

# Newsletter

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## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK November 16-22



### ❖from the director

Kind gestures, warm smiles and friendly greetings seem to be more prevalent during the holiday season. I look forward to this special time of year because it always causes me to reflect on what is truly important in my life. I am grateful for my family and friends and look forward to spending time with them enjoying good food and delightful holiday music.

Finding the perfect gift and planning the perfect dinner party can be very exciting and stressful all at the same time! Did you know that the staff here at the library could help?

That's right! What you need is right here in your public library! Do you need help finding a delicious desert to bake for your party? Would you like to impress everyone with your magnificent table display? Why not stop by the reference desk and let us help you? We have a wonderful selection of holiday cookbooks that you are sure to enjoy!

How about some music to help get you and your guests in the mood? We have a vast assortment of jazz, gospel, country, rock, Chanukah and Kwanzaa music on CD. What about holiday specials on videocassette? Some suggested selections feature the Vienna Boys Choir, Tony Bennett, Kathleen Battle, Harry Connick Jr., Neil Diamond and Natalie Cole just to name a few. A trip to the AV desk is what you need to find these treasures!

Not sure what to do with the children on those cold snowy days? Why not spend some quality time with them making holiday crafts that can be given as gifts to family and friends? You will have a lot of fun and warm the hearts of many since gifts made by children always have "special" meaning. Our Children's Department is a perfect place to visit with your children to get great craft ideas that you all will love!

We have worked very hard to make your library a place where you can find the materials you need to make the holiday season special for you and your family. Why not stop by and let us help?

I wish you all a *very special holiday season* filled with all of the things that warm your heart during this time of year.



*Sylvia Murphy Williams*

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❖ *new arrivals*

**ADULT FICTION**

**BLUE LIGHT** by Walter Mosley. In a departure from his Easy Rawlins series, this is the story of people transformed for the better by a blue light that strikes the earth from outer space.

**THE POISONWOOD BIBLE** by Barbara Kingsolver. Postcolonial Belgian Congo is the setting for the story of a Baptist evangelist and his family.

**MANNEQUIN** by J. Robert James. A French detective and a Gestapo officer are teamed in Paris of 1942 to solve a murder and a bank robbery.

**AIRS AND GRACES** by Erica James. A young divorcee plans for a new life are interrupted by Jo-Jo, a homeless pregnant girl, and Matthew, a traveling artist.

**ADULT NON-FICTION**

**THE HIRED MAN'S CHRISTMAS** by George Givens. A mysterious hired hand teaches the author the importance of family and love.

**CHRISTMAS ON JANE STREET: A TRUE STORY** by Billy Romp. In a unique, real-life Christmas story, the author describes his travels from Vermont to Manhattan to sell Christmas trees from his camper.

**LAS CHRISTMAS: FAVORITE LATINO AUTHORS SHARE THEIR HOLIDAY MEMORIES** by Esmerelda Santiago and Joie Davidow. 24 distinguished Latino authors share reminiscences and reflections on the Christmas holidays.

**BEST CHRISTMAS EVER** by Pamela Westland. A glorious collection of festive ideas and traditions includes ideas for decorating the home, ornaments, cards and recipes.

**EASY & ELEGANT CHRISTMAS TREES** by Claire Worthington. 7 trees, each with different theme, are decorated in a range of styles using widely available, inexpensive materials.

❖ *book beat*

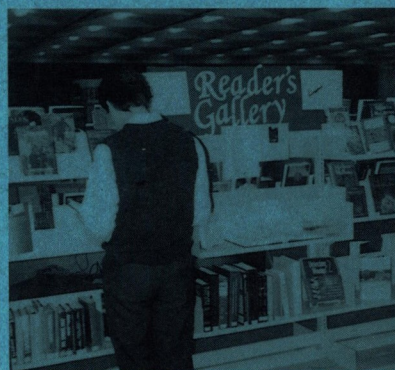
**FICTION FOCUS**

We hope you are enjoying the Reader's Gallery, the new fiction display areas which have been set up to assist you in your selection of books to read in the Fiction, Mystery and Science Fiction genres. We have placed new items on our display for the holidays. Our feature displays will be short stories. A collection of short stories by various authors is a great way to sample new authors to see how you like their styles. Perhaps an author whose short story appeals to you has several novels or mysteries you will also enjoy. A short story is a great way to spend time waiting in a doctor's office or while

on hold on the telephone. It may be long enough for one night's enjoyment. During the holidays when nerves are frayed you might enjoy a breather with a short read and a quick treat that will give you needed time away from your tasks so you can continue them refreshed.

We are continuing the display of Oprah's Book Club titles as well as our popular Staff Choices.

We have placed some of our Reader's Advisory reference books at the Reader's





Gallery. These include **WHAT MYSTERY DO I READ NEXT?**, **BEST BOOKS FOR SENIOR HIGH READERS** and **SEQUELS: AN ANNOTATED GUIDE TO NOVELS IN SERIES** as well as many others. You may use any of these titles in the Library. Each book tells you how to use it to find other books you may like based on books you have already enjoyed.


Happy reading!


❖ *in appreciation*


**THANK YOU TO...**

 **ARTISTS** (Upstairs Gallery)  
Mary Jo Lang and Joe Nemec.

 **COLLECTORS** (Downstairs)  
Jennifer Wheeland, Krista and Kaitlyn Robbins, Dalton Langley, Paul Duran, Dorie Menue, Rebecca Vidales, and Nikki and Rokki Kaplan.

 **COLLECTORS** (Upstairs)  
Allison Kramer, Eugene Blair, DDS, Robert Shoenthal, DMD, and the estate of William Towner, DDS.

