

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Changing with the Times

Your library remains a valuable community resource by constantly adapting its materials and services.

Now Pay Fines Online

Paying for lost library books and overdue fines just got easier! Starting in November, the SWAN computer system launched Ecommerce, an online payment option for patrons who have chosen to access their library record via the Internet.

To pay for a fine or other charge on your record, go to the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and select "My Account." Follow the instructions on the screen to pay your fines by credit card. As with any online transaction, be sure to print out a receipt or have one emailed to you for your records.

If you need assistance with using this new service, you may request a brochure or view a demonstration at the Readers Advisory Desk, first floor.

New Scanner

In Computer Center, Second Floor



Use by Oak Lawn residents is free. Non-residents must pay a \$1/hour computer usage fee. One-hour reservations are available. This equipment was donated by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

We Invest in Investment Advice

As another year begins and resolutions abound, you may want to brighten your financial prospects. Our library has long been recognized as a "go to" place for business information. You can find what you need in up-to-date investment books and top notch investment newsletters, including these three which were added to our collection of over 25 publications.

✓ **Richard Band's Profitable Investing** is a monthly publication that takes a broader perspective than most newsletters, trying to put recommendations in the context of an investor's entire assets. While the others may hit "home runs" by recommending hot stocks and options, Band reduces risk considerably and gets investors on base and ready to score.

✓ **Investment Quality Trends** has been in publication since the late 1960's, making it one of the longer lived financial newsletters. It is geared toward long term portfolio growth with low downside risk. Approximately 400 blue chip stocks are analyzed semi-monthly with buy, sell and hold recommendations.

✓ **No Load Fund X** helps investors identify and select top performing no-load mutual funds. Published monthly since 1976, this newsletter has consistently been ranked highly for actual and risk adjusted returns. The Hulbert Financial Digest, a watchdog of investment publications, rates it among the best newsletters.

Public Art Gallery

2nd floor, near Computer Center

January 2008

Tina Marie Gill, Watercolor Paintings
 Michael Vistia, Pastel on Canvas
 Linda Vorderer, Mixed Media
 Queen of Peace H.S. Art Students,
 Mixed Media

February 2008

Mary Baranik, Oil Paintings
 John Thier, Mosaic and Acrylic Pieces
 Raymond Tuminello, Oil Paintings
 Oak Lawn Community H.S.
 Art Students, Mixed Media

Crazy for Quilts?

Check our Adult & Children's Program listings for special quilting activities in February.

In Memoriam



Longtime Library Trustee Shirley Barrett died October 27, 2007. She served on the Library's Board of Trustees from 1987-2005, during which she was an active member of several committees with the American Library Association (ALA).

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Monday thru Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
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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✓ Adult Programs

Free admission | No advance registration required | Lower level meeting room

Sunday With Friends: The Katie Sullivan Band

Sunday, January 6 from 2-4 p.m.

This talented trio will perform a mix of Irish jigs and reels, favorite sing-alongs and Americana standards from Patsy Cline to Janis Joplin. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Oak Lawn Veterans

Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m.

The library's Local History Coordinator Dr. Maureen Gilligan will give a multimedia presentation exploring the personal stories of local veterans from five major 20th Century conflicts.

Visit the Local History Room to view the *Oak Lawn Veterans of the 20th Century* exhibit through May 2008.

The Best IRA for You

Thursday, January 17 at 7 p.m.

Eric R. Degnan and Geoff Peterson of Waddell & Reed, Inc. will explain the qualifications and tax advantages of various types of IRAs.

Preventing Bridezilla

Tuesday, January 29 at 7 p.m.

Bridal industry insider Linda Zec will help you get on track with planning the wedding of your dreams, without having to elope or seek counseling.



Venice Travelog

Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m.

Join Al Popowits on a journey down the Grand Canal to learn about the historic bridges, churches and palaces of this Italian city made up of 117 islands.

Sunday With Friends: Polka Party

Sunday, February 10 from 2-4 p.m.

Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois will perform your polka favorites and much more! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.



Quilting Tips & Tricks

Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m.

Local quilt artist Mickey Depre will lecture on various techniques, including machine appliqué, binding and machine quilting, followed by a trunk show and a question and answer period.

Secrets of the Oscars

Wednesday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

SouthtownStar newspaper movie critic Josh Larsen will lead a discussion of this year's Oscar nominees and help you decide which ones are worthy of this most prestigious film award.

Open Mic Readings

Saturday, February 23 at 1 p.m.

Local writers are invited to share original poetry and short stories. Five minute time limit. Light refreshments.

Opera Lecture Series

✓ Falstaff

Sunday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ The Barber of Seville

Sunday, Feb. 17 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Free Health Screening Program



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership holds free blood pressure screenings and other free health offerings the second Wednesday of most months from 10-11:30 a.m. Next dates: January 9 (with glaucoma screening) and February 13 (with a heart care nurse).

✓ For Children & Teens

These free activities are offered for children ages six months through grade 10, their parents and caregivers. Registration for many of these programs begins Saturday, January 5, 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. Stop by the library to pick up a program booklet or view a complete listing and the monthly calendars at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Storytimes for 6 months thru 8 years

The winter series runs January 21 through February 29. Limited enrollment, so be sure to register early!

✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months)

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

✓ **Toddler Time** (24-36 months)

Select: Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m.

✓ **Preschool Storytime** (3-5 years) Select: Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m.

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

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



Yu-Gi-Oh (Grade 3 & up)

Thursdays, January 10 and February 14 from 4-5 p.m.

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

Chess Club (Up to Grade 10)

Wednesdays, January 23 to February 27 from 4-5 p.m.

For beginners, as well as experienced players. Instructions are provided. Advance registration required.

Guys Read (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, January 22 and February 26 from 4-5 p.m.

A monthly after-school program with games and activities that help guys explore their reading options. Snacks are provided. Advance registration required.

Mother & Daughter Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Saturday, February 9 from 11 a.m. to noon

Explore a great story and join in a lively discussion. Snacks are provided. Advance registration required.

Homeschool Group (Grade K & up)

Thursdays, January 10 and February 14 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Have fun, learn new things and socialize with other homeschoolers. A different theme each month. Advance registration is now required.

Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturdays, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sign up for a 15-minute time slot to practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog. Special needs children are welcome to participate. Advance registration required.



Quilt Program (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 4-5 p.m.

A four-week workshop of storytelling, discussion and creativity presented by The Salt Creek Quilters Guild. Participants will create a paper quilt and help make a cloth quilt that will hang in the library. Advance registration required.

Dragon Feathers (Age 5 & up)

Sunday, January 27 from 3-4 p.m.

The Melikin Puppet Theatre presents a delightful collection of the myths, legends, fables and history of dragons. No advance registration.



Super Juggler (Age 4 & up)

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

Enjoy a juggling performance put on by Mike Vondruska of the Illinois Juggling Institute and then learn how to juggle! Everyone will get in on the fun. No advance registration.

Juggling Workshop (Grade 3 & up)

Tuesday March 4 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Mike Vondruska from the Illinois Juggling Institute, will teach a hands-on, total participation workshop. Parents are also welcome to join in. Advance registration required.

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



T E E N S

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

Oak Lawn students are invited to join TAB and advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Participation can apply toward volunteer hours.

Teen Game Night (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

After the monthly TAB meeting, teens can compete in various board games and a Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) contest. Snacks.



New Year's Resolutions

Our librarians can help you reach your goals in 2008! Check out these recommended books or ask at the Reference Desk for assistance with finding additional titles.



Dieting & Health

- ✓ **Feed your family right: how to make smart food and fitness choices for a healthy lifestyle**, by Elisa Zied. [613.2/ZIED]
- ✓ **Sleep away the pounds: optimize your sleep and reset your metabolism for maximum weight loss**, by Cherie Calbom. [616.8498/CALBOM]
- ✓ **You, on a diet: the owner's manual for waist management**, by Michael F. Roizen. [613.25/ROIZEN]

Organization

- ✓ **Organize your life: free yourself from clutter and find more personal time**, by Ronni Eisenberg. [650.11/EISENBERG]
- ✓ **The clutter cure: three steps to letting go of stuff, organizing your space & creating the home of your dreams**, by Judi Culbertson. [648.8/CULBERTSON]
- ✓ **Good housekeeping the complete clutter solution: organize your home for good**, by C.J. Petersen. [640/PETERSEN]



Finances & Budgeting

- ✓ **America's cheapest family gets you right on the money: your guide to living better, spending less, and cashing in on your dreams**, by Steve Economides. [332.024/ECONOMIDES]
- ✓ **Personal finance for dummies**, by Eric Tyson. [332.024/TYSON]
- ✓ **Kiplinger's practical guide to your money: keep more of it, make it grow, enjoy it, protect it, pass it on**. [332.024/KIPLINGER'S]



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Friends Footnotes

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a non-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.

Celebrate Culture in Chicago

- ✓ **Chinese New Year Spectacular** -- Saturday, January 26. A showcase of traditional Chinese culture and arts performed by more than 150 dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists at the Arie Crown Theater at McCormick Place. Departs: 12:30 p.m. Returns: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, January 5 in the library's lobby.
- ✓ **The Barber of Seville** -- Tuesday, February 19. See Rossini's masterpiece at The Lyric Opera of Chicago. Upper balcony seating. Departs: 6 p.m. Returns: 11 p.m. Cost: \$82 for Friends members and \$87 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, January 26 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

- Two discussion groups meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room. Everyone is welcome. For details, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.
- ✓ **Short Story Group** -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.
 - 1/9 -- "The Ransom" by Pearl S. Buck
 - 2/13 -- "Rear Window" by Cornell Woolrich
 - ✓ **Book Group** -- 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m.
 - 1/23 -- "The Rug Merchant" by Meg Mullins
 - 2/27 -- "The Known World" by Edward P. Jones

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-- LIBRARY CLOSED --
New Year's Eve and Day
December 31 and January 1

-- BOARD MEETING DATE --
The January meeting has been
changed to January 22 at 7 p.m.

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We're the Best Deal Around

Your library offers free access to valuable resources, entertainment and activities for all ages.

Free Movies Online

Here is your ticket to the most acclaimed films from Hollywood and international movie studios!

Oak Lawn patrons may download a selection of movies at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) through the MyLibraryDV service. To start, click on "Hollywood Movie Channels." One film may be downloaded each day. The film will stay in your computer for thirty days, or until



you watch it. After you start watching it, you will have 24 hours to view it before it is erased from your computer.

There are five different movie collections to select from: Classics, Independent Films, Foreign Films, Hollywood Favorites & World Cinema and Sony Pictures Entertainment. Movies in the collection are at least three to five years old. Sorry, no new releases.

Read to Rover

A Youth Services program offering



Sarah Bledsoe of Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy of Chicago and her English Mastiff, Horus, enjoy a storybook read aloud by a young patron. Look inside to learn how your child can "Read to Rover."

Getting All Tangled Up on the Web?

With the help of online search engines, such as Google, MSN, Yahoo and ask.com, Americans have become savvy researchers. But these search engines only show you what's free on the Web. Be warned that general search engines don't distinguish between sources, so you don't always know what you're getting. In many cases, the most accurate, reliable and verified information resides in what insiders call the "Hidden Web," subscription-based, password-protected databases. Our library provides free access to over one hundred of these electronic resources. Many are available through our web site with your Oak Lawn Library Card number, while others are only accessible at the library. You may view a complete listing of electronic databases online at: www.oaklawnlibrary.org/indexesdatabases.aspx

Featured Database: EBSCOhost

Finding magazine, newspaper and journal articles is easy with EBSCOhost. Search by simple keywords across thousands of publications. Ebsco's full-text articles can go back as far as 1990, but citations and summaries for other articles range back to 1984. Our librarians may be able to suggest alternate ways to find them. EBSCOhost is available at the Internet computers, as well as the database computers in Adult Reference and Youth Services. Library staff are always here to help you get started, improve your search and locate other sources of information.



