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**DUNDEE LIBRARY GOES OUT AND ABOUT**

It's been a season of coming and going as library staff have taken the message of books and reading into this community and beyond. Here's a sampling of recent excursions:

*To School:* The library was on hand at open houses at Meadowdale and Golfview schools to register patrons and explain services. Also, members of the children's department have been visiting preschools in the area.

*To the Elgin Inn:* The Dundee Library manned a booth at the "Quilt of Learning," a two-day workshop/exhibit for educators and community agencies.

*To Springfield:* A member of the adult services department traveled to the Illinois State Library to attend a program on family literacy.

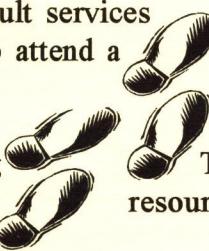
*To Crystal Lake:* A Saturday morning heard a presentation on library resources for writers and speakers.

*To Church:* Representatives from circulation and reference elaborated on library services as guests of a ladies' group at First Congregational Church in Dundee.

*To Huntley Square:* Library director Paul Mechtenberg attends meetings of the Cardunel Chamber of Commerce and supplies titles of business books for their newsletter.

*To Other Libraries:* New librarian at Dundee-Crown High School Doug Williamson has invited Dundee Library staff to regular meetings in an effort to enhance student services at the two facilities.

*To YOUR group or organization?* If you'd like to have a speaker from the library, just call or drop in to arrange it. These are exciting times in the "information age." Learn how a library card can be your passport to the boundless universe of fact and fancy.



Toastmasters Club  
resources for writers

**TAKEN FOR GRANTed**

The Dundee Library is proud to be a partner in two recently-acquired grants:

PALS is the acronym for School District 300's family literacy effort, for which it received \$30,000 from the Illinois secretary of state's office.

This Plan for Adults, Library and School promotes literacy by involving both parents and children.

Besides the library, partners include Meadowdale School, Elgin Community College, and Literacy Volunteers of America.

Although receiving no funds, the library is assisting literacy efforts by offering special orientation for families.

Golfview School is using its \$11,000 Urban Education Partnership grant to join with other agencies in helping students succeed in school.

In addition to the school and the library, partners are the Dundee Township Park District, Judson College, and Elgin Community College.

The Dundee Library's participation in this Illinois Board of Higher Education grant involves serving children who ride a shuttle bus to the library.

## AMONG FRIENDS

The Friends of the Dundee Library announces two special events: both money-related!

A silent auction is in progress on the library's main floor. Stop in to view a selection of donated new books. Many are just perfect for holiday gift-giving.

The rules are simple: bid early and bid often! Complete details are available at the front desk. Winning bidders will be notified beginning December 16.

"Books make the best gifts," comments Friends president Carol Grom. "One size fits all, and they never go out of style!"

Auction proceeds will help support future programs.

Parents of children under age 18 won't want to miss **How to Finance a College Education.**



On hand January 25 at 7:30 will be a team of experts: Marilyn Elvert, senior guidance counselor at Dundee-Crown High School; Robert Laws, Director of Financial Aid at Elgin Community College; and Dave Swisher, a financial planner with James T. Borello & Company.

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The next meeting of the Friends will be December 13 at 7:30 at the library. YOU are invited! Thereafter, they will meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

## YOUTH MATTER

Kids of all ages will have good reason to visit the Dundee Library this winter. Mark these events on your calendar:

\* **SANTA'S HELPERS:** December 7 from 3:30 to 4:30. First through fifth graders will make tree ornaments, with help from Dundee-Crown H. S.'s Visual Arts Club. Registration begins Nov. 21.

\* **MITTEN TREE:** Bring a pair of mittens to hang on the tree in the Children's Dept. You'll be helping less fortunate youngsters stay warm this winter!

\* **PRESCHOOL MOVIES:** Tuesdays at 10:30 and Wednesdays at 1:30 from January 3 through January 25. No registration required for these 30-minute sessions.

\* **READING IS A MAGIC TRIP** is the theme of the Winter Reading Club. Featured will be Ms. Frizzle and the wonderful magic school bus, created by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degan. Program ends January 31.

\* **TREMENDOUS TWOS:** Wednesdays in February at 9:30 or at 11:00. This program is for 2-year-olds and their parents or caregivers. No brothers or sisters, please. Registration begins January 16.

## A "FINE" IDEA FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Take care of your overdue books and do a good turn for your neighbor in one easy step. December has been declared "amnesty month" by the Dundee Library.

Past or current fines will be forgiven with the contribution of one or more non-perishable food items. The FISH food pantry in Carpentersville will distribute the donations to needy families in the library service area.

Please keep the following in mind if you wish to participate in the amnesty program:

- ◆ Food items cannot substitute for payment of lost or damaged materials (overdue fines only).
- ◆ Packaged or canned goods are accepted (no fresh or frozen).
- ◆ Food donations are appreciated even if you have no library fines. After all, this is one way everyone "can" get into the holiday spirit!

## HOLES IN BOARD by Paul Mechtenberg

Illinois libraries have long received outstanding support from the people. Illinois had the first general library law that provided a fixed and separate tax rate for libraries.

There are more than six hundred public libraries governed by local boards involving almost five thousand trustees.

On April 8, 1995, three library trustees will be elected to join incumbent trustees at the Dundee Township Library.

Now is the time to pick up nominating papers from the library. They will need to be completed and returned starting January 16, 1995.

