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Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

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Places You Can Meet

Sit down and stay a while. Our library is a comfortable, accessible and inviting place to meet friends, classmates and associates.

Community Meeting Rooms

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

Applications are now being accepted for dates that fall between January 2 and June 30, 2006. Reservations are granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties may pick up and return applications at the library's Reception Booth. A minimum of two weeks is required to process a reservation request. Use of the rooms is free for Oak Lawn residents and Oak Lawn-based groups and organizations. The entire Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application.

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

Group Study Rooms

The Adult Reference Services Department has three group study rooms that may be reserved for up to two hours per day. Reservations are taken no more than two business days in advance. Each room is equipped with a large table surrounded by seating for between two to 12 people. These rooms are ideal for study groups, student projects, brief business meetings and other informal gatherings that are arranged on short notice.

To make a reservation, call the Adult Reference Services Department, 708-422-4990.

Public Seating Areas

Our library has ample seating for visitors to read, research, work, study and meet, including couches, armchairs, tables and chairs, benches and carrels. Whether alone or with others, you'll find a cozy place to relax and enjoy your library experience.



Students converge after school to do their homework and combine efforts for special projects. The best part is -- All the resources that they need are close at hand!

The Food for Thought Café

Located inside the library, near the Raymond Ave. entrance

Gourmet coffee, hot tea, cold drinks, soup, sandwiches, pizza, snacks and pastries.



Library Programs

Our library hosts free special events and activities for patrons of all ages year-round. A multitude of programs are offered for children and youth through the tenth grade for the purposes of education, enrichment and entertainment. Adult programs promote and stimulate the communication of ideas. Look inside for our winter program listings for children, teens and adults!



A 12 foot tall Statue of Liberty made by students of St. Linus School was on display in our lobby during December 2005.

Oak Lawn Public Library

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Web site:

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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:

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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.

✓ Computer Training

Free computer classes for adult learners. Advance registration required.

Basic Computer Skills

Ready to go high tech but don't know where to start? The library's Computer Center will offer three-week Basic Computer courses for Oak Lawn residents starting in February. These free classes are held 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings in three progressive sessions that build upon each other. Participants will gain the knowledge and skills to use computer software applications and explore the Internet on their own. Learn about basic computer hardware, the Windows operating system, how to "surf" the World Wide Web using Internet Explorer and set up a free e-mail account. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Class size limit per series: 15

How to Shop on the Internet

By 2009 over 63 million households will shop online. Most brick-and-mortar retailers have already established online stores. This free class will provide online shopping tips and guidelines, as well as hands-on visits to several popular shopping web sites. The class will take place in our Computer Center on Thursday, February 23 at 9:00-10:30 a.m. Requirements for the class are: 1) Ability to use a mouse efficiently, 2) Ability to find your way through a web site, 3) An already-established e-mail account. No actual online purchases will be made during the class. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Class size limit: 15

E-Mail Notification for Reserves

✓ **New Service** -- You can now choose to be notified via e-mail instead of telephone when library material you have reserved is waiting for you. The e-mail notice will indicate the name of the item as well as the last possible date for pick-up. Stop by the Circulation Desk and give us your current e-mail address if you wish to begin this service.



Oak Lawn residents who wish to reserve a book, CD, DVD or audio book from our collection or that of another library can fill out a request form at the Readers Advisory Desk, request items at any computer catalog in the library or via our web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org). Please bear in mind that some material is not available through the interlibrary loan network.

New at Readers Advisory

✓ **True Stories for Fiction Fans and Unplugged** -- Two annotated lists of non-fiction books that tell fascinating stories.

✓ **Humorous Science Fiction** -- If you have never read a science fiction book, these suggestions might get you started.

✓ **Da Vinci Code Read-a-like List** -- Still available for fans of the novel.

✓ **Hot Links to Fiction Sites** -- Selected web sites for book lovers, can be found at www.oaklawlibrary.org/fiction/fic-hot.htm

The Readers Advisory Desk is located on the first floor just inside the Raymond Avenue entrance.

✓ Adult Programs

Unless otherwise noted, these programs are offered free of charge on a first-come, first-seated basis in the library's lower level meeting rooms.

Sunday With Friends: Polka Party

Sunday, January 15 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois will perform an afternoon of lively polka favorites. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Travelog Slides: South American Highlights

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

Join photographer Jack Lund on a journey through exotic locales, including the Amazon Rainforest, Andes Mountains, Rio de Janeiro, Machu Picchu and other picturesque regions of Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Class

Thurs. & Fri., January 26 & 27 at 10:00 a.m. to 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 class. Registration begins Saturday, January 7 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24 participants. Light refreshments.

Open Mike Short Story & Poetry Reading

Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 a.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.

Money Management and Mutual Funds

Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Lauren Solski of Waddell & Reed will present a workshop covering the fundamentals of planning for your financial future. Learn how to identify priorities, create a budget, build cash reserves, reduce taxes, invest and plan for college costs and your own retirement.

Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings and more in the library's lower level meeting room the second Wednesday of most months at 10:00-11:30 a.m., a new, earlier time. The next screening dates are: January 11 (with Body Fat Analysis) and February 8 (with "Ask the Heart Care Specialist").

Remodeling Today -- Hiring a Contractor

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

Advance phone or in-person registration requested

A representative from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry of Greater Chicago will present the guidelines, how-to's and "red flags" of hiring the right people for home remodeling and repair jobs. To receive a special packet of handouts, advance registration is requested. Non-registered patrons may listen in.

Sunday With Friends: Celtic Concert

Sunday, February 12 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Daniel Marcotte and the Whiskey Brothers Irish Band put a Renaissance spin on Celtic ballads and dance tunes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Fitting in Fitness When You're on the Run

Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Never seem to have enough time or energy? Shirley A. Moore will show you how to blast past any barrier into life fitness. Produce results and reap the benefits that appeal to you by discovering your own personal training power points. Organize, refresh and energize a fitness purpose and strategy that works for you.

Headaches and Pain Management

Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Suwan of the MidWest Academy of Pain and Spine will describe the characteristics and complexities of the different types of headaches and explain a variety of pain management options, with an emphasis on migraines.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

✓ **Rigoletto** -- Sun., January 22 at 2:00 p.m.

✓ **Der Rosenkavalier** -- Sun., February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

✓ **Orfeo ed Euridice** -- Sun., February 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Presented by the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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

✓ Children's Programs

Registration for many of these activities begins Saturday, January 7 at the Youth Services Desk, unless otherwise noted. You must present the child's library card to enroll. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students.

Story Times

The winter series will run January 23 through March 3.

Baby Business (Ages: 6 to 23 months)

Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays at 9:30-10:00 a.m.

A first-time group experience for babies and their caregivers to introduce rhythm and language.

Toddler Time (Ages: 24 to 36 months)

Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Stories in books, songs, games, fingerplays and puppets introduce literature to the young child through interaction with the adult and other children of the same age.

Preschool Storytime (Ages: 3 to 5 years)

Mondays at 10:30- 11:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 1:30-2:00 p.m. or Tuesday evenings at 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Storytimes designed for children who are ready for a social activity on their own for a short period of time.

After School Storytime (Grades: K to 2)

Wednesday afternoons at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Stories, read-alouds, songs and games for students.

Drop-In Stories (Ages: 3 to 8 years and their families)

First Saturday of every month at 11:00-11:30 a.m.

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!

Youth Services Dept. Tours A New Feature for Families

Ever wonder what goes on in Youth Services? Then drop in the first Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and take a brief tour of the department that serves the learning, research and recreation needs of children from birth through eighth grade. Become better acquainted with our Youth collection and services. Explore special areas created for specific age groups. Learn how to find books, CDs, CD-ROMs and DVDs. Go over what computer resources and databases are available for early learners and students. Afterwards, parents and children age three to eight are welcome to attend a drop-in story time for families at 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Book Clubs

Register and check out book club selections four weeks prior to each discussion.

Mother and Daughter Book Club

Saturdays, February 11, March 11 and April 8 at 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Girls in grades 3 to 5 and their Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, etc. are invited to explore great stories and join in lively discussions. Light refreshments.

Father and Son Book Club

Saturdays, February 25, March 25 and April 22 at 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Together, fathers and sons in grade 3 to 5 can remind each other how much fun reading can be with lively discussions and related activities. Light refreshments.



Sunday Family Programs

A new series of programs is being offered for families on Sunday afternoons. The content of these programs is suitable for ages 3 and up. Tickets are required and may be picked up in the Youth Services Department two weeks prior to each program.

Popeye and Swee'Pea

Sunday, January 22 at 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Free tickets available Saturday, January 7

Calling all dog lovers! This is the show for you! Trainer Alex "Popeye" Rothacker guides his talented dog "Swee'Pea" to perform tricks including jumping rope, walking on a tightrope, and balancing a glass of water on his head. In addition to the fun, "Popeye" will demonstrate animal training, the value of a good obedience foundation and pet safety.

Oba William King

Sunday, February 19 at 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Free tickets available Saturday, February 4

Celebrate the rich heritage of the African American culture with Oba William King as he reawakens the tradition of storytelling through poetry, drama, song and chant in a program for the whole family. The performance will include drumming, dance and song.

Special Clubs

Registration begins January 7 at the Youth Services Desk.

Magic Tree House Club (Grades 3 to 5)

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Join Jack and Annie in making history fun by doing games, crafts and other activities (including a snack or two) related to the Magic Tree House series. Limit: 30.

Chess Club (All Ages)

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 p.m., January 25 to March 1



Come play chess with others! Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome. Instructions will be provided.

Every Child Ready to Read

Registration begins January 7. Pick one of two dates:

- ✓ Thursday, January 19 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ✓ Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a special workshop to help get children ready to read. Learn fun ways to help make language, books and reading enjoyable for your child. Limit: 30 people per session.

Monarch Book Award

Registration begins January 7. Pick one of two dates:

- ✓ Thursday, February 23 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- ✓ Saturday, February 25 at 1:30-3:00 p.m.

The Monarch Award is an annual Illinois children's choice award. Kids in kindergarten through third grade are invited to attend this story-filled program and vote for their favorite book. The 2006 statewide winner will be announced in March. A yummy treat and a craft project will also be offered. Limit: 25 per session.

Films at the Library

The library will host a family film series this spring. Tickets are available one month in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.



Sky High (2005) Rated PG

Saturday, February 18 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Free tickets available Saturday, January 21.

