

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Notes from the Director

It seems that each time the deadline for my column comes, I have just returned from traveling somewhere, usually for a conference. This time I had just returned from a trip to Edinburgh, Scotland where I took my oldest daughter, a junior in college, for her semester abroad. Besides doing the usual tourist attractions, I somehow managed to convince her that we had to go check out the local public library. At first she was not eager to do so until I mentioned three magical words: "free internet access".

Entering the central library had a similar feel as going into any main library in the United States. The air was that of "scholarship". Once we approached the internet scheduling desk, we were given "guest" passes and waited for the next computer terminal for our 1 hour limit. I chuckled at the form that we completed as it was very similar to the one that we use at the Dundee Township Public Library. I checked my emails and sent one to the staff to let them know I arrived safely.

The peeling paint on the walls and the cramped shelving units drew attention to the fact that larger amounts of money can be dedicated to museums, galleries and such, while libraries struggle to keep afloat. It does not matter whether one is in Scotland or in the state of California; libraries are being forced to close for lack of funding. What is in the news today as I write this column, are the Friends of the Kingsteign England Library, who took the threat of closing twelve underserved libraries seriously enough to stage a protest. What is giving this protest extra coverage (excuse the pun) is the fact that the group staged their protest in the nude behind a shelf of large-print books as they chanted, "Don't strip us of our libraries".

Libraries continue to be the "heart" of their communities no matter where you are.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season!



It's In the Bag!

Storytimes are great fun for moms and their children, but standing in line to check out books afterwards may not be.

A new procedure streamlines the checkout process. Mothers can make their selections of library materials in baskets provided for them before storytimes begin. The baskets are then placed on carts for transport upstairs via the elevator to the circulation desk where they are processed while the storytimes are still in session.

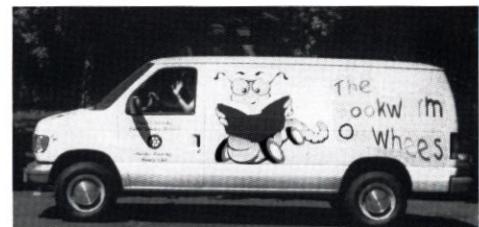
Jeanne Etling, circulation manager, said "Our moms can go upstairs after storytime where their bags of books will be ready for them." Videos and DVDs must still be checked out in person at the main desk.

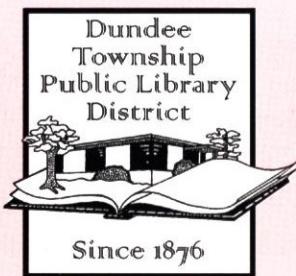
Door to Door Service: We Deliver!

Do you know anyone in our district who would like to receive our library materials, but can't come to the library?

The Dundee Township Public Library has a special outreach program, *Home Word Bound*, which delivers, at no cost, materials you select if you are unable to visit the library due to illness or other physical limitation.

Please call us at 847-428-3661, ext. 314, for further information.





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Circulation Desk	ext. 301
Children's Desk	ext. 310
Information	ext. 308
Reference	ext. 308
Media Desk	ext. 307
Public Relations	ext. 315

LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday 9 am-5:30 pm
Sunday 1 pm-4 pm**

(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.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Nov. 22, close at 5 p.m.; Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day; Dec. 24, Christmas Eve; Dec. 25, Christmas Day; Dec. 31, New Year's Eve; Jan. 1, 2007, New Year's Day



Knit One, Purl Two...Three Generations Share Time



In the photos above, instructor Nicole McClanahan of the Gifted Purl, shows Maria Nicholas, of Carpentersville, basic knitting techniques. Maria was able to help out her own daughter after only 20 minutes of instruction.

The room was filled with laughter, conversation and the click-clack of knitting needles as the library hosted its first intergenerational knitting class on Sept. 7.

Twenty-four grandmothers, daughters and granddaughters had a great time learning and helping each other while instructors from the Gifted Purl in West Dundee led beginners through the basic stitches or guided the more experienced knitters.

This class is one of a number of intergenerational programs planned throughout the year to bring families together in shared activities. Coming up in February and March is **Guys Read!**, a father-son book discussion group. (see page 4 for details).

We're Spreading the Word Online!

It is very easy to add your email address to your library account. From www.dundeelibrary.info, choose "Register for Email Notices" under the iBistro category.

Enter your library card number, your password (the default password is 'patron'), and your email address twice. It will indicate if the update went through and within an hour or so you should receive a confirming email. If not, you might try again.

What this will do

Instead of a telephone call, you will receive an email each time a reserve is available for pick-up. Plus, you will receive a courtesy notice 4 days before you have items due.

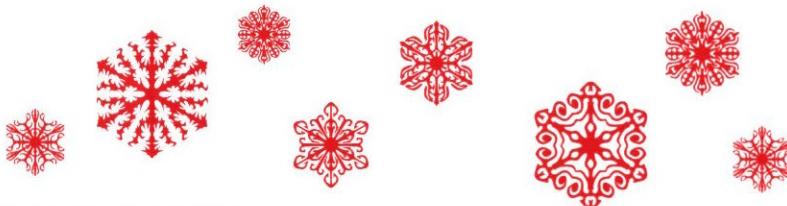
There is a link on the notice that will take you right to your library account log-in page. You may check your record and (if the item is renewable) renew your item on-line.

