

# OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Enrichment Opportunities

*As part of our mission to stimulate the communication of ideas and to promote lifelong learning, our library hosts activities and events for all ages.*

### Adult Programs

Lectures, workshops and entertainment offerings are held for a variety of interests. Admission is free and no advance registration is required, unless otherwise noted. More information is available at our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

✓ **ACT Prep Workshop** -- Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. -- Learn strategies to improve your child's ACT score, factors that influence college admissions and entrance exam tips from Stephanie Latkovski, Ph.D. of the Huntington Learning Center.

✓ **Healthy Dining on a Dime** -- Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. -- Laura Bruzas, author and founder of [HealthyDining.org](http://HealthyDining.org), will share her top tips for big time savings, whether eating in or dining out.

✓ **Movie: *Pride and Prejudice* (2005)** -- Friday, March 12 at 10 a.m. -- A Jane Austen story of love and life among English gentility during the Georgian era. Rated: PG. 129 min.

✓ **Sunday With Friends Concert: *Women of Paris*** -- Sunday, March 14 from 2-3 p.m. -- Claudia Hommel will perform a captivating cabaret concert in French and English, accompanied by piano and accordion. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ **Perennials For Chicago** -- Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. -- Carolyn Ulrich, editor of *Chicagoland Gardening* magazine, will guide you to the best plant and flower varieties that will thrive in our area and return year after year.

✓ **The Art & Life of Frida Kahlo** -- Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. -- A slide lecture about this 20th century Mexican artist with Michelle Paluch-Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc.

✓ **Chicago's Women of Influence** -- Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. -- Laurie Russell from the Chicago Architecture Foundation will explain the enormously influential role that women played in Chicago's history and development.

✓ **Movie: *Up in the Air* (2009)** -- Thursday, March 25 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. -- George Clooney stars as a corporate downsizing expert ready to make changes. Rated R. 109 min.

✓ **10 Proven Strategies to Secure Your Financial Future** -- Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. -- Kelly Stanley of the Beverly Financial Group will give a talk that uncovers ten things that you should investigate and put into action to get yourself in the best financial position.

✓ **Decorating on a Shoestring Budget** -- Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. -- Susan Powell of InFocus Design will share tips for how to use items that you already own to give your home a whole new look. Learn about embracing color and smart shopping.

**More Adult Program listings are continued on the next page.**

**National Library Week**  
April 11 through 17



This year's theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library." There are millions of ways to celebrate. Stop in or visit our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) today!

The Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Exhibit has been extended through mid-April. Stop by the Local History Room to view more than 100 photos and artifacts. A special Centennial DVD is now on sale at the Reception Booth for \$15.

# Adult Program listings continued from front page



The following events are offered free of charge with no registration required, unless otherwise noted.

- ✓ **Travel Savvy** -- Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. -- Veteran international traveler Cynthia Clampitt will share travel tricks, products, guidelines and resources so that you can avoid overspending and other travel hassles.
- ✓ **Movie: Hachi - A Dog's Tale** (2009) -- Wednesday, April 7 at 10 a.m. -- A drama based on the true story of a college professor's bond with an abandoned dog that he takes into his home. Starring Richard Gere. Rated: G. 93 min.
- ✓ **AARP Driver Safety Course** -- Thursday & Friday, April 8 & 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. -- *Advance in-person registration and fee required* -- Drivers age 50 and up may receive reduced insurance rates after completing this two-day course. In-person registration begins: Saturday, March 6. Fee: \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. You must present a current AARP card at enrollment for the discount. Limit: 24.
- ✓ **Sunday With Friends Concert: Polka Party** -- Sunday, April 11 from 2-4 p.m. -- Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois will perform polka favorites and much more. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.
- ✓ **National Parks Travelogue** -- Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. -- John Lynn will share slides that take you on a 600 mile mountain bicycle ride from Jackson Hole, Wyoming to West Glacier, Montana, including Grand Teton, Yellowstone and more.
- ✓ **Scones & Tea Breads** -- Wednesday, April 21 at 7-8:30 p.m. -- *Advance in-person registration and fee required* -- Chef Kate Bradley will share recipes for these delicious baked delicacies. At the end, participants will enjoy yummy samples with tea. In-person registration begins: Saturday, March 20 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$5 for food samples. Limit: 60.
- ✓ **Famous Celebrity Pairs** -- Friday, April 23 at 2 p.m. -- Larry Bergnach will lead an interactive, nostalgic program where we will reminisce about the famous duos of movies, television, radio, sports and music from bygone eras.
- ✓ **Movie: The Blind Side** (2009) -- Monday, April 26 at 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. (earlier start) -- Sandra Bullock stars in this heartwarming story about a homeless boy who joins her family and finds success playing football. Rated: PG-13. 128 min.

