

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Changes at the Library

Now that the summer is over we look forward to fall's changing colors. We, too, are looking at changes within the library. The first of these changes is the implementation of a new printing and computer reservation system, which took effect on August 3, 2004. The increased cost of paper, toner, and maintenance has required us to charge for computer printing. The library delayed instituting these changes for as long as possible.

The reservation component of the system will be an added convenience for you as you make reservations and monitor your computer time at the library. We are excited about this new system. We appreciate your patience during this period of transition.

Another change to occur this fiscal year will be updating the restrooms to comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). This is one of the many steps the Library Board has taken to ensure that all community residents have access to the building and library services.

As always, my door is open to library patrons and I enjoy seeing many of you at our programs.
Elisa F. Topper

Register to Vote @ the Library

On Saturday, September 11, 2004, libraries throughout Illinois will provide voter registration at their library.

To honor this date the Dundee Township Public Library is partnering with the Carpentersville-Dundee



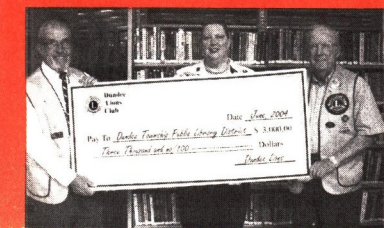
League of Women's Voters to register voters between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Encourage family, co-workers, neighbors, and friends to register to vote. If you are unable to register on that day you may register at the Circulation Desk during library hours until October 5, 2004. United States citizens who are 18 years old and older are eligible to vote. For additional info go to www.dundeeLibrary.info.



We Are Recruiting More Friends

Following a summer break, the Friends of the Library will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, in the library's meeting room. If you are unable to attend the group, you may join and be added to their mailing list by calling Elisa F. Topper at (847) 428-3661 ext. 202 or e-mailing her at etopper@nsls.info.

Special Thanks to the Lions Clubs



Check Presented to Library
(L to R): Jim Connelly of the Dundee Lions Club, Elisa F. Topper Library Director, and Ron Rhoades of the Dundee Lions Club.

Thanks to two local Lions Clubs our Media Department has some new special services. The Dundee Lions Club gave us a check for \$3,000 to purchase large print and audio books. A new magnifier from the Carpentersville Lions Club gives users easier viewing of

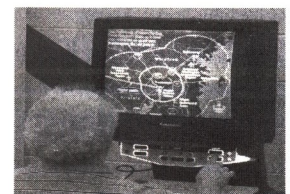
their reading materials, records, photos, and other items. It magnifies from 2x to 120x. We are delighted to provide this new service to patrons who may benefit from its use. Our community is fortunate to have philanthropic organizations that support our library.

Meet the Media Desk Staff

The Media Department will help you find magazines, magazine articles, and audiovisual materials. If you need to create a letter, report, or resume, the Media Department offers computers with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Perfect Resume.



Media Desk Staff



The new magnifier from the Carpentersville Lions Club makes reading easier.

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Register at the Adult Reference Department or call (847) 428-3661 ext. 208

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Does everyone in the family have a Dundee Township Public Library District library card? Have you used it lately? If your library card has not been used within the last three years it has expired. Obtain your library card in September and receive a small token of our appreciation while supplies last.

Honor September 11:

Register to Vote @ Your Library®

Libraries throughout Illinois are partnering with the League of Women Voters to provide registration services for the community.

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 11

Courage Essay Program

This is the first in a series of programs we will present on courage. Write a one-page essay on "What Courage Means to Me", then come read your essay.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 11

Glass of the Depression Era

Learn about the history of Depression Glass and see how and why collectors like Mary Hurney make a hobby or business collecting it. Bring one piece to be appraised.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 15

Demystifying Digital Photography

Are you thinking of purchasing a digital camera? Find out what type of camera to buy and what computer hardware and software you need to work with digital images.

7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 16

This Land Is Your Land

Loose Change and Friends will play a tribute to American heritage that will have you singing along. These down-home entertainers sing, perform on guitar, banjo, mandolin, and autoharp, and do Appalachian clog-dancing.

7:00 p.m. Monday, September 27



Book Discussion Group

Join the discussion of Leap of Faith, by Queen Noor of Jordan. In her autobiography she shares her perspective on the past 30 years of world history and speaks candidly about her life challenges as wife and partner to the monarch. She provides an intimate portrait of the late King, and a moving account of their public role. Call (847) 428-3661 ext. 208 to join a group.

1:30 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 30

Pocket Circus: Bilingual Program (For all ages)

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month! The duo combines magical illusions and circus fun to thrill audiences. Tickets are available beginning Monday, September 20, at the Children's Department desk. Pocket Circus is sponsored in loving memory of Rafaela Rivera by the Carmen and Lee Barrett family.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5

Peter Fletcher: Classical Guitarist

Award-winning classical guitarist Peter Fletcher returns for an encore performance.

7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 7

Faces of Courage

Local organizations have the opportunity to nominate members who have demonstrated great personal strength or heroism. Nominees will be recognized at a special "Lunch with the Director" in the meeting room.

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 22

Book Discussion Group

Barbara Ehrenreich's Nickel and Dimed

1:30 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 27

10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 28

Call (847) 428-3661 ext. 208 to join a group.

Spanish Book Discussion Group

For info call Juana, the book leader, at (847) 428-1328.

6:30 p.m. last Wednesday of each month in the Craft Room

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teen Cafe

Share your own poetry or other creative art form with other 13- to 18-year-olds. No registration required.

For details call (847) 428-3661, ext. 208.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 1

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 6

Disguise: Halloween/Masquerade Mask

Create your own scary, funny, or fancy mask and other costume. Wear an old T-shirt. For 13 years old and up.

