

Chatham Area Public Library District **Library Letter**

Chatham Area Public Library District ❄️❄️❄️ 600 E. Spruce St., Chatham, IL 62629

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2012**

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Library Hours

Mon. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tues. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Library Holiday Closings

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 2



Upcoming Chatham Art Show

In February, the Library's Art Committee is proud to present the 3rd Annual Call to Entry Art Show. Artwork will be featured from many local artists. The last major art show was in February 2011 and was a huge success. This year's show will run from February 6th through March 10th, 2012. For more information, please call the library or check its website.



Friends' Winter Book & Bake Sale

Book bargains and tempting treats will be available for shoppers at the Friends of the Library Winter Book & Bake Sale to be held **Saturday, January 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Friends who have paid their annual membership dues as of January 2012 may attend the Friends' Preview Night on **Friday, January 20th, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

The Friends have accumulated more than 175 boxes of used books available for purchase at bargain prices. So plan to arrive early and hit the bake sale on your way in! (If you want the early bird peek on Friday night, stop by the library now and sign up or renew your Friends of the Library membership.) ❄️❄️❄️

Bake Sale Co-Chairs Vivien Graf (483-1052) & Karen Hansen (483-4873) welcome baked good donations. Volunteers who could work a two hour shift on January 21st or 22nd may call Book Sale Co-Chairs Jana Kincaid (414-0955) or Jeri Rogers (691-8719).

The Library accepts donations of hardcover and paperback books, videos, CD's etc., but please no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines more than six months old.

Library Board News

Officers

President	Eric Fitzgerald
Vice President	Christine Westerlund
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Matt Keppler
Susie Fairfield
Dave Kimsey

Future Meetings

Meetings are on Mondays:
January 16, 5:30 p.m.
February 20, 7:00 p.m.
March 26, 7:00 p.m.

2011 Tax Help Available at the Library

IRS-trained VITA volunteers will be available by appointment at the Chatham Area Public Library on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning February 4th and ending April 14th.

Individuals are encouraged to make their appointments as soon as all of their tax documents are available. Please call Mary Alyce Keith (483-4643) to schedule an appointment. The VITA site at the Chatham Area Public Library will offer free tax return preparation services for individuals and families who qualify. VITA volunteers will also focus on identifying those taxpayers who are eligible for valuable tax credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Education Credit. For more information on these credits and others, please visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov. For a listing of items to bring to the VITA/TCE site, please check the Library's website at www.chatham.lib.il.us.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH STORYTIMES

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

- Jan. 5 Hooray for Hot Chocolate
 12 A Pirate's Life for Me
 19 Horse, Of Course
 26 Animals in Winter



- Feb. 2 Spotlight on Laura Ingalls Wilder
 9 Counting Kisses
 16 What's Up, Doc?
 23 Smile and Say "Teeth"



- March 1 One Fish, Two Fish
 8 Puppy Pals
 15 Readin' o' the Green
 22 Spring Fling
 29 Bird Brains

Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

- Jan. 6 Animals in Winter
 13 Horse, Of Course
 20 Hooray for Hot Chocolate
 27 A Pirate's Life for Me

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Babytalk Lap-Sit, a program intended for children and newborn - 3 yrs. with an adult, is offered twice every **Tuesday morning at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.** This storytime includes stories, finger plays, 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.

Friday Preschool Storytime, a program intended for 3 - 5 year olds and their parent/caregiver, takes place every **Friday at 10:15 a.m.** This program features stories and an age-appropriate craft.

The Composer is Dead!

"There's dreadful news from the symphony hall—the composer is dead! In this perplexing murder mystery, everyone seems to have a motive, everyone has an alibi, and nearly everyone is a musical instrument. But the composer is still dead." Intrigued **2nd and 3rd graders** are needed to come help solve Lemony Snickett's mystery, **The Composer is Dead** on **Monday, January 16th from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** Experience a musical afternoon filled with melody and melodrama, composing and decomposing (not to mention crafts, snacks and fun!) Quick--call the Library to reserve your seat. ***Prestissimo!***



Ready, Set, LEGO!™

Is it a rollercoaster? Is it a NASCAR track? No! It's a **Lego™** racetrack! Right here in the Chatham Library! All **4th and 5th graders** are invited to come on **Monday, February 20th at 1 p.m.** to build **Lego™** creations and race to the checkered flag. We'll combine forces to see who can get the inside track on reading, go the laps on the Super Speed Way of Fun, and chase the lead car to the time trials of excitement. All you need to bring is your imagination and creativity! **Reserve your ticket by calling the Library at 483-2713.** Ready, Set, **LEGO!™**



Family Movie Matinee

Free admission, popcorn and drinks!
 Kids 10 and under must be accompanied by parent or caregiver.



