

Chatham Area Public Library District Library Letter

Celebrating 25 years



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Library Holiday Closings

STAFF INSTITUTE

Friday, May 20 - Closed

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30 - Closed

THANK YOU

Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation and National Library Weeks at the Library April 10-16th

The Library will be celebrating both National Library Week and National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 10 – 16th. This year's National Library Week theme is Create Your Own Story @ Your Library. Create your own story by joining our writing group or researching your genealogical roots. The theme for National Volunteer Appreciation Week is—Celebrating People in Action. We value all of the volunteers that have supported the library and the Chatham community. Thanks to those that volunteer to make our community wonderful!

Art Committee News

Spring has made the outdoors beautiful, and the *Illinois Prairie Pastel Society* will help make the library beautiful! The Library's Art Committee will welcome the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society as they show their work from *May 2nd through May 28th*. Please join us during our open house *May 7th from 1-3* as we celebrate their stunning artwork.

Trustee Election 2011

Four CAPLD Trustee positions are on the ballot for the April 5, 2011 consolidated election. Incumbents Christine Westerlund and Matt Keppler are on the ballot for four year terms. Deborah Schumer is running for the remaining two year term, vacated by former Trustee, Megan Becker. Lisa Whelpley, will not be seeking another term. Questions regarding the election may be directed to Amy Ihnen at the Library, 483-2713.

Trustee News

Lisa has been on the Library's Board of Trustees since 2006 and decided to step down to focus on several work and family commitments. The vacancy will be filled by a board-appointed Trustee as soon as possible. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff, we appreciate Lisa's time and commitment to the Library and her community.

Officers		Trustees	Future Meetings
President	Jeff Adkisson	Matt Keppler	Mon. April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. May 16, 7:00 p.m.
Secretary	Lisa Whelpley	Gina Snow	Mon. June 20, 7:00 p.m.
Treasurer	Deborah Schumer		

Staff Institute

The Library will be closed on Friday, May 20th, in order for the Library Staff to participate in our annual Staff Institute. The Library will resume regular hours beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21st. The Library Staff appreciates the opportunity to improve our skills in order to better serve you.

Babies Babies Everywhere!

If you have been to Babytalk recently, you may have noticed that we are bursting at the seams with babies and tots. We are planning a second Babytalk on Tuesdays at 1:00, on a trial basis, to see if this will help meet the demands of the community. We will try this through the month of April, and then evaluate the effectiveness. Please call if you have any questions.

APRIL - MAY - JUNE STORYTIMES

Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

- April** 7 April Foolishness
14 Wild Weather
21 Easter Eggs-capades
28 Young Authors' Night



- May** 5 Marvelous Mothers
12 Zoo Crew
19 My Garden
26 Hooray for Sports

- June** 2 Here Comes Summer
9 Spotlight on Robert Munsch
16 My Hero
23 Cat Tales
30 Big and Little

Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

- April** 1 April Foolishness
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13 Hooray for Sports
20 LIBRARY CLOSED
27 My Garden

June—**No Preschool Storytime this month

Babytalk Lap-Sit, a program intended for children NB-36 months and their parent/caregiver, is offered every **Tuesday morning at 10:15 am**. This story-time includes stories, fingerplays, and songs, after which there is time for play and socializing.

Family Evening Storytime, a program intended for children of all ages and their parent/caregiver takes place every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** This program features stories and a craft.

Reading Dogs Return!

What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love to read! The Chatham Library's Canine Reading Buddies Program will return beginning in June. Schedule an appointment to read to a registered therapy dog by calling the Library at 483-2713.



"A Midsummer Knight's Read" Summer Reading Program



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! We hereby summon all ye Lords and Ladies, from Preschoolers through 6th Graders, to make haste to the Chatham Area Public Library this summer to partake of fun and adventure during "A Midsummer Knight's Read." Come join the troubadours as they catapult you into a fantastical summer filled with tournaments (games), feasting (snacks), guild-work (crafts) and reading (reading)!

Preschoolers through 4th graders may join one of two identical quests, June 13th through July 1st or July 5th through July 25th. Age groups will meet as follows: 3rd and 4th grades on Mondays; 1st and 2nd Grades on Wednesdays; Preschool through Kindergarten on Fridays. All gatherings are at 10:15 a.m. The quests for 5th and 6th graders will run for six consecutive Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. beginning June 16th.

Children unable to attend the sessions at the Library may still participate by reading at home for prizes. Grade levels are for Fall of 2011. Sign-up will be held at the Library and begins **May 9th for Chatham Area Library District Residents** and **May 23rd for All Area Children** (Library District and non-district residents alike).