Community Survey enclosed. Please complete and return by April 30.

Drop-In Help

Would you benefit from a few minutes of one-on-one computer assistance? Do you have questions about how to find things on the Internet, send email or use word processing software? Our library is testing a new program. Each Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m., staff are on-hand to answer questions and walk you through basic computer tasks. Sign-in for help at the Computer Center Desk. To help all, there is a 15-20 minute time limit.



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✓ Computer Classes

Free hands-on classes are taught in the Computer Center on most Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. Participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance registration is required. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents. For detailed information about upcoming classes, please check the Computer Center bulletin board, pick up a flyer in our lobby or call 708-422-4990. Limit: 15 per class.

NEW FOR 2008 -- A \$5 deposit is required at time of registration. This money is refunded to all who attend the class. No-shows will not get deposit money back.

Excel Basics

Mon., March 10, 17 & 24 at 7-8:30 p.m.
Registration began Friday, February 15

Excel is software designed to store and compute numeric equations. Learn to create a workbook and worksheets, navigate and view pages, use tools to create and edit equations, format and print. Requires word processing skills and the ability to find and open files.

Email Basics

Thursday, March 6 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 1

Learn how to write, read and send email messages, as well as how to open and send attachments. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

Set up an Email Account

Thursday, March 13 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 1

Use a free email service to open your own email account. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

Word Processing I

Thursday, March 20 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 1

Learn how to prepare a document, make changes, save and open files, and print. Become familiar with basic formatting options and implementation, as well as spell checking. Requires Windows 1 or basic computer skills.

"Ancestry" Genealogy

Thursday, March 27 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 1

Learn to research your family history using a variety of databases, including the U.S. Census, WWI draft records and ship passenger lists. No deposit required.

Windows I

Thursday, April 3 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Friday, March 28

An intro to the Windows operating system and basic PC jargon. Learn about hardware, software, window functions, drives, rebooting, menus, display options and desktop icons.

Windows II

Thursday, April 10 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Friday, March 28

This class continues to explore Windows functions at a deeper level. Learn how to create an icon, copy and move files, alter common computer settings and more. Requires Windows I.

Intro to the Internet

Thursday, April 17 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Friday, March 28

This class exposes the total novice to the Internet world via explanation of terms, how it works, what is needed, how to navigate, what not to do and how to use a search engine. Requires basic computer skills.

Consumer Health

Thursday, April 24 from 9-10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Friday, March 28

Explore reliable Internet sites for information on doctors, hospitals, drugs, herbs, lab tests and diseases.

Public Art Gallery

2nd floor, near Computer Center

March 2008

Kathy Aram, Watercolor Paintings

Applications are now being accepted for reservations for the remainder of 2008.
Call 708-422-4990 for details

✓ Adult Programs

Lectures, workshops and musical offerings for a variety of interests. Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. Lower level meeting rooms.



Opera Lecture: Eugene Onegin

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

Presented by a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Corps. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Paper Management

Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Pam Colovos of Organizing Solutions Inc. will share tips, tricks, tools and methods for how you can reduce stress and save time by managing your paper flow more efficiently.

Sunday With Friends: The Midwest Ramblers Cajun Band

Sunday, March 9 from 2-4 p.m.

An irresistible taste of Southwest Louisiana music, from the traditions of Cajun and Creole to high energy Zydeco. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Getting Started with Irish Genealogy

Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Our library's own genealogy expert, Kathy O'Leary, will cover how to begin researching your Irish ancestors. Learn about Irish censuses, vital records, parish registers, tax records and explore useful genealogy web sites. This program offers valuable insights and research strategies for anyone interested in tracing their family's roots.

How to Sell Your House Tax-Free & Other Tax Tips for Seniors

Thursday, March 13 at 2 p.m.

Certified Elder Law Attorney Amy Parise-Delaney will explain how to sell your house without having to pay capital gains taxes. See if you meet the tax exclusion requirements and learn about other tax planning strategies for seniors.

Selling Your Home in Today's Market

Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

Moving up, moving on or just wonder what your house is worth? Oak Lawn Realtor Dave Weinert will explain your many options and share tips to successfully sell your home.

Spring Clean-Up & Garden Fitness

Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

Horticulturist Dolly Foster of the Oak Lawn Park District will show you how to make your spring clean-up easier and faster, including information on pruning, when to cut down perennials, weed control and composting.

College Illinois

Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Nancy Stephens will explain the benefits of enrolling in this 529 prepaid tuition program, where parents and grandparents can pay for tuition today, putting a stop on inflation by locking in a price now to cover future college expenses.

AARP Driver Safety Program

Thursday & Friday, April 3 & 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advance registration and fee required

A two-day refresher designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. In-person registration begins: Saturday, March 8 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24. Snacks.

This program will be offered again in May 2008.

Handwriting Analysis

Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.



What does handwriting reveal about your personality? Linda Annen will share the fundamentals of graphology. Bring a pen and be prepared for a fun analysis of your own handwriting.

Remembering Old Time Radio

Thursday, April 10 at 2 p.m.

Larry Bergnach leads this trip down memory lane to the Golden Age of Radio. Revisit a selection of your favorite programs, such as "Little Orphan Annie," "Amos and Andy," "The Shadow" and "Ma Perkins," just to name a few.

Sunday With Friends: April in Paris

Sunday, April 13 from 2-4 p.m.

Claudia Hommel returns to perform a captivating cabaret concert, sung both in French and English, with piano and accordion. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

How to Buy a House

Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.



Tired of that house, need more space or maybe your job is relocating? Find out the basics of home buying and financing with Oak Lawn Realtor Dave Weinert and Mortgage Loan Consultant Carrie Horin.

Midway Airport: The First 75 Years

Monday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

Author Christopher Lynch will give a slide lecture presentation on Chicago's first official airport and the history of aviation. Copies of his book, "Chicago's Midway Airport" will be available for purchase and autographs.

✓ Childrens Programs

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

Thursdays, March 13 and April 10 from 4-5 p.m.

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Have fun, learn new things and socialize with other homeschoolers. A different theme is featured each month. Advance registration required.

Curious? Read! Program (Ages 2 to 7)

Tuesday, April 1 through Wednesday, 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. Children who complete the program will receive small prizes. Registration begins Tuesday, April 1.



Super Juggler (Age 4 & up)

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

Enjoy a juggling performance by Mike Vondruska of the Illinois Juggling Institute and then try it yourself. No advance registration.



Juggling Workshop (Grade 3 & up)

Tuesday March 4 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Mike Vondruska returns for a hands-on workshop. Parents are welcome to join in. Advance registration required.

Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Young readers may sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read aloud to a registered therapy dog, who will calmly sit and listen. Advance registration required.

Dr. Seuss Party (Ages 2 to 7 & a care giver)

Saturday, March 15 from 1-2 p.m.

Do you like Horton, Bartholomew or Daisy-Head Mayzie? Young participants and a care giver are invited to join us for a craft and activity-filled celebration of Dr. Seuss' beloved characters. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Froggy Fest (Ages 4 to 7 & a care giver)

Saturday, April 5 from 1-2 p.m.

Frog-filled games, crafts and activities for children and a care giver. Featuring a live appearance by Froggy, Jonathon London's popular character. No advance registration.

Froggy will also be available for photographs in the Youth Services Department from 2-3 p.m.

Animal Encounters, Inc. (Grade K & up)

Sunday, April 20 from 3-3:45 p.m.

Dr. Robert James, zoologist and author, brings a variety of live animals, including a porcupine, alligator and ostrich. Everyone may touch as he educates and walks among the audience with the animals. No advance registration.

Free Child ID Program

Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child ID reports that include a color photo, fingerprints and information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration, just stop in and make an appointment that day.

Oak Lawn Public Library Community Survey

Please take a few moments to complete this survey. When you have finished, cut this page out of the newsletter and fold it into thirds, according to the dotted lines, so that it is letter-size. Then, tape the bottom and side edges closed. To return your survey, you can either mail it to the library postage free or drop it off at the Reception Booth, first floor.

The survey deadline is Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

1. Do you live in Oak Lawn? Yes No -- If not, please tell us where: _____

2. Have you ever visited the Oak Lawn Public Library? Yes No -- Please tell us why and skip to question #11

3. How long has it been since you or a family member last **visited** the Oak Lawn Public Library?
 1 month 6 months 1 year 5 years 10 years

4. How long has it been since you or a family member last **checked out materials** from the Oak Lawn Public Library?
 1 month 6 months 1 year 5 years 10 years

5. What were the reasons you or one of your family members last visited our library? (Check all that apply)
 Recreational Reading Computer Center PCs or Internet Access DVD or VHS rental
 Information, Reference, Research Wireless Internet Access CDs or Audio Books
 Magazines and Newspapers Friends of the Library Book Store Library Program
 Other (specify) _____

6. How would you rate the **collection of materials** available at our library?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____

7. How would you rate the **services** provided by our library?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____

8. How would you rate the library's **computer resources** (Internet, PC applications and electronic databases)?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____

9. How would you rate the **staff assistance** provided by our library?
 Excellent Good Average Fair Poor I don't know
Comments: _____

10. Your suggestions will guide us in making changes to meet your needs. Tell us how we can improve our:
 Fiction collection (comments) _____
 Books on specialized subjects (specify) _____
 Non-print materials (specify) _____
 Public seating areas (comments) _____
 Programs for children (suggestions) _____
 Programs for adults (suggestions) _____
 Internet access and Computer Centers (comments) _____
 Electronic resources (specify) _____
 Services or equipment for the disabled (comments) _____
 Other (specify) _____

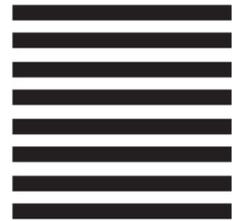
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11. What factors are important to you and your family when using a library? (Check all that apply)

- Selection of reading material
- Reference materials
- Computers or Internet availability
- Quiet areas
- Other (specify) _____
- Public seating areas and tables
- Children's department
- Special programs for children and adults
- Helpful staff

12. What special services, materials, facilities and enhancements would **your ideal library** offer? (Describe)

13. The Oak Lawn Public Library's regular hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (mid-September through mid-May)

Are we open enough hours? Yes No

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

STEP #1 -- FIRST FOLD LINE -- This section should be tucked inside the finished mailing piece.

Please share your additional comments here:

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your input will help plan the library's future.

Centennial History Club

A group of interested community members are now in the process of forming an Oak Lawn Centennial History Club in anticipation of the Village's 100 year anniversary celebration in 2009. The founding members have decided to focus their energies toward producing an exhibit for display during Oak Lawn's centennial year. The club plans to meet in the library's Local History Room. For more information, please contact Phillip Leo, 708-636-5665.

