

# Check it out

## Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library



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## Hidden Treasures

*Beyond books, magazines, computers, CDs and videos, your library offers many specialized materials and services that you may never have heard of before. For more information, call 708-422-4990.*

### In the Patron Services Department

*What's New* is a semi-monthly publication written and produced by the Fiction Staff to highlight the best new books - beyond the obvious bestsellers. Changing monthly *Fiction Book Displays* are "browsable" collections based on various themes or topics. An expanded collection of *Large Type Books* is located outside the coffee shop. Going far beyond the "comic books" of yesteryear, our *Graphic Novel Collection* is worth checking out. *Homebound Service* book delivery is free to Oak Lawn residents who are otherwise unable to come to the library. Some restrictions apply.

### In the Youth Services Department

*Puzzles and Toys* help children develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination in order to be successful readers. You may reserve one of two *Display Cases* for a month to exhibit school projects, scouting achievements, hobbies and collections. *New-born Packets* are given out to parents who register their babies (up to six months old) for a library card. *LeapPad* personal learning tools assist the development of phonological awareness, vocabulary, reading fluency, and comprehension from early childhood to fifth grade. Educational and entertaining *CD-ROMs* are available for children in the Movies, Music and Audio Books unit.

### In the Reference Services Department

The second floor *Quiet Study Room* offers a silent work environment for research and studying. Patrons may also reserve one of three *Group Study Rooms* for informal meetings of up to 12 people. Reservations are taken no more than three days in advance. The *Career Center* houses books, periodicals and resources for job seekers and those planning a career path. The *Local History* portion of the library's web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)) provides online access to thousands of photos, documents, the minutes of local government bodies and more.



Since November 1, thirsty and hungry patrons have sought out The Food For Thought Café on the first floor of the library's new addition, near the Raymond Avenue entrance. The menu features a selection of gourmet coffee drinks, cold beverages, pastries, soups and breakfast, deli, wrap and panini sandwiches. You may stop in, make your purchase and dine in the comfortable seating area. Carry out service is also available.

**CLOSED: New Year's Day, January 1**

### Tax Form Information

Starting January 2, the library will offer reproducible versions of tax forms in 3-ring binders near the photocopy machines. 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](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)). Look inside for information on where you can pick up or order forms from the IRS and the IL Department of Revenue.

# Children's Programs -- Winter Series

The Youth Services Department is pleased to present the following programs. Registration begins Saturday, January 8, unless otherwise indicated. 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 the Wolves' "Read to Succeed" program. For more information, pick up a Winter/Spring 2005 program booklet or visit the library's web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://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 six sessions, January 25 to March 4. Patrons may choose Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. Limit: 12 adult/child teams per series.

## Preschool and After School Storytime

These storytimes begin the week of January 24 and run through the week of February 28.

Preschool Storytime, for 3 to 5-year-olds, is offered Mondays 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 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 and songs for children ages 3 to 8. No registration required. Parents are welcome to join in at these storytimes on January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7. Parents who do not attend are reminded to stay in the library.

## Mother and Daughter Book Club

Girls in 3rd through 6th grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to explore great stories and take part in lively discussions. Each session will include related activities and snacks. Sessions will be held at 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, February 12, March 12 and April 9. Participants may sign up for one or any number of the sessions. Registration begins four weeks prior to each session. Book titles will be announced at registration. Limit: 15 pairs per session.



## Father and Son Book Club

Boys in 3rd through 6th grade and their fathers can remind each other just how fun reading can be. Each book club meeting includes a discussion, related activities and snacks. Sessions will be held at 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, February 26, March 26, and April 23. Participants may sign up for one or any number of the sessions. Registration begins four weeks prior to each session. Book titles will be announced at registration. Limit: 15 pairs per session.

## Read to Succeed: Chicago Wolves



Young readers through 8th grade are invited to join a reading incentive program initiated by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team. The goal is to read three library books between January 5 and January 31 to earn a prize. Registration begins Wednesday, January 5. One prize per child.

**Special Appearance:** Wednesday, January 5 at 4:30-5:30 p.m., Karl Stewart, Left Wing (#6), for the Chicago Wolves, will visit our library to give a short presentation on ice hockey, answer questions, sign autographs and dress an audience member in hockey gear.

## Junior Friends of the Library

Students in 7th to 10th grade may volunteer to assist with displays, programs and special projects in the Youth Services Department for one hour per week, January 10 through March 18. Members will attend an orientation meeting Monday, January 10 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Registration begins Sunday, January 2. Limit: 10 members.

## Saturday Specials

Free tickets are distributed first-come, first-served. These programs are held in the lower level meeting room.

### *Traveling World of Reptiles* (Ages 4 to 14)

Saturday, January 22 at 2:00-3:15 p.m.

Tickets available beginning January 8

This exciting, entertaining program provides an up-close, live, hands-on educational experience with reptiles. Dave DiNaso will explain how we can help preserve these species and the environments in which they live.



### *Tales of Hans Christian Andersen* (Ages 5 to 11)

Saturday, February 19 at 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Tickets available beginning February 5

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen, The Puppet Arte Troupe will perform a selection of Andersen tales, including "The Emperor's New Clothes" and "The Princess and the Pea."

## Planning Ahead

Registration begins February 26 for Spring sessions of Baby Business, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, After School Storytime and Junior Friends.

## Winter Adult Programs

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.

### *Sunday With Friends: Dyed in the Wool*

Sunday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m.

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

### *Beat the Unemployment Blues*

Monday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Shirley Moore will present the "Dynamic Do's" to help you land a great job. Learn about career assessment, professional presentation, referrals, networking, interviewing, resumes and win-win negotiation.

### *Investment Basics*

Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Charles Schmitz of Heritage Partners will show you where to start, strategies for investing and ways to determine if your investments are performing well. This program is intended for both new and experienced investors.

### *Sunday With Friends: A Valentine from Paris*

Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Claudia Hommel will perform a cabaret concert for lovers in both French and English, accompanied by a pianist and accordion player. This romantic musical revue will feature many well-known songs, such as "Moulin Rouge," "April in Paris" and "I Wish You Love." Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### *Decoding Da Vinci: The Art of Leonardo*

Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will present a slide lecture focused upon Leonardo da Vinci's artistic innovations and his impact on painting during the Italian Renaissance period. Please note: This is not a book discussion. Although, there will be some references made to "The Da Vinci Code" novel by Dan Brown.

### *George and Martha's House*

Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Vernon was on the verge of collapse 150 years ago. Betsy Green will present a slide show and lecture on George Washington's home and the grassroots campaign to save and restore it for future generations.

### *The Lyric Opera Lecture Series*

Fidelio -- January 16 at 2:00 p.m. (See Friends Trip)

Tosca -- January 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Learn about the plot and composer and listen to musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## New Magazines for 2005

Look for these titles at the Magazine Display on the second floor of the library beginning in January 2005.

*Budget Living* is a magazine for those who take saving money seriously. According to the editors, they "work around the clock searching for affordable objects of desire." This title will be helpful to those of us who want or need to pay less for the things we use in our daily lives.

*Cook's Illustrated* is dedicated to "finding the best methods for preparing favorite home dishes." It contains excellent illustrations of cooking methods, explanations of cooking terminology and "consumer report" type articles on recipe ingredients. It is a unique magazine, produced by the same people responsible for the "America's Test Kitchen" show on public television.

*Legal Affairs* describes itself as a "magazine at the intersection of law and life." It is written for the lay person with some interest in the law or our judicial system. It is the first general-interest magazine to explore legal issues in the context of politics, culture and society.

*Real Simple* is a magazine about slower, more deliberate living in a fast-paced age. The beautiful layout and lovely graphics are soothing elements in themselves. It aims to provide solutions for reducing clutter, saving time and reducing stress. The magazine is not geared toward the frugal shopper, but nearly everyone will find inspiring ideas about home, food, health, work and relationships within its pages.

## PADS Clothing & Toiletries Drive

Our library will serve as a drop-off site for a collection drive initiated by the Oak Lawn Community Partnership to aid guests of the local Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) program. You may help the homeless by donating these items from January 10 to March 1:

- ✓ New: socks, underwear (men's sizes 32-44 and women's sizes M-XL), and men's undershirts.
- ✓ New or gently used: sweatshirts and sweatpants.
- ✓ Toiletries: shaving cream, razors, and travel size deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo.

Visit the Oak Lawn Community Partnership web site: [www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com](http://www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com)

### Income Tax Form Information

#### **To pick up forms and publications:**

Federal: Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
5860 W. 111 St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415  
Phone: 708-346-7910 -- M-F: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
IL State: Illinois Department of Revenue  
100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-814-5232 -- M-F: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### **To order forms and publications by phone:**

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

## Oak Lawn Public Library

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(708)422-4990

### Web site:

www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us

### E-mail:

drjbc92@lib.oak-lawn.il.us

### Hours:

Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun.\* 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

### Board of Trustees:

Patricia Roberts, President  
Frank March, Vice President  
Suzanne Marzano, Secretary  
Michael Sutko, Financial Secretary  
Shirley Barrett  
Joann Buschbach  
Marian Sullivan

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.

### 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.



# Friends Footnotes

## Warm Up to These Wonderful Winter Trips

✓ **Opera Trip -- Fidelio:** Wednesday, February 2. A matinee performance of Beethoven's only opera at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. In German with projected English titles. Cost: \$62 for members, \$67 for others. Departs: 12:30 p.m. Returns: 5:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 8. (See "Winter Adult Programs" for a free opera lecture)

✓ **Chicago Flower & Garden Show:** Monday, March 14. A multitude of indoor gardens featuring flora from all over the world in full bloom at Chicago's Navy Pier. Lunch will be on your own. Cost: \$22 for members, \$27 for others. Departs: 10:00 a.m. Returns: 3:00 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 12.

✓ **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.

## Read and Get Into the Discussion

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

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

January 12 - "City of Clowns" by Daniel Alarcon

February 9 - "My Father Addresses Me On the Facts..." by Grace Paley

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

January 26 - "Straight Man" by Richard Russo

February 23 - "The House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers **Free Health Screenings** in the library's lower level meeting room the second Wednesday of most months at 1:00-3:00 p.m. Stop by for a blood pressure check and much more on January 12 and February 9. For details, call 708-346-3289 or visit their web site ([www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com](http://www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com)).