All, be ye lord or lady, squire or page, knight or jester are invited to the **kick-off festival on Thursday June 9th 10:15 a.m.** in the Library where Serengeti Steve and the Reptile Experience will delight and inspire you. Anyone brave enough to kiss a frog or pet a dragon? Huzzah!

Check our website or call for more details.

HARRY POTTER AND THE PREMIERE COUNTDOWN



In anticipation of the July 15th release of the last Harry Potter movie, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*, the Chatham Area Public Library invites everyone to our Harry Potter countdown! We will be showing all the Harry Potter movies, in order, one each Wednesday beginning June 1st. Everyone 18 and under is eligible to join the countdown and **win a \$10.00 AMC Theatres gift card by attending all seven movies!** All showings will begin at **3:00 p.m.**, are **free** and include **free popcorn and drinks**. Everyone is welcome however, *parents be cautioned*, the movies are rated *PG* and *PG-13*. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. If you have Harry Potter mania, join us as we prepare for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2!* We can't wait ...can you??



Announcing Chatham Public Library's 2nd Annual Teen Film Face-Off!

Calling all High School students: whether you are a Hollywood hopeful or just looking for something fun to do this summer, our teen film contest is just for you. Entries will be screened by a panel of judges and prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each category. Winning entries will also be featured on the Library's website. Selected films will be premiered at a gala "red-carpet" event! Deadline for entry is 8:00 P.M. July 25. Check out our website www.chatham.lib.il.us or see us on Facebook for more details.

Reading Rewards! Teen Reading

Hey teens-- From September through May you have your hands full with homework. Now summer's finally here and you have time to read for fun. But it's even more fun to win prizes for doing it! All teens seventh grade through high school are eligible to enter our Reading Rewards! drawings beginning June 6th and continuing through August 5th.

Simply sign up at the Library then enter your name each time you read a book for a chance to win. Weekly prizes include gift certificates to Family Video, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Knights Action Park, the movie theatre and more. On August 5th one lucky reader will be rewarded with the Grand Prize—a \$50.00 gift certificate to Best Buy! So read whatever you want to read and reap the rewards! For more information, call the Library at 483-2713.



The Return of "Kids Read Down Fines"

Beginning June 1, our popular **Kids Read Down Fines** program will resume. This is an opportunity for youths from age 6 through 18 to pay down their Library fines by reading. Sessions are Monday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Call the Library for more information.

Looking for Legos!

The Children's department at the Chatham Area Public Library is asking for donations of your well loved, secondhand LEGO pieces, to build a collection for future use. We will also happily accept donations of new Legos too! So if you have any LEGO pieces that are appropriate for age 6 and up that are gathering dust in your house, please bring them to the Library. Thanks for helping us start this collection of timeless, creative, educational toys.



Chatham Library is joining libraries across the state in participating in "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Illinois Libraries" on Wednesday, April 13 to show how important libraries and library systems are to the state of Illinois. For more information, check our website.



Bite Into a Good Book



As the windy, stormy weather eases out, we can look forward to a beautiful, lush spring. Why not take time to relax and enjoy some great books?

The Bite into a Good Book group has attention capturing selections for April-June, 2011. We hope you will join us!

April 20: **The Help** by Katherine Stockett

This debut novel is set during the days of the Civil Rights Movement in Jackson, Mississippi. One of the main characters, an aspiring young writer, collects stories of Black women who were trusted to raise white children but whose rights were very restricted by society rules. "Full of heart and history," Stockett's book is a wonderful read. (Publisher's Weekly)

May 18: **Down River** by John Hart

This story, set in a small South Carolina town, is impossible to put down. Hart has written a mystery which weaves the complexity of people, memories, tenderness, frustration, and despair into a riveting thriller.

June 15: **Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins

The first in a trilogy, this science fiction work is action packed and compelling. The setting is a post apocalyptic North American world where "rulers maintain control through an annual televised survival competition...a superb tale of physical adventure, political suspense, and romance." (Booklist)

This book group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at noon, here at the library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish and savor some lively discussion. If you would like to attend, please call the library, and we will try to get each month's book(s) for you.

Writers' Group



Come talk to other writers about your work. Whether you write poetry, fiction, or defy genres, you will find like-minded writers in this group. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Our upcoming meetings are on April 27th, May 25th, and June 22nd. Email events@chathamlib.org for more information.

Adult Programs

Adult programs are free and open to the public.

If registration is required, please call the library or email chathamlibraryrsvp@gmail.com.