Will Stronghold, son of the world's greatest superheroes, attends a high school for young heroes. The only problem – he doesn't have powers of his own.

Upcoming Films

- ✓ Lady and the Tramp (1955) -- Saturday, March 18
- ✓ Cartoon Marathon -- Saturday, April 15



Safeguard your children with a free Child ID. See listing below.

Child ID Program

Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (All ages)

The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child IDs in the Youth Services Program Room. These two page reports include a color photo, fingerprints and other information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. Participants are invited to come in and make an appointment on that day.

Homeschool Group

Thursdays, 1/12 and 2/9 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Homeschooled students and their families can meet at the library on the second Thursday of every month to have fun, learn new things using library resources and socialize with other homeschoolers. No registration required. All ages are welcome.

Read to Succeed

With the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team

The Youth Services Department has partnered with the Chicago Wolves hockey team to conduct a reading incentive program for readers through eighth grade. Registration begins Monday, January 2. Participants who read three library books between January 2 and January 31 will receive a prize. One prize per child.

Chicago Wolves Hockey Player Visit

Tuesday, January 3 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Right Wing, Pat Dwyer, number 8 on the Chicago Wolves hockey team, will make an appearance at our library to promote the "Read to Succeed" program.

Pat will give a short presentation about ice hockey and the Wolves team. Then, he will answer questions, sign autographs and dress an audience member in hockey gear. No registration required. All ages welcome.



✓ Teen Programs



Open to Oak Lawn students in sixth through tenth grade. Registration begins Saturday, January 7 at the Youth Services Desk, unless otherwise noted. Teens must present their library card to enroll.

Get Fit with Yoga! (Grades 6 to 10)

Saturday, January 28 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Instructor Susan Kane will teach you basic standing positions and movements that can increase your flexibility, muscle strength, and posture. All participants are encouraged to wear loose, comfortable clothing.

The Best Friends Game Show (Grades 6 to 10)

Thursday, February 9 at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

How well do you know your bud, your amigo, your BFF? Sign up as a pair to compete for movie passes and food bucks from the Westfield Shopping Center in Chicago Ridge. Participate or join our “studio audience.”

Game Night: Uno (Grades 6 to 10)

Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tournament registration begins February 5

Bring in your friends and your favorite board or card games – or play ours. Sign up for the Sudden Death Uno Tournament to win a gift certificate for Gamer’s Paradise at the Westfield Shopping Center in Chicago Ridge. Pizza for everyone and door prizes.

Junior Friends of the Library (Grades 6 to 10)

Looking for volunteer hours? Assist the Youth Services Department with displays, programs and special projects one hour per week, January 16 to March 25. Participants should attend an orientation meeting on Monday, January 16 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Limit: 10.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6 to 10)

Wednesday, January 18 and February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Help advise the library on how it can better serve teens and earn volunteer hours. Offer opinions on programs, books, music and more. Light refreshments.

March Movie Madness

Our March Movie Madness Marathon will feature four movies about basketball. Pick up free tickets two weeks before each show.

- ✓ Wed., 3/1 -- Hoosiers (PG) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Wed., 3/8 -- Coach Carter (PG-13) 6:00-8:30 p.m.
 - ✓ Wed., 3/22 -- Finding Forrester (PG-13) 6:00-8:30 p.m.
 - ✓ Wed., 3/29 -- Hoop Dreams (PG-13) 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Funded by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 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).

The Community Library Book

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now accepting contributions to “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 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 plaque to be prominently placed in the library’s lobby. The first nine volumes are on display near the Cook Avenue entrance.



Planning for the Future

The Library Foundation recommends that you consult with a qualified attorney or financial advisor regarding the tax advantages of contributing to the Foundation.

✓ Library Foundation commemorative gift envelopes are available year-round in the library’s lobby. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

✓ Last wills and testaments may list the Library Foundation as a beneficiary, resulting in significant estate tax savings. Or a living trust can be created to provide the beneficiary with a lifetime income, while ultimately benefiting the Library Foundation.

✓ Property donations, such as stocks, bonds and land, often provide significant tax savings, including a reduction or elimination of capital gains taxes.

✓ Only Available @ your library[®]

Doing some research? Instead of surfing the Net for hours, left to question the reliability of your source, access these valuable electronic resources at the library's Computer Center or one of the many computer workstations in the Reference Services, Periodicals and Youth Services Departments. Remember, you can use these only within our library.

✓ **ALLDATA Automotive Repair Manuals** -- Online repair manual database for domestic and imported cars and trucks.

✓ **Ancestry (Library Edition)** -- A new genealogy research tool which contains more than 1.5 billion names in over 4,000 databases. It includes: United States Census records; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists; and more.

✓ **Chicago Tribune** -- Database with full-text articles.

✓ **Chicago Tribune Historical Archive** -- Images and full text articles of historical international, national, regional, and local issues and events. Full text of death notices and obituaries.

✓ **Chicagoland Record Information Services** -- Find detailed data on property sales, foreclosures, new businesses and bankruptcies for the following counties: Cook, Dupage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.

✓ **Daily Southtown** -- An index and full-text database from 7/31/2004 to the present.

✓ **EBSCOhost MasterFILE Premier** -- Full text articles for over 1,860 general reference, business, consumer health, general science and multicultural periodicals. In addition to the full text articles, this database offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,800 periodicals.

✓ **Facts on File** -- Includes the content of seven core reference databases to answer questions about events, issues, statistics and people of the last 20 years. It also delivers in-depth features on "Historic Events" drawn from the 60-year Facts On File archive.

✓ **Grolier Online** -- Electronic versions of the Encyclopedia Americana, the Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, The New Book of Knowledge, The New Book of Popular Science and Lands and Peoples.

✓ **HeritageQuest Online** -- Genealogies, local histories, primary source materials and genealogical and local history serials from all 50 states.

✓ **Institute for Career Research** -- Detailed information about careers covering educational requirements, traits needed, good and bad aspects of the job, interviews with workers in a specific field and more. Also included are career tests, scholarship opportunities, an education planner and bulletin board to post career questions.



✓ **Learning Express Library** -- An interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help students and adult learners succeed on the academic or licensing tests. You'll get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations and an individualized analysis of your results.

✓ **Newsbank Newsfile** -- Articles covering social, economic, environmental, government, sports, the arts, people, health and science issues and events from more than 500 U.S. regional and national newspapers, wire services, and broadcasts, 1971 to the present.

✓ **PoemFinder** -- Citations to more than 800,000 poems from 16,000+ books and periodicals. Also includes 85,000+ full-text poems. Recently added are thousands of full-text short stories.

✓ **Reference USA (Business)** -- A directory of 12 million businesses that provides name, address, phone number, number of employees, estimated sales, credit rating and more.

✓ **Reference USA (Residential)** -- A directory of 120 million households searchable by name, telephone number or geographically.

✓ **SIRS Researcher and Government Reporter** -- Two databases of full-text documents and graphics covering health, science, business, economic and political issues. The Government Reporter includes government documents, Supreme Court decisions and information regarding federal departments and agencies.

✓ **TitleSource II** -- Information on books and other materials in English, currently in print.

✓ **World Book Online** -- More than 25,000 encyclopedia articles that have been carefully edited to suit the education level of users grade 4 through adult. Also includes pictures, video clips, tables, maps and much more.

A New Electronic Resource

✓ **Antiques Reference** -- Collections of antiques, collectibles, art and Americana are featured in this resource to help you evaluate those treasures hiding in your attic. The database is updated daily, providing such information as pictures for each record, condition and provenance, and perhaps most useful, recently paid prices with date and place where the item was sold. Stop by the Reference Desk where a librarian will start you on the road to antiques knowledge.

New web address: www.oaklawnlibrary.org



Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 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. For more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit their web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm).

Wintertime Opera Trip



✓ **Carmen** -- Monday, March 13.
An evening performance at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Georges Bizet's famed opera about the infamous gypsy temptress who drives a good man to desert his regiment, his sweetheart and his dying mother. Upper balcony seating. Performed in French with projected English titles. The bus will depart at 6:00 p.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$45 for Friends members and \$50 for others. Registration begins in-person Saturday, January 28 at 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the library's lobby. After the in person registration closes, you may call the library to find out how to purchase tickets, 708-422-4990. Members must present a current membership card or receipt to receive the \$5 trip discount. There is a two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.



(L-R) Friends of the Oak Lawn Library volunteer Astrida Pauperas and Senior Reference Librarian Mary Dunneback stand amidst a collection of items purchased with funds provided by the Friends group, including the book display rack, book cart and art books. Last year, the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library donated more than \$25,000 toward furniture, equipment, materials and programming costs that were beyond the library's regular budget.

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.

January 11 -- "Interpreter of Maladies" by Jhumpa Lahiri February 8 -- "Baby Wilson" by E. L. Doctorow

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

January 25 -- "Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd February 22 -- "Prairie Nocturne" by Ivan Doig



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Tax Form Information

In early January, the library will offer reproducible versions of tax forms in 3-ring binders near the photocopy machines. Or you may download federal and state forms and publications via our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Look inside for information on where to pick up or order forms from the IRS and the IL Department of Revenue.

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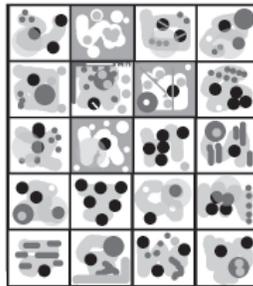
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Culture in Your Community

Art, literature, music, films and more are all a part of the library's collection and program offerings. Take a look!

Poetry Quilt Project

Celebrate National Poetry Month this April by creating an 8x8 inch square for the library's first ever Poetry Quilt. Express yourself, use your imagination and become a part of an impressive literary and artwork installation that will be on exhibit in the library's lobby during May 2006. Poets of all ages may participate. All types of poems and levels of writing experience are welcome. This is meant to be a community-wide project. If an adequate number of submissions are received, the library will host an unveiling and poet's reception in May.



The official Poetry Quilt Project forms and guidelines are now available in the library's lobby and the Youth Services Department. You may also download and print out a PDF version of the form from our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). All poems must be original and the poet's own work. Go a step further and get visually creative by decorating your poem with illustrations. Drop off Poetry Quilt forms at the Reception Booth or Youth Services Desk through Monday, April 24, 2006. Submissions will not be returned.