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- ✓ Patron Services
- ✓ Youth Services
- ✓ Reference Services

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## Celebrate National Library Week Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16

*Libraries continue to thrive because they change with the times, welcome new technologies, adapt their collections and seek ways to better serve the community.*

### Looking to the Future

Thanks to the 499 readers who took the time to respond to our community survey in the November/December 2004 issue of this newsletter. We are using your answers and comments to help us develop a Long Range Plan to improve library service and collections over the next five years. Although more than 90% of respondents feel that we are doing a good job of serving our community, we need to keep on listening and learning from you so that we can continue to give the best value for your tax dollars right on to 2010 and beyond. Our library shall strive to make sure that our community can be as confident of its future as it is proud of its past.

-- Dr. James B. Casey, Library Director

### Youth Services Leader Retires



It was with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that the Oak Lawn Public Library board, staff and patrons bid farewell to Youth Services Department Head Judith McMahon upon her retirement February 28. Judy's departure left us with a big job to fill and very high standards to maintain.

During her nearly 19 years at Oak Lawn, staffing levels, materials budgets and the physical size of the Youth Services Department all grew considerably. Technology moved from such media as record albums, filmstrips, 16mm films and slides to CDs, DVDs, CD-ROMs and Internet connections. Over the years, Judy's stature among her children's librarian colleagues earned recognition with a Rita A. Bert Award in 1994. For Youth Services Department's outreach efforts, she and her staff received a Best Practice Award from the Illinois Library Association in 2002.

Best wishes to Judy as she begins the next "chapter" of her life.

-- Dr. James B. Casey, Library Director



Library Foundation members Bill Brouwer, president of Oak Lawn Bank, Mildred Sujka and Linda Olsen, public relations officer, invite you to see the hundreds of names engraved on the first eight volumes of the Community Library Book. These plaques are hung in the library's lobby, near the Cook Avenue entrance. Look inside to learn how you can also show your support or honor someone in this highly visible way.

The library will be **CLOSED**  
Easter Sunday, March 27.  
Open regular hours all other dates.



### Spring Food Drive

Please help feed needy families in our area by donating nonperishable food and canned goods. You may drop off items in the library's lobby Monday, March 7 through Monday, April 11. All food drive donations will go to Oak Lawn food pantries. *Thank you for your generosity!*





# Spring Series of Children's Programs

Registration is underway at the Youth Services Desk, unless otherwise indicated. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented to enroll. In-person registration is required for Baby Business, Toddler Time and Preschool Storytime. For more information, call 708-422-4990, pick up a program booklet or visit our web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)).

## Baby Business

Simple stories and songs for babies age 6 to 23 months and an accompanying adult. Two 4-week series will be held in March and April on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30-10:00 a.m. Limit: 10 adult/child teams per series.

## Toddler Time

A program for 2-year-olds and an accompanying adult, as well as children up to age 3½ who are not ready to attend Preschool Storytime by themselves. Each series consists of six sessions from March 21 to April 29. Patrons may choose either Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. Limit: 12 adult/child teams per series.

## Preschool and After School Storytime

These storytimes begin the week of March 21 and run through the week of April 25.

Preschool Storytime, for 3 to 5-year-olds, is offered Mondays 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 2nd grade, is offered 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 for children ages 3 to 8. The next dates are March 5, April 2 and May 7. Parents are welcome to join in at these storytimes. Those who do not are reminded to stay in the library.



## Mother and Daughter Book Club

Girls in 3rd through 6th grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to explore great stories and take part in lively discussions and related activities, with snacks included. Sessions will be held Saturday, March 12 and April 9 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. Registration begins four weeks prior to each session. Book titles are announced at registration. Limit: 15 pairs per session.

## Father and Son Book Club

Boys in 3rd through 6th grade and their fathers (grandpas, uncles, etc.) can remind each other just how fun reading can be. Each book club meeting includes a discussion, related activities and snacks. Sessions will be held Saturday, March 26 and April 23 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. Registration begins four weeks prior to each session. Book titles are announced at registration. Limit: 15 pairs per session.

## Junior Friends of the Library

Students in 7th to 10th grade may volunteer to assist with displays, programs and special projects in the Youth Services Department for one hour per week, March 21 through May 27. An orientation meeting will be held on Monday, March 21 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Limit: 10 members.

## Saturday Specials

Free tickets are distributed first-come, first-served at the Youth Services Desk. All Saturday Specials are presented in the large meeting rooms on the lower level.

### *Champion Yo-Yo Hijinks* (Ages 5 to 14)

Saturday, March 19 at 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Tickets available beginning March 5



World Yo-Yo Champion Mark Hayward is an expert at making yo-yos do amazing feats. He will delight you with wacky juggling routines, famous tricks, such as the Atom Smasher and Brain Twister, and old favorites like Walk the Dog and Rock the Baby. Audience participation will give children an opportunity to join in on the fun.

### *Charlotte's Web* (Ages 3 to 12)

Saturday, April 9 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Tickets available beginning March 26

Kick off National Library Week with this rousing performance by middle school students from the Children's Theatre of Western Springs. Follow a runt pig named Wilbur, a friendly spider named Charlotte and their friends, as they fight to save Wilbur's life and show what friendship really means, in a captivating dramatization of one of the best loved children's books of the 20th century.

## Planning Ahead

Registration begins June 6 for the 2005 Summer Reading Program -- "Superheroes Powered by Books." More information will be available in May.

## Learning with LeapPads

LeapPad personal learning tools are available in the Youth Services Department. They aid the development of phonological awareness, vocabulary, reading fluency and comprehension from early childhood to 5th grade. Interactive books may be checked out with these portable devices to provide an interactive and multisensory experience that teaches the reading foundation skills that children need to be successful in school.

# Spring Adult Library Programs

Unless otherwise stated, the following programs are offered free of charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting rooms. Please note that three programs involve advance registration and two have a nominal fee. For more information, call Linda Olsen, 708-422-4990.



## *Serenity Garden*

Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Landscape designer and educator, Kathleen Obirek, will present a slide show and lecture on how to inexpensively transform your backyard or patio into a tranquil haven. Creative gardens developed by local gardeners will illustrate ways to create relaxing areas in your yard.



## *Forest View Express*

Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of Bluegrass music. This dynamic four member group shares both lead and harmony vocals while trading solos and licks. Forest View Express has been pulling out wooden instruments, pickin', grinnin' and stompin' their feet to real American music since 1995. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

## *Above the Smoke*

Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Admire picturesque views of Smoky Mountain National Park as seen through the eyes of nature photographer Ronald Kurowski. Marvel at images of spring flowers, autumn colors, misty mountain vistas, waterfalls and flowing streams in this slide show program featuring the nation's most popular national park.

## *Poetry Slam Workshop and Contest*

Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In-person registration and \$5 fee required.

Poet George David Miller will lead a half-day program on this expressive, performance style of poetry. Participants will learn the rules of Slam and be guided through writing and performing their own original works. The program ends with a Poetry Slam Contest, where winners will be awarded prizes. There is a \$5 fee per person for workshop materials and light refreshments. Advance in-person registration begins Saturday, March 5 at the library's Reception Booth. Fee payment required to sign up. Limit: 40 participants.



## *Container Gardens*

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

In-person or phone registration requested. \$3 fee optional.

Lift landscape design off the grounds and onto decks, patios, terraces and balconies with these "movable gardens." Landscape designer and educator, Kathleen Obirek, will share her expertise in successfully growing and overwintering trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses and evergreens in containers for many years. She will teach you how to select and insulate containers and prepare a soilless potting mix. There is a \$3 fee per person for handouts and samples of professional products. Door prizes and money-saving coupons will be given out. Advance in-person or phone registration begins Monday, March 7 at the library's Reception Booth. Fee payment will be accepted at the program. Non-registered patrons may attend this program and listen in.



## *Genealogy: Exploring Your Family Tree*

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

In-person or phone registration requested. No fee.

Kathy O'Leary, genealogical expert and reference librarian, will lead an introductory program of techniques for researching your family's history. Learn about the print and Internet resources that can aid in tracing your lineage and locating ancestors. Advance in-person or phone registration begins Monday, March 14 at the library's Reception Booth. Non-registered patrons are welcome to attend this program and listen in. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

## *Windy City Harmonica Club*

Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! This lively troupe of talented harmonica players will perform songs from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. A highly entertaining program for patrons of all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.



## Library Collaborates to Conduct Free Health Screening Program



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free health screenings in the library's lower level meeting room the second Wednesdays of most months at 1:00-3:00 p.m. The next screenings are March 9 and April 13.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership strives to maintain and improve the health, safety and wellness of the community. For more information, call 708-346-3289 or visit: [www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com](http://www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com)

## ✓ FUND RAISER

✓ Shop at ANY Jewel-Osco store on March 7,8 or 9 to help raise funds for the library.

✓ Just cut out and present this slip to your cashier and the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will receive 5% of your total purchase. Thanks!



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The worst tornado to ever strike an urban area of the United States ravaged the Village of Oak Lawn Friday, April 21, 1967.

(Pictured) Two men observe damaged buses that were thrown into a heap of wreckage behind the Suburban Transit Bus Depot.

Visit the Local History portion of the library's web site to view nearly 200 photos taken after this fateful event ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)).

## We've Got All the Answers!

Each day, Reference Librarians field a variety of questions that are not book-related. Here is a sampling of interesting queries answered by library staff:

- ✓ What is the address for (phone number)?
- ✓ What was the closing price of (stock) on (date)?
- ✓ Who manufactured a CHS copy of a movie made in the 1960s and what is their contact information?
- ✓ What is the first day of the Chinese New Year?
- ✓ Who is the CEO of (name of company)?
- ✓ How do I get a copy of a tax form from 2002?
- ✓ Who is the IL State Police district commander?
- ✓ What was the selling price of a house at (address)?
- ✓ Where do I find (church records/ship records/death notices/sheet music/college catalogs)?
- ✓ Can I use a Group Study Room for two hours?
- ✓ How do you spell (word)?
- ✓ Where is (town) in (country)?
- ✓ On what date did the Great Depression begin?

