

Newsletter

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❖ from the library board

PARKING LOT TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORT

On January 31, your library board and director met at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation with training and development consultant Sharon Wiseman. One of the goals of that retreat was to set up strategy task forces that would address specific concerns of patron, staff, and board members. One overwhelming theme of concern was our parking lot capacity. It is from this meeting that this task force was created.

On March 4th we had our initial meeting. We have met at least once month since then. Representing the library staff: Director Sylvia Murphy Williams, Karin Nelson, and Jeanne Etling. Representing the library board: Secretary Dorothy Carrigan and Treasurer Richard Sisler. Serving as citizen volunteer: Gene Lamp. Gene works at Lamp Construction and his expertise over the past six months has been invaluable. We are very fortunate to have a volunteer with his knowledge level. Thank you, Gene!

Our first responsibility was to schedule a survey of our property to see if additional parking was possible. Getting our survey scheduled was time consuming. The survey was completed and we were pleasantly surprised to discover that our property extended further north than we assumed. Dundee Engineering considers an expansion of approximately 40 regular spaces plus 3-5 handicap spaces possible. Our present lot provides for 55 spaces plus 2 handicap spaces. Needless to say, this would make for a significant increase!

Our next responsibility was to find engineering firms that would submit a bid overseeing the entire project.

We presently have one bid. However, we felt it our responsibility and obligation to the community that we have more than one bid before beginning the project. This has not been easy to do. The dramatic growth boom in our area makes it obvious why firms have told us that they are too busy to give us a comprehensive bid. Because of this complication we are hoping other firms will show interest if we set our completion goal for late spring instead of late fall.

We hope to have bids by November 1 from more than one engineering firm and parking lot company. We will lose a section of the heavily wooded area directly to the north of the present lot. Woods, however, will still be present and should not change the view to the north that presently exists. We will also be resurfacing and repairing the present parking area. This will likely be done in stages so as to minimize patron access problems.

Cost estimates are in the \$55,000 area. This amount includes engineering, soil testing, tree removal, and electrical work for the new parking bay. We also must meet any East Dundee Village requirements. The library budget should be able to handle this cost. This is significant particularly in light of the fact that we have just paid \$208,395 for our new heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

We hope that all decisions will be reached soon and that work will begin sometime in early spring.

Richard Sisler

❖ september is...

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

We promise to card you! September is library card sign-up month, so why not stop in and get **your** card? Bring in any two pieces of ID showing your name and current address - driver's license, voter registration, or utility bill - to get your own card and sign up your

children 14 and under. Your kids will get a boost in school when they have their own cards to check out study aids. Books, audio cassettes, and videos are available to take home for fun and information. If you've never been to the library or haven't visited lately, come check us out and see what's new!

❖ *new arrivals*

ADULT FICTION

RIPTIDE by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. Treasure hunters try to unlock the deadly puzzle known as the Water Pit in this thriller from the authors of **RELIC**.

LEGAL BRIEFS Short stories by today's best thriller writers including Jay Brandon, John Grisham and Steve Martini.

LAST DAYS OF SUMMER by Steve Kluger. Joey Margolis is typical baseball-crazy boy growing up during World War II in this funny and unusual novel.

L.A. NOIR by James Ellroy. A collection of three early novels, **BLOOD ON THE MOON, BECAUSE THE NIGHT AND SUICIDE HILL** by the famed crime writer of **L.A. CONFIDENTIAL**.

ADULT NON-FICTION

FIFTY RUSSIAN WINTERS by Margaret Wettlin. A memoir of the life of an American woman who leaves the U.S. during the Depression to live in Russia during famine, war and repression.

DISCOVERING ANTIQUES by Eric Knowles. Beautiful photographs highlight chapters on glass, furniture, clocks, ceramics and much more.

PACK OF TWO by Caroline Knapp. The complicated subject of human-animal relationships from the point of view of a first time dog owner.

