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Library Welcomes New Director

When young Sylvia was a student at Chicago's St. Brendan's Elementary School, a reward for good grades was the opportunity to volunteer in the library. Since Sylvia was neat, loved to organize, AND got high marks, she spent quite a bit of time there. Besides getting to put away books and clear off a cluttered table, there was the librarian herself.

"She always had time to listen to me," recalls Sylvia, who liked to share bits and pieces of books she'd read.

This one-on-one opportunity to talk books with an adult was a special time for a little girl with seven brothers and sisters at home.

"Now I understand why my mom always read magazines," reflects Sylvia. She could finish an article in ten or fifteen minutes, but seldom had the hours it takes to tackle a book.

Sylvia Murphy Williams has come full circle- from being in charge of a single table to being in charge of a whole library. Ours! She began her duties as library director on August 21. She states that her immediate goal is to determine the needs of the community. Filling those needs will be her long-term goal. Specifically, she hopes to work within the budget to advance the library in the area of technology.

The new director graduated from DePaul University, working her way through as (what else?) a library page and later as circulation manager. Her masters degree in library science was earned from Rosary College.

On-the-job experience at the DePaul University Law Library and at the Palatine Public Library, where she was most recently the circulation manager. Her assistant director. She also keeps current as an instructor for the Library Technical Assistants Program at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

Sylvia has resided in Roselle for ten years, but is considering relocating to Dundee Township. She is impressed by the "homey feeling" here and the friendliness of the people. "It's a growing, flourishing area," she observes.

During her off time, Sylvia enjoys reading. (Surprised?) She also "loves to sing" and is fond of "outdoor things" like fairs and ball parks. Traveling and eating out also rate as favorite pastimes. Oh, and she's discovered the mall, she confides. She and her husband Tony would like to have children someday, but for now their dog Benji rules the roost.

Before even becoming a candidate for the library's #1 spot, she had visited and came away with positive feelings. She is determined to make more people aware of their library and what it has to offer. She wants to "market Dundee." **WELCOME!**



BACK-TO-SCHOOL HELPS

Although a trip to the library may not have been on the list handed you during that annual school registration ritual, perhaps it should have been! Just as essential as washable glue and pocket folders are many of the helps to be had with your library card. Here are a few.

From the Children's Department:

- ⇒ **Help Your Child Read and Succeed** by C. Smith
- ⇒ **What Your 1st Grader Needs to Know** edited by E. D. Hirsch, Jr.
- ⇒ **How to be School Smart** by E. James
- ⇒ **Everything You Need to Know About Math Homework** by A. Zeman

From the Adult Department:

- ⇒ **The Homework Plan: A Parent's Guide to Helping Kids Excel** by L. Sonna
- ⇒ **Write Papers** by R. Fry
- ⇒ **What Smart Students Know** by A. Robinson

Videos:

- ⇒ **Get Ready to Read**
- ⇒ **Where There's A Will, There's an "A"**
- ⇒ **Up With Phonics**
- ⇒ **Arithmetic With Lorraine Bryant**
- ⇒ **Conquer the New S. A. T.**

A Grand Occasion

August 26 marked the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment-granting women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters of the Carpentersville-Dundee Area commemorated the event with a beautiful display at the library.

If you aren't registered to vote, please consider doing so. The process can be completed at the library's front desk.

**Friendly Faces, Helpful Hands**

Warm-weather reading activities in the Children's Department went a lot smoother, thanks to the efforts of three young volunteers. Pictured from left to right are Karen Eggebrecht, Crystal Vasquez, and Katherine Pugliese.



Backyard Storytime. They also took care of nitty-gritty details like record-keeping and filing. Thanks, much!

HAVE VAN; WILL TRAVEL

Have you ever needed a book *not* among the more than 100,000 volumes available at the Dundee Library? It may be possible to obtain it for you through a service called Inter-library Loan (ILL). Although on the surface it sounds as simple as one library putting the book on a van and another library taking it off, the process can be a bit more complicated.

Outlining the dos & don'ts is **Elizabeth Mavros**, ILL coordinator:

- ILL service is for holders of Dundee Library cards only.
- A patron may request no more than 5 items at a time.
- Material newer than 6 mos. old (approx.) is not obtainable.
- A library may be unwilling or unable to loan a particular item. (The needs of local patrons take precedence.)
- Some materials (such as rare genealogy items) are for in-library use only.
- The library which supplies the book imposes the date due. (It may or may not be the same loan period as ours.)
- Overdue fines are charged at twice the regular rate.
- Renewals are not always possible.
- There is no way to determine when an item will arrive, since it may already be checked out (or even overdue) at the lending library.
- Patrons will be called when their material is ready for pick-up.
- Material not checked out within 4 days will be rerouted to the library of origin.