Rango showing on **Wednesday January 4th at 2:00 p.m.**
Cars 2 showing on **Wednesday March 21st at 2:00 p.m.**



Family Cookbook Egg-stravaganza

Calling all families! Warm up your ovens and turn on your stoves! Get ready to stir, frost, knead or chop! In preparation for our Summer Reading 2012 program, "*Reading is So Delicious*", we are putting together a Summer Reading Cookbook.

Whether it's your favorite cookie recipe or a special one from Grandma, we

want to see you cooking. Take pictures of you and your family making some great food together and submit the recipe with pictures to the Library. Make sure your recipe is inspired by a delicious book! We are looking for recipes ranging from cookies as in ***If You Give A Mouse A Cookie***, to pizza in ***Pete's a Pizza***, to sandwiches in ***The Giant Jam Sandwich***, and more.



Anyone who submits a recipe and pictures will receive a copy of the cookbook! E-mail your entry to Children@chathamlib.org by February 29th. Be sure to include your names, ages of children, and telephone number.

Donations Needed

The children's librarians are already thinking ahead to the 2012 Summer Reading Program "*Reading is So Delicious*." If you have any play food sets that your children have outgrown, we could put them to use for decorations, games and activities for our programs. Please drop them off during our open hours and we will help the children of the Chatham area have some gourmet fun and devour some books next summer.

In addition, the library is still seeking donations of Lego™ building blocks. If you are ready to leggo your Legos, keep us in mind!

MOVIES! MOVIES!

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



MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE -
For all middle and high school students

Thor PG13 Thursday, January 5th

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2
PG13 Thursday, March 22nd



Teen Anti-Valentine's Day Party – Love Stinks!

Does Cupid make you cringe? Do you think love stinks? If so, all **high schoolers** are welcome to celebrate their independence from Cupidity! While some are off gazing into each other's eyes over dinners, others are watching any movie that doesn't celebrate love, listening to angry music, or joining with friends for an Anti-Valentine's celebration! Come join our "Love Stinks!" party on **Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm** for some moody music and spiteful snacks!

A Dog in the Library?

Children reading storybooks to dogs—what could be cuter? But every day we're learning there's more than just cuteness when this happens. The smile on the child's face, the wagging tail of the dog, the excitement of doing something different (even forbidden in some public places) prove the children delight in this activity. And that's what it's all about. Youngsters of all ages are not only learning how to read, but also to love reading. Trained therapy dogs are scheduled at the Library on the **first Saturday and the second Monday of the month**. Call to make an appointment.

"Read What You Love" Book Group for 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

Ball School Librarian Mr. Habenschuss' popular **Read What You Love** book group continues on the **second Saturday of January, February and March** with new, exciting books. If you are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade, come at **2:00 p.m.** to meet your friends, and discuss awesome chapter books and why we love them. All genres are welcome.



MYSTERY MUSIC MORNINGS

Announcing Mystery Music Mornings at Chatham Public Library! **All ages** are invited to come explore the sounds of music as we partner with *Hiya Music Studio* in this interactive series. Offered on the **third Saturdays of the month**, the series will enable participants to investigate various musical instruments. Discover the unique sound of each instrument in live performances and even explore how to play the instruments through demonstrations, instruction, and actual hands-on opportunities. What's the mystery? You won't know until you come! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 21st, February 18th and March 17th from 10:00 to 10:45 am.**

Adult Programs

Adult programs are free and open to the public.

If registration is required, please call the library or email events@chathamlib.org.



“There’s Always Time For A Good Book”

The Chatham Area Public Library would like to invite you to participate in our 2012 Adult Reading Program.

Sign-up begins on **January 9th** for adults **18 and older**. Come in, sign up and pick up your entry slips. Fill out a slip for each book you read and turn it in for your chance to win a weekly prize.

Participants can only win one weekly prize for the entire program, but keep on reading because all entries will be entered into the grand prize drawing.

The Adult Reading Program will end on **February 17th**. The Grand Prize winner will receive two season passes to the Muni! Sign up for your chance to win!



We screen the Midday Movie on the **second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room**. The movies are free to attend, open to everyone, and snacks are provided. We hope you will join us this month,

when we will be featuring movies starring Hollywood legend Paul Newman.

