

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT



Serving East and West Dundee, Carpentersville, Sleepy Hollow, Gilberts and Surrounding Areas

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◆ *from the library board*

LIBRARY TAKES ON NEW, DRAMATIC LOOK

As the temperature climbs, the flowers burst forth with exotic colors, and the trees change to myriad shades of green, we are about to see a dramatic transformation of the exterior of the Library. Approximately nine months ago the Board of Trustees began a discussion about changing the appearance of the landscaping around the building. During the last week of February the first phase of that change was completed. Robert Kelly, preeminent arborist and owner/operator of Nature's Way, completed the trimming of the hawthorne, cottonwood, oak, and locust trees. Phase two began with the hiring of Joe Miller from Sam Miller and Son Landscape Company to execute the landscape design. The culmination of his work took place on March 14 when he presented the Board with his concept for the landscaping of the property: an integrated design using natural local plantings that provide low maintenance but aesthetic beauty in a park-like setting. In the process of designing the dramatic changes, Miller was also directed to correct the drainage problem that has existed around the perimeter of the building for a number of years. The next step is to let the project out for bids from local landscaping companies.

Once a landscaper has been hired to execute the landscape design, we will see changes occurring very quickly. A comprehensive regrading of the property will take place, and all drainage conduit will be placed underground and redirected away from the building. Planting beds will be laid out, shrubs and flowers planted, and mulch distributed throughout the beds. The Library sign will be replaced. The sunken area at the north end of the building will have a two-tiered

retaining wall installed with plantings on both levels and stairway built to allow access for maintenance of the area. The cement block walkway and area surrounding the flagpole will be redesigned to incorporate both into a park-like setting that will highlight the flagpole and create a space for sitting and relaxing. The driveway that skirts the west side of the property will have some type of pavers added to the curve at the northwest corner so that cars do not drive on the lawn. With a new sign and plantings at the street level, customers entering the Library drive will be directed to the entrance where the plantings will complement those near the sign and along the east side of the Library. The front of the Library will take on a new look with extensive planting of shrubs and flowers in wide beds.

The final phase of this huge project will be the screening along the eastern edge of the property between the parking lot and the new senior housing complex. The Board will complete that when the housing project has been finished, but it will be as beautiful as the rest of the Library landscaping project. If everything goes according to schedule, the majority of the work will be finished by the end of May, and Library customers will see a dramatic transformation that will make the Library one of the most distinctive and attractive public buildings in the area.

Keith D. Bergstrom
Chair
Physical Facilities Committee



◆ **new arrivals****ADULT FICTION**

THE HOOK by Donald E. Westlake. Two authors, one with writers block and one with an unpublished manuscript, strike a Faustian bargain to help each other.

APOLOGIZING TO DOGS by Joe Coomer. Romance, blackmail, secrets and thievery are revealed all on one day in Forth Worth's historic antique district.

THE RUNNER by Christopher Reich. An intricately plotted tale of cat and mouse set in post-World War II Germany during the Nazi war crime tribunals.

AFTER IMAGE by Jay Brandon. Events from his past suddenly make a mysterious reappearance in a courtroom thriller about a San Antonio district attorney.

ADULT NON-FICTION

PERENNIAL COMBINATIONS by C. Colston Burrell. Create a backyard paradise with help from no-nonsense tips, garden plot plans, mail order sources and a color wheel. 100's of color photos.

PERENNIALS FOR EVERY PURPOSE by Larry Hodgson. A book designed to address every requirement, problem, or restriction of any perennial gardener. Color photos and illustrations.

ALL THE BEST, GEORGE BUSH: My Life in Letters. A collection of the letters, diary entries and memos of the 41st President beginning with the 18-year-old George's letters to his parents during World War II.

RELATIONSHIP RESCUES by Phillip C. McGraw, Ph.D. Reclaim your dignity and self respect in your relationships by following the step by step reconnection process.

SILK RIBBON MACHINE

EMBROIDERY by Nancy Bednar. Step by step instructions in the art of silk ribbon embroidery using a sewing machine. Includes patterns and care instructions.

◆ **north suburban library foundation****LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING PATRONS**

¿Habla Espanol? Thanks to the Hispanic Services Initiative, a new program at the Dundee Township Public Library, Spanish-speaking patrons can now communicate more easily with Library staff. The program is underwritten by a grant from the North Suburban Library Foundation and provides funding for two bilingual Library assistants.

