

# Newsletter

Serving East and West Dundee, Carpentersville, Sleepy Hollow, Gilberts and Surrounding Areas

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## ❖ from the Dundee Township Public Library District Board Long-Range Planning Committee, Jane Nollman, Chair

Every successful organization is driven by a definitive long-range plan, and the Dundee Township Public Library District is no exception. In April, 1997 the long-range planning committee of the Board began the process of establishing a strategic plan. The Board scheduled a long-range planning workshop for January, 1998 and immediately began compiling information to direct and support the direction of the plan.

Our initial efforts were to determine the needs and desires of the community. Questionnaires were distributed to patrons at the Library. Results of those questionnaires, as well as a previous survey conducted in 1996, were compiled. In addition, over 100 invitations were sent to community organizations and individuals to participate in focus groups. Four groups were held in December, conducted by an independent consultant.

Critical to the success of the Library is staff with a clear perception of the goals of the Library and their role in making those goals a reality. Staff spent a portion of their fall inservice workshop brainstorming about the current status of the Library and the community, projections for the future and what they'd like to see as the direction of the Library. Current statistics of Library use and demographic studies were also compiled.

Looking to the future triggered the Board to review the Library's past - and what a wonderful and "moving" past it's been. The Library has been in 7 different locations throughout its history. Bits and pieces of the Library history existed in a variety of places and was cleverly and touchingly brought together in one document by Dundee-Crown High School student,

Thomas Amenta. Thomas tackled this project with enthusiasm and dedication which resonates in his "History of the Dundee Township Public Library District" available for your education and enjoyment in the Library.

Armed with all of this input, the Board met in late January for an all day workshop to establish initial long-range goals. In the process the mission statement was reviewed and revised slightly.



Left to right: Keith D. Bergstrom, Library Board President; Sylvia Murphy Williams, Library Director; Thomas Amenta; Bob Whitehouse, Principal, Dundee-Crown High School; Paula Amenta; and Dennis Maher, History Teacher, Dundee-Crown High School

The following is the revised mission statement and preliminary long-range plan.

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Dundee Township Public Library District is to provide an environment which assists and encourages our diverse community in learning, reading, and entertainment by providing the services, programs, materials, and information for use in remembering our past, living in the present, and striving for the future.

### **Long-Range Plan:**

1. Economically and expeditiously increase the number of parking spaces.
2. Provide library services to all segments of the community through partnering.
3. Investigate sources of revenue not dependent on tax dollars.
4. Provide staff inservice to enhance service delivery.

As a next step, task forces have been established to develop detailed plans to accomplish these goals. We're enthusiastic about what we've accomplished and the opportunities it presents to the future of the Library.



❖ *new arrivals*

**ADULT FICTION**

**SHADOWS ON THE HUDSON** by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Set in New York City in the late forties, this novel presents the intertwined lives of a group of prosperous Jewish refugees.

**MAJOR WASHINGTON** by Michael Kilian. Three pivotal years in the life of George Washington; growth from a young awkward major in the fledgling militia to a powerful leader in the French and Indian War.

**DAUGHTER OF JOY** by JoAnn Levy. Against the backdrop of San Francisco's dramatic history - disastrous fires, the statehood celebration, a cholera epidemic - the story of Ah Toy, a young Chinese woman, is played out.

**THE DEVIL'S GARDEN** by Ralph Peters. The unknown fate of the daughter of a prominent U.S. Senator in a lawless, oil-rich nation becomes the concern of governments and multi-national corporations jockeying for power.

**ADULT NON-FICTION**

**LOVE & SURVIVAL** by Dean Ornish. The well-known diet doctor argues that love and intimacy makes us well, bring happiness and lead to healing, factors largely ignored by the medical community.

**DEAR MR. JEFFERSON** *Letters from a Nantucket Gardener* by Laura Simon. An imagined correspondence between two avid gardeners, the author and Thomas Jefferson. Illustrations.

**MEMOIRS** by Sir George Solti. The story of an unparalleled musical life, rich in events and adventure, from Budapest to Chicago. Includes photographs.

**THE ELGIN AFFAIR** by Theodore Vrettos. The compelling story of "the greatest art theft in history", the removal of the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon to the British Museum. Includes photographs.

