

Library Letter

Chatham Area Public Library District

600 E Spruce St., Chatham, IL 62629

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Library Hours

Mon 9 am -- 8 pm
Tues 9 am -- 8 pm
Wed 9 am -- 8 pm
Thurs 9 am -- 8 pm
Fri 9 am -- 5 pm
Sat 9 am -- 4 pm
Sun CLOSED

Phone: 483-2713
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Public Library online at:
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Library Holiday Closings

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Saturday, July 3 - Closed

LABOR DAY
Monday, Sept 6

Friends' Sweet Corn Book & Bake Sale **SATURDAY, JULY 17**



The Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale will be held at the library from **9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17.**

This activity is in conjunction with the Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival. There is no Friend's Pre-Sale with the Summer Book Sale. The Bargain Book Sale of \$2.00 a bag begins at 2 p.m. No advance stockpiling of books is allowed.

Friends of the Library willing to volunteer to work at the sale should call Jeri Rogers at 691-8719 or Jana Kincaid at 416-0955. Anyone who is willing to provide baked goods may call Vivien Graf at 483-1052. Donated materials are always accepted at the library during regular open hours, but please no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines more than six months old.

Some of this year's Book & Bake Sale proceeds will be used to help fund the Teen Film Face-Off Challenge, the Teen Reading Program and computer classes in the fall.

Library Board News

At the Library Board of Trustees' April meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Dr. Donna Corriveau who resigned to move to Colorado to be close to family. At their June meeting, they accepted the resignation of Megan Becker who resigned due to family and job commitments. These vacancies will be filled at the July meeting.

Officers		Trustees	Future Meetings
President	Jeff Adkisson	VACANT	Mon. July 19, 7 p.m.
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
Secretary	Lisa Whelpley	Gina Snow	Mon. Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Treasurer	VACANT		

Rolling Prairie Library System Changes

Starting July 1st the Rolling Prairie Library System, to which the Chatham Area Public Library belongs, will change to a four day work week. This means that the Library will receive interlibrary loan materials only 4 times a week instead of 5. The decrease in delivery may cause a slightly longer wait time for materials ordered from other libraries.

This change in the delivery system is due to the lack of funding for Illinois Library Systems. The Illinois State Library is owed \$24 million, which would be dispersed to Illinois library systems. There are nine systems in the state and all are experiencing financial hardship.

Despite these changes and future changes that will be forthcoming, Chatham Area Public Library will remain dedicated to fulfilling your information needs. Thank you for your continued support of the Chatham Library and please continue to support all Illinois Libraries!

JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER STORYTIMES

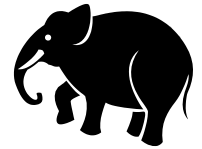
Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

- July**
- 1 Monster Beach
 - 8 Glow Show
 - 15 Lotsa Pizzabilities
 - 22 Doggone Good Books
 - 29 Sing Around the Campfire
- Aug.**
- 5 Shark Tales
 - 12 Minerva Louise at the Fair
 - 19 Elephant Ears
 - 26 Big Yellow Bus
- Sept.**
- 2 Hot Hippo
 - 9 What Grandparents Do Best
 - 16 Down by the Station
 - 23 Giant Jam Sandwich
 - 30 Who Likes to Read?



Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

- July** ***No Preschool Storytime this month due to the Summer Reading program. Participation details are listed below.
- Aug.**
- 6 Elephant Ears
 - 13 Minerva Louise at the Fair
 - 20 Big Yellow Bus
 - 27 Shark Tales
- Sept.**
- 3 Down by the Station
 - 10 What Grandparents Do Best
 - 17 Hot Hippo
 - 24 Giant Jam Sandwich



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 storytime includes stories, fingerplays, and songs, after which there is time for play and socializing.

CELEBRATE BOOKS!