January 11: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* Intense family drama ensues when Brick Pollitt and his wife Maggie “the Cat” return home to celebrate his father’s 65th birthday in this Academy Award nominated film, which stars Elizabeth Taylor and Burl Ives alongside Newman.

February 8: *Cool Hand Luke* Newman stars as the title character, a decorated war veteran who is sent to prison for two years after a night of drunken shenanigans. Luke’s good humor and independence inspire the other prisoners but put him on the wrong side of the prison authorities.

March 14: *The Sting* Two Depression-era grifters, played by Paul Newman and Robert Redford, hatch an intricate plot to con a mob boss using a complicated scam known as “the wire.”

Computer Classes

Our computer classes are two hour workshop-style classes and take place one Saturday per month. You do not need to register for computer classes, but participation is limited, so you may want to arrive early the day of the class to secure your spot.

Library On the Go – January 21st, 10:00 a.m.

Did you get a new Nook, Kindle, or iPad for Christmas? Have you heard that you can check out ebooks for your reader, but you’re not sure how? Then this is the class for you! Come to this class to learn how to check out and download ebooks, audiobooks, music, and videos for your ereader, digital music player, or smart phone.

Computer Basics Plus – February 18th, 1:30 p.m.

If you’ve already taken our Computer Basics class or if you’re a beginner with a few skills under your belt, then consider attending Computer Basics Plus, in which we will build on the skills you learned in Computer Basics. We will talk about how to create and save documents, as well as a few other minimal tasks within Microsoft Word. Participants will also learn some basic internet skills, like how to use a search engine such as Google or Bing, and how to set up a free email account. You’re welcome to bring your questions too, as there will be time set aside for Q&A.

Popular Websites – March 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Google, Facebook, YouTube, Wikipedia, Amazon, eBay, Twitter. What do these websites have in common? They’re among the most-visited pages on the internet. If you’ve heard of these websites but always wondered what they were for or how they worked, then this is the class for you. Get a brief overview of some of the web’s most popular sites, and bring your questions, as there will be time set aside for Q&A.

Finding the Best Job Available: **The Strategic Job Search**

February 11, 18, and 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This series will be specifically tailored for the job seeker over 25. Strategies will be offered to strengthen a job search and participants will develop a personal plan to increase job leads and interview options. This program will be presented by Anne Godman. Please call the library to sign up. Registration is required, and participants should plan to attend all three sessions.

Feb. 11: Developing the game plan in a tough economy

Feb. 18: Getting the right message: Resumes and Interviews

Feb. 25: Using Social Media as a tool for the job search

Adult Programs

Bite Into a Good Book



The Bite into a Good Book group has a great line-up of selections for the upcoming winter months. For the past several years in January, we have read Newbery and Caldecott medal winners, both current and past (50 years ago). Comparing these distinguished children's books

often indicates changes in our history and expectations for literature. This year, we plan to read the 2011 Newbery medal winner and the 2011 Newbery Honor Book as well as the 1961 and 2011 Caldecott medal winners. We would love to have you join us!

January 18:

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool: (2011 Newbery Award winner)

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm: (2011 Newbery Honor Book)

Babouska and the Three Kings: Illustrated by Nicolas Sidjakov; Text by Ruth Robbins (1961 Caldecott Award winner)

A Sick Day for Amos McGee: Illustrated by Erin Stead; written by Philip Stead (2011 Caldecott Award winner)

February 15: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford: The novel, which tells the story of two young people who form a strong bond of friendship in spite of different backgrounds, is woven through the history of both Chinese and Japanese families in America during World War II. It is beautifully written and thought-provoking.

March 21: *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah: In this story, two daughters are able to learn the truth of their mother, Anya's life in war-torn Leningrad and reconnect "just in the nick of time." (Publisher's Weekly)

The book group meets in the library on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. 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

Our Writers' Group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Our meetings typically center around the reading, discussion, and critiquing of pieces by two of our members. Whether you write poetry, short stories, novels, essays, or something else entirely, we welcome you to join us for our upcoming meetings on **January 25th**, **February 22nd**, and **March 28th**. For more information, call the library or email events@chathamlib.org.

