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Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

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What's New for 2007?

Libraries continue to change with the times. Why not start off the new year with these recently added materials and services.

"Book News" E-Newsletter

If you like browsing through the library's collection, then you'll love "Book News," a new electronic resource available at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Each month, four new books are highlighted from 22 categories of fiction, nonfiction and children's titles. You can either view the newsletters on-line or sign up to receive them as e-mail. Check it out! You'll be amazed at what's available.



New Periodicals: Now Read This!

Available in the "Magazines and Newspapers" section.

✓ **Cleveland Clinic Arthritis Advisor** -- This monthly newsletter joins our outstanding collection of medical advisory publications. Published by the prestigious Cleveland Clinic, the Arthritis Advisor addresses the problem of bone and joint health with timely articles on daily living, pain relief, surgery and drug therapy.

✓ **Communication Arts** -- This journal is the leading title in the field of visual communication. Communication Arts is the largest design magazine in the world and showcases the top work in graphic design, advertising, illustration, photography and interactive design. The beauty and creativity of each issue makes it an entertaining experience for everyone.

✓ **Forensic Examiner** -- As the world's leading forensic magazine, this journal is packed with the latest information on true-life forensics, case studies and research in various areas of forensic science. Those who love "true crime" stories will not want to miss this fascinating and very readable quarterly.

✓ **Fra Noi** -- This monthly newspaper has served as the favorite journal of the Italian-American community of Chicagoland for more than three decades. It joins our collection of ethnic interest magazines as an excellent source of information and inspiration to all who are interested in cultural awareness and pride.



Check out our new DVD selection of feature films, TV shows, documentaries, children's movies and more.

Computer Classes

Sign up for Free Hands-On Training

To participate, you must be able to use a mouse efficiently and type using a keyboard. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Limit: 15 per class.

All Thursday mornings at 9:00-10:30 a.m.

- ✓ January 18 -- Intro to Microsoft Windows
- ✓ January 25 -- Intro to "Ancestry" Research
- ✓ February 1 -- Consumer Tips
- ✓ February 8 -- Intro to the Internet
- ✓ February 15 -- Searching for your Family Roots on "Ancestry"
- ✓ February 22 -- Intro to Microsoft Word

Complete course descriptions are available at the Computer Center.



Wow! Science fiction and fantasy reader, Judy Dague of Oak Lawn has reached the CDM Adult Reading Club 1,000 book goal. Patrons high school age and up can join the CDM Club year-round to earn prizes while reading at their own pace. Details at the Readers Advisory Desk.

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Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun.* 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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The library board meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Meetings are open to the public.

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THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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

✓ Adult Programs

Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. First-come, first seated in the library's lower level meeting rooms.

Sunday With Friends Concert: Dois no Choro

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

Light, soothing and up-tempo Brazilian music that mixes African rhythms with European dance melodies, sung and performed on flute and guitar. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Getting Organized for 2007

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

Pamela Colovos of Organizing Solutions will share tips to help you reduce stress, save time and money, manage your papers more efficiently and keep your home and workspace free of clutter.

Open Mic Readings

Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Calling all writers! Share your original poetry and short stories. Five minute limit. Sign in to read or just listen in. Light refreshments.

Travel to India

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

A slide show of captivating images taken by professional photographer Paul Berg on his travels across the mainland and islands of India by car, bicycle rickshaw, train, camel and ferry transportation.

AARP 55 Alive

Thursday & Friday, February 1 & 2 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Advance registration and fee

Two-day refresher course designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. In-person registration begins: Saturday, January 6 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Light refreshments. Limit: 24.

The library will offer this course again during March and May 2007.

Organized Crime in Chicago

Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Author John Binder will cover over 100 years of organized crime history in Chicago, sharing research from his book "The Chicago Outfit," which will be available for purchase and autographs.

Sunday With Friends Concert: Polka Party

Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Photography of Ansel Adams

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

The long and distinguished career of this famous American landscape photographer will be examined in a slide lecture presented by Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc.

Tax Law Changes & ID Theft

Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Rita J. Daemicke, EA, CSA and Robert H. Daemicke, EA, CLU will provide updated information on new and recently extended tax laws. Also, how to prevent and combat identity theft. Many handouts.

The Truth About Car Buying

Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Phil Barry, from Saturn of Oak Lawn, will demystify the car buying process and answer questions in this no-pressure forum to educate consumers. Learn realities about trade-ins, financing, warranties, safety ratings, adding extras and more.

Lyric Opera of Lecture Series

✓ *Cosí fan tutte* -- Sunday, January 7 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ *Dialogues of the Carmelites* -- Sunday, February 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Learn about the plot and hear musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ Children's Programs

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Storytimes for 6 months thru 8 years

The winter series runs January 23 through March 2. Limited enrollment. One series per child.

✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months) Select: Tuesdays or Fridays at 9:30-10:00 a.m.

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

✓ **Drop-In Stories** (3-8 years and their families) First Saturday of every month from 11:00-11:30 a.m. No registration required. Parents are welcome to attend.



Pajama Party (Grades K-2)

Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Wear pajamas and bring a teddy bear! Games, stories, crafts and snacks. Limit: 30.

Bingo Party (Grades K-2)

Tuesday, February 13 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a fun game of BINGO! Play, snack and win prizes. No advance registration.

SpongeBob SquarePants Party

(Grades K-2) Monday, February 19 at 11:00 a.m. to noon

(Grades 3-5) Monday, February 19 at 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Crafts, games and snacks. No advance registration.

Yu-Gi-Oh (Grades 3 & up)

Thursdays, January 11 & February 8 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Bring your own Yu-Gi-Oh cards and play the "King of Games" with others. No advance registration.

Guys Read (Grades 3-5)

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A monthly after-school program to help guys find stuff they really want to read. Snacks. Limit: 30.



Holiday Club (Grades 3-5)

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Mother & Daughter Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Saturday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m. to noon

Explore a great story and join in a lively discussion. Light refreshments. Limit: 15 pairs.

Chess Club (Up to Grade 10)

Wednesdays, January 24 to February 28 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome. Instructions will be provided. Limit: 36.

Homeschool Group (All ages)

Thursdays, January 11 & February 8 at 10:00 a.m. to noon

Have fun, learn new things and socialize with other homeschoolers. No advance registration.

Sunday Family Programs

Afternoons of wonder! Please observe the age restriction noted for each event. No advance registration.



Traveling World of Reptiles (All ages)

Sunday, January 28 at 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Have you ever felt the sharp spines of an iguana or stared into the eyes of an alligator? Join Dave DiNaso in an up-close, hands-on exhibit and educational experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world.

Akuba's Dream (Ages 4 & up)

Sunday, February 25 at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

The Von Orthal Puppets will present this magical tale about a thousand-year-old woman who weaves story, music and dreams to lead three young friends on a journey of the heart. Featuring colorful hand, rod and bunraku puppets and music by Chicago's Poi Dog Pondering member Paul Mertens. A delightful and inspiring show.

Read to Succeed & Win!

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 Tuesday, January 2. Participants who read three library books between January 2 and January 31 will receive a prize.



✓ Teen Programs

Fun activities open to Oak Lawn teens in Grades 6 to 10. Registration begins Saturday, January 6, unless otherwise noted. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Teens must present their library card to enroll.

Teen Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, January 31 & February 28
at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Featuring Dance Dance Revolution,
board games, prizes and snacks.



Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, January 17 & February 21 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Offer ideas for programs, books, music and movies.
Tell us what YOU want from the library and earn service
hours. Light refreshments. No registration required.

Teen Chocolate Festival (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

MM!!! Taste, make and enjoy! Limit 30.

Junior Friends (Grades 6-10)

Assist the Youth Services Department with displays,
programs and more. Teen volunteers earn up to 10 ser-
vice hours over ten weeks, January 15 to March 23. Ad-
vance registration required. An orientation meeting is
set for Monday, January 15 at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Limit 10.

Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership provides free blood pres-
sure screenings and other health-related offerings in the library's
lower level meeting room the second Wednesday of most months
at 10:00-11:30 a.m. The next screening dates are: January 10
(with free hearing tests) and February 14.



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Look inside to find out
**What's New
for 2007?**

**The library will be CLOSED
New Year's Day, 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.

Take a Day Trip to a Local Attraction

✓ Chicago History Museum -- Thursday, March 8.

Take a guided tour of the new "Crossroads of America" exhibit and see how Chicago transformed from a swamp to a thriving metropolis. Box lunch by Wolfgang Puck Catering. Departs: 9:30 a.m. Returns: 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$42 for Friends members and \$47 for others. In-person registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 3.

✓ Special Notice -- You must present a current mem- bership 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.

Donate Items for Book Sales

The Friends accept donations of "gently used" books,
magazines and audio visual material at a table located
near the library's Cook Avenue entrance. Due to space
limitations, they do not accept Readers Digest Con-
densed Books, encyclopedias and outdated text books.
To receive a tax letter acknowledgment by mail, stop by
the Reception Booth and complete a short form.

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Oak Lawn History Spotlight

Make our library the first place you go to research the Village of Oak Lawn's history, influential people, growth and development.

Local History Room Reopens

In response to a growing community interest in the history of Oak Lawn, our library has reestablished a Local History Room on the second floor, overlooking the east entrance. Staging and preparations for the room began this past February and will conclude with a grand opening the weekend of April 21-22, 2007.

The recently hired Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, intends the room to become the hub of the local history collection. Interested patrons, historians and students will have access to all archived and reference materials, with special work areas and staff assistance provided.

This new phase of the local history program includes histories and exhibits that document and tell the stories of Oak Lawn's businesses, community organizations, political movements, important events, trends, elected officials and village residents. Programming and presentations for adults and children will also be a part of the future of the local history initiative, starting with commemorating the 40th anniversary of the 1967 tornado.

As part of the revitalized local history project, the library will actively solicit materials important to the interpretation of Oak Lawn's history. In order to tell the story of Oak Lawn well, family papers, business records, land use maps, papers of significant individuals, organizational records, as well as photographs and other memorabilia, are needed and donations are encouraged. Contact Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990.

The initial funding for the part-time coordinator position was provided by the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation.