Free Activities for Teens

- ✓ **Teen Advisory Board** (Grades 6-10)
Wednesdays, March 19 and April 23 at 7 p.m.
Oak Lawn students are invited to join TAB and advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Participation can apply toward volunteer hours.
- ✓ **Teen Game Night** (Grades 6-10)
Wednesdays, March 19 and April 23 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.
After the monthly TAB meeting, teens can compete in various board games and a Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) contest. Snacks are provided.
- ✓ **Jr. Friends Volunteers** (Grades 6-10)
Monday, March 24 through Saturday, May 31
Orientation Meeting: Monday, March 24 at 4-4:30 p.m.
Student volunteers work one hour per week, assisting with displays, programs and other projects in the Youth Services Department. Limit: 10 members.

Think Spring!

Check out these recommended books or ask at the Reference Desk for assistance with finding additional titles.



Gardening & Lawn Care

- ✓ **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]
- ✓ **Crops in Pots: How to plan, plant and grow vegetables, fruits and herbs in easy-care containers**, by Bob Purnell. [635.986/PURNELL]
- ✓ **Beginner's Guide to Gardening: Creating a beautiful yard from the ground up**, by Readers Digest. [635/BEGINNER'S]

Time for Outdoor Activities

- ✓ **10,000 Steps a Day to Your Optimal Weight: Walk your way to better health**, by Greg Isaacs. [613.7176/ISAACS]
- ✓ **Leslie Sansone's Eat Smart, Walk Strong: The secrets to effortless weight loss**. [613.7/SANSONE]
- ✓ **Performance Cycling: Training for power, endurance, and speed**, by David Morris. [796.6/MORRIS]
- ✓ **Complete Bike Book**, by Chris Sidwells. [629.2272/SIDWELLS]

National Library Week is April 13-19

✓ 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 more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).



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- ✓ Shop at any Jewel-Osco store on any of these three days, April 14-16, to raise funds for the library's Local History Room.
- ✓ Cut out and give this slip to your cashier and the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation benefits by receiving 5% of your total purchase.

Thank you!



Friends Footnotes

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a non-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.

Spring Trip Roster

✓ **Chicagoland Flower & Garden Show** -- Monday, March 10. Departs: 9:30 a.m. Returns: 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 for Friends members and \$35 for others. An in-person registration was held on February 23. You may call the library, 708-422-4990, to check ticket availability.

✓ **Historic Churches of Chicago** -- Friday, April 11. Take guided tours of three of Chicago's oldest and most historic churches and enjoy a gourmet lunch at the CHIC Café of the Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago. Departs: 9:15 a.m. Returns: 4:15 p.m. Cost: \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 8 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.

Free Health Screenings



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership holds free blood pressure screenings and other health offerings the second Wednesday of most months from 10-11:30 a.m. in our lower level meeting room. The next dates are: March 12 (with free take-home colorectal screening kits) and April 9 (with free hearing tests and body fat analysis).

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Library Holiday Closing
Easter Sunday, March 23
Regular hours on all other dates

We Need Your Input
Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed community-wide survey and return it by April 30.

Friends of the Library GIANT BOOK SALE

Thousands of hardcover and paperback books for all ages, magazines, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, audio books and more at bargain prices. The sale will take place in the library's lower level meeting room.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library "Members Only" Night

Thursday, April 24 from 6-8:30 p.m.
Be the first to browse and purchase the items! An up-to-date Friends of the Oak Lawn Library membership card or a recent dues receipt will be required for entry. You may sign up for membership at the library's Reception Booth or buy it at the door that evening. (Individual \$5; Family \$8)

Open to the Public
Friday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bag of Books for \$1
Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



The Friends Book Store is open year-round, next to the library's café. The Friends accept donations of "gently used" items near the Cook Avenue entrance.

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Summer Reading Kick-Off

Oak Lawn students and residents of all ages can take part in nine weeks of reading fun and exciting activities, while earning a treasure trove of prizes. The program will run June 2 through August 1.

Preschool thru Grade 5: Catch the Reading Bug

If your kids get 'antsy' over the long summer break, bring them in (with their library card) to join our annual summer reading program starting Monday, June 2 at the Youth Services Desk.

New club members receive a bookmark, a reading log sheet and their name is posted on a nature shape that represents their school. Members are encouraged to start checking out books right away, and then read and record that amount of time on their charts. The final goal is 18 hours.



Beginning June 16, members may check in once a week to have their chart stamped. Prizes are awarded each time that a child reaches a goal of three hours, up to a limit of six prizes. Members

may receive only one prize per week. Prizes include coupons, gift certificates, novelty toys and treats from local businesses, subject to availability. Certificates of achievement will be delivered to local schools in September for those who reach the 18 hour goal.

Complete details are available at the library or on our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Turn to pages 2 and 3 for activities open to members of "Catch the Reading Bug."

The BookEnds Café

Near Raymond Avenue entrance



Under New Ownership -- Stop in to enjoy a cup of Lavazza coffee, hot tea, wholesome sandwiches, homemade soups, warm breads, cookies and cakes. Covered drinks are allowed in the library, but all food must remain within the café.

LOOK INSIDE: The library also offers summer reading programs for teens in grades 6-8 and adults, high school age and up.

Public Art Gallery One-Year Anniversary

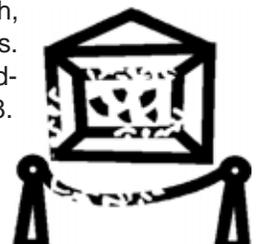
It's been an exciting first year in the library's Art Gallery. Each month, we have featured local artists, more often than not, Oak Lawn residents.

To celebrate the gallery's one-year anniversary, the library is holding a special Oak Lawn Artist Group Show during June and July 2008.

Help us celebrate the creative talents of our villagers! Local art lovers are invited to attend a "Meet the Artists" event on Thursday, June 12 from 7-8:30 p.m., with live music and light refreshments.

Oak Lawn artists who wish to be a part of this special exhibit can pick up an application at the library's Reception Booth or inside the gallery. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 16.

For additional information, contact Linda Atkins, 708-422-4990.



Meet the Artists
Thursday, June 12
from 7-8:30 p.m.

Catch the Reading Bug Activities for Preschool thru Grade 5

Reading club members are offered many opportunities to experience a variety of educational and entertaining activities. Programs will be held in our Youth Services Department or the library's lower level meeting rooms, unless otherwise noted. Some programs may have limited attendance, so early registration is recommended.

Lunchtime with Nature

Family program -- All ages
Mondays, June 16 to July 21
from noon to 1 p.m.

Children and their families are invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy stories from and about nature. Each event will feature a nature craft and a special exhibit from the Field Museum. No advance registration required.



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

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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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.

Pooh Party

Ages 2 to 7 (child with a care giver)
Thursday, June 26
Choose one: 10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.

Do you love honey as much as Winnie-the-Pooh? Meet Pooh Bear and have some fun creating crafts, playing games and eating a yummy snack! No advance registration required.

Spiderman, Spiderman

Ages 2 to 7 (child with a care giver)
Thursday, July 10
Choose one: 2-3 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Super crafts, games and snacks!
No advance registration required.

Bug Party

Ages 2 to 7 (child with a care giver)
Thursday, July 24
Choose one:
10-11 a.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Bug-inspired games, crafts and snacks! No advance registration required.



Spiderwick Adventure

Grades 3 to 5
Tuesday, June 17
Choose one: 11 a.m. to noon or 2-3 p.m.

Whether you're a longtime fan of the Spiderwick books or new to the series, a good time will be had by all. Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 30.

Book Buggies

Ages 3 to 6
Fridays, June 20, 27, July 11, 18 & 25
from 1-1:30 p.m.

What has 8 arms and legs and reads? Book Buggies! Pre-readers are paired up with older students (grades 6-10) who will read to them for a half hour each week. Pre-readers can count this as time toward their reading goal. Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 30.

Grossology: Bug Edition

Grades 3 to 5
Tuesday, July 8
Choose one: 2-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

Slimy, sticky, yucky bugs... EW! Kids who like creepy, crawling things can test their 'gross tolerance' skills with age-appropriate competitions, games and treats. Advance registration begins June 30. Limit: 30 per session.

Chet Gecko, Private Eye

Grades 3 to 5
Thursday, July 17
Choose one: 2-3 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Chet Gecko is a fourth-grade private eye who loves solving mysteries almost as much as he loves snacks filled with bugs (he's a lizard). Young detectives can learn from the best with puzzles, jokes, real detective tricks and snacks. Advance registration begins June 30. Limit: 30 per session.

Back to Nature: Wolfe Wildlife Refuge

Both of these programs will be led by Oak Lawn Park District Naturalist Scott King at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th and Laramie Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Frogs, Toads & Salamanders

Grades 3 to 5
Thursday, June 19 at 2-3 p.m.

Go on a hike to scout out hidden wildlife and slimy critters. Registration begins June 2. Limit: 30.

All About Reptiles

Grades 3 to 5

Take a hike to search for native varieties of snakes and turtles living in their natural habitats. Registration begins June 30. Limit: 30.



Family Specials & Movies

Summer reading club members, their parents, siblings and caregivers are invited to partake in the following activities. Participants under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult. No advance registration required.

Movie: A Bug's Life

Family program -- All ages
Friday, June 27 from 2-4 p.m.

In this animated comedy, an ant named Flik must rescue his colony from bullying grasshoppers.



Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

Family program -- All ages
Wednesday, July 2 from 7-8:15 p.m.

Have you ever felt the sharp spines on the back of an iguana? Or stared into the eyes of an alligator? Join us for an up-close, hands-on educational experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world.

Movie: Charlotte's Web

Family program -- All ages
Friday, July 11 from 2-4 p.m.

The live-action adaptation of the classic children's novel.

Summer Sings of Nature

Family program -- All ages
Wednesday July 16 from 7-8 p.m..

A musical celebration of nature with Wiggleworm teachers from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Wiggle your wings and thump your tails at this fun-filled sing-a-long.

Movie: James and the Giant Peach

Family program -- All ages
Friday, July 25 from 2-4 p.m.

When a giant peach grows outside James' house, it's just the start of an adventure across the ocean.

Summer Reading Activities for Grades 4 and Up

Members of "Catch the Reading Bug" and "Book to the Future" can participate in these activities. The programs will be held in our Youth Services Department or the library's lower level meeting rooms. Please note that these three programs have limited attendance, so early registration is recommended.

Sign Language

Grades 4 and Up
Thursdays, June 19 to July 10
from 1-2 p.m.

Participants will master the manual alphabet and many basic signs used in daily life by many speech and hearing-impaired people in the United States. Each week, new signs will be learned and incorporated into stories and songs. Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 30.



Nature: Sketch & Journal

Grades 4 and Up
Tuesday, July 1 from 10-11:30 a.m.

You don't need to be an artist to capture a moment in nature with pencil and paper. Yvonne Woulfe, a naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will show you a whole new way of seeing the world around you. Pencils and beginning journals will be provided. Advance registration begins June 16. Limit: 30.

Insects: Catch & Release

Grades 4 and Up
Tuesday, July 15 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Did you know that insects really run the world and that more species of insects exist than all species of animals put together? Join Yvonne Woulfe, a naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and learn to identify, observe and have fun in the world of the insects. Advance registration begins June 30. Limit: 30.

Movies for Grades 4 and up

Travel back in time with trivia, a game and a movie!

No advance registration, **but admission is required.** Back in the Great Depression, movie theaters would hold "tin can shows," where the price of a ticket was a can of food or a dry goods box of food, to benefit local food banks. To attend the following movies, please bring one box or can of non-perishable food to benefit Oak Lawn-area food pantries.