## ? Ask a Librarian

Oak Lawn residents may submit brief, factual questions at the library's web site for answers by e-mail or phone.

## Staff Longevity

On January 26, nine long-term library employees were recognized for years of service in five-year increments:

- 5 years – Barbara Knight, Patron Services
- 5 years – Megan Kowalski, Administration
- 5 years – Jessica Miller, Administration
- 5 years – Joanne Neff, Administration
- 5 years – Patricia Pollard, Periodicals
- 5 years – Kimberly Singraber, Patron Services
- 10 years – Sharon DeYoung, Administration
- 20 years – Lorraine Grivakis, Technical Services
- 30 years – William Goodfellow, Reference Services

## Staff Recommendation

*The Bourne Supremacy* (DVD) -- This is for all you action movie and Matt Damon fans! Before viewing the film "The Bourne Supremacy," I assumed it would not be as good as the first film, "The Bourne Identity" -- I was wrong! It was constantly entertaining! The film has a great story line and very good acting, as well as some beautiful views of places around the world.

-- Ashley Woodin, Patron Services

## Income Tax Form Information

### Download forms and publications

Oak Lawn Public Library web site: [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)

### Reproducible forms

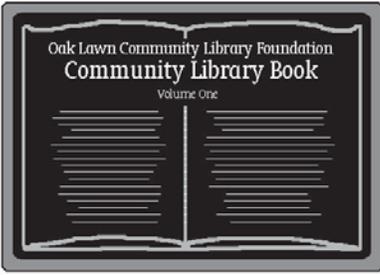
In 3-ring binders near the library's photocopiers until April 15

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## Reserve your square foot today

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## The Library Foundation thanks you

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### Engraving Guidelines

- ▶ Names will be listed alphabetically by last name
  - ▶ One name per line. You cannot submit names with "Mr. and Mrs." or two names connected by "and"
  - ▶ To indicate a group, names can end with "Family"
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- Any questions? Call Linda Olsen, 708-422-4990.

*Existing Community Library Book Plaques can be viewed in the library's lobby, near the Cook Avenue entrance.*

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Yes, I would like to dedicate \_\_\_ square ft. of the Oak Lawn Public Library at \$25 per square ft. for one name.  
Names will be listed on the plaque once. Additional square feet will be recognized next to the entry.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your check payable to:

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Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation  
ATTN: Community Library Book  
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## Spring Cultural Excursions

✓ **The Milk Pail Luncheon Show:** Wednesday, April 20. Travel to Dundee, IL for a musical review and great food at the Milk Pail Restaurant. See an afternoon performance of "From Gin Joints to Girl Groups," a magical musical journey from the roaring 20s to the 1960s. Watch or opt to compete in a Charleston dance contest. Afterwards, shop in their French Country Market & Bakery. Cost: \$42/members, \$47/others. Departs: 10:30 a.m. Returns: 4:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 19.

✓ **Ten Chimneys Estate Tour:** Friday, May 20. Visit the historic home and estate of Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne in Genesee Depot, WI. Almost all of their beguiling decor and personal collections are intact and unchanged since they were first assembled in the 1930s and 40s. Tour the house and explore the grounds. Then, enjoy a delicious deli box lunch on site. Cost: \$55/members, \$60/others. Departs: 7:30 a.m. Returns: 3:30 p.m. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 16.

✓ **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.

## Short Story and Book Discussion Groups

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room on the lower level. For more information, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

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

March 9 - "All Aunt Hagar's Children" by Edward Jones

April 13 - "Runaway" by Alice Munro

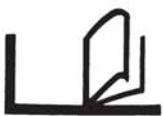
May 11 - "Extra" by Yiyun Li

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

March 23 - "The French Lieutenant's Woman" by John Fowles

April 27 - "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austen

May 25 - "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Joy Fowler



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## Superheroes -- Powered by Books

*Oak Lawn students and residents in preschool through eighth grade, teens and adults are invited to join our 2005 Summer Reading Program for eight weeks of fun activities and fabulous prizes.*

### Summer Reading for Children

Up, up and READ! Registration for **Superheroes -- Powered by Books** begins Monday, June 6 at the Youth Services Desk. **NOTE:** Each child's library card must be presented to enroll.

This program will provide children enjoyment in reading and to motivate them to maintain reading skills during the long summer break. In May, our Youth Services librarians will visit Oak Lawn schools to promote the summer reading program.

Here is a sampling of what will be offered:

- ✓ Each week, participants will be eligible to enter a drawing for an autographed book if they read a book that contains a hero.
- ✓ Family Story Nights will include storytelling and songs presented by Youth Services Librarians.
- ✓ Participants can share "Lunch with a Hero" on five Monday afternoons. Readers will bring their lunch and meet real life heroes, like firefighters, police officers and doctors.
- ✓ "Attention American Girls" is a four-week program, where registered members discover how children lived long ago in America by participating in activities they once enjoyed.
- ✓ Two Family Superhero Parties will offer games, stories, crafts and songs -- all with a superhero theme.
- ✓ "Harry Potter and the Order of the Reader" will give registered members four weeks of fun activities and games that provide almost as much fun as a Quidditch.
- ✓ Family Films is a new feature for children and teens, sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.
- ✓ Three entertaining and educational Friday Specials will be offered: *Be a Super Juggler*, presented by Mike Vondruska; *Once Upon America*, presented by the Melikin Puppets; and *Magic for Muggles*, presented by John "Doc" Morrissy.

Complete details about **Superheroes -- Powered by Books** are available in a booklet you can pick up in the Youth Services Department or at the library's web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)).



Our "Fantastic Five" gear up for eight weeks of summer reading fun! (Front row) The new Youth Services Department Head Jean Day and Library Assistant Lorene Visser. (Back row) Youth Services Librarians: Michèle Freese, Sarah Schroeder and Tom Kochinski.

Jean Day, the new Youth Services Department Head, joined our staff March 1. She brings with her the warmth, exuberance and energy needed to engage our youngest patrons. Some of you may recognize Jean from when she worked as a librarian in Youth Services, 1978 to 1995. Welcome back, Jean!

### Change in Library Hours

The library will be **CLOSED** on Sundays after May 22. Sunday hours resume in mid-September.

The library will be **CLOSED** on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30 to observe Memorial Day.

**The library's summer 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.

Look inside for more Summer Reading Program details!



# Superheroes -- Powered by Books

## Summer Reading -- Preschool through 6th Grade

Registration begins Monday, June 6 at the Youth Services Desk. **NOTE:** Each child's library card must be presented to enroll. Each reading club member will receive a **Superheroes -- Powered by Books** bookmark. Children will register in one of three reading groups with the following reading goals of books at their own reading level:

- ✓ **Mighty Mites** -- Pre-readers -- Goal: Someone reads 20 books to them
- ✓ **Caped Crusaders** -- Readers through 4th grade -- Goal: 10 books
- ✓ **Wonder Kids** -- Readers in 5th and 6th grade -- Goal: Five books



Oak Lawn schools will be represented in the library by their own Superheroes posted on the wall. Upon reaching the first goal, each reader's name will be displayed by their school's Superhero. Readers will also receive a button and an invitation to an end-of-program celebration.

Registration in the **Superheroes -- Powered by Books** program entitles members to participate in special activities all summer long, including: storytimes, puzzles, weekly drawings, crafts, sign language class, Book Buddies and Friday Specials.

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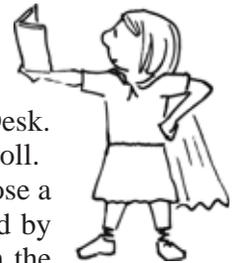
## Summer Reading -- 7th and 8th Graders

7th and 8th grade Oak Lawn students and residents can partake in eight weeks of prizes, programs and fun in the **Superheroes -- Powered by Books** summer program. Registration begins Monday, June 6 at the Youth Services Desk. **NOTE:** Each child's library card must be presented to enroll.

For every five books that members read, they can choose a prize from the many coupons and gift certificates donated by local businesses. The books should be checked out from the library and members are limited to one check-in per week.

Members may also sign up for a number of special programs that are also open to 9th and 10th graders. There is a four-week Sign Language program, a jewelry making class, a comic book program, a karate program, a make-up program, Book Buddies, movie nights and a junior volunteer program. Book Buddies offers registered teens (7th-10th grade) the opportunity to read one-on-one to younger children (ages 3-6) and earn the service hours that many students need. The junior volunteer program also offers young people the chance to help out at the library and earn service hours.

Complete details about **Superheroes -- Powered by Books** are available in a booklet you can pick up in the Youth Services Department or at the library's web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)).



## Summer Reading -- Teens and Adults

Everyone is powered by books! Superheroes are not just for kids -- nor are summer reading programs. Adults and Young Adults, high school age and up, are invited to join up for what promises to be a fun summer of reading, programs and prizes. Registration begins Monday, June 6 at the Readers' Advisory Desk.



## Adult Library Programs

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.

### ***A Chicago Firehouse:***

#### ***Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78***

Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Author Karen Kruse will share excerpts from her book about the firehouse across from Wrigley Field and the diverse neighborhood that it serves. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and autographs.

### ***Sunday With Friends: Maevis Jazz Quartet***

Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

This exceptional jazz quartet performs standards from the Swing Era to Be-bop and Cool, along with many original contemporary jazz compositions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

### ***Open Mike Short Story and Poetry Reading***

Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Share original poetry and short stories! Five minute time limit for all readers. Sign in at the door to read. You are also welcome to just listen. Coffee & refreshments.

### ***Auto Detailing Class***

Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Car care specialist Gary Kouba of Perfect Auto Finish will demonstrate techniques for detailing your car, truck or SUV like the pros.

## Community Meeting Rooms

The library has three large meeting rooms available for use by community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational or civic in character.