40th Anniversary of the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado

Look inside for photos and program details.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church confirmation class of 1907. View hundreds of photographs, historic documents and much more at the Local History section of the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

CLOSED Easter Sunday, April 8

Public Art Gallery



Thanks to a generous donation made by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, we will open a Public Art Gallery this spring. The future exhibit space is located on the second floor, in a special nook along the north window vista. At this point, the library seeks local artists interested in exhibiting both two and three-dimensional pieces for one month engagements. The Art Gallery application and board policy are now available at the Reception Booth. For additional information, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



1967 Oak Lawn Tornado 40th Anniversary

Ask nearly any longtime Oak Lawn resident where they were on April 21, 1967 and you will hear a story of fear, hope, devastation, service or relief. The tornado that slashed through the community is vividly remembered. This April marks the 40th Anniversary of the most devastating tornado in Oak Lawn history. The library has partnered with Oak Lawn Community High School to honor this anniversary with special programming on April 19, 21 and 22, 2007.

Tornados of Northeast Illinois

Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Local historian Betsy Green will give a talk covering memorable tornados from the last 125 years in Chicago and the suburbs, including the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado.

Local History Room Grand Opening

Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 22 from 1-3 p.m.

Be among the first to see the new Local History Room on the library's second floor. View an exhibit of photographs, newspaper articles and memorabilia from the 1967 tornado. Browse the resources available to patrons researching Oak Lawn history. Light refreshments.

1967 Tornado History Presentation

Saturday, April 21 at noon

The library's new Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show presentation examining features in the tornado anniversary exhibit and moderate a short discussion. Learn about that fateful day through eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and other records maintained in our local history archives.

OLCHS Tornado Sculpture Dedication

Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

At Oak Lawn Community High School, 95th & SW Hwy

As one of the many buildings struck by the 1967 tornado, Oak Lawn Community High School will hold a brief ceremony and unveil a student-created sculpture commemorating the destruction and rebuilding of the school's pool and gymnasium. Details: 708-741-5857.

Oak Lawn Community High School has generously agreed to offer limited free shuttle service that day between the library and the high school from 1-4 p.m.

Tornado Memories Open Mic

Sunday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Do you have a firsthand experience to share? Was your life affected by the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado? Did you help out with rescue and cleanup efforts? Members of the community are invited to share their memories at this open mic forum. Sign in at the door to speak. Five minute time limit. This event will be videotaped.



Near St. Gerald School, the 1967 tornado caused a wedding photograph to slice into the side of a tree. Photo by David A. Johnston.



Destruction left behind after the 1967 tornado struck Oak Lawn Community High School. Photo by David A. Johnston.

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*. Once our supply is sold out, there will be no additional printings of the book. Only 60 copies remaining in stock!

✓ Adult Programs



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

Sunday With Friends: Sweet Adeline Chorus

Sunday, March 11 from 2-3 p.m.

More than a dozen female singers from the Western Lights Chorus will perform much-loved old standards and other favorites in the four-part harmony barbershop style. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Annuities: Income for Life

Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Uncover the myths and truths of this retirement planning option. Learn the basics about these fixed and variable products and discover how to properly use them to generate income for life. Presented by Financial Advisors Geoff Peterson and Eric Degnan of Waddell & Reed.

Writing Family Histories

Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

An introductory workshop that addresses how to get started on writing your personal memoir or recording family stories for the next generation. Presented by Nancy Beckett, an award winning playwright, master teacher and founder of the Lakeside Writing Studio.

Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?

Thursday, March 22 at 2 p.m.

Explore ways to keep family relationships intact while discussing the sensitive subject of distributing personal belongings and treasured heirlooms that have emotional and sentimental value to more than one person. Presented by Molly Hofer, a family life educator with the University of Illinois Extension.

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- ✓ April 5 -- Electronic Genealogy Resources
- ✓ April 12 -- Introduction to Windows
- ✓ April 19 -- Using the Internet
- ✓ April 26 -- Introduction to Microsoft Word

Annuals, Perennials and Fun Things to Grow

Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Get creative in your garden! Learn about older plant and flower varieties that are just being rediscovered, others that are new and unusual, and some that are simply fun for the garden. Presented by Greg Stack, a horticulture educator with the University of Illinois Extension.

AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Class

Thurs. & Fri., March 29 & 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required

A two-day refresher course for drivers age 50 and up. The in-person registration begins Saturday, March 3 at the Reception Booth. \$10 fee. Limit: 24.

This program will be offered again in May 2007.

Sunday With Friends: Blues to Go

Sunday, April 15 from 2-3 p.m.

A swinging mix of Jazzy Blues and Bluesy Jazz, with traditional, modern and original compositions. Join this musical duo with their sensational singer, Bobbi Wilsyn, as they trace the blues from its roots to today's music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Reminiscing About Chicago's Riverview Park

Thursday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

Remember the "good old days" with public speaker Larry Bergnach. Share treasured memories of Riverview Park, located until the 1960's at Belmont & Western Avenues. Relive the Bobs, Chute the Chutes, Aladdin Castle, Flying Turns and two-cent day. Fun and interactive.



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Special program details on page 2.

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Storytimes for Ages 6 months to 8 years

Weekly storytimes introduce children to literature through picture books, storytelling, fingerplays, songs, poetry, puppetry and flannel boards.

The spring series runs March 19 through April 27. Limited enrollment. One series per child.

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April - Curious George Month

Curious? Read! Program (Ages 2-7)

Monday, April 2 through Monday, April 30

Curious young children can improve their literacy skills by reading with their parents. We'll give you the resources to share in the fun and track your progress. Prizes will be awarded to all children who complete the program. Registration begins Sunday, April 1.

Curious George Goes to the Party (Ages 2-7)

Saturday, April 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.

More fun than a barrel of monkeys! Join our very own Curious George for stories, crafts, activities and snacks. Tickets available beginning Sunday, April 1. Limit 30 children per event.

Meet Curious George (All ages)

Saturday, April 21 from 3-4 p.m.

Bring your camera! Stop by the Youth Services Department to meet a costumed Curious George.



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Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome. Instructions will be provided. Limit: 36.

Yu-Gi-Oh Game Events (Grades 3 & up)

Thursdays, March 8 & April 12 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your own cards. No advance registration.

Drop-In Crafts (All ages)

Celebrate the season! Stop by the Youth Services craft table and get creative. No advance registration.

✓ **Flower Ring:** April 2 through April 6

✓ **Pinwheel:** April 9 through April 13

Family Program: Beach Party (All ages)

Sunday, March 25 from 3-4 p.m.

- Grammy-nominated Dave Rudolf will present an interactive show featuring original music, hula hoops, bubble machines, limbo lines and more.
- Rudolf is the winner of a Gold Record and multiple Parents Choice awards. No advance registration.

Free Child ID Program

Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 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 other information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. No registration required. Stop in the day of the program to make an appointment for a designated time.



✓ Teen Programs

Fun free activities open to Oak Lawn teens in Grades 6 to 10. Registration began Saturday, February 24, unless otherwise noted. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

Teens must present their library card to enroll.



Teen Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, March 28 & April 25 from 7-8 p.m.

Featuring Dance Dance Revolution, board games, prizes and snacks. No registration required.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, March 21 & April 18 from 7-8 p.m.

Offer the library ideas for programs, books, music and movies, while earning service hours. Light refreshments. No registration required.

Teen Web Design Class (Grades 6-10)

Thursday, April 26 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn how to create a simple website using images, special fonts, tables and links. In-person registration begins Monday, March 26. Limit 10.

Junior Friends (Grades 6-10)

Assist the Youth Services Department with displays, programs and more. Teen volunteers earn up to 10 service hours over ten weeks, March 26 through June 2. Advance registration required. An orientation meeting is set for Monday, March 26 from 4-4:30 p.m. Limit 10.

Free Baby Packets for New Parents

It's never too early to share the joy of books! If your child is six months or younger, bring in proof of Oak Lawn residency to sign-up your baby for a first library card at the Circulation Desk. Then, head over to the Youth Services Department for some free goodies.

Pre-April Fools Day Joke Slam



Saturday, March 31 from 1-2 p.m.

A coffeehouse-style event with jokes told by young, local amateur comedians. All ages are welcome to attend. Light refreshments.

Any student, kindergarten through grade 10, who wishes to tell jokes must sign up in advance at the Youth Services Desk. Registration begins Friday, March 2 and ends Friday, March 30. Drop-in jokes may be allowed, if time permits. All jokes must be appropriate for a family audience.

✓ Homeschooling

In September 2005, the library's Youth Services Department consolidated their efforts to specifically address the needs of families who homeschool their children.

Homeschool Group (All ages)

Thursdays, March 8 & April 12 from 10 a.m. to 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.

Homeschool Panel Discussion

Wednesday, April 18 from 6-7 p.m.

Are you new to homeschooling? Thinking of homeschooling as an option? Or are you just curious to learn more about it? Panel members will discuss why they chose to homeschool, how to get started, socialization and friends outside of the classroom, as well as answer questions from the audience. No registration required.

Home Learning Center

The Illinois State Library (ISL) has given our library a grant to establish a Home Learning Collection.

For years, the Youth Services Department has purchased books and material to support the local school curricula. As the number of homeschoolers in our community continues to grow, the library now offers back-up resource material for families who homeschool.

Although the collection will be called the Home Learning Center, parents of all school-aged children are encouraged to take advantage of this new resource in the Youth Services Department.

Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a Division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

World Languages Books

Target has awarded our library a grant to create a World Languages collection, beginning with Arabic and bilingual materials for children. Our Youth Services librarians have worked with area teachers to create a useful

collection that is both informative and educational, so that it can be integrated into the regular children's fiction and non-fiction collections. The books will arrive soon. More details at the Youth Services Desk.



✓ Audio Visual

These two new services give you the option to preview or download videos online at the library's web site.

Watch New DVD Movie Trailers

The Audio Visual section of the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) now offers trailers for many of the new DVDs that we have added to our collection. Click on "Audio/Visual," followed by "New DVDs." Pick the movie trailer you want to watch and then decide if it is something that you'd like to check out from the library.

Download & Watch Free Videos

Watch videos on loan from the library without leaving home! Recorded Books now offers free downloadable videos at the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Click on the "MyLibrary dv" link and download a small file. Follow the instructions and an icon will appear on your desktop to use this service. Please be sure that the Windows Media player on your computer is version 9 or above, for it will not work for a lower version. To download a video, you will be prompted to put in your library card number. This service is only open to patrons with an Oak Lawn Public Library card. New videos are added monthly. Limit 10 downloads per week per library card.

✓ **Documentaries** -- Including informational videos from the "Inside the Law" series.

✓ **Food** -- Episodes from several cooking series, such as "America's Test Kitchen," "Julia Child's Kitchen Wisdom" and "Linda's Italian-American Kitchen."

✓ **Health** -- A variety of half-hour topics on alternative medicine and disease management and prevention.

✓ **How-to** -- Episodes of the "Antiques Roadshow," as well as videos on financial planning topics and personal and professional development.