2nd Session of Summer Reading Program Begins

Summer is cookin' and the Celebrations are still hot, hot, hot as we continue to **Celebrate Books!** The second session of our Summer Reading program is just beginning so you are still in time to join in on the fun. We party hearty with party games, awesome activities, creative crafts and of course, yummy snacks. 3rd and 4th grades party on Mondays, 1st and 2nd on Wednesdays and Preschool and Kindergarten on Fridays at 10:15 am. 5th and 6th graders celebrate on Thursdays at 1:00. You can sign up to read at home to win prizes. There are still plenty of prizes! If you haven't started reading to win them, what are you waiting for? If you have, keep reading and you'll be a winner for sure! Call the Library for more information or just come by the Library to sign up.



Magic School Bus: Next Stop... Unknown!

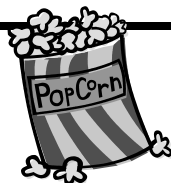
All adventurous **First and Second graders** are invited to "take chances, make mistakes and get messy!" Join Ms. Frizzle on **Wednesday, September 29th** at **1:30** to explore the unknown as the **Magic School Bus** departs on a voyage of exploration to nameless regions. Your regular school bus will return you home after only half a day of school that day so you will have plenty of time to hop aboard the **Magic School Bus** before it heads off into the unknown. Seatbelts, everyone! *Call the Library at 483-2713 to register.*



Canine Reading Buddies

Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Sat. 2-3 p.m.

The Canine Reading Buddies program is a fun, relaxed opportunity for young readers to practice their read-aloud skills by reading to a furry friend. All dogs are trained therapy dogs accompanied by their handlers. *Registration is required. Call the Library at 483-2713.*



MOVIE MADNESS

Free admission, popcorn and drinks!
All movies begin at 2:00 p.m.



High School Movie Fest

For all high school students

Iron Man July 7th
Sherlock Holmes Aug. 3rd
Back to the Future Sept. 23rd

Jr. High Movie

For all Jr. High students

Shrek July 29

Family Movie Fun

For the whole family. Kids 10 or under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Princess and the Frog July 28th



TEEN FILM FACE-OFF!

Attention all High School students: our first ever Teen Film Face-Off is off to a great start. There is still plenty of time to create your own masterpiece and enter it to win a **\$200.00 prize**. 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 on August 6th at 7:00 p.m.! Entry forms are available at the Library. **Deadline for entry is 8:00 p.m. July 26th**. Check our website www.chatham.lib.il.us or see us on Facebook for more details. Good Luck!

Teen Summer "Reading Rewards" Continues

Teens can continue to Celebrate Books as the Teen "Reading Rewards" Summer Reading opportunities continue through August 7th. It's summer so now you can enjoy whatever books you want and win rewards! Simply sign up at the Library and read. We've already had 4 winners and we have more weekly \$15.00 gift certificates and the grand prize of \$50.00 to Best Buy to award. They could be yours!

Kids Read Down Fines

The "Kids Read Down Fines" program will continue until August 14 at the Chatham Area Public Library. Kids can pay off their Library debt by reading and earning "Chatham Library Bucks". Here is how it works: Youths from age 5 through 18 may attend a "Kids Read Down Fines" session at the Chatham Area Public Library on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 or Wednesday after-

noons from 2:00 - 3:00. After registering, participants can earn a 50-cent coupon for every 15 minutes of reading in a designated area of the library. Participants may read any print material of choice (books, magazines, comics, newspapers.) A total of \$5 in "Chatham Library Bucks" can be earned per patron. For more information please call the Library.



Adult Programs

Computer Classes

Space in our computer classes is limited; please call the library at 483-2713 to sign up. All three of these classes require basic computer skills.



Library on the Go Saturday, **July 10**, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Learn about the Library's new service for downloadable e-books, audio books, videos, and music. Find out how you can check out materials to read on your e-reader or listen to on your mp3 player.

E-mail the Grand kids! Tuesday, **July 13** 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. Instructor Anne Godman will provide the necessary tips to start connecting to family near or far away through basic instruction on sending email. We will cover how to cut and paste into an e-mail and practice sending to one or more addresses. Please bring a list of three or four e-mail addresses to whom you would like to connect. If you do not have an e-mail address, please come 15 - 20 minutes early to set it up.