Starting June 1, we will accept reservations for dates between July 1 and December 30, 2005 on a first-come, first-served basis. You may pick up and return applications at the Reception Booth. A minimum of two weeks is required to process a reservation request. The Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

## Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer Free Health Screenings Wednesday, May 11 and June 8 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. For more information, call 708-346-3289 or visit ([www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com](http://www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com)).

## Staff Recommendation

***Spirit: A Magazine Designed for the Diverse Woman*** (Magazines and Newspapers Area) -- I'd like to recommend that you take a look at one of our new magazines. *Spirit: A Magazine Designed for the Diverse Woman* is an eclectic blend of articles which seek to inspire, inform and challenge women on many levels. Because it is locally published, many of the writers and featured persons are from the Chicago area. Some recent topics include leadership, motherhood, fashion, poetry and diversity. The articles are well-written, easy to understand and not too long. You can spend ten minutes with the magazine and learn something that is new to you, or see something from a different perspective. I really enjoyed this.

-- Cindy Kelly, Periodicals Librarian

## Take Along an Audio Book

Spending some time in an airplane, on a road trip or lounging poolside this summer? Then why not give "hands free" reading a try! Our Audio Visual Department has thousands of unabridged audio book titles on cassette and CD in categories ranging from fiction, mysteries, humor, classics, nonfiction and family fare.

## Reference Services Resources

The following resources can be accessed at the our Adult Reference Resources Department, the Adult Computer Center and the electronic database workstations. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

### ✓ Be Prepared for Taking a Test

*Learning Express Library* is an online collection of practice tests and tutorials designed to help users succeed in academic or licensing tests they must pass. Immediate scoring, answer explanations and an individualized analysis are provided based on the test-taker's results. Practice tests included are: AP, elementary school improvement, GED, ASVAB, Real Estate Broker, PRAXIS I, firefighter and TOEFL. This database is available at the library and from your home via our web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)) for all Oak Lawn Public Library cardholders.



### ✓ Stay on Top of News and World Events

Electronic databases are available to help you keep pace with world events. Subscription titles available in the library include: *Clements' Encyclopedia of World Governments*, *Facts on File*, *SIRS Government Reporter and Researcher* and *Taylor's Encyclopedia of Government Officials*. These resources provide political and news information at the state, national or international level. You can consult these for your social science research projects or just to follow the day's news.



# Friends Footnotes

*The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is an organization of volunteers who promote use of the library, furnish equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bring opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.*

## Are you a Friend?

Each year, more than 700 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). Membership entitles you to news updates from the Friends, a \$5 discount on most trip tickets and access to special members-only events.

### Friends Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to:

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, Membership  
Drop off at library's Reception Booth or mail to:

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library  
ATTN: MEMBERSHIP CHAIR  
9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

*Membership year runs June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>*

## 27th Annual Dinner Meeting

Join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library for an evening of good food and fellowship Thursday, June 2 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Cost: \$20 per person, includes a full dinner and special gift. Reservation forms are available at the library. The deadline is Wednesday, May 25.

## Summertime Trip Update

✓ **Millennium Park Tour and Luncheon Cruise:** Monday, June 20. Visit Chicago's newest great attraction! A professional guide will take you to the Pritzker Pavilion, the Crown Fountains, the Cloud Gate sculpture and the Chicago Cultural Center. Finish with a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan. Departs: 8:45 a.m. Returns: 3:15 p.m. Cost: \$68 for Friends members and \$73 for others. In-person registration: Saturday, May 14 at 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the library's lobby. Members must present a membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit.

✓ **Grant Park Concert Trips:** Plans are now in the works. Look for flyers at the library and details in our next issue. Advance registration at the Annual Dinner.

## Members-Only Book Sale

The Friends will hold a Members-Only Book Sale Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room and storage area. A membership card or a recent membership receipt is required for entry. Please bear in mind that there will not be as many items as past annual book sales. At this time, there is a large selection of paperback books. It's worth a look!

## Giving Back to the Library

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2005 Summer Reading Program

## Superheroes Powered by Books

Registration begins Monday, June 6

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## Spotlight on Pleasure Reading

*For many, there is no greater joy than curling up with a good book. Whether you prefer fiction, nonfiction, magazines or newspapers, reading can be a satisfying and rewarding form of recreation.*

### Get Caught Reading

Thrill to the language of a well written phrase. Live in another time and place. Be there as a woman learns to take hold of her own destiny. Get caught up in the romance of a great love story or the heartache of a desperate decision. All this is possible through books.



Summer is here and now is the time to kick back and relax with a good book. Your library has a wealth of resources to help you find just the right one. Need some ideas? Here are a few suggestions:

✓ Check out the **Fiction area displays**. July features “Beach Reads” and “Summer Suspense.” August will feature “Food/Cooking Mysteries” and Fantasy titles.

✓ Find out what other patrons are reading. You may browse through **book reviews written by teen and adult summer reading program participants** at the Readers Advisory Desk.

✓ Ask for a list of good reads, such as **Oprah’s book club titles** or **bookmarks** and **annotated bibliographies** created by our staff. Choose from a variety of titles organized by theme or genre.

✓ Explore **Novelist**, an electronic database where you can describe a plot, match a novel and explore genres that fit your tastes. It provides reviews and annotations for over 120,000 fiction titles. Our Readers Advisory staff will gladly show you how to use it.

✓ Read news items about authors, books and publishing on the **Book Chat** bulletin board.

✓ Pick up a copy of **What’s New -- Beyond the Best Sellers**, where staff highlight books you might not have heard about.

✓ Don’t forget hands-free reading with **audiobooks on tape or CD**. Audiobooks can entertain children on a long drive or put some excitement into your everyday commute to work.

Take time out this summer and get caught reading! It’s free at your library.



Local teens share a love of reading in the comfort of the Young Adult reading area, where you’ll find new Young Adult Fiction books, graphic novels, Young Adult audiobooks and free copies of “Teen Ink” magazine.



The library will be **CLOSED** on Independence Day Monday, July 4



2005 Summer Reading Program

### Superheroes Powered by Books

There’s still time to join and earn prizes!  
Look inside for details.

### In a Big Hurry?

There are 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.

# 2005 Summer Reading Program Update



Youth Services Department Head Jean Day presents 8th grader Lucia Welsh with first prize for winning the "Superheroes -- Powered by Books" poster contest.

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## There's Still Time to Join!

Registration is under way for our 2005 summer reading program, **Superheroes -- Powered By Books**. Membership is open to Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools, teens and adults. At enrollment, reading club members are placed in an age/ability/grade specific reading group with a designated reading goal. Members receive a prize each time they reach their goal. Prizes include coupons, gift certificates and treats from local businesses. The last day of **Superheroes -- Powered By Books** is Saturday, July 30.

Complete details about the program are available in the library's lobby and via our web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)).



## Fun and Fabulous Activities for Children

Summer reading club members may participate in these activities:

✓ **Family Story Nights** of storytelling and songs on Wednesday evenings, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7:00-7:45 p.m.

✓ Participants can share **Lunch with a Hero** Mondays, July 11, 18 and 25 at 1:00 p.m. Readers are invited to bring their lunch and meet real life heroes, such as an EMT, a U.S. soldier and a doctor.

✓ Children ages two through eight can take part in games, stories, crafts and songs at **Family Superhero Parties** Tuesdays, July 12 and 26 at 10:00 a.m. Pick up tickets in Youth Services.

✓ **Book Buddies** pairs older readers (grades 7 to 10) with younger pre-readers (ages 3 to 6) for a half-hour period on Thursday afternoons.

✓ **Family Films** will be shown Fridays, July 15 and 29 at 2:00 p.m. Pick up tickets two weeks in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

✓ Three **Friday Specials** will be held at 2:00 p.m.: *Be a Super Juggler*, presented by Mike Vondruska on July 1; *Once Upon America*, presented by the Melikin Puppets on July 8; and *Magic for Muggles*, presented by John "Doc" Morrissy on July 22. Pick up tickets in Youth Services.



✓ Summer reading club members may make a different **Drop-in Craft** every two weeks when they come in to have their reading chart stamped.

## Special Programs for 7th to 10th Graders

Additional registration is required to participate in the following:

✓ **Heroes of Karate** -- Tuesday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m. -- Learn more about the ancient martial art of karate from sensei Ed Wojciechowski, 5th-degree black belt in Shorin-ryu karate. Class size limit: 30.

✓ **Jewelry Making** -- Tuesday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. -- Create your own stylish, beaded safety pin bracelet, like the kind sold in hip New York boutiques. Class size limit: 15.

✓ **Super Looks** -- Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. -- Meet with Shari Padula, an Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay® Cosmetics, to learn how to look your absolute best. Class size limit: 20.

✓ **Fantastic Flicks** -- Spend a cool summer evening at the library enjoying a "super film" on Thursday, July 14 and 28 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available two weeks in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



## Adults & Teens Read for Prizes

Want a tangible reward for reading? It's not too late to join the library's summer reading program. Sign up and receive a token prize to serve as a reminder to keep reading. Your goal is then to read five books to earn an additional prize and entry into the grand prize drawing, where you could win:



- ✓ **Grand Prize** - TGIF Plus Getaway package donated by the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel and Conference Center.
- ✓ **First Prize** - \$50.00 gift certificate donated by Palermo's Italian Cuisine.
- ✓ **Second Prize** - Limited edition Marvel Comics Elektra sculpture donated by Tenth Planet.

Details are available in a booklet you can pick up at the Readers Advisory Desk. Make this a summer to remember!



Our library has partnered with the Oak Lawn Police Department to launch "Reaching Out with Books," an altruistic endeavor that supplies books to children present during domestic disputes and other law enforcement calls. Funding for the book storage containers was provided by the Friends of the Library. Pictured (l-r): Youth Services Department Head Jean Day; Youth Services Librarian Sarah Schroeder; Friends volunteers Elaine Smith and Maureen Riordan; and Oak Lawn Police Chief Bob Smith.