TURN LEFT AT THE BLACK COW by Richard McKenzie. An engaging account of the author's life with his wife Ava, daughter of Fred Astaire, in the Irish countryside.

MORNINGSTAR MUTUAL FUNDS Investors can now use this new tool to get valuable investment information that is unbiased, comprehensive and insightful.

❖ *in appreciation*

THANK YOU TO...



ARTISTS (Upstairs Gallery) Fox Valley Weavers Guild, Laura Skamser and Gail Simons.



COLLECTORS (Downstairs) Colin McCarthy, Carlos Realzola, Anna Worzak, Rachel Vidales, Lisa and Laura Piel, Nathan and Haley Anderson, Madeline Christensen and Chris Rossi.



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY for the new computer for patron use in the Audio Visual Department and a gift \$2000 to be used for adult programs in the Library.



MIKE SPIRO Public Education Instructor of the East Dundee Police Department for his tornado safety presentation to the Library staff.



MEMEBERS OF THE EAST AND WEST DUNDEE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE WEST DUNDEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (right)

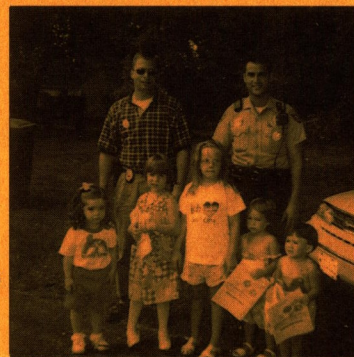
for their enthusiastic participation in our Safety Day for children.



OLD COUNTRY BUFFET at Spring Hill Mall who donated over 500 coupons for a free lunch or dinner to all the children who finished Summer Reading Club.



HILLS OF WEST DUNDEE BABY SITTING CO-OP for their generous donation to the Children's Department.



Some of our 1998 Junior Volunteers!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

VOLUNTEERS Adult volunteers Pam Odgers, Nancy Sisler and Jennifer Schmidt and junior volunteers Tom Amenta, Jeanette Bottom, Emily Dalphy, Lianne Dalphy, Ben Hane, Chris Hill, Brendan Hilliard, Kathy Killackey, Elizabeth Keaty, Dan Luna, Keeley McDonough, Joanna Menu, Audra Odzana, Gabe Odzana, Brian Pierce, Allison Richmond, Michelle Rossi, Sarah Schmalen, Laura Seyller,

Stephanie Sharp, Chris Shrum, Michelle Sibery, Polly Thorne, Sam Thorne, Matthew Tracy, Kristen Weiss, and Doug Wheeland.

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 welcome.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Susan Clark



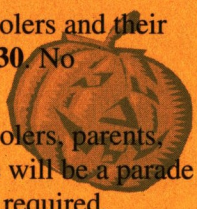
❖ *kids stuff***AUTUMN PROGRAMS**

FALL STORYTIME Puppets, songs and more for preschoolers and their caregivers. **Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30.** No registration required.

WACKY WITCHES Funny Halloween stories for preschoolers, parents, and caregivers on **Thursday, October 29 at 10:30.** There will be a parade through the library so wear your costume! No registration required.

TREMENDOUS TWO'S A storytime for children who are 2 years old by November 4. A parent or caregiver must participate in each session. **Every Wednesday in November at 9:30 and 10:30.** Registration begins Oct. 19.

"DIVE INTO BOOKS" SUMMER READING CLUB UPDATE 1069 children participated this year reading over 17,000 books. Everyone who finished by July 31 received a paperback book. Drawings were held weekly for gifts pertaining to the sea.

❖ *book beat***ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

The four winners of the drawing for the "Listen Up" grand prizes were Ello Patti, Louise Michalski, Nancy Wendt and Karen Schroeder. Each winner received a personal stereo cassette player and radio, extra batteries, a \$15 gift certificate to a local bookstore and a "So many books, so little time" totebag.

105 library patrons participated in the program and among them read a total of 836 books between June 8 and August 15.



Karen Schroeder, winner of a "Listen UP" grand prize.

