

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, 2009

News Notes —

■ An executive search has begun to replace Elisa Topper, who resigned as director of the Dundee Township Public Library, announced Board of Trustees President Jennifer Blessman.

Topper, who has been the library's director since 2003, left in January to pursue a writing career in the library field.

"We wish Ms. Topper well in her new endeavor and appreciate the many contributions she has made to the Dundee Library over the past five years," said Blessman.

■ The library will offer another new service soon called *E-Pay*, a program through the state of Illinois that will allow our patrons to pay fines by credit card via www.dundeelibrary.info. Cards which will be accepted are American Express, Discover, Master Card and Visa. There will be no additional fees charged for this service, which will be available in mid-March.

■ Patrons may now send their print jobs to the library's printers from home or other remote location by logging in to the library's website. After a job is sent, it can be picked up at the library. A print card must still be purchased. Prices for a full-color printout are \$1 per page; black-and-white copies are \$.10. For more information, visit www.dundeelibrary.info.

■ **We Celebrate Abraham Lincoln**

The Dundee Township Public Library was one of only 40 libraries in Illinois to receive the ***Abraham Lincoln Legacy Kits*** in honor of Lincoln's birth 200 years ago. These are available to educators now. See details on page 4.

As part of the nation's celebration in 2009, the library will host special programs each quarter to commemorate the life and lessons of this unique and beloved president.

On Feb. 16, the Children's Department will host "*Honest Abe: A Musical Melodrama for Young Audiences*," beginning at 7 p.m.

Then on April 6, Dr. Clarice Boswell will present a fascinating look at pre-Civil War quilts and how their hidden codes helped slaves on their journey to freedom. For more information on these or any programs, call 847-428-3661, ext. 308.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: Carrie Brecke, Library Trustee

With a son named after Dashiell Hammett, the popular author of detective novels and short stories, it's obvious that Trustee Carrie Brecke has a deep and life-long love of books, reading and words.

The East Dundee resident has found many ways to nurture those passions over the years. As a Dundee Township Public Library trustee for the past decade, Carrie has helped shape the destiny of a library that serves more than 54,000 residents of Dundee Township.

A Roosevelt University faculty member, Carrie is also the Director of Roosevelt's Writing Center, a position that gives her great personal and professional satisfaction. A venture she spearheaded three years ago, it offers writing support for students, faculty and members of the university community--basically, for anyone who would like to become a better writer.

As director, she trains and supervises undergraduate and graduate student tutors who offer help with any writing task, including

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Carrie delights in collecting pop-up books, including the exquisite work of author Robert Sabuda. "It gives me an excuse to save them for my future grandchildren," she laughed. In photo, she holds a pop-up book that once belonged to her uncle.

Her favorite authors include Toni Morrison, Ann Patchett as well as Jane Austin.

DUNDEE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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FOR CHILDREN

STORYTIMES

Spring Storytime (*preschool*)

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. OR
Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Storytime (*preschool*)

Monday, April 13, 7 p.m.
(West Dundee Public Safety Center II)
Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m. (Library)

Spanish Storytime (*all ages*)

Monday, March 2, Apr.6, 6:30 p.m.

Hora del Cuento en Español

Los lunes, el 2 de marzo, el 6 de abril, a las 6:30 p.m.

Baby Play Group

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10 a.m.

Little Ones (*18 months - 2 years*)

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

Honest Abe: A Musical Melodrama

(*kindergarten and up and adults*)

Monday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Tremendous Twos (*two-year-olds*)

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

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

Monday, March 23 (no school), 10 a.m.

Who's Who of Owls? (*kindergarten and up*)

Friday, March 27 (no school), 2 p.m.

FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Alternative Medicine and Vitamins

Monday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

Chicago Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.

Mardi Gras Feast with Chef Mike Niksic!

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Weight Loss 101

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II

Academy of Irish Music

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A Pioneer Naturalist on the Plains

Monday, March 23, 7 p.m.

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Saturday, April 4, 2-4 p.m.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Hidden Codes

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.

Elderhostel: Are You Ready for Adventure?!

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West Dundee Public Safety Center II

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Computer Classes—Complete listing on page 4

Carrie Brecke, Library Trustee (continued from page 1)

academic essays, research papers, proposals, business or professional writing and lab reports

"It's such a positive thing to help people learn how to write," she said. "I feel that we do good things all the time." Carrie also teaches English and Women's and Gender Studies at Roosevelt, adding that her personal philosophy fits in well with Roosevelt's mission of social justice to "change the world to be a better place."

At age 21, Carrie moved to Chicago from Coos Bay, Oregon, to raise her family, including son Dashiell, now 27, and daughter Anika, 24.

At 30, she returned to school, where she received a master's in English studies in 1994 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She became an adjunct professor there and also at Roosevelt University, where she was asked to create a writing center in 2005.

Though today finds her thousands of miles away from the rugged beauty of the Oregon coast, she did not leave her appreciation and enjoyment of nature behind.

Still an avid camper, hiker and kayaker, she and her long-time friend, Marsha Walker, enjoy the outdoors, and return each year to Coos Bay to reconnect with family.

