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New People

*On the job only a few weeks is Technical Services manager **Mark Koukol**. Mark brings a variety of experience from both public and academic libraries.*

His most recent positions were at Rosary College in River Forest, where he worked as a cataloger, head of Audio-Visual Services, and reference librarian. His background in public library work was acquired in DeKalb and Beloit.

Mark holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's in Library Science, both from Northern Illinois University. His shift to the profession proved a natural one.

"I've always been interested in the world in general and in information technology. I've used libraries all my life, so librarianship seemed the best way to complement a liberal arts background."

Mark's fascination with the world has taken him to Europe and Israel. The summer of 1993 found him sandbagging along the Mississippi River, as a sergeant in the Army National Guard.

His hobbies include collecting records & compact discs and attending movies. He's also a licensed amateur radio operator.

As to his role at Dundee, Mark comments, "I'm enthusiastic about adopting the on-line catalog and being part of that process."

*Adjusting to her duties in the Adult Services Department is **Sue Clark** of Algonquin. Besides her regular rotation at the reference desk, she is responsible for adult programming. An early accomplishment at Dundee has been the successful launch of a book discussion group. (Read more about it on page 2!)*

Sue's background includes 23 years in retail. The last 6 were with bookstores; a logical tie-in with the work she does these days.

She earned an Associate Degree in Fine Arts from Kishwaukee College in Malta, Illinois.

During off-hours, Sue likes to read, collect salt & pepper shakers, and paint watercolors. Three dogs also keep her busy.

Welcome to the library, Mark & Sue!



New Programs

The **Follies** for kids. **Finance** for women. **Reading groups** and book reviews for adults. **Movies** and crafts for children. **Memoir writing** for older folks. **Sign language** for youngsters.

If you thought books were the only things available at the library, think again! These and **MANY** other new programs are intended to keep you from hibernating during the coming winter months.

Look inside for all the details. Sign up for the events that interest you. They're fun. They're fascinating. And, folks, they're **FREE!**

New Products

Encarta & Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedias, Bookshelf, a typing tutorial, and atlases are a few of the new CD-ROM items at the library.

To try one out, present your card at the Audio-Visual desk upstairs or the children's desk downstairs. On school evenings, it is a good idea to call ahead and reserve computer time.

PhoneDisc PowerFinder is another useful tool. Residential and business phone numbers & addresses for the entire nation are accessible with a click of the mouse.



From the Friends

The Friends of the Dundee Library have a full slate of informative and entertaining programs. Don't miss:

- * Jan. 23, 7:00 to 8:30 - **open house** to showcase new computers & software purchased with funds donated by the Friends.
- * Feb. 16, 7:30 - "**How I Got to be Perfect**," a book by Jean Kerr performed by actress & book reviewer Carolyn Stein.
- * Mar. 20, 7:30 - "**Once Upon a Memory**," by author Robert Gilmartin. Learn how people of all ages can preserve memories.
- * April 16, 7:00 - "**The Prairie State Primer**," a slide/lecture presentation by John Lynn. Learn about the state's geography & history, flora & fauna, commerce & industry, as well as dozens of little-known facts.

Good-bye.....

After 21 years of cataloging thousands of pieces of material, Technical Services manager **Carol Arnsmeyer** has entered a new phase in her life: retirement!

Carol's career at Dundee underwent many changes across several different library buildings. Constantly evolving were the countless improvements (usually!) in automated procedures.

Following some tying up of loose ends, Carol and her husband Dwaine plan to relocate in Arkansas. A large yard to tend to is one of her "must-haves." Being close to a good library is another.

We'll miss you,
Carol!



Getting into the Holiday Spirit

You don't have to keep your mitts off one of the Christmas tree in the Children's Department. In fact, you're invited to put them on every branch if you wish! (MittENS, that is!) Items hung on the *mitten tree* downstairs will be donated to the Dundee Township offices to distribute as needed. Mittens may be brought through December 30.

Is an old fine for overdue library materials keeping you from checking out more books? Is there an extra can of food in your kitchen? If you answered "yes" to both these questions, it's a win/win situation! Through December 30, the library will be conducting its annual **Food For Fines** program. The guidelines are:

- ◆ Only non-perishable items, please -
- ◆ Only **fines** will be forgiven (lost materials not redeemable) -
- ◆ Items go to the local FISH (Friend, I Shall Help) pantry -
- ◆ Donations are accepted from anyone- overdue books, or not. A "fine" idea all the way around!