To qualify as a Library Trustee, you must be a resident of voting age. Trustees serve for four years without compensation.

Library Trustees are expected to attend regular monthly meetings, plus any special or committee meetings that may be called.

They should know the community, have an interest in the library and in promoting its services, be willing to work with six other people, and participate in discussions.

Most important, candidates should find satisfaction in serving the community and the public library.

This is a great opportunity to make a contribution. Come to the library to pick up your nominating papers today.

DIRECTOR: Paul Mechtenberg  
TRUSTEES: Michael Buhrmann (President), Patricia Ostewig (Vice-President), Susan Kotleba (Secretary), Tom Painter (Treasurer), Keith Bergstrom, Dorothy Carrigan, and Richard Sisler  
EDITOR: Marilyn Foley

## "STATE" OF AFFAIRS

Your fingers are willing to do the walking, but where are the yellow pages? Each area library has a set of phone books for one state.

In addition, you'll find business directories, newspapers, and travel & re-location information.

So, who has what? We have the state of Washington. Info on our neighbors is held by these libraries:

Wisconsin	=	Niles
Indiana	=	Morton Grove
Kentucky	=	Crystal Lake
Missouri	=	Lincolnwood
Iowa	=	Northbrook

### Have car; will share

Can't find a parking spot? You're not alone! Try carpooling to library events! After all, some of your friends and neighbors may be going, too. THANKS!

MONDAY through THURSDAY: 9:00 to 9:00  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9:00 to 5:30 and SUNDAY: 1:00 to 4:00  
**CLOSED** December 2 (from 9:00 to 1:00 only) and December 24, 25, 26  
**CLOSED** December 31 (1:00-5:30 only) and January 1 & 2, 1995

## ..... THE ADULT CORNER

Need a job? Considering a change? Whatever your situation, a new resume could be your ticket to a satisfying career.

Find out how it's done at a free workshop on January 18. **Writing an Effective Resume** will be presented by career specialist Jan Drennan, of Elgin Community College's Career Center. You'll learn:

- different resume styles
- necessary components of a strong resume
- eye-catching formatting tips
- insights for highlighting your experience, skills, and accomplishments
- tricks for making your resume easily scanned by a computer

With employment, come taxes! Beginning early in the new year, the library will have **tax forms** available for you to pick up or photocopy.

No books on your subject? Try the **pamphlet file**. Hundreds of new ones are arriving, reports Laura Skamser of the reference department.

## a number of things....

⇒ The Dundee Library became computerized 5 years ago; December 17, 1989.

⇒ The four full-time staffers of the technical services dept. have a combined total of 87 years of library experience. They are Carol Arnsmeier, Dorothy Kort, Kathy Sommers, and Shirley Young.

⇒ Volunteer Madge Swiderski has accumulated over 1,000 hours of library service in the children's department.

⇒ There are 4 new employees at the library: pages Marie Davis and Kathleen Kelly, monitor Laurie Churkey, and A-V clerk Gail Simons.

## MATERIALiSm at the Library

Books are what we're all about, and you'll find plenty at the Dundee Library. AND magazines. AND tapes & CDs. AND videos. And...

**Saturday Night Live: The First Twenty Years-** edited by Michael Cader; photographs by Edie Baskin. Filled with information and photos about the cast and characters, plus entertaining miscellanea like the words to "King Tut" and the script to the Star Trek skit.

**Leo Buscaglia's Love Cookbook with Biba Caggiano.** Two popular personalities beautifully present friendship, love, and food - in words, photos, and recipes.

**Baseball: an Illustrated History** by Geoffrey Ward and Ken Burns. This companion book to the PBS series makes fun reading, but the photos are the stars.

New holiday music includes offerings by: Mariah Cary, Natalie Cole, Boyz II Men, Tony Bennett, The Chieftains, and The Boston Pops.

Just-arrived videos are: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Frugal Gourmet: Colonial Christmas with Friends*, and *Messiah*.

For children: **Addy's Surprise- A Christmas Story** by Connie Porter. Meet the newest character in the American Girls Collection. In **The Friendly Beast- A Traditional Christmas Carol** illustrated by Sarah Chamberlain, the stable beasts relate the gifts they brought to the newborn Jesus. Tapes include Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**, with music from the 1991 stage production; and **The Season** by Fred Penner.

## WRITE in our own backyard

While it's not exactly an authors' mecca yet, the Fox River Valley (specifically OUR neck of it) has spawned a few book writers in recent months.

Absolutely brand new is an upbeat title by Virginia Robinson French and James C. French (you may know them as Ginny & Jim!) of rural Dundee Township. Take a look at their **AVOIDING THE RETIREMENT TRAP**, from ACTA Publications.

John Russell Christ of Elgin has written a book on the history of radio in the Fox Valley called **VALLEY VOICES**. Also, he has prepared a booklet of material on Billy Sunday called "**The Dundee Prophet**."

**Congratulations**, all of you!

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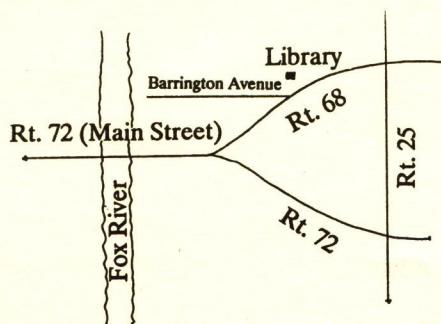
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