- ✓ **Job Search Techniques** -- Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. -- *Advance in-person registration and fee required* -- Learn about targeting and researching prospective employers, informational interviewing, salary negotiations and methods for networking from a representative of the Moraine Valley Workforce and Development Department. In-person registration begins: Saturday, March 13 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$5 for materials. Limit: 25.

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9427 South Raymond Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453  
(708)422-4990

### Web site:

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

### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.\*

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

### Board of Trustees:

Joann Buschbach, President  
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Richard Gast, Financial Secretary  
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The Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The current agenda is posted on the library's web site. The public is welcome.

### Director:

Dr. James B. Casey

### Editor of Check it out:

Linda Atkins

### THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Oak Lawn Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require special accommodations to attend a public program, call the Administration Office at least seven days prior to the event.

## Teen Programs for Grades 6-10

Activities for Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools.

### Teen Movie Nights (Grades 6-10)

Free films for teen audiences. No advance registration.

✓ **2012** (2009) -- Wednesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. PG-13. 158 min.

✓ **Twilight: New Moon** (2009) -- Wed., April 7 at 6:30 p.m. PG-13. 130 min.

### Teen Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, March 10 and/or April 14 at 7-8:30 p.m.

Teens will compete and play various games, including Guitar Hero, Wii games and Xbox360 games. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

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

Wednesdays, March 17 and/or April 21 from 7-8 p.m.

Teens advise the library on how it can better serve their age group, while earning required service hour credits. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

### Teen Craft Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, March 31 and/or April 28 at 7-8 p.m.

Teens express their creative side. No advance registration.

✓ **March** -- Spring Gift/Favor Boxes

✓ **April** -- Cell Phone Case



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

March 22 through May 29 -- Orientation: Monday, March 22 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.



# Children's Programs

Free activities for children ages six months to fourteen years, their parents and caregivers. Registration for many of these programs begins Saturday, February 27, unless otherwise noted. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents. The complete rules and restrictions for all activities and events are listed in a program booklet that you may pick up at the library or view on our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Storytimes for 6 months thru Grade 2

The spring series runs March 15 through April 23.

- ✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months) -- Choose one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m. -- Advance registration.
- ✓ **Toddler Time** (24-36 months) -- Choose one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m. -- Advance registration.
- ✓ **Family Storytime** (6 months-7 years) Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. -- Advance registration.
- ✓ **Preschool Storytime** (3-5 years) Choose one: Mondays from 9:30-10 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. -- Advance registration.
- ✓ **After School Storytime** (Grades K-2) Wednesdays from 4-4:45 p.m. -- Advance registration.
- ✓ **Drop-in Storytime** (3-8 years & their families) Saturdays, March 6, April 3 and/or May 1 from 11-11:30 a.m. -- No advance registration.

## Strawberry Shortcake Party (Ages 2-7)

Saturday, March 20 Choose: 11 a.m. to noon or 1-2 p.m.

Meet Strawberry Shortcake and have a berry fun time creating crafts, playing games and eating a yummy snack! Caregivers must attend. No advance registration.

## Curious? Read! Program (Ages 2-7)

Thursday, April 1 through Saturday, May 1

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 April 1.



## Exploring Nature (Grades K-2)

Thursdays, March 18 and/or April 22 from 4-5 p.m.

Join Emily Kenny of Multidisciplinary Education for the Environment (ME4E) as she leads monthly scientific explorations with fun activities. Advance registration required. Sign up for each month separately. Limit: 30.

- ✓ **March** -- I Spy Springtime (Outdoors)
- ✓ **April** -- 4R's Celebration (Recycling)



## Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturdays, March 27 and/or April 24

Young readers (and special needs children) may sign up to read aloud to a registered therapy dog for a 15-minute time slot between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Advance registration required.

## Cooking for Kids (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, March 16 and/or April 20 from 4-5 p.m.

Young cooks will explore interesting aspects of cooking and take home their creations. Advance registration required. Sign up for each month separately. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for each session due at registration. Limit: 30.

