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ACROSS THE BOARD

by
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As a member of the Dundee Township Library District Board of Trustees, I'm pleased to have a small part in our inaugural issue. The library board is comprised of seven trustees elected from the township at large to staggered four-year terms.

The library board meets in regular session on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30. The public is invited to attend, as well as to provide input any time during the year.

The primary roles of the board are to collect the taxes generated each year, prepare a budget, and dedicate ourselves to spending taxpayers' money as wisely as possible. Our chief disbursements are salaries, utilities, collection development, and property maintenance. In essence, our responsibility is to provide this community with the best possible library within our budgetary guidelines.

Last year a major financial undertaking was the replacement of the

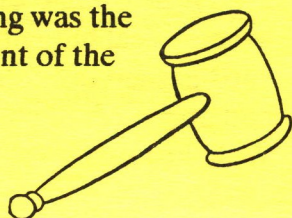
building's original roof.

Another project currently under discussion is expansion of the library's parking lot. As many of you know, attendance at a library function (especially in the evening) is often dependent upon the acquisition of a parking space.

The board congratulates the children's department for its many outstanding programs and activities. The adult department also sponsors events a few times a year. Another cause for celebration is the recent reactivation of Friends of the Library. This group, led by Carol Grom, has an exciting agenda planned for library enthusiasts of all ages.

Board members and their term expirations are:

- * Michael Buhrmann, President- 1995
- * Patricia Ostewig, Vice President- 1997
- * Susan Kotleba, Secretary- 1997
- * Tom Painter, Treasurer- 1995
- * Dorothy Carrigan- 1997
- * Richard Sisler- 1997
- * Keith Bergstrom- 1995



FROM THE DIRECTOR by Paul Mechtenberg

The first issue of any publication is an occasion to celebrate and to be proud.

The first issue of "Library News" indeed marks a time to celebrate and to look forward to many newsletters to come. It is also a time to be proud of the many people responsible for putting it together. My personal thanks to all who made this issue possible.

Through this newsletter we intend to keep you informed of the many activities and services available at the library. We also want to keep you informed on how the library operates: on the seven library trustees you elect every second year; on the library director, the five department heads, and the 22 part-time and 14 full-time employees who carry out the library's mission.

And that mission is to provide you - the residents of the library district - (5 communities and unincorporated areas) with the materials you need and want.

You may have heard that problems can arise because of a lack of communication. We want to overcome that problem through this newsletter, and we hope you will find it enjoyable and useful.

DON'T FORGET----As a reminder to the many folks who visit on Sunday afternoons, the Dundee Library suspends its Sunday hours for the summer beginning Memorial Day weekend. From September through May, all departments are open for service from 1:00 until 4:00 on Sundays. **ALSO** remember that the library will be closed on Monday July 5, and on Monday September 5. Regular hours at the library are 9:00 to 9:00 Mon-Thurs and 9:00-5:30 Friday and Saturday.



THANKS, VOLUNTEERS

Income tax filing was rendered less taxing (and **FREE**) for many people this year, thanks to volunteer assistance through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program. TCE workers receive training from the American Association of Retired Persons in the preparation of basic federal and Illinois tax forms.

Carolyn Friedlund, head of adult services, wishes to thank this year's volunteers for their many hours of help Wednesday through Saturday mornings during February, March, and April. Assisting approximately 90 clients were Joseph Brooks, Paul Frohan, Terry Hensely, Tess Machlan, and Ray Sussmann.

Another tax-related service at the library was the distribution of forms. Over 40,000 forms were supplied to both timely and last-minute filers.

WELL DONE

Four employees were honored recently for long-term service to the library. Congratulations to:

- * Marilou Hommrich, 10 years
- * Kathy Stensing, 10 years
- * Mary Jo Wagner, 15 years
- * Carol Arnsmeier, 20 years

LASTING LEGACIES

The library is grateful for three recent donations: one as a memorial to two individuals, and the others as gifts from community organizations.

\$225 was given for the purchase of books in memory of Alice R. O'Connell and Peter Louise. The contribution was made by Barbara & Tom Galvin, Mary & Chuck Budreck, and Myrtle Galvin.

\$1500 was donated by the New Friends and Neighbors of the Dundee Area, representing money raised through their Fall Craft Fair at Spring Hill Mall.

The group requested that \$650 be used for children's programming and for the purchase of a compact disc player for the juvenile department. The remaining amount was designated for the adult reference department for an item to benefit that area.

The Bilingual Parents Advisory Committee of Community Unit School District #300 presented \$500 to be matched by the library. The funds are being used for the purchase of both children's and adult Spanish language books.

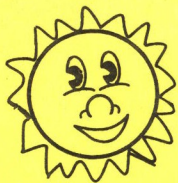
The library expresses sincere thanks to everyone involved in the giving of these three much-appreciated donations.

GET YOURSELF CARDED

Do any of the approximately 23,000 items checked out each month at the Dundee Library end up at your house? If not, it could be that you don't have a card. A library card is your ticket to information and entertainment in the form of books, music, magazines, videos, and many other types of material.

Dee Wedge, circulation department head, explains how easy it is to apply for a card. Residents of the library district (all of Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow, Gilberts- plus parts of Algonquin, Elgin, and unincorporated areas) are eligible for free cards upon presentation of identification and proof of residency. Parents must co-sign for children 14 and under. Non-residents may purchase a family card for an annual fee of \$75.

Make weekly trips to the Dundee Library a part of your summer agenda. See the accompanying map for directions to the building. That little orange card entitles you to some real bargains for your hard-earned tax dollars. Dig it out and dust it off. Don't have one? Well, line up and get carded!