ADULT CORNER

Make sure your schedule for the first two months of 1996 includes these activities:

- January 17, 7:00 to 8:30- "**Financial Security for Women**," presented by Vince Uzzardo of Dean Witter
- February 20, 10:00 to 12:00- "**Starting a Child Care Center in Your Home**," a workshop by Kathy Filis of the YWCA
- February 24, 9:30 to 12:00- "**Before You Start**," a seminar by Elgin Community College's Business Conference Center

COMING UP IN MARCH & APRIL: Three sessions on job searching, interviewing, and resumes & cover letters. *Also*, save April 17 for "**Armchair Mystery Tour of Chicago**."

Book discussion group participants, note these dates and titles:

- January 31- **Fifth Business** by Robertson Davies
- February 28 - **Lakota Woman** by Mary Crow Dog
- March 27 - **Daughter of Time** by Josephine Tey
- April 24 - **My Antonia** by Willa Cather
- May 29 - **Desert Solitaire** by Edward Abbey

The group meets from 7:00 to 8:30. For information on joining, call the library.

Children's Winter Activities

....Kids, mark your calendars for these fun doings:

Crafts: December 14 from 4:00 to 5:00. Join the Visual Arts Club of Dundee-Crown High School in making decorations for the library's Christmas tree. School-aged children. **REGISTRATION** begins 12/4.

Holiday movies: December 26, 27, 28, & 29 at 1:30; school-aged children.

Winter Reading Club: Lions, Tigers, & Books, Oh My from January 8 through February 3. For ALL ages.

Sign Language Fanfare: January 13; 1:00-2:00 for Kdg. through 2nd grade & 2:30-3:30 for grades 3 through 5. **REGISTRATION** begins January 2.

Preschool/Daycare Information Fair: January 20 from 1:00 until 5:00. Meet representatives from area facilities. Child care provided.

Preschool Cinema: January 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, & 31 from 10:00 until 10:30. For preschoolers and parents or caregivers.

Tremendous Twos: Every Wednesday in February at 9:30 or 10:30. For two-year-olds and a parent or guardian. **REGISTRATION** begins January 22.

George Washington Follies: A children's musical production presented by Face to Face Productions. February 10 at 1:00. For school-aged children and their parents. This original musical takes place in New York City in 1789- on the Inauguration day of President Washington.



REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 9:00

Friday & Saturday 9:00 to 5:30

Sunday 1:00 to 4:00

HOLIDAY HOURS

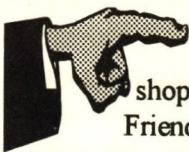
Christmas: Closed December 23, 24, & 25

New Year's: Open Dec. 30 from 9:00 to 1:00 ONLY;

Closed Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

DIRECTOR: Sylvia Murphy Williams
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 Keith Bergstrom (Vice-President), Susan Kotleba
 (Secretary), Richard Sisler (Treasurer), Dorothy
 Carrigan, Leo Severson, and Kevin Cross
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BOARD MEETINGS: Last Tuesday
 of the month at 7:30. The public is invited.

Don't forget...The Silent Book Auction, sponsored by the Friends of the Dundee Library, will continue through December 15. Stop in and place a bid on a couple of gift-type books. It's a terrific way to do a bit of holiday shopping! Proceeds from the auction help finance other Friends' programs.



Congratulations

The Children's Department is very pleased to have been the recipient of the **Fire Chief's Award for Excellence in Education**, presented in October by the West Dundee Fire Department.

The plaque was given in recognition of the juvenile department's ongoing dedication to fire safety.

Monthly story sessions by fire fighters, a permanent fire safety corner, and last month's involvement in a community fire prevention exhibit at Spring Hill Mall helped children's library staff earn the award.

Thank You

New American Flag—Tri-City Evergreen VFW

Jade Plant for adult reading area—Ron Rhoades

Two Christmas Trees—Target Greatland of West Dundee

Seasonal Outdoor Plantings—Backyard Garden Club

Artists & Hobbyists for Sept., Oct., and Nov.—

Adults: Tamara Carlsen, Carol Tremper, Ginny Illich, Robert Koehl, Alyson Sterzinger, Marge & Dave Edwards

Children: Dana Bird, Becky Schildnecht, Jennifer McGuire, Vince & Vicki Bertalamis, Mara Gilcrease, Chip Connell, Maria Theodorou, Kelsi Burrell, Erika Boettger, and Jessica Morrey

A few reminders—

1. To have enough to go around, Christmas books are limited to two per person for a two-week period.
2. Since the library cannot provide paper and other supplies, be sure to bring whatever you need for school assignments and personal research.
3. The library is outgrowing its parking lot, so carpooling to library events is a smart idea!
4. Have you registered for a library program, but realize now that you cannot attend? If so, please call to cancel, in order to accommodate others who may be on a waiting list. It will be much appreciated!

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS

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