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# DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Spring 2005 Newsletter

## Notes from the Director

Exciting things are happening at "your" library. Just back from presenting our grant proposal for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) access before the State Library, I am pleased to report that we were one of two libraries from the Chicago area to receive these highly competitive funds.

Bathrooms will be remodeled to be in compliance with ADA in the next four months so please be patient with us during this time.

The Dundee Township Public Library is now a "hot spot". We have gone Wi-Fi (wireless, that is). Visitors with a laptop and a wireless network card can tap into the library's high-speed Internet connection. By offering wireless access, patrons can use their computers in a quiet environment as requested by many of you in our library suggestion box. Many of the improvements in the library come directly from YOU.

The Board of Trustees had a successful Board Retreat last month and is planning for the future of the library. Be sure to vote on April 5, 2005 for those running for Board of Trustees positions.

The Spanish books that I purchased at the Guadalajara Book Fair are coming in and are being added to the collection.

Finally, join us during National Library Week, April 10-16, 2005 for great programs and activities. I hope to see many of you here.

Elisa F. Topper  
Library Director

## National Library Week April 10-16, 2005

It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions that libraries and library workers make to the community. This year the theme, Something for Everyone, means we really do have something for everyone at the library.

**Monday- 7:00 p.m. Adult Program- eBay Essentials.**

Get tips on how to be a pro at buying and selling through online auctions.

**Tuesday- 7:00 p.m. Flamenco Triana**

Fun, fast Flamenco dancing with the internationally acclaimed Flamenco dancer and instructor, Michelle Nascimento. Bilingual program.

**Wednesday- 7:00 p.m. Teen Game Night**

Have a little friendly competition and enjoy snacks. Winners of the Teen Café Logo Design Contest will be announced.

**Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 p.m. Children's Art and Crafts**

Come make colorful creations relating to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Ages K and up (K-1st grade need a caregiver.)

**Saturday- 2:00 p.m. Cinderella Revisited**

Cinderella's absent-minded fairy godmother tells her version of the magical story. Ages preschool-4th grade. Free tickets available April 4.

*\*Registration required for all events.*

Something for Everyone @ your library®

## Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Saturday, May 14

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Summer is on its way! Stop in and pick up a few books to read on your summer vacation. The book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. To learn more about becoming a Friend, visit [www.dundeelibrary.info/friends](http://www.dundeelibrary.info/friends)

Friends of the Library Meetings, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. and May 17 at 4:00 p.m.

**The library has gone wireless! You can now bring your own laptop and access the Internet.**

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Register in the Children's Department  
or call (847) 428-3661 ext. 210

**Spring Storytimes** (preschoolers and a caregiver)  
Bring your preschooler to hear some fun spring stories.  
*No registration required.*

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Cinderella Revisited** (preschool-4th grade)  
Cinderella's absent-minded fairy godmother tells her version of the magical story. Intertwined in the action of the play are life lessons and easy to remember songs with positive messages.  
*Free tickets are available April 4.*

**Saturday, April 16, 2005**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Fairy Tale Crafts** (ages K-4th grade)  
Join in the fun of National Library Week and make toys from the story of Jack and the Beanstalk while listening to a new version of this classic tale.  
*Registration required. Limited to 15 children per session.*

*K-1st graders need a parent or caregiver.*

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, April 12, 13 & 14**  
**7:00 p.m.**



Noble the Therapy Dog and his owner, Nina Pregont, paid a visit to the library in February. Spencer Schaels, 10, read a book while Noble listened intently.

The cast of American Eagle Productions presented Charlotte's Web, the musical, to over 100 children on President's Day.



### Looking for Teen Volunteers!

Children's Summer Reading Program starts June 20, and we are looking for teen volunteers, ages 13-16 to help out with registration and events. Please call (847) 428-3661 ext. 210 to sign up or to receive more information.

### Recommended Reading for Children

*Where's Jamela?*  
by Niki Daly

When Mama gets a new job and a new house, everyone is excited about moving except Jamela who likes her old house just fine.  
(Preschool-Grade 3)

*Liam's Watch: A Strange Story of the Great Chicago Fire*

by Pamela Dell  
Twelve-year-old Liam and his family must flee their home when a fire rages through Chicago in 1871.  
(Grade 4-7)

### Upcoming School Visits

Throughout May, the Children's Department staff takes its show on the road and passes along the library's benefits to first, second and third grade classes within our library district. Students learn about the variety of materials available and how to obtain a library card. The highlight is a sneak preview of the upcoming summer reading program.



Marilyn Price delighted children with her homemade puppets on January 17. Lucky audience members gave a helping hand to bring these puppets to life.

