



Dundee Township Library

NEWS

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SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

A whole summer of fun and learning is lined up at the Dundee Township Library's Children's Department.

Reading is Tremendous is the theme of this summer's reading club, which runs from June 12 through July 31.

Preschoolers through 2nd graders must read (or have read to them) 20 library books. Children 3rd grade and older must read 10 books. Those who finish the program are eligible to participate in a drawing for gift certificates from local stores and attractions.

Backyard Storytime- Tuesdays June 27 through July 25, 10:30; preschool through 2nd grade.

Kids' Night Out- Thursday June 29, 7:00; all ages. Featured will be the Pegasus Puppet Players.

Kids' Flea Market- Friday July 14, 10:00 to 2:00; all ages. *Registration required.* (Rain date, July 15).

Starlab Traveling Planetarium- Wednesday July 19, 7:30; 1st grade and up. *Registration required.*

Litter Bags and Lunch Bags- Decorate a canvas lunch bag and go on a "Trash Treasure Hunt," Thursday July 20, 2:00; 3rd grade and up. *Registration required.*

Tremendous Trees Craft- Wednesday July 26, 10:30 or 1:30; Four-year-olds through 2nd grade. *Registration required.*

Picnic Under the Trees
4:30 or 6:30; for children who Club and their families. Featured Phyllis Horst and a drawing for supper. Dessert will be *Registration required.*



Thursday August 3, finish Summer Reading will be storyteller prizes. Bring a sack furnished.

Stories about fire safety read by community fire personnel- Saturday June 17, 10:00. Families invited.



Comings & Goings

Two retiring members of the library's Board of Trustees were honored at the April meeting.

Mike Buhrmann's eight-year tenure on the board included five years as president. He also served as vice-president and as a member of the planning committee.

Ten years of **Tom Painter**'s total of fourteen were spent as board treasurer. He was also active on the computer committee and in revising the library's mission statement.

Thanks to both of you for your many contributions to the library and to the people of the community!

Welcome to new board members **Leo Severson** and **Kevin Cross**.

Also installed was incumbent member **Keith Bergstrom**.

Seek and Ye Shall Find Trustee **Keith Bergstrom**, search committee chairperson, reports that the board's efforts to secure a new library director are well underway.

The process was initiated shortly after the board accepted the resignation of **Paul Mechtenberg**, current director. Mechtenberg's resignation was tendered at the January board meeting and becomes effective on June 30, 1995.



YOUth MATTER

If you think you've read all the young adult paperbacks, better check again. At least one hundred titles have been added in recent weeks. For example,

- ◆ *The Man from the Other Side* by Uri Orlev
- ◆ *Like Some Kind of Hero* by Jan Marino
- ◆ *If This Is Love, I'll Take Spaghetti* by Ellen Conford
- ◆ *A Time to Love* by Carin Baker
- ◆ *Sunset Embrace* by Cherie Bennett
- ◆ *Lucas Gets Hurt* by Katherine Applegate
- ◆ *Thoroughbred* by Joanna Campbell

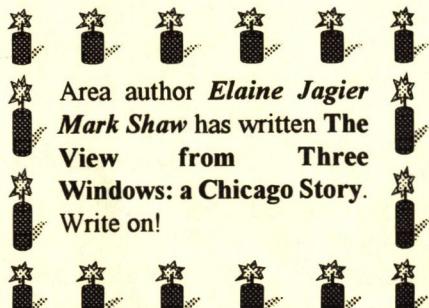
DISKover this

Appearing this summer will be 2 new computer multimedia stations in the Adult area. They can help you write a report, draft a resume, learn to type, play an educational game, and hear & see an encyclopedia article.

Watch for a new computer in the Children's Department in early fall.

This IBM-compatible equipment was purchased by the Friends of the Library, and is intended to introduce patrons to the world of CD-ROMS and computers. There are plans to add more CD-ROM titles for both in-house use and circulation.

Thanks, friends!



Area author *Elaine Jagier*
Mark Shaw has written *The*
View from Three
Windows: a Chicago Story.
 Write on!

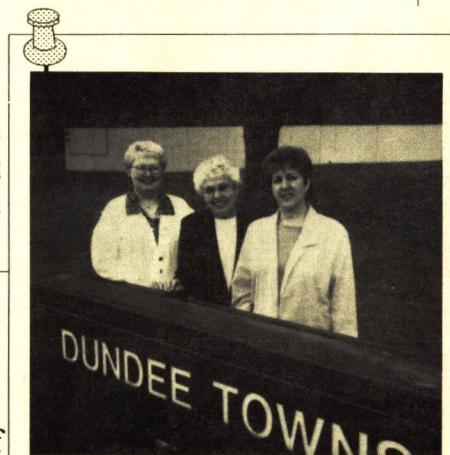
50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Three employees were honored at the April board meeting for a combined half-century of service to the library.

Dorothy Kort (center) was recognized for twenty-five years. She currently works in the technical processing department and is famous for the *wonderful* homemade apple pies she brings in every year for her birthday. How she manages to keep them warm on a cold day in mid January remains a mystery!