## After "The Da Vinci Code"

*The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown is one of the most requested books at the library. If you're looking for similar books, you might try one of these:

- ✓ *The Genesis Code* by John Case
- ✓ *The Third Secret* by Steve Berry
- ✓ *The Amber Room* by Steve Berry
- ✓ *Seizing Amber* by Jonathan Harris
- ✓ *Codex* by Lev Grossman
- ✓ *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova
- ✓ *The Third Translation* by Matt Bondurant
- ✓ *Fatal Memories* by Vladimir Lange
- ✓ *Foucault's Pendulum* by Umberto Eco
- ✓ *The Assassini* by Thomas Gifford
- ✓ *The Flanders Panel* by Arturo Perez-Reverte
- ✓ *The Codex* by Douglas Preston
- ✓ *The Gemini Contenders* by Robert Ludlum
- ✓ *The Prophetess* by Barbara Wood



To show support for our troops in time of war, the library will waive audio visual borrowing fees for the immediate family members of active duty military personnel (including spouse and children under the age of 21 or full-time students, parents and siblings residing in the same Oak Lawn household). This is made possible in cooperation with the "Fee Waiver for the Families of our Troops" program administered by the Oak Lawn Park District. Above (l-r): Library Trustee Michael Sutko looks at a selection of DVDs with Oak Lawn Park District Board of Commissioners Vice President Donna McCauley and Park District Director Maddie Singler Kelly.

## Biography Collection

**Q:** Where can you find Marilyn Monroe, Benjamin Franklin and Oprah Winfrey all in one place?

**A:** The Biography Collection in our Adult Reference Services Department. Biographies and autobiographies are kept in this separate area for your convenience.

## Check Out Selected Magazines

These magazines are available near the Readers Advisory Desk and can be checked out for three weeks:

- ✓ *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*
- ✓ *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*
- ✓ *Asimov's Science Fiction*
- ✓ *Fantasy & Science Fiction Magazine*
- ✓ *Romantic Times Book Club*

## Large Print Books

Have trouble reading small print? Look into books from our Large Type Fiction and Nonfiction collections.

## Staff Recommendation

*Andrew Bird " & The Mysterious Production of Eggs "* (CD/781.66/BIRD) -- Chicago native Andrew Bird mixes lush melodies and intricate instrumentation on his latest album. His music usually defies categorization, as he effortlessly blends pop, folk, swing, and numerous other genres. When listening to this pretty and seemingly unassuming collection of compositions, keep in mind that in addition to his trademark violin and smooth singing voice, Bird plays every instrument on this album but the drums. -- Jessica Miller, *Administration*



On May 10, three recently elected library trustees were sworn in at the Village Board Meeting for six year terms: Marian Sullivan, trustee since 1987; Joann Buschbach, trustee since 1993; and new trustee Richard Gast.

## Children's Programs in August

The Youth Services Department will offer these programs with no registration required:

✓ **"Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" Book Discussion** -- Thursday, August 4 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Readers of all ages are welcome to participate.

✓ **Drop-in Storytime** -- Saturday, August 6 at 10:00-10:30 a.m. -- Children ages three to eight and their families are invited to enjoy stories and songs.

✓ **Drop-in Craft** -- Available August 8 through 20.

✓ **Youth Film Series** -- Free movies for children and teens. Tickets available two weeks in advance.

\* **Preschool through 6th grade** -- Fridays, August 12 and 26 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

\* **7th through 10th grade** -- Thursdays, August 11 and 25 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

 **Oak Lawn Public Library**  
9427 South Raymond Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453



## Friends Footnotes

*The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is an organization of volunteers who promote use of the library, furnish equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bring opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.*

### End of Summer Bus Trip

✓ **Glorious Gardens** -- Monday, September 19. Experience a day of beauty and tranquility at two grand gardens! Travel to Janesville, WI, to tour Rotary Gardens and stroll through 18 sensational themed gardens. Enjoy a four-star lunch of filet mignon at the Cliffbreakers Restaurant overlooking the Rock River in Rockford, IL. Afterwards, find serenity in the Anderson Japanese Gardens. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, for there is a fair amount of walking required. Departs: 6:30 a.m. Returns: 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. In-person registration: Saturday, August 27 at 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the library's lobby.

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

### Friends Ongoing Used Book Sale

Great reads at bargain prices! Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines cost 5 cents. The sale is located on the first floor, near the Fiction stacks. Since 1978, the Friends have purchased more than \$230,000 in gifts for the library with funds raised through book sales and membership dues.

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### Spotlight on Pleasure Reading

*Resources and ideas to help you  
get the most out of your library!*

**Also inside this issue:**

- ✓ Summer Reading Program Update
- ✓ Children's Programs ✓ Friends Footnotes

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453

# Check it out



Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

VOL. 19 NO. 5

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005

## Free to Read

*To preserve intellectual freedom, libraries across the nation strive to provide access to a broad range of material and resources that fulfill the information and recreational needs of an entire community. The best part is that nearly everything is available for free!*

### Get a Library Card

All Village of Oak Lawn residents are eligible for a free library card. This privilege is also extended to Oak Lawn businesses and owners of property located in Oak Lawn. Stop by the Circulation Desk for more details or call 708-422-4990.

### Patron Appreciation Day

**Sunday, September 18 at 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Music | Refreshments | Giveaways | Prizes | Children's Craft**

Let's celebrate the first Sunday that the library reopens with an afternoon of fun and festivities! It's also a time to acknowledge how important you are to the success of our library. The taxpayers of Oak Lawn deserve recognition for their longstanding and continued support for the growth and future of this library.

✓ **Musical Entertainment** -- The Windy City Harmonica Trio will perform impromptu mini-concerts on the first and second floor of the library between 1:00-2:30 p.m. The Harvest Moon Barber-shop Quartet will sing old-time favorites at various locations from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Drop in and enjoy music throughout the library!

✓ **Free Refreshments** -- Be our guest! Tasty treats available in the library's lobby, while supplies last.

✓ **Giveaways** -- The first 350 patrons to enter the building will receive a red, white and blue "Free to Read" silicone wristband.

✓ **Prize Drawing** -- Oak Lawn residents may enter to win one of ten \$5 gift certificates for The Food for Thought Café. Entry blanks will be available at the Reception Booth 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. The drawing will take place the following business day. Winners will receive their prize through the mail.

✓ **Children's Craft** -- The Youth Services Department will offer a special Drop In Craft project that day. Children are invited to stop in to color and create their own star necklace.



Anne and Jimmy Knight find a cozy spot between the stacks to enjoy a story. Sharing a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts you can pass on to a child.

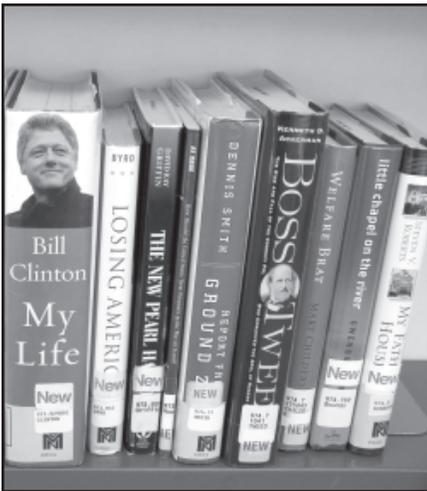
#### NOTICE

- ✓ **CLOSED:** Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Friday, September 9 for a Staff Inservice Training Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Saturday, September 10
- ✓ **OPEN:** Sundays at 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning September 18

### Fall Food Drive

Please help needy families in our area by donating nonperishable food and canned goods. You may drop off items in the library's lobby from Monday, September 19 through Friday, December 30. All food donations will go to Oak Lawn food pantries. *Thank you for your generosity!*





What's new? In the New Fiction and New Nonfiction areas you'll find many of the same titles now on sale at book stores. Why not save your money and check one out today!

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### Web site:

[www.oaklawlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawlibrary.org)

### E-mail:

[drjbc92@lib.oak-lawn.il.us](mailto:drjbc92@lib.oak-lawn.il.us)

### Hours:

Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun.\* 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

### Board of Trustees:

Patricia Roberts, President  
Frank March, Vice President  
Michael Sutko, Financial Secretary  
Suzanne Marzano, Secretary  
Joann Buschbach  
Richard Gast  
Marian Sullivan

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 accessibility should call the Administration Office, 708-422-4990, during regular business hours a minimum of seven days prior to the event.

# ★ Free to Read ★

## Wireless Internet Access



Our library now provides free Internet access points or “hot spots” for patrons with laptop computers or other devices capable of receiving wireless signals. Free “hot spots” are located near The Food for Thought Café and the Youth Services and Adult Reference Services areas closest to the elevator. However, the signal should be strong enough to be picked up almost anywhere in the building.

Wireless users should be aware of the following:

- ✓ Laptops or devices need to be “wireless ready.” Patrons are responsible for making sure that their computer has the correct settings and necessary hardware. Staff cannot troubleshoot connectivity issues. The library assumes no responsibility for damage to software or hardware.

- ✓ The Internet service provided through wireless transmissions is filtered. Even with filters in place, any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the wireless network remains the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

- ✓ Please be aware that printers are not available via the wireless connection. You may use workstations in the Computer Center for printing.

- ✓ Wireless access is not secure. Use caution. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. All laptops or devices should have up-to-date virus protection.

- ✓ Wireless access must be used in a legal manner. Connecting to the library's wireless network means that you agree to abide by the Oak Lawn Public Library Access to Electronic Information Policy. Copies of this policy are available at all public service desks.

