



# Dundee Township Library

# NEWS

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## *From the Director*

*Sylvia Murphy Williams*

My first six months have been challenging and very rewarding! I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and talking to you about what should be offered here at the Library. It is truly refreshing to find a community that cares about its Library as much as you do.

Because of your suggestions, we have made a number of improvements in our services. For example, we now reserve the word processor by telephone and have begun a wonderful adult book discussion group. We've also enclosed the "pit" area of the Children's Department to allow more space for seating and new materials.

The Dundee Township Public Library Board of Trustees has approved an automation plan that will bring more technology to the Library. This new plan will give you on-line access to the Library's card catalog, the Internet, and to the holdings of over 25 other libraries. In addition, it will make available to you several databases from the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

The coming months promise to be very exciting as the Library Board, staff, and I work diligently to bring you these new products before the end of spring. It is our priority to make available the materials and services that you as a Library Community need and value.

We are planning the Library's future with this goal in mind, and we want to hear from you. On the back page of this newsletter you will find a survey. Please take a few moments to fill it out and return it to the Library. We have already received many good ideas from you and are anxious to see what else you have to say. So, please let us hear from you!

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

*Fun* activities from Sunday through Saturday have been planned for National Library Week. Come and help us celebrate libraries!

April 14, 1:00 to 4:00- Rousing kick-off with a magician, a face painter, and the "yo-yo man." (This may not be the day to count on serious studying at the library!)

April 15, 7:00- "Hoffman's Animal Show." Come meet an assortment of exotic critters!

April 16, 7:00- "The Prairie State Primer" by John Lynn. Learn about Illinois' geography & history, flora & fauna, commerce & industry- in addition to dozens of little-known facts about our state.

April 17, 7:30- "An Armchair Mystery Tour of Chicago" by author Alzina Stone Dale.

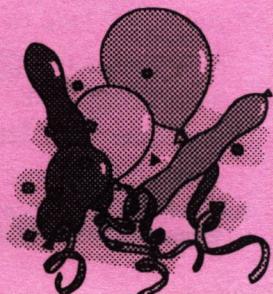
April 18, 7:00- "A Trip through Time" by Marge Edwards of the Dundee Historical Society. Well-known figures from our area's past come to life!

April 19, - A spring-welcoming event involving the season's harbingers - flowers! Details forthcoming!

April 20, - The week's grand finale with music, refreshments, and more!

### *PLUS:*

- ♦ Crafts for preschoolers *every day*
- ♦ Contests for kids *and* adults



## a bit less TAXing...

Taking some of the pain out of filing income tax returns are several AARP volunteers participating in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program. Seniors needing assistance with completing basic IRS and Illinois forms may call the library (428-3661) to schedule a free appointment.

As a public service, the library also stocks a supply of the most common federal and state tax return forms. Master copies of IRS publications are also available in the reference area.



## Friends of the Library

Mark your calendars for these events sponsored by the Friends of the Dundee Library:

**March 20, 7:30; Once Upon a Memory** by author Robert Gilmartin. Learn how to transform your memories into lasting treasures for your loved ones.

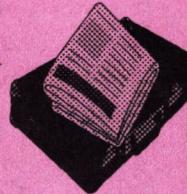
**April 16, 7:00** (annual meeting); **The Prairie State Primer** by John Lynn. This slide/lecture presentation will reveal many little-known facts about Illinois.

**Announcing.....** "newborn packets"! Due to arrive shortly after National Library Week- a whole assortment of useful items to welcome your little one, including a coupon for a free board book!

*the* ADULT CORNER

## March through May

- ♦ **Resume, Interview, and Job Search Workshop**, presented by Karen Lamb and Jan Drennan of Elgin Community College:  
March 5, 7:00-8:30; **Part I: Resume & Cover Letters**  
March 19, 7:00-8:30; **Part II: Job Search**  
April 9, 7:00-8:30; **Part III: Interviewing**



- ♦ **Book Discussion Groups**, 1:30-3:00 or 7:30-9:00:  
March 27; **Daughter of Time** by Josephine Tey  
April 24; **My Antonia** by Willa Cather  
May 29; **Desert Solitaire** by Edward Abbey
- ♦ **Special Programs**  
April 17, 7:30-9:00; **Author Appearance: Alzina Stone Dale, "An Armchair Mystery Tour of Chicago"**  
May 4, 10:00-11:30; **Work-at-Home Job Opportunities**, by technical communications consultant Yvonne Barnes  
May 22, 7:00; **Using Herbs in Landscape Design** by master gardener Laureen Donahue

For additional information on any of these programs (or to register), phone the adult services desk at 428-3661. They're free and open to the public!

