

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

As I settle into my new position, I realize how lucky the library is to have so many wonderful people in our community! Thanks to those of you who took time from your busy schedule to attend my welcoming reception. My door is always open to members of the community!

Looking for a few good men and women.

The Board, staff and I are continually working to provide the best library resources and programs that we can but really need YOU to help us. We are looking to expand our Friends of the Library group and would like to RECRUIT YOU. Do you have a few hours a month to help us in our efforts? If you are interested please call me directly at (847) 428-3661 Ext. 202. We will begin to plan an organizational meeting in the next few weeks.

Share your ideas. I will be hosting "Donuts with the Director" Saturday April 24, 2004 from 10 a.m. until noon at the library, during National Library Week. Please come by to introduce yourself and meet a representative from the Library Board who will join me in hearing from our library patrons. These informal chats will be held quarterly throughout the year so please stop by for a few minutes. Also, take full advantage of the many "worldly" library activities taking place during National Library Week.

We will be holding more formal conversation in the form of focus groups in the coming months. We would like you to provide feedback in these forums too.

Responding to community needs. Two years ago we surveyed the community. The need for an off-site book drop was unanimous. As part of the Board of Trustees long range plans, the library is extending services to the west side with a new book drop and a storytime. Watch for news on these exciting new services on our web site, www.dundeelibrary.info, and in future newsletter issues.

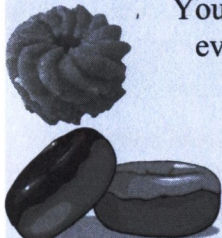
Elisa F. Topper, Library Director

Reading Tips for Parents

- Parents of newborns, go ahead and read to your infant, and keep reading as they grow. Children begin to develop language skills by listening to the spoken word.
- For parents of new readers, continue reading aloud to your child and vary the reading levels to build vocabulary.
- For multi-language families, remember that children retain their native language before learning a second language. Being bilingual is valuable.
- If you tire of reading aloud the same books over and over, don't fret. Keep in mind your child is learning patterns in the sounds.
- Encourage your child(ren) to read more and watch less tv, play outside to get exercise and to expand their imagination.
- Check out The Read Aloud Handbook, by Jim Trelease JUV 372.6 on the parents shelf.



Children's Department Staff:
Front row: Debra Rakow and Mary T. Povilonis, Middle row: Kathy Stensing and Vivian Osth, Back row: Kathy Mitchell, Heidi Hohman, and Gail Simons



Donuts with the Library Director and Board Trustee

You are invited to this informal event to share your thoughts.

**10:00 a.m. to Noon
Saturday, April 24
in the Board Room**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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

Read to Succeed Update

Thanks to everyone who registered. We had 142 participants for our Winter Reading Club! Congratulations to those who completed the requirements and received either a paperback book or other prize.

Spring Storytime

Parents, remember Preschool Storytime is right around the corner. Your child will love the stories, fingerplays, puppets, and songs. No registration required. You're welcome to come either day.

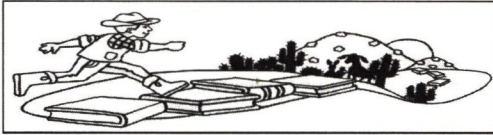
10:30 a.m. Tuesdays or Wednesdays in April

Our Traveling Show to Schools

This spring the Children's Department staff will educate Grades 1-3 about library benefits and how they can get their own library card. The highlight is a preview of the summer reading program.

Summer Reading...Mark Your Calendars

The 2004 Children's Department's Summer Reading theme is Lewis and Clark, "Explore the Reading Trail". The program runs June 21 to July 31.



SPECIAL THANKS TO

Chicago Wolves Hockey organization
for providing materials and incentives for
"Read to Succeed," the Children's
Department Winter Reading Club.

Carpentersville Lions Club
Donation of magnifier

Children's Display
Tessa Detmann, Deanna Grant, Lizbeth
Ramos, and Emily Schultz

Adult's Display
Barbara Walters, and John H. DeRosa

Gallery Wall
Cary Latham, Bob Larson, and
Dundee Crown High School Art Students

Outdoor Display
Brent George "Trip on a Brick"

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS of Employment at the Dundee Township Public Library

Two employees in the Children's Department, Kathy Stensing and Kathy Mitchell, have been mainstays at the library for 20 plus years. Neither started in the same job that they have now.

Kathy Mitchell, a former primary grade school teacher started part-time in Circulation before transferring to the Children's Department 1 1/2 years later. After Kathy



Kathy Stensing completed her Early Childhood degree she worked part-time in the Adult Reference Department although she also wanted to work with children. Her patience paid off. She transferred 3 1/2 years later when a full time opening became available in the Children's Department.

They agreed that their previous jobs were a good training base. "I love my job, like my co-workers and I have the best of both worlds," said Kathy Stensing.

Changes seen. In 1984 the library consisted of only one floor, except for the meeting room downstairs. Hard to believe? Can you imagine that you had less than ten videos to choose from? There were no CDs, DVDs, or computers.

Technotronics were not in major production at that time. How did anyone conduct research without a PDA, computer, and Internet? Research was conducted using several large card catalog files and volumes of "Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature" to find magazine articles.

Role changes. Kathy Stensing's role in Reference was to answer research questions, handle reader's advisory, and programming. When she transferred to the Children's Department she created the Tremendous Twos', a storytime for two year-olds.

