes, puzzles, weekly drawings, crafts, sign language, Book Buddies and Friday Specials. Here's a sampling of this year's prizes: water bottles, back sacks, book bags, buttons, camp hats, CD cases, journals and pens, tickets to a Windy City ThunderBolts baseball game and autographed books.

Complete details are available in the Youth Services Department or at our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Young Adults in 7th and 8th Grade

Oak Lawn students and residents in 7th and 8th grade are invited to travel to the library for of prizes, programs and fun as they **EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL**. Registration begins Monday, June 7 in the Youth Services Department. For every five books read, members can choose a prize from coupons and gift



certificates donated by local businesses. Participants may also sign up for activities that are open to 9th and 10th graders, such as a sign language class, a jewelry making class and a graphic novel program. Members may earn service hours by joining Book Buddies and reading to younger children or participating in a junior volunteer program. Complete details are available in the Youth Services Department or at our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Computer Lab Open for Business

One of the most impressive unveilings at our ribbon cutting on March 22 was the new Computer Lab located on the second floor of the recently completed addition. With 28 PC workstations now in place, the lab provides access to the Internet and use of Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access).

In coming months, new computer management software will require that each user have a valid Suburban Library System (SLS) card, with no large fines or delinquencies. Once this change occurs, Oak Lawn residents will still use the computer lab for free, but nonresidents will be charged \$1 per hour. The management software will also act as a debit system for printing in black and white (5 cents per page) and color (\$1 per page).

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Staff Recommendation

Battle of the Atlantic: Hitler's Gray Wolves of the Sea and the Allies' Desperate Struggle to Defeat Them.

By: Andrew Williams. Call number: 940.5429/Williams

Riveting story tells of the historic battle between German submarines (U-boats) and the Allied forces, particularly the British, during World War II. Photographs and first-person accounts by German and Allied commanders, seamen and survivors, as well as information about the technological and code-breaking aspects of the battle, make it a hard book to put down. Includes the stories of a lone survivor pulled out of the water while over 600 on the ship die, a lifeboat carrying ten men adrift for 46 days in icy water and German submarines so close to New York that they could see the lights of Coney Island.

-- Nancy Dunne, Readers' Advisory Staff

Free Blood Pressure ✓

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free Blood Pressure Screenings at our library on the second Wednesday of most months at 1:00-3:00 p.m. The next screening dates are May 12 and June 9. For more information, call 708-346-3289 or visit the Partnership's web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).



Friends Footnotes

Are you a Friend?

Each year, more than 500 people join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Now is the time to renew your membership or join up for the first time. Dues are \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family (includes a spouse and children under age 18). By joining, you help the Friends support the needs of the Oak Lawn Public Library. What you get is news updates from the Friends and a \$5 discount on most trip tickets. A form is printed below.

Annual Dinner Meeting

Join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library for an evening of good food and fellowship at their 26th Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 3 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a delicious chicken entree, cash bar and a special gift for all who attend. Reservation forms are available at the library. The deadline to reserve your spot is Wednesday, May 26.

Summertime Trip Update

✓ **Chicago White Sox Game:** Thursday, June 24. See south side's home team take on the Cleveland Indians at US Cellular Field in reserved upper deck box seats. Departs: 11:30 a.m. Returns: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$27 for Friends members and \$32 for others. In-person registration: Saturday, May 22 at 9-11 a.m., in the library's lobby. Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person.

✓ **Grant Park Concert Trips:** Plans for two Grant Park concert trips are now in the works. Look for flyers at the library and details in our next newsletter. Advance registration will be offered at the Friends Annual Dinner.

Friends Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____

___ Individual (\$5) ___ Family (\$8)

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Membership year runs June 1st through May 31st

Construction Project News

Have you been to our library lately? Now that the 30,000 square foot addition is open and operational, we encourage you to stop by to experience these additions and improvements: ✓ New Patron Computer Lab ✓ Drive-up Book Drop ✓ Beautiful window views of the Village Green ✓ One centralized check out desk for all types of materials ✓ More public seating ✓ Additional group study rooms ✓ Automatic doors at the Raymond Avenue entrance.

This spring, renovations are underway in other portions of the building. Near Youth Services, a wall was demolished in order to expand that department. On the lower level, a space once occupied by staff offices is being converted into two additional public meeting rooms. Also under construction are staff offices and a new Reception Booth on the first floor of the library, near the Cook Avenue entrance. Within months, the following amenities will be open to the public: ✓ Patron Café ✓ Enlarged Friends Ongoing Book Sale ✓ More community meeting rooms ✓ Automatic doors at the Cook Avenue entrance.

The grand opening for the entire building project will take place this summer, once the remaining renovations are completed. Look for an announcement coming by mail.

Special thanks go out to the Village of Oak Lawn and all its residents for their continued support.

For updates, information, drawings and construction photos, visit our building expansion project web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/building.htm).



A crowd of enthusiastic patrons gather in the library's new spacious lobby and two-story atrium to witness the official opening of our new 30,000 square foot addition on March 22.



Acting Mayor Ron Stancik officiates the March 22 ribbon cutting. Standing by are Village Clerk A. Jayne Powers, Village Trustee Jerry Hurckes, the entire Library Board of Trustees and Library Director Dr. James B. Casey.

