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STAFF CIRCULATES

Strange, but true. For the next few weeks, the circulation department will be trying to make extra work for themselves. These already hard-working staff members want more patrons to serve, more materials to check in and out, more library cards to process.

Actually, it all comes down to the cards. You see, the circulation department knows the value of these little orange cards available without charge to township residents. In fact, they hope to issue several hundred of them in the coming weeks.

To prove they mean business, they're offering a coupon for a FREE VIDEO CHECK-OUT to every new patron who registers during September. Normally, there is a \$1.00 charge for the three-night rental period.

Eligible for free cards are residents of Dundee Township (Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow, and Gilberts). Also within the township are parts of Algonquin, Elgin, and unincorporated areas.

Applying for a card is easy. Just complete the form on page four of this newsletter. Bring it to the library's front desk, along with identification showing current address. Your free video check-out coupon must be redeemed by December 1, 1994.



The Circulation Staff of the Dundee Township Library

Hispanic residents of the community will want to become acquainted with clerk Gloria, who is bi-lingual. She's on duty Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings- as well as rotating weekends.

Other circulation staffers are Fran, Carrie, Mary, Cheryl, and Kathy.

Department head Dee Wedge encourages all township residents to obtain library cards. "Everyone is entitled to a card. Your taxes help pay for it," she reasons.

Her entire staff is geared up for an extra busy month. Do your part to keep them moving. Let's just say it's beneficial for circulation!

A GATHERING OF FRIENDS

by Carol Grom

If the library is one of your favorite places to visit, Friends of the Dundee Library is looking for you! We welcome all book lovers, shelf browsers, program aficionados, and especially all those who recognize what a wonderful community resource a library is.

We are not primarily a fund raising organization. Instead, we have chosen to focus on enrichment programs, community outreach, beautification projects, and the promotion of our library.

The Friends meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30. Supporting membership is possible with a \$5.00 annual fee.

Upcoming are a presentation by *Sandy Granholm* of the *Elgin Genealogical Society* on October 27, an open house, a program on financing a college education, and a silent auction.

The auction, to run from November 28 through December 15, will feature new books suitable for gift giving. Examples are children's classics, reference books, and best sellers.

Books for the silent auction will be received at the library through November 15. Donors' names will be acknowledged on small cards displayed with the books. Watch for details.

BOOKS COUNT

by Paul Mechtenberg

The following figures were released as part of the annual report, dated June 30, 1994:

- ◆ *Book collection:* 100,149; 6,205 added during fiscal year beginning July, 1993
- ◆ *Audio recordings:* 3,681—mostly cassette tapes and compact discs
- ◆ *Video tapes:* 1,910. All are VHS format and circulate from three to seven days
- ◆ *Magazines & newspapers:* 339. Back issues of most periodicals are kept five years;
- ◆ *Card holders:* 21,725
- ◆ *Items circulated last fiscal year:* 221,040
- ◆ *Items supplied through inter-library loan service:* 3,103
- ◆ *Total expenses for year:* \$1,041,045; A) materials= \$109,086; B) operating expenses (including new roof)= \$447,627; C) wages for 36 employees= \$484,332
- ◆ *Total receipts:* \$1,126,559; A) taxes= \$865,420; B) other income= \$115,946; C) assets from the preceding year= \$105,193
- ◆ *Library staff:* 15 full-time; 21 part-time
- ◆ *Questions handled:* 22,954 general; 13,195 reference
- ◆ *Programs:* 235—attended by 7,100 people
- ◆ *Meeting room uses:* 154

THIS BUD'S FOR US

Everything's coming up red, white and blue these days. Thanks to Elaine Rathjen and Pat Ostewig of the Backyard Garden Club, the library is blooming with patriotic color.

Three urns, two in the back and one on the front lawn, have been filled with a variety of cheerful plantings.

Now, instead of telling people that we're the building on the curve of the road, we can suggest they look for the flowers next to our sign. A much-appreciated splash of beauty!



Readers Respond

During National Library Week (April 17-23), the Dundee Library conducted a survey to assess user satisfaction. Here are comments and suggestions from some of the 345 respondents.

- * Over 82% are either "very" or "extremely" satisfied with the library's books and services.
- * Wish list items: more books on tape, Spanish books, magazines, and mysteries.
- * Helpfulness of staff earned an overall 86% satisfaction rating.
- * Only 80% indicated that materials are "extremely" or "very easy" to find.
- * What would you - the readers - like the library to consider? Among the suggestions were more books, additional hours, and computers.
- * 84% responded that the library is important to them.

Thanks for your feedback!

THANKS, NEIGHBORS

A sincere thanks to these area businesses who helped distribute our June issue: Ace Hardware, Cardenal Chamber of Commerce, Carpentersville Village Hall, Century 21-A Five Star Realty, Century 21 Cardenal Realty Inc., County Donuts, Dundee Township Park District, Fox Valley Enterprise, HairCare Unlimited, Mail Boxes Etc., McDonald's, and Wintergarden Pharmacy (all of Carpentersville).

In East Dundee, we're grateful to Coldwell Banker, Dick West Real Estate Co., Donut Express, Dundee Animal Hospital, Dundee Township Tourist Center, ERA Caravan Real Estate, Manor Restaurant, Parcel Station, Subway Sandwiches, and Village Hall.

West Dundee businesses are Best Real Estate, Century 21 Equity Real Estate, Coldwell Banker, Deluxe Grill, ERA Ken Johnson Real Estate, P J's Deli, Re/Max Central, Starck & Co. Realtors, Village Hall, Village Pharmacy, and Windsor Realty.