THE OUTER EDGE

The Outer Edge is Chatham Area Public Library's Science Fiction and Fantasy book club! We read and discuss classic and modern titles alike. Join us as we explore the farthest reaches of fiction. Coming up:

January 2012 *The Books of Magic*
by Neil Gaiman 1993 (Graphic Novel)

A quartet of fallen mystics dubbed the "TrenchCoat Brigade" take Timothy Hunter on a tour of the magical realms. Along the way he's introduced to Vertigo's greatest practitioners of magic and must choose whether or not to join their ranks.

February 2012 *Shadow Raiders*
by Margaret Weis 2011 (Fantasy)

The known world floats upon the Breath of God, a thick gas similar to Earth's oceans, with land masses accessible by airship. The largest of these land masses is ruled by the rival empires of Freya and Rosia. Magic is intrinsic to the functioning of these societies, and is even incorporated into their technological devices. But now a crucial scientific discovery has occurred that could destroy the balance of power—and change the empires forever.

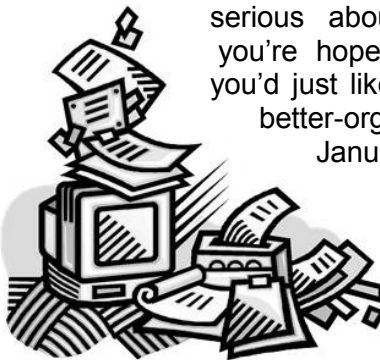
March 2012 *The Difference Engine*
by William Gibson and Bruce Sterling 1991 (Steampunk)

The Difference Engine takes us not forward but back, to an imagined 1885: the Industrial Revolution is in full and inexorable swing, powered by steam-driven, cybernetic engines. Charles Babbage perfects his Analytical Engine, and the computer age arrives a century ahead of its time.

***The Outer Edge* meets on the Third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library.** If you would like to join us, please call the library and we will request each month's book for you.

Get Organized for the New Year Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.

Do you resolve every year to finally get serious about getting organized? If you're hopelessly disorganized, or if you'd just like a few tips for becoming better-organized, then join us on January 17th, when we will be joined by Professional Organizer Amy Peterson, who will discuss how to get a handle on your mess.



Nonfiction Book Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group meets on the **third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** Please join us for our upcoming meetings when we will be discussing:

January 19: *The Myth of the Robber Barons: A New Look at the Rise of Big Business in America* by Burton W. Folsom

Folsom makes the case that Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, Mellon, and the other so-called Robber Barons were actually entrepreneurs who played a key role in the economic development of the U. S. from 1850 to 1910.

February 16: *My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry between Edwin and John Wilkes Booth that Led to an American Tragedy* by Nina Titone

Titone argues that the intense sibling rivalry between John Wilkes Booth and his older brother Edwin Booth is key to understanding his character, his political passions, and ultimately his reasons for assassinating President Abraham Lincoln.

March 15: *The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go of the Old Ways of Thinking to Unleash a New Prosperity* by Matt Miller

Miller describes how the American attitude of entitlement and outdated beliefs about government, education, taxes, business, corporate excess and health care threaten our national well-being and our position as a world leader.

Extreme Couponing Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.

Have you seen the show *Extreme Couponing* on **TLC** and wondered how to get started yourself? On March 13th, the library will welcome extreme couponer *Victoria Smith*, who has been extreme couponing for the past year and is eager to share her best tips, discuss some of her favorite finds, and to answer your questions.

New Morningstar Investment Subscription

Attention, all you investors out there! The library has added two new subscriptions to our collection that will be of interest: *Morningstar Dividend Investor* and *Morningstar Stock Investor*. *Dividend Investor* focuses on income-driven stock investing, while *Stock Investor* emphasizes investing in high-quality stocks for the long term. You can find these new acquisitions in the Reference Collection.

Hello

We have a new page working at the library. Ian Johnson came aboard in October. He is a senior at Glenwood High. Ian is involved in band and the Technology Student Association. Come in and say hello.

Thank You for Your Gifts

Phil and Rita Reed donated *Prehistoric Life, the Definitive Visual History of Life on Earth* and *Geology of Illinois*.

In Memory of Mary Clark, the *Chatham Prairie Quilters* donated several western CD's.

Richard E. Hart created and donated *Cumberland Sugar Creek Cemetery, The Old Burial Ground: Ball Township, Sangamon County, Illinois*.

Ron Peddicord donated *In Lincoln's Shadow: Oak Ridge Cemetery Chronicles, St. Charles, Illinois, Images of America Series* by Wynette A. Edwards, *DAR Patriot Index, Volume II* and *Sangamon County Illinois Plat Book, Index of Owners and Street Maps, 1977 edition*.