She's also close to finishing her first novel, a gothic psychological thriller she started writing three years ago. "It's set in an old, spooky house...and that's all I'm going to tell you," she laughed.

She acknowledges that the library is not immune to the ongoing economic crises facing the nation. "We're in a tight spot – we will have less money to do more. While we realize the need to expand both our services and provide adequate space to offer these services, we know we can't pass that on to our taxpayers," she stated.

The challenge will be to maintain the current level of services in creative ways. "Instead of thinking big, we must come up with unique ways to do more and serve our community's needs in better ways," she said.

Transitions are stressful, but positive, she said. "You can't make progress without change. We see this time as an opportunity to grow, re-examine the ways we do things as a part of the vision for the future, and perhaps, become a better library than we have been in the past," she concluded.

AARP Tax-Aide Offers Free Tax Help

The AARP's Tax-Aide program begins at the library on Thursday, Feb. 5, and will continue through April 9. The program provides free tax preparation and assistance services to seniors as well as low-and middle-income taxpayers.

Volunteer counselors 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 or online at www.irs.gov.



FOR CHILDREN

Register in the Children's Department in person, by phone at 847-428-3661, ext. 310, or online at 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 Drive.

STORYTIMES

Spring Storytime (preschool)

Enjoy stories, songs and more just for the preschool set! Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration is required.

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.

OR

Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Storytime (preschool)

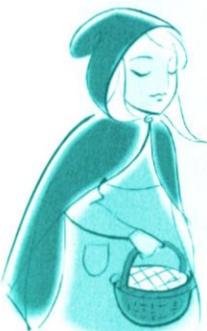
Enjoy stories, songs and more at night! Children are encouraged to come in their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed friend. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. No registration is required.

Monday, April 13, 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center

Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Library



All Storytime sessions during the week of April 12 will be held in celebration of **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** and will include a special appearance by storybook characters **Little Red Riding Hood and Friend!**

Spanish Storytime (all ages)

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

Monday, March 2, Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m.

Hora del Cuento en Español

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

Los lunes, el 2 de marzo, el 6 de abril, a las 6:30 de la noche.

Baby Play Group

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

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 10 a.m.

Little Ones (18 months - 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. Registration is now taking place.

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

Honest Abe: A Musical Melodrama for Young Audiences

(kindergarten and up and adults)

Presented by Face to Face Productions

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday and experience key moments in his life. Free tickets available at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.



Larger-Than-Life Lincoln

Above, Gail Simons, children's assistant, puts the finishing touches on a wall mural that she created to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. Done in acrylic, the 50+ ft. mural depicts significant events in his life, from his birth in a log cabin to his service as the president of our country.

Tremendous Twos (two-year-olds)

Bring your two-year-old to this special storytime. Child must be two by March 4. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 16.

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog (6-10 years old)

Read aloud to Robin Seigle and her certified therapy dog, Toby, a Tibetan Terrier. Sessions are 10 minutes per child. Registration in person or by phone begins Monday, March 9. **Monday, March 23 (no school), 10 a.m.**

FOR CHILDREN



Who's Who of Owls? (kindergarten and up)

Join ornithologist Mark Spreyer and live owls from the Stillman Nature Center. He reveals the truth about North American owls. Free tickets available at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, March 27 (no school), 2 p.m.

READING PATCH CLUB IS BACK AGAIN!

Children may sign up to earn reading patches during the school year. The program has been expanded to include preschoolers through 2nd graders along with 3rd through 8th graders. To earn a patch, young readers need to read or have read to them 20 books; 3rd graders through 8th graders need to read 10 books. More details are available at the Children's Desk or by calling 428-3661, ext. 310.

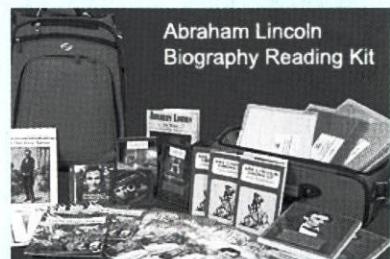
Lincoln Legacy Learning Kits Now Available for Illinois Educators

In 2009, we celebrate the 200th birthday of one of our most beloved presidents, Abraham Lincoln. The Dundee Township Public Library is one of only 40 libraries throughout the state that was awarded a set of the Lincoln Legacy Learning Kits, a resource designed to bring the lessons of Lincoln to the children of Illinois.

Available to educators and targeted to grades 5-8, four contained units of study about Lincoln are provided: *Abraham Lincoln Biography Reading Kit*, *Mary Todd Lincoln Kit*, *Civil War Soldiers Kit* and *Slavery in Illinois*.

Created by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, each kit contains a teacher resource CD, laminated documents and historic images, reproduction artifacts, music from the time period, and age appropriate books. Each kit will be available for a two-week loan period, and must be checked out in person at the Dundee Township Public Library.

At right are two of the kits available for classroom use. Call 847-428-3661, ext. 310, for more information, or visit www.alincolnlibrary.org/education/lincoln_legacy.html to see the full description of each unit.