A bit of trivia: An average of 200 ILL items arrive each month for Dundee Library patrons. They come from everywhere, even places like Denmark and Canada. Some are written in foreign languages, such as Chinese and Farsi.

Fall for Reading

The Children's Department has a whole season lined up for young readers and their families:

Backyard Storytime II- Tuesdays; Sept. 5 through Sept. 26 at 10:30. For preschoolers & a parent or caregiver. In case of rain, we'll gather in the down-stairs meeting room.

Stories with a Fireman- Saturdays; Sept. 16, Oct. 21, & Nov. 18 at 10:00.

Mad Hatters- a troupe presenting poems, tales, songs, & more. Saturday; September 30 at 12:30. For children ages 2 to 10.

"Spookerama" -a Halloween treat. Thursday; October 26 at 3:30. For children grade 3 and up. Registration starts October 1.

"Halloween Hoot" - a celebration with stories, fingerplays, & songs. Tuesday; October 31 at 10:30. For preschoolers and parents. Costumes are optional.

"Tremendous Twos"- Wednesdays; Nov. 8 through Nov. 29 at 9:30 or 10:30. For two-year-olds & a parent or caregiver. Registration begins on October 23 at 9:00.

Holiday Movies- Tuesday through Friday; Dec. 26, 27, 28, & 29 at 1:30. For school-aged children.

*They're back....*Now that

school has resumed, so have Sunday hours at the library. Visit from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sundays beginning Sept. 10.

DIRECTOR: Sylvia Murphy Williams

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Keith Bergstrom (Vice-President), Susan
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(Treasurer), Dorothy Carrigan, Leo Severson,
and Kevin Cross

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Post Your Name; Win a Poster

It's quick. It's easy. It's free. No strings attached. Well, actually, there IS something attached. A poster. A chance to win one, anyway. Here's how it works:

September is Library Card Sign-Up month. To encourage even more township residents to obtain library cards, the Circulation Department has an offer you can't refuse.

Every new patron who applies for a library card has a chance to win a poster (value to \$6.00) from the American Library Association catalog. A few of the many posters available are on display at the check-out desk. Ask to see the catalog to preview the entire selection.

Circulation Department Head **Dee Wedge** adds that this contest is for **first-time card holders** only. It does not apply to renewals, registrations, etc. At the end of September, ten names will be drawn and the ten posters will be ordered.

All it takes to sign up for a card is identification and proof that you reside in the Dundee Township Library service area. A personalized check, driver's license, or utility bill can serve as proof of residency.

The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested at...

...the next meeting of the Friends of the Library on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30. Plans will be finalized for the holiday silent auction. This event is set to begin after Thanksgiving and conclude in mid-December.

Donations of hardcover books suitable for gift-giving will be accepted through November 15, reports president **Carol Grom**. Suggestions are children's titles, reference books, and best sellers. Watch for more details in the Adult Services area.

Monday through Thursday; 9:00 to 9:00

Friday and Saturday; 9:00 to 5:30

Sunday; 1:00 to 4:00

CLOSED September 4 (Labor Day), November 23 (Thanksgiving Day),
and from 5:00 to 9:00 on November 22 (Thanksgiving Eve)

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for *exhibiting* your art:

June: **Gary Pregont** (nature photography)

July: **Lou Taylor** (watercolors)

August: **Valley Art Center** (travel collection)

for *displaying* your collectibles:

June: **Jeanette Musch** (antique canning jars & kitchen utensils)

July: **Joe Schmidt** (bottles)

August: **Gail Simon** (hats)

for *sharing* your hobbies in the children's display case:

June: **Kate Pugliese, Samantha Povilonis, Mandy Amenta, Matthew & Eric Feldbusch**

July: **Karen Mason, Jenifer Nowak, Lisa Prigge, Dane Dbuchowski**

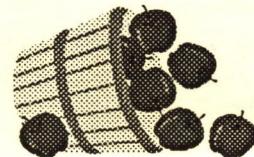
August: **Aimee Koehler, Jackie Merrow, Amanda Garrett, Scott Dornbusch**

New Staff Added

The library welcomes two new pages, who began their duties in mid August.

They are **Elizabeth Grafelman** and **Howard Shinneman**.

Primary responsibilities of pages are resheling books once they've been returned and keeping materials in proper order.



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