New Book Drops & Video Drops

Library materials may be deposited in book and video drops at these convenient locations: Raymond Ave. entrance, and Cook Ave. entrance (books only). Coming soon, drive-up drops on the north end of our facility, near Village Green.

✓ June is Audiobook Month!



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2004 Summer Reading Program
EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL

Registration begins Monday, June 7



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Putting on the Finishing Touches

The construction crew may be gone, but there's still a lot going on to furnish new areas, update and install directional signage, put up additional shelving and finish decorating the library. Here are some features and services that we can now offer to you.

Drive-up Book and Video Drops

Returning material to the Oak Lawn Public Library is now more convenient! Patrons on-the-go may use new drive-up book and video drops on the north end of our building, near the Village Green. The drops are accessible from Cook Avenue only via a single, one way lane. The library's drive-up drops are open year-round, all hours of the day.

Additional book and video drops are available inside the library at our centrally located Circulation Desk and two other places outdoors. At Raymond Avenue, there are book and video drops. At Cook Avenue, there is a single drop box for books only.

Automatic Doors at Both Entrances

Getting inside the Oak Lawn Public Library is even easier! For the first time ever, automatic doors are on either side of our facility. This upgrade in accessibility is a great amenity for families and people with physical limitations.

Community Meeting Room Use

Gathering a group at the Oak Lawn Public Library is once again possible! The library has three meeting rooms that may be reserved by community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational or civic in character.

Reservations for dates September 1 through December 30, 2004 will be accepted beginning August 1 on a first-come, first-served basis. Starting July 1, you may pick up an application form at the Reception Booth. The entire Board Policy governing meeting room use is attached to each application.



With drive-up drops, you don't have to leave the car!

Explore the Reading Trail
2004 Summer Reading Program
Fun activities! Great prizes! Details inside!

Mark Your Calendar

Our library will hold a Rededication Ceremony and Celebration on Sunday, September 19. Festivities will include special program offerings for children and adults, giveaways, contests and more. Look for further information in the next issue of this newsletter.

The library will be CLOSED in observance of Independence Day Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5. The library is closed Sunday hours until September 19.

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2004 Summer Reading Program Explore the Reading Trail



Oak Lawn students and residents in preschool through eighth grade, teens and adults are invited to participate in fun activities and earn fabulous prizes. Registration is still underway. The program ends August 13.

From the Youth Services Department

For Summer Reading Participants!

Big Run Wolf Ranch -- John Basile. Friday, July 30 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 14. In a safe viewing environment, children will meet and interact with real, live wolves and other wild animals, while learning about their place in the environment. Tickets will become available July 16.

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Complete details are available in a booklet you can pick up in the Youth Services Department or at our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Special Activities

Drop-in Crafts. Summer reading club members can make a different craft every two weeks when they come in to have their reading chart stamped.

Camp Out With Stories. On Wednesday evenings, July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 7:00-7:45 p.m., participants and their families are invited to listen to stories and songs.

Teens & Adults

There's still time to register for the adult summer reading program and earn a prize! Stop by the Readers' Advisory Desk, first floor. Patrons high school age and up who read five books will be awarded a sport water bottle. There are also special activities open to first and second year high school students.

Remaining Friday Specials

Children must be enrolled in the summer reading program to participate. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents are not issued tickets, but may stay for the programs with their children younger than seven years of age.

Explore Your Imagination! with Thaddeus Rex (aka T-Rex). Friday, July 23 at 2:00-2:45 p.m. Ages 3 to 10. Enjoy an interactive performance of music and stories guaranteed to captivate children while promoting an appreciation and love for reading. Tickets available beginning July 9.

Big Run Wolf Ranch with John Basile. Friday, July 30 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 14. (See photo and caption in upper corner.)

7th through 10th Graders

Comic Book Program. Tuesday, July 6 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. Explore some of the latest – and the greatest – in comics and graphic novels. Kal Shaar of Oak Lawn comics store Tenth Planet will present what's new in comics – the titles, storylines, writers and artists you should know – from Lee and Kirby to Loeb and Turner. He will also take you through a brief look at some of the must-read stories from years past. All those who attend will receive a free comic book courtesy of Tenth Planet. Advance registration is encouraged.

Jewelry Making. Tuesday, July 20 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. Learn wire and crimping techniques to create your own necklaces and bracelets. Discover design tips for making your own beautiful creations. Students will practice the crimping technique and use provided kits to finish one necklace to take home. Limited to 15 participants.

Assistance for Job Hunters

Oak Lawn Public Library cardholders can now access vocational guidance from the Institute of Career Research online via our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

This resource will provide detailed information about careers, including educational requirements, needed traits, job aspects, worker interviews and more. The resource also offers compatibility tests, scholarship opportunities, a bulletin board and a planner for finding the best educational programs. The web site will be helpful to young people facing the prospect of choosing their life's work and to adults who need guidance when changing careers.

To access the information, go to the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us) and select "Indexes & Databases." Click on "Career & Employment" and select the "Institute for Career Research" link. Enter your name, card number and the provided user name and password.

Visit the library to take advantage of the resources and circulating material available at our Career Center, second floor. A number of publications listing local, national and international job openings are kept for browsing at the Periodicals Desk.