New Fax Service Available for Patrons

For the convenience of our patrons, a new fax service has been installed at the Circulation Desk for outgoing faxes only. Cost: \$2 for first page (including cover sheet); \$1 for additional pages. Ask at the desk for more information.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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 Building, 555 Carrington Drive.



Tremendous Twos

Bring your two-year-old to this special storytime. Child must be two by Nov. 8 and be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Register now.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 15, 22 & 29, at 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.



Our Traditional Mitten Tree

Keep some fingers warm this winter by donating new infant, child and adult mittens for the library's traditional Mitten Tree. All items will be donated to the Elgin Crisis Center.

Friday, Nov. 24-Thursday, Dec. 21

Listen and Read Along to Online **TumbleBooks**

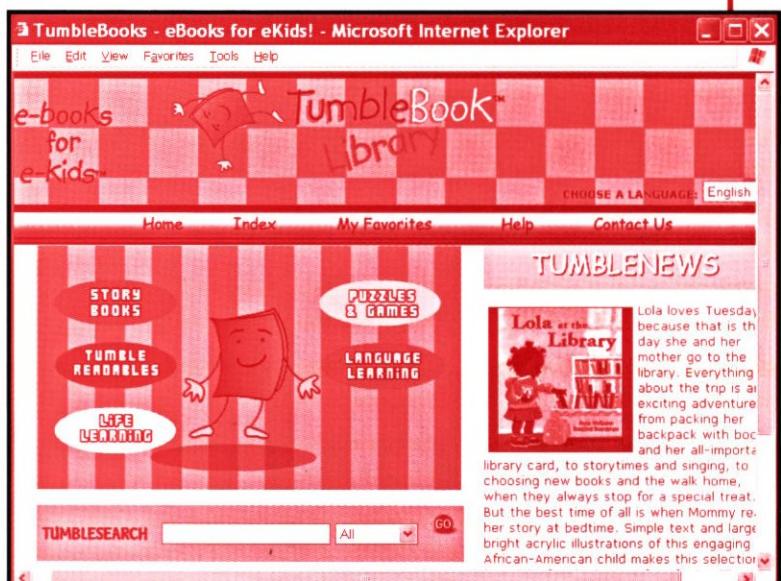
A new interactive online collection of books, games and puzzles designed to teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love, has been added to the children's department.

Called **TumbleBooks**, the collection was created by taking existing picture books, then adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an e-picture book.

Youngsters may select a book, then hear a lively reading of the story while they view the book with highlighted text on the screen. The collection contains books written in French, Chinese and Spanish as well as English and includes publishers such as Scholastic, Chronicle Books, Candlewick Press, Bridgewater Books, Walker and Company and others.

"It is designed to develop the reading skills of new and beginning readers. All they need are headphones; a user name and password are not required," said Heidi Hohman, children's department manager.

TumbleBooks is available on all of the library's public computers, and on home computers through the library's website, www.dundeelibrary.info.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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Spanish Storytime (Cuentas en Español)

Children of all ages will enjoy stories in Spanish with Maria Cataldo. No registration is required.

Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m.

Children's Holiday Special on the West Side

(preschool)

Preschoolers and their parents or caregivers will delight in stories, songs, puppets and finger plays with holiday flair. No registration is required.

Monday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II

Winter 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, Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 10:30 a.m. OR

Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:30 a.m.



The Great American Challenge (K-8)

Take the Great American Challenge! This fast-paced, buzzer-banging game show makes for group participation, learning and fun!

Student teams chosen from the audience compete on a full stage setting with all the flashing lights and sounds of a real game show. Questions will range from bodies of water and other geographical facts to civil rights history.

Everyone gets a chance to play and test his or her knowledge! Free tickets will be issued 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Monday, Jan. 15 (no school day), at 2 p.m.



It's Showtime! Movie of the Month

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

Nov. 30: It's a Wonderful Life (6 p.m.)

No rating; 129 minutes; 1946

Dec. 21: The Santa Clause (6:30 p.m.)

Rating: PG; 97 minutes, 1994

Jan. 18: Dreamer (6:30 p.m.)

Rating: PG; 105 minutes; 2005

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.

Nov. 15: The Rose Tattoo

by Tennessee Williams

Dec. 13: Annual Review of Books

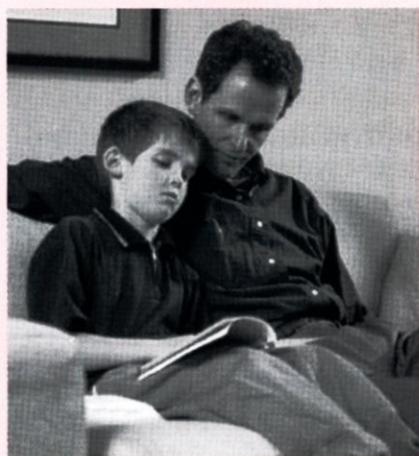
Jan. 31: TBA

Guys Read!

