



# Newsletter

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

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## ❖from the library board

While I was standing in line at the checkout of a local grocery store, one of our "usual" weekly shoppers made the comment that she wished the line would move. "I have to get to the Elgin Library to use a computer." I inquired why she didn't use our library to use a computer? She was surprised to learn that we had computers. I was amazed to learn that she had no idea that her property tax dollars bought computers as well as books. I wondered how many others did not know how their tax dollars were spent at the library.

Our library has a budget of just over one million dollars from which salaries, maintenance, utilities, book purchases, office supplies, insurance, legal fees, automation improvements, programs, and other expenses must be paid.

For example: In 1998, we had a huge expense when the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system had to be replaced at a cost of \$206,469.60.

New books cost \$113,126.63 while videos, CD's and cassettes cost \$32,469.26.

Automation expansion (computers, software and databases) cost \$26,887.32 with an additional \$410.68 being spent monthly for Internet access.

Salaries, insurance, inservice education for the staff and legal fees amounted to \$750,945.00. Utilities were \$52,403.00.

Supplies; office, library, maintenance, new copy machine and machine maintenance were \$28,363.00.

New entrance doors, a new telephone system, and some

new furniture for the Children's Department was purchased. A new outside book drop box was also purchased.

When we took our survey of what patrons wanted, one of the items was more programs, both adult and childrens. More programs were added at the cost of \$7,156.52.



In the aforementioned survey, the most requested item was improved parking. This spring work will begin on the parking lot. We will increase parking spaces to 94, install new lighting, widen the entrance, and repair the existing parking area. The cost for this project will be \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Future plans include remodeling the interior of the library to provide more space for books, improvement of restrooms, signage and landscape work, and also Local Area

Networking of the computers.

There is no way that we can compete with the larger libraries in our North Suburban area. Some have budgets six times larger than ours, but with good budgeting by our Director, we are up-to-date on a smaller scale.

Please use your library. After all, you are paying for it.

Dorothy Carrigan  
Dundee Township Library Board Secretary

❖ **new arrivals****ADULT FICTION**

**SPYDER WEB** by Tom Grace. A battle to control the confidential technology of the CIA's new computer spy involves a former navy SEAL who would rather stay retired.

**ICE MASTER** by James Houston. Baffin Island is the setting for the 19th century adventure of two rival ship captains on a whale hunt.

**MY LAST DAYS AS ROY ROGERS** by Pat Cunningham Devoto. During the last "polio days" before the Salk vaccine, a young girl with a passion for Roy Rogers is about to experience the most unforgettable summer of her life.

**LOOSE COINS** by Joel Hensley and Guy Townsend. Former Memphis lawyer Al Sears is now a licensed PI and part-time clerk in a coin shop when a hired killer tries to shoot him at a poker game.

**ADULT NON-FICTION**

**HOUSE OF HAEGER 1914-1944** by Joe and Joyce Paradis. This first of two volumes about our local pottery is a thorough history of the company that includes price guides and hundreds of color photographs.

**BEYOND SIBLING RIVALRY** by Peter Goldenthal. Practical guidelines and tools for solving common and not-so-common sibling conflicts as well as reducing friction and stress among children when they arise.

**GEOLOGY UNDERFOOT IN ILLINOIS** by Raymond Wiggers. Numerous illustrations highlight this very readable guide to walking or driving tours of 37 geologically diverse sites in Illinois.

**DEBBIE TRAVIS' PAINTED HOUSE** by Debbie Travis. The internationally acclaimed painted-finishes expert shares well-kept secrets of color, theme, wall and floor finishes, and furniture surfaces in easy directions that anyone can follow for impressive results.

❖ *celebrate at your library!***NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 11 - 17****A LOOK AT PRAIRIE STATE GEOLOGY**

MONDAY, APRIL 12 7:00

Raymond Wiggers, author of **GEOLOGY UNDERFOOT IN ILLINOIS**, will be presenting a slide lecture illustrating a diverse selection of outstanding scenic locales and geologic sites in Illinois. Registration required; call ext 208.