✓ **Literature** -- Rocketbook video study guides for classic literature titles and the "Author Talk" series.

✓ **Mental Health** -- A variety of topics.

✓ **Movies** -- Full-length classic movies, such as "His Girl Friday" and "The Jackie Robinson Story."

✓ **Travel** -- Videos on a variety of domestic and international destinations.

There is a link for "Help Using MyLibrary dv" at the Audio/Visual page of the library's web site.

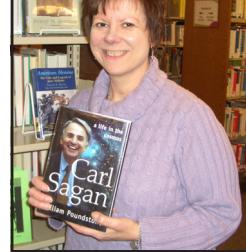
National Library Week is April 15-21
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Happy Retirement

After 20 years of service, Terri Oliver retired on January 31. Like many of our long-term employees, Terri worked in a variety of departments, including Periodicals, Youth Services and the Interlibrary Loan Unit for the past 14 years. Terri plans to do a lot more of her favorite things, including travel and shopping. The library board and staff wish her well!



CDM Club Winner

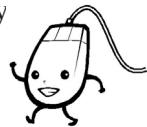


After eight years of avid reading, Leslie Reich reached the CDM Adult Reading Club 1,000 book goal. Leslie enjoys finishing each day with a biography, mystery, romance or self-help book. Patrons high school age and up can join the CDM Club year-round to earn prizes while reading at their own pace. Sign up today at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Databases -- Your Search is Over

Online databases the library subscribes to can be used for personal, professional or educational purposes. Some of our more popular titles are *Ancestry Library Edition*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Reference USA* and *Westlaw*. But did you know you can also find home sales, foreclosures, and new businesses in *Chicagoland Record Information Services*; career exploration from the *Institute for Career Research*; test preparation from *Learning Express Library*; and recent auction prices through the *Antiques Reference Database*? And there are many more titles.

These databases are only available at the library. Stop by the Reference Services Desk for information and assistance.

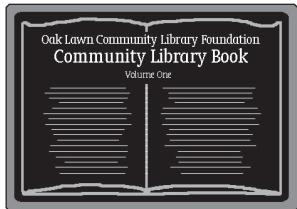


Staff Longevity Awards

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

- ✓ 5 years - Dawn Koegel, Patron Services Dept.
- ✓ 5 years - Sarah Schroeder, Youth Services Dept.
- ✓ 5 years - Thomas Kochinski, Youth Services Dept.
- ✓ 10 years - Peggy Butcher, Administration
- ✓ 10 years - Cindy Kelly, Periodicals Librarian
- ✓ 10 years - Jennifer Lechert, Reference Services Dept.
- ✓ 10 years - Harriet O'Malley, Patron Services Dept.
- ✓ 15 years - Anne Curran, Patron Services Dept.
- ✓ 15 years - Mary Dunneback, Reference Services Librarian
- ✓ 15 years - Al Fournier, Building Services Dept.
- ✓ 15 years - Janet Goetz, Technical Services Dept.
- ✓ 15 years - Linda M Olsen, Administration
- ✓ 15 years - Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals Dept.
- ✓ 20 years - Carol Arndt, Patron Services Dept.
- ✓ 30 years - Nancy Rendek, Reference Services Dept.

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation presents The Community Library Book



The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation continues to accept 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 now on display.

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 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 _____

This donation is made (select one):

Address _____

___ In honor of _____
ONE individual, family or organization name

Phone _____

___ In memory of _____
ONE name

Please make your check payable to:
Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation

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Name _____

Address _____

Drop off at the library's Reception Desk or mail to:
Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation
9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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Friends Footnotes

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Springtime Day Trips

✓ **Menopause The Musical** -- Wednesday, April 18. A joyful and hilarious celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived The Change, with 25 re-lyricized classic baby boomer hits. Performed at the Copley Theatre of the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora, IL. Departs: 12:30 p.m. Returns: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$50 for Friends members and \$55 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 17.

✓ **Chicago's Elegant North Shore** -- Wednesday, May 16. A narrated bus tour along Lake Michigan from Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood to Lake Forest. See the Grosse Point Lighthouse and Northwestern University in Evanston. Visit the spectacular Bahá'í Temple in Wilmette. Enjoy a box lunch and tram ride at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. And much more! Departs: 9 a.m. Returns: 4 p.m. Cost: \$62 for Friends members and \$67 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 7.

✓ **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 are not wheelchair accessible.

Please Donate to the Friends Book Sale

At this time, the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library do not know if they will have enough material to hold an annual book sale this spring. Area residents are asked to donate items so that the event will not have to be postponed. The Friends gratefully accept 'gently used' books, magazines, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, cassettes and records year-round at a donations table near the Cook Avenue entrance. Stop by the Reception Booth to fill out a form for a tax letter. Book sales raise money to purchase items for our library. Thank you.



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Oak Lawn History Spotlight

Saturday & Sunday, April 21 & 22, 2007



- ✓ Local History Room Reopens
 - ✓ 1967 Tornado Presentation
 - ✓ OLCHS Tornado Sculpture
 - ✓ Tornado Memories Open Mic
- See pages 1 & 2 for details.

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The 2007 Summer Reading Program offers **A Summer of Mystery**

Oak Lawn students and residents of all ages can take part in eight weeks of reading adventures and fun activities, while earning a treasure trove of prizes. Registration begins Monday, June 4.

Preschool through Grade 5: Get a Clue @ your library

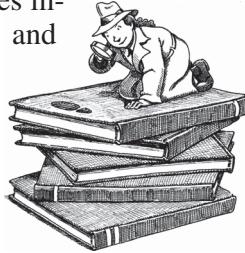
Puzzling over what to do this summer? Here's a clue... bring in your child's library card and register for our annual summer reading program at the Youth Services Desk starting Monday, June 4.

New club members will receive a bookmark, a reading log and have their name posted on the wall display of mysterious shapes representing each school. Members are then encouraged to start checking out books, reading and recording the amount of time that they read on their charts. The final goal is 18 hours.

Beginning June 18, members may check in once a week and have their reading log stamped by a librarian. After the first three hours, participants names will be placed on a footprint shape for the mystery-themed wall display and they will receive an invitation to an outdoor carnival on the Village Green in August.

Prizes are awarded each time a child reaches a goal of three hours, up to a limit of six prizes. Members may collect only one prize per week until the last week, when they may claim any previously earned prizes, up to a limit of six. Prizes include coupons, gift certificates, novelty toys and treats from local businesses, subject to availability. Certificates of achievement will be delivered to local schools for those who reach the 18 hour goal. The program ends July 31.

Turn to pages 2 and 3 for activities open to members of "Get a Clue @ your library."



LOOK INSIDE: Summer reading programs for Teens in grades 6-8 and Adults, high school age and up.



Youth Services Librarian Sarah Schroeder and a young reader hunt for clues. Join our annual summer reading program for mystery, excitement and great rewards.

Art Gallery Opening

Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m.

View the works of local artists at this first exhibit and opening reception. Look inside for details.



Library Closings

- ✓ The library will be CLOSED Sundays after May 20. Sunday hours resume in mid-Sept.
- ✓ The library will be CLOSED Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28 for Memorial Day.

Preschool through Grade 5: Get a Clue @ your library

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

Drop-in Crafts

Members may stop by our craft table and get creative.

- ✓ June 18-30 -- Magnifying Glass
- ✓ July 2-14 -- Detective ID
- ✓ July 16-31 -- Puzzle

Mystery of the Week

Can you guess how many? Do you know how much? What is it? Solve a weekly mystery and be eligible to win a prize. The guidelines and contest forms are available at the Youth Services Desk.

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Blue's Clues Party (Ages 2-5 with a care giver)

Select: Tuesday, June 19 from 10-11 a.m. -or- 1-2 p.m.

Join in the hunt to find out what Blue wants to do. Games, crafts and snacks. No registration required.



Crack the Code (Grades 3-5)

Wednesday, June 20 from 10-11 a.m.

Time is running out! We're assembling a team of code-breakers to solve the mysterious messages of Dr. Cypher. But they will have only one hour to learn the codes, make a code booklet and discover his secrets. Registration begins June 4. Limit 30.

Princess Party (Ages 2-7 with a care giver)

Tuesday, June 26 from 10-11 a.m.

Have you ever wanted to be treated like royalty? Decorate a crown, create royal crafts and taste fancy snacks. No registration required.

Mystery Program (Ages 2-7 with a care giver)

Tuesday, July 10 from 10-11 a.m.

What's the mystery? Whodunit? Join us in creating disguises, making spy equipment and playing mystery games. No registration required.

The Mysteries of Harry Potter (Grades 3-5)

Wednesday, July 18 from 2-3 p.m.

This is it! Come join the celebration just days before the release of the final book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Explore the houses of Hogwarts, discuss Harry's adventures and make predictions about what will happen in the final Harry Potter book. Along the way, play games almost as fun as Quidditch and sample a few potions and treats from Hogsmeade. Registration begins July 2. Limit 30.

Treasure Hunt (Grades 3-5)

Thursday, July 19 from 1-2 p.m.

Enjoy the thrill of the hunt? Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find and follow hidden clues. Registration begins July 2. Limit 30.

Guinness Challenge (Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, July 24 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Ever dreamed of making it into the Guinness Book of World Records?

Participants will compete to see who can balance, jump, catch and toss the farthest, fastest and more. Registration begins July 2. Limit 30.

Knights Party (Ages 2-7 with a care giver)

Wednesday, July 25 from 10-11 a.m.

Are you brave enough to be a knight and slay the evil dragon? Join us for medieval crafts, games and snacks. No registration required.



More activities and events on page 3.

Fun for the Family

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

Mysteries at Lunchtime (All ages)

Mondays, June 18 through July 23 from noon-1 p.m.

Children and their families are invited to bring a sack lunch to eat while hearing a mysterious tale. Afterwards, participants will complete a craft project based upon that story. No registration required.

Mystery Movie Days (All ages)

Select Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

Reading club members and their families are invited to spend a cool summer afternoon at the library enjoying a cinematic adventure. No registration required.

- ✓ June 22 -- Disney's *The Great Mouse Detective*
- ✓ July 6 -- *Inspector Gadget* (1999)
- ✓ July 20 -- *Spy Kids* (2001)

Friday Specials

It's no mystery... We are going to offer some fantastic entertainment programs on select Friday afternoons. Participants under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case (Grade K & up)

Friday, June 29 at 2 p.m.

Presented by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company

Solve a mystery with the world's most famous detective. Something's amiss and now "the game's afoot!" for the brilliant scientist and criminologist, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. Along with his trusted companion, Dr. Watson, Holmes will follow the clues and solve the game's mystery with the audience's help.