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

Shop eBay the Smart Way

Tips, advice and explanations for using this popular marketplace will be offered during a free class in the library's Computer Center Thursday, March 30 at 9:00-10:30 a.m. Requirements for the class are: 1) ability to use a mouse efficiently; 2) ability to navigate a web site; and 3) an already-established e-mail account. No bidding will be done during the class. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Class size limit: 15.

F.Y.I. The library has a vast selection of price guides for many types of collectibles in the adult nonfiction collection, second floor.



The Whiskey Brothers Irish Band performed an afternoon of Celtic music to 325 patrons on February 12. Two more free concerts remain in the Sunday With Friends International Series. See "Adult Programs."



Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Dates and details on back page

CLOSED Easter Sunday, April 16

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✓ **Preschool Storytime** (Ages 3 to 5) -- Pick one: 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.

✓ **After School Storytime** (Grades K to 2) -- Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

✓ **Drop-In Stories** (Ages 3 to 8) -- The first Saturday of each month 11:00-11:30 a.m. No registration.

Special Clubs

Register in advance at the Youth Services Desk.

✓ **Fantasy Club** (Grades 3 to 5) -- Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00 p.m., meets March 21 to April 11 -- Explore the magic and adventure of fantastic worlds with stories, games, crafts and treats. Limit: 30 members.

✓ **Chess Club** (All ages) -- Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 p.m., meets March 22 to April 26 -- Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome. Limit: 36 members.

Book Clubs

Great stories, lively discussions and snacks for children in grades 3 to 5 and their same sex parent on select Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Register and check out books four weeks in advance.

✓ **Mother & Daughter Book Club** -- 3/11 and 4/8.

✓ **Father & Son Book Club** -- 3/25 and 4/22.

Films at the Library

Free family films shown on select Saturdays. Tickets will be available one month in advance. All films are sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ **Lady and the Tramp** -- 3/18 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

✓ **Cartoon Marathon** -- 4/15 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday Family Program

The whole family is invited to this free program.

✓ **Kidworks Touring Theatre Company presents "Peace Tales Around the World"** (Ages 3 and up) -- Sunday, March 19 at 3:00-3:45 p.m. -- Journey to Africa, the Middle East, India, China, Mexico and Native America and share in the adventure as stories, dances and traditions come alive, with audience participation every step of the way. Tickets available Saturday, 3/4.

Child ID Program

Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (All ages)

The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child IDs, a two page report with a color photo, fingerprint and information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. Make an appointment for a specific time on the day of the program.

Homeschool Group

Thursdays, 3/9, 4/13 and 5/11 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Homeschooled students and their families can meet the second Thursday of every month to have fun, learn new things using library resources and socialize with other homeschoolers. No registration required. All ages.

Youth Services Department Tours

Every first Saturday of the month at 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Become better acquainted with our Youth collection, services, age specific areas and computer resources.

Teen Activities -- Grades 6-10

March Movie Madness

Free basketball movies shown on four Wednesday nights. Tickets will be available two weeks prior to each film viewing. Snacks provided.

✓ Hoosiers (PG) -- 3/1 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

✓ Coach Carter (PG-13) -- 3/8 at 6:00-8:30 p.m.

✓ Finding Forrester (PG-13) -- 3/22 at 6:00-8:30 p.m.

✓ Hoop Dreams (PG-13) -- 3/29 at 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Pillow Party!

Saturday, April 22 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. -- Make your own no-sew fleece pillow. Registration begins April 8.

Game Night -- Dos: The Revenge

Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. -- Join other teens to play board games, eat pizza, win great prizes and compete in a Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) Tournament. Registration begins April 10.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesdays, 3/15, 4/19 and 5/17 at 7:00 p.m. -- Teens can offer opinions on library programs, books, music and more. Each session counts as volunteer time. Meetings are held every third Wednesday in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. Light refreshments.

✓ Adult Programs

Free admission | Lower level meeting rooms

Networking to Get the Job You Want

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

Career Counselor and columnist Wendy Lalli will explain how to develop, use and expand your network so that you can meet “the right people” and impress them enough to remember you when the right job comes along.

Sunday With Friends: The Guitars of Spain

Sunday, March 12 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

A dynamic group of four musicians and one flamenco dancer whose arresting performance will fully express the passion and cultural richness of Spain. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Write Your Novel in Your Spare Time

Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Author Kelly James-Enger will share practical tips for frustrated would-be novelists. Discover how to find time to write, finish what you start, stay motivated and locate agents for your version of the great American novel.

Our Very Own Antiques Roadshow

Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Bring in one hand-held item (or a photo of a larger item) to this special identification program presided over by antiques expert Hilda Breuer, owner of the Browsatorium in Oak Lawn. First-come, first-served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Sorry, no appraisals of value.

Splendors of the Vatican

Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will present a slide lecture program examining a selection of works from the Vatican Museums with an emphasis on objects that are part of a traveling exhibition now at the Milwaukee Public Museum through May 7, 2006.

Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings and more in the library's lower level meeting room the second Wednesday of most months at 10:00-11:30 a.m., a new, earlier time. The next screening dates are: March 8 (with a medical specialist who will answer questions and distribute free colo-rectal screening home kits) and April 12 (with free Glaucoma screenings).

Sunday With Friends: April in Paris

Sunday, April 2 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Claudia Hommel returns to perform a captivating cabaret concert, sung both in French and English, accompanied by a pianist and accordion player who artfully convey the beauty, romance and vivacious spirit of Paris. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Speed Math

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

Cliff Petrak, author of “Speed Math: Don't Slow Me Down with that Calculator,” will share tips and shortcuts that make calculations speedy, fun and efficient. Petrak is a retired math teacher who taught at Brother Rice High School in Chicago for 40 years. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Open Mike Readings

Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Share original poetry and short stories. Five minute time limit for all readers. Sign in at the door to read or just listen in. Coffee and light refreshments.

Looking Back on “The White City”

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

The recent book, “The Devil in the White City” has ignited a resurgence of interest in the 1893 World's Fair that was held in Chicago. Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will present a slide lecture program that explores the fairgrounds design, important personalities such as Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan, selected artworks that were on display and the Woman's Pavilion.

Continuous Color Garden

Monday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Landscape designer, gardening expert and author Pam Duthie will show you how to select outstanding and durable plants to have wonderful texture and color in your garden from March through November.

Staff Longevity Awards

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

- ✓ 5 years - Nicolina Alfonso, Technical Services Dept.
- ✓ 5 years - Linda Dudlicek, Patron Services Dept.
- ✓ 5 years - Rosemarie Lozanski, Patron Services Dept.
- ✓ 5 years - Mary Clare Sabio, Reference Services Librarian
- ✓ 5 years - Lorene Visser, Youth Services Dept.
- ✓ 5 years - Beth Ellen Walsh, Reference Services Dept.
- ✓ 10 years - Barbara Kusek, Reference Services Librarian
- ✓ 15 years - Carol Krueger, Administration
- ✓ 15 years - Barbara Stefanek, Reference Services Librarian
- ✓ 25 years - Albert Krueger, Building Services Dept.
- ✓ 25 years - Kathleen O'Leary, Reference Services Librarian

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Friends Footnotes

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a not-for-profit 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.

Springtime Day Trips

✓ **Oklahoma** -- Sunday, April 30. Enjoy this award-winning musical and a delicious brunch at The Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN. Departs: 12:00 p.m. Returns: 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$60 for Friends members and \$65 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25.

✓ **Shedd Aquarium & Chinatown** -- Monday, May 22. Take a guided tour of the Oceanarium and Wild Reef exhibits at the John G. Shedd Aquarium. Dine family-style at the "House of Fortune" in Chinatown. Departs: 8:15 a.m. Returns: 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 for Friends members and \$65 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 29.

✓ **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.

Annual Book Sale -- April 20-22, 2006

Thousands of books, magazines, videos, CDs and more for adults and children at bargain prices. Lower level meeting room.

✓ **Friends of the Library Members Only** -- Thursday, April 20 at 6:00-8:30 p.m. *Friends of the Oak Lawn Library membership card or recent dues receipt is required for entry. Sign up in advance at the Reception Booth or buy your membership that evening. (Individual \$5; Family \$8)*

✓ **Open to the Public** -- Friday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

✓ **Bag of Books for \$1** -- Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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2006 Summer Reading Program **Voyage to Book Island**

Eight weeks of activities and a treasure trove of prizes await Oak Lawn students and residents of all ages. Registration begins Monday, June 5. The program ends Monday, July 31.

Children's Summer Reading

Are you up for adventure? Looking for a new and exciting challenge? Put yourself to the test this summer!

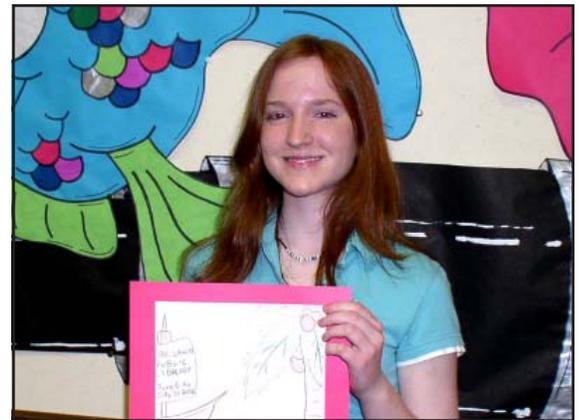
The call is out to children and teens, pre-readers through grade 10, to join the library's 2006 summer reading club, Voyage to Book Island. Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools can enroll at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, June 5.

Look inside for details about activities for:

- ✓ **Preschool through Grade 5**
- ✓ **Grades 6 to 10**
- ✓ **Children & Teens**
- ✓ **The entire Family**

Please be advised that many activities have age restrictions, some require tickets and several have limited attendance. Early registration is recommended.

For more details, pick up a program booklet or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).



Teen artist Samantha Antczak is this year's summer reading club poster contest winner. Her artwork will be used to advertise the program in local schools.

Adult Summer Reading

Starting Monday, June 5, patrons high school age and up may begin a fun-filled Voyage to Book Island by registering for the adult summer reading program at the Readers' Advisory Desk, located near the book check-out desk. Members who reach the five book reading goal will be eligible to win some fantastic prizes. Special activities are planned for first and second year high school students. The program ends July 31.



Poetry Quilt Unveiling Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.



Contributing poets and the community at large are invited to attend this special reception. Look inside for details.

Library Closings

- ✓ The library will be CLOSED Sundays after May 21. Sunday hours resume in mid-Sept.
- ✓ The library will be CLOSED Sunday and Monday, May 28 and 29 for Memorial Day.