Computer Classes

Internet Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
April 4th-20th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This series will cover searches, email, and exploring the incredible resources of the internet. The first four sessions will cover internet basics, while the second two will cover more advanced internet usage. You may sign up for the basic class, the advanced class, or both. **Registration is required for the internet classes**, which will be taught by Anne Godman. Call the library or email events@chathamlib.org for more information or to sign up.

Introductory Internet Class: April 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th

Advanced Internet Class: April 18th and 20th

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of creating and working with spreadsheets in Excel, part of the Microsoft Office suite of software. This class will operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is not required, although participants may want to arrive early on the day of the class, as space is limited.

There will be no computer class in June. Computer classes will resume in September.

Adult Programs

Job Searching and Preparation -

Saturday, April 9th and 16th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Come learn about best job-seeking skills. Maximize your effort and time by utilizing the skills discussed in these two sessions. Resources on the internet will be shared for continued support. Topics to be covered include: before you look - prepare, resumes and applications, where to look for leads, and interviews. This program will be presented by Anne Godman. Participants should plan to attend both sessions.

Registration is required. Call the library or email events@chathamlib.org for more information or to sign up.

Local Authors' Panel—

Saturday, June 11th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the opportunity to meet local authors, hear them discuss their work, and buy some of their books. Registration for this event is optional. Call the library or email events@chathamlib.org for more information or to sign up.

There will be no adult programs in May, July and August. Adult programs will return in September with the annual Canine Carnival.



Midday Movie



We show the Midday Movie on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Admission and snacks are free, and everyone is welcome to attend. This summer, the Midday Movie will feature the films of director Alfred Hitchcock.

April 13th— **Rear Window** (1954), starring James Stewart, Grace Kelly and Raymond Burr

May 11th— **Notorious** (1946), starring Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains

June 8th— **Dial M for Murder** (1954), starring Ray Milland, Grace Kelly and Robert Cummings

Book-Keepers Club



Come join us for the Chatham Area Public Library's Science Fiction and Fantasy book club! We read and discuss a wide variety of novels from Science Fiction classics to popular modern titles. Whether you are a long time fan or a novice, you will find something here!

April 18: *Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula K. Le Guin. Fearful of the consequences of his dreams that can effect changes in reality, George Orr consults a psychiatrist who tries to make use of Orr's power. A 1972 Locus Award winner for best novel.

May 16: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle. Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government. A 1963 Newberry Medal winner.

June 20: *A Canticle for Leibowitz* by Walter M. Miller. After a devastating nuclear war, as civilization rebuilds itself, the monks of a Southwestern American monastery preserve the surviving remnants of man's scientific knowledge until the day the world is again ready for it. This 1961 Hugo Award winner is a masterpiece of science fiction.

The Book-Keepers meets on the Third Monday of each month at 6pm in the library. Bring food or snacks or get some from our café! We ask that patrons under the age of 18 have parents sign a permission slip provided by the library in order to participate. If you would like to join, please call the library and we will request each month's book for you.

Non-Fiction Book Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for our upcoming meetings, when we will be reading:

April 21: *Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War*
by T.J. Stiles

May 19: *Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer—and Turned its Back on the Middle Class* by Jacob S. Hacker and Paul Pierson

June 16: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson



Smashing Success

The Friends of the Library Winter Book and Bake Sales earned \$1,400 and \$270 respectively.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of book donors, volunteer workers, bakers & shoppers, both sales were a great success. The Friends of the Library Bahlow Bookstore and Bank and Trust Cafe also had a wonderful day with \$300 raised. Many hands made short work of over 240 boxes of books with members of Friends of the Library, several Boy Scouts and Glenwood High School volunteers who arrived to help with set-up. Book Sale Co-Chairs Jana Kincaid and Jeri Rogers recruited & organized book sale volunteers while Bake Sale Co-Chairs Vivien Graf and Karen Hansen contacted volunteers & organized baked goods. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents and donations to help the Friends and the Library! Look for our next sale in July during the Sweetcorn Festival!

Spring Cleaning - Opal Lee Chatham Local History/Genealogy Room Request



Thank you to those who have offered to donate Chatham area yearbooks to us! We are always accepting yearbooks, so please keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning this year. The library is currently looking for any old maps of

Chatham. If you or someone you know has a map that they'd like to donate, we would appreciate it. We have a large gap from the very early 1900's to 1990. If you aren't able to donate the original, we would also accept a copy of your map for our records. Thank you for helping grow our local history collection.

Hello/Goodbye

There is a new face in our front circulation area. Jean Rose-DeRenzy works part-time. Retired from the nursing profession, Jean's interests range from horses and golf to her two certified reading therapy dogs, Clare and Boca, who participate in the library's "Reading Dogs" program. Jean replaces Katie Mergen who left the library to pursue full-time work. Please come in to say hello and welcome Jean to our staff.

