

# 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

Did you know that our library serves five communities with a total of more than 54,000 individuals? And our communities are continuing to grow as people are fast discovering the "well kept secret" of life along the Fox River.

New subdivisions, affordable housing, and an improved quality of life as well as the scenic beauty continue to attract families and businesses to the Fox Valley.

In previous columns, I've shared the many ways in which the library is actively planning for and implementing change. At our December Board meeting, we retained the architectural firm of PSA Dewberry as well as consultants from the Northern Illinois University Outreach Division to conduct much needed in-depth feasibility studies to help the Board of Trustees make decisions in planning for the future of this library.

PSA Dewberry will evaluate the building's structure and give options on redesign and expansion. The NIU researchers will obtain information about our patrons and the geographic demographics, including projections into 2011 of our expanding communities on the west side of the river.

Collected data and the recommendations of the consultants will be presented to the Board with options for the future planning of the library's structure, staffing and services.

At the start of 2008, the administrative staff comprised of all library department heads will begin to work with the library Board on a long range plan that will look at programs, services and the library collection.

In this issue, we also would like you to meet those individuals who serve on the library's Board of Trustees – our committed community residents who volunteer their time and talents to help guide the library through ongoing change. In *"Someone You Should Know"*, we feature Lenore McDonald, one of the two new officials to take their seats on the seven member library Board in Spring, 2007.

Margaret Mead said it best: *"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

Special thanks to the Board of Trustees, staff and the Friends of the Library for making this library the "special" place that it is.

Elisa F. Topper, Director

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW:

### Lenore M. McDonald, Library Trustee

Elected in 2007, Trustee Lenore M. McDonald moved to East Dundee just two years ago.

But for many years, she had been a frequent user of the Dundee Township Public Library, preferring to travel out this way from her home in a near west suburb.

"I really liked the Dundee library's collection of materials and enjoyed dealing with the staff here, especially the people at the Circulation Desk," she recalled.

With friends who already lived in the area, Lenore liked the small town friendliness she experienced when she would visit. "It was like Mayberry," she commented.

Once a resident of the Fox Valley, she found her first impressions of community camaraderie well-founded, especially when the area was hit by the severe storms and flooding last year.

"I saw neighbors helping neighbors, and then reaching out to help others. Everyone pitched in," she recalled.

Born in Chicago, Lenore was raised in Augusta, Georgia, and received her bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology from Georgia Southern University in 1982. She began her career laboring at production plants making plastic for Tupperware and resins for the paint industry. She moved to Illinois to work for the NutraSweet Corporation, first as a production technician then a chemist, "making everything from pints of ice cream to vats of cheese," she recalled.



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## DUNDEE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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### FOR CHILDREN

#### Baby Play Group

Mondays, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, at 10 a.m.

#### Spanish Storytime

Thursdays, Feb. 28, March 27, at 7 p.m.

#### Hora del Cuento en Espanol

Jueves, el 28 de febrero, el 27 de marzo, 7 p.m.

#### Little Ones Storytime (18 months-2 years old)

Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, at 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

#### Read to a Dog (6-10 years old)

Monday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m.

#### Randy Korb – Frogs, Toads and Salamanders

Monday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

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

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, at 9:30 a.m.  
OR 10:30 a.m.

#### Kids & Dogs & How to be Safe

Wednesday, March 26, at 10 a.m.

#### Spring Storytime (preschool)

#### At the West Dundee Public Safety Center II:

Tuesdays, Feb. 12, March 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m.

#### At the Library:

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, at 10:30 a.m.

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 13-19

#### Meet Corduroy the Bear!

Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16  
at 10:30 a.m.

#### Marimbamania!

Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m.

### FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

#### Crazy for Chocolate!

Thursday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

#### "A Visit with Mrs. Lincoln"

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

#### National Heart Month: Do You Have Rhythm?

Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

#### Academy of Irish Music

Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m.

