

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Serving 54,000 residents of Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow, Gilberts and parts of Algonquin

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February ■ March ■ April 2007

Notes from the Director

"As a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information."
Benjamin Disraeli, statesman

Although this quote is dated by not addressing women, the point is well taken by emphasizing the importance of accurate information. As the Board and staff begin to develop a long-range plan for our library, we want to solicit invaluable data from those of you who use the library, and information from those who do not.

We will start by posting a survey on our web site during February that you can fill out electronically and submit. The same survey will also be available in the library.

We are surveying our patrons to see what resources you use, what programs you have attended and what you would like to see in the future. And, finally at a later date, we will be surveying a sample of our community of users and non-users for input.

Many of you participated in our brief outreach survey during Heritage Fest and this information will also be considered in our future planning.

Our children's and adult programs at the Public Safety Center on the west side have been well attended and we will continue to provide this programming. The two book drops on the west side are a popular convenience for our patrons.

Do not forget to vote in the April 17, 2007 election for the four Library Board of Trustees vacancies. It is because of our dedicated Board of Trustees and staff that we are able to provide excellent resources and programs for our community.

May I also invite you to email me with any information you would like to share that can be used in the long-range plan, in addition to the online survey or paper survey in the library? E-mail your feedback to me at dundeeref@nsls.info.

And please stop in to visit us during National Library Week, April 15-21, 2007, when we will be hosting special events at the library!

Elisa F. Topper, Director



Above, Angelica helps her little sister, Carolina, set up the toy train from the library's new toy collection.

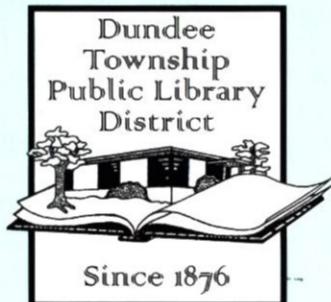
Library Adds Toy Collection

Brightly colored wooden toys and puzzles may now be checked out for home use by children. Begun at the suggestion of Eva Tipps, library board treasurer, the collection is geared toward preschoolers and contains 24 toys, most of which have multiple pieces.

Children develop motor skills at a very young age by playing with toys. Toys or things that they can touch and manipulate help with their hand-eye coordination, while puzzles help with their cognitive development.

Two musical instruments - a xylophone and a drum - are included to help a child develop an ear for music and rhythm. There are also boxed sets of dinosaurs and a little city. A catalog of the toys is available in the Children's Department.

Toys may be checked out for four weeks. For information, call 847-428-3661, ext. 310.



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Children's Desk	ext. 310
Information	ext. 308
Reference	ext. 308
Media Desk	ext. 307
Public Relations	ext. 315

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(Closed Sundays during the Summer)

BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
The meeting is open to the public.

FRIENDS OF THE DUNDEE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

DIRECTOR
Elisa F. Topper

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jennifer Blessman, President
Carrie Brecke, Vice President
Carmen Barrett, Secretary
Eva Tipps, Treasurer
Liz Gade, Cheryl Nunn-Thompson
Mary E. White

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

April 6 - Closed at noon
April 8 - Easter Sunday



What's New —

If you enjoy audiobooks, the Dundee Township Public Library has just added the latest high-tech gadget to enhance your listening pleasure.

Called a **PlayAway**, this tiny, electronic device fits in the palm of your hand and is a pre-loaded, complete and self-playing audiobook. It comes with one AAA battery and a lanyard that can be worn around the neck for ease of portability. Patrons must supply their own earphones.

"They're great — all you have to do is press the play button to listen. You don't have to deal with multiple cassette tapes or CDs," said Kathy Shrum, head of Media Services.

Measuring approximately 3 inches by 2 inches and about a quarter inch thick, PlayAway audiobooks deliver top-quality digital sound.

Each unit contains an entire reading of one book and comes wrapped in a picture of the book jacket. Check with Media Services for a selection of titles.

AARP Tax-Aide Offers Free Tax Help On Site

The library is hosting the AARP Tax-Aide program on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 1 through April 12. The program provides free tax preparation and assistance services to seniors as well as low-and middle-income taxpayers.

Volunteer counselors, trained by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will be available to complete basic income tax forms and answer your tax questions.