FOR KIDS

## ADULT & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Come to the Teen Café  
13-18 year-olds

Read a poem, sing a song, show off  
your talent, play a game, or just sit  
back, listen and enjoy the treats.

Join us at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 6  
Wednesday, May 4

### Programas en Español

**Grupo de Lectores del Valle de Fox**  
Libros que leemos y discutimos son de  
superación personal.  
Si tiene mas preguntas o quiere  
información sobre los libros que se  
discutirán favor de llamar a Juana a 847-  
428-1328.

**Miércoles, 27 de Abril y 25 de Mayo**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### Flamenco Triana

Una noche de baila y música con el  
Flamenco mas conocido de Chicago. Ven  
a verlos bailar toda la noche y puede que  
aprendas unos pasos.

**Martes, 12 de Abril**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### AARP Driver Safety Program

This course, for drivers 50 and over, has  
helped millions remain safe on the roads.  
The 8-hour course is designed to update you  
on the rules of the road, reduce your traffic  
violations and crashes, and learn about  
normal age-related physical changes that  
may affect your driving. Completion of the  
course guarantees insurance discounts for  
55 and older.

**\$10 fee**

**Two-day session, Wednesday & Thursday**  
**April 20 and 21, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Call 847-428-3661 ext. 208 to register

### eBay Essentials

Marci Buerger helps you wind your way through the world of online  
auctions. Tips on selling, buying, spotting great values, legal concerns  
and more. Come with questions and get ready to sell.

**7:00 p.m. Monday, April 11**

### Flamenco Triana

A night of fast footwork and festive music with Chicago's most popular  
Flamenco dance troupe. Watch them dance the night away and walk  
away with a few moves of your own.

**7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 12**

### Unclutter Your Life

Do you struggle with clutter and stress? Professional organizer and  
productivity trainer Debby Brauer, of Orderly Conduct, leads an  
interactive presentation of strategies for eliminating the 5 types of clutter  
and leading a more peaceful, productive, and satisfying daily life.

**7:00 p.m. Monday, May 2**

### The Friendly Confines with Stephen Green

Join Stephen Green, the official photographer of the Chicago Cubs, as he  
gives an inside look at life in Wrigley Field. Cubs fans won't want to miss  
this!

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 18**

### Book Discussion Group

Join our adult discussion group where you can read a good book and  
have a lively discussion. Next on the list are *The House of the Spirits* and  
*Closing Time*.

**1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, April 27, May 25**

### Home Word Bound

Introducing our new service to the homebound. Through Home  
Word Bound, the library will deliver books and other library materials to  
individuals who are unable to visit the library due to an illness or disability.

This program was made possible through a grant from Elgin  
Financial Savings Bank Foundation and a generous donation from the  
Dundee Lions Club to purchase large print materials. The outreach  
services will include free delivery via the library's van to homebound  
individuals, reference services, and interlibrary loans.

We have materials for your specific needs, including books on  
tape and CD and large print books.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this  
program, please call 847-428-3661 ext. 214.



**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. (Until June)

**BOARD MEETINGS**  
 7 p.m. Monday, April 11  
 7 p.m. Monday, May 9  
 The public is welcome.

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
 Carrie Brecke, President  
 Jennifer Blessemann, Vice President  
 Carmen Barrett, Secretary  
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*In Memory*  
**Cheryl Sarto**  
*Head of Circulation*  
**January 1, 2005**

**Dates to Remember!**

Library Closings

April 1, 2005, Staff In-service. Closed all day.  
 May 30, 2005, Memorial Day. Closed all day.

Library Board Meetings

2nd Monday of every month. 7:00 p.m.

**Get a Jump on Summer Reading**  
 You may now pre-register for summer reading. Sign up begins June 1 for children, young adult and adult programs.

**Special Thanks To:**

St. Catherine of Siena Senior Book Group for their donation to be used for the purchase of new books.

Alan Koshiol for finding the first Dundee Township Library sign and donating it back to its old home.

**Children's display case:**

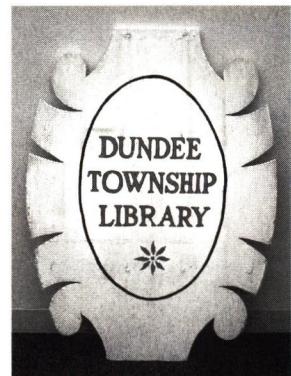
Kristin Wodka  
 Wendy and Emma Brant  
 Evie May

**Adult display case:**

Elgin Crisis Center  
 John Longhini

**Gallery wall:**

Peter Rosendale  
 R. Cornish  
 Dundee Crown art students



**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.

**January 2005**  
**February 2005**  
**March 2005**

**Mary Povilonis**  
**Joe Schuldt**  
**Dee Hughes**