

# 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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## Notes from the Director

In this issue, I am pleased to report that the library's feasibility study and environmental scan have been completed and were presented to the Board of Trustees at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The architectural firm of PSA Dewberry was hired to evaluate the structural soundness of our current library building, now more than 34 years old, to predict its life span and to present options needed for future growth.

At the same time, Northern Illinois University completed an environmental scan that projected the demographic growth of our service area and obtained feedback from community members.

In a nutshell, the architectural analysis reports that our current library building can sustain only another five to ten years of successful operation before it may not be cost effective to maintain.

The NIU study projects that by 2030, the population of the library's service area will soar from its current 54,000 residents to a population of more than 88,000.

The Dundee Township Library District now covers the towns of East and West Dundee, Carpentersville, Sleepy Hollow and Gilberts, as well as parts of Algonquin, Elgin and Barrington.

In addition to these two studies by outside parties, the library conducted several internal evaluations this past year, including an in-depth staff utilization study and a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis.

With these studies in hand, the staff and the Board will continue to work on improving your library. It's exciting to think of the possibilities of what can be done to serve our communities for the future. But we need your input, too.

I encourage each of you to read the reports on our web page at [www.dundeelibrary.info/dundee/trustees.asp](http://www.dundeelibrary.info/dundee/trustees.asp) and forward your feedback to me at [etopper@nsls.info](mailto:etopper@nsls.info). We are truly interested in your comments about library services, programs and staff.

Your comments will be forwarded to the Board who will begin to discuss future planning at their retreat on July 26 and in future Board meetings.

Don't forget to stop by and see us this year at Heritage Fest, Sept. 13 and Sept. 14!

Elisa Topper, Library Director

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: Jennifer Blessman, Board President

Board president Jennifer Blessman has been a resident of Carpentersville all of her life. She's served on the Board of the Dundee Township Public Library for almost 10 years, first as an appointee in 1999, then elected to subsequent terms of office.

A 1993 graduate of Dundee Crown High School, she received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Iowa in 1996, then returned to the Fox Valley to begin her teaching career.

She received her master's degree in education from St. Xavier University in 2001. She now teaches fifth grade at Barbara Rose Elementary School in South Barrington, part of Community Unit School District 220.

While she's taught several grades from pre-school on up, Jennifer particularly enjoys the 10- to 12-year olds because at that age "they're right at the point where they are beginning to realize true independence but still need a bit of guidance," she said.

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While she likes going to Cubs' games, it's the roar of NASCAR engines and the crowd's excitement that Jennifer really enjoys, especially when No. 88, driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., is on the track. Above, she poses with his former #8 car at a NASCAR race in Joliet last year.

## FOR CHILDREN

### **Fall Storytime (preschool)**

Tuesdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16 & 23, at 10:30 a.m. or  
Wednesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 a.m.

### **Johnny Appleseed Program**

(parents/caregivers and children ages 4 years+)  
Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m.

### **Spanish Storytime**

Mondays, Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

### **South of the Border with Joel Frankel &**

**Juan Dies (families of all ages)**

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

### **NEW! Evening Storytime (preschool)**

Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m.

### **Baby Play Group**

Mondays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27, at 10 a.m.

### **Little Ones (18 months – 2 years)**

Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28, at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

### **Tremendous Twos (two year olds)**

Registration begins Monday, Oct. 20

### **Halloween Storytime (preschool)**

Monday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the West  
Dundee Public Safety Center II, or  
Wednesday, Oct. 29 or Thursday, Oct. 30, at  
10:30 a.m. at the library

## FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

### **Becoming Man's Best Friend**

Saturday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m.  
West Dundee Public Safety Center II

### **"Strollin' by the Fox" with Bill Robinson**

Saturday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m.

### **Chicago Lyric Opera Series: Porgy and Bess**

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Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.  
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Saturday, Sept. 27, 2 p.m.

### **Peter Fletcher on Tour**

Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

### **CSI Dundee: Forensic Science**

Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.