❖ *in appreciation*

**THANK YOU TO...**

**ARTISTS** (Upstairs Gallery) Nancy Howe, Dundee Park District Senior Center Artists; Roger Friewer, John Beresinski, Virginia Zeller, Shirley Whitman, and Betty Zednek, and Dundee-Crown High School Art Students.

**COLLECTORS** (Downstairs) Denise Warzak, Jason McVeigh, Mandy Amenta, Rachel Krum, Lauren Smith, and Dundee-Crown High School Art Students.

**COLLECTORS** (Upstairs) Vivian and Gail Simons, Jim DuPree, and Dundee-Crown High School Art Students.

**AARP VOLUNTEERS** Ray Sussmann, Terry Hensley, Paul Frohan, Gene Shell and Lois Hill for their assistance with *Tax Counseling for the Elderly*.

❖ *join the fun!*

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON SUNDAY, APRIL 19 2:00**

The Bells of Dundee of the First Congregational Church of West Dundee will be using all five octaves of their bells in this unique concert in the Meeting Room.

**FROM PANTALOONS TO BIKINIS MONDAY, APRIL 20 7:00**

Costume historian Sandi Scheibley gives us the inside story on ladies wardrobes from 1860 to 1960. A lively audience participation program for all ages. Registration required; call Ext. 208.

**FOOTLOOSE IN SCOTLAND TUESDAY, APRIL 21 7:00**

Let the sound of bagpipes draw you to the land of castles and lochs as John Lynn hosts his newest slide and lecture program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No registration required.

**"THE MAGIC IN YOU" WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 7:00**

Magician Don Bothwell uses magic to teach children how to respect life, preserve and take care of it.

**PLANTING A THEME GARDEN THURSDAY, APRIL 23 7:00**

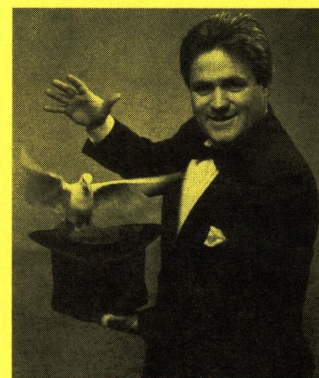
Hummingbird gardens, fairy gardens, and moonlight gardens are just a few of the different theme gardens that Master Gardener Penny Newkirk will show us how to design and plant. Registration required; call Ext. 208.

**CHILDREN'S CRAFT PROGRAM SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

Children can stop by anytime during the day and make a Mother's card to take with them.

**AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT**

Visit the AV Department any time during National Library Week and register for prize drawings and see the special displays of Jazz Masters CD's and cassettes, Pulitzer Prize Books-On-Tape and Disaster Movies.





❖ *kids stuff***SPRING PROGRAMS**

**"THE MAGIC IN YOU"** Magician Don Bothwell presents a breath taking magic show that encourages people to respect themselves and others. No registration required. **Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00.**

**SPRING STORYTIME** Puppets, stories, flannelboards, and fingerplays for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. No registration required. **Every Tuesday in April at 10:30.**

**JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS WANTED** The Children's Department is looking for young people ages 12-16 to staff the Summer Reading Club station and assist with programs this summer. The Junior Volunteer program offers excellent preparation for the working world and an opportunity to contribute to the community. If your young person will have extra time on their hands this summer, contact Kathy Mitchell, Ext. 210 or stop by the Children's Desk.

Summer Reading Club Begins June 8  
**"Dive Into Books"**

❖ *NorthStarNet***JOIN US ON THE WEB**

**G**roups in Dundee Township are invited to become an information provider for NorthStarNet, a free community information network. NorthStarNet is a great place to find city offices, schools, organizations, and businesses in your local community and in the greater Chicago Region. You can join by either uploading your home page to the NorthStarNet server at no cost or by requesting us to link your site to the Dundee Area Home Page. You may produce, upload and maintain your page from a NorthStarNet Internet workstation located in the Library or from the convenience of your home or business. To upload your home page pick up an application at the Reference desk. For more information, instructions or to link call Carolyn Friedlund at 847-428-3661 ext. 208 or by fax 847-428-0521. Find out more at <http://nsn.nslsilus.org> and <http://nsn.nslsilus.org/dukhome>.

❖ *friends of the library***SPRING PROGRAM**

**J**oin us on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 for **"Footloose in Scotland"**, presented by John Lynn. This armchair tour offers glimpses of Scotland's beauty, culture and history narrated with the wry humor that has made John Lynn such a popular speaker. This is the third visit for this crowd pleasing speaker. There is no charge for this program and registration is not required.