Thank You for Your Gifts

Sandy McCollum donated **Oh, No. Not Again!**
by Kevin Leamon (*Springfield author*).

Doyle Collins donated many new and popular titles to our collection.

Ron Hallberg donated **Mayflower Quarterly**, Volume 76, No. 3, September, 2010 and Volume 76, No. 4, December, 2010.

Several children's books, three non-fiction titles, two instructional videos were all donated by Jennifer and Mark Leckrone.

Robert and Deborah McGregor donated approximately 200 fiction and non-fiction titles.

Rev. Dan Cole, Assoc. Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches of the Central Region, donated **What Faith and Love Can Do** and **Something to Chew On** by Dan Cole (autographed copies).

Terri Crowder donated one year's subscription to "**McCall's Quilting**" magazine.

The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World, 2010 was donated by Lisa Whelpley.

Ben and Mary Williams donated **A Century of Innovation: the 3M Story**.

A monetary donation was made in honor of a Chatham Women's Club member.

Dennis McCue donated 60 paperback and over 30 hardback books.

Mike and Heather Norris donated two books in honor of their son, Aaron's 3rd birthday, **The Fire Cat** by Esther Averill and **Danny and the Dinosaur** by Syd Hoff; and a book in memory of Marie Harris, **The House Plant Expert** by Dr. D. G. Hessayon.

David Thomas donated "**Horatio Hornblower**" an **A & E** DVD set.

Friends of the Library



Happy Anniversary!

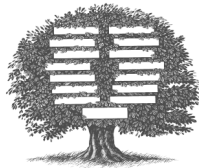
The Friend's Bank and Trust Café & Bahlow Bookstore is celebrating its second anniversary this April! The Friends appreciate those who have supported the bookstore this year. Our low prices (50 cents for paperback and \$2.00 for hardback books) help explain the popularity of the Bookstore. As always, all items donated to the library that are not needed go to the bookstore. These items include book, video and magazine donations. The cafe continues to provide quality coffee, cappuccino, cold drinks and tasty treats. Speaking of cold drinks, if you haven't tried a Jones soda, come on in and see why it's our biggest seller. We are always looking for volunteers. Please come in and visit Paul Moore, the Friend's Café & Bookstore Manager, or call him at 217/685-0586 for more information.

Library Foundation News

The Foundation is supported by citizens with an interest in the future growth and development of the Library. The next meeting will be **April 21st at 6:00**.

Friends of Genealogy

The Friends of Genealogy (FOG) group continues to meet and to explore a variety of online and print genealogy resources. **The next FOG meeting will be on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 2 P.M.** Anyone interested in joining FOG may call the Library to be placed on the email mailing list for future meeting notices. All proceeds go to help support the Ancestry/Heritage Quest Databases.



MYSTERY SOLVED!

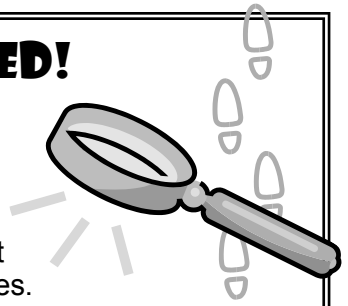
Super sleuths attending the Library's recent sold out performances of **Death by Download** caught the culprit, Justin Berber (Matt Keppler) at each of the three performances.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library Board and volunteers, talented cast, business sponsors and audience detectives the play was a great success. Special thanks go to Special Events Co-Chairs Anne Deley and Dixie Williamson, with help from Suz Shaner, and Food Co-Chairs Vivien Graf and Karen Hansen. This year's cast included Janie Bundy, Eric Fitzgerald, Chuck Herr, Matt Keppler, Millie Lytle, Linda McCall, Rick McCall, Tracy Sitton-Petro, and Dixie Williamson.



Supporting cast included Chatham Fire/EMS. Staab Polk Memorial Home provided the coach. Special thanks go to last year's murderer, Ryan Byers, who wrote the play this year.

Thank you to this year's business sponsors including **Beads 'n More, Casey's General Store, Changing Faces, Checkpoint Tire and Service Center, Chirugy Massage, Computer Works, Curves for Women, Jones Boys Market (Ashland), Little Italy's Pizza, One Stop Auto Shop, Snap Fitness, Trends Terra Bella Salon & Spa, Trendsetter's Design, & UIS Sangamon Auditorium.** Proceeds from the **Murder Mystery** will help to fund equipment, purchase materials and sponsor library programs. Thanks to all who helped to make our 11th annual murder mystery a great success.



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