Library Employment Web Site

People wishing to land a job at the Oak Lawn Public Library can find a wealth of information at our recently established Human Resources web site. Just start at the library's main page (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us) and click on "Employment Opportunities."

The Human Resources web site details current position openings, employment policies, the application process, descriptions of library positions, required qualifications and employee benefits. Interested parties may download the library's application for employment using Adobe Acrobat software.

The Oak Lawn Public Library accepts applications and resumes on an ongoing basis for full-time, part-time and substitute positions. Most openings are for part-time service desk clerks and book shelvers (12-20 hours per week). Applications are also available at the library's Reception Booth.

The Oak Lawn Public Library is an equal opportunity employer (EOE).

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Village of Oak Lawn Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on the following Wednesdays: July 14, August 11 and September 8. This free monthly program will resume at our library on the second Wednesday of most months October 8 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 708-346-3289 or visit their web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).



Since March, the library's new Adult Computer Center has offered expanded access to the Internet and PC applications to thousands of techno savvy patrons.

News for Computer Users

In early June, a new computer management software system (SAM) was installed in both the Adult and Youth Services Computer Centers. Now, to log onto the Internet or use a PC, patrons must present a valid library card that is in good standing, with no large fines or delinquencies. Visitors can apply for temporary passes at the staff desk.

The benefits of the new system include tracking patron use statistics, providing equal access to everyone with timed one-hour computer sessions and cost recovery, for SAM also acts as a debit system to print in black and white (5 cents per page) and color (\$1 per page).

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In the Youth Services Department, the number of Internet workstations for children up through eighth grade has increased from two to 10.

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Welcome!

On May 1, Julia Churchill joined our Patron Services staff as the new Audio Visual librarian. Her responsibilities include assisting patrons, promoting AV materials and selecting items for the library's video, music and audio book collections.



Friends Footnotes

A Fantastic Cultural Trip

✓ **Field Museum -- Splendors of China's**

Forbidden City: Wednesday, September 1. Explore the hidden world of the Imperial court and glorious reign of Emperor Qianlong, 1736-1795. See nearly 400 treasured artifacts on loan from the Palace Museum in Beijing. Enjoy an Asian-themed lunch served in a souvenir box. Cost: \$45 for members, \$50 for others, which includes motorcoach transportation, admission charges and lunch. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. Returns at 2:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, August 7.

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Staff Happenings

* Library Director Dr. James B. Casey was recently elected to serve a three-year term on the Council of the American Library Association (ALA), which is the oldest and largest library association in the world with more than 64,000 members nationwide.

* Richard Gast, Network Manager since April 1994, has left the library to pursue other career ventures. During his ten years in that challenging position, the library saw a dramatic increase in the demand for technology and a widespread expansion the Internet.

Staff Recommendation

The Great Blue Yonder by Alex Shearer
(JUV/Fiction/Shearer)

Just before Harry dies, he yelled at his sister, "You'll be sorry when I'm dead." And now he is.

What is life like after you die? According to Harry, it's all about standing in line, paperwork, looking for lost loved ones and trying to get to "the Great Blue Yonder," whatever that is. And even though everyone is really friendly on the other side, it's just not the same as being alive. So Harry goes back to the land of the living and finds out that once you're dead, you can't go back, not really. -- Sarah Schroeder, Youth Services Librarian

The Ongoing Book Sale is Back

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Used Book Sale is now open at a new location on the first floor, near the Fiction stacks. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines cost 5 cents. Other items are priced as indicated. Funds collected by the sale support programming and purchases that are beyond the library's budget. Since 1978, the Friends have provided more than \$200,000 in gifts to the library.

Donate Items to the Friends' Sale

The Friends will begin accepting donations Monday, July 19. Please deposit "gently used" books, magazines and audio visual material at a collection area near the Cook Ave. entrance. If you wish to receive a tax letter by mail, stop by the Reception Booth to complete a form.



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Turning a Page in History



The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff request the honor of your presence at a

Rededication Celebration

Sunday, September 19, 2004

Everyone is welcome to attend. Details on next page.

Rededication schedule:

- ✓ Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Ceremony at 1:15 p.m.
- ✓ Reception will follow

Festivities will include:

- ✓ Children's activities
- ✓ Musical entertainment
- ✓ Light refreshments

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Rededication Celebration

Sunday, September 19 at 1:00-5:00 p.m.

It's time to celebrate the completion of the library's extensive building expansion and renovation project. The day's program will include:

- ✓ A Rededication Ceremony presided over by the Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees at 1:15 p.m.
- ✓ Staff conducted tours of the building with many behind-the-scenes areas
- ✓ Musical entertainment throughout the library
- ✓ Great activities for children (see below)
- ✓ Light refreshments in the expanded lower level meeting rooms starting at 2:00 p.m.
- ✓ Special offers, contests and giveaways

Children's Activities

✓ *Balloon Animals, Juggling, Face Painting & Magic* -- Join in the fun September 19 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

✓ *Drop-in Storytimes* -- A Youth Services Librarian will read to children ages three to eight Sunday, September 19 at 2:00-2:30 p.m. and 3:00-3:30 p.m. Parents must remain in the library. No registration required.

✓ *One-Day Drop-in Craft* -- On Sunday, September 19, children may stop by Youth Services to create an art project that commemorates this special occasion.