Science Detective (All ages)

Friday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

Presented by Steve Belliveau

Audience members play the roles of science detectives as they solve why and how science experiments work, while having loads of fun along the way.

Magic Show (All ages)

Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

Presented by Jeffery the Great

Abracadabra! Prepare to be amazed by this versatile performer's great magic, great comedy and great juggling. It's going to be great fun!

Both Children & Teens

Please note the age restrictions and grade levels for these activities open to summer reading club members.

Book Buddies: Back in Action

(Ages 3-6 -and- Grades 6-10)

Thursdays, June 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26 at 2-2:30 p.m.

Older readers (grades 6-10) will pair up with younger pre-readers (ages 3-6) 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 service hour credits. There will be an orientation meeting for older readers held Thursday, June 14 from 2-3 p.m. Registration begins June 4. Limited to 30 younger readers and 30 older readers.

Make a Book (Grades 4-6)

Wednesday, June 27

from 1-2:30 p.m.

Here's a mystery...

How are books made?

Come discover how to make an artistic book. Participants

must be confident with cutting, measuring and folding. Registration begins June 4. Limit 20.



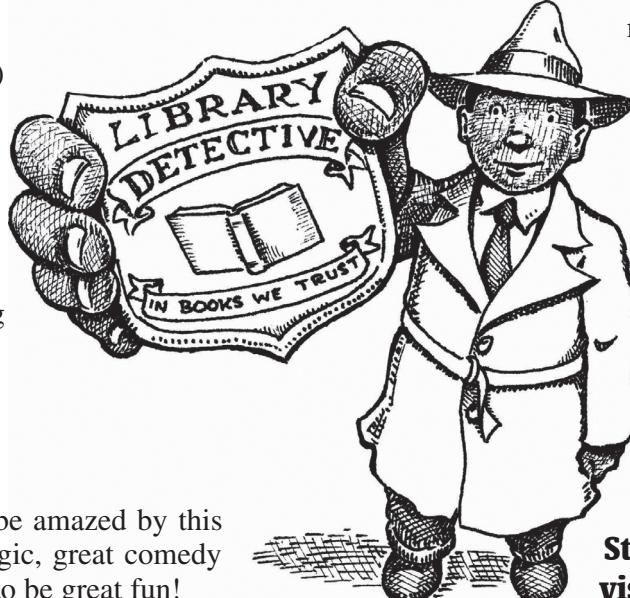
Final Celebration

Summer Reading Carnival (All ages)

Saturday, August 4 from 1-2 p.m.

On the Village Green, the park north of the library

Join us as we honor our summer reading club members and celebrate the success of their summer reading adventures.



True Mission

The purpose of this program is not to see who can read for the longest amount of time, read the most books or earn the most prizes, but to encourage you to read for pleasure.

Stop by for further details or visit: www.oaklawnlibrary.org

Grade 6 through 8: 007: License to Read

It's time for adventure! Students in grades 6-8 can bring in a library card and register at the Youth Services Desk starting Monday, June 4. Prizes are awarded for every three hours that a member reads, with a goal of 18 hours. Check in once a week to report the number of hours read. The program ends July 31.

Club members may participate in these programs:

Secret Service: Junior Friends (Grades 6-10)

This team of special operatives conducts volunteer missions in the Youth Services Department, one hour per week, June 11 through August 17. An initial training meeting will be held Monday, June 11 from 4-4:30 p.m. Registration begins June 4. Limit 15.

Paint the Library (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, June 20 from 6-8 p.m.

Young artists will use washable paints on the windows of Youth Services to create scenes of mystery and secret agents. Registration begins June 4. Limit 25.

Spy Game: Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Mondays, June 25, July 9 and 23 from 7-8 p.m.

Get quick on your feet with *Dance Dance Revolution* (DDR) or take on your rivals with a board game. No registration required, but a library card is necessary to check out a game. The top DDR scores earn prizes.

Live and Let Die: Live Clue (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, June 27 from 6-8 p.m.

An updated version of the classic board game, using physical locations and life-sized props. A secret agent is dead and YOU are a suspect. Teams of six will explore the locations, compare notes and try to uncover the culprit. Registration begins June 4. Limit 36.

Guinness Challenge (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, July 11 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Ever dreamed of being in the *Guinness Book of World Records*? Complete various tasks to see who can balance, jump, catch and toss the farthest, fastest and more. Registration begins July 2. Limit 30.

Uncovering Urban Legends (Grades 6-10)

Tuesday, July 17 from 2-3 p.m.

Ever wonder if those bizarre email stories are true? Learn some famous "urban legends" and discover how to determine which ones are real. Registration begins July 2. Limit 30.

Getty-edgy Pendant (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, July 25 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Mix and match pieces of glass with photos, small pieces of artwork, images or fabrics to create a personalized, wearable pendant. Registration begins July 2. Limit 20.



Adults, High School & Up: Summer Sleuths

Starting Monday, June 4, adult patrons, high school age and up, can become "Summer Sleuths" by registering for our summer reading program at the Readers Advisory Desk. Members who reach the five book reading goal will be entered into a drawing to win fantastic prizes donated by local businesses.

First and second year high school students are welcome to participate in the teen activities offered through the "007: License to Read" program.

The program ends July 31.

Basic Sign Language (High school & up)

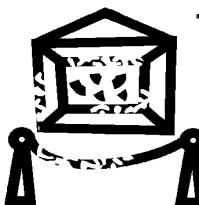
Thursdays, June 21 through July 26 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Participants will master the manual alphabet and many basic signs used in daily life by speech and hearing-impaired people in the United States. Each week, new signs will be introduced and incorporated into stories and songs. Registration begins Monday, June 4 at the Youth Services Desk. Limit 30.

Art Gallery Opening Night

Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m.

**2nd Floor Periodicals Area
Music | Light Refreshments**



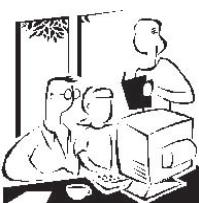
Celebrate the grand opening of the library's permanent public art gallery, located on the second floor, in a special nook along the north window vista. A brief dedication ceremony and reception will formally open the gallery space. Meet the artists and view their original artwork. This premiere exhibit will feature a variety pieces, including paintings, ink drawings, photographs and sculpture. The gallery will be open to the public all hours that the library is open. Drop in anytime.

The funding for the gallery furnishings was generously provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Art Gallery applications are available at the Reception Booth. For additional information, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



✓ Computer Classes



Free hands-on classes taught in the Computer Center. Participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Limit 15 per class.

Using Library Research Databases

Thursday, May 10 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, May 5

College and returning students will learn how to use the EBSCOhost and FirstSearch databases to find trustworthy, credible information in all academic areas.

Introduction to Windows

Thursday, May 17 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, May 14

Learn your way around the most widely used PC operating system and gain skills to use software programs.

Introduction to the Internet

Thursday, May 24 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, May 21

Surf the web using Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Setting Up an Email Account

Thursday, May 31 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 29

Get an email address with MSN Hotmail and learn to send and receive messages.



Online Genealogy Research with "Ancestry"

Thursday, June 7 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, June 4

Learn to search a variety of databases, including the U.S. Census, WWI draft records and ship passenger lists.

Job Hunting & Career Exploration Resources

Thursday, June 14 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, June 11

Community Meeting Rooms

The library has three large meeting rooms available for use by community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational or civic in character. Starting June 1, we will accept reservations for dates between July 1 and December 30, 2007 on a first-come, first-served basis. You may pick up a meeting room application and the Board Policy at our Reception Booth. A minimum of two weeks is required.

✓ Email Services

Following the wave of technology, our library continues to add new services that cater to your high-tech lifestyle.

Visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) to register for these special email services:

Library Newsletter Delivery

Prefer to get your news online? You can now have the library's bimonthly newsletter delivered to you via email. Just click on the "Sign up to receive newsletters" link and select "Library Newsletter -- Check it out."

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Receive an excerpt from a featured book in your daily email. Eleven online book clubs to choose from.

Book News E-Newsletters

Subscribe to receive monthly recommendations from a selection of 22 categories, with fiction, nonfiction and children's titles. You may also view the newsletters online.

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Reserve Request Pick-up

Do you reserve material from our collection and that of other libraries? You can choose to be notified via email instead of telephone when an item you have reserved is waiting for you at the library.

Due Date Notification

Ever forget when you're supposed to return library material? Never be late again! You can receive an email reminder one to three days before an item is due.

Oak Lawn Writers Groups

Calling all writers! If you seek motivation and support from your peers, join one of the library's writers groups that meet year-round in the Mary Nelson Room.

✓ **General Interest** -- Meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.-noon.

✓ **Screenwriting** -- Meets the second Saturday of each month at 1-3 p.m.

✓ **Writing to Sell** -- Meets the fourth Saturday of each month at 1-3 p.m.

These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises. All three groups are intended for adults high school age and up. No registration required. Drop in anytime!





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Are you a Friend?

Each year, more than 900 people join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Now is the time to renew your membership or join up for the first time. Dues are \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. Members 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 supporting your library and bringing culture to the community

Annual Dinner Meeting

An evening of good food and fellowship awaits you at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 29th Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 7 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner program begins at 6 p.m. Cost: \$20. There will be a full dinner featuring a delicious chicken entrée, book raffle drawing (where everyone wins!), early summer trip registrations (starting at 5 p.m.) and free gift for all who attend. You may pick up a form in the library's lobby. The deadline to reserve your spot is Friday, June 1.

Friends Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

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Grant Park Concert Trips

✓ **Beethoven & Brahms:** Wednesday, June 13. The Grant Park Orchestra performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2.

✓ **Flamenco Night:** Saturday, July 28. Guitar sensation Gerardo Núñez and traditional gypsy dancer Carmen Cortés will perform a sensual and dramatic program.

Advance registration for both trips to the Grant Park Music Festival in Chicago's Millennium Park will be offered exclusively to those attending the Friends Annual Dinner Meeting on June 7. After the dinner, an in-person registration will be held in the library's lobby 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 9. Two ticket limit per person. Cost: \$15. The buses will depart at 5 p.m. and return at 10 p.m. Please be advised that trips sponsored by Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible.

Book Sale News

Each month, the Friends Ongoing Book Sale collects between \$1,300 and \$2,000 in revenue. Due to the high number of items required to keep the bookstore well-stocked and the low number of items now in storage, the Friends Board has decided to postpone holding their annual book sale until later this year.