Over the last few years there has been a significant increase in Library use by Spanish-speaking patrons. The addition of the bilingual assistants will greatly increase the staff's ability to offer excellent service to patrons with limited English skills.

The three assistants are both students at Dundee-Crown High School. They were recruited and trained in job readiness through the Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township. The new Library assistants will be working mainly in the evening hours when there is the greatest need. They will aid patrons in filling out forms, understanding Library procedures and benefits and navigating computer resources, including the automated card catalog. They will also be assisting staff in translating Library brochures and flyers.

In addition to the bilingual staff positions, the program includes a series of Spanish and bilingual family story programs and informative life skills programs for adults in Spanish.

The adult programs will be presented at the Library by personnel from Centro de Información, a not-for-profit social service agency serving the needs of Hispanic families in Kane County. The programs will include parenting, immigration and health concerns.

The \$11,357.48 grant is part of the North Suburban Library Foundation Tolerance Initiative Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to promote diversity and a sense of community. The Library staff is excited about the possibilities presented by this grant and the opportunity to work closely on the project in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township, Centro de Información and the North Suburban Library Foundation.

El texto de este artículo está disponible en español en la biblioteca.

◆ **in appreciation****THANK YOU TO...**

► **AARP VOLUNTEERS** Ray Sussmann, Terry Hensley, Paul Frohan, Gene Shell and Lois Hill for their assistance with *Tax Counseling for the Elderly*.

► **COLLECTORS** (Upstairs display case) Rex Weddle and the art students of Dundee-Crown High School.

► **COLLECTORS** (Downstairs display case) Alma Cueller, Connor Flexman, Susie and Stacy Clark, Jason McVeigh and the art students of Dundee-Crown High School.

► **ARTISTS** (Upstairs Gallery) Kay Keyes, John Nichols and the art students of Dundee Crown High School.

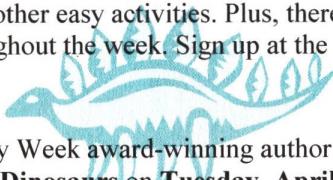
► **JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS** Allison Schildknecht, Joy Towers, and Vikrum Vora, and to Barney Freeman of Dependicare Home Health, for helping to make Franklin the Turtle's visit to the Library such a success.

◆ *mark your calendars*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Celebrate National Library Week from **Sunday, April 9 to Saturday, April 15** with **Dinosaur Days**. Collect a set of special dinosaur stickers just for reading library books and doing other easy activities. Plus, there will be special drawings to win prizes throughout the week. Sign up at the Children's Desk.



DINOSAUR PROGRAM

To help us celebrate National Library Week award-winning author Janet Riehecky presents **Learning About Dinosaurs** on **Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00**. No registration is required.

SPRING STORYTIME

Puppets, stories, flannelboards and fingerplays for preschoolers and their parents and caregivers. No registration is required. **Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April at 10:30**.

BABY PLAY GROUP

This is an opportunity for parents to meet and talk with other parents of small children! To participate in this informal and fun program simply drop in and you will find infant toys to play with and board books to read and check out. Make new friends for yourself and your baby! No registration is required. **Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 to 11:30**.

SPANISH PICTURE BOOK PROGRAM

Bilingual storyteller Armando Trejo will present the first of three picture book programs for preschoolers and their families. Enjoy stories, musical activities and fingerplays. No registration is required. **Thursday, May 25 at 6:00**.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Children's Department is looking for young people ages 12-16 to staff the Summer Reading Club station and assist with programs this summer. The Junior Volunteer program offers excellent preparation for the working world and an opportunity to contribute to the community. If interested, please call Kathy Mitchell, Ext. 210, or stop by the Children's Desk.

BOYS AND GIRLS!

Watch for **Franklin the Turtle**, **Clifford the Big Red Dog**, and the **Berenstain Bears** in West Dundee's Memorial Day Parade on **Sunday, May 28 at 2:00** and on **Sunday, June 17 at 12:00** they will appear again in the Village of Gilberts Parade.

TEEN CAFE GRAND OPENING!