Movie: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure

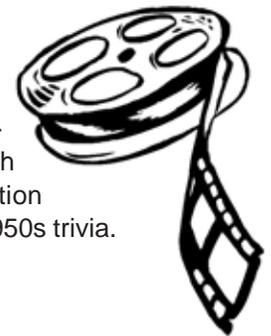
Grades 4 and Up
Monday, June 16 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Bill and Ted go for a ride in a time machine to pass their history report. Rock out with Guitar Hero and show off your movie and history trivia knowledge before viewing the movie.

Movie: Grease

Grades 4 and Up
Monday, June 30 from 6-8:30 p.m.

The original high school musical! Warm up your vocal chords with a few rounds of Karaoke Revolution before the show, plus movie and 1950s trivia.



Movie: Ghostbusters

Grades 4 and Up
Monday, July 14 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Ghosts are taking over New York City! Who they gonna call? Ghostbusters! Test your supernatural abilities, play movie trivia and have a chance to win the "big Twinkie" prize.

Stop by the library to pick up complete details about all of our Summer Reading Programs, or visit the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Summer Reading for Grades 6 to 8: Book to the Future

Sixth through eighth graders can bring in their library card and register at the Youth Services Desk starting Monday, June 2. Members may check in once a week and receive a prize for every three hours that they read, with a goal of 18 hours. Prizes include coupons and gift certificates donated by local businesses, subject to availability. The program ends Friday, August 1.

Club members may participate in these programs. Please note that many have limited attendance, so register ASAP!

Teen "Around Town" Photo Contest

Grades 6 to 10

Every Monday, beginning June 16, a photo taken in Oak Lawn will be available for viewing at the Youth Services Desk. Guess the place and the decade to win a prize. Complete details are available in the "Book to the Future" brochure.

Present & Future Readers: Book Buddies

Grades 6 to 10

Fridays, June 20, 27, July 11, 18 & 25 from 1-1:30 p.m.

Orientation Meeting: Thursday, June 13 from 2-3 p.m.

Earn service hour credits by reading to future readers (ages 3 to 6) for a half hour each week. Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 30.

Clock Punchers: Junior Friends

Grades 6 to 10

Orientation Meeting: Monday, June 9 from 2-3 p.m.

Each participant will help with projects, special events, crafts and more for one hour per week, June 9 through August 16. Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 15.

Make a Quick Tie-Dye T-Shirt

Grades 6 to 10

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

Groovy! Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 15.

A Long Time Ago... Star Wars Clue

Grades 6 to 10

Wednesday, June 25 from 6-7:30 p.m.

An updated version of the classic board game, using physical locations and life-sized props with a Star Wars theme. Advance registration begins June 2. Limit: 36.



Teen Dance Class

Grades 6 to 10

Wednesday, July 2 from 2-4 p.m.

Whirl your way through the decades as we learn dances from different eras.

No advance registration required.

Blasts from the Past: Arcade Night

Grades 6 to 10

Wednesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m.

Come play video games from the past and present, including Pac-Man, Dig-Dug, Guitar Hero III and DDR. Snacks and drinks provided. No advance registration required.

Teen Retro Food Program

Grades 6-10

Tuesday, July 15 from 2-3 p.m.

Munch on and create yummy retro snacks. Advance registration begins June 30. Limit: 20.

Games Through Time

Grades 6 to 10

Wednesday, July 16 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Compete in various games from the past to see who can run, jump, catch and toss the longest, fastest and more. Advance registration begins June 30. Limit: 30.

Retro Board Game Night

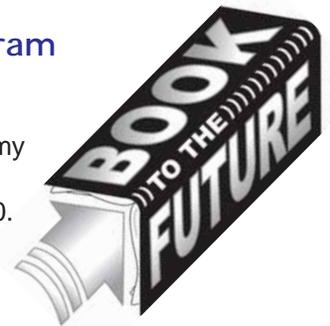
Grades 6 to 10

Wednesday, July 23 from 6-8 p.m.

Play board games from the past. Refreshments and door prizes. No advance registration required.

And That's Not All!

Members of the "Book to the Future" reading club may participate in any programs that are offered for students in grade 4 and up. Turn to page 3 for details. Advance registration and limited enrollment may apply.



Summer Reading Fun for Adults and Teens

Starting Monday, June 2, patrons, high school age and up, can register for our Adult 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. Ninth and tenth grade students may participate in teen activities offered in the "Book to the Future" program.

Summer Reading Final Celebration

Saturday, August 2 from 1-3 p.m.

On the Village Green, the park north of the library

Join us for a Summer Carnival honoring our young readers and celebrating their successes. All club members who read at least 3 hours will be invited to attend.



✓ Free Hands-on Computer Classes

Classes are taught in the library's Computer Center on most Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance registration is required. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents. For more information, ask at the Computer Center, pick up a flyer in our lobby or call 708-422-4990. Limit: 15 per class.

Please Note -- A \$5 cash deposit (exact change) is required at time of registration. This money is refunded to those who attend the class. No-shows will not get deposit money back.

May Computer Classes

Registration began Tuesday, April 15 for Oak Lawn residents. The non-resident sign-up started Friday, April 25.

Word Processing I

Thursday, May 1 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn how to prepare a document, make changes, save and open files, and print. Become familiar with basic formatting options and implementation, as well as spell checking. Requires Windows 1 or basic computer skills

Word Processing II

Thursday, May 8 from 9-10:30 a.m.

This class continues to go deeper into word processing skills, including the use of tabs, margin setup, bullets or numbering, and printing an envelope or labels. Requires Word Processing I or equivalent skills.

Microsoft Publisher: Create a Flyer

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

Learn about the basic Publisher tools used to create flyers and newsletters, including templates, placement of text and objects, formatting and layout options and adding and manipulating images. Requires basic word processing skills.

Email Basics

Thursday, May 15 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn how to write, read and send email messages, as well as how to open and send attachments. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

Setting up an Email Account

Thursday, May 22 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Use a free email service to open your own email account. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

"Ancestry" Genealogy

Thursday, May 29 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn to research your family history using a variety of databases, including the U.S. Census, WWI draft records and ship passenger lists. No deposit required.

June Computer Classes

Registration begins Thursday, May 15 (after the morning class ends at 10:30 a.m.) for Oak Lawn residents. Non-residents may sign up starting Tuesday, May 27.

Introduction to Windows

Thursday, June 5 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn about the Windows operating system and some basic PC components, including hardware, software, drives, menus, display options, desktop icons and much more.

Internet Basics

Thursday, June 19 from 9-10:30 a.m.

This class exposes the total novice to the Internet world via explanation of terms. Find out how it works, what is needed, how to navigate, what not to do and how to use a search engine. Requires basic computer skills.

Resume Help

Thursday, June 26 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn about the various types, styles and uses for resumes. Discover what employers typically look for when reviewing job candidates and tips for presentation, formatting and email delivery. Students will create their own resume at this class, so they must have pertinent information (i.e., details of work history, education, etc.) and a storage device to save their work. Requires basic word processing skills.

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Free Online DVD Training

Our Computer Center now subscribes to the Total Training Online DVD Training series for many Adobe and Microsoft software products. Students can watch the lessons and repeat what they have been taught at their own speed. Modules range from 2-1/2 to 20 hours. Please bring your own headphones for sound.

Adobe: Acrobat Professional 7 & 8; After Effects; Creative Suite; Dreamweaver; Encore; Flash; Flex; GoLive; Illustrator; InCopy; InDesign; Photoshop; Premiere Pro; Production Studio; Soundbooth; and more.

Microsoft: Access; ASP.NET 2.0; ASP.NET AJAX; Excel; Expression; SharePoint Designer; PowerPoint; SQL Server Development; Visual Studio; and more.

Oak Lawn residents may use the Computer Center for free. Non-residents pay a \$1/hr. fee. All patrons must have their library card to log on. Only two computers are available for training. If you need a specific time frame, please call for a reservation, 708-422-4990.



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Are you a Friend?

Each year, approximately 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 the preview nights of their Big Book Sales
- ✓ 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 30th Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 5 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner program begins at 6 p.m. Cost: \$25. 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, May 30.

Friends Membership Form

Name _____

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Phone (_____) _____

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Drop off at library's Reception Booth or mail to:

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, Membership
9427 S. Raymond Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Membership year runs June 1st through May 31st

A Bloomin' Spring Trip

✓ **The Morton Arboretum** -- Friday, May 30. Board the Acorn Express tram for an exciting one-hour narrated tour through the ever-changing landscapes of this outdoor museum. Then, enjoy a delicious box lunch on the grounds. Departs: 9 a.m. Returns: 3 p.m. Cost: \$34 for Friends members and \$39 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 17 in the library's lobby. Members must present a current membership card or receipt to receive the \$5 discount. Two ticket limit. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends are not wheelchair accessible.

Grant Park Concert Trips

✓ **Take a Friend to the Orchestra** -- Saturday, June 21. Popular classical music favorites by Wagner, Mozart, Debussy, Rossini, Barber and Respighi.

✓ **Gershwin's Greatest Hits** -- Saturday, July 19. This iconic composer's greatest tunes sung by Broadway stars.

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 5. After the dinner, an in-person registration will be held in the library's lobby 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 7. Two ticket limit per person. Cost: \$10. The buses will depart at 6 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.

Gifts to the Library

This past year, the Friends of the Library donated more than \$22,000 toward the following purchases that were beyond the library's regular budget:

\$5,000 for audio books on CD; Office furniture and decor for the Administration Department, Computer Center, Network Manager Office and Staff Lounge; A scanner for public use in the Computer Center; A rotating magazine display unit for Periodicals; A computer-compatible turntable for recording vinyl record albums of historic significance for digital storage in the Local History collection; A three-tier book truck to display featured library materials and a sign stand for the Reference Department; Subscription renewal of the Online Book Clubs and E-Resource Center service at the library's web site; Four heavy-duty outdoor trash cans; Five large-scale, professionally-produced panels for the Veterans History Project exhibit; and ongoing sponsorship of Sunday With Friends Concerts and the Lyric Opera Lecture Series.

A great big THANK YOU to the Friends members and book sale donors and customers who make this possible!

Local History Update



Kevin Korst

The Local History Room has been abuzz with activity as new coordinator Kevin Korst, his assistant Maritza Ruiz and volunteers Pam Koziol and Bill Koehler work to organize and record the wonderful collection of Oak Lawn artifacts at the library.

These efforts will serve to provide better access to historical material, allowing our patrons to immerse themselves in Oak Lawn's rich past. The future is very bright, as a number of promising events and ideas will come to fruition in the coming year, including the Village's for the coming 100th anniversary. Also, the Local History Room is scheduled to be enlarged to allow for greater collections growth, as well as more operating space for workers and library patrons.

Visitors are welcome! The Local History Room is open a variety of daytime, evening and weekend hours. Please contact the library for a current schedule, 708-422-4990.

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Ready for Summer?

Check out these recommended books or ask at the Reference Desk for assistance with finding additional titles.

Grilling & Traveling

✓ **Bobby Flay's grilling for life: 75 healthier ideas for big flavor from the fire**, by Bobby Flay. [641.5784 / Flay]

✓ **Al Roker's big bad book of barbecue: 100 easy recipes for backyard barbecue and grilling**, by Al Roker. [641.578 / Roker]

✓ **Illinois state parks: A complete outdoor recreation guide for campers, boaters, anglers, skiers, hikers and outdoor lovers**, by Bill Bailey. [917.7304 / Bailey]

Celebrity Summer Beach Reading

✓ **Losing it: And gaining my life back one pound at a time**, by Valerie Bertinelli. [791.45028092 / Bertinelli]

✓ **Born standing up: A comic's life**, by Steve Martin. [792.7028092 / Martin]

Featured Database

AllData offers electronic diagnostic and repair information and services for domestic and foreign cars and trucks (models back to 1982). Other features are technical service bulletins (TSBs), wiring diagrams, maintenance tables and repair information updates. It supplements our strong collection of auto repair manuals which you may check out. Search AllData at the electronic database computers in the Reference Department.