✓ *Congratulations Card to the Library* -- Starting September 1, young patrons may sign a gigantic card in the Youth Services Department.

✓ *Guess the Book* -- Starting September 19, children are invited to guess the title of a shredded book. First prize is a new book autographed by the author. Contest rules will be posted in Youth Services. (Don't fret. The shredded book was already badly damaged.)



Patrons enjoy a picturesque view of the Village Green when they visit the Periodicals reading area on the second floor of the library's 30,000 square foot addition that opened in March 2004.

Amnesty Week

September 19 through September 25, 2004

Don't miss this "once in a lifetime" opportunity to pay no late fines on overdue library material for an entire week. To qualify, items must be checked out from, owned by and returned to the Oak Lawn Public Library. This special offer does not extend to lost or damaged material. Additional restrictions may apply. Check with the Circulation Desk for details.

Oak Lawn History Trivia Contest

How well do you know Oak Lawn history? Put your knowledge to the test and be eligible to win the grand prize -- a TGIF Plus Getaway donated by the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel & Conference Center. Runners-up will receive a copy of "The Oak Lawn Story." The trivia forms and official rules will be available in the library's lobby starting September 19. The contest ends October 8.

Make Your Own Page in History

Share an experience you've had at our library and be part of a Memory Book we're creating for the Local History collection. Forms are now available in the library's lobby. The basis of all entries must be related to the Oak Lawn Public Library in some manner. Poems and artwork are also welcome. One memory page per person. Submissions are due at the library's Reception Booth by November 1.

Patron Appreciation Drawing

THANK YOU! Starting September 19, Oak Lawn residents can take away a free gift at this special walk-up drawing. One prize per patron, while supplies last.

The Oak Lawn Story - Price Cut!

Don't miss your chance to own a limited-edition book about the Village of Oak Lawn, with more than 230 fascinating historic photographs and stories from the archives of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

LIBRARY REDEDICATION PRICE CUT: \$25.00, starting on September 1. The price includes a \$7.00 tax-deductible donation to the Library Foundation. Checks or money orders only, payable to: *Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation*. You may purchase a copy at the library's Reception Booth. Shipping is available at a cost of \$4.00 per book.

For more information, call 708-422-4990.



Early Fall 2004 Children's Program Offerings

Registration began Saturday, August 28 in the Youth Services Department, unless otherwise noted. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented to register. In-person registration is required for Baby Business, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime and Junior Friends. Children may register for only one storytime program per series. For more information about these and other programs stop by the Youth Services Department for a Fall 2004 program booklet or visit the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Baby Business

A program of simple stories, fingerplays, Mother Goose rhymes and songs for babies age six to 23 months with an accompanying adult. Parents may choose one four-week session held at 9:30-10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays or Fridays during September and October. Limited to 10 adult/child teams.



Toddler Time

This program is designed for two-year-olds and an accompanying adult as well as children up to 3½-years-old who are not ready to attend Preschool Storytime by themselves. Each series consists of five sessions from September 21 to October 22. Patrons may choose Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. Limit of 12 adult/child teams per series.

Preschool and After School Storytime

These storytimes begin the week of September 20 and run through the week of October 18. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

Preschool Storytime, especially designed for three to five-year-olds, is offered on Monday mornings at 10:30-11:00 a.m., Tuesday afternoons at 1:30-2:00 p.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7:00-7:30 p.m.



After School Storytime, for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade, is offered Wednesday afternoons at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

The first Saturday of each month at 10:00-10:30 a.m., a Youth Services Librarian will present a half-hour program of stories for children ages three to eight. This program is for busy, on-the-go families, so no registration is required. Parents are welcome to join their children for storytimes on September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4. Parents who do not attend the storytimes are reminded to stay inside the library.

Culture Club

Young people in 3rd-6th grade are invited to discover stories, crafts, games and recipes from other cultures and countries. Sessions will be held every other Monday at 4:00-5:00 p.m. beginning September 20. Advance registration required. Limited to 30 participants.

Junior Friends of the Library



Students in 7th through 10th grade may volunteer to assist with displays, programs and other special projects in the Youth Services Department for one hour a week, September 13 through November 19. Limited to 10 registered members who will attend an orientation meeting Monday, September 13 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday Specials

Now that the library's meeting room expansion project is complete, Youth Services can again offer programs with professional performers on Saturday afternoons. Free tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Adults may pick up only enough tickets for the children they will bring to the program. Adults are not given tickets, but those accompanying children under age seven must stay for the performance. Please observe the age limits for each program.

James and the Giant Peach



American Eagle Productions
Saturday, September 25 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
For ages 4 to 12

Tickets available beginning September 9

Travel with James and his Peach, along with various insects, on a fantastical journey across the ocean in this happily-ever-after musical production based on Roald Dahl's classic story.

Halloween Haunted Tales

Michèle Freese, librarian and master storyteller
Saturday, October 30 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
For kindergarten to adult
Tickets available beginning October 16

Thrill to the not-too-scary stories that will put you in a shivery mood, just in time to dress in a spooky costume for your favorite holiday. The program will end with a gory tale, preceded by a short break allowing the squeamish to exit before the frights begin.



Planning Ahead

Registration begins October 16 for late fall sessions of Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, After School Storytime and a program based upon the "Series of Unfortunate Events" books.