## It's Never Too Early to Start



Our library is happy to offer new parents a free Newborn Packet full of information and surprises. 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 in part by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

## Magazines and Newspapers

The library's Periodicals Unit carries hundreds of magazines and newspapers to satisfy the needs and interests of a diverse readership. Next time you stop in, why not take a look at the latest issue of:

- ✓ AARP: The Magazine
- ✓ American Baby
- ✓ Antique Review
- ✓ Baseball Digest
- ✓ Boston Globe (Sunday)
- ✓ Car & Driver
- ✓ Catholic New World
- ✓ Cooking Light
- ✓ Crain's Chicago Business
- ✓ Dog Fancy
- ✓ Field & Stream
- ✓ Guitar World
- ✓ Guns & Ammo
- ✓ Health after 50
- ✓ Los Angeles Times
- ✓ Modern Bride
- ✓ New York Times
- ✓ Organic Style
- ✓ PC World
- ✓ Playboy (age 18 & over)
- ✓ Practical Homeschooling
- ✓ Rock N Rap Confidential
- ✓ Taste of Home
- ✓ Teen People
- ✓ Vegetarian Times
- ✓ Village Voice
- ✓ Vogue
- ✓ Wall Street Journal
- ✓ Working Mother



## ILA Librarian of the Year Award

Our own Dr. James B. Casey is the latest recipient of the prestigious Illinois Librarian of the Year Award issued by the Illinois Library Association. Each year, the award recognizes “a librarian’s distinguished service and leadership in Illinois libraries.” Recipients are chosen for their impact and positive contributions to libraries on the local, state and national level. Casey was nominated for this award by peers in the library field.



In his more than 13 years at our library, Casey has led several capital projects, including the building expansion and renovation project completed in 2004 that increased the library’s overall size by 25 percent and allowed for countless additions and improvements to the facility and library services. Previous building projects addressed replacing the library’s carpet, roof and HVAC units. Over the years, Casey obtained grant money to remodel the library’s 2,600 sq. ft. public meeting rooms and upgrade the public elevator and two public service desks for handicapped accessibility. Since starting at our library, Casey guided efforts to offer access to new technologies, including the creation of a library-wide computer network with Internet access, an interactive web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) and most recently wireless Internet access throughout the building.

Casey has remained actively involved in numerous professional organizations, including the Illinois Library Association (ILA) and the American Library Association (ALA), where he has served on seven project-oriented committees and most notably as an elected member of the ALA council since 1996. On a local level, Casey participates in committees and action groups led by the Metropolitan Library System (MLS), the largest library system in the U.S., comprised of more than 576 member libraries across Chicagoland.

## Library Foundation

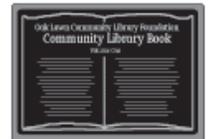
*The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to raise money and ensure that our library can grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow. For additional information, call 708-422-4990 or visit their web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org/lib-fnd.htm](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org/lib-fnd.htm)).*

### The Oak Lawn Story

Don’t miss your last 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. Copies of “The Oak Lawn Story” are available at the library’s Reception Booth. The price is \$25.00, which includes a \$7.00 tax-deductible donation to the Library Foundation. Accepting checks or money orders only, made payable to: *Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation.*

### The Community Library Book

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now accepting contributions for “The Community Library Book,” a fund raiser offering individuals and local businesses an opportunity to create a lasting legacy and show their support in a highly visible way. For a \$25 minimum tax-deductible donation to the Library Foundation, you may dedicate one or more square feet of the library for yourself, your business, in honor of a friend or in memory of a loved one. To recognize this gift, the honoree’s name will be engraved on a “Community Library Book” plaque to be prominently placed in the library’s lobby. The first nine volumes are on display near the Cook Avenue entrance.





### SHOP & SHARE IDENTIFICATION SLIP

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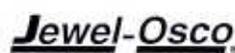
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YOUR SHOP & SHARE DAYS: **09/19/2005, 09/20/2005, 09/21/2005**

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PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP.  
 PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE.  
 IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.





✓ Shop at ANY Jewel-Osco store on September 19, 20 or 21 to raise funds for the library.

✓ Just cut out and present this slip to your cashier and the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will receive 5% of your total purchase. Thanks!

## Adult Summer Reading Report

One hundred twenty four teens and adults participated in the library's eight-week summer reading program.

We would like to thank the following local businesses for donating valuable prizes that were awarded through a special drawing: Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Center | Palermo's Italian Cuisine | Tenth Planet

## Patron Recommendations

Each year, members of the adult summer reading club write book reviews. Six hundred fifty eight reviews were returned in 2005. Here is a sampling. All annotations may be viewed at the Readers Advisory Desk.

✓ *All American Girl* by Meg Cabot (JUV/FICTION/CABOT) Sam is a girl who saves the President from an assassination attempt. She then must deal with paparazzi and falling in love with the President's son. -- Reviewed by Kate Brett

✓ *At Risk* by Stella Rimington (FICTION/RIMINGTON) The mystery of this book is twofold: 1) Who are the potential killers? 2) What or who are their targets? A very taut story about Agent Liz Carlyle, working with the joint counter-terrorists group of British Security Services, trying to track down and detain unknown but suspected assassins. Inter-service rivalries cloud, confuse and camouflage clues hampering her investigations. -- Reviewed by Bob Wolf

✓ *The Ordering of Love* by Madeline L'Engle (811.54/L'ENGLE) Oh! What sonnets! If anyone has lost a lover by death, her sonnets provide a complete catharsis for mourning. This author articulates her wisdom very well in poetry. -- Reviewed by Margaret Schaaf

✓ *Paladin of Souls* by Lois McMaster Bujold (FICTION/BUJOLD) Ista flees her home on the pretense of a pilgrimage, but in actuality leaves to flee memories and a household who thinks her mad. She meets the 5th god, face to face, who appoints her to the job of demon catcher. Thrown into a siege and invasion, Ista must find out who she is, accept her past and define her future. -- Reviewed by Audra Gray

✓ *Zorro* by Isabel Allende (FICTION/ALLENDE) An ingenious plot giving the origins of the Zorro legend, including the mythology of his name. A very absorbing story, well-told and paced. -- Reviewed by Emil Zmek



**2000 Books!** Barbara Bailey of Worth reached the CDM Club's 1,000 book goal a second time. It took three years to finish the last 1,000 books, by reading about one book each day. Her favorite authors are Beverly Lewis, Janette Oke, Melody Carlson, Lori Copeland and other writers of inspirational fiction.

## CDM Adult Reading Club

Keeping with the momentum of the summer reading program, patrons high school age and up are invited to join the CDM Adult Reading Club. Members read at their own pace and earn prizes after completing 50, 100, 500 or 1,000 fiction or nonfiction books at the young adult or adult reading level. Stop by the Readers Advisory Desk for more details and some reading suggestions.

## 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.

## College Savings Month

In September, take advantage of the library's many resources to help you plan a college education.

✓ *Not Paying for College* -- Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. -- See "Adult Programs."

✓ *College Catalogs* -- The library's Adult Reference Services Department maintains a collection of up-to-date college catalogs for Illinois state and private schools, which may be checked out for your convenience.

✓ *Career Center* -- Find out the educational requirements for a particular field or vocation in this special area of the Adult Reference Services Department.

## Crime Prevention Month

This October, the library will present a series of programs for children and adults with your safety in mind.

✓ *Child I.D.* -- Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- See "Children's Programs."

✓ *CSI: Crime Scene Investigators* -- Tuesday, October 18 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. -- See "Teen Programs."

✓ *How to Avoid Identity Theft* -- Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. -- See "Adult Programs."

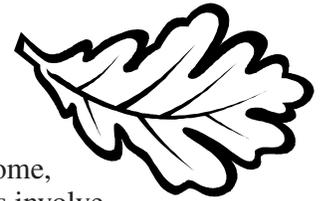
## Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings and more in the library's lower level meeting room on Wednesday, October 12 at a new, earlier time, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**New web address: [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)**

# Adult Programs



Unless otherwise stated, the following programs are offered free of charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the library's lower level meeting rooms. Please note that three programs involve advance registration and two require a \$10 fee. For more information, call Linda Olsen, 708-422-4990.

## Patron Appreciation Day Mini-Concerts

Sunday, September 18 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy 20 minute mini-concerts presented in different locations on the first and second floor of the library. You're welcome to stand and watch or have a seat nearby.

✓ **Windy City Harmonica Trio** -- 1:00-2:30 p.m.

✓ **Harvest Moon Barbershop Quartet** -- 2:30-4:00 p.m.

## Deep Ocean Adventure

Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Katherine Millett will describe 27 days at sea on an expedition to the East Pacific Rise and show a film shot 1½ miles deep in a submarine. Marvel at eyeless crabs and other creatures beyond the sun's reach. See where tectonic plates slide apart, volcanoes erupt and sulfide chimneys release hot fluid into near-freezing water.

## Not Paying for College

Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

*Advance in-person or phone registration requested*

Certified Financial Planner Joseph Orsolini will introduce strategies to maximize financial aid eligibility, exploit tax-savings opportunities and target the right colleges for affordability. To receive a special packet of handouts, in-person or phone registration is required. Non-registered patrons are welcome to attend this program and listen in.

## Open Mike Short Story & Poetry Reading

Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Share original poetry and short stories! Five minute time limit for all readers. Sign in at the door to read. You are also welcome to just listen. Light refreshments.

## Writer's Workshop

Saturday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required*

Barbara Gregorich will lead a half-day workshop on the basics of writing and getting published. Fiction, non-fiction, children's material and magazine articles will be explored. Learn about how and where to get ideas, writing proposal and query letters, outlines and sample chapters, getting a contract, rewriting and promoting your work. Registration begins Saturday, September 3 at the library's Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 35 participants. Light refreshments.

## Cities of the Dead

Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Bill Hinchliff will present a slide show and lecture exploring sights and stories from some of Chicago's great Victorian cemeteries, including Graceland, Rosehill and Oak Woods. Hinchliff has been a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation since 1976.

## AARP 55 Alive

Thurs. & Fri., October 13 & 14 at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required*

A two-day refresher course that meets the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to those who complete the course. Registration begins Saturday, September 3 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24 participants. Light refreshments.

## Sunday With Friends: The Dixie Dogs

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

This seven-piece combo will delight you with sizzlin' hot improvisational New Orleans jazz. Their repertoire includes standard Dixieland favorites such as "Bill Bailey" and "When the Saints Go Marching In," along with unique ensemble interpretations of other popular swing and blues tunes. This concert is sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

## How to Avoid Identity Theft

Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Identity theft and identity fraud are on the rise. The average victim spends three to six months attempting to resolve the problem. A representative from IL State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's Office will explain how thieves get your personal data, the warning signs that an older adult may be a victim and how to minimize your risk.