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GROUP: **Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation**
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✓ Shop at any Jewel-Osco store on any of these three days, May 5, 6 & 7, to raise funds for the library's Local History Room.

✓ Cut out and give this slip to your cashier and the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation benefits by receiving 5% of your total purchase.

Thank you!

✓ Adult Programs

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

Open Mic Readings

Thursday, May 15 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. Light refreshments.



Sunday With Friends: Windy City Harmonica Club

Sunday, May 18 from 2-3 p.m.

A returning favorite! This lively troupe of more than a dozen harmonica players will amaze you with high energy performances of songs from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. This concert can certainly be enjoyed by the whole family. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Get to Know Your Digital Camera

Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m.



Professional photographer Glenn Carpenter will demystify the world of digital cameras by explaining which features are important (and which are not), how many mega pixels are really necessary, printing options and storage solutions. Whether you have an older camera or are in the market for a new one, you will learn the basic functions and become more confident with using a digital camera. Participants are encouraged to bring their camera to this informative and fun presentation. Sorry, the presenter cannot answer questions about computers and camera software.



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Library Closings Notice

Closed Sundays after May 18.
Sunday hours resume in mid-Sept.
Closed Sunday and Monday,
May 25 and 26 for Memorial Day.

Summer Reading Fun!

Registration begins Monday, June 2.

Community-Based Senior Care

Thursday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

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

The Secrets of Selling on eBay

Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

Vivienne Porter of C3 Solutions will teach the basics of selling on eBay. This lecture covers how to establish a seller's account, tips for photographing your items and what to include in a description. Also, learn how you can make the process easier by using eBay's Turbo Lister software.

AARP Driver Safety Program

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

Advance registration and fee required

A two-day refresher designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to people who complete the course. In-person registration begins: Saturday, May 3 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24. Snacks.

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Making Informed Decisions

Libraries provide access to reliable information that can aid you in making the best choices for yourself, your family, your community and your planet.

Simple Changes

Turn a trend into a lifestyle! With a few small adjustments, you can save money and help improve our environment by using fewer natural resources. Here are ways that library users can do their part:

✓ **Bring a Book Bag!** Whether it's fabric, made of recycled materials or a plastic bag from a store, we ask that you supply your own bag to carry items.

✓ **Don't Buy It, Borrow It!** Our library offers a large collection of material for the entire community. One copy of a book, CD or DVD can go a long way.

✓ **If You Buy, Shop the Friends Book Store!** Thousands of "gently used" items are sold at bargain prices next to the patron café. The inventory of this year-round sale is comprised of patron donations and outdated items from our collection.

✓ **Think Before You Print!** Please consider if you can save a document or send it electronically. When it is not possible, we hope that you will put your print-outs to further use as scrap paper and then turn them in for recycling.

✓ **Sign Up for Email Notices!** By using less paper and reducing overdue notice mailings, we help the environment by saving trees and using less gas on mail deliveries. Ask the Circulation Desk staff how you can sign up for this convenient service.

Adding Some Color Library Landscaping Gets a Lift



Thirteen members of the Oak Lawn Garden Club donated their time to plant beautiful beds of flowers on the library grounds.

Green Living Selections

Ready for a "greener" lifestyle? Check out these recommended books or ask at the Reference Desk for assistance with finding additional titles and other resources.



✓ **Go Green, Live Rich: 50 Simple Ways to Save the Earth and Get Rich Trying.** By David Bach.

✓ **Cool Green Stuff: A Guide to Finding Great Recycled, Sustainable, Renewable Objects You Will Love.** By Dave Evans.

✓ **Green Babies, Sage Moms: The Ultimate Guide to Raising Your Organic Baby.** By Lynda Fassa.

✓ **How to Live Well Without Owning a Car: Save Money, Breathe Easier and Get More Mileage Out of Life.** By Chris Balish.

✓ **Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic Adventure in Local Living.** By Doug Fine.

✓ **Green Living: The E Magazine Handbook for Living Lightly on the Earth.**

✓ **Sustainable Living for Dummies.** By Michael Grosvenor.

✓ **Greening Your Cleaning.** By Deirdre Imus.

✓ **Living Like Ed.** By Ed Begley, Jr.

✓ **Green Living for Dummies.** By Yvonne Jeffery.

✓ **The Complete Idiot's Guide to Green Living.** By Trish Riley.

✓ **Green Remodeling: Your Start Toward An Eco-friendly Home.** By John D. Wagner.

Blu-Ray DVDs

Audio Visual now offers a limited supply of Blu-Ray DVDs that you may borrow for the regular 5-day rental. Requires a Blu-Ray DVD player.



Public Art Gallery

2nd floor, near Computer Center

July 2008

Oak Lawn Artist Group Show

August 2008

Warren Jennings, oil paintings
Ron Kurowski, photographs
Angela Kahn, photographs

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* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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PLEASE NOTE -- A \$5 cash deposit (exact change) is required to enroll. It will be refunded to all who attend the class. No-shows will not get deposit money back.

July Classes

Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration began June 16 for Oak Lawn residents and June 25 for non-residents. Please call for availability.

- ✓ July 10 -- **Word Processing 1**
- ✓ July 17 -- **Word Processing 2**
- ✓ July 24 -- **Intro to Internet**
- ✓ July 31 -- **Ebsco Host & First**

Search -- Learn to search for articles in general interest and specialized periodicals and academic journals.

August Classes

Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration will begin July 15 for Oak Lawn residents and July 25 for non-residents.

- ✓ August 7 -- **Email Basics**
- ✓ August 14 -- **Email Account**
- ✓ August 21 -- **Intro to Vista and Office 2007** -- New class offering
- ✓ August 28 -- **eBay** -- Learn how to buy safely and wisely at this popular online auction site.

✓ Large Type Books

Would you like to enjoy a good book without hunting for your reading glasses? We are pleased to offer more than 8,400 fiction and non-fiction titles in large type. New fiction titles are displayed next to the café entrance, and older books are shelved near the Friends Book Store. Stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor and they will direct you to large type nonfiction books. There's even a small collection of large type titles for children in Youth Services.

Preserving Oak Lawn's Heritage

The Local History Unit is abuzz with energy and excitement! Their collections management project is moving along at a brisk pace, with the entering of maps, slides, postcards and other artifacts. Thanks to the generosity of the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, a twelve-week college intern is now on staff to assist with collections care, research, exhibit development and a number of other projects. Lastly, the new Local History Club has had several successful meetings to plan activities and an exhibit for the Village of Oak Lawn's 100th Anniversary in 2009. If you are interested in attending future meetings or donating or loaning items for the centennial celebration, please contact Kevin Korst, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990.



2008 Summer Reading Program

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 Friday, August 1.

Preschool thru Grade 5: Catch the Reading Bug

Enroll today and your child can win a prize for every three hours that they read. The final goal is 18 hours.

Summer reading club members, their parents, siblings and caregivers are invited to partake in these activities:

No advance registration required:

✓ **Lunchtime with Nature** -- All ages -- Mondays, July 7, 14 & 21 from 12-1 p.m. -- Bring a sack lunch for nature stories, a craft project and an exhibit from the Field Museum.

✓ **Spiderman, Spiderman** -- Ages 2 to 7 (with a care giver) -- Thursday, July 10 -- Choose one: 2-3 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

✓ **Bug Party** -- Ages 2 to 7 (with a care giver) -- Thursday, July 24 -- Choose one: 10-11 a.m. or 7-8 p.m.



Advance registration & limited enrollment:

✓ **Grossology: Bug Edition** -- Grades 3 to 5 -- Tuesday, July 8 -- Choose one: 2-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

✓ **All About Reptiles** -- Grades 3 to 5 -- Saturday, July 12 from 3-4 p.m. at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge

✓ **Chet Gecko, Private Eye** -- Grades 3 to 5 -- Thursday, July 17 -- Choose one: 2-3 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Family Specials & Movies for All Ages



Free, fantastic and fun activities for summer reading club members, their parents, siblings and caregivers. Participants under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult. No advance registration required. Lower level meeting room.

✓ **Traveling World of Reptiles** -- Wed., 7/2 at 7-8:15 p.m.

✓ **Movie: Charlotte's Web** -- Fri., 7/11 from 2-4 p.m.

✓ **Summer Sings of Nature** -- Wed., 7/16 from 7-8 p.m.

✓ **Movie: James & Giant Peach** -- Fri., 7/25 at 2-4 p.m.

Summer Reading Final Celebration

Saturday, August 2 from 1-3 p.m.

On the Village Green, the park north of the library

Join us for a Summer Carnival honoring our young readers and celebrating their successes. All club members who read at least 3 hours will be invited to attend.



Grades 6 to 8: Book to the Future

Teens can earn prizes for every three hours of reading, up to 18 hours. Prizes include coupons and gift certificates from local businesses, subject to availability.



Club members may participate in these programs:

No advance registration required:

✓ **Teen Dance Class** -- Grades 6 to 10 -- Wednesday, July 2 from 2-4 p.m.

✓ **Blasts from the Past: Arcade Night** -- Grades 6 to 10 -- Wednesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m.

✓ **Retro Board Game Night** -- Grades 6 to 10 -- Wednesday, July 23 from 6-8 p.m.

Advance registration & limited enrollment:

✓ **Teen Retro Food Program** -- Grades 6-10 -- Tuesday, July 15 from 2-3 p.m.

✓ **Games Through Time** -- Grades 6 to 10 -- Wednesday, July 16 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Adults and Teens

Patrons, high school age and up, may register for our Adult Summer Reading Program at the Readers Advisory Desk. Reach the five-book reading goal and you'll be entered into a drawing to win fantastic prizes donated by local businesses. Ninth and tenth graders may join in the teen activities offered with the "Book to the Future" program.

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.

Registration for the fall series of children's programs begins Saturday, August 30.

Oak Lawn Artist Group Show

On exhibit in the Public Art Gallery through July 2008



On Thursday, June 12, a "Meet the Oak Lawn Artists" event launched the First Annual Oak Lawn Artist Group Show and marked the gallery's one-year anniversary. Artists on exhibit: Gloria Adamonis, Kathy Aram, Linda Atkins, Darlene A. Bartlett, Nancy Canellis, Mark-Hymn L. Darkson, Rich Forkin, Jenny Gembala, Warren A. Jennings, Jennifer Johnson, Henry P. Keane, Robert Mayer, Edwin Palenik, Kaitlin Pasinske, Ginger Pender, Leonard Trzeciak, Raymond Tuminello and Michael Wilson.

Featured Database

FirstSearch is a family of databases available through the Illinois State Library. Access to periodical articles, books, conference papers and program transcripts is provided through ArticleFirst, WorldCat, Periodical Abstracts and Medline, in addition to 11 other databases. Contact the Reference Desk for remote access passwords that allow you to use this database off-site from your home or office. (See also Computer Classes.)



Friends Footnotes

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Trips to Far Off Places

The Friends schedule and implement bus trips to various local attractions throughout the year. Friends members receive a \$5 discount on most trip tickets. Members must present a current membership card or receipt to receive the special discount. Two ticket limit per person.

Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends are not wheelchair accessible.

✓ **Ravinia Festival: The Best of Broadway** -- Sunday, August 3. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will perform with Broadway veterans and The Lakeside Singers. Each participant will have a reserved folding chair for the lawn area, but you are welcome to bring your own blanket, lawn chair and picnic basket to enjoy music under the stars. Departs: 3 p.m. Returns: 10 p.m. Cost: \$26 for Friends members and \$31 for others. An in-person registration was held Saturday, June 28. Call the library to check availability, 708-422-4990.

✓ **The Legend of Starved Rock** -- Friday, September 12. Travel through the Illinois River Valley to visit Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL. Take a narrated, guided tour by trolley to learn about the history of the area and how the large butte overlooking the Illinois River got its name. This trip includes a pot roast lunch at the historic Starved Rock Lodge. Departs: 8:15 a.m. Returns: 4 p.m. Cost: \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, August 16 in the library's lobby.



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✓ Special Newsletter Delivery Notice

Oak Lawn residents should receive the library's bimonthly newsletter by the first day of January, March, May, July, September and November. For condo and apartment dwellers, you may have to look for your copy in a common area with other mass mailings and advertisements. Please notify us if there is a delay in delivery.

Summer Reading Program details inside!

Closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day

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Improvements Underway

As patron needs and interests change with the times, our library strives to make necessary adjustments to the services and materials that we offer, and even sometimes to the layout and look of the library.

First Floor Face-Lift

You'll see big changes in the library's Kid's Corner and the Audio Visual Department this fall.

New face-out shelving will make browsing our DVD, CD and picture book collections easier and more fun. Plus, there will be a brand new space created especially for young adults.

The Kid's Corner space will be increased by tearing down an office near that area. More seating and bigger computers stations with two sets of headphones and two chairs will help caregivers and children enjoy fun and educational games together.

In the Audio Visual Unit a major project is now underway to upgrade our video collection from VHS tapes to DVDs. This provides our librarians with an opportunity to reorganize the layout of that area.

The Young Adult collections, which are currently shelved in several places, will be brought together in a new Teen Area that will occupy a space behind the book check-out desk.

We apologize for the temporary inconvenience. Our goal is to make these areas of the first floor more welcoming, pleasant, useful and easy for our patrons to navigate.

This project is being financed by a grant from the State of Illinois and enhanced by the library's building fund. You can keep track of progress at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Patron Appreciation Day: Sunday, Sept. 14

Live Music | Free Family Program | Giveaways | Prizes | Refreshments

On the first day that the library reopens for Sunday hours, 1-5 p.m., our Board of Trustees and staff would like to thank the Oak Lawn taxpayers for their continued support.

- ✓ As you walk in, receive a free gift!
- ✓ Lively tropical music will be performed by a steel drummer and tasty treats will be available in the library's lobby from 1-3 p.m.
- ✓ Families may attend a free laser program from 3-4 p.m. (See "Children's Programs" for details.)
- ✓ Oak Lawn residents can enter a one-day raffle to win a \$10 gift card for a local restaurant.
- ✓ Stop by a table hosted by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library and draw to win a "like new" book.
- ✓ Visit the Local History Room, second floor, to see the Oak Lawn Centennial plans underway.

Pick Up a 'Hot Pick' Bestsellers Without the Wait!



Select popular titles are offered at the new 'Hot Picks' display in front of the book check-out desk on a first-come first-served basis. Loan period: One week. No reserves and no renewals. Limit: 2

Public Art Gallery

2nd floor, near Computer Center

September 2008

Bill Jones, Photographs
Linda Nicola, Paintings
Michelle Ann Wojcik, Mixed Media

October 2008

Rob Eskra, 3-D Art Pieces
Suzanne Johnsen Smith, Paintings
Irene Smith, Paintings
Oak Lawn Camera Club,
Contest Winners and Entrants

For reservations, call 708-422-4990

In Memoriam



Receptionist Booth staff member Tessie Kapsimalis passed away on July 17, 2008. She leaves behind many co-workers and patrons who will fondly remember her caring heart, cheery disposition and warm sense of humor.

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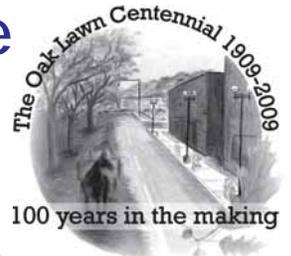
Local History Update

The library's Local History Unit continues to work toward its goals, with collections management still the primary project. Most recently, summer intern Candice Jones and several volunteers began organizing and cataloging the library's large photograph collection, and progress was made on the high school yearbook collection. Also, a temporary exhibit displaying different items from our archive has been set up to promote the coming centennial of the Village of Oak Lawn. The Local History Unit has launched a community awareness program to promote next year's festivities, as well as encouraging the donation of historic items to support the Centennial exhibit. If you have any artifacts of importance to Oak Lawn history that you wish to donate or loan, please contact Kevin Korst, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990.

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Download Free Movies Online

This is your ticket to acclaimed films from Hollywood and international movie studios! Oak Lawn patrons may download a selection of movies at our web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org) through the MyLibraryDV service. To start, click on "Hollywood Movie Channels."

One film may be downloaded each day. The film will stay in your computer for thirty days, or until you watch it. After you start watching it, you will have 24 hours to view it before it is erased from your computer. There are five different movie collections to select from: *Classics*, *Independent Films*, *Foreign Films*, *Hollywood Favorites* & *World Cinema* and *Sony Pictures Entertainment*. Movies in the collection are at least three to five years old. Sorry, no new releases.



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Free hands-on classes are taught in the Computer Center. All students must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance registration required. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents. For more information, please check the Computer Center bulletin board, pick up a flyer in our lobby or call 708-422-4990. Limit: 15 per class.

PLEASE NOTE -- A \$5 cash deposit (exact change) is required to enroll. It will be refunded to all who attend the class. No-shows will not get deposit money back.

September A.M. Classes

Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration began August 15 for Oak Lawn residents and August 25 for non-residents. Please call for availability.

✓ September 11 -- **Word Processing I** -- Learn how to prepare a document, make changes, save and open files, and print. Requires Windows 1 or basic computer skills.

✓ September 18 -- **Word Processing II** -- Go deeper into word processing skills, including the use of tabs, margin setup, bullets or numbering, and printing an envelope or labels. Requires Word Processing I or equivalent skills.

✓ September 25 -- **Online Genealogy Research with "Ancestry"** -- Research your family history using online databases. No reservation fee required.

October A.M. Classes

Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.

Registration begins September 15 for Oak Lawn residents and September 25 for non-residents.

✓ October 2 -- **Introduction to the Internet** -- Explore the Internet world via explanation of terms, how it works, what is needed, how to navigate, what not to do and how to use a search engine. Requires basic computer skills.

✓ October 9 -- **Email Basics** -- Learn how to write, read and send email, as well as how to open and send attachments. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

✓ October 16 -- **Set up an Email Account** -- Sign up for free email service. Requires Email and Internet basic skills.

✓ October 23 -- **Vista and Office 2007** -- Watch a presentation exploring the Vista operating system and some of the obvious changes in Office 2007. Not a "hands-on" class.

✓ October 30 -- **Online Genealogy Research with "Ancestry"** -- Research your family history using online databases. No reservation fee required.

Drop-In Computer Help

Each Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m., staff are on-hand to answer questions and walk you through basic computer tasks. Sign-in at the Computer Center Desk. 15-20 minute time limit.

Special Class Offerings

These classes are intended for more advanced users.

Excel Basics

Mondays, September 15, 22 and 29 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Excel is designed to store and compute numeric equations. Learn how to create a workbook and worksheets, navigate and view pages, use tools to create and edit equations. Explore formatting and printing techniques, and design a functional workbook. Requires word processing skills and the ability to find and open files.

Registration began August 15 for Oak Lawn residents and August 25 for non-residents. Please call for availability.

Create a Flyer with Microsoft Publisher

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

Learn to use Publisher to create flyers and newsletters. This class covers using templates, placement of text and objects, formatting and layout options and adding and manipulating images. Requires basic word processing skills.

Registration began August 15 for Oak Lawn residents and August 25 for non-residents. Please call for availability.

Working with Images

Saturday, October 18 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn basic image terms and how to edit and insert images into documents. Explore resources for clip art and images. Requires computer and Internet skills.

Registration begins September 15 for Oak Lawn residents and September 25 for non-residents.

Save \$\$\$ On Your Auto

Our library provides resources that can help you save money, while being more environmentally responsible.

Fuel Saving Tips: Visit the United States Department of Energy web site (www.fueleconomy.gov) to learn how you can keep your car in shape and running better.

Automotive Books: Our library has the best collection of Car Repair Shop Manuals in the State of Illinois. These volumes give detailed explanations and diagrams on how to repair and maintain your vehicle.

ALLDATA: This online automotive repair database for domestic and imported cars and trucks is only available within the Oak Lawn Public Library.

ConsumerGuide Auto 2008 Magazine: Research hybrids and more fuel efficient vehicles.

Consumer Reports Car Buying Guides: Be informed about fuel economy, reliability and safety ratings.

✓ Children's Programs



The library's Youth Services Department has partnered with the Museum of Science and Industry to offer a variety of activities and events that focus on science during 2008-2009. The city-wide "Science Chicago: Life's A Lab" program will take place in parks, laboratories, libraries and museums, as well as online. We invite you to celebrate and explore the wonders of science at our library and around the Chicagoland area. For more information, visit the official web site (www.sciencechicago.com).

These free activities are offered for children ages six months through grade 10, their parents and care givers. Registration for many of these programs begins on Saturday, August 30. 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. Stop by the library to pick up a program booklet or view a complete listing and the monthly calendars at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) under "Calendar of Events."

Storytimes for 6 months thru Grade 2

The early fall series will run September 15 through October 17. Limited enrollment, so be sure to register early!

✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months) -- Select one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m. -- A first-time group experience in the library for babies and their caregivers, to introduce rhythm and language to the young child.

✓ **Toddler Time** (24-36 months) -- Select one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m. -- Stories in books, songs, games, fingerplays, flannel boards and puppets introduce literature to the young child through interaction with a caregiver and other children of the same age.

✓ **Preschool Storytime** (3-5 years) Select one: Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. -- These sessions are 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.



Drop-In Stories (3-8 years & their families)

Saturday, October 4 from 11-11:30 a.m.

On the first Saturday of each month, the library offers a half-hour program of stories, songs, action rhymes and more for busy, on-the-go families. No advance registration. Parents are welcome to attend. Library closed on September 6.

Monthly Contests (Pre-school thru Grade 8)

Enter to win a prize! A new contest is offered each month. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for details.

- ✓ September: **Technology: Past & Present Quiz**
- ✓ October: **How many vehicles?**

Monthly Drop-In Craft (All ages)

Science-related crafts are offered for the entire month.

- ✓ September: **Heart Card Craft**
- ✓ October: **Car Shapes Craft**

Registration for the late fall series of storytimes begins Saturday, October 18.

Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturdays, September 13 and/or October 11
15 minute period during 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Young readers (and special needs children) are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read aloud to a registered therapy dog who will calmly sit and listen. The dogs are provided by the Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy of Chicago. Advance registration required. Participants must sign up for each month separately.



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

Thursdays, September 11 and October 9 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play the "King of Games." Staff will be on hand to supervise. No advance registration.