Now, more than ever, your book sale donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Please drop off 'gently used' books, magazines, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, cassettes and records at a donations table near the library's Cook Avenue entrance. Fill out a form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter acknowledgment by mail.

The Friends Book Sale volunteers wish to thank you for your past, present and future generosity.

Gifts to the Library

The Friends raise money through membership dues and book sales to purchase items for the library.

Recent gifts include: Complete furnishings and fixtures for the public art gallery; Two book carts; Annual subscription fees for online book club and e-newsletter services; Book display accessories; \$3,000 for career examination titles; One display kiosk and one computer scanner for the new Local History Room; Refreshments and supplies for student art shows hosted by Youth Services; Nineteen folding tables and two table caddies for the Community Meeting Rooms; Sponsorship of Sunday With Friends Concerts and Lyric Opera Lecture series.

Local History Project Update

The 1967 Tornado 40th Anniversary exhibit and reopening of the Dee Kopf Local History Room in April 2007 marked the official launch of the library's local history program. The tornado exhibit and the accompanying public programs exemplified how our current collection can be utilized to educate and generate an interest in Oak Lawn history. The tornado exhibit will be on display through the month of June.

As the reestablished Local History program unfolds, more exhibits and related programming using the library's collection will be showcased. The focus will continue to be Oak Lawn history and how it reveals the community's physical changes, strengths, character and especially its greatest resource, its people.

This past January, a local history opinion survey was conducted among a small sample of patrons. Three areas were explored: What areas of local history are of greatest interest?; What types of materials should the library collect?; and What types of programming most interests you? The survey's results and feedback from visitors to the new local history room will provide direction for future collection development and program planning.

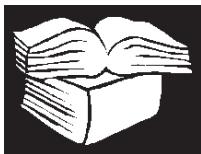
The greatest contributions, however, come in the form of public interest in local history. If you think you have something to add to the collection, a unique assortment of family memorabilia, business records, maps or documents related to important community events, contact Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990.



Library Trustees Patricia Roberts and Frank March view an exhibit of photographs and newspaper articles from the 1967 tornado in the Dee Kopf Local History Room. It is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Free Brookfield Zoo Passes

Oak Lawn residents can check out free passes for Brookfield Zoo. Each pass entitles four individuals to free general admission. Parking and special exhibits 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. Call to inquire about availability, 708-422-4990.



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. Their most recent project is the reestablishment of a local history program. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

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Fund Raiser

- ✓ Shop at ANY Jewel-Osco store on May 7, 8 or 9 to raise funds for the library's Local History Room.
- ✓ Cut out and present this slip to your cashier and the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation receives 5% of your total purchase. Thanks!

Jewel-Osco

✓ Adult Programs

Free of charge | No advance registration required, unless otherwise noted | Lower level meeting room

Fossils in Our Backyard

Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

Advance phone or in-person registration required



Columbia College science teacher David A. Dolak takes you on a multimedia tour 300 million years back in time to when Northern Illinois was a tropical coal swamp teeming with towering ferns, giant insects and the mysterious Tully Monster. Explore the region of the world-famous Mazon Creek fossils, view specimens from that area and even break open a rock to find your own fossil. Registration begins Wednesday, May 2. Call 708-422-4990 or stop by the Reception Booth. Limit 70.

What is Elderhostel?

Thursday, May 17 at 2 p.m.

Experienced Elderhostel traveler Mary Sweet describes some of the extraordinary learning adventures available through the world's largest non-profit, educational travel organization for adults age 55 and over. With nearly 8,000 offerings in all 50 states and more than 90 countries, Elderhostel programs are as unique and diverse as the 160,000 older adults who participate each year.

Sunday With Friends: Windy City Harmonicas

Sunday, May 20 at 2-3 p.m.

This lively troupe of more than a dozen harmonica players will amaze you with their high energy performance of songs from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Introduction to Meditation

Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.



Achieve inner stillness. Sharon Stankus explains the meaning of meditation and its effects on your total well-being. Explore innovative ways to meditate and connect with your spirit, even when you have only a few minutes to spare.

AARP 55 Alive Driving Program

Thursday & Friday, May 24 & 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required

This two-day refresher course is 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 5 at the Reception Booth. Limit 24.



Open Mic Readings

Wednesday, May 30 at 7 p.m.

Local writers are invited to share original poetry and short stories. Sign in at the door to read or just listen in. Five minute time limit. Please rehearse in advance to ensure that you stay within that time frame. Light refreshments.

Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings and other health-related offerings in the library's lower level meeting room at 10-11:30 a.m. on May 9 (with free glaucoma screenings) and June 13 (with "Ask the Pharmacist"). Visit the Partnership's web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.org).



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Meet "Toto, too!"

Our summer reading mascot will be out at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's first Pet Parade and Sidewalk Sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 16. Stop by this great family event for fun activities, good food and fantastic bargains on the Village Green and in the parking lot west of the library. For details, call 708-424-8300 or visit (www.oaklawnchamber.org).



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Newsletter of the Oak Lawn Public Library

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What Are You Looking For?

In search of information? Need a source for recreation? Don't look any further. There's something for everyone at our library!

Waiting for Harry Potter?

If you're counting down the days until the new Harry Potter book is released, these might help make the wait easier.

✓ **The House of the Scorpion** by Nancy Farmer (Juv and Adult Sci Fi) -- Matt is the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between the U.S. and Mexico.

✓ **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle (Juv Sci Fi and Adult Fic) -- Meg Murry and her friends embark on an interplanetary search for her missing father.

✓ **Charlie Bone Series** by Jenny Nimmo (Juv Fic) -- Charlie Bone's whole life changes when he meets other children with special powers at Bloor's Academy.

✓ **Keys to the Kingdom Series** by Garth Nix (Juv Pbk) -- Arthur Penhaligon is supposed to die at a young age, but is saved by collecting magical keys.

✓ **Eragon** by Christopher Paolini (Juv and Adult Fic) -- After he discovers a mysterious stone, 15 year-old Eragon's life is filled with dragons, magic and monsters.

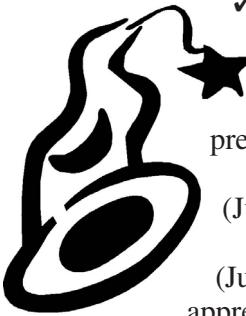
✓ **Maximum Ride** by James Patterson (Adult Fic) -- The "birdkids" take off and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

✓ **The Golden Compass** by Philip Pullman (Juv and Adult Fic) -- Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

✓ **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan (Juv Fic) -- When Percy Jackson attends a special summer camp for the children of Greek gods he and his new friends discover that they must prevent a war between the gods.

✓ **Septimus Heap Series** by Angie Sage (Juv Fic) -- The adventures of Princess Jenna.

✓ **Bartimaeus Trilogy** by Jonathan Stroud (Juv and Adult Fic) -- Adventures of the magician's apprentice, Nathaniel and his djinni.



Friends of the Oak Lawn Library volunteer Sally Aleem stops by the new art gallery on our second floor to view dozens of original works by local artists. Exhibits are changed monthly. The funding for the art gallery was generously provided by our Friends organization.

There's still time to join our Summer Reading Program. Details inside!

1967 Tornado History

Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, will narrate a slide show presentation about that fateful day, told through eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and other records maintained in the library's local history archives.

To purchase a commemorative tornado polo shirt, contact Oak Lawn Community High School's Media Services Department, 708-741-5857 or (jsamaska@olchs.org). Men's and women's sizes to XXL. \$18-\$20.



Discover the latest in health news at a special kiosk of highly respected medical newsletters covering a variety of topics, located in Periodicals, second floor.

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Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.*
* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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Need a Computer Class?

Free hands-on classes. Participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. You may register in person at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Limit 15 per class.

Introduction to Windows XP

Thursday, July 12 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Registration begins Monday, July 9*

Learn your way around the most widely used PC operating system and gain skills to use software programs.

Introduction to the Internet

Thursday, July 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Registration begins Monday, July 16*

Surf the web using Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Setting Up an Email Account

Thursday, July 26 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Registration begins Monday, July 23*

Get a web-based email address and learn to send and receive messages.

Ever Seen a Pocket-sized Audio Book?

Bored with your exercise routine? Is cleaning your least favorite thing to do? Is yardwork a long, tedious chore? Then, add some excitement to your day by listening to a Playaway!

What is a Playaway? It is a whole book on a digital player no bigger than a stack of cards. There are no CDs, cassettes or downloads involved, for they are entirely self-contained. You can listen to a Playaway using your own headphones or earbuds. The library also has sets available for a small fee. Choose from several different genres in this new collection, including language courses, humor and popular fiction. Ask at Audio Visual for more details.



Looking for Summertime Resources?

The following cool titles are available in the adult nonfiction collection, located on the second floor. If a specific book is checked out, be sure to ask a reference librarian to recommend other titles on the same subject.

✓ **Fun with the Family in Illinois: Hundreds of Ideas for Day Trips with the Kids** by Lori Meek Schuldt (917.730443 / SCHULDT).

✓ **52 Illinois Weekends: Great Getaways and Adventures for Every Season** by Bob Puhala (917.7304 / PUHALA).

✓ **Small Garden: Ideas for Balconies, Terraces and Backyards** by John Brookes (635 / BROOKES).

✓ **Everything Lawn Care Book: From Seed to Soil, Mowing to Fertilizing -- Hundreds of Tips for Growing a Beautiful Lawn** by Douglas Green (635.9647 / GREEN).

✓ **The All-Summer Cookbook** (641.564 / ALL-SUMMER).

✓ **Taste of Home's Light & Tasty Annual Recipes** by Reiman Publications (641.5635 / TASTE).

✓ **Cooking Light Slow Cooker** by Oxmoor House (641.5884 / COOKING).

✓ **52 Weekend Makeovers: Easy Projects to Transform Your Home Inside and Out** (643.7 FIFTY-TWO).

✓ **Outdoor Fix-it 101: Projects You Really Can Do Yourself** by Steve Willson (643.7 WILLSON).





The 2007 Summer Reading Program offers **A Summer of Mystery**

It's not too late to register 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 Tuesday, July 31.

Preschool thru Grade 5

Win a prize for every three hours that you read! Our library has 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 these activities.

Mysteries at Lunchtime (All ages)

Mondays, July 2, 9, 16 and 23 from noon-1 p.m.

Children and their families can bring a sack lunch to eat while hearing a mysterious tale and making a craft project. No registration required.

Mystery Movie Days (All ages)

Select Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

Reading club members and their families may spend a cool summer afternoon enjoying a cinematic adventure. No registration required.