Voyage to Book Island

Preschool through Grade 5

Let the voyage begin! Registration starts Monday, June 5 at the Youth Services Desk. Bring in your library card to receive a Voyage to Book Island bookmark and the official reading log. This year, members will keep track of how much TIME they spend reading. The goal is 18 hours.

Beginning June 19, return to the library with your reading log to show a librarian the amount of time you have read and have your chart stamped. Continue to read books, visit the library and record the amount of time that you read. Check in with your progress no more than once a week.

Prizes will be awarded each time you reach a goal of three hours, up to a limit of six prizes. Members may receive only one prize per week until the last week, when they may collect any previously earned prizes, up to a limit of six total prizes. Custom-designed buttons will be awarded to the caregivers who read to pre-readers. Certificates of achievement will be delivered to local schools in September for participants who reach the summer goal of 18 hours.

Registered summer reading club members may participate in the following programs:



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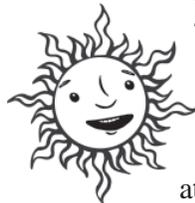
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Beach Party (Ages 2 to 7)

Tuesday, June 20 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. OR 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Have some fun in the sun... while inside! Stories, games, crafts and snacks, all with a beach party theme. Come dressed in your favorite beach gear. A parent or caregiver must attend with the child. Limit: 50. Tickets: June 5.

Voyage to Movie Island (Pre-readers and up)

Fridays at 2:00-4:00 p.m. on June 23 and 30; July 14 and 21

Reading club members and their families are invited to spend a cool summer afternoon at the library taking a cinematic voyage. Tickets are required to attend each showing, available two weeks in advance of each film presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

✓ June 23: Superman cartoon festival

✓ July 14: Lilo and Stitch

✓ June 30: Muppet Treasure Island

✓ July 21: To be announced

Submarine Party (Grades 3 to 5)

Tuesday, June 27 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Dive into a world of underwater adventure with games, crafts and surprises. Enjoy a sub sandwich. Limit: 30. Tickets: June 19.

Survivor Party (Grades 3 to 5)

Tuesday, July 11 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be the sole survivor on Book Island? Test your survival skills in a variety of competitions. Treats provided. Limit: 30. Tickets: June 26.



Other Children's Activities

- ✓ Crafts will be available every two weeks.
- ✓ Shipmates: **Book Buddies** (see Children & Teens)
- ✓ **Sign Language** (see Children & Teens)
- ✓ **Family Story Night** (see Family Programs)
- ✓ **Voyages at Lunchtime** (see Family Programs)
- ✓ **Friday Specials** (see Family Programs)
- ✓ Even more parties and games coming in July!



Grades 6 to 10

Survive the summer! Have an adventure! Registration begins June 5 at the Youth Services Desk. Trek to the library with your library card, sign up and check out books at your reading level. Members will receive prizes for every three hours that they read. Check in once a week to tell us how many hours you have logged. Upon reaching each goal, choose a prize from the variety that are available.

Registered members may participate in the following programs:

Junior Friends (Grades 6 to 10)

This crew of loyal volunteers report for duty one hour per week in the Youth Services Department from June 12 to August 18. Junior Friends will assist with projects, special events and activities, while keeping the children's department ship-shape. Volunteers should plan to attend an initial training meeting on Monday, June 12 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Limit: 15. Registration begins: June 5.

Monster Movie Island (Grades 6 to 10)

Spend a cool summer evening at the library re-living the terror of two of the silver screen's most famous monsters. First, a great white shark terrorizes Amity Island. Later, one giant ape becomes King of both Skull Island and Manhattan. Tickets are required to attend, available two weeks in advance of each film presentation. Sponsored by Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ **Jaws:** June 29 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

✓ **King Kong** (2005 version): July 20 at 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Paint the Library (Grades 6 to 10)

Thursday, June 22 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Calling all artists! Have you ever wanted to draw all over the walls? Well, this is your chance, sort of. Participants will use colored, washable window paints to create an island paradise on the Youth Services Department windows. Limit: 25. Registration begins: June 5

Other Teen Activities

For more details, pick up a program booklet or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Registration is required to participate. Limited enrollment.

✓ **Henna Tattoos** - Wed., June 28 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

✓ **Fear Factor Games** - Thurs., July 6 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

✓ **Flip Flop Workshop** - Wed., July 12 at 1:00-2:30 p.m.

✓ **Duct Tape Wallet** - Wed., July 26 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.



Children & Teens

Please note the ages and grade levels of the following activities open to summer reading club members.

Shipmates: Book Buddies

(Ages 3 to 6 AND Grades 6 to 10)

Thursdays at 2:00-2:30 p.m.

June 22 and 29; July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Older readers (grades 6 to 10) will pair up with younger pre-readers (ages 3 to 6) to read stories for a half-hour period. Pre-readers may count the time toward their reading goal. Older readers may count their time as volunteer hours. There will be an orientation meeting for older readers Thursday, June 15 at 2:00-3:00 p.m. Limit: 30 younger readers and 30 older readers. Registration begins: June 5.

Sign Language (Grades 4 to 10)

Thursdays at 1:00-2:00 p.m. from July 6 to 27

Learn to communicate with your hands! Participants will master the manual alphabet and many basic signs which are used in daily life by many speech and hearing-impaired people in the United States. Each week new signs will be learned and incorporated into stories and songs. Limit: 30. Registration begins: June 19.

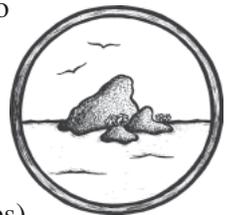
Family Programs

Summer reading club members, their parents, siblings and caregivers are invited to partake in the following activities for families. Please note age restrictions.

Voyages at Lunchtime (All ages)

Mondays at 12:00-1:00 p.m. from June 19 to July 24

Children and their families are invited to bring a sack lunch to eat while learning about another culture. We'll hear about a new country, learn how to say "hello" in a new language, listen to a story, learn a dance and taste a special treat. Lower level meeting room. No registration required.



Family Story Night (All ages)

Wednesdays at 7:00-7:45 p.m.

June 21 and 28; July 5, 12, 19 and 26

Children and their families are welcome to listen to stories and songs filled with fun and laughter. Lower level meeting room. No registration required.

More Family Programs continued on next page

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Friday Specials

After all your work reading and collecting prizes, you may need to relax on a Friday afternoon and just laugh your troubles away. Free tickets will be distributed for each of the events on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents or caregivers of members under seven must attend the program with their child. Lower level meeting room.

Storyteller Linda Gorham (Ages 4 and up)

Friday, June 16 at 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Tickets available beginning June 5

Join nationally recognized award-winning storyteller Linda Gorham as she takes a journey around the world to meet some strange, weird and foolish animals who lived --where else-- on Book Island!



Linda's stories spark the imagination and are very entertaining. She tells a wide range of stories, including her popular zany multicultural folktales. You can count on Linda to make her stories come alive with humor and audience participation. This summer, Book Island will be a crazy place when Linda Gorham visits. Come join the fun!

Jim Gill in Concert (Ages 4 and up)

Friday, July 7 at 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Tickets available beginning June 23

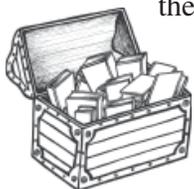
Jim bangs out energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone sings, claps, jumps, dances and even sneezes along. But in a concert with Jim Gill, it is not just the music that is important. Each song promotes active participation and interaction between children and caring adults. Although he is best known for his silly recordings and books for young children, Jim Gill is, by training, a child development specialist with 20 years of experience working with young children and families.



Final Celebration (All ages)

Saturday, August 5 at 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Village Green (The park north of the library)



Join us as we honor our young readers and celebrate the success of their summer reading adventures. All summer reading club participants who have read at least three hours will receive an invitation to attend a musical concert and enjoy an ice cream treat out on the Village Green.

Congratulations

Periodicals Librarian Cindy Kelly was honored by "Spirit: A Magazine Designed for the Diverse Woman" at their third annual conference for women on April 1. They recognized Cindy for her continuous contributions to society. At the conference, Cindy gave a speech on the place that insightful magazines play in the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.



A Virtual Library Tour

How well do you know your library? New patrons and even those who've been visiting for years can benefit greatly from a fully-automated, computer slide show that's now available behind the book check-out desk. No computer knowledge necessary to operate. Just click on the "Library Tour" icon, sit back and watch.

Learn about the materials and services available in each department. Discover specialized offerings and areas you may never have heard of or seen before. This educational and enlightening presentation includes floor plans, photographs and text that introduce you to the library's operations, resources and holdings.

If you require assistance to get this nine-minute computer slide show presentation started, please stop by the Readers Advisory Desk.

Staff Art Exhibit

Not just able public servants -- Artists, too! During the month of June, stop by the display cases located near the first floor public elevator to admire a variety of artwork created by library staff. The exhibit will include paintings, photographs, stained glass pieces and other mixed media.



Poetry Quilt Unveiling

Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Lobby | Light Refreshments

During National Poetry Month in April, poets of all ages submitted dozens of original poems on 8x8 inch paper quilt squares. Many even decorated their poem with illustrations. Now, those individual squares have been joined to create an impressive literary and artwork installation that will be on exhibit in the library's lobby during the month of May 2006. Be among the first to see the Poetry Quilt unveiled and celebrate the wealth of creativity in our community.



Fond Farewell

Elaine McClure of the Technical Services Department retired on January 31 after working for the Oak Lawn Public Library for 28 years. The library staff gave her a heartfelt sendoff filled with both laughter and tears. Elaine was an exemplary employee who inspired others with her shining personality, compassion, sense of humor, positive attitude, kindheartedness, devotion to her family and sharing of ideas. She will be greatly missed.

Wireless Internet Access



Browse the Internet anywhere in our building! The library 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. A maximum of 25 users can be logged onto the wireless Internet network at one time.

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

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

✓ Printers are not available via the wireless connection. Use workstations in the Computer Center to print.

✓ 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 our Access to Electronic Information Policy. Copies are available at all public service desks.

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!

IL Clean Energy Grant

The library recently received a \$12,640 grant from Illinois Clean Energy Foundation to cover part of the cost of replacing 197 obsolete fluorescent ceiling light fixtures with new, more energy-efficient units.