Kathy Mitchell said the library is busier today. Twenty years ago there were fewer patrons so there were fewer programs. Previously the staff were the creators, planners, and actors in all their children's programs. But as far as services go she says, "The focus has remained the same... helping a child coming in looking for a good book, or (helping them) do research."

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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

EXPLORE THE WORLD @ THE LIBRARY

PrairieScapes—Grow Native!

Let a Master Gardener introduce you to the ease of starting or incorporating prairie plants into your garden, which can improve your yard and preserve Illinois' heritage.

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13



Treasures of Southern Italy

Travel to the region of Campania, the land of breathtaking landscape, history, and culture.

2 p.m. Saturday, April 24

Mayer School of Irish Dance

Come see Irish dancers from the famed school founded in 1980 and now run by Paul, Julie, and Mary Mayer.

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21

Eastland Disaster—July 14, 1915

It was 3 years after the Titanic disaster. Be amazed with Jean Decker's personal story and Ted Wachholz's account of the worst tragedy in Chicago's history.

7 p.m. Thursday, May 13

Revue of 20th Century Music

Bill and Susan Goodwin present an afternoon concert of the most beloved songs. Music ranges from ragtime to swing, operetta to Broadway, Gershwin to Berlin.

2 p.m. Monday, May 17

Fox Valley Spanish Book Group

The group discusses personal improvement books. Call Juana Correa, book leader, at (847) 428-1328 to register.

6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29 and May 27

Book Discussion Groups

Chaim Potok's The Chosen

Wednesday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

John Irving's Cider House Rules

Wednesday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

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

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teens Celebrate 4th Anniversary of Teen Cafe

Share poetry and other creative arts. No registration. For 13 to 18 year olds. For details contact Betty at (847) 428-3661, Ext. 208.

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 (Pizza party)

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 (Open mic format)

Lord of the Rings

What is the attraction for Ring followers? Bring costumes and props and join in the fun, challenge, and thrill of it all—favorite characters, trivia, drawings, and more!

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20

Teen Volunteers Wanted

If you are between 13 and 16 years old and like helping others, then we have an excellent opportunity for you! The Children's Department need teens to staff the Summer Reading Club Station from June 21 to July 31. If interested, call 847-428-3661 ext. 210, or stop by the Children's Desk to apply.

FICTION

Marrying Mozart, Stephanie Cowell

Set in 18th century Germany and Austria. A story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and four sisters who become engaged in his music, passion, and heart.

Texas Vendetta, Elmer Kelton

Young Texas Rangers get involved in a bloody feud between two families. Written by one of the Old West's finest writers.

The Stone of the Stars, Alison Baird

The key to the mighty talisman is in the hands of a band of the young innocents, but the evil Khalazar and his fanatic warriors wreak havoc and vengeance in this fantasy tale.

The White City, Alec Michod

A first novel that blends fiction with the factual background of the 1893 Columbian Exposition in this tale of a murderer who haunts Chicago.

Gunpowder Empire, Harry Turtledove

A young adult series. In this 21st Century time travel, Jeremy and his sister's summer vacation in Rome goes awry when the gateway closes.

NONFICTION—CDs

Get the Edge!, Anthony Robbins

A motivational 7-day personal management system.

Personal Power, Anthony Robbins

Anthony Robbins coaches to improve the listener's personal and professional life.

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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 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Sept. to May)

BOARD MEETINGS

7 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2004
7 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2004
The public is welcome.

DIRECTOR Elisa F. Topper

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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Kathy Mitchell, and Elisa F. Topper

Dates to Remember!

Close at noon: April 9

Closed: April 11, May 9, May 14, May 31

Donuts with the Director and Trustee
10 a.m. to noon April 24

Employee of the Month

Elisa F. Topper, Library Director, selects an employee(s) each month who presents an idea that results in cost savings for the library.

January—Betty Mavros and Jeanne Etling

February—Karen Werle

March—Mary Beth Huffman

April—Kurt Beecher

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup, Sharon Creech

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey. (Grades 4-7)

Mystic Horse, Paul Goble

After caring for an old abandoned horse, a poor young Pawnee boy is rewarded by the horse's mystic powers. (Kindergarten-Grade 4)

Only You, Rosemary Wells

A little bear describes how much his mother means to him. (Preschool)

Piggies in a Polka, Kathy Appelt

Pigs dance the night away when a polka band plays at the annual hootenanny. (Preschool-Grade 2)

Safely to Shore: America's Lighthouses,

Iris Van Rynbach

This book describes the background, history, and workings of lighthouses and how they work. (Grades 3-5)

National Library Week April 18-24

"Explore the World @ the Library"

Participate in the Barnes & Noble "Love a Library" Voucher Bookfair. Pick up a voucher at our library and present it with your purchase at the Spring Hill Barnes & Noble store. A percent of the net sale will be donated to the Library Community Foundation (NSLS) and participating libraries. Check out our other special week events, contests, and give-aways on our online calendar (www.dundeelibrary.info), or obtain info at the library.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!

Enter a bookmark contest! Pick up an entry packet at the Children's Department Reference Desk April 1 through April 17. Entries will be displayed April 18 to 24, National Library Week. One winner will be chosen from each participating grade level. Copies of the winning bookmarks will be available beginning April 18 in the Children's Department. The classrooms of the winners also receive copies. Open to Kindergarten thru Grade 5 library district residents.