- ✓ July 6 -- *Inspector Gadget* (1999)
- ✓ July 20 -- *Spy Kids* (2001)

Friday Specials

It's no mystery... We are going to offer some fantastic entertainment programs on select Friday afternoons. Participants under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Science Detective (All ages)

Friday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

Presented by Steve Belliveau

Play the role of science detective as you solve why and how science experiments work, while having loads of fun along the way.



Magic Show (All ages)

Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

Presented by Jeffery the Great

Be amazed by this versatile performer's great magic, great comedy and great juggling.

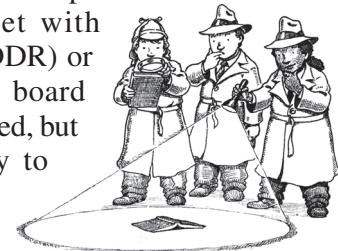
Grades 6 to 8 (and up)

Read for three hours and win a prize, over and over again! Registered members may also participate in the following activities.

Spy Game: Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Mondays, July 9 and 23 from 7-8 p.m.

Get quick on your feet with *Dance Dance Revolution* (DDR) or take on your rivals with a board game. No registration required, but a library card is necessary to check out a game. The top DDR scores earn prizes.



Other Teen Activities (Grades 6 to 10)

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

- ✓ **Guinness Challenge** -- Wed., 7/11 from 6-7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Urban Legends** -- Tues., 7/17 from 2-3 p.m.
- ✓ **Getty-edgy Pendant** -- Wed., 7/25 from 1:30-3 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 or take brief mystery-themed quizzes. Special activities are planned for first and second year high school students in conjunction with Youth Services.

Final Celebration

Summer Reading Carnival (All ages)

Saturday, August 4 from 1-2 p.m.

On the Village Green, the park north of the library

Join us as we honor our summer reading club members and celebrate their reading club adventures.

Meet the 2007 Library Board of Trustees



(Seated, left-right) Vice President Joann Buschbach; President Michael Sutko. (Standing, left-right) John Gonczy; Marian Sullivan; Financial Secretary Richard Gast; Secretary Suzanne Marzano; and Patricia Roberts.

Generous Benefactor

Our library has recently received a generous bequest from the estate of Stanley Banks of Burbank. Mr. Banks, who died on April 16, 2006 at the age of 94, was an avid reader of books, magazines and technical manuals, and a frequent patron of the Oak Lawn Public Library. A family friend noted that: "Numerous hours were spent at the local libraries... He enjoyed sharing his knowledge with all." His wife Alma died in 1988 after 50 years of marriage. Mr. Banks is survived by his sisters, Tony and Helen, and 13 nieces and nephews.



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Independence Day,
Wednesday, July 4**

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.

River Cruise Trip

✓ **Chicago Architectural River Cruise** -- Thursday, September 13. Learn about the architect and design of more than 50 buildings along two branches of the Chicago River. Then, enjoy a gourmet box lunch at Navy Pier. Departs: 8 a.m. Returns: 2 p.m. Cost: \$52 for Friends members and \$57 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, August 11 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.

Friends Book Store

Come browse for treasures! The sale is located next to the library's cafe, where you'll find an ever-changing variety of 'gently used' items. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines are just a nickel. Phonograph records cost a quarter. Videos, CDs, CD-ROMs and DVDs are a dollar. Books and music on audiocassette cost 25 cents per tape.

Funds collected from the used book store support library programming and purchases that are beyond the library's budget. Since 1978, the Friends have provided more than \$250,000 in gifts to the library.

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III Leaders Are Readers ♫

Do you have the "Smartest Card" in your wallet? All Village of Oak Lawn residents are eligible for a free library card. Call or stop by the Circulation Desk for details.

Patron Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 16 -- Starting at 1 p.m.

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

On the first day the library reopens for Sunday hours, we would like to thank Oak Lawn taxpayers for their continued support.

✓ As you walk in, receive a *free American flag pin* attached to a card listing our Veterans History Project activities this fall. (See the "Local History Report" for further information.)

✓ Listen to the *musical stylings* of keyboardist Larry Levin and enjoy some *tasty treats* in our lobby from 1-3 p.m.

✓ Meet *Clifford, the big red dog*, from 1-3 p.m. in the Youth Services Department. Be sure to bring your camera!

✓ Families are invited to attend a free concert, *Blues for Kids*, from 3-3:45 p.m. (See "Children's Programs" for details.)

✓ Oak Lawn residents can enter a one-day-only raffle to win a \$10 *gift card* from a selection of local restaurants.

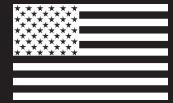
✓ Stop by a table hosted by the *Friends of the Oak Lawn Library*, draw to win a "like new" book and/or become a member.



Village of Oak Lawn Clerk Jane Quinlan and Police Chief Bill Villanova understand that knowledge is power. They visit the Oak Lawn Public Library.

Veterans History Project

The library's Local History Unit is now in the process of gathering material and information for an exhibit and public programming that will focus on the local veteran connection in 20th century military conflicts, from WWI to the Gulf War. Look inside for details.



Finding Material Just Got Easier

Next time you look up items on the SWAN library catalog, you'll notice a complete redesign with more user-friendly features.

Click on the tabs along the top of the page to choose how you wish to search: by keyword, title or author. Then, sort and/or select which library's holdings you wish to display. On the far right of the screen, the light yellow box allows you to check your own library account, renew books and reserve materials. You can also quickly access the addresses, phone numbers and web sites of the other libraries in the Metropolitan Library System.

Stop by the Readers Advisory Desk on the first floor for a demo of the new features. The SWAN catalog is accessible at the library and via our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

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- ✓ **CLOSED:** Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Friday, September 7 for a Staff Inservice Training Day
- ✓ **CLOSED:** Saturday, September 8
- ✓ **OPEN:** Sunday hours at 1-5 p.m. beginning September 16

Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings and other health-related offerings in the library's lower level meeting room at 10-11:30 a.m. on September 12 (with a Senior Advocate representative and prostate cancer information) and October 10 (with free hearing tests and breast cancer information). Free health screenings are held at the library on the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. However, there are no screenings in December.

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Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.*

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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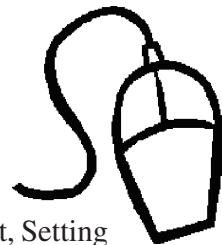
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Job Hunting @ Your Library

Thursday, September 20 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, September 17

Job seekers will learn about the many print resources, library databases and Internet sites that will help in their search. (See article below.)

Online Genealogy Research with "Ancestry"

Thursday, September 27 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, September 24

Learn to research your family history using a variety of databases, including the U.S. Census, WWI draft records and ship passenger lists.

✓ Career-Help Databases

Oak Lawn residents looking for a job or planning their career are urged to take advantage of the following helpful databases. They are available at the library and via our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Don't want to go it alone? Both of these handy electronic resources will be covered in the Job Hunting class offered in the Computer Center. (See above.)

Learning Express Library

Take practice tests to prepare for official exams, such as ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Postal Worker, U.S. Citizenship, EMT Basic and TOEFL. For younger students, there are skill-building preparations for elementary and high school math, advanced placement, reading, word analogy, spelling, history and civics. Instant score reports are provided to target areas for improvement. An Oak Lawn Library card number is required.

The Institute for Career Research

Find detailed career information, such as educational requirements, traits needed for the jobs, positive and negative aspects of the work, interviews with people working in the field, earnings and more. The library owns the print reports and provides online access for the most up-to-date information. An Oak Lawn Library card number is required to use the online version.



Remember Your Classmates?

The Reference Services Desk has copies of yearbooks from Oak Lawn Community High School and Harold L. Richards High School from the mid-1950s to the present. Yearbooks are available for in-library use only.

✓ 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 Road to Financial Success

Wednesday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

Financial consultant Joseph R. Mattera will explain strategies for building and protecting personal wealth. Mattera writes a weekly column, "Money Matters," for the Daily Southtown newspaper. After this informative presentation, copies of his book will be available for purchase and autographs.

Reading Nutrition Labels

Thursday, September 20 at 2 p.m.

Registered Dietician Ellin Learned from AgeOptions will take the mystery out of reading nutrition labels on packaged foods at this hands-on, interactive program. Participants will compare real-life examples of grocery products to discern which option is the better choice for specific dietary needs and restrictions.

Life on the Lewis and Clark Trail

Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

Bike traveler John Lynn presents a slide lecture about his ride tracing the epic crossing of the continental divide by Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. Explore nearly 400 miles through mountains and scenic trails.

AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Class

Thurs. & Fri., September 27 & 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required

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This program will be offered again in November 2007.

Open Mic Short Story & Poetry Reading

Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

Local writers are invited to share original poetry and short stories. Sign in at the door to read or just listen in. Please rehearse in advance to ensure that you stay within the five minute time limit. Light refreshments.

Sunday With Friends: The Swing Dogs

Sunday, October 14 from 2-4 p.m.

Journey back with us to the 1930's and enjoy the spontaneous swing of a "hot jazz" jam session. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

The Golden Age of Chicago Children's Television

Wednesday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

Former television producer and author Jack Mulqueen will take you behind the scenes of Chicago's children's television during its heyday. Reminisce as you watch clips of shows from the 1950's and 1960s. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and autographs.

What is a Long Term Care Ombudsman?

Thursday, October 18 at 2 p.m.

At this informative session, Regional Ombudsman Robyn O'Neill will explain how the ombudsman program is set up and who the ombudsman represents. This talk will also cover the types of complaints and concerns that an ombudsman will investigate and other related services.

Getting Your Book Published

Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and \$10 fee required

Discover the truth about the 'wonderful WHIRL of publishing' at this all-day workshop conducted by Joe Durepos, an acquisitions editor for a Chicago-based publisher, and Bret Nicholaus, the author of twenty books. From self-publishing and small presses to the large trade houses in New York, these speakers have worked with them all and have wonderful (and not so wonderful) experiences to share. In-person registration begins: Saturday, September 22 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 36. Breakfast treats will be provided. Attendees should bring a bag lunch or plan to go out for lunch.

Chicago Haunts

Monday, October 29 at 7 p.m.

Join author Ursula Bielski on an armchair expedition through haunted cemeteries, buildings and forest preserves in search of Chicago's favorite phantoms. Resurrection Mary, the site of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and Bachelors Grove, just to name a few. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and autographs.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Eight Lecture Series

✓ **La Traviata** -- Sunday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **La Bohème** -- Sunday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Julius Caesar** -- Sunday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m.