CALLING ALL YOUNG READERS

For some businesses, the summer months are a seasonable slump. At the Dundee Library, however, just the opposite is true-- especially in one department. "Celebrate Reading!" is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Club. Registration for the club, set to run through August 4, will begin on June 13.

"Celebrate Reading!" is for children of all ages; older ones who read themselves, as well as younger ones who are still being read to. Club members will enjoy games - complete with prizes - each time they visit the library.

And that's not all. Children's librarian, Mary Jo Wagner, is excited about a handful of special programs planned for participants. Circle these on you calendar!

* Thursday, June 30- 7:00; "Garfield Goose and Friends." All ages. No registration.

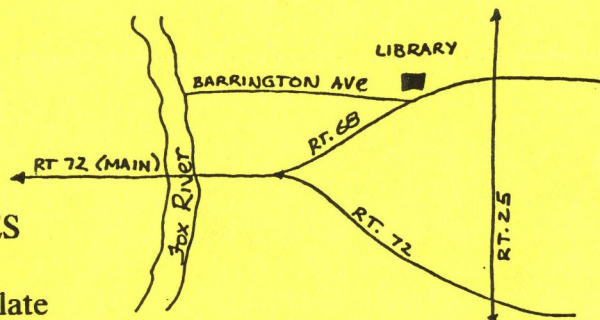
* Friday, July 15- 10:00 to 2:00; "10th Annual Flea Market. All ages. Register for booth space beginning June 13. (Rain date is July 16.)

* Tuesday, July 19- 2:00; "Christmas in July." Grades 1-6. Registration begins June 13.

* Wednesday, July 27- 10:00, 1:30, or 3:30; "A Birthday Party for Clifford the Big Red Dog. Preschool through grade 2. Registration opens June 13.

* Thursday, July 28- 2:00; "Celebrate Ramona and Henry's Birthdays!" Grades 3 and up. Registration opens June 13.

* Thursday, August 4- 3:00, 4:30, or 7:00; "Bringing Stories to Life" featuring Chris Fascione. For finishers of Summer Reading Club.



MARKING THE MILES

Long hours in a car translate into boredom for most children. With a travel kit from the Dundee Library, half the fun of your vacation is getting there.

With at least one day's notice, the children's department will gather an assortment of age-appropriate books and tapes geared to your child's interests.

These materials (along with an activity book and a bookmark) will be packed into a sturdy, returnable bag.

Bon voyage and happy reading!

RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Preschoolers through second graders are invited to "Backyard Storytime" at the library every Tuesday, from June 28 through August 2. Presentations of stories, puppets and more get underway at 10:30.

Adults must accompany children for this activity which will be held in the library's meeting room in case of rain. No registration is required.

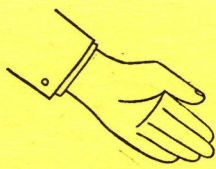
A BLANKET INVITATION

Tuesdays in September will be a special time for preschoolers and their parents, caregivers, or teachers. Bring your blankets every week at 10:30, beginning September 6 for "Fall Backyard Storytime."

The day looks cloudy? No problem! In case of rain, stories will be heard in the library's meeting room.

No registration is required.





BE A FRIEND

If stimulating programs, new friendships, a worthy cause, and community mindedness are among your personal buzz words, read on! A niche has been created just for you in the newly-reactivated Friends of the Dundee Township Library.

The primary purpose of the Friends is to act as a liaison between the library and the community. The group wants township residents to become familiar with their library and what it has to offer. It attempts to accomplish this through a variety of programs. Outgoing president Susan McVey highlights some of the past year's offerings: an inspiring presentation by local author Berniece Rabe, an informative session by area wildlife rehabilitator Lisa Gibson, and a lively slide tour by children's book illustrator Michael Hays.

The Friends of the Library meets on the third Tuesday of the month September through May. Officers for the 1994-'95 year are: Carol Grom, president; Harriet Coffelt, secretary; and Susan McVey, treasurer.

Watch for more details in the fall issue of NEWS!



THE BIRTH OF A BOOK From Conception to Delivery

NEW ARRIVALS

Alex Harlan, Audio-Visual staff member, reports the following recent acquisitions: VIDEOS: The Fugitive, Sleepless in Seattle, and The Fox and the Hound.

AUDIO BOOKS: Schindler's List, Disclosure, and The Hidden Life of Dogs

MUSIC: Very- The Pet Shop Boys, So Far So Good- Bryan Adams, and Philadelphia-motion picture soundtrack

NEW PERIODICAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1994: Tennis, MacWorld, Vanity Fair, Woodworkers Journal, Economist, Garbage (environmental), and Yankee (New England area).

All A-V materials may be borrowed with a library card.

How does a library book get from the publisher to the patron?

The "gestation" period for a library book may be divided into two phases of development; selection and processing.

* SELECTION

- A. Analyze reviews of forthcoming titles.
- B. Consider patrons' suggestions.
- C. Consult collection development policy.
- D. Evaluate remaining book budget.
- E. Order book.

*PROCESSING. Shirley Young explains the process.

- A. Book arrives in building.
- B. Cataloging. Book is designated as fiction, nonfiction, children's or adult. Call number is assigned.
- C. Book is stamped with date and library logo. Protective covering is applied.
- D. Information is entered on monthly statistical sheet.
- E. Set of cards is produced for book.
- F. Bar code label and security "target" are affixed to book.
- G. Book is previewed by library staff.
- H. Book is entered into the library's computer data base.
- I. Book is placed on "new book" shelf.