**I**f you would like to participate in the activities of the Friends pick up a membership form at the Circulation Desk or contact Carol Grom at 428-4064.

**DIRECTOR:** Sylvia Murphy Williams  
**TRUSTEES:** Keith D. Bergstrom (President), Patricia Ostewig (Vice President), Dorothy Carrigan (Secretary), Richard Sisler (Treasurer), Carol Schopp, Mary Pryor and Jane Nollman.  
**BOARD MEETINGS:** The second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The Public is invited.  
**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Susan Clark

❖ *new arrivals***CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT****NEW BOOKS**

**BARNYARD LULLABY** by Frank Asch. When the barnyard animals sing lullabies to their babies, the farmer only hears noises, but understands the lullaby his wife sings to their child. Preschoolers.

**BABY TAMER** by Mark Teague. The Eggmont kids are every babysitter's worst nightmare, but Amanda is prepared. Grades 1-2.

**THE YEAR MY PARENTS RUINED MY LIFE** by Martha Freeman. 12-year-old Kate has her entire world turned upside down when she has to move from California to snowy Pennsylvania. Grades 4-6.

**NEW VIDEOS**

**BELLE'S MAGICAL WORLD** The first of three stories in this Disney production is "Perfect Word," in which a silly misunderstanding between Belle and the Beast leads to a lesson in forgiveness.

**THE RAINBOW FISH** The rainbow fish, Dazzle the dinosaur, and his friend learn lessons about selfishness and friendship. Based on the books by Marcus Pfister.

**AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT****NEW BOOKS ON TAPE**

New unabridged titles being added to the books on tape collection include **THE CASE HAS ALTERED** by Martha Grimes, **CUBA LIBRE** by Elmore Leonard, **FEAR NOTHING** by Dean R. Koontz, and the classics, **A NIGHT TO REMEMBER** by Walter Lord and **CAINE MUTINY** by Herman Wouk.

**NEW MUSIC**

New CDs and cassettes by popular artists have been added to the audio collection. Look for new albums by Peggy Scott-Adams, **CONTAGIOUS**, Michael Bolton, **MY SECRET PASSION**, Royal Crown Revue, **CAUGHT IN THE ACT**, Lisa Loeb, **FIRECRACKER**, and Karen Clark-Shear, **FINALLY KAREN**.



❖ *mark your calendars*

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**FROM PANTALOONS TO BIKINIS**



Sandi Scheibley, costume historian, museum consultant and lecturer, reveals how ladies coped with the hoops, bustles, corsets and hip pads of another era. A lively audience participation program for all ages.

**MONDAY, APRIL 20 7:00**

**FOOTLOOSE IN SCOTLAND**

World traveler John Lynn returns to take us on another armchair tour with slides and lecture, this time to the land of kilts and lochs.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21 7:00**

*No registration required*



**PLANTING A THEME GARDEN**

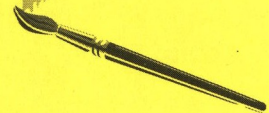
Want to do something different with your garden this year? Master Gardener Penny Newkirk gives us the how-to's and secrets behind successful hummingbird gardens, moonlight gardens, fairy gardens, pilgrim gardens and many others.

**THURSDAY APRIL 23 7:00**

**GETTING STARTED IN WATERCOLORS**

Begin a new hobby or just enjoy unleashing your creative side by exploring the basics of watercolor painting in 3 sessions. Instruction by Gail Simons, Judson College. \$10 fee for supplies.

**MONDAYS, MAY 4, 11, & 18 7:00**



**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Meetings:

Last Wednesday of each month  
1:30 and 7:00

*Call 428-3661 Ext.208*

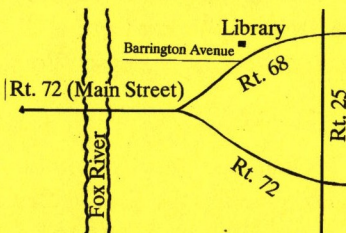
*All programs are free; Registration is required.*

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 9:00  
Friday and Saturday 9:00 to 5:30  
Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00

**CLOSINGS**

April 10, Early closing 12:00  
Sundays April 12, May 10, 24  
Monday, May 25

Bulk Rate

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