The Lyric Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. Pick up a complete schedule in the library's lobby. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ Children's Programs

Free activities for children aged six months through 14-years-old, their parents and caregivers. Registration for many of these programs began on August 25, unless otherwise noted. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. You must present the child's library card to enroll. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. For more information, pick up a fall program booklet or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).



Story Times

The early fall series runs September 17 through October 19. Registration for the late fall series begins Saturday, October 13 for dates between November 5 and December 7. One storytime program per child, per series. Limited enrollment.

Baby Business (Ages 6-23 months)

Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m.

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

Toddler Time (Ages 24-36 months)

Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 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 a.m. or Tuesdays at 7-7:30 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 from 4-4:45 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 from 11-11:30 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 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 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)

Saturday, October 13 from 11 a.m. to noon

Girls, their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) will explore a great story and share a lively discussion. Register and pick up the book one month prior to the meeting. Snacks.

Guys Read (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, September 25 and October 23 from 4-5 p.m.

An afterschool program where boys can share what they like to read (not just books), challenge each other in games and activities, and spoil their dinner with a snack. Registration required. Limit: 30 guys.

Chess Club (All ages up through Grade 10)

Wednesdays, September 19 to October 17 from 4-5 p.m.

Play chess with others and improve your skills! Instructions and game boards will be provided, but feel free to bring your own chess set and clock if you have one. Beginners as well as experienced players are welcome.

Yu-Gi-Oh (Grades 3 & up)

Thursday, October 11 from 4-5 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 13 and October 11 from 10 a.m. to noon

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

Honoring the Veterans

This fall, Youth Services will join the library's Local History Unit in honoring veterans who have served and are now serving in the military. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up information on collecting the stories of local veterans and writing letters to hospitalized servicemen. (See also "Local History Report.")

Scavenger Hunt (Up through Grade 8)

Monday, October 8 through Saturday, October 13

Columbus discovered America. Can you discover the answers to our scavenger hunt? Have a blast finding the answers, and then win a prize! Stop by the Youth Services Desk starting Monday, October 8 to pick up the official Scavenger Hunt Sheet. All answers must be correct to claim the prize. The final deadline is Saturday, October 13 at 5 p.m.

Franny K. Stein Science Experiments

(Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, October 9 from 4-5 p.m.

If you enjoy reading the Franny K. Stein series, like doing science experiments, or just want to see how stuff works, this program is for you! Registration begins September 24. Limit: 30.

Day of the Dead Party (Grades 3-5)



Thursday, November 1 at 4-5 p.m.

Each year, the people of Mexico remember those who have died with a lively festival full of fond memories, parades and sugar skulls. Join us as we celebrate this tradition with skeleton crafts, masks and sweet treats. Registration begins October 13. Limit: 30.

Fantastic Family Programs

Bring the whole family! Free admission. No advance registration required. Lower level meeting room.

Blues for Kids (Ages 3 and up)

Sunday, September 16 from 3-3:45 p.m.

Lance Brown and Brad Roger present this highly interactive program of sing-alongs, dancing and playing homemade musical instruments. Can you boogie to "Itsy Bitsy Spider?" You bet! Can kids get down with "The Hokey Pokey?" Absolutely! In the midst of the fun, participants will be given a little lesson about where the Blues came from and how music can help us to connect with each other and overcome hardship.

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Halloween Magic Show (Ages 5 and up)

Sunday, October 21 from 3-3:45 p.m.

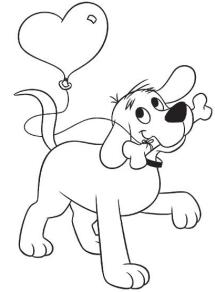
Magician Michael Kett will need loads of audience participation to pull off amazing feats of magic and wonder. Have your thoughts read, experience the power of the Monkey's Paw and meet a psychic raccoon! Be ready to hear screams, laughs and stunned silence.

Meet Clifford, the big red dog!

Sunday, September 16 at 1-3 p.m.

Youth Services Department.

Say "hello," take a picture and tell him how much you enjoy reading the "Clifford" book series.



✓ Teen Programs

Free activities for students in sixth through tenth grade. Registration began August 25. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. You must present your library card to enroll. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

Junior Friends of the Library (Grades 6-10)

Monday, September 17 through Friday, November 30

Teens may volunteer to work one hour per week in the Youth Services Department, assisting with displays, programs and other special projects. Please plan to attend an orientation meeting Monday, September 17 from 4-4:30 p.m. Limit: 10.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, September 19 and October 17 from 7-8 p.m.

The library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets monthly to advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Light refreshments.

Chess Club (All ages up through Grade 10)

Wednesdays, September 19 to October 17 from 4-5 p.m.

(See program description on opposite page.)

Teen Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, September 26 and October 24 from 7-8 p.m.

Play Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), board games and more! Prizes for top scores and snacks for all who play. No registration required.



Teen Lock-In (Grades 6-10)

Friday, October 19 from 5-9 p.m.

Celebrate Teen Read Week with our first big after-hours party! Games, food, movies and "Reverse American Idol" -- where the *worst* singers win! Registration and parental permission forms available from September 17 through October 14. Limit: 40.

✓ Local History Report

In April 2007, the library formally launched a revitalization of its Local History Program with the reopening of the Dee Kopf Local History Room. The first large-scale project of Local History Coordinator Dr. Maureen Gilligan was a commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado. Future projects will cover a variety of topics celebrating the rich history of Oak Lawn, its influential people, growth and development.

Members of the community are encouraged to visit the Local History Room, on the second floor. Many resources are also available online at the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Due to limited staffing, the Local History room is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some evening and weekend hours are scheduled, but they change monthly. Please call the library to find out when the Local History Room is available. If you are unable to visit during regular hours, you may call in advance to make an appointment.

A Salute to Oak Lawn Veterans

This fall, the library's Local History Unit will focus on Oak Lawn's veterans through a lens of service, sacrifice and historical significance. Plans are now in the works for a new exhibit in the Local History Room with public activities and events for all ages. Look for more details in the next issue of the library's newsletter and under "Upcoming Events" at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Exhibit & Programming

This special tribute exploring the stories and experiences of the veterans themselves will kick off on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11. It starts with a ceremony at the Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial, followed by a short program at the library and then the unveiling of an exhibit featuring local veterans who were involved in 20th century military conflicts, from World War I through the Gulf War.

Sources for this public education campaign include oral history interviews and written narratives from Oak Lawn veterans and material housed in the library's local history archives.

The exhibit will run through Spring 2008.

Wide-Spread Collaboration

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Johnson-Phelps Post and the Green Oaks American Legion Post of Oak Lawn continue to lend considerable assistance by collecting histories and participating in public programs. Efforts are also underway with area schools to provide students the opportunity to collect oral histories, create narratives of family veterans and explore the exhibit through school-sponsored initiatives. The library's Youth Services Department has already begun veteran-related activities for local youths, including a letter writing campaign and collecting veteran family member histories.

How Can You Get Involved?

Oral histories provide precious insight into first-hand experiences. The library's Local History Unit seeks Oak Lawn veterans interested in being interviewed for this local history project. There are also forms for recording written narratives at the library and on-line at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). For further details, please contact Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990.

Financial contributions to support our Local History program can be made to: The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation.



Exhibit Items Needed

Veterans with photographs, letters, diaries, medals earned, service records, uniforms and other war material are urged to consider a donation or loan of their personal items to the Local History Unit for use in an exhibit that will run through Spring 2008. All articles on loan will be kept secure and returned at the close of the exhibit. Please contact Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990.





Adult Summer Reading Results

This year, 140 teens and adults participated in the summer reading program for a chance to win attractively wrapped baskets of prizes. There were four baskets, each one filled with gift certificates and merchandise from our local businesses. One lucky winner walked away with the new Harry Potter book tucked in the science fiction/fantasy basket. Congratulations to all who participated and a big thank you to the business contributors.

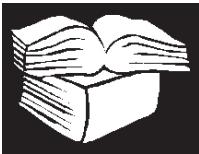
Summer Reading Appreciation

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

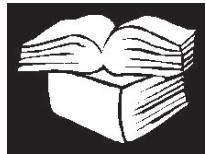
7-11 (Burbank) | Bank Financial | Beggars Pizza | Bennigan's | Border's Books (Chicago) | Brunswick Arena Lanes | Buschbach Insurance Agency | Cardinal Fitness | Chicago Cubs | Chicago White Sox | The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn | Chili's | Cupid Candies | Del Taco | DuPage Children's Museum | Fox's Restaurant | Great American Bagel | Hollywood Park | Hollywood Video | Huck Finn Restaurant | Jewel-Osco | Jr.'s Hot Dogs | Kentucky Fried Chicken | Longhorn Steakhouse | McDonald's (6034 W. 95 St.; 105 & Cicero; 91 & Cicero) | Milex Car Care | Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe | Northwestern University | Oak Lawn Lions Club | Oak Lawn Park District | Old Country Buffet | Palermo's Restaurant | Panera Bread | Pat's Hobbies and Crafts | Papa Joe's Phil's Pizza | Rutledge Printing Co. | T-USA Martial Arts School | TGI Fridays | Taco Bell | Target (Oak Lawn & Bedford Park) | Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home | University of Illinois | Village Green Café | White Castle | Windy City Thunderbolts.

Kids Summer Reading Wrap-Up

The 2007 Youth Services Summer Reading Club was a great success, with 1,340 children in preschool through grade eight participating. Over the course of eight weeks, members read a combined total 13,740 hours, completed activity sheets, attended programs, made crafts, earned prizes and had a great time visiting our 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. Their most recent project is the reestablishment of a local history program. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

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Fund Raiser

✓ Shop at ANY Jewel-Osco store on September 17-19 to raise funds for the Local History Room.

✓ Cut out and present this slip to your cashier and the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation receives 5% of your total purchase. Thanks!



Twenty-four large-scale oil paintings by Oak Lawn resident Robert Mayer were on exhibit in the new Public Art Gallery during August.

Art exhibits change monthly. Drop in any time to see a selection of paintings, photographs and sculptures by local artists.

Public Art Gallery

During September, visit the library's new public art gallery near the second floor Periodicals reading area to view an exhibit featuring artwork by Henry P. Keane, Robert Schmaedeke, Thomas Karones and the Worth Township Senior Citizens Art League. In October, stop by to see pieces by Edwin Palenik and Marie Dunkel.

The funding for the gallery furnishings was generously provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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

Free Brookfield Zoo Passes

Oak Lawn residents can check out free passes for Brookfield Zoo. Each pass entitles four individuals to free general admission. Parking and special exhibits not included. The library has four passes available to adult Oak Lawn residents for a five day loan. One pass per family, per loan period. No renewals or reserves. Call to inquire about availability, 708-422-4990.