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#### Chicago Lyric Opera Lecture

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West Dundee Public Safety Center II

### Lenore M. McDonald (continued from page 1)

Whether it was food or chemical, her heavy-duty industrial background served her well when she was hired by the Lockheed Martin Corporation in 2000 as a contract employee of the Federal Aviation Association (FAA).

Lockheed Martin is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced technology systems, products and services. Major customers include the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. federal government agencies.

Based in Des Plaines, Lenore is a safety and health trainer who provides training for the FAA technicians servicing equipment for air traffic controllers in 17 states. "I travel from Albuquerque, New Mexico and up to Fargo, North Dakota, with every state in between," she said. She also coordinates the training courses the technicians may need for their jobs.

She is a frequent visitor to the library, preferring humor as her favorite genre, and enjoys authors like Janet Evanovich, Joan Hess and Robert B. Parker. She also enjoys riding her bike and getting together with friends.

She sees a bright future for the library and recognizes the need for expanding services on the west side of the Fox River to serve the population growth. "I also hope my background in safety and health issues will be useful as the Board develops the long range plan that looks at programs, services and the library's collection," she said.

Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the library's lower level meeting room and are open to the public.



### AARP Tax-Aide Offers Free Tax Help On Site

You'll see some familiar faces back again as the library hosts the AARP Tax-Aide program on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 7 through April 10. The program provides free tax preparation and assistance services to seniors as well as low-and middle-income taxpayers.

Volunteer counselors like the crew from last year, (photo above), will be available to complete basic income tax forms and answer your tax questions. Appointments are required. Call 847-428-3661, ext. 308. Tax forms are also available at the Information Desk.





## FOR CHILDREN

Register in the Children's Department in person, by phone at 847-428-3661, ext. 310, or online at [www.dundeelibrary.info](http://www.dundeelibrary.info). Unless otherwise noted, tickets to events are free. Some programs are held at the West Dundee Public Safety Center II, 100 Carrington Avenue.

### Baby Play Group

Let your baby play with the toys and books while you socialize with other parents. The group meets the first Monday of the month through April. No registration is required.

**Mondays, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, at 10 a.m.  
Library**

### Spanish Storytime

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

**Thursdays, Feb. 28, March 27, at 7 p.m.  
Library**

### Hora del Cuento en Espanol

Ninos de todas gozaran los cuentos en espanol con Larissa DeSmet. No es necesario inscribirse.

**Los jueves, el 28 de febrero y el 27 de marzo, a las 7 de la noche. (La biblioteca)**

### Little Ones Storytime (18 months-2 years old)

Join us for 20 fun-packed minutes of puppets, stories, nursery rhymes and fingerplays. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Register beginning Monday, Jan. 21.

**Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, at 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.  
Library**

### Read to a Dog (6-10 years old)

Read out loud to trainer Nina Pregont and her story-loving dog. Reservations are limited and are made for a 15-minute session per child. Register beginning Monday, Feb. 4.

**Monday, Feb. 18 (no school day), at 10 a.m.  
Library**

### Randy Korb – Frogs, Toads and Salamanders (Kindergarten and up)

Randy will bring a variety of amphibians including Snappy the salamander. Children can experience native frogs, toads and salamanders by holding, feeding and listening to them. All children will get a chance to hold frogs from spring peepers to big bullfrogs. Free tickets given out 30 minutes prior to program.

**Monday, Feb. 18 (no school day), at 2 p.m.  
Library**

### Reminder: Reading Patch Club

If your child is in grades 3-8, there's still time to earn reading patches during the school year. Each patch is earned by reading ten books of one genre. Sign up now and read!

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

Special storytime series. Child must be two by March 5. Register beginning Monday, Feb. 18.

**Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, at 9:30 a.m.  
OR 10:30 a.m. / Library**

### Spring Storytime (preschool)

Preschoolers will enjoy stories, fingerplays, puppetry and songs. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

**At the West Dundee Public Safety Center II:**

**Tuesdays, Feb. 12, March 18, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Monday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m.**

**At the Library:**

**Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, at 10:30 a.m.**



Above, Nina Pregont and Noble, the therapy dog, make a new friend at a recent dog safety class.