As a result, library users can now peruse the main book-shelving areas on the first and second floors with improved visibility and the library will realize thousands of dollars in savings each year by cutting their overall electricity usage by 14.87 kW. The lighting replacement work was completed during November and December 2005 by Connelly Electric of Addison, Illinois at a total cost of \$48,501. New fixtures were installed in areas not covered by the library’s 2002-04 building expansion and renovation project.

The grant was authored and administered by Library Director Dr. James B. Casey and Maintenance Supervisor Al Fournier.

E-Mail Notification

Is it easier to get in touch with you via e-mail? Stop by the Circulation Desk to give us your e-mail address and register for these convenient, new services. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.



✓ **Reserves** -- Do you like to reserve material from our collection and that of other libraries? You can choose to be notified via e-mail instead of telephone when an item you have reserved is waiting for you. The e-mail notice will indicate the name of the item as well as the last possible date for pick-up. This service is active now.

✓ **Due Dates** -- Can’t always remember when you’re supposed to return library material? Never be late again! You will receive e-mail notification one to three days prior to the date library materials are due. Courtesy notices will begin sometime this summer.

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. The rooms are located on the lower level of our facility.

Starting June 1, we will accept reservations for dates that fall between July 1 and December 30, 2006 on a first-come, first-served basis. You may pick up and return meeting room use 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.



Friends of the Oak Lawn Library

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit 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. For more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit their web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm).

Are you a Friend?

Last year, more than 800 people joined 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, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. As member, you receive:

- ✓ News updates in the Fall and Spring
- ✓ A \$5 discount on most trip tickets
- ✓ Access to special Friends "members-only" events, including annual book sale preview nights
- ✓ Interesting volunteer opportunities
- ✓ The fulfillment that comes from giving back to the library and supporting culture in your community

Annual Dinner Meeting

An evening of good food and fellowship awaits you at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 28th Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 1 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Cost: \$20 per person. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. There will be a full dinner featuring a delicious chicken entrée, book raffle drawing (where everyone wins!), early summer trip registrations and free gift for all who attend. The deadline to reserve your spot is Friday, May 26.

Friends Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

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

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, Membership
9427 S. Raymond Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Membership year runs June 1st through May 31st

Summertime Trip Update

Year-round, the Friends schedule and implement bus trips to various cultural attractions, such as plays, concerts and museums. Please note that trips sponsored by the Friends of the Library are not wheelchair accessible.

✓ **Father's Day with the Big Bands:** Sunday, June 18. A Ravinia Festival tribute to clarinet masters Artie Shaw and Benny Goodman, featuring Eric Schneider and Jeff Lindberg's Chicago Jazz Orchestra. Also, Jon Faddis conducts The Chicago Jazz Ensemble featuring Ramsey Lewis, at the dance floor on the north lawn. Participants will have reserved folding chair seating in the lawn area, but you may bring your own blanket, lawn chair and picnic to enjoy music under the stars. Departs: 4:30 p.m. Returns: 10:30 p.m. Cost: \$35 for Friends members and \$40 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 20 in the library's lobby.

✓ **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.

Ongoing Book Sale

Stop by any time to peruse thousands of books and much more at bargain prices. Located near the "Food for Thought Café." The Friends accept donations of "gently used" books, magazines and audio visual material. Due to space limitations, they will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and out-dated text books. Complete a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter acknowledgment by mail.

Gifts to the Library

The Friends reinvest membership dues and book sale revenue to fund the purchase of materials, furniture, equipment and programming that are beyond the library's regular budget. Recent gifts to the library include: One high back swivel chair; One multi-tier display rack; One magazine/literature display rack; \$3,000 toward art and collectibles books; A new, better enlarging magnifying lens for the microfilm machines; 24 two-button wheel computer mouses; 30 copies of WebEyes software; Two additional carpeted stage pieces for use during library programs; Sponsorship of Sunday With Friends concerts, Lyric Opera Lecture series and children's films.



Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation



The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 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).

The Community Library Book

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now accepting contributions to "The Community Library Book," a fundraiser offering individuals and local businesses an opportunity to create a lasting legacy and show their support in a highly visible way. For a \$25 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 plaque to be prominently placed in the library's lobby. The first nine volumes are on display near the Cook Avenue entrance.



The Oak Lawn Story

Don't miss your chance to own a limited-edition book about the Village of Oak Lawn, with more than 230 fascinating historic photographs and stories from the archives of the Oak Lawn Public Library. 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. Checks or money orders only, made payable to: *Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation*. There will be no additional printings of the book once our supply is sold out.

Planning for the Future

The Library Foundation recommends that you consult with a qualified attorney or financial advisor regarding the tax advantages of contributing to the Foundation.

✓ Library Foundation commemorative gift envelopes are available year-round in the library's lobby. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

✓ Last wills and testaments may list the Library Foundation as a beneficiary, resulting in significant estate tax savings. Or a living trust can be created to provide the beneficiary with a lifetime income, while ultimately benefiting the Library Foundation.

✓ Property donations, such as stocks, bonds and land, often provide significant tax savings, including a reduction or elimination of capital gains taxes.

Commemorative Donations

A commemorative contribution made to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a lasting way to bestow a memorial, a special way to pay tribute or a thoughtful way to honor someone on a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary or retirement. Each gift to the Library Foundation is acknowledged with a card sent according to your wishes. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Commemorative gift envelopes are available in the library's lobby and at the Reception Booth.



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✓ Shop at ANY Jewel-Osco store on May 8, 9 or 10 to raise funds for the Library Foundation.

✓ 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 Programs

Free of charge, unless otherwise noted | First-come, first-seated | Lower level meeting rooms

The Top 10 Nursing Home Myths and How to Pay for Nursing Home Care

Thursday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Amy Parise DeLaney, Attorney at Law, of DeLaney Law Offices, Ltd., will provide valuable legal insight to simplify the process of selecting, contracting and paying for nursing home care. Learn ways to empower yourself, prepare financially and make the best possible decisions for you and your loved ones. DeLaney is one of only six Certified Elder Law Attorneys in Illinois.

History of the Chicago White Sox

Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Lindberg, author of "The White Sox Encyclopedia," will share the history of the South Side's 2005 World Series winning baseball team, its legendary players, important milestones and the inside story of the decision to build a new Comiskey Park. A must-hear for the most dedicated fans.



Sunday With Friends: Skylarks Unlimited

Sunday, May 21 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Jack Hogan leads this talented troupe of five performers who will share musical memories from the 1930s through 1970s, with their own special salute to the USO and Hit Parade. The show ends with a patriotic finale dedicated to those remembered on Memorial Day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.



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2006 Summer Reading Program



Voyage to Book Island

Registration begins
Monday, June 5

WWII Photographer

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

See WWII through the eyes of Henry van Westrop, a photographer in the Illinois National Guard's 33rd Infantry Division. View an extensive collection of images captured during his time stationed in the South Pacific (Japan, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, Halmahera Islands and the Philippines). Hear stories about bartering for goods and equipment that will leave you in stitches.



AARP 55 Alive Driving Program

Thurs. & Fri., May 25 & 26 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

A two-day refresher course designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to those who complete the course. The in-person registration begins Saturday, May 6 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24. Light refreshments.

This course will fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. For more information about other 55 Alive courses taught in the area, call 1-888-227-7669.

Free Health Screenings



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Jump Start Your Career

At some point, nearly everyone will need to plan their career path or look for a new job. Turn to your library for help researching and securing employment that's the perfect fit for you.



Your Job Finder Toolkit

Recent college grads and those making a career move can take advantage of these useful resources:

Ask a Librarian: The Ultimate Search Engine

Don't go it alone! Give yourself the winning edge over other candidates. Our staff will direct you to the best sources.

The Career Center: A Wealth of Information

You'll find 1,500 books, hundreds of circulating pamphlets, bibliographies that guide you to resources for your specific needs and a comfortable work area. The Career Center is located in the southeast corner of the second floor Reference Department.

The Computer Center: Set Up Office Here

Search online job postings, type up your resume and e-mail it to prospective employers. There are 30 workstations with Internet access and Microsoft Office software, including Word.

Wi-Fi "Hot Spots": Your Wireless Link to Job Prospects

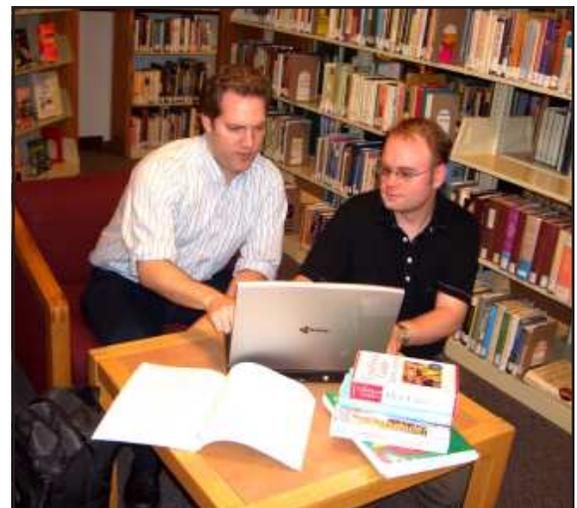
Access the Internet anywhere in our building using a laptop computer or other device capable of receiving wireless signals.

Web Sites: Recommended By Our Librarians

Don't get tangled up on the web! Start at the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org), click on "Reference Services Dept.," then go to "WWW Sites" and select "Employment/Career."

Job Postings: Up-to-date Position Openings

Nearly a dozen publications listing local, national and international job openings are available for browsing at the Reference Desk. In the Periodicals area, view the latest Help Wanted USA microfiche to review the Sunday help wanted ads for 64 major cities.



Resourceful job seekers know the value of their library. Do you? Stop by and explore the career development materials, technology and assistance that we provide.



Voyage to Book Island

2006 Summer Reading Program

-- Look inside for details --

Community News

To keep you up to date on local events, clubs, classes, volunteer opportunities and more, the library maintains a community bulletin board across from the first floor public restrooms. Local community groups, organizations and individuals may drop off literature at the Reception Booth for approval by the Public Relations Office. The board policy that governs the placement and distribution of items is posted on the bulletin board.



The Poetry Quilt is still on display in the library's lobby. Come in and be inspired!

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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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Library Employment Online Resource

Would you like to work at the Oak Lawn Public Library? Find everything you'll need to know and even print out an application form at the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Click on "Employment Opportunities."

Our Human Resources web site details position openings at the library, employment policies, the application process, descriptions of positions, qualifications and employee benefits. Applications and resumes are accepted on an ongoing basis for full-time, part-time and substitute positions. Most openings are for part-time service desk clerks and book shelvees (12-20 hours per week). Employment applications are also available at the Reception Booth.