Chess Club (Grades 3-10)

Wednesdays, September 17 through October 15 at 4-5 p.m.

Play chess with others! This five-week program is for beginners, as well as experienced players. Instructions and supervision are provided. Bring your own chess set and clock, if you have one. Advance registration required.

Guys Read (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, September 23 and October 28 from 4-5 p.m.

All guys read, but they don't always get to choose what they want. This monthly after-school program will help guys explore their reading options through fun and challenging games and activities. Snacks are provided. Advance registration required.



Free Child ID Program

Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child ID reports that include a color photo, fingerprints and information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration, just stop in and make an appointment that day.

Science Club (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, September 16 and/or October 21 from 4-5 p.m.



Explore interesting and fun aspects of science. In September, the focus is "Technology" and in October it will be "Things That Go." Advance registration required. Participants must sign up for each month separately.

Mother & Daughter Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Saturday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to noon

Girls and their moms, grandmas, aunts, etc. are invited to explore a great story and join in a lively discussion with related activities and snacks. Advance registration required.

Homeschool Group (Grade K & up)

Thursdays, September 11 and October 9 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Do you currently homeschool your children? Would you like to get to know other homeschool families in the area? Have fun, participate in great activities and socialize with other home-schoolers. No advance registration.

Halloween Party (Ages 2-7 & a caregiver)

Saturday, October 18

Select one: 10-11 a.m. -OR- 2-3 p.m.

A fun, not scary party with crafts, games and yummy treats. Come in your scariest (funniest, cutest...) Halloween costume. No advance registration.



Movies at the Library (All ages)

Fun family films are offered on select school holiday dates from 2-4 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. No advance registration.

✓ Monday, October 13 -- **Monster House** -- A group of kids discover that a neighborhood house isn't just haunted – it's a monster! Rated PG.

✓ Tuesday, November 4 -- **The Nightmare Before Christmas** -- Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king, brings the magic of Christmas back to Halloween Town. Rated PG.

✓ Tuesday, November 11 -- **Batman** (1966) -- Biff! Bam! Pow! Join Batman and Robin as they face off against four of the most fearsome villains ever – the Joker, the Riddler, The Penguin and Catwoman. Rated PG.

✓ Friday, November 28 -- **Disney's The Rescuers** -- Two brave mice must rescue a young kidnapped orphan from the hilariously evil Madam Medusa, who is obsessed with getting her hands on the world's largest diamond. Rated G.



Fun-filled Family Activities

These programs are for the whole family! Free admission. No advance registration. Lower level meeting room.



Laser Arts Productions (All ages)

Sunday, September 14 from 3-4 p.m.

Holography Artist Jim MacShane will demonstrate the relationship between art and science through the use of lasers in light sculpture, light shows and holography. Be prepared to be amazed!

Model Train Day (All ages)

Saturday, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All aboard! Members of the Midwest Division of the Train Collector's Association will display hands-on train layouts for all to see, experience and operate. Drop in anytime and chat with fellow railroad enthusiasts. Bring in your own Lionel train and stop by the club's free "Tune-Up Lube & Clean Corner."



✓ Teen Programs

These activities are offered for Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools in sixth through tenth grade.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, September 17 and October 15 from 7-8 p.m.

Oak Lawn students meet monthly to advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Participation in this activity may apply toward required service hour credits. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Teen Game Night (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, September 24 and October 22 at 7-8:30 p.m.

Teens will compete and play various games, including a Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) competition. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Junior Friends of the Library (Grades 6-10)

September 15 through November 22

Orientation: Monday, September 15 from 4-4:30 p.m.

Volunteers work for one hour a week assisting with displays, programs and other special projects in the Youth Services Department for job experience and required service hour credits. Advance registration required. Limit: 10.

Free Family Passes to The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn



The library now has two free family passes for the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn that may be checked out by adult Oak Lawn residents for a five day loan period. Each pass covers free admission for two adults and their own children or grandchildren. One pass per family, per loan period. No renewals or reserves. Contact the Circulation Services Desk to inquire about availability, 708-422-4990.

✓ Adult Programs



Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. Lower level meeting rooms.

Open Mic Readings

Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

Local writers are invited to share original poetry and short stories. Five minute time limit. Light refreshments.

Building a Better Memory

Thursday, September 18 at 2 p.m.

Forgetfulness is common for people in all stages of life. Molly Hofer of the University of Illinois Extension will describe how researchers are examining the memory process, explain how memory changes as we age and provide some tips, techniques and strategies for improving your memory.

Social Security Online Services

Saturday, September 20 from 2-3 p.m.

Advance phone or in-person registration requested

A representative from the U.S. Social Security Administration will present a live demonstration of the online services and personal account information available at their web site (www.socialsecurity.gov). To receive a special packet of handouts, advance registration is requested. However, non-registered patrons are welcome to attend and listen in.

Around the World in 60 Minutes

Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

Bill Helmuth has traveled to over 100 countries, flown 4,000,000 miles and lived on four continents. In this slide lecture, armchair travelers will explore more than 25 countries on both sides of the equator and learn about their people, architectural treasures, religious rites and festivals.

AARP Driver Safety Program

Thursday & Friday, September 25 & 26 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and fee required

A two-day refresher designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to people who complete the course. In-person registration begins: Saturday, September 14 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24. Snacks are provided.

Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn

Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

John Vittalto, NASA Jet Propulsion Lab Solar System Ambassador, will share incredible images and breakthrough scientific findings from this seven-year mission to Saturn and its many moons in a visually spectacular multi-media presentation. Learn about the objectives of the mission, spacecraft instrumentation and the mysteries of this ringed planet 930 million miles from the Sun.

Sunday With Friends: Grand Avenue Big Band

Sunday, October 5 from 2-3 p.m.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library monthly concert series is back, and this joint will be jumpin' as five talented musicians perform songs of the 1930s and 1940s.

The True Lives of Pirates

Tuesday, October 7 at 7 p.m.

Movies and works of fiction have given a glorious sheen to pirates. Writer and historic researcher Lisa Didier brings a slide lecture packed with fascinating facts about where they came from, their living conditions on the high seas and the rules, rewards and punishments of a pirate's life.

Planning for 'What If...?'

Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Death, disability, marriage, remarriage, divorce... Karen Chan of the University of Illinois Extension will explain how to prepare for these life changing events with tools such as a will, trust and power of attorney. Learn about estate taxes, how to title property to assure easy transfer at death, whether Medicaid will pay for your nursing home care and much more.

Holistic Approach to Healthy Aging

Monday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

Gina Orlando, MA, CH, will share ideas and techniques to help you invest in your health and remain vibrant and vital in your body, mind and spirit for many years to come. Learn ways to make simple changes to prevent disease and look younger than your age.

Novelist's Boot Camp

Saturday, October 25 from 1-4 p.m.

Advance phone or in-person registration requested

Former Army Infantry Airborne Ranger, West Point Assistant Professor and award-winning novelist Todd A. Stone will conduct a three-hour workshop providing a book-writing battle plan, strategy, tactics and a 'kick-in-the-pants' for both aspiring and experienced authors. To receive a special packet of handouts, advance registration is requested. However, non-registered patrons are welcome to attend and listen in.

Movie Showing: Rear Window (1954)

Tuesday, October 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

In this Alfred Hitchcock classic, Jimmy Stewart stars as a photojournalist confined to a wheelchair with a broken leg. While laid up, he becomes convinced that a murder has been committed by a neighbor across the courtyard and sends his girlfriend Lisa, played by Grace Kelly, to investigate.

Calling All Writers!

If you seek motivation and support from your peers, then you should join the Oak Lawn Writers Group. New members are always welcome! They meet year-round on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises for adults high school age and up. No registration required. Drop in anytime. There are also separate groups for screenwriters and children's authors. Call for details, 708-422-4990.

Discover 'Great Books'

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

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

A member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. The complete schedule is available in the library's lobby. All eight lectures are sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

- ✓ **Manon** -- Sunday, Sept. 21 at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Pearl Fishers** -- Sunday, Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Lulu** -- Sunday, Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Non-Fiction Reads

Check out these recommended books or ask at the Reference Desk for assistance with finding additional titles.

College Application Process

- ✓ **Acing the College Application: How to Maximize Your Chances for Admission to the College of Your Choice.** By Michele Hernandez. [378.1664 HERNANDEZ]
- ✓ **The Adams College Admissions Essay Handbook: Tips and Techniques to Give Your Application the Edge.** By Burton Nadler. [378.1616 NADLER]
- ✓ **How to Say It to Get Into the College of Your Choice: Application, Essay and Interview Strategies to Get You the Big Envelope.** By Linda Metcalf. [378.1664 METCALF]

New Books About Retirement

- ✓ **Retire Happy: What You Can Do Now to Guarantee a Great Retirement.** By Richard Stim. [646.79 STIM]
- ✓ **Retire On Less Than You Think: The New York Times Guide to Planning Your Financial Future.** By Fred Brock. [332.024010 BROCK]
- ✓ **Retirement Planning for the Utterly Confused.** By Paul Petillo. [332.024014 PETILLO]

Cell Phones for Soldiers

In cooperation with the Village of Oak Lawn, the library is serving as a drop-off site for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program. A collection box is located near the community bulletin board, near the 1st floor restrooms.

Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to raise money and ensure that our library can grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

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Thank you!

Summer Reading Report

The 2008 Youth Services Summer Reading Club had 1,328 children in preschool through eight grade participating. In nine weeks, members read a total of 16,091 hours. That's 2,351 more than last year! Their combined reading successes were illustrated with a caterpillar on the wall that grew longer with each book read, reaching a total of 570 feet, as it snaked around the first floor of the library.

In the adult program, 124 members high school age and up joined and read a total of 788 books. Those who reached the five book goal had a chance to win a gift certificate.

The library would like to thank the following businesses for their generous prize donations. During these difficult financial times, we are grateful to those who continue to support literacy as a worthwhile endeavor and, in so doing, provide fun and enrichment for our Oak Lawn residents.

Auntie Anne's Pretzel | Brunswick Recreation Centers | Camp Sagawa Environmental Education Center of Cook County | Cardinal Fitness of Oak Lawn | Chicago Cubs | Classic Cinemas | Great American Bagel | DuPage Children's Museum | Harris Educational Loan Center of The Field Museum | Fox's Restaurant | Friends of the Oak Lawn Library | Hollywood Park | Hollywood Video (87th) | Hollywood Video (95th) | Jason's Deli | Jewel Food Stores | Joon Lee's Tae Kuon Do | Jr's Hot Dogs | McDonald's Restaurant (on Cicero at 91st & 105th) | Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe | Northwestern University | The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn | Oak Lawn Park District | Old Country Buffet | Oriental Garden Chinese Restaurant | Palermo's Italian Restaurant | Panera Bread | Pluto's Beef and Hot Dogs | Rainforest Cafe | Taco Bell | White Castle | Windy City Thunderbolts

Featured Database

SIRS is a portal to two products: SIRS Researcher and SIRS Government Reporter. Both products offer full-text resources on topics covering social, health, science, business, historic and government documents, directories and almanacs. Also featured are "Top 10" topics for "pro and con" viewpoints. Students are encouraged to include this database for their research.



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Library Closings Notice

- ✓ Sunday & Monday, August 31 & September 1 for Labor Day
- ✓ Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6 for staff training and special projects

Sunday Hours Are Back!
Starting on September 14 from 1-5 p.m.



Friends Footnotes

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a non-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.