TEENS from 13 to 18 are invited to the opening of the Library's new **TEEN CAFE** in the downstairs Meeting Room at 7:00 to 8:30 on Wednesday, April 5. The monthly forum will feature an open mike available for teens to read poetry, their own or others, review books, music or movies or do a musical performance. Or you can just stop by for coffee and refreshments and enjoy the atmosphere. No registration is required. Any questions? Call 428-3661, ext. 208.

◆ *new arrivals*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

NEW BOOKS

JAKE JOHNSON : THE STORY OF A MULE by Tres Seymour. Farmer Pucket's tradition of taking the fireworks to the fairgrounds is threatened when his stubborn mule won't move. Preschool and up

MAN OF THE FAMILY by Kathleen Karr. Ten-year-old Istvan Csere is learning all about running his family's farm in the 1920's from his father when he unexpectedly needs to take over the farm for himself. Grade 4 and up

ANIMAL ALPHABET SONGS (CD) by David S. Polansky. Alligators-bears-yaks and zebras....this thoroughly delightful collection of 26 songs, one for each letter of the alphabet, is a clever sampler of animals and their environment. Preschool – Grade 2

AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Join the fun in the Audio-Visual department as we celebrate National Library Week, April 9 to 15. The theme is "The World is a Stage: Celebrating the Performing Arts." Special displays will feature the ballet, opera, musical and live theater materials in the collection.

Enter the drawings for great prizes including T-shirts, a pair of tickets to Second City Theater in Chicago, aprons, CD carrying cases, coffee mugs, polo shirts, hats, and subscriptions to magazines. Entry forms for the drawings will be at the Media Desk during National Library Week. Free pens, magazines, magnets, buttons, bookmarks and bumper stickers will be available for our patrons to enjoy.

DIRECTOR: Sylvia Murphy Williams

TRUSTEES: Richard Sisler (President), Patricia Ostewig (Vice President), Dorothy Carrigan (Secretary), Keith D. Bergstrom (Treasurer), Jennifer Blessman, Carrie Brecke and Carmen Barrett.

BOARD MEETINGS: The second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The Public is welcome.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Susan Clark

◆ *mark your calendars*

ADULT PROGRAMS

MIDWEST PERENNIAL GARDENS

Annual flowers and plants are wonderful for summer color but perennials offer long-lasting beauty for less time and effort and come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and hues. **Master Gardener Tom Herman** will show us how to select, plant and maintain them in our perennial gardens.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 7:00

GEOLOGY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: KANE COUNTY AND ENVIRONS

Kane County presents us with a diverse collection of outstanding geological sites. Geologist and Author **Raymond Wiggers** will relate the compelling story of how Kane County's modern landscape and human settlement patterns have been shaped by the massive geologic forces of glaciers, invading seas and shifting continents.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 7:00

LIFE ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Traveler **John Lynn** returns with the story of the world's most renowned hiking trail, the mountains and countryside through which it passes, and the trails' community of plants and animals, people and towns - as experienced during 2100 miles of hiking from Georgia to Maine.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

THURSDAY, MAY 4 7:00

LANCE BROWN'S SOMEWHAT FRACTURED HISTORY OF THE WORLD

In the tradition of musical satirists Tom Lehrer and Mark Russell, "Professor" Lance Brown playfully lampoons history from the time of the Dinosaurs to the Nuclear Age with original songs and skits.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 7:00

CONOCIMIENTO DE LA CUADRILLA

Mantenga a sus niños seguros de violencia aprendiendo las señales de peligro de la implicación de la cuadrilla y de los métodos que usted puede utilizar para conseguirlos de una cuadrilla. Presentado por el Centro para la Información.

JUEVES, MAY 18 7:00

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Wednesday, April 26
The Floatplane Notebooks
Clyde Edgerton

Wednesday, May 31
The Murder of Tutankhamen
Bob Brier

Wednesday, June 28
The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds
Paul Zindel

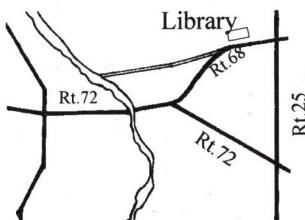
Meetings are at 1:30 & 7:00
To join, call 428-3661 ext. 208

All programs are free; registration is required. Call 428-3661, ext. 208

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 9:00
Friday and Saturday 9:00 to 5:30
Sunday 1:00 to 4:00

CLOSINGS

April 21, Friday, (Early Closing 12:00),
April 23, Sunday, May 14, Sunday, &
May 29, Monday

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