Appointments are required and may be made by calling 847-428-3661, ext. 308.

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU:

- Your W-2 forms
- All income statements, including social security, welfare, retirement, unemployment, sale of stock, home
- All forms received in the mail
- Statements of items such as medical bills, interest, dividends, etc.
- Last year's tax forms
- Your social security number

Make Life Less Taxing —

Pick up Your TAX FORMS Here

Many Illinois and federal tax forms are available at the library. Other forms can be obtained either online or from the IRS office. Check with our Information Desk for assistance, or call 847-428-3661, ext. 308.



FOR CHILDREN

Register in the Children's Department or call 847-428-3661, ext. 310. Unless otherwise noted, tickets to events are free. Please note: Some programs are held at the West Dundee Public Safety Center II, 100 Carrington Drive.

Reading Patch Club

Feb. 1- June 1, 2007



Join our school year reading program for Grades 3-8. Earn cool patches by reading books! Register at the Children's Desk.

Baby Play Group

Let your baby play with toys and books while you socialize with other parents. No registration is required.

Mondays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 10 a.m.

Lap Sit (18 months - 2 1/2 years)

Join us for 20 fun-packed minutes of puppets, stories, nursery rhymes and fingerplays. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Register now.

Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27, at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Kids and Dogs --- and How to be Safe (For parents and children)

Nina Pregont presents this program with her therapy dog on safety around dogs, including the best way to approach a dog and how to determine when it's best to stay away. No registration is required.

Monday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. (school holiday)

Library Programs on the West Side

Below are library-sponsored programs for children and adults that will be held at the West Dundee Public Safety Center II (below). See full description in program listing.

- **On Monday, Feb. 19:** Mastering Your Digital Camera at 7 p.m. (Adult program)
- **On Monday, Feb. 26:** Children's Storytime (preschool) at 10:30 a.m.
- **On Monday, March 5:** Children's Storytime (preschool) at 10:30 a.m.
- **On Tuesday, March 27:** College Savings Programs at 7 p.m. (Adult program)
- ★ **On Monday, April 16:** Children's Storytime (preschool) at 10:30 a.m. *Includes a visit from Strawberry Shortcake to celebrate National Library Week!*
- **On Tuesday, April 24:** Party Etiquette at 7 p.m. (Adult program)



**West Dundee Public Safety Center II
100 Carrington Drive,
in West Dundee**

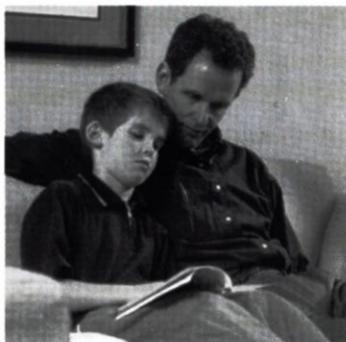
(Intersection of Route 72 and Sleepy Hollow Road)

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Dance/Dance Revolution (Grade 5 and up)

Love to dance? This fast-moving, action-packed arcade dance game with metal dance platforms, handlebars and flashing lights is for you! Free tickets issued 30 minutes prior to program's start. First hour is practice, the second is competition.

Saturday, Feb. 24, from 2 - 4 p.m.



GUYS READ

(for boys in 4th-8th grade and their fathers or grandfathers) The book is Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins. Register and pick-up books, beginning Thursday, Feb. 1.

Book discussion on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m.



★ Children's Storytime on the West Side (preschool)

The April 16 date features a live visit from Strawberry Shortcake in honor of National Library Week! No registration is required.

Mondays, February 26, March 5 & April 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Tremendous Twos

A special storytime for two-year olds. Child must be two by March 7 and be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 19.

Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Storytime (Cuentas de Espanol)

Children of all ages will enjoy stories in Spanish with Maria Cataldo. No registration is required. **Saturday, March 24, at 10 a.m.**

Read to a Dog (6-10 years old)

Read to trainer Nina Pregont and her story-loving dog. Reservations are limited and will be taken for one 15-minute session per child. Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Wednesday, March 28, from 10-11 a.m.

Spring Storytime (preschool)

Stories, songs and more just for the preschool set. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration is required. **Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, at 10:30 a.m., or Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25, at 10:30 a.m.**

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT!