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

Free Hands-on Computer Classes

The following classes will be offered in the library's Computer Center on select Thursday mornings at 9:00-10:30 a.m. To enroll, you must be able to: 1) use a mouse efficiently, 2) use the Windows PC operating system and 3) type using a keyboard. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Each class date is limited to 15 students.

Shop eBay the Smart Way

Pick one date: Thursday, July 6 -OR- Thursday, August 3 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Tips, advice and explanations for using this popular online marketplace. Class members should have an established e-mail account and be able to navigate a web site. No purchases will be made during class.

Find Genealogy Records Using "Ancestry" Online

Thursday, July 20 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Learn how to effectively use the world's premier genealogy database. Search U.S. Census archives, World War I draft registration records and ship passenger lists. Participants should know how to navigate a web site.

Become Savvy with Microsoft Word

Pick one date: Thursday, July 13 -OR- Thursday, July 27 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Gain the basic skills needed to use this popular word processing program. Learn how to format and edit text; create, save and print documents; and utilize 'Spelling and Grammar,' along with other common tools.

It's Never Too Late to Plan a Vacation

Travel by car, bus, train or plane to a destination you researched at the library. The following resources can help you plan a trip:

✓ **Books** -- Make an informed decision by referring to the updated travel guides published by AAA, Eyewitness Travel, Falcon, Fodor's, Frommer's, Let's Go, Mobil and Rick Steves'. You may wish to request a six-week "vacation loan" at check out.



✓ **Internet Access** -- Research travel options, locales and accommodations, make your reservations and track travel plans online.

✓ **VHS and DVDs** -- Take an advance look at where you want to go.

✓ **Magazines** -- Our library currently subscribes to *Alaska, Americas, Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel, British Heritage, International Travel News, Ireland of the Welcomes, Midwest Living, Motorhome, National Geographic Adventure and Traveler, OAG: Desktop Flight Guide (Official Airline Guide), Southern Living, Sunset, Transitions Abroad and Travel and Leisure.*



2006 Summer Reading Program Voyage to Book Island

It's not too late to join the summer reading program and earn fabulous prizes! Children entering preschool through eighth grade may register at the Youth Services Desk. Adults, high school age and up, can sign up at the Readers Advisory Desk. For complete details, stop by the library or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). The program ends Monday, July 31.

Preschool thru Grade 5

Win a prize for every three hours that you read! New books arrive every day. Old favorites are also available. We have something for everyone: picture books, beginning readers, books about animals, sports teams, mysteries, science fiction, joke books and magic books. Let us help you find the book that's just right for you!

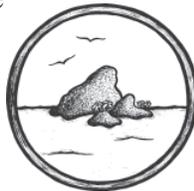


Summer reading club members, their parents, siblings and caregivers are invited to partake in the following activities. Please note age restrictions.

Voyages at Lunchtime (All ages)

Mondays at 12:00-1:00 p.m. on July 3, 10, 17 and 24

Families are invited to bring a sack lunch to eat while learning about another country and hearing a story from that culture. Participants will also be taught to say "hello" in a different language and a new dance. Special treats will be provided. Lower level meeting room. No registration required.



Family Story Night (All ages)

Wednesdays at 7:00-7:45 p.m. on July 5, 12, 19 and 26

Families are welcome to listen to stories and songs filled with fun and laughter presented by our librarians. There is always lots of audience participation involved. Lower level meeting room. No registration required.

Voyage to Movie Island (Pre-readers and up)

Fridays at 2:00-4:00 p.m. on July 14 and 21



Spend a cool summer afternoon at the library on a cinematic voyage. Movie viewings are open to reading club members and their families. Tickets are required to attend each film presentation, available starting two weeks in advance of each movie date. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

- ✓ July 14: **Lilo and Stitch**
- ✓ July 21: **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie**

Grades 6 to 8 (and up)

Read three hours and win a prize, over and over again! Registered members may also sign up for these programs.



Monster Movie Island (Grades 6 to 10)

Tickets are required to attend, available two weeks in advance. Sponsored by Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

- ✓ **King Kong** (2005): Thursday, July 20 at 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Other Teen Activities (Grades 6 to 10)

For more details, pick up a program booklet or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Registration is required to participate. Limited enrollment.

- ✓ **Fear Factor Games** - Thurs., 7/6 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Flip Flop Workshop** - Wed., 7/12 at 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Duct Tape Wallet** - Wed., 7/26 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

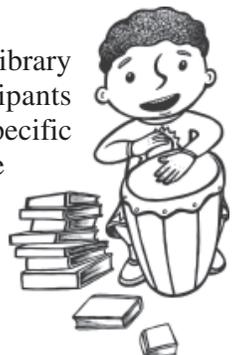
Teens and Adults

Patrons high school age and up may register for the adult summer reading club at the Readers Advisory Desk. To be eligible to win prizes, members must read five books and submit a brief book review form for each one. Special activities are planned for first and second year high school students in conjunction with Youth Services.

Final Celebration

Saturday, August 5 at 1:00-2:00 p.m.
The Village Green, park north of the library

All summer reading club participants who reach the reading goal for their specific age group will be invited to hear the Chicago Steel Band perform island-inspired music on the Village Green. Join us as we honor our readers and celebrate the success of their summer reading adventures.





The 2006 Library Board of Trustees: (Seated, left-right) President Frank March; Vice President Richard Gast. (Standing, left-right) Joann Buschbach; Marian Sullivan; Michael Sutko; Secretary Suzanne Marzano; and Financial Secretary Patricia Roberts.

Youth Services News

Fun, free activities for when summer reading ends.

August Drop-in Craft Projects

Get creative! Available during these time frames.

- ✓ National Inventor's Month Spyglass -- 8/7 to 8/19
- ✓ School Countdown Chain -- 8/21 to 9/2

Homeschool Group

Meetings resume the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on August 10. No registration required. All ages are welcome to participate.

Fall Program Series

Registration begins Saturday, August 26. Choose from a variety of activities for children age six months to eighth grade. Pick up a Fall program booklet in August.



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All-Day Bus Trip

✓ **Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL** -- Monday, September 11. Travel by motorcoach to our state capital and visit the new Abraham Lincoln Museum, part of the Lincoln Presidential Library Complex. Enjoy a delicious lunch buffet at the Chesapeake House Restaurant. Departs: 7:15 a.m. Returns: 9:20 p.m. Cost: \$73 for Friends members and \$78 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5 in the library's lobby.

✓ **Special Notice** -- 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 the Friends are not wheelchair accessible.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar** -- "Cinderella" performed by the Joffrey Ballet on October 14. Details to come.

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The Smartest Card

The Smartest Card
Get it. Use it.
@your library

If you're like most people you have many cards in your wallet. But do you have the one card that gives you free access to books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and the Internet?

Who Can 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.

Why Everyone Should Have One

Is there anything more American, more magical, more empowering than a library card? A library card is more than an ID; it's a symbol of what the library offers and what it represents in our democracy. From cradle to grave, a library card signifies the opportunity for learning and enjoyment for all people. Libraries are a bargain for taxpayers, allowing us to share resources and services that most of us could never afford on our own.

Patron Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 17 at 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Music | Refreshments | Giveaways | Prizes | Children's Program

Celebrate the library reopening for Sunday hours! It's a day for us to thank Oak Lawn taxpayers for their continued support.

- ✓ As you walk in, receive a *free "Smartest Card" magnet* listing library hours and other useful information.
- ✓ Listen to a *harpist* and enjoy *tasty treats* in our lobby.
- ✓ Families may attend *Bookin' with Ronald*, a free children's program offered in the lower level meeting room at 2:00-2:40 p.m.
- ✓ Enter a one-day-only raffle to win a *\$25 gift card* for TGI Fridays or one of ten *\$5 gift certificates* for local restaurants.
- ✓ Stop by a table hosted by the *Friends of the Oak Lawn Library*, draw to win a "like new" book and/or become a member.



Starting with picture books, storytimes and summer reading programs, the library opens the door to learning, imagination and wonder.

NOTICE

- ✓ **CLOSED:** Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Friday, September 8 for a Staff Inservice Training Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Saturday, September 9
- ✓ **OPEN:** Sundays at 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning September 17

All Aboard for Fun!

This October, our library will host three free train-themed programs for patrons of all ages:

- ✓ **Model Train Day** -- Sat., 10/7 (Children's Programs, see Family Offerings)
- ✓ **Chicago Train History** -- Tues., 10/10 (Adult Programs)
- ✓ **Sunday With Friends: Train Celebration** -- Sun., 10/15 (Adult Programs)





Learn about the library! Next to the first floor elevator, watch a fully-automated, computer slide show about our materials and services. View floor plans and photographs introducing you to the library's operations, resources and holdings.

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

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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Introduction to Windows

Choose one: Thursday, September 7 -OR- October 5 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Computer Center, second floor. Limit: 15.

Learn how to use the Windows operating system for PC computers. Get the skills you need to use other software programs and Internet applications.

To participate in the following classes, you must be able to: 1) use a mouse efficiently, 2) type using a keyboard and 3) use the Windows PC operating system. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990.

Introduction to the Internet

Choose one: Thursday, September 28 -OR- October 19 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Computer Center, second floor. Limit: 15.

Learn how to surf the World Wide Web using Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Minding Your Business with Reference USA

Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Reference area, second floor. Minimum/Maximum: 3/6.

Learn how to search the business component of Reference USA, an online directory that provides basic information for over 13 million U.S. businesses, along with estimated sales data, links to financial reports, news stories, credit ratings and more. Registration deadline: September 19.

Find Genealogy Records Using "Ancestry" Online

Choose one: Thursday, September 14 -OR- October 12 at 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Computer Center, second floor. Limit: 15.

Learn how to effectively use the world's premier genealogy database. Search U.S. Census archives, World War I draft registration records and ship passenger lists. Participants should know how to navigate a web site.

"Wild About Reading" Free Zoo Passes

Oak Lawn residents can now check out free passes for Brookfield Zoo at our library. Each pass entitles four individuals to free general admission. Parking and special exhibits are not included. The library has four passes available to adult Oak Lawn residents for five day loan periods. One pass per family, per loan period. No renewals or reserves permitted. Interested parties are advised to contact Circulation Services to inquire about availability, 708-422-4990.



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✓ Adult Programs

Lectures, workshops and musical offerings for a variety of interests. Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. First-come, first seated in the library's lower level meeting rooms.