Computer Maintenance Saturday, **August 7**, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To prolong the life of your computer, you need to protect it from viruses, spyware, spam, and other threats. Learn how to do it in this class.

Introduction to Microsoft Office Excel Saturday, **September 4**, 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.



?? Ask Heather ??

Library on the Go is a new service the library is providing that will allow you to virtually check out and download to your computer **e-books, audiobooks, music, and videos**. You can then transfer them to your digital media player, smartphone, or e-book reader. You may check these materials out for one to two weeks, but you don't have to worry about returning them on time or accruing late fees — the files simply expire and can't be opened after their due date.

You will need to install some software on your computer to be able to take advantage of this resource, but it's free, easy to use, and compatible with both Macs and PCs. You may use your home computer or one of the specially designated computer stations available at the library to download materials that you have checked out. And while you can transfer the materials to your mp3 player or e-book reader, don't feel left out if you don't own one — you can play or read all of the files directly from your computer.

You can get started by visiting the **Library on the Go** website, which is <http://www.libraryonthego.org>. If you would like some additional instruction on how to use **Library on the Go**, sign up for our class on **July 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Adult programs are free and open to the public. Please call the library to register. There will be no adult program in August.

Health Care Bill Tuesday, **July 20**, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jack Dunn, CLU will be presenting an overview of the new federal health care bill, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.



Canine Carnival
Saturday, **September 18**,
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bring
your pooch for an
afternoon of games,
prizes, and fun that's
sure to be a blast for
humans and dogs alike.

Book Keepers Club

School is out; summer is here and our minds turn to thoughts of Vampires, Hobbits and Robots! Ok, maybe yours don't; but if they do, the Book Keepers Science-Fiction and Fantasy Book club is the place for you this summer!

June 20: *Interview with the Vampire* by Anne Rice
Among the first and certainly the most popular "modern" vampire story; this novel was revolutionary for featuring vampires that have a conscience and not merely the monster they had been portrayed for centuries in literature.

August 17: *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep* by Phillip K. Dick

The book that inspired the Science Fiction movie classic *Blade Runner*, this novel explores what it means to be human in a post-apocalyptic high-technology future world where robotics has evolved to the point where robots are nearly indistinguishable from humans.

September 21: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

If you think of one author that encapsulates what Fantasy means, that author is J.R.R. Tolkien. This prequel to Lord of the Rings is the story of Bilbo Baggins, the unassuming hobbit who winds up on a grand adventure and discovers the Ring of Power, which will change his and his decedents lives forever.

The Book Keepers meets on the Third Tuesday 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.



This summer the Midday Movie will feature the comedic talent of playwright/screenwriter Neil Simon. All movies are free, open to the public, and snacks are provided. Registration is not necessary.

Barefoot in the Park - Wed., **July 14**, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Murder by Death - Wed., **August 11**, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Odd Couple - Wed., **Sept. 8**, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bite Into a Good Book

One of the nicest things about the library book club is *variety*. We have read and enjoyed so many different kinds of books. Our summer line-up is a mix of great novels and authors. We hope you can join us!

July 21: *Morgan's Run*, written by Australian author Colleen McCullough

This adventure novel has all the elements of high interest - "rogues and heroes, salty dialect, period detail, vicious intrigue, comic betrayal, and unexpected romance." (*Amazon.com Review*) The reader is transported into the 18th century, as the main character, Richard Morgan, is sentenced to seven years of transporting slaver ships to Australia. This story is a tense, exciting read!

August 18: *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton

A classic story and winner of the 1921 Pulitzer Prize, this romantic novel is set in the old world of fashionable New York in the 1870's. Rules of conduct and expectations of the "best families" are in conflict with newcomers to New York society. The main character, Newland Archer, is engaged and then married to an acceptable, lovely young lady named May Welland, but then falls in love with her exotic cousin, Countess Olenska. Wharton depicts stagnation and hypocrisy in contrast to spontaneity, individualism, and romance.