## Lyric Opera Lecture Series

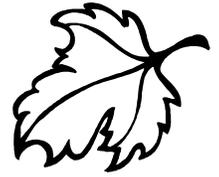
✓ **Carmen** -- Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m.

✓ **La Cenerentola** -- Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m.

✓ **Manon Lescaut** -- Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m.

At each program, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. There are a total of eight opera lectures in the 2005-2006 season. Stop by the library's lobby for a complete schedule. All lectures are sponsored by the **Friends of the Oak Lawn Library**.

# Children's Programs



Registration is now underway at the Youth Services Desk. Each child's library card must be presented to enroll. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. For additional information about these and other upcoming programs and activities, stop by the Youth Services Department for a Fall 2005 program booklet or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Early Fall Storytimes

### Baby Business

Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays at 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
September 19 to October 21

(Ages 6 to 23 months) A first-time group experience for babies and their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, songs, rhymes and puppetry introduce rhythm and language. Limit: 10 adult/child teams per series.



### Toddler Time

Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
September 19 to October 21

(Ages 24 to 36 months) Stories in books, songs, games, fingerplays, flannel boards and puppets introduce literature to the young child through interaction with an adult and other children of the same age. Limit: 10 adult/child teams per series.

### Preschool Storytime

Mondays at 10:30-11:00 a.m., Tuesday afternoons at 1:30-2:00 p.m. or Tuesday evenings at 7:00-7:30 p.m.  
September 19 to October 21

(Ages 3 to 5 years) Storytimes designed for children who are ready for social activity on their own for a short period of time. Limit: 25 children per series.

### After School Storytime

Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
September 21 to October 19

(Grades K to 2) Storytelling, read-alouds, songs and games. Children in this age group are most receptive to literary experiences, as this is their peak learning period in reading readiness. Limit: 30 children.

### Drop-In Storytimes

First Saturday of every month at 10:00-10:30 a.m.

(Ages 3 to 8 years and their families) Stories, songs, action rhymes and more for families on-the-go. No registration required -- just come to the Youth Services Program Room and join the fun! Parents are welcome to attend. Those who do not must stay in the library.

## Book Clubs

Register four weeks in advance of each club meeting. Books will be available for check out at registration.

### Mother and Daughter Book Club

Saturdays, 10/8, 11/5 & 12/3 at 11:00 a.m. - Noon

(Grades 3 to 6) Girls and their moms (or grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to explore great stories, take part in lively discussions and get the chance to know each other better. Light refreshments.

### Father and Son Book Club

Saturdays, 10/22, 11/19 & 12/17 at 10:00-11:00 a.m.

(Grades 3 to 6) Together, fathers and sons can remind each other how much fun reading can be. Each month, there will be lively discussions and related activities. Light refreshments.

## Special Children's Programs

### Mystery Club

Mondays, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17 & 10/24 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

(Grades 3 to 6) Young sleuths uncover mysteries through stories, crafts and games. Advance registration required. Limit: 30 children.

### Child ID Program

Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(All ages) The Oak Lawn Police Department will be in the library's lobby to create Child ID cards for parents and their children. The identification cards include the child's thumb print, photo and space for personal information, which should be updated regularly. These cards help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. Stop in anytime during this four-hour time span.

### Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Preschool to Grade 8) A not-so-spooky Halloween Party, where children can listen to stories, sing songs, play games and make crafts all with a Halloween theme. Come in costume! No registration required.

✓ **Registration begins Saturday, October 15 for Late Fall Storytimes and the Junie B. Jones Club**

# Teen Programs

Sign up today at the Youth Services Desk. Teens (or their parents) must present the participant's library card to register. For more information, stop by the Youth Services Department for a Fall 2005 program booklet or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Teen Advisory Board

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

(Grades 7 to 10) The library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is back. The group meets monthly to advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Fall meeting dates are: September 21, October 19 and November 16. Light refreshments.

## Junior Friends of the Library

September 12 through November 25

Orientation: Monday, September 12 at 4:00-4:30 p.m.

(Grades 7 to 10) Volunteers work for one hour a week in the Youth Services Department, assisting with displays, programs and other special projects. A great way to earn community service hours! Limit: 10 members.

## Heroes of Karate

Saturday, September 24 at 12:00-1:00 p.m.

(Grades 7 to 10) Sensei Ed Wojciechowski, 5th-degree black belt in Shorin-ryu karate, will take you through a brief history of karate, the people who created it, and the ones who first brought it to the United States. Limit: 30 students.

## CSI: Crime Scene Investigators

Tuesday, October 18 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

(Grades 7 to 10) Evidence technicians from the Oak Lawn Police Department will demonstrate how they examine a crime scene, from lifting fingerprints to the special cameras they use to record information. Weather permitting, there will be a tour of their evidence truck.



## Homeschoolers Wanted

The Youth Services Department is starting a new resource and sharing group for homeschooling families. Gatherings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. Activities include tours, library research skills, presentations and book discussions. This is an opportunity to meet and work with other families schooling their children at home. Register in-person or by phone at the Youth Services Desk beginning August 27.

- ✓ Thursday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ Thursday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m.



Staff "Super Artist" Amanda Berlinski created dozens of artwork pieces that were on display during the Youth Services Department's 2005 summer reading program, "Superheroes -- Powered by Books." Each school was represented by a superhero symbol and children's names were added to the wall when they joined the club and again after reaching the reading goal for their age group.

## Summer Reading Recap

The 2005 Youth Services Summer Reading Club was a terrific success, with 1,439 children in preschool through grade eight participating. Over the course of eight weeks, members read 21,983 books, completed activity sheets, attended programs, viewed movies, made crafts, earned prizes and had a good time visiting our library.

The Youth Services Department is grateful to Fire Fighter Rocci Padula, Police Officer Jim Pacetti, Paramedic Dan Grennan, Marine Colonel Art Clark and Doctor Gina Kring for their participation in the "Lunch with a Hero" program series. Shari Padula, Nancy Schroeder and Kal Shaar shared their time and resources to present programs on skin care and cosmetics for teens, jewelry making and comic book heroes.

Thank you to all our generous prize donors:

7-Eleven Food Store ~ 87 & Central | Ann Schroeder | Beggar's Pizza | Blockbuster ~ 104 & Cicero | Boston Market | Brunswick Corporation | Buscemi's Beef | Chicago Bears | Chicago Bulls | Chicago Cubs | Chicago White Sox | Chili's Grill & Bar | Claire's | Cupid Candies | Cyber Planet | Denny's ~ 92 & Cicero | DuPage Children's Museum | Fannie May Candies ~ 95 & Ridgeland | Fannie May Candies ~ 107 & Cicero | Food For Thought Café | Fox's Oak Lawn Restaurant | Goldie's Beads, Findings, Buttons & Crafts | Great American Bagel | Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Center | Hollywood Park | Hollywood Video ~ 102 & Central | The Icing | Jr's Hotdogs | Kentucky Fried Chicken ~ 104 & Cicero | Loews Cineplex Entertainment | M.C. Boppers | McDonald's ~ 105 & Cicero | McDonald's ~ 95 & McVicker | Michael A's | Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe & Deli | Northwestern University | Oak Lawn Park District | Old Country Buffet | Palermo's Italian Cuisine | Pat's Hobbies & Crafts | Phil's Pizza | Potbelly Sandwich Works | Premo's Ice Cream | Starbucks | T-USA Martial Arts School | Taco Bell | Target ~ Crestwood & Bedford Park | Tenth Planet | A Touch of Ireland | White Castle | White Hen Pantry ~ 102 & Central | Windy City ThunderBolts



# Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Footnotes

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## Dynamic Day Trips

✓ **Amish Country Shops** -- Tuesday, October 11. An Amish guide will lead an exploration of the culture and crafts practiced in Shipshewana, IN. Stops include an Amish noodle shop, buggy shop, cheese house, cabinet shop, quilt shop and bakery. Purchase unique items for yourself and prepare for holiday giving. At mid-day, take a buggy ride to an Amish home for a traditional thresher meal. This trip will not go to the Shipshewana flea market. Departs: 7:00 a.m. Returns: 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. In-person registration: Saturday, September 17 at 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the library's lobby.

✓ **Holiday Fun Trio** -- Tuesday, November 15. Jaunt down to Joliet, IL to tour the historic Jacob Henry Mansion and enjoy a delicious lunch served in their newly opened ballroom, "The Abbey." Finish up at the beautifully restored Rialto Square Theatre with a dazzling performance of "The Geritol Follies," a hit holiday production featuring more than 50 singers and performers, all aged 60 and older. Departs: 9:30 a.m. Returns: 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$71 for Friends members and \$76 for others. In-person registration: Saturday, October 15 at 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the library's lobby.

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

## Recent Gifts to the Library

Since the completion of the library's building expansion project, the Friends have purchased more than \$28,000 in gifts for the library with funds raised through book sales and membership dues, including: Art and collectible books (\$3,000); Audio Books on cassette and CD (\$4,280); 30 copies of WebEyes software (\$300); Digital camera (\$500); Book carts (\$980); Computer projector unit (\$1,300); Movie License for showing films (\$720); "Big Books" storage cabinet (\$455); Rotating magazine racks (\$1,185); Misc. furniture (\$2,300); Step ladders/stools (\$825); CD cabinet (\$1,640); Computer accessories to assist the disabled (\$1,250); Globe and stand (\$400); Cabinets for staff workroom (\$6,000); "Sunday With Friends" concerts; Lyric Opera lectures.

The library wishes to thank the Friends and its more than 700 members for their generosity and support.

## Discussion Groups

Meetings are held in the Mary Nelson Room.

- ✓ **Short Story Group -- 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**  
September 14 - "Bulldog" by Arthur Miller  
October 12 - "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Poe
- ✓ **Book Group -- 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**  
September 28 - "A Tale of Two Cities" by Dickens  
*The film "A Tale of Two Cities" will be shown*  
October 26 - "Bleachers" by John Grisham



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## User-Friendly Technology

*Our library strives to provide access to the most current information technology and services. Oak Lawn residents have free access to the Internet and many other user-friendly computer resources.*

### Wireless Internet Access

Browse the Internet anywhere in our building! The library now provides free Internet access points or “hot spots” for patrons with laptop computers or other devices capable of receiving wireless signals. “Hot spots” are located near The Food for Thought Café and in the Youth Services and Adult Reference Services departments, but the signal is strong enough to be picked up throughout our facility. At any given moment, a maximum of 25 users can be logged onto the wireless Internet network.