❖ *adult library volunteers***THEY'RE SPECIAL!**

Every library has adult volunteers that give some of their personal time assisting the library staff and we think ours are pretty special. Reorganizing and preserving archival newspaper articles and correspondence about the library has become Adult Services volunteer Mary Lamp's (left) special project. Her activities in the Dundee Historical Society have made this a natural undertaking for her. Children's Department volunteers

Nancy Sisler (right) and Pam Odgers (not pictured) always have lots of different fun tasks waiting for their attention like making puppets, helping organize the Summer Reading Club, preparing for the various programs and designing signs. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Adult Services at 428-3661, ext. 203, or the Children's Department at ext. 210.

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

THE SECRET OF GUMBO GROVE by Tate, Eleanora E. When 11-year-old Raisin helps to clean up the church cemetery, she discovers a real-life mystery that no one wants to talk about. Grade 4+

BONE BREATH AND THE VANDALS by Peg Kehert. When 6th grader Kayo Benton is nabbed by vandals, Rosie, her best friend races against the clock to find her. Grade 5 +

BROOKLYN DOESN'T RHYME by Joan W. Bloss. A heartwarming picture of Jewish life in turn-of-the-century New York, in this funny, touching story of an 11-year-old who keeps a daily journal of the events in her Brooklyn neighborhood. Grade 5+

THE HOSTAGE by Theodore Taylor. When Jamie Tidd traps a killer whale, he must decide what's more important: saving the animal's life or taking the reward money offered by a marine park. Grade 7+

AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT**NEW VIDEOS**

For those who like to get the whole picture, the Library will be adding several widescreen videos of current films. **CON AIR** with Nicolas Cage, **SPEED 2** with Sandra Bullock and **CONTACT** based on the novel by Carl Sagan and starring Jodi Foster will be in the widescreen format.

NEW BOOKS ON TAPE

New classic titles being added to the books on tape collection are **BABBITT** by Sinclair Lewis, **CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY** by Alan Paton, **IRONWEED** by William Kennedy and **THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH** by Walter Tevis. New contemporary fiction tapes include **SWITCHEROO** by Olivia Goldsmith, **STILL ME** by Christopher Reeve, **SWIMMING TO CATALINA** by Stuart Woods and **ICON** by Frederick Forsyth.



❖ *mark your calendars*

ADULT PROGRAMS

**A VISIT WITH
ABRAHAM LINCOLN**



Please join us for a very special evening with one of our nation's most respected and popular Presidents. Mr. Lincoln will be talking about his life in the political arenas of the mid 19th Century and recounting stories of his boyhood.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 7:00

All programs are free; registration is required. Call 428-3661, ext 208.

ANTIQUE APPRAISALS

Find out what that dusty old vase is really worth! Appraisal expert **Frederick Dosé** will be on hand to give you the good (or bad) news.

Free tickets available at the Reference Desk

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 7:00

**GETTING STARTED IN
WATERCOLORS**

Unleash your creative side or start a new hobby by exploring the basics of water color painting in 3 sessions. Instruction by Gail Simons. \$10 fee for supplies. Class size is limited.

MONDAYS, OCT. 5, 12 & 19 7:00

**ROYAL GHOSTS OF
ENGLAND**

Dale Kaczmarek of the **GHOST RESEARCH SOCIETY** takes us on a shivery tour of the Tower of London, Highgate Cemetery, Berkeley Castle and many more of Britain's haunted sites. The slide lecture includes ghost photographs taken by leading British ghost hunters.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 7:00

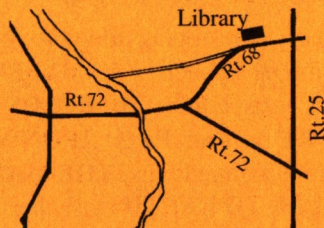


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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 9:00
Friday and Saturday 9:00 to 5:30
Sunday 1:00 to 4:00
(September to May)

CLOSINGS

Monday, September 7

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