The Return of Tut: Art and Archaeology

Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will present a slide lecture examining some of the major Egyptian treasures that were excavated from the tombs of King Tut and his royal relatives. This program is a perfect compliment to The Field Museum exhibit "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" on display through January 1, 2007.

Open Mic Short Story & Poetry Reading

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Share original poetry and short stories! Meet and mingle with fellow writers. Read or just listen in. Five minute time limit for all readers. Light refreshments.

Creating a Resume that Works for You

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Certified Professional Resume Writer Georgiana Carroll will provide a foundation for creating resumes of power and impact. Learn about resume formats, distinguishing between responsibilities and accomplishments and creating summary statements that position you best for the job that you want.



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Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 28 & 29 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required

A two-day refresher course designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. In-person registration begins: Saturday, September 2 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24. Light refreshments.

Please be advised that this course is likely to fill up on the first day of registration. To find other AARP 55 Alive courses taught in the area, call 1-888-227-7669.

"Beyond Boundaries" -- Investing Today!

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

 This presentation focuses on the historic performance of investments and what has happened in times when the U.S. stock market hasn't cooperated. Discover alternative asset classes, such as emerging markets, Pacific Rim, precious metals and energy, and how they may enhance your portfolio. Get flexible and go "Beyond Boundaries" of the traditional investment strategy. Presented by Eric Degnan, CMFC and Geoff Peterson, Financial Advisors with Waddell & Reed, Inc. Light refreshments provided by the speakers.

The History of Chicago Passenger Trains

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

Local historian Greg Stout's slide lecture will take you on a journey back in time, when train travel was in its heyday. Find out what it was like to sleep in a berth and enjoy a meal in the dining car.



Sunday With Friends: Train Celebration

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

Folk singer Mark Dvorak will perform a train-themed concert on guitar and banjo, with loads of railroad lore and fun-filled sing-alongs that are sure to delight. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Where to Find Community-based Senior Care

Thursday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Rachel Guimond of the PLOWS Council on Aging will explain where seniors can go to locate benefits and assistance from local social service agencies, including transportation, housing, legal and financial assistance, homemaker services, home delivered meals and caregiver support programs.

Traditional Chinese Medicine

Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn the history of Chinese medicine, its guiding principles and how it is used today as a stand alone therapy and to compliment other medical doctrines. Registered Nurse and licensed acupuncturist Wendy Murray will explain how to achieve optimal health by incorporating acupuncture, Chinese herbs and simple dietary changes.

Jack the Ripper: The Whitechapel Murderer

Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.

In 1888, a killer known as "Jack the Ripper" terrorized London's Whitechapel district. Linda Putnam will discuss this infamous case, review its suspects, share stories and photos of the victims and give background on London's East End in the late 19th Century.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series

✓ **Turandot** -- Sunday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Iphigenie** -- Sunday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Salome** -- Sunday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m.

A member of the Lyric Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background and play musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ Children's Programs

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Story Times

The early fall series runs September 18 through October 16. Registration for the late fall series begins Saturday, October 21 for dates that fall between November 6 and December 8. One storytime program per child, per series. Limited enrollment.

Baby Business (Ages: 6-23 months)

Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays at 9:30-10:00 a.m.

A first-time group experience for babies and their caregivers to introduce rhythm and language.

Toddler Time (Ages: 24-36 months)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Stories in books, songs, games, fingerplays and puppets introduce literature to the young child through interaction with their caregiver and children of the same age.

Preschool Storytime (Ages: 3-5 years)

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.

Storytimes designed for children who are ready for a social activity on their own for a short period of time.

After School Storytime (Grades: K-2)

Wednesdays at 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Stories, read-alouds, songs and games for students.

Drop-In Stories (Ages: 3-8 years and their families)

First Saturday of every month at 11:00-11:30 a.m.

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!

Free Child ID Program

Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child IDs in the Youth Services Program Room. These two-page reports include a color photo, fingerprints and information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. No registration required. On the day of the program, participants should come in and make an appointment for a designated time.

Mothers & Daughters Read (Grades: 3-5)

Saturdays, October 21, November 18 and December 16 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Girls, their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) will explore great stories and share lively discussions. Register one month prior to each meeting. Light refreshments.

Guys Read (Grades: 3-5)

Tuesdays, September 26, October 24 and November 28 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Boys will share stuff they like to read when nobody's forcing them to. Each meeting takes a look at guy-friendly subjects and formats - Not just books. Light refreshments.

Chess Club (All ages)

Wednesdays, September 20 through October 18

at 4:00-5:00 p.m.



Improve your skills! Instructions and game boards provided, but feel free to bring your own chess set. All levels of experience welcome.

Yu-Gi-Oh (Grades: 3 & up)

Thursdays, October 12, November 9 and December 14 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

It means the "King of Games." Bring your own Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration required.

Homeschool Group (All ages)

Thursdays, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Homeschooled students and their families meet the second Thursday of every month to have fun, learn new things using library resources and socialize with other homeschoolers. No registration required.

Home Alone Workshop (All ages)

Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Police Department will present a program for parents and children that addresses safety concerns for babysitters and kids left home alone. No registration required.



Nate the Great (Grades: K-2)

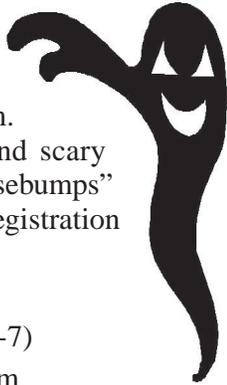
Tuesday, October 10 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Solve a mystery with this pancake-loving junior detective, his dog Sludge and his best friend Annie. Games, puzzles and other activities. Registration begins: September 18. Limit: 30.

Goosebumps (Grades: 3-5)

Monday, October 23 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Creepy games, spooky treats and scary craft creations for fans of the "Goosebumps" series and other R.L. Stine books. Registration begins: October 9. Limit: 30.



Halloween Party! (Ages: 2-7)

Saturday, October 28 at 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Crafts, games and yummy treats, all with a not-so-scary Halloween theme. Come dressed-up in your scariest (funniest, cutest...) costume. Parent must accompany their child to this event. No registration required.

Fantastic Family Programs

Bring the whole family! These free weekend activities are suitable for ages 3 and up. Please be sure to check if tickets are required to attend.

Bookin' with Ronald

Sunday, September 17 at 2:00-2:40 p.m.

Free tickets available starting Saturday, September 2

The excitement begins when Ronald McDonald and Stogie the Bookworm® take you on a "Relaxation Reading Vacation." The show features magic tricks, puppets and skits to show children that reading is fun. The content is geared toward children pre-K to Grade 4.

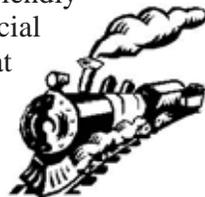
Model Train Day

Saturday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Storytimes: 11:00-11:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:30 p.m.

No tickets or registration required

The Midwest Division of the Train Collector's Association will display running train layouts, collections and memorabilia. There will also be kid-friendly trains for children to operate and special train storytimes. Drop in anytime to chat with fellow railroad enthusiasts.



The Louie Show

Sunday, November 5 at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Free tickets available starting October 21

Louie the bilingual educator and family entertainer from New York City will perform a highly interactive concert. Come prepared to sing and dance along to his infectious rhythmic beats. Fun for all ages!

On Saturday, August 5, a final celebration was held for summer reading club participants with musical entertainment and treats.



The Chicago Steel Band performs island music in the Village Green Gazebo.



Happy summer readers form a conga line on the Village Green.



Kids Summer Reading Wrap-Up

The 2006 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 13,354 hours (Wow!), completed activity sheets, attended programs, viewed movies, made crafts, earned prizes and had a great time visiting our library.

Adult Summer Reading Report

This year, 145 teens and adults enjoyed a "Voyage to Book Island" by reading and annotating 670 books. If you're looking for reading suggestions, stop by the Readers Advisory Desk and take a look at the notebook full of book reviews written by our summer readers.

Summer Reading Appreciation

The library would like to thank the following local businesses for donating valuable prizes:

7-11 (87 & Central) | Advocate Christ Medical Center | Brunswick Zone | Bank Financial | Beggars Pizza | Burger King | Chicago Bulls | Chicago Cubs | Chicago White Sox | Fox's Restaurant | Gamer's Paradise | George Washington Savings Bank | Haunted Trails | Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel & Conference Center | Hollywood Park | Hollywood Video (107 & Ridgeland) | Hooters | Jedi's Garden | Jr.'s Hot Dogs | Kohl's | McDonald's (6034 W. 95 St.) | McDonald's (105 & Cicero) | Milex | Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe | Northwestern University | Oak Lawn Park District | Oak Lawn Restaurant | Oberweis | Odyssey Cruises | Old Country Buffet | Palermo's Restaurant | Papa Joe's | Paragon Restaurant | Prospect Federal Savings Bank | Rutledge Printing Co. | Suburban Bank & Trust | Taco Bell | Target (Crestwood & Bedford Park) | T-USA Martial Arts | U.S. Cellular | University of Illinois | Westfield Mall | White Castle | Windy City Thunderbolts.

✓ Teen Programs

The following activities are open to Oak Lawn teens in grades six and up. Registration began August 26, unless otherwise noted. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Teens must present their library card to enroll.



Home Alone Workshop

Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.
The Oak Lawn Police Department will present a free program for babysitters, kids sometimes left home alone and their parents. No registration required.

Chess Club (All ages)

Wednesdays, Sept. 20 to Oct. 18 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Come to the library and play against other chess fans! Instructions provided. Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome. Feel free to bring your own chess set and clock. Limit: 36.

CSI: Crime Scene Investigators

Thursday, October 5 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Evidence technicians from the Oak Lawn Police Department will demonstrate how they examine a crime scene, from lifting fingerprints to using special cameras. No registration required.



Henna Tattoos

Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Back by popular demand! Henna tattoos are a fun form of self-expression and individuality. They are also temporary and fade after one to three weeks. Limit: 30.

Teen Game Night

Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Enter the Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) Tournament, play for fun or just watch your friends. Board games will also be available. Light refreshments.

Junior Friends of the Library (Grades: 6-10)

Looking for volunteer hours? Assist the Youth Services Department with displays, programs and special projects once a week, September 18 through December 1. Participants must attend an orientation meeting Monday, September 18 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Limit: 10.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesdays, September 20 and October 25 at 7:00 p.m. Mary Nelson Room, lower level
Help advise the library on how it can better serve teens, while earning volunteer hours. Offer opinions on programs, books, music and more. Light refreshments.