### **When an Aspirin Isn't Enough:**

**Self Care for Moms**

Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2-4 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II

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## **Jennifer Blessman, continued**

In this day and age, Jennifer feels that every teacher is faced with the complex challenges of imparting a sense of social responsibility to students.

"Giving back to my community is one reason why I chose to serve on the library's Board," explained the Carpentersville resident.

"I try to teach my students that it is important to get involved, give back to your community, and continue a lifetime of learning."

With roots in a small central Illinois town, there are several teachers in her family, including her father who recently retired from a high school teaching career, and her mother who still works at a local pre-school.

Jennifer has taken on the additional responsibility of being the student council sponsor for her South Barrington school, working with 45 representatives of the 600+ student body.

That includes coordinating activities such as Adopt-A-Family, a School Store, canned food drives, walk-a-thons, and other events to raise funds for worthy causes such as helping out the Henry O. Tanner Elementary School on the south side of Chicago.

In her spare time, you may find her at a Cubs' game or cheering on her favorite drivers at a NASCAR race. Her reading preferences these days include young adult fiction, historical novels and adventure yarns, "but definitely not fantasy."

In fact, in the midst of the Harry Potter craze, she told her students to read what they enjoyed, not "what everyone else was reading."

Blessman shares the concern of other Board members about the library's future growth in an environment of a slowing national economy. Since public libraries receive their operating budgets from a small portion of property taxes, the continuing downward trend of the housing market is not good news.

"Our Board and library staff are continually working on ways to try to meet the increasing demand for our services, especially in growth areas west of the Fox River, but with fixed and limited resources," she said. ■

*The Dundee Township Public Library was one of only three libraries in northern Illinois to receive the Abraham Lincoln's Legacy in Illinois Kits.*

*Prepared by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to celebrate bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, each kit contains four units of study: Lincoln's Biography,*

*Mary Todd Lincoln, Civil War Soldiers and Slavery in Illinois.*

*Housed in easy-to-move rolling suitcases, the kits will be available for schools and patrons to check out, beginning in September.*

**Abraham Lincoln's Legacy in Illinois**



## FOR CHILDREN

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

### Al Sur de la Frontera con Joel Frankel y Juan Dies

(para toda la familia; no importa la edad)

Celebren el Mes de la Herencia Hispana con este programa en inglés y español.

El programa es altamente interactivo y lleno de diversión.

Ofrece canciones, instrumentos, juegos malabares, narración de cuentos, y más. Los boletos son gratis y están disponibles treinta minutos antes de la función.

**El miércoles, 17 de septiembre, a las 7 de la noche.**

### Hora del Cuento en Español

Niños de todas edades gozarán los cuentos en español con Larissa DeSmet. No es necesario inscribirse. Los lunes siguientes, 15, 22, y 29 de septiembre, y 6 de octubre, a las 7 de la noche.

### Thank You, Teen Volunteers —

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Tiffany Voltz  
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Kristine Wodka

Special thanks to Pam Odgers, our Children's Department adult volunteer.

# STORYTIMES

### Fall Storytime (preschool)

Preschoolers will enjoy stories, fingerplays, puppetry, and songs. Storybook friend **Biscuit the Dog** will be on hand to meet and entertain the crowd at the fourth and final session.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16 & 23, at 10:30 a.m. or**

**Wednesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 a.m.**



### Spanish Storytime

Children of all ages will enjoy stories in Spanish with Larissa DeSmet. No registration required

**Mondays, Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.**

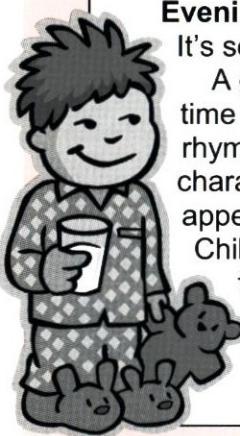
### Evening Storytime (preschool)

It's something new—a storytime at night!

A great way for busy parents to spend a special time with their children. Featured will be stories, rhymes, songs, and more. Plus, beloved book character **Biscuit the Dog** will be making an appearance, something you won't want to miss!