✓ Laptops or devices need to be “wireless ready.” You are responsible for having the correct settings and necessary hardware. Staff cannot troubleshoot connectivity issues.

✓ The wireless Internet access is filtered. Even with this in place, any restriction or monitoring of a minor’s access remains the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

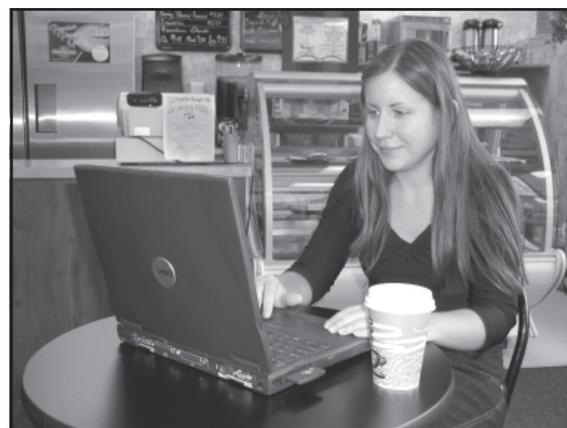
✓ Printers are not available via the wireless connection. You may use workstations in the Computer Centers for printing.

✓ Wireless access is not secure. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. All laptops or devices should have up-to-date virus protection.

✓ Wireless access must be used in a legal manner in conjunction with the library’s Access to Electronic Information Policy. Copies are available at all public service desks.

### Library Material Requests

Looking for a book, CD, DVD or audio book that’s currently checked out or located at another library? Oak Lawn residents can fill out a request form at the Readers Advisory Desk, request the item via any computer catalog in the library or go to our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). Circulation Services will call you when it arrives. Please bear in mind that some material may not be available through the interlibrary loan network.



Enhance your next visit with coffee sipping, sandwich eating, pastry snacking and wireless Internet surfing at The Food for Thought Café.

### Toys for Tots Drive

Bring holiday joy to those less fortunate by donating unwrapped toys for children up to age 12. You may drop off items in the library’s lobby from Friday, November 25 to Friday, December 23. No stuffed animals, please. Thank you for helping us help others!



### Holiday Food Drive

Please help needy families in our area by donating nonperishable food and canned goods. You may drop off items in the library’s lobby through Friday, December 30. All food donations will go to Oak Lawn food pantries. Thanks for your generosity!



## Computers for Every Use

Since the completion of our building expansion and renovation project in 2004, the number of computer workstations offering access to the Internet, electronic databases and software products has more than doubled.

The Adult Computer Center has 30 workstations offering Internet access and use of Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and PowerPoint).

The Reference Services Department maintains 12 computers with electronic resources and databases for art and music, automotive, business, career and employment, genealogy, government information, law, literature, local history, science, medicine, newspaper and magazine articles, directories, encyclopedias and almanacs.

The Youth Services Department has 16 workstations offering use of such computer applications as filtered Internet access, Microsoft Office products, learning tools, research databases and games.

A valid library card is required to log on and use the Adult Computer Center and the ten workstations in Youth Services with Internet access and Microsoft Office products. Out-of-state visitors can apply for a temporary pass. Oak Lawn residents may use the computers for free, but nonresidents and visitors are charged \$1 per hour. Print-outs cost 5¢ per page for black and white and \$1 for color.

## Special Needs Access

The Adult Computer Center has software and hardware to meet the needs of patrons with disabilities and other limitations. All 30 workstations offer WebEyes software, allowing you to change the font size, font style and page layout to improve visibility and reduce eye strain. For those who need it, two computers have "big keys" keyboards and a touchpad instead of a mouse.

The funding for these improvements was provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

### **Mind Your Business: Free Business Research Computer Class**

Twelve million business listings are available from the click of a mouse at the Oak Lawn Public Library. A hands-on introduction to researching companies through the ReferenceUSA online directory and other sources will be presented in our Computer Center on Thursday, November 10 at 9:00-10:30 a.m. ReferenceUSA can be used for finding contact information, planning sales, conducting market research and making credit decisions. Register in-person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Class size limit: 15. Computer proficiency is required.



Parents and their tots sing a song at a Toddler Time program. The late fall series of storytimes begins the week of November 7.

## Children's Programs

Register or pick up tickets at the Youth Services Desk.

### **Junie B. Jones**

Fans of the Junie B. Jones book series (grades 3 to 6) can join together for four weeks of stories, games, crafts and treats Monday, November 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. Advance registration required. Limit: 30.

### **Holiday Movies @ Your Library**

With holiday breaks approaching, the library gives the gift of adventure with two exciting free family films. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

#### **The Princess Bride (1987)**

Friday, November 25 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Free tickets available starting October 28



Forget the mushy title and listen to this: From the Cliffs of Insanity to the deadly Fire Swamp, the Man in Black will go anywhere and do anything to get the thing he wants most -- the Princess Bride. Giant rats, quicksand, poison, screeching eels, the Six-Fingered Man -- nothing will stop him ... not even death! Give thanks for the comedy and adventure of The Princess Bride.

#### **Peter Pan (2003)**

Wednesday, December 28 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Free tickets available starting November 25

All children grow up ... except one. This classic story is re-told in the best version yet, with dazzling effects and first-rate acting. A movie filled to the brim with magic, pirates, deadly crocodiles, mermaids, secret hide-outs and sword fights. You will believe that a boy can fly.

### **Winter Drop-in Craft Project**

Children may stop in any time December 10 through 23 to create a winter-themed craft to take home.

# Adult Programs

No fee or registration required | Lower level meeting room

## Italian-Americans of Chicagoland

Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Explore Italian-American culture and cuisine with the Italian-American Women's Club, authors of two books, "Italian-American Women of Chicagoland" from the Arcadia Publishing "Images of America" series and a self-published cookbook. Learn the far-reaching effects Italian-American women have had in academics, arts and humanitarian work. Discover the distinctive flavors of traditional Italian recipes. A limited number of books will be available for purchase and autographs.

## Sunday With Friends: Right of Way Band

Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m.

An afternoon of big band favorites from the 1930s, 40s and 50s, presented by a talented four-member group. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

## Pompeii: Ashes to Archaeology

Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

In 79 AD Mount Vesuvius erupted and covered Pompeii with volcanic ash, preserving streets, buildings and even humans and animals. In this educational slide lecture program, Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will introduce Roman wall paintings, ancient architecture and artifacts that offer a window into the life and appearance of the ancient city of Pompeii. This program relates to the Field Museum's exhibit now showing through March 26, 2006.

## Arabs of Chicagoland

Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Award-winning Chicago journalist and author Ray Hanania will present an informative lecture based upon his recently released book "Arabs of Chicagoland," from the Arcadia Publishing "Images of America" series. Hanania's work examines the history of Chicago's Christian and Muslim Arab community from the mid-19th century to the present time. A limited number of books will be available for purchase and autographs.

## Sunday With Friends: Western Lights Chorus

Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Get in the spirit of the season with a 45-minute a capella concert of holiday favorites performed by a Sweet Adeline Chorus of nearly 20 female vocalists. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

## Fabulous Holiday Decorating

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

Interior stylist Julea Joseph will show you how to refresh your existing holiday decor and "wow" family and friends with a fresh, new festive look. Learn quick and easy decorating tips, seasonal trends and how to use "good bones" pieces that instantly transform "blah and predictable" to "fabulous and unexpected." Joseph specializes in "one day room makeovers," and has recently been featured on HGTV's "Decorating Cents."

## Lyric Opera Lecture Series

✓ **Midsummer Marriage** -- Sun., Nov. 20 at 2:00 p.m.

✓ **Magic Flute** -- Sun., Dec. 11 at 2:00 p.m.

At each program, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. There are a total of eight opera lectures in the 2005-2006 season. Stop by the library's lobby for a complete schedule. All lectures are sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

**New web address: [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)**

## House Calls for Homebound

Homebound delivery services are available to Oak Lawn residents of any age who cannot use our library due to physical disabilities or illness. Volunteers and staff will bring materials to those who qualify. This service is also available on a temporary basis when physical injury prohibits driving. For additional information, call 708-422-4990, or visit the library's Homebound Services web site where you may also print out an application form ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org/hb-intro.htm](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org/hb-intro.htm)).

## Local Writers Group

Calling all writers! If you seek motivation and support from your peers, then the Oak Lawn Public Library Writers Group is right for you. They meet year-round on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises. Current participants vary in their interests and writing experience. The group is intended for adults high school age and up. No fee or registration required. Drop in anytime!

## Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure and glaucoma screenings in our lower level meeting room Wednesday, November 9 at 10:00-11:30 a.m., a new, earlier time. No screenings in December. This program resumes in January.

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Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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 7:30 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 accessibility should call the Administration Office 708-422-4990 during regular business hours at least seven days prior to the event.



# Friends Footnotes

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## Wintertime Trips for Shakespeare Lovers

✓ **Much Ado About Nothing** -- Wednesday, January 18. A matinee performance of this much loved romantic comedy at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier. Departs: 12:00 noon. Returns: 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$55 for Friends members and \$60 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 3.

✓ **Romeo and Juliet** -- Saturday, February 18. All the drama, passion and excitement of this tragic love story performed by the Joffrey Ballet Company at the Auditorium Theatre. One-hour lecture prior to the performance. Departs: 11:30 a.m. Returns: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 for Friends members and \$65 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10.

✓ **Special Notice** -- All in-person registrations are held in the library's lobby. Members must present a current membership card or receipt to receive the \$5 discount. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.

## Discussion Group Update

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room on the lower level. For more information, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

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

November 9 - "The Man in the Black Suit" by Stephen King

December 14 - "The Deacon" by Mary Gordon

✓ **Book Group** -- Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

No meetings in November and December, due to the holidays.



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## Holiday Closings

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

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