- ✓ **March** -- Traditions of Ireland
- ✓ **April** -- The Flavors of Spring



## The Write Stuff (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, March 23 and/or April 27 from 4-5 p.m.

Young writers will flex their creative muscles with a series of exercises. Advance registration required. Limit: 20.

- ✓ **March** -- Painless Poetry
- ✓ **April** -- Draw Me a Picture (Cartoons)

## Trading Card Game Club (Grades 3 & up)

Thursdays, March 11 and/or April 8 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your favorite trading cards to play with others. Staff will be on hand to supervise. No advance registration.

## Chess Club (Grades 3-10)

Wednesdays, March 17 through April 21 from 4-5 p.m.

Play chess with others! Advance registration required.

## The 39 Clues (Grades 4-6)

Thursdays, March 4 and/or April 1 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Activities based on The 39 Clues series. Advance registration. Sign up for each month separately. Limit: 30.

## Earth Day Concert: DreamTree Shakers

Sunday, April 18 from 3-4 p.m. (All ages)

This Chicago-based band will play original music geared toward kids of all ages. Drawing upon the talents of a rotating cast of musicians, the group will twist and shake like leaves and trees as they sing and play songs full of the stories of the forest. No advance registration.



## Free Family Films (All ages)

Offered on school holidays. No advance registration.

- ✓ **Alice in Wonderland** (1951) -- Monday, March 22 at 2 p.m. -- Disney classic. Rated: G. 75 min.
- ✓ **E.T. the Extraterrestrial** (1982) -- Monday, April 5 at 2 p.m. -- Family drama. Rated: PG. 94 min.
- ✓ **Sing-Along: The Wizard of Oz** (1939) -- Saturday, May 1 at 2 p.m. -- Join in and sing! Rated: G. 101 min.

## Computer Classes

Hands-on classes are taught in the Computer Center, mostly on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. However, on a trial basis, classes will also be offered on some Wednesday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m.

Regular class offerings include: Word Processing I & II; Introduction to the Internet; Email Basics; and Windows I (Vista). Other special class offerings include: Excel Basics, How to Create a Flyer, Genealogy and Jing Onscreen Video Recording. The current class schedule is available on our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). Students must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance registration is required. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee per class.

For more information, call 708-422-4990.

## Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership hosts free blood pressure screenings and other health offerings the second Wednesday of most months from 10-11 a.m. in our lower level meeting room. The next screening dates are March 10 (with free take-home colo-rectal screening kits) and April 14 (with free "Ask the Pharmacist" forum).

## Featured Database

**Careers Internet Database** offers detailed information regarding careers, including educational requirements, desirable traits, positive and negative aspects of the work, and interviews with those in the field. It also includes a career test, scholarship opportunities, education planner and bulletin board to post career questions. Try it out via our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) or ask a Reference Librarian for assistance. See "Adult Programs" for a Job Search Techniques workshop.



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**Closed Easter Sunday, April 4**

Where are the Fiction Paperbacks? Everything (except Science Fiction) has been moved to the New Books area in our lobby. They are categorized under "Romance," "Mystery" and "Popular."

**The BookEnds Café Celebrates 2 Years!**



## 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 Selections

✓ **Wisconsin Tasting Tour** -- Friday, April 16. Travel by motorcoach bus to sample delights at the Jelly Belly distribution center, a Kringle bakery and Miller Brewing Company. Lunch at Chartroom Charlie's Restaurant. Departs: 7:15 a.m. Returns: 6 p.m. Cost: \$62 for Friends members and \$67 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 13.

✓ **Architectural River Cruise & Soldier Field Tour** -- Tuesday, May 18. Travel by motorcoach bus to downtown Chicago for two great tours and lunch at Bubba Gump's Shrimp Company at Navy Pier. Departs: 8 a.m. Returns: 3 p.m. Cost: \$81 for Friends members and \$86 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 10.

✓ **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.

## Calling Oak Lawn Artists!

The library will hold its 3rd Annual Oak Lawn Artist Group Show during June and July 2010. Oak Lawn artists who wish to participate in this special exhibit may pick up an application at the library or print one from the "Art Gallery" page of our web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

The deadline to apply is Friday, May 14.

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