### Going the Extra Mile(s) to Stamp Out Library Fines



*When a reminder notice regarding overdue library material was mailed December 7, it should have arrived a day or two later. After all, its destination was only a few blocks away. The letter took a slight detour, however... to Dundee, Scotland! When it reappeared in Dundee, Illinois, a month later, it bore a Christmas greeting from the good folks in our sister city! (and - yes - the wayward books have been recovered!)*

thank you thank you thank you thank you thank

- ◆ **Artists (upstairs gallery wall)** Carl Mankert, Carol Keene, Tamara Carlsen, and Howard Gathman
- ◆ **Hobbyists (upstairs)** Sue Clark and Laura Skamser
- ◆ **Hobbyists (downstairs)** James Kelly, Katie & Kimberly Ritter, Matthew & Jennifer Kararo, Laura Madlinger, Claire Lind, Salina Norman, Shannon McGuire, Jonathan Rieckmann, Brent Butcher, and Tom Spates
- ◆ **Pingree Grove Home Extension** for the lovely handmade book bags used with literacy groups in the Children's Department
- ◆ **Thomas Rhodes** for the beautiful jade plant



**DIRECTOR:** Sylvia Murphy Williams  
**TRUSTEES:** Patricia Ostewig (President), Keith Bergstrom (Vice-President), Susan Kotileba, (Secretary), Richard Sisler (Treasurer), Dorothy Carrigan, Leo Severson, & Kevin Cross  
**EDITOR:** Marilyn Foley  
**ARTIST:** Cheryl Leske  
**BOARD MEETINGS:** Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30. The public is invited.

## POPPING UP IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

- ⇒ **SPRING STORYTIME**— Tuesdays from February 27 through March 19 at 10:30, for preschoolers and their families. Registration is not required.
- ⇒ **MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET**— Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30. This year's theme is "Hats on Parade." Tickets are \$6.00 each and go on sale March 1. They may be purchased at the Children's Desk (downstairs) and will be limited to mothers and school-aged girls.

### NEW MAGAZINES

in the adult department:

American Rifleman, Billboard, PC Magazine, Toastmaster, and Writer's Digest.

*All issues, except the most current, may be checked out for two weeks.*

## REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 9:00

Friday & Saturday 9:00 to 5:30

Sunday 1:00 to 4:00

### Spring Closings

April 5 (12:00 to 5:30), April 7, May 12, May 26, & May 27

**Don't forget** to fill out the survey on page 4. Your comments and suggestions are very important as we lead the library into the 21st century! Your input is vital in this truly exciting time in the information age. *Thank you!*



Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to the Library. Circle the word or phrase that best describes how you feel about the information contained in the question. If you circle OTHER, please fill in the appropriate information.

1. How satisfied are you with the material in the Dundee Township Public Library District?  
 Very Satisfied       Satisfied       Not satisfied

2. How satisfied are you with our services to customers?  
 Very satisfied       Satisfied       Not Satisfied

3. How helpful is the Library Staff?  
 Very Helpful       Helpful       Not Helpful

4. How easy it is to find what you need in the Library?  
 Very Easy       Easy       Not Easy

5. How often do you visit the Library?  
 Once a week       Twice a Month       Monthly       Other

6. How important is the Library to you?  
 Very Important       Important       Not Important

7. How often do you ask for help when you are in the Library?  
 Weekly       Monthly       Other

8. How often do you call the Library for information?  
 Weekly       Monthly       Other

9. If the Library could provide more materials or services, what would you like for them to be?  
 Books on Tape       Magazines       Computers       Videotapes  
 Fiction       Non-fiction       Reference Products       CDs  
 OTHER -----

10. Do you feel the name Dundee Township Public Library District needs any changing?  
 Yes       No  
 If so, what name would you recommend?

## DUNDEE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS

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