Adult Programs Resume

The library will offer the following programs free of charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in our lower level meeting rooms. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

The Streets and San Man's Guide to Chicago Eats

Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Dennis Foley for a reading and slide show highlighting the best Chicago area lunch joints. The author is a lifelong Chicagoan and electrician for the City of Chicago's Streets and Sanitation Dept. Afterwards, his book will be available for purchase and signing.

The Grand Avenue Swing Band

Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m.

The joint will be jumpin' as seven talented musicians perform favorites from the big band era. Sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

Southern Spain and Exotic Morocco

Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Armchair travelers will explore Spain's beautiful Costa del Sol, tour historic Seville, marvel at the famous Alhambra, cross the Strait of Gibraltar, see the sights and visit the home of a Moroccan family.

The Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Don Giovanni -- Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Das Rheingold -- Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Aida -- Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m.

At each program, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the story's plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. Sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

Adult Programming Survey

Planning will soon begin for the library's 2005 Adult Library Programming schedule. To ensure that we meet the community's needs and cover a variety of interests, the library will conduct an Adult Programming Survey through December 17. Surveys will be available at fall adult programs and in the lobby starting September 1.

Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings at the Village of Oak Lawn Farmers Market Wednesday, September 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This free monthly program resumes at the library on the second Wednesday of most months starting October 13 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. For more information, call 708-346-3289 or visit their web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).



John Allivato of the Building Services Department shared his flair for cartoon art by drawing ten large posters featuring well-known comic book characters. A selection of posters are on display in the library's new Young Adult area, first floor.

Staff Recommendation

Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India (DVD)

In Victorian India under British rule, the people must pay a land tax. Unfortunately, the crops are not good this year. One man decides to confront the officer in charge and ask him to excuse the tax. The officer tells the man that he and his village will be excused from the tax if they beat his men in a game of cricket, a game they know nothing about. He accepts the challenge, and must now persuade the villagers to learn cricket. This is a real nail biter down to the very end.

-- Julia Churchill, Audio Visual Librarian

Attention New Parents!

Babies love to be read to, and it's never too early to start sharing the joy of books. That's why our library is happy to offer new parents a free Newborn Packet full of information and surprises for you and your baby. If your child is six months or younger, just bring in proof of residency and sign up your baby for his or her first library card at the Circulation Desk. Then, head over to the Youth Services Department to receive your free goodies!

This program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

Discover Great Books

The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Group meets September through May on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. Meetings are held in the Mary Nelson Room. For more information, contact Marcia McGerty, 708-974-1673, or Jim Clauter, 708-423-3994.

Tutor.com Live Homework Help

Now that school is back in session, Oak Lawn students in 4th through 12th grade are invited to take advantage of Live Homework Help offered at the library's Internet computers or via its web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). This service is available at no cost in English and Spanish seven days a week from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Students may chat online with an expert tutor for up to 20 minutes of live interaction to receive assistance in math, science, social studies and English.

At the library, simply click the link on the home page. When accessing this service outside the library, an Oak Lawn Public Library card is required to log onto the program. Students may also log on with a username and password in order to check their past sessions or to connect to the tutors they prefer.

Through Live Homework Help, the library offers free help when students need it so they can go to class prepared, become more confident in class and improve their grades.

Homebound Services

Can't make it to the library? Then we'll come to you!

Homebound delivery services are available to Oak Lawn residents of any age who cannot use the library due to physical disabilities or illness. Library volunteers and staff will bring library materials to those who qualify.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990, or visit the library's Homebound Services web site where you may print out an application form (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/hb-intro.htm).



Display Cases

Spotlight a club or organization! Promote an activity or event! Exhibit handicrafts! Show off a collection!

The library has two community display cases that may be reserved for one calendar month by individuals, local community groups and organizations. Each display case measures roughly three feet wide by four feet tall and two feet deep, with two movable shelves. Applications are available at the Reception Booth. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Senior Safety Expo

The Oak Lawn Public Library will be one of more than a dozen exhibitors scheduled to appear at the first annual **Senior Safety Expo** held at the **Oak Lawn Senior Center** (5330 W. 95th St.) on Wednesday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The event, coordinated by the Oak Lawn Police and Fire Departments, will focus on safety and services available for Oak Lawn seniors. Light refreshments. For more information call the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 708-499-0240.

Long-Term Staffers Celebrate Big Anniversaries



30 years -- William Goodfellow
Reference Services Department Head



20 years -- Lorraine Grivakis
Technical Services Department Assistant



Mary Ann Covert of Oak Lawn has reached the CDM Adult Reading Club 1,000 book goal. Patrons high school age and up are invited to join the CDM Club and earn prizes while reading at their own pace. Details at the Readers' Advisory Desk.

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Mon. thru Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun.* 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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The library board meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. 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 M 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.

A Message from the Director

Whenever I walk past the remarkably lifelike statue of Ernie Kolb, I am reminded how much wisdom, good will and support from all segments of our community contributed to the success of our library construction project. It was on September 25, 2001, just days after the tragedy of 9/11, that our Village Board concurred with the Library Board in authorizing the project to begin. It was a bold action in defiance of the negativity and fear which the terrorists had hoped to instill in our country. In response to an act of destruction, the Oak Lawn community voted to build upon a long tradition of support for libraries and learning -- important pillars of freedom and democracy.