Trips to Celebrate the Season

✓ **Oktoberfest in Lake Geneva, WI** -- Saturday, October 11. Take a boat ride on the lake, peruse their farmers market and craft booths, and lunch at Millie's Restaurant. Motorcoach bus. Departs: 8 a.m. Returns: 6 p.m. Cost: \$67 for Friends members and \$72 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, September 13 in the library's lobby.

✓ **Radio City Christmas Spectacular: The Rockettes** -- Friday, December 5. Famous for high kicks and precision dancing, the Rockettes have strutted their way into the hearts of millions. Motorcoach bus. Departs: 12 p.m. Returns: 5 p.m. Cost: \$52 for Friends members and \$57 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 1.

✓ **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

Two discussion groups meet September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room. Pick up a complete schedule at the library. For details, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

- ✓ **Short Story Group** -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.
9/10 -- "The Cross of Lorraine" by Isaac Asimov
10/8 -- "Never Shake a Family Tree" by D. E. Westlake
- ✓ **Book Group** -- 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m.
9/24 -- "Summer at Tiffany" by Marjorie Hart
10/22 -- "The Bookseller of Kabul" by Åsne Seierstad

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Coming to a Shelf Near You

If you like to get a jump on soon-to-be-released books, take a look at these future bestsellers. You may reserve them online, in person or by phone.

November Book Releases

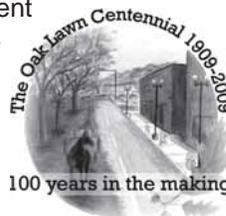
✓ **Divine Justice** by David Baldacci ✓ **Arctic Drift** by Clive & Dirk Cussler ✓ **The Private Patient** by P. D. James ✓ **Bones** by Jonathan Kellerman ✓ **Just After Sunset: Stories** by Stephen King ✓ **Your Heart Belongs to Me** by Dean Koontz ✓ **Panic: The Story of Modern Financial Insanity** by Michael Lewis ✓ **Cross Country** by James Patterson ✓ **A Good Woman** by Danielle Steel

December Book Releases

✓ **Food Matters** by Mark Bittman ✓ **American Thighs: The Sweet Potato Queens' Guide to Preserving Your Assets** by Jill Conner Browne ✓ **Scarpetta** by Patricia Cornwell ✓ **The Great Crash of 2009-2010: How to Survive and Thrive in the Coming Hard Times** by Harry S. Dent ✓ **Black Ops** by W. E. B. Griffin ✓ **The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet** by Colleen McCollough

2009 Centennial Calendar

While supplies last! Starting on Saturday, November 15, the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will offer a commemorative 2009 Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Calendar with more than 70 historic photographs from the library's Local History archives. This colorful spiral-bound piece is printed on heavy cardstock that opens to 10" x 16". Each month highlights a different aspect of Village history. The cost is **\$12 per calendar**. This one of a kind collector's item will be available for purchase at the Reception Booth. It's the perfect holiday gift!



Software Additions

For the techno savvy designer



The Computer Center recently added Turbo CAD, a professional-grade software for 2D and 3D design, and Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 photo-editing software to a dedicated workstation.

Charity Drives

✓ **Food Drive:** Ongoing until December 30. Nonperishable food will be donated to Oak Lawn Food Pantries.

✓ **Toys for Tots:** November 28 thru December 23. Gifts needed for kids up to age 12. Drop off items in lobby. Thanks for your generosity.

Public Art Gallery

2nd floor, near Computer Center

November 2008

Denise L. Dulzo, Quilt Art Pieces
Jodi Hoover, Mixed Media
Mt. Greenwood Art Club, Paintings
Kathleen A. Noto, Acrylic Paintings

December 2008

Deanna Withers Rallins, Photos
Joseph Krystofiak, Mixed Media

Library Foundation Fund Raiser

Donate \$5 and save \$10! When you purchase a **Carson Pirie Scott Community Day Event Coupon Book** from the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation for \$5, you can save \$10 instantly on one regular or sale price item at their big Community Day sale on **Saturday, November 15**. You also get eight 20% off coupons and more.



Some restrictions apply. Coupon books are now available at the library's Reception Booth.

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

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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

Lectures, slide shows, workshops, concerts and films for a variety of interests! Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. Lower level meeting rooms.

Sunday With Friends: Ragtime Piano

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

Pianist Sue Keller will perform popular pieces from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Live Life Laughing

Thursday, November 13 at 2 p.m.

Brenda A. Celmer of Advocate Christ Medical Center will explain how laughter can change your life. Laugh, even when you don't feel like it, and you'll develop a more positive attitude.

Knitting America

Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Author Susan Strawn will give a talk on the history of knitting in America from colonial times to the present. Learn how knitting has adapted to the changing cultural trends. Bring your own knitting to share starting at 6 p.m.

AARP Driver Safety

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Advance in-person registration and fee

A two-day refresher course designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts when you complete the course. In-person registration begins: Saturday, November 8 at Reception. Fee: \$10. Limit: 24. Snacks.

Vista Demonstration

Monday, November 24 at 7 p.m.

Get up to speed with Microsoft's latest operating system at this live demonstration given by Janet Orzech, the library's computer instructor. Learn tips for easier navigation and using the many innovations and security enhancements that are unique to Vista. Sorry, this is not a "hands-on" class.

Forgotten Chicago

Tuesday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

Three contributors to the "Forgotten Chicago" web site will share photographs that reveal the importance of old signs, buildings and other elements of long gone eras. Learn about the existence of historic features around Chicago that most people pass by without ever giving a second thought.

Sunday With Friends: Chicago Xmas Nostalgia

Sunday, December 14 from 2-3 p.m.

Reminisce with Larry Bergnach and his wife Clare about Chicagoland holiday traditions and celebrations of the past in this variety show featuring skits, dancing, storytelling and sing-alongs. Afterwards, view Larry's collection of Christmas memorabilia. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Lyric Opera Lectures

With the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps on select Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Porgy and Bess** -- Nov. 9

✓ **Madama Butterfly** -- Dec. 7

This eight lecture series is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Movie Showings:

Free feature films shown twice in one day to fit your schedule! Snacks.

✓ **Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day** (2008) -- Monday, November 17 at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Rated: PG-13. Starring Amy Adams and Frances McDormand.

✓ **The Bucket List** (2007) -- Wednesday, December 10 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Rated: PG-13. Starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings Wednesday, November 12 from 10-11:30 a.m., Also, meet a representative from PLOWS. No screening in December.

✓ Children's Programs

Free activities offered for children ages six months through grade 10, their parents and care givers. **Registration for many of these programs began October 18. 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.** Stop by to pick up a program booklet or view a complete listing and the monthly calendars at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) under "Calendar of Events."

Storytimes for 6 months thru Grade 2

The next series runs November 3 through December 5. Advance registration required.

✓ **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 Storytime** (3-5 years) Select one: Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m.

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

Drop-In Stories (3-8 years & their families)

Saturday, November 1 and December 6 from 11-11:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, action rhymes and more for busy, on-the-go families. No advance registration.

Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturday, November 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Young readers (and special needs children) may sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read aloud to a registered therapy dog. Advance registration required.

Chess Club (Grades 3-10)

Wednesdays, November 5 to December 3 from 4-5 p.m.

For beginners and experienced players. Advance registration required.

Science Club (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, November 18 and/or December 16 from 4-5 p.m.

November: Fossils. December: Weather. Advance registration required. Sign up for each month separately.

Mother & Daughter Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Saturday, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to noon

Explore a great story and join in a lively discussion with related activities and snacks. Advance registration required.

Guys Read (Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, November 25 from 4-5 p.m.

Guys explore their reading options with challenging games and activities.

Snacks are provided. Advance registration required.



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

Thursdays, November 13 and December 11 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play the "King of Games." Staff will be on hand to supervise. No advance registration.

Homeschool Group (Grade K & up)

Thursdays, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Have fun, participate in great activities and socialize with other homeschoolers. No advance registration.

Family Game Night (All ages, parents and kids)

Wednesday, November 5 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Bring your own board games or play one of ours. A night of active games, trivia challenges, Dance Dance Revolution and more! No advance registration.

Movie Showings (All ages)

Family films on school holiday dates from 2-4 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. No advance registration.

✓ Tuesday, Nov. 4 -- **The Nightmare Before Christmas**

✓ Tuesday, Nov. 11 -- **Batman** (1966 classic film)

✓ Friday, November 28 -- **Disney's The Rescuers**

Family Drumming Program (All ages)

Sunday, November 23 from 3-4 p.m.

Educational entertainment presented by drum virtuoso Michael J. Taylor and his ensemble of djembe students. Crowd participation. No advance registration.



Ultimate Science Show (Grades K & up)

Sunday, December 7 from 3-4 p.m.

Award-winning science teacher Mike Offut brings a highly interactive science demonstration that introduces young minds to the fun of science exploration. No advance registration.



Programs for Teens

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Teens advise the library on how it can better serve them. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Teen Game Night (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Link to the new Teen Blog at the library's web site: www.oaklawnlibrary.org

✓ Computer Classes

Free hands-on classes are taught in the Computer Center. Regular class offerings include: Word Processing I; Word Processing II; Introduction to Internet; Email Basics; Setting Up an Email Account; Vista and Office 2007 Demonstrations; and Online Genealogy Research. Students must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance registration required. There is a \$5 cash deposit that will be refunded to all who attend the class. For more information, call 708-422-4990. Limit: 15 per class.

Special Class Offerings

✓ **What to Read Next** -- Thursday, November 20 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- Become familiar with *Library Thing*, *Good Reads* and *Overbooked*, online resources that can help you locate new titles in your favorite reading categories. Requires mouse and keyboard skills.

✓ **Resume Help** -- Saturday, November 22 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- Learn about the various types of resumes, what employers are looking for and tips for presentation, formatting and email delivery. Then, create your own resume using personal information that you should have on-hand for the class. Requires basic word processing skills, as well as a portable storage device or email address to save your work.



Featured Database

NewsBank is a family of newspaper resources with coverage back to 1970, from local interest (SouthtownStar to the Bakersfield Californian) to international (Chicago Tribune and the New York Times). This digital resource has extensive geographic and chronological coverage.



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Library Holiday Closings

- ✓ Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 27
- ✓ Christmas Holiday -- Wednesday & Thursday December 24 & 25
- ✓ New Year's Holiday -- Wednesday, December 31 & Thursday, January 1

Now Open Sunday hours from 1-5 p.m.



Friends Footnotes

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

Winter Trip Offerings

✓ **Radio City Christmas Spectacular: The Rockettes** -- Friday, December 5. Ring in the holidays at the Rosemont Theatre. Motorcoach bus. Departs: 12 p.m. Returns: 5 p.m. Cost: \$52 for Friends members and \$57 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 1.

✓ **Chicago History Museum & Tea at the Drake Hotel** -- Monday, January 26. Tour the museum and view exhibits on Chicago innovations, neighborhoods, economics, historic dioramas and the special "Chic Chicago: Couture Treasures." Then, enjoy afternoon tea and savor sumptuous finger sandwiches and other delicacies in the elegant Palm Court of the Drake Hotel. Motorcoach bus. Departs: 9:15 a.m. Returns: 3:15 p.m. Cost: \$63 for Friends members and \$68 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, December 13 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

Two groups meet at the library September through May.

- ✓ **Short Story Group** -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.
11/12 -- "The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg" by Twain
12/10 -- "The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke

✓ **Book Group** -- 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m.
No meetings are held in November and December.

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