### Kids and Dogs and How to be Safe (parents, children, dog lovers)

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 required.

**Wednesday, March 26, at 10 a.m.  
Library**



## FOR CHILDREN

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 13-19

**"Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library"**

#### ***For the younger ones: Meet Corduroy, the Bear***

Attend Spring Storytime during National Library Week and meet the famous bear, CORDUROY! No registration is required. This beloved storybook character will be at the following storytime sessions:

**Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. Library**



#### ***For the entire family: Marimbamania!***

Marimbaman David Hall brings 20 years of experience to this unique program of music from around the world. The audience can sing, dance and clap along as he performs selections from South America, Mexico, Africa, Germany and the USA on authentic marimbas and xylophones. Free tickets given out 30 minutes prior to program.

**Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m. Library**

## COMPUTER TRAINING FOR ADULTS

*All computer classes are held in the library's meeting room with laptop computers provided by the library. Register in person, at 847-428-3661, ext. 308, or online at [www.dundee.library.info](http://www.dundee.library.info).*

#### **Manejar el Correo Electronico**

**Sabado, 2 de febrero, a las 10 a.m.**

#### **Computer Basics & Mousing for the Beginner**

**Wednesday, Feb. 6, Saturday, March 1 &**

**Tuesday, March 4, at 2 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, Feb. 6, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Intro to Microsoft Word: Formatting Your Resume**

*(Bring your resume data to class.)*

**Wednesday, February 20, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.**

#### **File and Folder Management**

**Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Keyboarding**

**Monday, March 24, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

**Managing Your E-Mail** *(You must have an active Yahoo E-Mail Classic account. If not, contact David Caravella, ext. 308, for help in setting one up no later than the day before class)*

**Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m.**

**Monday, April 7, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Searching the Internet: Health Resources**

Workshop will focus on consumer health resources, including the new Health-E Illinois database to find local healthcare services. A list of useful health and wellness web sites will be provided.

**Monday, April 21, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

**Special thanks** to all the generous donors who gave items to the Children's Department's Mitten Tree. The giving almost doubled that of last year, with 524 mittens, scarves, hats and gloves going to the Elgin Crisis Center on Dec. 21. **Thanks also to** our volunteers Mary Lamp, Pam Odgers, Nina Pregont and her dogs, Noble and Valiant, Maria Cataldo and Larissa DeSmet for giving of their time and talents to the library last year.

**The library Board and staff extends their condolences** to the family of Pat Ostewig, who died unexpectedly before Christmas. Pat was a former Board member from 1991 to 2001, serving as its president from 1995-1997, and vice president from 1999-2000. She was also a member of the library's Foundation.

Pat lived in West Dundee, and taught at the River Street Art Center, The Fine Line, and chaired the Art Department at Dundee-Crown High School before retiring in 2005.



## FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS

Register at the Information Desk, call 847-428-3661, ext. 308, or online at [www.dundeelibrary.info](http://www.dundeelibrary.info). 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.

### Crazy for Chocolate!

Back by popular demand just in time for Valentine's Day, pastry chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate how to melt chocolate safely, create elaborate garnishes and candies, even make a quick mousse. Samples provided! Limited seating: register soon.  
**Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. Library**



### "A Visit with Mrs. Lincoln— April, 1865"

Experience the life of Mary Todd Lincoln as portrayed by historical impersonator Valerie Gugala. Follow Mary's childhood in Kentucky, her fateful meeting with young Abe Lincoln, and her path to the White House.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. Library**

### National Heart Month: Do You Have Rhythm?

Arrhythmias are disorders of the rhythmic beat of the heart or abnormal heart rhythm. Learn about a new procedure, *arrhythmia ablation*, that may eliminate the need for and lifelong dependency on blood thinner medications and their negative side effects. Registration required. Call Alexian Connects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).  
**Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. Library**



### Academy of Irish Music

Enjoy traditional Irish music performed by students from the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago on flute, whistle, bodhran, fiddle, viola and cello. The Center is featured each year at Chicago's Celtic Fest and Milwaukee's Irish Fest.

**Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m. Library**

### Stamping Magic

Create your own unique greeting cards as Laura Perry, a *Stampin' Up!* demonstrator, leads a workshop on this fun craft. She'll bring supplies and share special techniques. Materials fee: \$10, due at time of registration at the Circulation Desk.  
**Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. Library**

### Chicago Lyric Opera Lecture

#### Series: Barber of Seville

This program relates the stories behind the operas being presented this season. Saturday's discussion focuses on the story of the Barber of Seville and includes musical highlights.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

**Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. Library**



### Free Arthritis Screening

Daniel Kuesis, M.D., a hip and knee specialist, will be available for arthritis, hip or knee pain screening. Please wear shorts or T-shirt depending on problem area. Appointment required: call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426)  
**Tuesday, April 1, from 4-7 p.m. Library**

### Searching the Internet: Health Resources

Workshop will focus on consumer health resources, including the new Health-E Illinois database and a list of useful web sites. Laptops will be provided. Registration is required and limited to 14 participants.

**Monday, April 21, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Library**

### Best of Broadway

Always a great show, Bill and Susan Goodman keep bringing Broadway to the Dundee Library! Enjoy some of your favorite tunes.

**Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. Library**



### Travel Safe, Travel Smart

The odds are that one in four people will become a victim of a street crime while traveling abroad. International travel experts Gail and Al Popowits will teach strategies for steering around potentially dangerous situations.

**Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. West Dundee Public Safety Center II**



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## Spring 2008

### LIBRARY INFORMATION

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**WEB:** [www.dundeeilibrary.info](http://www.dundeeilibrary.info)

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| Administration   | ext. 314 |
| 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

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| Monday-Thursday | 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.    |
| Friday-Saturday | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday          | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.    |

### BOARD MEETINGS

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

### 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

March 21, 2008 — Close at noon



*Advance free tickets are available at the AV/Media Desk. Audience is limited to 80. Call ext. 307 for information.*

*Doors open one-half hour before show time. Free popcorn & refreshments.*

*Note: Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.*

## It's Showtime!

**Stardust** PG13 127 minutes  
Saturday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.

**Enjoy a film nominated for an Oscar. Check our website or call ext. 307 for the title on:**

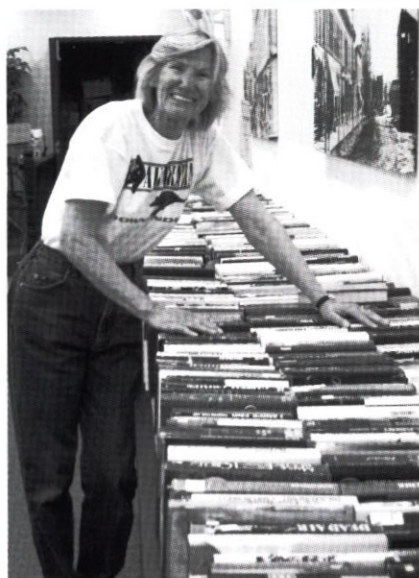
Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m.  
Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m.

**Transformers** PG13 144 minutes  
Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m.

**Bee Movie** PG 90 minutes  
Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

**Enchanted** PG 107 minutes  
Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m.

**Gone Baby Gone** R 114 minutes  
Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m.



## We're Ready!

*Organizing thousands of books for easy browsing is no simple task, but Friends of the Dundee Library, like vice-president Eleanor Mamayek (photo left), have been at it for months!*

*Their Gigantic Spring Used Book Sale will be held on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library's meeting room.*

*Come early for the best selection of materials.*

**Spring Gigantic  
Used Book Sale**