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Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

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.

Fantastic Fall Trip

✓ **The Joffrey Ballet presents "Giselle"** -- Saturday, October 20. Experience the Joffrey premiere performance of this immortal classic at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. Departs: 12 noon. Returns: 5 p.m. Cost: \$75 for Friends members and \$80 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, September 15 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.

Monthly Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. You may pick up a complete reading list in the library's lobby. No advance registration required. For more information, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

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

- 9/12 -- "Dark Snow" by B. DuBois
10/10 -- "Koolau, the Leper" by J. London

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

- 9/26 -- "The Horse Whisperer" by N. Evans
10/24 -- "The Whistling Season" by I. Doig

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A Salute to Our Veterans

Join us in recognizing and remembering those who have served our country in the armed forces. For more information, visit the "Veterans History Project" page on the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) or call 708-422-4990.

The Veterans History Project

This Veterans Day weekend, November 10-11, the library's Local History Unit will unveil a new exhibit and conduct free public programming that explores the local veteran connection in 20th century military conflicts, from WWI to the Persian Gulf War.

As part of this ongoing program, Local History Coordinator Dr. Maureen Gilligan has already conducted many oral history interviews and collected written narratives from veterans in our community. More Oak Lawn veterans are invited to come forth.

Special Events on Saturday, November 10

✓ 12 noon -- **Making History: The Oak Lawn Veterans Experience** -- A multimedia presentation featuring the stories of local veterans, given by Local History Coordinator Dr. Maureen Gilligan.

✓ 1-5 p.m. -- **Grand Opening of the Oak Lawn Veterans History Project Exhibit** -- Stop by the library's Local History Room. This exhibit will run through May 2008.

Special Events on Sunday, November 11

✓ 11 a.m. -- **Veterans Day Ceremony** -- At the Village of Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial, located behind the library. This event is hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Johnson-Phelps Post #5220. Additional activities to follow at the VFW hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

✓ 1-5 p.m. -- **The Oak Lawn Veterans History Project Exhibit** -- Open to the public in the library's Local History Room.

Children & Teens Reach Out to Veterans

Children of all ages may write a letter to the veterans and active duty military personnel who reside at the Hines VA Hospital.

Students in fifth through eighth grade who live or attend school in Oak Lawn are asked to interview a veteran to record his or her personal story for the library's Local History archives.



(Standing) Local History Coordinator Dr. Maureen Gilligan sorts through war-related articles and photographs with volunteers, Bill Koehler and Pam Koziol.



1967 Oak Lawn Tornado 40th Anniversary Open Mic DVDs are now available for purchase at the Reception Booth. \$15.

Holiday Charity Drives

✓ **Food Drive** -- Now through Sunday, December 30 -- Please donate nonperishable food for Oak Lawn food pantries.

✓ **Toys for Tots** -- Friday, November 23 to Saturday, December 22 -- Please donate unwrapped toys for children up to age 12. No stuffed animals, please.

New Web Site

Have you seen our reorganized and redesigned web site?

www.oaklawnlibrary.org

Experience easier navigation with new menu selections. Look up items in the SWAN online catalog or our web site by using the *Search Bar* at the top. Access the library's extensive research tools in the *Library Resources* section. View current library job openings under the *About the Library* heading. Use *My Account* to check your library account status and order books. We hope you'll come back often to see what's new.

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The Library Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room. 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.

✓ Adult Programs

Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. First-come, first seated in the library's lower level meeting rooms.

Sunday With Friends: The Skylarks Unlimited

Sunday, November 4 from 2-3 p.m.

Jack Hogan leads this talented troupe of five performers who will share musical memories from the 1930s through 1970s, with a special salute to the USO and Hit Parade. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

First Aid for New Parents

Thursday, November 15 at 7-8 p.m.

American Heart Association certified instructor Joan O'Malley will teach you how to recognize and respond to medical emergencies in babies and toddlers. Learn the basics of infant CPR and age appropriate choking techniques.

An Introduction to Feng Shui

Monday, November 26 at 7 p.m.

B.J. Gorman of Space Harmony will explain the origins of Feng Shui and its basic principles. Take home practical tips for room arrangements that may bring about some positive changes in your life.

AARP 55 Alive Class

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 29 & 30
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advance registration and \$10 fee

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

The Christmas Canvas

Wednesday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

Art Historian Jeff Mishur will present a slide lecture program exploring common themes of Christian imagery in paintings of the Nativity.

Sunday With Friends: Broadway Favorites

Sunday, December 9 from 2-3 p.m.

Pianist Eugene Kwok will play a selection of popular songs performed on Broadway. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

✓ Die Frau Ohne Schatten

Sunday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ Doctor Atomic

Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

A member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. Pick up a complete schedule in the library's lobby. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Public Art Gallery

2nd floor, near Computer Center

November 2007

Christine England, Photography

Lois Gasteyer, Photography

Jenny Gembala, Photography

Otilija Kasparaitis, Jewelry

December 2007

Phyllis Brauer, Photography

Nancy Canellis, Oil Paintings

Mt. Greenwood Art Club, Paintings

Free Health Screening Program



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure, pulse and blood oxygen level screenings Wednesday, November 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. Lower level meeting room. No screenings in December. This program resumes in January 2008.

✓ Children's Programs

Free activities for children aged six months through 14-years-old, their parents and caregivers. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. You must present the child's library card to enroll. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. For more information, pick up a fall program booklet or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Storytimes for 6 months thru 8 years

Late fall series runs November 5 thru December 7. Registration began October 13. Limited enrollment.

- ✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months) Select one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m.
- ✓ **Toddler Time** (24-36 months) Select one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m.
- ✓ **Preschool** (3-5 years) Select one: Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **After School** (Grades K-2) Wednesdays at 4-4:45 p.m.
- ✓ **Drop-In Stories** (3-8 years and families) November 3 and December 1 from 11-11:30 a.m. Held the first Saturday of each month. No registration required.



Chess Club (Up through Grade 10)

Wednesdays, Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 from 4-5 p.m.

Instructions and game boards provided, but you may bring your own chess set and clock.

Homeschool Group (All ages)

Thursdays, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon

Learn new things using library resources and socialize with other homeschoolers. No registration required.

Yu-Gi-Oh (Grades 3 & up)

Thursdays, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 from 4-5 p.m.

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

Mothers & Daughters Read (Grades 3-5)

Saturdays, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to noon

Girls, their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) will explore a great story and share a lively discussion. Register and pick up the book one month prior to the meeting. Snacks.

Guys Read (Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, November 27 from 4-5 p.m.

An afterschool program where boys share what they like to read, challenge each other in games, and spoil their dinner with a snack. Registration required. Limit: 30.

Harvest Fun Fest (Ages 2-7 & a caregiver)

Saturday, November 17 from 1-2 p.m.

A seasonal bounty of games, crafts and snacks with an autumn theme. No registration required.

Photo Ornament Craft Project (All ages)

Saturday, December 1 thru Saturday, December 15

Bring a photo of yourself or a loved one to glue into the photo ornament frame. All ornaments will be hung on the holiday tree in the Youth Services Department.

Fun Family Concert (All ages)

Sunday, December 2 from 3-3:45 p.m.



Join musicians Erin Flynn and Scott Besaw for an interactive sing-along concert. The performers will engage young audiences and their families with original music and traditional folk tunes with a twist.

Family Game Night (All ages)

Thursday, December 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Games, trivia challenges, Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) and more! Bring your own board games or play one of ours. No registration required.

Teen Corner (Grades 6-10)

✓ Teen Advisory Board (Grade 6-10)

Wednesday, November 14 from 7-8 p.m.

The library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets most months to advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Students can earn volunteer hours for their participation. Light refreshments.



✓ Teen Game Night (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, November 28 from 7-8 p.m.

Play Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), board games and more! Prizes for top scores and snacks for all who play. No registration required.

✓ Teen Read Staff Pick -- Strong Teens

Sally Parker's life changes forever after a tragic automobile accident. Although she is left a quadriplegic, the inspiration of loving friends and her determination turns tragedy into many small triumphs. Read about Sally in the book *Wheels for Walking* by Sandra Richmond (located in the adult fiction collection).

Stop by the Readers Advisory Desk for a bibliography listing many books about teens who seek their own place in the world, while overcoming hardships and adverse circumstances. Here are a couple more titles from the list: *The Road Home* by Ellen Emerson White and *The Wave* by Todd Strasser.

✓ Computer Classes

Free hands-on classes taught in the Computer Center. Participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard (see below). Advance registration required at the Computer Center or call 708-422-4990. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents. Limit: 15 per class.

Setting up an Email Account

Thurs., Nov. 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Signup begins 11/1*
Communicate via email. Internet skills required.

Consumer Health Resources on the Web

Thurs., Nov. 15 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Signup begins 11/1*
Explore reliable Internet sites with information about doctors, hospitals, drugs, herbs, lab tests and diseases.

Online Genealogy Research with "Ancestry"

Thurs., Nov. 29 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Signup begins 11/1*
Research your family history using online databases.

Word Processing I

Thurs., Dec. 6 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Signup begins 12/1*
Learn how to prepare, edit, save, open and print documents. Explore basic formatting options and spell check. Requires Windows I or basic computer skills.

Word Processing II

Thurs., Dec. 13 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Signup begins 12/1*
Enhance your word processing skills by learning how to use tabs, margin setup, bullets and number lists and how to print envelopes and labels. Requires Word Processing I or equivalent skills.

Don't be afraid of a little mouse! Stop by the Computer Center to use our Mouse Practice Tools.



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Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22

Christmas Holiday
Sunday, December 23 through
Tuesday December 25

New Year's Holiday
Monday, December 31 and
Tuesday, 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 their budget and bring opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Downtown Holiday Trip

✓ **Magnificent Mile Lights Festival** -- Wednesday, December 12. Experience the breathtaking display of holiday lights in downtown Chicago while on a driving tour along North Michigan Avenue. Enjoy an early supper of roast prime rib at the famous Lawry's restaurant and shop the outdoor Chriskindlmarket. Departs: 1 p.m. Returns: 7 p.m. Cost: \$65 for Friends members and \$70 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 10 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.

Monthly Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room. Reading lists are available in the library's lobby. No advance registration required to participate. For more information, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

✓ **Short Story Group** -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.
11/14 -- "Visitor to Mombasa" by James Holding
12/12 -- "Homesick Buick" by John D. MacDonald

✓ **Book Group** -- No meetings will be held during November and December.

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