Good intentions are seldom enough, however. Our successful construction project was the result of skillful planning and ceaseless labor by library staff and board members working in consultation with architects Patrick Callahan and Chris Anderson, and with the general contractor's representatives David Wolf and Jim Spellman. Cooperation from the Village and Park District administrators also proved to be essential. Most importantly, YOU the Oak Lawn taxpayers who supported this project with your hard-earned tax dollars and the countless patrons, who joined with our staff in enduring more than two years of difficult, cramped working conditions, deserve credit for the improved facility we enjoy today. The excellence of our library is a credit to the entire community and a treasure which we can share with many future generations.

-- Dr. James B. Casey, Library Director



Friends Footnotes

Upcoming Trip Offerings

✓ **Historic Pullman House Tour:** Saturday, October 9. Take a self-guided tour behind the beautiful facades of eight 120-year-old landmark homes that represent a cross-section of the different types of housing in the Pullman area. A docent in each residence will explain the ways that homeowners blend the past and present in their historic homes. Lunch will be on your own. Cost: \$28 for members, \$33 for others. Departs at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18.

✓ **Notice:** Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.

Discussion Groups

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month in the Mary Nelson Room, during September through May. You may pick up a complete list of future discussions in the library's lobby. For more information, call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

- ✓ **Short Story Discussion -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.**
September 8 - "Gogol" by Jhumpa Lahiri
October 13 - "The Overcoat" by Nikolai Gogol
- ✓ **Book Discussion -- 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m.**
September 22 - "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri
October 27 - "Alias Grace" by Margaret Atwood

- Friends Ongoing Used Book Sale Now Open -



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NOTICE

- ✓ **CLOSED:** Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Friday, September 10 for a Staff Inservice Training Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Saturday, September 11
- ✓ **OPEN:** Sundays at 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning September 19

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Serving the Community

“Food for Thought” Now Brewing

Why not savor some refreshments the next time you visit!

The “Food for Thought” café is opening for business on the first floor of the library’s new addition, near the Raymond Avenue entrance. Their menu features a selection of gourmet coffee drinks, cold beverages, pastries and deli, wrap and panini sandwiches. Initially, the café will operate the same hours as the library.

Please bear in mind that all food items must be consumed within the café. At this time, covered drinks may be brought into the library, except for areas that have computers and electronic equipment. With your help (and lots of new trash cans), the library will be kept tidy and clean. Enjoy!

Fostering a Season of Giving

In the spirit of the holidays, we invite you to participate in the following charity drives:

Fall Food Drive -- Help feed needy families in our area by donating nonperishable food and canned goods. Drop-off containers will be in the library’s lobby Monday, November 1 to Thursday, December 23. All donations will go to local food pantries.

Toys for Tots -- Bring holiday joy to those less fortunate by donating unwrapped toys for children up to age 12. Collection barrels will be placed in the library’s lobby from Friday, November 26 to Thursday, December 23.

OXFAM Program -- Collect canceled postage stamps to help aid the poor, starving and homeless worldwide. OXFAM (Oxford Famine Relief) packages and sells stamps to collectors. You may drop off stamps at the Circulation Desk year-round.

VOSH Program -- Put used eyeglasses to good use by donating them to VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity), a non-profit organization that provides free eye exams and used eyeglasses to people in underdeveloped countries. You may drop off eyeglasses at the library’s Reception Booth year-round.



The Friends Ongoing Used Book Sale offers thousands of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain prices. Funds collected by the sale support programming and purchases beyond the library’s regular budget. Patrons may donate “gently used” items for the sale near the Cook Avenue entrance.

We Need Your Input!

Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed community-wide survey and return it to the library by **December 30**. Thanks!

2004 Tax Forms Alert

After January 1, reproducible tax forms will be available near each photocopy machine. Please bear in mind that IL state materials usually arrive late. You may also access federal and state forms and publications via our web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

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Children's Programs -- Late Fall Series

Registration began Saturday, October 16, but there's still time to sign up if spaces are available. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at registration. In-person registration is required at the Youth Services Desk. Children may register for only one storytime program per series. For more information, pick up a current program booklet or visit the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).



Toddler Time

This program is designed for 2-year-olds and an accompanying adult as well as children up to 3½-years-old who are not ready to attend Preschool Storytime by themselves. Each series consists of five sessions from November 2 to December 3. Patrons may choose Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. Limited to 12 adult/child teams per series.

Preschool and After School Storytime

These storytimes begin the week of November 1 and run through the week of November 29. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

Preschool Storytime, for 3 to 5-year-olds, is offered Mondays at 10:30-11:00 a.m., Tuesday mornings at 1:30-2:00 p.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7:00-7:30 p.m.

After School Storytime, for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade, is held Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

The first Saturday of each month at 10:00-10:30 a.m., a Youth Services Librarian will present stories, songs and action rhymes for children ages 3 to 8. This program is for busy, on-the-go families, so no registration is required. Parents are welcome to join their children for these storytimes on November 6 and December 4. Parents who do not attend must stay inside the library.