Dads, grab your sons and join us for our first father/son book adventure as we read, then discuss *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins, an exciting science fiction story complete with giant cockroaches.

Sons should be in 4th to 8th grades and fathers or grandfathers can be any age!

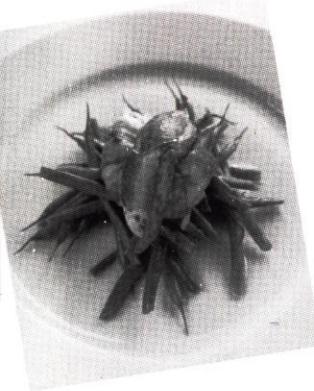
Register beginning Feb. 1 and pick up your books at the same time.



The first book discussion will be on **Thursday, Mar. 1, at 7 p.m.**

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Register at the Information Desk or call 847-428-3661, ext. 308. Please note: Some programs are held at the West Dundee Public Safety Building, 555 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.



Chef Jonathan Bean's Dazzling Holiday Appetizers

Chef Jonathan Bean, *The Chef at Large*, will prepare a variety of delicious hot and cold appetizers, then invite the audience to sample his delectable creations. Limited to 50 participants.

Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m.

Peter Fletcher's Preview of Carnegie Hall

This Saturday concert will feature classical guitarist Peter Fletcher's preview concert of his Carnegie Hall debut in February.

Saturday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.



Personal Safety Workshop

Former Chicago police officer Patrick Collins will present a personal protection program that covers how to be aware of your surroundings, pay attention to your instincts and how to improvise weapons. He will demonstrate simple techniques to ward off an attacker.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Building II



Build a Gingerbread House!

Master Chef Mike Niksic builds a gingerbread house including custom miniature lighting, collectable figures, and holiday decorations. Pick up tips on pastry bag handling, recipes and templates. One lucky person will take home the gingerbread house created during the program!

Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Building II

Preventing Identity Theft and Fraud During the Holiday Season

Cheryl Channic, Illinois State Treasurer's Office, will explain how to protect yourself from identity theft, credit card and bank fraud, warning signs of identity theft, and what to do if you become a victim. She will also search CashDASH to see if you have unclaimed property in the State of Illinois.

Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.



Part I: Mastering Your Digital Camera

Now that you've got one, learn how to use it!

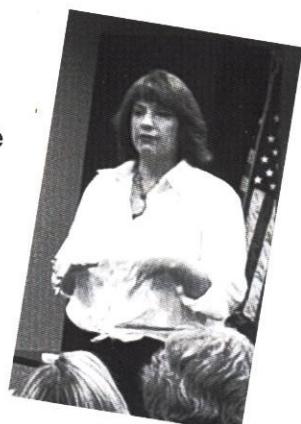
Daily Herald photojournalist George LeClaire will explain digital camera functions including: white balance, shooting modes, ISO, file format, quality control, and lighter/darker settings. Learn about media cards, card readers, and printing options. Bring your camera.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m.

Part II: Working With Digital Pictures

Larry Pepper, Pepper Photography, will demonstrate how to enhance your photos with easy-to-use digital imaging programs such as Photoshop Elements and the more complex Photoshop.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.



Julea Joseph's Color Your Home

Learn how to create color balance within your home, the basic rules of creating a color palette and how color affects personality. Back by popular demand, Julea brings her vibrant personality and designer expertise to our West Dundee audience.

Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.

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- **A-American Self Storage**, Elgin, for donating space to the Friends of the Library group to help store many of the books donated to the library for their ongoing book sale, as well as the twice-a-year sales.
- **Volunteers Nina Pregont** and her therapy dogs for making our Read-to-a Dog programs possible this quarter.
- **Larry Pepper**, outgoing president of the Friends of the Dundee Township Public Library (in photo at right), who received a certificate of appreciation from Jennifer Blessman, President, Board of Trustees, at the September meeting. Pepper has served as president for the past two years, and has spearheaded a number of successful fund-raising projects for the library, including the semi-annual used book sales.
- **Board members** who volunteered to help staff the library's booth at Heritage Fest 2006, including (in photo from left) Mary White, Cheryl Nunn-Thompson, and Carmen Barrett. A figure



of Allen Pinkerton, Pinkerton Detective Agency and Dundee's historical figure, set the tone for the booth's theme of "Remembering the Past, Discovering the Future."

- **Gallery exhibitors:** the Wayne Art League (August); Sylvia Tester (September); and Sue Clark (October).
- **Culver's of Carpentersville** for hosting story times. The next one is Thursday, Dec. 7, 6 -7:30 p.m.



What's New at the Library —

- *TumbleBooks*, an online collection of digital picture books for children
- Fax Service for patrons (outgoing only)
- Email notification for reserves and overdue materials