Abraham Lincoln
Biography Reading Kit



Slavery in Illinois Kit

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 by the library. Register at 847-428-3661, ext. 308, or online at 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 interesa.

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

(English and Spanish)
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.
Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.

File and Folder Management

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.

Introducción a Microsoft Word

Sábado, 28 de febrero, 10 a.m.

Managing Your E-Mail

Wednesday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.

Keyboard Basics/Lo Esencial del Teclado (English and Spanish)

Wednesday, March 18, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Manejar el Correo Electrónico

Sábado, 28 de marzo, 10 a.m.

Buscando en la Internet de Manera Eficaz

Sábado, 18 de abril, 10 a.m.

Searching the Internet Effectively

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS

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

Alternative Medicine and Vitamins

Patrick Massey, M.D., medical director of Complementary and Alternative Medicine at Alexian Brothers, provides the latest medical information on dietary supplements and herbs.

Monday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.



Chicago Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Denny Hayes presents operas Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci, including musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.

Mardi Gras Feast with Chef Mike Niksic!

Check out the making of the finest Jambalaya recipe ever! Tasting includes Jambalaya, Cajun rice and black beans. Celebrate Cajun style with a great "Naw Lins" dish. *Mardi Gras* is Feb. 24.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Weight Loss 101: Naturally & Permanently

Learn how you can stop getting in your own way by not "turning on" the fat storage process in your body. Shift focus to specific aspects of your health and weight loss becomes a side effect.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II



Academy of Irish Music

Enjoy traditional Irish music performed by students from the Irish American Heritage Center, featured each year at Chicago's Celtic Fest and Milwaukee's Irish Fest. A lively and entertaining show!

Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

A Pioneer Naturalist on the Plains

David Bartholomew presents the diary of his grandfather, Elam, a farmer/naturalist who collected and identified the causes of many plant diseases found on the plains, and who detailed the everyday life of a pioneer family.

Monday, March 23, 7 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II

Know the Score!

Know your credit score and what it means. Roger Searle, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, presents information about credit scores and reports, and how to improve them.

Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m.



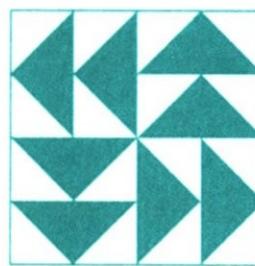
Adult Day Care Services

What do you do when an adult family member can't be left alone? Representatives from *Cherished Place* in West Dundee, sponsored by the Lutheran Life Communities, will present an overview of adult day care, including financial resources available.

Saturday, April 4, 2-4 p.m.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: How Their Hidden Codes Helped Slaves to Freedom

Quilts sewn by slave women prior to the Civil



War often carried secret messages to help slaves flee to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Clarice Boswell, Ed.D., shows how coded pictures aided slaves on their journey in this fascinating lecture.

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.

Elderhostel: Are You Ready for an Adventure?

Elderhostel Ambassador Roger Loeffler introduces the nation's largest educational travel organization for adults 55+, with more than 8,000 educational tours in 50 states and 90 countries.

Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m.

West Dundee Public Safety Center II

North Central "O" Gaugers Hold Special Train Run at the Dundee Library

Visitors of all ages will enjoy the sights and sounds of an interactive operating model train layout when the NCOG model railroaders rumble through the Dundee Library.

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 - 4 p.m.

No reservations needed.

(Open House)



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LIBRARY INFORMATION

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FAX: 847-428-0521
WEB: www.dundeelibrary.info**

**Phone Access to Your Account:
847-590-8706**

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

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 each 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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

2009 LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, April 10, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday

**Spring Used Book Sale:
May 15 & 16, 2009**



It's Showtime!

**Thursday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
Ghost Town (PG-13) 102 minutes**

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.
Speed Racer (PG) 135 minutes**

**Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m.
Iron Man (PG-13) 126 minutes**

**Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m.
Kung Fu Panda (PG) 92 minutes**

**Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m.
Get Smart (PG-13) 110 minutes**

**Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.
Igor (PG) 87 minutes**

Book Discussions at the Library

Dundee Library Book Club: Meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. or evening at 7 p.m. Call 847-428-3661, ext. 308.

Feb. 25 *Gardens of water: a novel*, by Alan Drew
Mar. 25 *Thank you for smoking*, by Christopher Buckley
Apr. 29 *Loving Frank: a novel*, by Nancy Horan

Grupo de Lectores del Valle de Fox: El grupo se reune el jueves 26 de febrero y marzo, y 29 de abril de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m. El grupo se fundó en parte para animar a más personas a participar en la superación personal. Para más información, llame Juana, 847-409-0648 (grupo.valledefox@yahoo.com)

Special Thanks To ... All the generous donors who gave items to the **Mitten Tree**. Ten bags were donated to the **Elgin Crisis Center** on Dec. 22....To **A-American Self Storage, Elgin**, for their gift of \$500 to the library and their donation of a storage unit each year to the **Friends of the Library**...To the **Friends of the Library** for their successful book sale in October. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library and welcome book donations.