



Dundee Township Library

NEWS

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National Library Week

by Paul Mechtenberg

National Library Week is April 9-15; a time when libraries and library supporters across the nation celebrate the life-changing power of this great democratic institution with the theme "Libraries Change Lives."

At a time when information is literally exploding around us and our national leaders talk about constructing an electronic "information superhighway," your public library is struggling to keep up.

For more than a century, Americans of all ages have turned to their libraries for the information they need to live better lives. This National Library Week, the Dundee Township Library along with the American Library Association is urging all who value this great American institution to show their support.

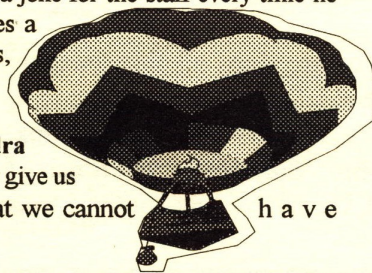
Here's what you can do. First, use the Dundee Township Library and tell others how it can help them. Second, teach your children to use and support the library. And third, tell your government officials that public libraries need state and federal financial support in addition to local support.

A few regular patrons were asked to reflect upon the theme for National Library Week and to share their thoughts with other readers. Here are a few of their responses:

Since **Theresa Peterson** grew up with libraries, she admits, "I have not changed. I've been a constant user since age 6. If I do not have books around, ready to read, I feel really deprived."

Although **Stephen Siracusa** usually has a joke for the staff every time he visits the library (which is often), he proves a man of few words when he philosophizes, "Libraries give life meaning."

And mother of three young children **Sandra Slovacek** reflects, "Our visits (to the library) give us books, opportunities, and experiences that we cannot have anywhere else."



CHECK THIS OUT

Although new library material arrives almost daily, other helpful items have been around for a while. . .

. . . For example, Children's Librarian Mary Jo Wagner wonders if area moms and dads are aware of the Parents' Shelf, near the toy corner. The downstairs pamphlet file also has a variety of articles on parenting. Learning disabilities, school success, and childhood anger are a few of the many topics. Several titles are written in Spanish.

Meanwhile, Adult Librarian Carolyn Friedlund highlights several outstanding new books about American Indians:

The buildings of major tribes are the focus of *Native American Architecture* by Peter Nabokov and Robert Easton.

Also highly illustrated is Alvin Josephy, Jr.'s *500 Nations*. Look for this as an upcoming TV series.

Recently added to the reference section is the *Encyclopedia of American Indian Costume* by Josephine Paterek.

You'll find personal testimonies by contemporary Native Americans and photography by award-winner Don Doll in *Vision Quest, Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation*.

Trivia Quiz: What is the #1 nonfiction checkout? A-Cookbooks; B-Travel; C-Auto Repair; D-Medicine, Health & Exercise; or E-Biographies.

Answer elsewhere in this issue!

what's new in periodicals & audio-visual?

Regular browsers at the Dundee Library will notice many new magazines for 1995.

Look for the following in the adult area:

- ♦ American Baby
- ♦ Family P. C.
- ♦ Harvard Health Letter
- ♦ Inc.
- ♦ Insight on the News
- ♦ Muscle & Fitness
- ♦ P. C. Novice
- ♦ Saturday Night

New children's mags are:

- ♦ Booklinks
- ♦ Family Fun
- ♦ Kidsports

With these additions, the periodical total is close to an impressive 400! In addition, there are nearly 150 newsletters from a variety of sources.

As a reminder, magazines (with the exception of the current issue) may be checked out for two weeks. Newspapers do not circulate. The library retains five years of back issues of most periodicals. Several magazines- plus an area newspaper- are converted to microfilm.

Opera, Anyone?

For the price of \$1.00 plus your library card, treat yourself to one of these operas on videocassette:

- ♦ Aida
- ♦ Madame Butterfly
- ♦ The Magic Flute
- ♦ Mikado

SPRING HAPPENINGS

Children of all ages and their families are invited to the library's meeting room on Tuesdays from February 28 through March 21. Stories, songs, puppets, and fun will be on the agenda from 10:30 until 11:00. No registration is required for this free program.

Although a bit too young to make it into a real voting booth this April, youngsters will have a chance to engage in an election of a different sort. Children will be casting votes for their favorite books during National Library Week, April 9-15. There will be two age categories; preschool through grade 2, and grade 3 & above. Winning books will be posted on Monday, April 17.

Older adults who experience difficulty filing their basic tax returns are welcome to take advantage of free assistance offered through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program. Volunteers are on hand Wednesday through Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings in the library's adult services area. Phone 428-3661 for an appointment.

THANKS to this year's TCE volunteers: Joe Brooks, Paul Frohan, Terry Hensley, Tess Machlan, Gene Shell, and Raymond Sussmann.

TAPES MEASURE UP



It's definitely not a return to radio days, yet you have to admit there's something comfortably old-fashioned about this *listening* to books so popular now. While the technology involved is certainly state-of-the-art, the trend itself proves that the auditory route to knowledge and entertainment is just as viable as the visual one.

Dundee Library patrons seem to agree. A recent survey reveals some common denominators among audio book "readers." Of those indicating a preference, most voted for unabridged over condensed versions- especially for literary works, reports Audio-Visual staffer Alex Harlan.

Regarding the types of recorded books local readers select, some recurring responses were: current fiction, classic fiction, self-help, mystery, and specific authors.