Teen Read Week

October 15-21, 2006

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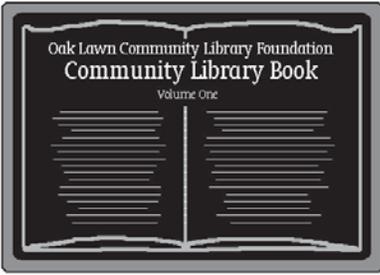
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The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation presents

The Community Library Book

Show your support in a highly visible way

Create a lasting legacy for yourself or a loved one. Be among the hundreds of patrons already listed in The Community Library Book, an ongoing fund raising program that began in Fall 2003.

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

Reserve your square foot today

Please fill out the donation form below and return it to the library. For more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org/lib-fnd.htm).

The Library Foundation thanks you

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines, the full amount of your donation is reportable for tax purposes. The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to raise money to ensure that our library can grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Engraving Guidelines

- ✓ Names will be listed alphabetically by last name
 - ✓ One name per line. Names may not include "Mr. and Mrs." or two names connected by "and"
 - ✓ The term "Family" may follow any name
 - ✓ Middle initials only, not full middle names
 - ✓ No titles before or after names (Dr., Esq., etc.)
 - ✓ Jr., Sr., II and III after a name is acceptable
 - ✓ Hyphenated last names are permitted
- 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.

The Community Library Book Donation Form

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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_____ **ONE** individual, family or organization name

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Friends of the Oak Lawn Library

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit 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. For more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit their web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm).

Fall Bus Trip Schedule

✓ **The Joffrey Ballet** presents "Cinderella" -- Saturday, October 14. This lavish, new production debuts in America at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. Prior to the performance, a ballet master will give an informative lecture on the choreography costumes and sets. Departs: 12:00 noon Returns: 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$67 for Friends members and \$72 for others. An in-person registration was held in August. To check ticket availability, call Donna Beckett, 815-439-0075.

✓ **White Fence Farm "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Luncheon & Show** -- Wednesday, December 6. Outstanding farm chicken and musical entertainment in Lemont, IL. Departs: 11:30 a.m. Returns: 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$46 for Friends members and \$51 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 28 in the library's lobby. You must present a current membership card or receipt to get the \$5 discount. Two ticket limit per person.

✓ **Special Notice** -- Please be advised that trips sponsored by the 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. Reading lists are available in the lobby.

- ✓ **Short Stories** -- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
September 13 - "Harmless Little Stories" by Helmut Stephan
October 11- "A Double-Dyed Deceiver" by O. Henry
- ✓ **Books** -- 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
September 27 - "A Painted House" by John Grisham
October 25 - "Frankenstein" by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Help Wanted: Local History Coordinator

The library has a newly-established part-time position open that is responsible for planning and implementing all aspects of our local history program. Applicants must possess: A bachelors degree, strong organizational skills, ability to manage multiple tasks, familiarity with standard computer technology, ability to work with people of diverse ages and backgrounds, and ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Archival/preservation experience is preferred. The starting wage range for this 20-hour per week position begins at \$15.30/hr. Benefits include paid vacation, sick leave and a pension plan. Includes daytime, evening and weekend hours. Please submit your resume to the Human Resources Coordinator, c/o Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. You may also send your resume via fax (708-425-5274) or email (humanresources@oaklawnlibrary.org).



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For Your Convenience

Over the years, the library has adapted its collection and services to ensure that your experience is both enjoyable and user-friendly.

Online Book Clubs

Finding a great book just got easier!

Join the library's Online Book Clubs and receive excerpts from popular books via email. Each day, Monday through Friday, the library sends subscribers a portion of a book that takes only five minutes to read. Over the course of a week, you will have the chance to read two or three chapters, enough to know if it's a book that you want to finish. With 11 Online Book Clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone: fiction, non-fiction, romance, business, teen, mystery, science fiction, horror, "good news," pre-publication releases and audio books (that you can listen to online). New books are featured every week. Sign up for this free service at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

The funding for this program has been generously provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.



Need a break? Drop by The Village Green Café for a cup of hot coffee, cold beverage, quick snack, full meal or tasty dessert. The café is located near the library's Raymond Avenue entrance.

In a Hurry? Use an Outside Drop

Return drops for books and audio visual materials are located near the Raymond Avenue entrance and the driveway along the north side of the building. An additional book drop is located next to the Cook Avenue entrance. All drops are open 24 hours a day.

We need your help to maintain the book and video drops as a viable option for the safe return of materials. Please place items in the drops one at a time and always make sure that they go all the way down into the drop. Please do not leave materials sticking out of the drop or on the sidewalk. You are responsible for borrowed material until it is removed from your account by our staff.

Free WiFi Access: Browse the Internet from anywhere in our building using a laptop computer or wireless device.

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 our lobby Friday, November 24 through Saturday, December 23. No stuffed animals, please.



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 29. All food donations will go to Oak Lawn food pantries. Thanks for your generosity!



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Family Reading Night Thursday, November 16

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

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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The library board meets every third Tuesday
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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.

Storytimes for 6 months thru 8 years

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Arthur & D.W. (2-7 years) Tuesday, November 14 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. - Join Arthur and his sister D.W. for an afterschool party of stories, games and activities related the world's most popular aardvarks. Limit: 30.

Free Family Program -- The Louie Show



(3 years & up) Sunday, November 5 at 3:00-4:00 p.m. -- Louie the bilingual educator and family entertainer from New York City will perform a highly interactive concert. Come prepared to sing and dance along to his infectious rhythmic beats. Pick up free tickets at the Youth Services Desk.

✓ Adult Programs



Lectures, workshops and musical offerings for a variety of interests. Free admission and no advance registration required. First-come, first seated in the library's lower level meeting rooms.

The Great Hostess

Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Interior Stylist Julea Joseph will share insights and tips to help you successfully entertain family and friends with style and flair. Discover ways to create a warm and welcoming space in every room by understanding its form and function. Learn how to quickly pull together a memorable occasion whenever unexpected visitors ring.

Sunday With Friends: Ragtime Piano

Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Pianist Sue Keller will perform a selection of ragtime pieces made popular by Scott Joplin, Joseph F. Lamb, Charles L. Johnson and other composers during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Exploring Chicago Neighborhoods

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Author and tour guide Bill Hinchliff will take you on an armchair tour of Chicago's neighborhoods, from Rogers Park up north to Hegewisch on the far south side. Hinchliff has been a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation since 1976.

Understanding Medicare and Medicaid

Thursday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m.

A representative from PLOWS Council on Aging will give an overview of these two federal entitlement programs and explain the differences between Medicare and Medicaid. Find out which program you qualify for, learn about changes that have occurred in the past year and see how they affect your coverage and benefits.

Chicago Genealogy 101

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Family historian Grace DuMelle will explain how to trace your Chicago ancestors like a pro. Avoid common mistakes and take a look at resources that few researchers utilize, including fire insurance maps, tract books and inquest records. DuMelle is the author of "Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History in the City and Cook County."

Sunday With Friends: The Al Carver Band

Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Big band music and jazz from the 1940s and beyond. This talented quartet will play "old standards" and hits by Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Women's Self-Defense

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

Pat Collins of Stay Safe Tactics will give a talk on personal safety issues, fear management and the use of personal protection devices, such as pepper spray. Learn basic self-protection strategies, including awareness, avoidance, verbal skills and escape. Collins is a retired Chicago Police Officer and certified self-defense trainer.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series

✓ **il Trovatore** -- Sunday, Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Roméo et Juliette** -- Sunday, Nov. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Die Fledermaus** -- Sunday, Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

At these informative sessions, members of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain an opera's plot, give background on the composer and play a sampling of musical selections. Lectures are scheduled for eight select Sundays through February 2007. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings and "Ask the Pharmacist" consultations on Wednesday, November 8 at 10:00-11:30 a.m. in our lower level meeting room. Participants are encouraged to bring in their medications and meet one-on-one with a pharmacist to discuss dosing, optimization, special instructions, duplication and other important medical concerns. Please note that there will be no health screenings in December. This free monthly program resumes in January 2007.

"Ancestry" Computer Class

Select one: Thursday, November 16 or December 14 at 9:00-10:30 a.m. -- Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. -- Learn how to effectively use the world's premier genealogy database. Search U.S. Census archives, World War I draft registration records and ship passenger lists. To enroll, you must be proficient with using a keyboard, mouse, the Windows PC operating system and Internet browsers.

A Message to Parents



With the busy school year underway, we encourage students of all ages to make use of the library for homework, study and recreation. Since our staff is concerned for the safety and well-being of all patrons, please be aware of these guidelines.

Children seven years and younger must be accompanied at all times by a responsible person, i.e., an adult or a mature adolescent. Children eight years and older may use the library unattended, subject to other library regulations. Our staff provides full service to all patrons and are not available to supervise unattended children.

If your child comes to the library alone, please be sure to check our hours of service and review appropriate behavior. The library will not tolerate noisy, disruptive conduct. Initially, staff members will speak with people who are behaving in a loud and discourteous manner. If the behavior persists, disruptive individuals will be asked to leave. Ultimately, it may become necessary to summon the police to deal with individuals who refuse to behave respectfully toward other patrons and library staff.

We want your child's visits to the library to be pleasant and productive. These guidelines are intended to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to the enjoyment of the library by all of our visitors.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

(Grades 6-10) Wednesdays, November 15 and December 20 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. -- Teens are invited to advise the library on how it can better serve young people. Earn volunteer hours, while offering your opinion on programs, books, music and more. Light refreshments.



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Library Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23
Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31
New Year's Day, Monday, January 1



Friends Footnotes

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a not-for-profit 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.

Winter Bus Trip to the Opera

✓ **Turandot** -- Thursday, February 1. A matinee performance of Puccini's masterpiece at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The exotic Chinese princess, Turandot, beckons all suitors: Answer three riddles and she is yours. Get them wrong and you die. Performed in Italian with projected English titles. Upper balcony seating. Departs: 12:30 p.m. Returns: 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$72 for Friends members and \$77 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9.

✓ **Special Notice** -- You must present a current membership card or receipt to get the \$5 discount. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends group are not wheelchair accessible.

Monthly Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month at 1:00 p.m., September through May. The reading list of short stories and books is available in the library's lobby. For more information, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

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