Reservations required. **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 19**

THANK YOU

Adult Summer Reading Prize Donors

Benedict's Eggs & More

Emmett's Tavern & Brewery

Lighthouse Point Miniature Golf Course at

Milk Pail Village

Mandile's Ristoranté

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

*To reserve seating for children's programming register in the Children's Department
or call (847) 428-3661 ext. 210*

Fall Storytime

Preschoolers will enjoy stories, fingerplays, puppetry, and songs. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, 14, 21, & 28

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29

Baby Play Group

Meet and talk with other parents while babies play. No registration required.

9:30 a.m. Mondays in October

Pocket Circus: Bilingual Program

Come celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and enjoy the smallest circus in the world! The duo uses a mix of theatrics, music, magic, and acrobatics. Free tickets are available beginning Monday, September 20. Pocket Circus is sponsored in loving memory of Rafaela Rivera by the Carmen and Lee Barrett family.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5



Lapsit (18 months - 2 years)

Puppets, stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays in 20 minutes. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration begins Monday, September 20.

10:00 a.m. Tuesdays or Wednesdays in October

Spanish Storytime (3 years old and up)

Share in the fun of stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppetry with storyteller Evelyn Barajas. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 12

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 26

Halloween Storytime

Preschoolers will enjoy a special storytime. Children are invited to wear a costume and join in the parade through the library! No registration required.

10:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 26 or Wednesday, October 27

Who's Who of Owls (Kindergarten and up)

Join ornithologist Mark Spreyer as he reveals the truth about North American owls. Spreyer explains owls' amazing hunting adaptations, and special feathered guests will illustrate just who's who! Free tickets available starting September 27.

2:00 p.m. Monday, October 11

R.E.A.D. to a Dog (6 - 10 years old)

Read aloud to Noble the Therapy Dog and handler Nina Pregont. Parent can reserve one 15-minute session per child beginning Monday, September 22.

10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 11

Tremendous Two's (2 years old)

A storytime for two-year-olds and their caregivers. Child must be two by November 3. Registration begins on Monday, October 18.

9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 3, 10, & 17

THANK YOU TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

Annie Abram, Hilary Blahnik, Jessie Borgo, Jeanette Bottom, Christa Coronel, Matthew Chojnecki, Alexandra Fryer, Becky Gillespie, Danielle Gosselink, Lena Gulino, Anne Hernandez, Shawne Hill, Kimbrya Hopkins, Tessa Hughes, Gipsa Joseph, Jessica Langlo, Anderson Lebbad, Kelsey Luoma, Nicolette Marschke, Mariana Munoz, Laura Piel, Nicholas Prince, Emily Prom, Cole Rakow, Katie Robbins, Krista Robbins, Amber Rosen, Giselle Ryan-Arce, Tyler Simpson, Tom Steinhable, Brittany Tepper, Stephanie Thorson, Breanna Williams, and Maggie Williams.

SPECIAL THANKS

Children's Display

Bethany Volchko, Kurt Ehmann, and Nicole Miller

Adult's Display

Miguel B. Vives and Cary Latham

Gallery Wall

Dundee Township Park District Quilt Class and Cary Latham

Safety Day

We want to extend an enormous thank you to local fire and police personnel for presenting another fantastic Safety Day.

Dundee Lions Club – monetary donation for large print and audio books

Friends of the Library – tables for the meeting room

Elgin Garden Club – flowers and miniature garden

Nina Pregont and Noble the Therapy Dog – presentations of R.E.A.D. to a Dog

Carmen and Lee Barrett family – donation of children's materials and sponsor of Pocket Circus, in loving memory of Rafaela Rivera

CONGRATULATIONS SUMMER READERS!

What a phenomenal summer!

The 1,094 children who registered read 13,372 books, and there were 596 finishers, a 15 % increase over last year!

**DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
DISTRICT**

555 Barrington Avenue (Route 68)
East Dundee (847) 428-3661
www.dundeelibrary.info

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Starting September 5)

BOARD MEETINGS

7 p.m. Monday, September 13, 2004
7 p.m. Monday, October 11, 2004
The public is welcome.

DIRECTOR Elisa F. Topper

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CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING THANK YOU'S

We want to thank Chris Cudworth of the Daily Herald for coordinating the "Big Ticket" program, which provided incentives from the following businesses and organizations: Arlington Park, Art Institute, Brookfield Zoo, Brunswick Zone, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago Cobras, Chicago Fire, Classic Cinemas, Cuneo Museum, DuPage Children's Museum, Fox Valley Sports Academy, Funway, GameWorks, Hancock Observatory, Health World, Illinois Railway Museum, Kane County Cougars, Lake County Discovery Museum, Laser Quest, Loew's Cinema, Medieval Times, Mill Creek Chip 'n Putt, Morton Arboretum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Naper Settlement, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Schaumburg Flyers, Sci-Tech Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Volo Auto Museum, and Chicago Wolves.

LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT

The Library received a grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities to organize programs or events that will engage young readers to think about courage and to raise awareness of classic literature about courage. The library is one of the 1,000 public and school libraries that received 15 timeless selections and materials from the first *We the People* Bookshelf on Courage. For a listing of upcoming programs on courage and books received from the grant, please refer to our website www.dundeelibrary.info or contact the Reference Desk at (847) 428-3661 ext. 208.

Dates to Remember!

Closed Sundays until Sunday, September 5, when Sunday hours resume.

Open: Sunday, September 5

Closed: Monday, September 6 (Labor Day); and
Friday, October 1, 2004 (Staff In-service)

Employee of the Month

Elisa F. Topper, Library Director, selects one or more employee each month who presents an idea that results in cost savings for the library.

August, 2004 — Karin Nelson

September, 2004—Marie Dabah