And where does all this listening take place? Well, you'll find folks "plugged in" while they commute to/from work and travel for business or pleasure. Others enjoy audio books as they walk & jog or putter around the house. Some even report using recorded books at work!

Yes, the library will continue to add titles in the audio format.

Library Director to Resign

Head Librarian, Paul Mechtenberg, submitted his resignation on January 31, at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

After nearly twenty-four years at the Dundee Township Library, Mechtenberg said that it was time to move on. While admitting that he still enjoys working in a library, he feels the need to have "a new setting and new challenges."

Mechtenberg states that the decision was not an easy one, because he has always enjoyed his work here and has tried to do his best for the library and for the community. He describes his tenure as "very rewarding," and cites having received "much help and encouragement from both past and present trustees, staff, and friends."

His last day will be June 30, 1995.

Picture This

Ever wonder about the beautiful art exhibits and fascinating collectible displays at the library?

Each month different artists and hobbyists are featured. This spring is devoted to our area schools. Here's whom to look for *UPSTAIRS*- both on the gallery wall and in the display case:

- ♦ March= Dundee -Crown High School
- ♦ April= St. Edward's High School
- ♦ May= Carpentersville Middle School

And, in the *DOWNSTAIRS* display case, you'll find art objects by Dundee-Crown students in March.

In April, look for a children's exhibit by Riley Ford, Megan Kovar, and Christopher Ross.

Remember— No Sundays During Sun Days

As a reminder, there will be no Sunday hours during the summer. The final Sunday for the season will be May 21 (the weekend before Memorial Day). Sundays at the library will resume on September 10 (the weekend following Labor Day).

Also, since only a skeleton crew is on duty on Sundays, there is no telephone reference that day. Otherwise, full service is available in all departments.

DIRECTOR: Paul Mechtenberg
TRUSTEES: Michael Buhrmann (President), Patricia Ostewig (Vice-President), Susan Kotleba, (Secretary), Tom Painter (Treasurer), Keith Bergstrom, Dorothy Carrigan, and Richard Sisler
EDITOR: Marilyn Foley

MONDAY through THURSDAY- 9:00 to 9:00

FRIDAY and SATURDAY- 9:00 to 5:30

SUNDAY during school year- 1:00 to 4:00

CLOSED on April 14 from 12:00 to 5:30, Easter Sunday (April 16), Mother's Day (May 14), and Memorial Day (May 29)

aMOng fRiEnds

The Friends of the Library has an exciting program planned for its annual meeting on April 18 at 7:30. Local resident **Deborah Banks-Tripp**, famous for her historical character portrayals, will entertain as American modernist painter Georgia O'Keeffe.

Friends president **Carol Grom** reports that \$300 were raised through its Holiday Silent Auction, and that nearly 50 people attended the Friends-sponsored seminar in January on financing a college education.

The group is seeking a few more volunteers who, as Grom puts it "love the library and wish to enhance its services." Planning meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30.

To become a "Friend" or to renew your membership, simply complete the following form and return to the library.

YES, I want to join the Friends of the Dundee Township Library! Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 to help defray the costs of programs, printing, postage, etc.

Check one of the following levels of involvement.

☐ An active member= to work with the planning committee

☐ A supporting member= to help financially

NAME _____ PHONE _____

And the Winner Is...

If you picked "D" as the answer to the trivia quiz on page 1, you're correct! In 1994, the **most popular** "check-outs" at the Dundee Library were books about **health and fitness**.

The other nine categories in descending order were:

- #2 - Travel
- #3- Cookbooks
- #4- Crafts
- #5- Automobile Repair
- #6- Popular Psychology and the Supernatural
- #7- Current Issues & True Crime
- #8- Biography
- #9- Homemaking & Child Rearing
- #10- Personal Finance & Resume Writing

BUSsiness as Usual

The library is a part of two family reading programs.

Kathy Mitchell from the Children's Department supplies the details:

In the STAR program (Sit Together And Read), families ride a bus to the library every fourth Wednesday evening.

PALS operates in a similar manner. This acronym stands for Plan for Adults, Libraries, and Schools. These monthly bus outings to the library are for kdg. and first grade children from Meadowdale School and their families. Childcare for siblings is provided, and an interpreter is present.

For more details on STAR or PALS, call the library or 426-1471.

You're Invited...

All residents of the Dundee Township Library District are welcome to attend regular board meetings.

Get to know your elected trustees on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the library's board room (upstairs).

Although a formal agenda is followed, there is an opportunity at each meeting for audience participation.

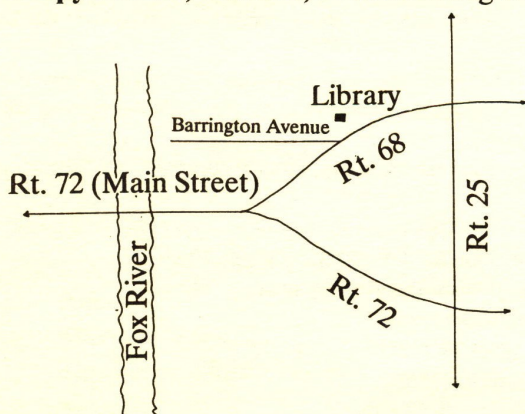
For more information, contact one of the trustees listed on page three by leaving a message at the library (428-3661).

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