Memorable Magic (Family Program)

Magician and escape artist Bruce Young will amaze you, performing feats of magic including levitating an audience member, freeing himself from a straight jacket and mind-reading! Tickets available 30 minutes before show.

Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m.



Drive-in Movie Car-Making Craft Grades K-5 (K-3 requires parent or caregiver)

Make a cardboard car at this fun craft program, then bring it to the library's family movie presentation of "Cars" on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for program begins Monday, April 2.

Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. or Wednesday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS

Register at the Information Desk or call 847-428-3661, ext. 308. NOTE: Some programs are held at the West Dundee Public Safety Center II, 100 Carrington Drive. If you need special accommodations to attend any library program or event, please let us know at least 10 days prior to the event.



All About Chocolates

Professional pastry chef Rose Deneen will tell you all about chocolate. She'll demonstrate how to melt it, make different garnishes, candies and a quick mousse. Of course, samples will be provided! Seating is limited to

Dundee Library cardholders only.

Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.

Mastering Your Digital Camera

Daily Herald photojournalist George LeClaire will repeat his Jan. 10 program on digital camera functions, but this time in West Dundee. Bring your camera and questions.

Monday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II



Music of Banna

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the music of Banna. The popular duo of Mary Barrett and Paul Wood will delight you with ballads, Irish folk songs and pop tunes as well as tales from the Emerald Isle.

**Monday, March 5,
at 7 p.m.**

College Savings Program

Planned saving in Section 529 programs is an effective and tax advantaged way to pay for qualified educational expenses. Representatives from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will explain the Bright Start College Savings program. Start planning now for your child's college fund.

Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II



The Joy of Shade Gardening

Is your garden sun-challenged? A Master Gardener from the Kane County Extension Service will show you why you don't need sun to have a beautiful garden. Learn about the many plants that thrive in shade.

Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

Party Etiquette

Learn to increase your self-confidence and social skills with Edith Vosefski, director, Etiquette School of Northern Illinois, in this class for adults on party etiquette. Find out if you should bring white wine or red, or if you can leave 10 minutes after you arrive!



Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II

Adult Book Discussion Group

Come to our Wednesday afternoon (at 1:30 p.m.) or evening (at 7 p.m.) session. Call 847-428-3661, ext. 308, for more information.

Feb. 28: *The Woman in White*, by Wilke Collins

March 28: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*,
by Lisa See

April 25: *A Drinking Life*, by Pete Hamill

Grupo de Lectores del Valle de Fox

El grupo se reune el último jueves de cada mes de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 22; March 29; April 26



GENTLY USED BOOK SALE MAY 4 - 5, 2007

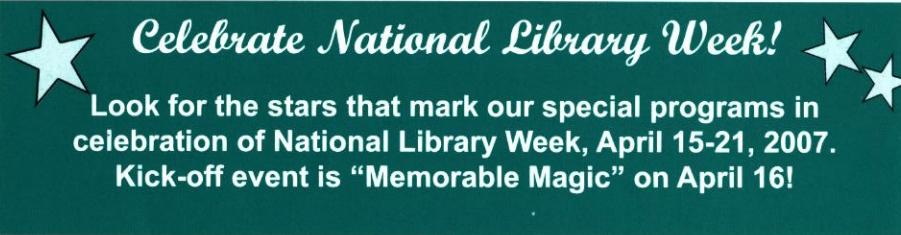
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Academy Awards Month

Enjoy our special February
showings of favorite academy
award-winning films, including:

Feb. 1:	<u>Out of Africa</u> (1985) Show at 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 6:	<u>Roman Holiday</u> (1953) Show at 2 p.m.
Feb. 13:	<u>The Apartment</u> (1960) Show at 2 p.m.
Feb. 15:	<u>Places in the Heart</u> (1984) Show at 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 21:	<u>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?</u> (1967) Show at 2 p.m.
Feb. 27:	<u>In the Heat of the Night</u> (1967) Show at 2 p.m.

March Movie

March 22: Over the Hedge (PG)
Show at 6:30 p.m.

April Movie

April 19: Cars (G)
Show at 6:30 p.m.

Pick up tickets at the Media Desk,
ext. 307. Doors open one-half hour
before show time. Free popcorn &
refreshments. Children under age 9
must be accompanied by an adult.

Clip and save