**THE TRULY REMARKABLE LOON**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 7:00

He's a juggler! He's a comedian! He's the Truly Remarkable Loon! Families are invited to enjoy his fast-paced entertainment. No registration required.

**FOOTLOOSE IN WALES**

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 7:00

Take a walk through Wales with world explorer John Lynn and visit its misty hills and country towns during this slide presentation. Sponsored by the **Friends of the Library**. Registration required; call ext 208.

**AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT**

Visit the AV Department any time during National Library Week and register for prize drawings and see the special music display of tapes and CDs of the History of Rock n' Roll and war movies.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

APRIL 11 TO APRIL 17

The theme of the contest is **"A Cool Spot for a Cool Book."** Your picture might show a friend reading a book in a favorite place or dressed as a character in the book. A book **must** be in the picture. Students in grades 9 - 12 can submit photographs until 5:30, Saturday, April 10. Mounting is not necessary, but all entries must be 5x7 prints. Prizes of gift certificates to Best Buy will be awarded to the top three photographs on Saturday, April 17. More information and entry forms are available at the Reference Desk.

❖ *in appreciation***THANK YOU TO...**

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

❖ **COLLECTORS** (Upstairs) Jason Rangel, Bob Barkhurst and the art students of Dundee Crown High School.

❖ **ARTISTS** (Upstairs Gallery) Gail Simons and the art students of Dundee Crown High School.

❖ **COLLECTORS** (Downstairs) Sheila Ferguson, Salina and Charlotte Norman, Jamie Rust, Colin and Andrew Nemec, Samantha and Alexis Menue and the art students of Dundee Crown High School.

❖ **VOLUNTEER** Theresa Peterson from the League of Women Voters for her assistance in registering new voters.

❖ *kids stuff***SPRING PROGRAMS****SPRING STORYTIME**

Puppets, stories, flannelboards and fingerplays for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. No registration required. **Tuesdays in April at 9:30 or 10:30.**

**"TRULY REMARKABLE LOON"**

Be amazed and thrilled by the juggling skills and crazy comedy of this lively entertainer. No registration required. **Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00.**

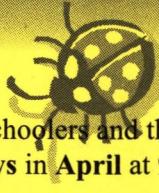
**MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT PROGRAMS**

Children can stop by anytime and make an Easter card. **Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2.**

Make a special Mothers Day card to take home with you. **Monday, May 3 to Saturday, May 8.**

**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 interested, please call Kathy Mitchell, Ext 210, or stop by the Children's Desk.

❖ *changes and improvements***SAFER PARKING**

Parking is not permitted at the curb next to the Library's front-door entrance. The improved fire lane is one of the safety enhancements to the Library's parking lot. Speed limit signs will also assist drivers in making a visit to the Library a safe and pleasant experience.

Library visitors are cautioned that under an agreement with the East Dundee Police Department, drivers can be ticketed for traffic violations on library property. Look for a significant increase in convenient parking and handicapped spaces plus lighting and driveway improvements this spring!

**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

❖ *illinois audubon society***SPECIAL EXHIBIT**

A traveling educational exhibit from the Illinois Audubon Society, "Nature's Gems: Butterflies and Moths", will be on view in the Library during the entire month of April. Photographs of some of the most beautiful species, interesting facts and information on creating a butterfly garden are features of this colorful display.

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

If you like **Tony Hillerman**, you might enjoy a new book by **Kirk Mitchell** titled **CRY DANCE**.

Fans of **John Grisham** may find books by **Lisa Scottoline** enjoyable. Her latest is **MISTAKEN IDENTITY**.

Readers who appreciate the inspired craziness of **Carl Hiaasen** can try books by **Laurence Shames** or **Elmore Leonard**.