Children can wear their pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal and must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m.**



### Johnny Appleseed Program (children, ages 4 years+)

Johnny Appleseed, born Sept. 26, 1774, introduced the apple to large parts of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Celebrate his life with this special program. Make a craft, play games, and enjoy a story and refreshments. Registration begins Monday, Aug. 25.

**Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m.**



### South of the Border with Joel Frankel and Juan Dies

(families of all ages)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Joel Frankel and Juan Dies who will perform authentic South American rhythms and song styles. Free tickets available thirty minutes prior to performance.

**Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.**



## FOR CHILDREN

### Baby Play Group

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

**Mondays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27, at 10 a.m.**

### Little Ones (18 months – 2 years)

Enjoy 20 fun-packed minutes of puppets, stories, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 22.

**Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28, at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.**



## SHOWTIME!

### August Movies

Aug. 16 *The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep* (PG) 2 p.m.

Aug. 21 *Kite Runner* (PG-13) 6 p.m.

### September Movies

Sept. 18 *Vantage Point* (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Sept. 20 *Nancy Drew: Mystery in Hollywood Hills* (PG) 2 p.m.

### October Movies

Oct. 16 *Cloverfield* (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Oct. 18 *Snow Buddies* (G) 2 p.m.

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

## COMPUTER TRAINING FOR ADULTS

All computer classes are about two hours in duration and are held in the library's meeting room with laptop computers provided. Register at 847-428-3661, ext. 308, or online at [www.dundeelibrary.info](http://www.dundeelibrary.info). Si usted sólo habla español y quiere inscribirse, deje un mensaje al 847-428-3661, ext. 318. Favor de incluir su nombre y apellido, número de teléfono, la fecha y hora de su llamada, y qué clase(s) le interesan.

### **Mousing & Computer Basics/Ratoneando y Lo Esencial de Usar una Computadora**

(English and Spanish)

Saturday, Aug. 23, Sept. 20 or Oct. 18, at 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Keyboard Basics/Lo Esencial del Teclado**

(English and Spanish)

Monday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m., or Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Searching the Internet Effectively**

Saturday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m.

### **Buscando en la Internet de Manera Eficaz**

Martes, 30 de septiembre, a las 6:30 p.m.

### **Tremendous Twos** (child must be two by Nov. 5)

Registration begins Monday, Oct. 20.

**Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.**

### **Halloween Storytime (preschool)**

Enjoy a spooktacular storytime! Children may come in costume and join a parade through the Children's Department (Oct. 29 & 30 only). No registration required. **Monday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the West Dundee Public Safety Center, or Wednesday, Oct. 29 or Thursday, Oct. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the library**

## Dundee Library Book Club

Meets on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. or evening at 7 p.m. Call 847-428-3661, ext. 308.

Aug. 27 *World is Flat* (Thomas Friedman)  
Sept. 24 *Water for Elephants* (Sara Gruen)  
(7 p.m. meeting in the Craft Room)  
Oct. 29 *A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
(Khaled Hosseini)

## Grupo de Lectores del Valle de Fox

El grupo se reúne el último jueves de cada mes de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m.: **28 de agosto, 25 de septiembre, 30 de octubre.**

Para más información, llame Juana, 847-409-0648 ([grupo.valledefox@yahoo.com](mailto:grupo.valledefox@yahoo.com))

### **Introduction to Microsoft Word**

Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m.

### **Introducción a Microsoft Word**

Martes, 7 de octubre, a las 6:30 p.m.

Sábado, 11 de octubre, a las 2 p.m.

### **Managing Your E-Mail**

Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

### **Manejar el Correo Electrónico**

Jueves, 23 de octubre, a las 6:30 p.m.

Sábado, 25 de octubre, a las 2 p.m.

### **File and Folder Management**

Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m.

## FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS

Register at the Information Desk or call 847-428-3661, ext. 308. 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.