September 15: *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas

In this wonderful story, an unconventional friendship develops between an 86 year old lady named Hennie Comfort and a naïve young newlywed, Nit Spindle. The setting is the remote gold-mining town of Middle Swan, Colorado in 1936. As Hennie tells her life stories to Nit, the reader comes to know about the "tragedies and secrets hidden behind Hennie's tranquil demeanor." (*Publisher's Weekly*)

This book discussion group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at noon, 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'll try to get each month's book for you.

Thank You for Your Gifts

The Abraham Lincoln Association and Kathryn Harris, Director of Library Services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum donated **Lincoln In Illinois** by Ron Schramm and Richard Hart.

Paul Ogan donated a variety of DVD's, including War Classics, WWII Movie Classics, National Geographics, Cookbooks, Aviation Books, many non-fiction titles. In total Mr. Ogan donated over 300 books and DVD's over the months of April, May and June.

Uneasy Relations by Aaron Elkins and **Echo Burning** by Lee Child were donated by Dr. Donna Corriveau. She also donated some office supplies and a bust of Abraham Lincoln. Dennis Willis donated a monetary gift for help in proctoring an exam.

Pat Thornton donated fifty books of various titles in excellent condition.

Carrie Thornton donated 100 hardback and paperback books also in great condition.

The Kiwanis Club of Chatham donated a box of assorted books.

Mary Williams crocheted a throw for the children's area.

A variety of Children's paperbacks including oversize were donated by Penny Lee.

An assortment of fiction and non-fiction books including **Warman's Flea Market Price Guide**, **Big Book of Fenton Glass 1940-1970**, and **Collector's Encyclopedia of Depression Glass** were donated by Sylvia Brewer.

Various titles were donated by Sherry Smith.

Alan Post donated "*Hemmings Classic Car*," – 7 issues and "*Hearing Loss Magazine*," – 1 issue, and two new books which he had signed by the author – **Childhood of the Presidents: Abraham Lincoln** by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., and **From the Shadows** by Robert M. Gates.

William Atchison donated **1635: The Tangled Web** by Virginia DeMarce.

Mary Gilreath donated issues of "*National Geographic*" magazine from January – December, 2009.

Lisa and Rod Whelpley donated a variety of adult non-fiction and children's books including **Walkaway the Pounds** and **Good Behavior (Over 1200 sensible solutions to your child's problems from birth to age 12)**.

Greg Kruger donated a monetary gift for help in proctoring an exam.

Steven Elder donated **Trouble Shooter** by Louis L'amour.

Esther Reed of the Captain William Penny Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution donated several books and publications including atlases of several counties in Illinois and Ohio, Federal Census publications of Sangamon County, probate records of Ohio, marriage

records of Indiana and Illinois, and many other genealogical resources.

Sharon Beirman authored and donated **Oh, By the Way** by Bunny Blu (donor's pen name).

Jay Davis donated a new book for the genealogy collection – **The Family Tree Problem Solver: Proven Methods for Scaling the Inevitable Brick Wall** by Marsha Hoffman Rising.

A monetary donation to FOG was made by Marilee Cochran.

Lana Benedict donated 2 – 3 gallon unbreakable beverage dispensers with a removable ice core.

The Romance of Modernism: Paintings and Sculpture from the Scott M. Black Collection by George T.M. Shackelford was donated by Jan Branthaver.

Rebecca Walden, Director of Shelbyville High School Library, donated a copy of **The Once and Future King** by T. H. White.

Kirby Ball donated over 500 books of various adult fiction and non-fiction titles and some VHS materials.

Illinois Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority donated monetary gift for the use of a meeting room.

Margie Greco in memory of Madline donated several children's books including: **Mokie and Bik Go to Sea** by Wendy Orr, **The Birthday Ball** by Louis Lowry, **The Very Little Princess** by Marion Dane Bauer, **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies** by Betsy Lewin, and **Butterfly Kisses for Grandma and Grandpa** by Alayn Kay Christian.