Kathy Sommers (right), also a technical processing staffer, was cited for fifteen years of service. She prepares new books for circulation, orders supplies, and performs other clerical duties too numerous to mention!

Head of circulation, **Dee Wedge** (left), began working on August 15, 1985. During the past decade, she has been a part of many technology changes resulting in the current automated check-out procedure.



From the Friends...

Carol Grom, president of the Friends of the Library, reports that this spring's membership drive was its most successful ever. An extra incentive to sign up was provided by a painting donated by local artist **Howard Gathman**. Congratulations to the winner of the drawing, **Diane English**!

In addition to the three computers for the library (see story this page), the Friends have purchased 5,000 plastic book bags for use in toting home library materials. The bags have been especially appreciated during the recent rainy spring days!

Besides all this, the Friends present many entertaining and informative programs throughout the year.

Although the group does not meet formally during the summer, they'd like to remind readers to keep an eye out for gift-type books suitable for the annual holiday book auction.

The next regular meeting of the Friends of the Dundee Township Library will be Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30. (Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at the library.) Membership is only \$5.00 a person. New faces are always welcome. After all, you can never have too many friends!

A Few Parting Words by Paul Mechtenberg

I've been asked to recall and reminisce on some of the milestones the Library has made over the past twenty-four years while I've been head librarian. Such a tall task is daunting and fraught with the fear that I would surely overlook something.

Instead I'd like to reflect on just a few events, and what the future of the library may be as I see it.

The new library building in 1975 was clearly the highlight of my career here and the culmination of a process started in the 1950's. Over the next fifteen years, the building continued to demand my attention as additions and remodeling took place.

Before the last remodeling job was completed, automation began and that will slowly make the facilities obsolete. Automation, which started in the 1980's with circulation, will soon include the card catalog, periodical indexing, on-line searching, CD-ROM products, the Internet, and more. But I rest assured that the book will still be with us for a long time to come.

But more than anything it's the people that give the library its character. The trustees giving it vision and guidance; the staff providing assistance and enthusiasm; and the library users taking advantage of all its services and asking for more.

Since I began working in public libraries in the 1960's, I've heard predictions that technology or private institutions will make the public library obsolete. I no longer believe that. People come to the library for books and information as well as entertainment. The Dundee Township Library provides that without a lot of costly frills. At the dedication of the new building in 1975, I urged the people to use the building and its services. That still holds true. I know that I will continue using the library.

SUMMER HOURS

Besides heralding picnic season, Memorial Day weekend signals a slight change in hours at the library.

During the summer months the Dundee Library will be **closed on Sundays**. Otherwise, the schedule remains the same.

See box below.



As a reminder, the library will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4**, in observance of our nation's 219th birthday.

A New Face

The Audio-Visual Dept. has added a new staff member, **Christian Long**. He's on duty on Mondays and Wednesdays.

SUMMER HOURS

MONDAY through THURSDAY - 9:00 to 9:00; FRIDAY and SATURDAY - 9:00 to 5:30
CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4

THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU

West Dundee Fire Department for the fire safety center in the Children's Department; and

Dundee-Crown High School Art Club, Backyard Garden Club, Harriet Coffelt, & Girl Scout Troop #539 for the beautiful Easter decorations; and

IRS volunteer **Virginia Gregg**, who spent three half days in the library answering last-minute tax questions.

DIRECTOR: Paul Mechtenberg

TRUSTEES: Patricia Ostevig (President), Keith Bergstrom (Vice-President), Susan Kotleba (Secretary), Richard Sisler (Treasurer), Dorothy Carrigan, Leo Severson, and Kevin Cross

EDITOR: Marilyn Foley

We've Got Your Number

(well, not always)

Once upon a time, a deserving patron failed to get the book he'd reserved. He wondered if it had fallen into a deep dark hole, never to be retrieved.

Alas, human error and computer glitches can and do occur. The most likely reason for this tragedy, however, was that our hero failed to notify the library when he changed his phone number.

The abbreviated greetings on many answering machines today make it difficult (if not impossible) to determine whether the correct person has been reached.

Take heart, dear reader. Our friend could be curled up with his favorite book if he had remembered these magic words: *Please alert the library if you change your name, address, or phone number!*

The moral of this sad tale? If we don't get your number, you may not get your book.

And we do want everyone to live happily ever after!

The End

THEY ART TALENTED

Decorating the walls of the freshly-painted staff room are works of art by three library employees: **Theresa Darby** (children's), **Gail Simon** (audio-visual), and **Cheryl Leske** (circulation). Thanks for sharing your gifts, ladies!

For more art, be sure to take a look at the **gallery wall** in the adult department, as well as the two **display cases**. One case is located upstairs, near the circulation desk. The other is downstairs in the children's department.

Individuals and groups may reserve the wall or a case for a one-month period. We're normally booked at least one year ahead. However, we maintain a **waiting list** of people able to exhibit on short notice should the scheduled artist be forced to cancel. Please sign up at the reference desk.

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