Gilberts and Sleepy Hollow Village Halls also accepted copies.

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FALL FAMILY FUNCTIONS

The Dundee Library is your headquarters for enriching and entertaining activities of all sorts.

The juvenile department has planned a variety of programs for young book worms.

Preschoolers feeling a bit lonely when big brothers and sisters go off to school might make new friends at **Backyard Storytime II**.

They and their parents or care-givers are invited to stories on the library lawn on September 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:30.

Third through fifth graders should register for **Homework Happening**, scheduled for Saturday October 8 at 1:00. Learn tips for staying ahead of the game with school work.

Reserve a space by calling the library (428-3661), beginning September 19.

Children preschool through kindergarten age will catch the Halloween spirit at the **Tales From the Pumpkin Patch** program, booked for Tuesday, October 25 from 10:30 to 11:00.

Youngsters may wear costumes, if desired. No registration is necessary.

Two through ten-year-olds will want to circle Saturday, November 12 on their calendars.

At 12:30, they will be treated to **The Mad Hatters**, a project of the Junior League of Chicago.

Children are encouraged to wear their favorite hats, as they watch the troupe act out stories using - of course - hats!

National Children's Book Week will be celebrated from November 14th through the 19th. This year's theme is "Books for Everyone! Everyone for Books!"

A special family storytime is slated for Thursday evening, beginning at 7:00.

Be sure your little one is signed up for **Tremendous Two's**, an action-packed storytime for two-year-olds and their parents or guardians. Sessions are at 9:30 & 11:00.

This school year can be your best one yet! Make the grade by attending the Homework Happening on Oct. 8 at 1:00.

Registration for **Tremendous Two's** opens on October 24. Storytime dates are November 9, 16, 23, & 30. A great way to enjoy books with your toddler!

If you've been attic cleaning this fall and are wondering if your finds have value beyond the sentimental, the adult department is sponsoring a program with you in mind.

Popular local speaker Frank Frye will present **Antiques - China & Glass** on Tuesday, October 18 from 7:00 to 9:00. Bring an item of china or glass for oral appraisal and discussion. Call the adult services desk to reserve a spot.

In the meantime, department head Carolyn Friedlund suggests you learn more about your treasure with one of the following titles:

- a current antiques price guide (Warman's, Kovels, House of Collectibles)
- *The Collector's Encyclopedia of Depression Glass* by Gene Florence (a new book)
- *Collector's Guide to American Pressed Glass, 1825-1915* by Kyle Husfloen
- *Glass Tableware, Bowls & Vases* by Jane Spillman

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: 9:00 to 9:00
FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9:00 TO 5:30 and SUNDAY: 1:00 to 4:00

DON'T FORGET

- ⇒ The library will be closed: September 5 (Labor Day), November 23, 5:00 to 9:00 and November 24, all day (Thanksgiving observance)
- ⇒ With elections occurring this fall, all eligible voters should be registered. To register at the library: 1) be 18 or older, 2) bring 2 forms of identification to the front desk. One ID must state name plus current address. Registration will close 30 days prior to the next election date.
- ⇒ Visit our ongoing book sale. All books (paperbacks and hard covers) are 25 cents each, or 5 for \$1.00. Donations of books are appreciated. Please remember, though, that the library cannot use books that are moldy, tattered beyond normal use, or extremely out of date. Also, we are accepting no magazines at the present time.

DIRECTIONS

1. Please complete all lines indicated by an "X."
2. This form may be used by one family member.
3. Forms for additional family members are available at the circulation desk.
4. A parent's or guardian's signature is required for children 14 and under.
5. Everyone (including children) must apply for cards in person. Forms cannot be sent home for completion.
6. See **additional instructions on page one.**

BARCODE _____	EXDATE _____	AGENCY _____			
OLD PZ _____	APPLIED _____	SCAT _____			
NEW _____	RENEW _____	LOST/STOLEN _____	NAME CHANGE _____	ADDRESS CHANGE _____	OTHER _____
DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE					
<p>I apply for the right to use the Library, and agree to comply with all its rules and regulations, to give immediate notice of any change of address or phone number and to abide by the rules of other libraries where I may use my library card.</p>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAME Print (First) (Initial) (Last)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS _____ APT _____			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY _____ XZIP _____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHONE _____ (Circle number if unlisted)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGE 14 or under <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGE 15 or over		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIRTHDAY: MONTH _____ DAY _____ IF APPLICANT IS AGE 14 OR UNDER					
I am aware there are no age restrictions on borrowing library material, and I accept the responsibility for my child's selection of materials. PARENTS SIGNATURE _____					

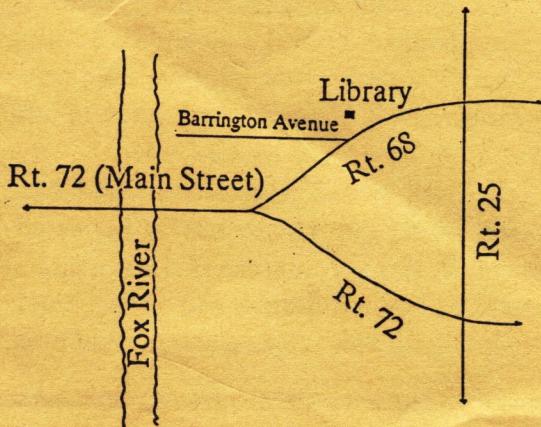
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