Ed and Marianna Munyer donated an assortment of fiction and non-fiction titles including Illinois History magazines.

Dick Salik donated **The Art of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**.

Ron Hallberg donated "The Mayflower Quarterly."

Eileen Enteman donated an assortment of scrapbooking supplies including cardstock paper.

George Morelock donated **The Doberman Pinscher** by Woodrow Kerfmann, **John Paul II A Light for the World**, and **The Album** by Michael Alpatov.

Gary Smith donated several 3-ring binders.

Richard Doedtman donated **War and Peace** by Leo Tolstoy, **Einstein: His Life and Universe** by Walter Isaacson, a "Read Illinois Poster," and two commemorative 20-cent stamps, "A Nation of Readers," all three with 1864 photo of Lincoln with his son.

Pat Lam donated a DVD – **Society, Slavery, and the Civil War: With Hearts on Fire: Women in the Civil War**.

Gus Gordon donated an assortment of children's fiction and adult fiction titles.

Jeannine Thoburn, member of the **Great Prairie Colony** donated **Critical Mass** by Steve Martini.

June Hall donated several publications regarding genealogy and marriage, tax and census records of Illinois.

Friends of Genealogy



FOG members continue to meet quarterly with their next meeting to be held on **July 25 at 2 p.m.** and will discuss a possible field trip to the Allen County Public Library in the fall. Thank you to those that have already donated \$655 to the renewal of Ancestry and Heritage Quest databases. The cost of this year's subscription will be \$2,095 and all donations are welcome. Anyone interested in helping with the renewal may make a donation of any amount to the Chatham Area Public Library Ancestry/Heritage Quest renewal fund.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library Stargazing Event

Bring the kids and join us for our **Stargazing Event** on **Thursday, July 15th at 8:00 p.m.** The Sangamon Astronomical Society will have three major types of amateur telescopes in use on the south lawn.

The **Bahlow Book Store** and **Bank and Trust Café** will be open for concession or book purchases. The Library will still close at 8:00 p.m.

Society members will explain how each telescope works and answer questions that folks might have. In case of rain, the event will move indoors where they will have a computer projector show of Hubble Space Telescope photos and other information.

Friends of the Library News

Leadership positions on the Friends of the Library Board for the July 2010-June 2011 year are as follows:

Chair	Rhona Kelley
Vice Chair	Terri Crowder
Secretary	Julie Kaiser
Treasurer	Katrina Archer
Book Sale Co-Chairs	Jeri Rogers Jana Kincaid
Membership	Suz Shaner
Food Co-Chairs	Vivien Graf Karen Hansen
Special Events	Anne Deley
Co-Chairs	Dixie Williamson
Publicity Chair	Julie Kaiser
FOG Chair	Ron Hallberg

The Friends membership year is from January to December, however new members are welcome to join at any time during the year. Membership forms are available at the library, the Café & Bookstore and on the library's website.

We Did It!

The Chatham Area Public Library has reached an important milestone! During the FY10 fiscal year (July 2009 – June 2010) we circulated over 214,000 materials! This is a huge increase over the prior year when our total was 159,938. **That's an increase of 34%!** To put this number in perspective, every adult, teen and child within the library district could check out 15 books, movies and music to reach the 214,000 number. That's a lot of traveling materials! Thank you for your support and we hope you'll continue to "Check Us Out!"

Item Due Email Reminders

Do you remember when your library books are due? If not, make sure you receive our pre-overdue reminder emails. We will email you three days before your item is due to let you know of its due date. Please let us know if you would like to begin receiving these.

Library Foundation News

The Library Foundation Board met on April 22, 2010. President, Dr. Victor Lary led the meeting. Treasurer, Chuck Hunt, reviewed the Foundation's financial report. The next meeting of the Foundation Board is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Library.

Hello/Goodbye

Nick Shelton joined the Library staff as a page in June. He will be a junior at Lutheran High School. Nick's primary interest is golf. Lindsey Rooney, one of our high school pages, left in May to pursue studies through Glenwood's Co-Op program.

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