### Becoming Man's Best Friend

Learn to use the natural pack behavior and silent language of canines to communicate with your dog. *Peaceful Paws* founder Mary Lynne Doleys,

who works with owners of troublesome dogs nationwide, will explain *Amichien Bonding*, a simple and effective dog training approach devised by Britain's Jan Fennell.

**Saturday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m.**

**West Dundee Public Safety Center II**

### "Strollin' by the Fox" with Bill Robinson

More than 120 people gave Bill Robinson a standing ovation at his concert here last August. He's back with the exquisite sounds of the hammered dulcimer as his group plays tunes from country to classical, jazz, folk, bluegrass and contemporary music. Seating is limited so make your reservations now.

**Saturday, Aug. 23,**

**at 2 p.m.**



### Chicago Lyric Opera Series: *Porgy and Bess*

Enjoy the stories behind one of the finest American operas ever composed. Lecturer Rochelle Klapman will present the background of Gershwin's masterpiece, first performed in 1935, and play musical highlights.

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**Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m.**

**Spin the Wheel of Fortune for prizes at Heritage Fest, Sept. 13-14. Stop by our Dundee Library booth and try your luck!**

### Safety Net: Protecting Yourself Online

If you believe your computer is safe on the Internet, think again! Vernon Area Public Library's Rich Trauth, network administrator and Jill Brenner, technology librarian, present an eye-opening look at the dangers that exist online, and show you how to protect yourself.

**Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.**

**West Dundee Public Safety Center II**

### From Classical to Jazz, or *Why Does the Devil Have All the Good Notes?*

Concert lecturer Dan Maki, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, will present a program about how culture influences composers and their music. Join us for an intriguing and entertaining lecture! Two free concert tickets and lunches will be raffled off, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library*

**Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m.**

### Peter Fletcher on Tour

Award-winning classical guitarist Peter Fletcher returns to the Dundee Library stage to play works from his Carnegie Hall repertoire, as well as introduce new ones.

**Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.**



### CSI Dundee: Forensic Science

CSI Miami, watched by millions, proves that people are fascinated by forensic science. Linda Mickey, well-known mystery author, brings a team of actual forensic experts to explain what goes on during a death investigation, including an inside look at the crime labs.

**Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.**



### When an Aspirin Isn't Enough: Self Care for Moms

Take time out to recharge your energy with a program that will show you how to balance your life and its many challenges. Learn why great parenting isn't perfect.

**Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2-4 p.m.**

**West Dundee Public Safety Center II**

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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 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday** 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday** 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

(Closed Sundays until September 7, 2008)

### **MEETINGS**

**Library Board:** 2nd Monday of every month  
at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

**Friends of the Library:**  
3rd Tuesday of every month.

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Jennifer Blessman, President  
Carrie Brecke, Vice President  
Liz Gade, Treasurer  
Mary E. White, Secretary  
Cheryl Nunn-Thompson  
Lenore McDonald, Marge Skold

**DIRECTOR:** Elisa F. Topper

### **LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

Monday, Sept. 1 - Labor Day  
Sundays until September 7, 2008

## *A Special Thank You ...*

**The Friends of the Library** will host their next used book sale on Nov. 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to donate books, there's time to do your spring cleaning early!

They will accept any book in good condition (no encyclopedias or Readers Digests, please). Thanks to the students of **Dundee Crown High School** and **Jacobs High School**, the **Jewel Food Store** in West Dundee, and **A-American Storage** in Elgin for their support in recent sales.

**Thanks to Chris Cudworth of Hammer Marketing**, who provided our Summer Reading Club incentives from the businesses and organizations below:

Bristol Renaissance Faire  
Chicago Bandits  
Chicago Children's Museum  
Chicago Wolves  
Classic Cinemas  
Enchanted Castle  
Fox Valley Sports Academy  
Funway

Kohl Children's Museum  
Naper Settlement  
Navy Pier  
Notebaert Nature Museum  
Oriental Institute Museum  
Panera Bread  
Schaumburg Flyers  
Volo Auto Museum

### **Dundee Township Public Library: How to Find Us**