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

**ENCYCLOPEDIA OF DINOSAURS** ed. Philip J. Currie. Everything you wanted or needed to know about the history, biology, and theory of dinosaurs from Anklosauria to Jurassic park to the Zigong Dinosaur Museum in China.

**WORLD BOOK OF MATH POWER**

Two useful volumes give both adults and students a look at math as a natural part of how we think and work.

**GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS**

Ever wonder what is the record for the longest hair (13' 10") or the value of the oldest pair of Levi's (\$24,960)? Find out in this latest edition of an old favorite.

**BEYOND PICTURE BOOKS**

by Barbara Barstow. Parents will enjoy using this guide to locate well written and interesting books to introduce their children to reading on their own.

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

Recent titles added to the unabridged books-on-tape collection include mysteries like Patricia Cornwell's **SOUTHERN CROSS**, Walter Mosley's **BLUE LIGHT** and Jonathan Kellerman's **BILLY STRAIGHT**.

**NEW VIDEOS**

Check out a classic film by one of the world's greatest directors including **Rules of the Game** by French director Jean Renoir, Ingmar Bergman's **Persona**, the award winning epic **Andrei Rublev** by Andrei Trakovsky and Federico Fellini's tender and funny love story **Ginger & Fred**.

**NEW MUSIC**

If you are interested in a bit of classic rock and roll the library has added albums by **Earth, Wind & Fire**, the **Velvet Underground**, **Lynyrd Skynyrd**, **Buddy Holly** and **Jimi Hendrix**.

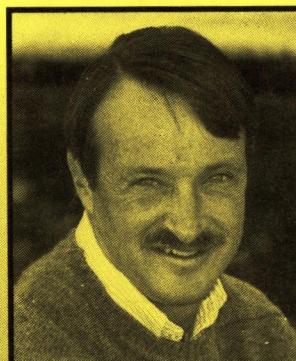
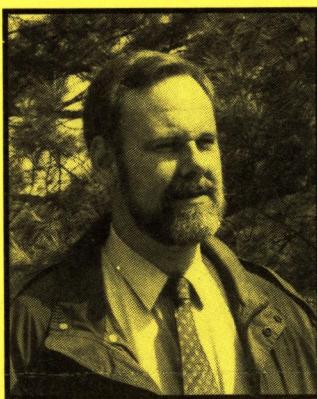
❖ mark your calendars

## ADULT PROGRAMS

## A LOOK AT PRAIRIE STATE GEOLOGY

If you think Illinois is nothing but one big cornfield, this slide lecture will be a pleasant surprise. Besides covering the major sections of the state, author **Raymond Wiggers** will feature a special overview of the geological origins of our community and environs.

MONDAY, APRIL 12 7:00



## FOOTLOOSE IN WALES

**John Lynn** takes us on a 250 mile walk the length and breadth of Wales. Explore, experience and enjoy the storied hills, green valleys, friendly country towns and cultural traditions of the Welsh.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 7:00

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

## PIONEER GARDENS

The gardens of 19th century women were not only beautiful but practical, the colorful blooms containing the secrets to good health and beauty passed from generation to generation.

This slide presentation gives us a glimpse of gardens that transcended the ordinary. With **Nancy Burgess**, Education Director for the Long Grove Historical Society.

THURSDAY, MAY 13 7:00

BOOK REVIEW:  
THE 100 SECRET SENSES

Join professional book reviewer **Judy Levin** as she presents the story of half sisters Olivia and Kwan, their childhood together and intervening fates as adults. Presented as part of the North Suburban Library Foundation Literary Circle.

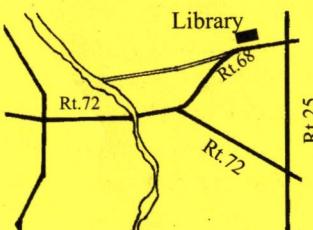
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## LIBRARY HOURS

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

## CLOSINGS

Friday, April 1 (Early closing 12:00)  
Sundays April 4, May 9 & May 30  
Monday, May 31

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