Ron Kane donated a 1996 Sweet Corn Festival Map of Chatham from Town Square Graphics.

Martin King donated 2 large boxes and a bag of assorted books.

Ron Hallberg donated *The Mayflower Quarterly, Sept. 2011*, *Society of Mayflower Descendants Membership Book, 2005*, *Sharing Your Family Tree* by Dr. Ralph Crandall, *The BBC Genealogical Standards Manual, Millenium Edition, Reader's Digest: The Genealogy Handbook, Editorial*

Consultant, Ellen Galford, and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy, second edition*.

Garland Kingery donated his book, *DoYou Want It Bad Enough?*

Robert McGregor donated hundreds of non-fiction and classic literature titles.

Jill Stone donated *The Civil War Letters of Joseph Hopkins Twichell*.

Four children's books from the Department of Health's Lead Program grant were donated to the library.

Kathy Dodson donated a paperback copy of *If Wishes Were Horses* by Robert Barclay.

Pat Kittilstad donated a large #1 Glenwood Redskins foam hand.

Several items for the Glenwood High School memorabilia area were donated by Barbara Hart – Glenwood High student newspapers, Glenwood Junior High graduation programs from years 1960 and 1961; Glenwood High School student yearbooks, class of 1961; Glenwood High School graduation program year 1964; Glenwood Junior High newspaper; Playbill from Glenwood High School, 1961 and various other programs and yearbooks.



12th Annual Murder Mystery Play “Electoral Carnage”



Written by Ryan Byers

Join us for the latest Library mystery sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Chatham’s finest dinner theater entertainment will be presented by an amazing group of local performers in the Library Gallery.

Choose One Performance:

Friday, March 9, 2012

6:00 pm – Dinner \$22

Saturday, March 10, 2012

2:00 pm – Matinee Dessert \$15

6:00 pm – Dinner \$22

Where:

Chatham Area Public Library

Sponsored By:

The Friends of the Library

Dinner Menu

Chicken Breast

Tossed Salad

Green Beans

Scalloped Potatoes

Roll & Butter

Coffee/Tea & Dessert

Vegetarian Lasagna

Available Upon Request

Reservations Accepted at the Library or Send Them to:

Friends of the Library

600 E. Spruce St.

Chatham, IL 62629

Let Your Voice Be Heard—Send in Your Reservation Today!

Reservations:

Names: _____

Friday, March 9

Dinner

Number in Party _____

Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Saturday, March 10

Dessert

Number in Party _____

Saturday, March 10

Dinner

Number in Party _____

Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Confirmation only available to those who provide email.)

Add additional names on back

Payment due with Reservation

Friends of the Library

Friends of Genealogy

The next meeting of the **Friends of Genealogy (FOG)** group is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22nd at 2 p.m.** in the Library Conference Room. Guests are welcome to attend. A donation of any amount is requested as a membership fee. **Members and guests are asked to RSVP at the Library (483-2713) or by emailing FOG@Chathamlib.org.**

Friends 1st Annual Social Event

All Friends members from 2011-2012 and lifetime members are invited to a special members brunch on Saturday, February 4th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Library Galleries hosted by the Friends of the Library Board. Families are welcome to attend. Those interested in attending may RSVP by calling the Library or by email at ChathamLibraryRSVP@gmail.com by January 30th. At this special brunch, the Friends Board members will discuss volunteer opportunities and plans for the upcoming year. Please join us!

Friends Needed! January marks the beginning of the new membership year for the Friends of the Library. For details, please refer to the Friends insert.

Homebound Delivery Service

Do you love to read but are unable to visit the library during the winter months? Our Friends of the Library would like to help you by providing home delivery of library materials to anyone needing this service. If you are a resident of the Library District, please call the Library at (483-2713) to request delivery.



Local History Railroad Exhibit

Early in the New Year, the Chatham Area Public Library will be partnering with the Chatham Railroad Museum to bring a local railroad history display to the Opal Lee Chatham History and Genealogy Room in the Library. The Chatham Railroad Museum has agreed to loan us a variety of extraordinary artifacts to promote interest in the museum, railroad, and local history. Train lovers and history buffs of all ages are encouraged to drop by and enjoy the exhibit. We encourage visitors to share stories, memories, and information with the reference staff. Exhibition dates have yet to be set, so check for them on our website at www.chathamlib.org. For more information on the Chatham Railroad Museum and its history, see their website www.chathamrailroadmuseum.org.

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