A Series of Unfortunate Events

Misery loves company! 3rd through 6th grade fans of Lemony Snicket's popular series can suffer together for four wretched weeks as they look at the awful adventures of the Baudelaire orphans. Prepare for the worst (and the movie) with dreadful disguises, ghastly games and more. Sessions will be held 4:00-5:00 p.m. Monday, November 8, 15, 22 and 29. Limited to 30 children. Registration began October 16.

Family Reading Night

The Illinois State Library has declared Thursday, November 18 the 13th annual Family Reading Night. This year's theme is "Picture the Magic of Reading." The Youth Services Department encourages families to spend time reading together, whether at home or at the library, on this special evening.

Saturday Specials

Now that the library's newly expanded meeting rooms are completed, Youth Services will again offer programs with professional performers on select Saturday afternoons. Free tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Adults may pick up tickets for the children they will be bringing to the program. Adults are not issued tickets, but those accompanying children under age seven must stay for the performance. Please observe the age limits. All Saturday Specials are presented in the lower level meeting rooms, accessible via a stairway and elevator near the first floor Reception Booth.

Author Visit (Ages 4 to adult)

Candace Fleming

Saturday, November 20 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Lower Level Meeting Room

Tickets available beginning November 6

In celebration of Children's Book Week, award-winning Illinois author, Candace Fleming, will discuss her many popular children's books, including *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*; *Boxes for Katje*; and *Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life*. These books and others will be available for purchase and autographs. A great Christmas gift idea!

Zing! Went the Strings (Ages 3 to 12)

Dave Herzog's Marionettes

Saturday, December 4 at 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Lower Level Meeting Room

Tickets available beginning November 20

Thrill to these fabulous marionettes who are skillful skaters, intrepid trapeze artists, daring acrobats and toe-tapping dancers. You will be amazed, amused and completely enchanted by these puppets as they introduce you to their magical world of color, music and action.

Planning Ahead

A Chicago Wolves' player will make a special appearance in the Youth Services Department Wednesday, January 5 at 4:30-5:30 p.m. to kick off "Read to Succeed," a four-week reading program sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team. Registration for this and the Winter 2005 sessions of Baby Business, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, After School Storytime and Junior Friends begins Saturday, January 8.

Adult Library Programming

The following programs are offered free of charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting rooms. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

Dream Interpretation Workshop

Monday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Stankus will teach the five steps of dream interpretation and explain how your subconscious can reveal fears, desires or a different perspective on a problem through dreaming. Participants are advised to keep a dream journal before coming to this workshop so that they can get actual experience in working with dreams.

The Battlefield Balladeers

Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m.

This vocal-instrumental duo will perform toe-tapping, sing-along favorites from America's Civil War era on the guitar, banjo, harmonica, tambourine and mandolin. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Cash Dash & Bright Start

Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A representative from Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's office will discuss two financial programs. Starting at 6:00 p.m., you can have your name run through a computer to see if it appears in a database for unclaimed property or assets. At 7:00 p.m., learn about the Bright Start College Savings Program, a tax-advantaged investment plan that helps parents, grandparents, relatives and friends prepare for college education costs.

Jacqueline Kennedy: The Aesthetics of Style

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur will present a slide show and lecture examining Jacqueline Kennedy's impact on culture in America during her tenure as first lady, illuminating the interrelationship between Jackie's style, grace and poise and her interests in fashion, art and other subjects. This program will compliment the Field Museum exhibit that runs November 13 to May 8, 2005. (See the Friends Footnotes section for a day trip.)

Open Mike Short Story & Poetry Reading

Saturday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Share original poetry, short stories or just listen! Five minute time limit for all readers. Coffee & refreshments.

The Lyric Opera Lecture Series

The Cunning Little Vixen -- November 21 at 2:00 p.m.

The Wedding -- December 12 at 2:00 p.m.

At each program, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the story's plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

In Memory of Former Employees



Lillian L. McAninch, former Head of Reference Services.



Pauline Thomas Daniels, former Assistant Director.

Staff Recommendation

The Dream of Scipio by Iain Pears (FICTION/PEARS)

Neoplatonic themes are explored in three interlocking narratives set in southern France during three turbulent historic eras where civilization is under siege: the final days of the Roman Empire, the outbreak of the Black Plague and the German occupation of WWII. Readers will be drawn into a compelling human drama where three tragic, erudite protagonists struggle with a timeless philosophical dilemma, the individual good versus the greater good.
-- Linda M Olsen, Administration

Summer Reading Thank You

The following businesses donated fabulous prizes:

Baskin Robbins, 8828 Cicero | **Beggar's Pizza**, 10240 Central | **Blockbuster**, Burbank | **Borders Books & Music**, Chicago and Orland Park | **Brunswick Arena Bowl**, 4700 W 103rd | **Buscemi's Beef**, 10301 Central | **Chi Chi's**, Orland Park | **Chili's Grill & Bar**, Chicago Ridge | **DuPage Children's Museum**, Naperville | **DZ's Hollywood Park**, Crestwood | **Fox's Restaurant**, 9240 Cicero | **Frankie's Beef**, 5721 W 95th | **Gino's East**, 6156 W 95th | **Haunted Trails Family Amusement Center**, Burbank | **Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Center** (Whitney's Bar & Grille), 9333 Cicero | **Hollywood Video**, 10250 Central | **Jedi's Garden Restaurant**, 9266 Cicero | **Jr's Hot Dogs**, 6335 W 95th | **Kentucky Fried Chicken**, 10428 Cicero | **McDonald's**, 9128 Cicero, 10549 Cicero, 6034 W 95th | **Namco's Aladdin's Castle**, Chicago Ridge | **Oak Lawn Park District** | **Old Country Buffet**, Chicago Ridge | **Palermo's Italian Cuisine**, 4849 W 95th | **Phil's Pizza**, 8932 Ridgeland | **Premo's Drive-In**, 5540 W 95th | **Starbuck's Coffee**, 5135 W 95th | **Taco Bell**, 6049 W 95th | **Target Stores**, Bedford Park and Crestwood | **Tenth Planet**, 9513 Cicero | **Wendy's**, 9511 Cicero | **White Castle**, Bedford Park | **Windy City Thunderbolts**, Crestwood.

Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free health screenings in the library's lower level meeting room November 10 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. Stop in for blood pressure screenings, glaucoma testing and "Ask the Pharmacist" No screenings in December. For more information, call 708-346-3289 or visit their web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).

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Sun.* 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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The library board meets every third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Meetings are open to the public.

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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.



Friends Footnotes

Warm Up to Wonderful Winter Trips

✓ **Peoria Festival Lights & Show:** Monday, December 6. This 12-hour trip package includes holiday shopping, dinner, entertainment and the famous festival of lights. Start off at Folepi's Marketplace and shop for handcrafted items and gifts at more than 100 booths. After a delicious dinner buffet, enjoy the "Tribute to Bing Crosby Christmas Show." Then, a local guide will board the bus for an almost two mile drive through Folepi's Enchanted Forest and Winter Wonderland, where you'll see hundreds of decorated Christmas trees and animated displays. The bus will also stop at the near life-size, narrated Nativity scene. It's a long day, so be sure to bring money for snacks. Cost: \$60 for members, \$65 for others. Departs: 10:30 a.m. Returns: 10:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 6.

✓ **Jacqueline Kennedy Exhibit:** Wednesday, January 12. Visit the Field Museum to revisit an era of style and grace. Explore how Jacqueline Kennedy's taste, intelligence and charisma influenced American statesmanship and diplomacy. This exhibit features more than 70 garments, photographs, documents and film clips. Lunch will be on your own. Cost: \$32 for members, \$37 for others. Departs: 9:30 a.m. Returns: 2:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 4. (See also adult programs.)

✓ **Notice:** Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.

Readers Get Into the Discussion

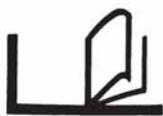
The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month (Sept.-May) in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. For more information, pick up a list of future discussions at the library or call Beth Baird, 708-422-4933.

✓ **Short Story Discussion -- 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

November 10 - "Original Beauty" by Heather Clay

December 8 - "Love Lessons" by Lara Vapnyar

✓ **No Book Discussions will be held during November and December**



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Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25
Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24
Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25
New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31
New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1

Oak Lawn Public Library Community Survey

Please take a few moments to complete and return this survey. When you have finished, cut it out of the newsletter, fold it in half and tape the bottom edge closed. You can then either mail the survey to the library postage free or drop it off at the Reception Booth, first floor.

The survey deadline is Thursday, December 30, 2004.

1. Do you live in Oak Lawn? Yes No -- If not, please tell us where: _____
2. Have you ever visited the Oak Lawn Public Library? Yes No -- Skip to question number 11
3. How long has it been since you or a family member last *visited* the Oak Lawn Public Library?
 1 month 6 months 1 year 5 years 10 years
4. How long has it been since you or a family member last *checked out materials* from the Oak Lawn Public Library?
 1 month 6 months 1 year 5 years 10 years
5. What were the reasons you or one of your family members last visited our library? (Check all that apply)
 Recreational reading Magazines and newspapers VHS or DVD rental
 Information, reference, research Internet access or computers Library program
 Other (specify) _____
6. How would you rate the *collection of materials* available at our library?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____
7. How would you rate the *services* provided by our library?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____
8. How would you rate the library's *computer resources* (Internet, PC applications and electronic databases)?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____
9. How would you rate the *staff assistance* provided by our library?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____
10. Your suggestions will guide us in making changes to meet your needs. Tell us how we can improve our:
 Fiction collection (comments) _____
 Books on specialized subjects (specify) _____
 Non-print materials (specify) _____
 Public seating areas (comments) _____
 Programs for children (suggestions) _____
 Programs for adults (suggestions) _____
 Internet access and computers (comments) _____
 Electronic resources (specify) _____
 Services or equipment for the disabled (comments) _____
 Other (specify) _____

Additional questions on reverse

11. What factors are important to you and your family when using a library? (Check all that apply)
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selection of reading material | <input type="checkbox"/> Public seating areas and tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reference materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer or Internet availability | <input type="checkbox"/> Special programs for children and adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | |
12. What special services, materials, facilities and enhancements would *your ideal library* offer? (Describe)
- _____
- _____
13. The Oak Lawn Public Library's regular hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (mid-September through mid-May)
- Are we open enough hours? Yes No
- If you checked "no," please indicate which hours you would prefer: _____
14. Do you have any reasons for **NOT** visiting our library? _____

Additional Comments:

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