 **RICHARD AND LILA COATES** for their \$100 gift to add a welcoming accent to the Library entrance.

 **RALPH KELLEY** for his donation of a collection of historical house photographs.

❖ *from the reader's advisory desk*  
**IF YOU LIKE....**

If you like books by **Diana Gabaldon**, you might enjoy **INTO THE WILDERNESS** by Sara Donati.

Fans of **Barbara Kingsolver** might enjoy **THE HONK AND HOLLER** **OPENING SOON** by Billie Letts.

Mystery readers who enjoy the Brother Cadfael series by **Ellis Peters** might try the **Edward Marston's** Domesday series. **THE SERPENTS OF HARBLEDOWN** is the most recent title.

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## ❖ kids stuff

## AUTUMN PROGRAMS



**STORYTELLER CHRIS FASCIONE** Help us celebrate **National Children's Book Week** (November 16-22) by joining us for an evening of stories in the Children's Department on **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30**. Well-known storyteller, **Chris Fascione**, will take us "**AROUND THE WORLD**" with his tales from many different cultures. Be ready for an evening of lots of fun and laughter. There is no registration and the program is open to all ages. It will be a very special evening. Don't miss it! Bring the whole family.

**FAMILY READING NIGHT** November 19 is Family Reading Night sponsored by the Illinois State Library. Drop by the Children's Department for some good

books, and while you are here be sure to **MAKE A POSTER OF YOUR FAVORITE BOOK**. We will have all kinds of art materials for you to use from **3:00 – 9:00** on **November 19**. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and under should be accompanied by an adult. These posters will be used to decorate the Children's Department for the month of November and then can be taken home.

#### DECK THE TREE WITH HOLIDAY TRIMMINGS

On **Tuesday, December 1** members of the *Dundee Crown Art Club* will be in the Children's Multi-purpose Room from **4:00 – 5:00** helping school age children make ornaments for our holiday tree in front of the Library. There is no registration for this program.

#### MITTEN TREE

We will again have our **Mitten Tree** in the Children's Department. It is a wonderful way to share the real meaning of the holiday with your child, and if you don't have children please feel free to leave mittens on the tree. All mittens will be distributed to children in our Library District. Mittens may be hung on the tree from **December 1 through December 23**. Ask for yarn at the Children's Desk.

#### HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CRAFT

There will be easy-to-make holiday projects and crafts for adults and children to work on together any hours the library is open from **December 7 – 19** in the Children's Multi-purpose Room.

**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



## ❖ new arrivals

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

## HOLIDAY MUSIC

**THE BROADWAY KIDS SING CHRISTMAS** by The Broadway Kids. Wrapped in melody and ribboned in good cheer, the award-winning Broadway Kids sing age-old and brand-new songs that celebrate the holidays.

**HAP PALMER'S HOLIDAY MAGIC** by Hap Palmer. Winner of the Parent's Choice Gold Award. Hap Palmer's 12 holiday singalongs invite all to join him in singing warm ballads and up-tempo songs.

**KIDS SING CHRISTMAS.** Features 31 favorites sung by children. The split-trax format lets you turn your stereo balance to the left and enjoy instrumental only! Perfect for singalong fun!

**THE CHRISTMAS GIFT** by Charlotte Diamond. This "Christmas Gift" is for all ages with songs for the holidays from around the world.

## AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

## NEW MAGAZINES FOR 1999

The Library's periodicals collection is being expanded to better serve its patrons with the addition of the following new magazines:

- American Theatre
- Archeology
- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Skeptical Inquirer
- Electronic Gaming Monthly
- Off-Road
- National Geographic Traveler
- American Demographics
- Yale Law Journal
- Weight Watchers Magazine
- Latina
- Publish
- Mutual Funds Magazine
- Parenting
- English Journal
- Birds & Bloom
- Unabashed Librarian
- Audiofile



❖ *mark your calendars*

**ADULT PROGRAMS**



**PARIS BY NIGHT**

Experience the unforgettable songs and stories of a French cabaret with international entertainers

**Bates & Fammerée**

Sponsored by the

**Friends of the Library**

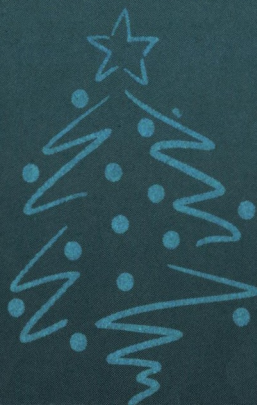
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 7:00**

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

**MRS. CLAUS' CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS**

Gourmet Chef Penny Newkirk shows us how to prepare some special Christmas treats for giving; raspberry truffle, apricot log, hot spice nut blend and more. Recipes, wrapping and gift basket ideas are included.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 19 7:00**



**CHINA: THE QUIET BEAUTY**

World traveler **Mike Gauer** takes us on another slide show journey, this time through the ancient lands of China. Visit the Great Wall, the mysterious Forbidden City, the ethereal mists of the Huanghan Mountains, bustling Shanghai and more.

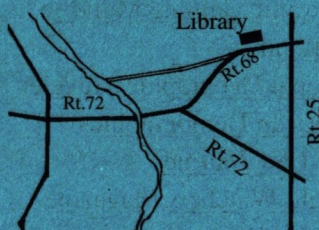
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**LIBRARY HOURS**

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

**CLOSINGS**

Nov.25 (Early Closing at 5:00)  
November 26  
December 24 and 25  
Dec.31 (Early Closing at 1:00), Jan. 1

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