

# Library Letter

Chatham Area Public Library District



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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

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## Library Holiday Closings

### **EARLY CLOSING**

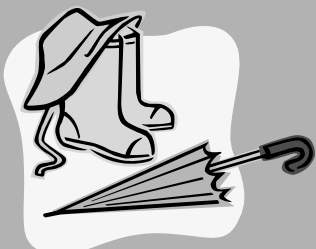
*Saturday, April 3 - 1:00 p.m.*

### **STAFF INSTITUTE**

*Friday, May 21 - Closed*

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

*Monday, May 31*



## Student Art Show

The Art Committee of the Chatham Library is proud to host an art show featuring Glenwood High School students' work in April. The show begins April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library's Young Adult section. Please stop by the Library to see the amazing talent that resides here in Chatham.



## Monthly E-mail Newsletters



The Chatham Area Public Library has become greener with the launch of a monthly e-newsletter. Each issue will feature information on such topics as library services, programs and collection. The monthly newsletters will be distributed at the beginning of each month. Sign up today by subscribing on our website ([chatham.lib.il.us](http://chatham.lib.il.us))!

Did you know that you can also receive e-mail notification for your requests? It's the fastest way to get your notices. Please call or stop by the Library to sign up for emailed notices. It's fast and easy!

## Library Foundation News

The Foundation is supported by citizens with an interest in the future growth and development of the Library for the community. The next meeting of the Library Foundation Board will be on **April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00.**

<b>Officers</b>		<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Future Meetings</b>
President	Jeff Adkisson	Donna Corriveau	Mon. April 19, 7 p.m.
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. May 17, 7 p.m.
Secretary	Lisa Whelpley	Gina Snow	Mon. June 21, 7 p.m.
Treasurer	Megan Becker		

## Chatham Clarion Obituary Database

Looking for Chatham obituaries just got easier. Chatham Library is pleased to announce the availability of a database containing Chatham Clarion obituaries dating back to 1962. Visit the Opal Lee Chatham Local History Genealogy Room to search the database or ask any member of the library staff for assistance.

## Staff Institute

The Library will be closed on Friday, May 21st, 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 22nd. The Library Staff appreciates the opportunity to improve our skills in order to better serve you.

## APRIL - JUNE STORYTIMES

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

- April**
- 1 Bunnies, Baskets and Books
  - 8 Hansel and Gretel with the **Springfield Youth Performance Company**
  - 15 Zip Me Up
  - 22 It's Easy Being Green
  - 29 Books Ahoy
- May**
- 6 I ♥ Mom
  - 13 Young Authors' Night
  - 20 Pork Bellies
  - 27 What's Cookin'?
- June**
- 3 At the Park
  - 10 Berry Good Stories
  - 17 Dads are Dynamite!
  - 24 Time for a Trip



### Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

- April**
- 2 Bunnies, Baskets and Books
  - 9 Hansel and Gretel with the **Springfield Youth Performance Company**
  - 16 It's Easy Being Green
  - 23 Zip Me Up
  - 30 Pork Bellies
- May**
- 7 I ♥ Mom
  - 14 Books Ahoy
  - 21 Library Closed
  - 28 At the Park



**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.

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

**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 to RSVP.

### YOUNG AUTHORS' NIGHT

On May 13<sup>th</sup> come celebrate Children's Book Week during our regular Family Evening Storytime at 6:30. Prize-winning young authors from the Ball-Chatham School District will read their own stories. Refreshments and autographs will be served!

## "CELEBRATE BOOKS" AT THE LIBRARY



The honor of your presence is requested at our Summer Reading Program, "Celebrate Books!" Check out what the Library is celebrating as we have a parade of games, festive crafts, carnival snacks, party prizes and a great book bash. Preschoolers through 4<sup>th</sup> grade may unwrap a good time during either of the two identical parties: sign up for either one. Both run for three weeks. The first begins June 14<sup>th</sup> and the second begins July 5<sup>th</sup>. Age groups are as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades—Mondays,  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades—Wednesdays,  
preschool and kindergarten—Fridays  
(all at 10:15 a.m.)



The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade program runs for six consecutive Thursday afternoons, at 1:00 p.m., beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Children unable to attend the sessions at the Library may still participate by reading at home for prizes. Grade levels are for fall of 2010. Sign-up begins May 17 at the Library.

All guests are invited to party hearty at the opening kick-off on Friday June 11 at 10:15 a.m. Check our website or call the Library for more details. Let the celebration begin!

### Kids Read Down Fines

Young patrons don't have to let overdue charges keep them away from the Chatham Area Public Library. Now they can help pay off their debt by reading. From June 2 to August 16, the Chatham Area Public Library's "Kids Read Down Fines" program will offer children and teens the chance to read for "Chatham Library Bucks." These can be used at Chatham Area Public Library to pay down overdue fines.

How does it work? Youths from age 6 through 18 may attend a "Kids Read Down Fines" session at the Chatham Area Public Library on **Monday evenings between 6:00 and 7:00** or **Wednesday afternoons between 2:00 and 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, comics, magazines or newspapers.) The "Kids Read Down Fines" program allows participants to earn a total of \$5 in "Chatham Area Public Library Bucks."

## HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE FEST

FREE popcorn, drinks and movie for all high school students. All shows begin at 2:00 pm. Upcoming Attractions are:



- ◆ **April 22nd** Safety never takes a holiday - Kevin James is **Paul Blart: Mall Cop**
- ◆ **May 27th** get ready to rock with Jack Black in **School of Rock**
- ◆ **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Watch an all-star cast in the classic movie **The Outsiders**



### Reading Rewards! Teen Reading

Hey teens-- From September through May you have your hands full with homework but 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 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing through August 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



### ANNOUNCING CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FIRST 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 first-ever teen film contest is 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! Entry forms and rules will be available at the Library. Deadline for entry is 8:00 pm July 26<sup>th</sup>. Check our website [www.chatham.lib.il.us](http://www.chatham.lib.il.us) or see us on Facebook for more details.

## Adult Programs

### Computer Classes



Please register for the following workshops in person or by calling the library. **Class size is strictly limited!**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 13, 15, 20, and 22, 6:00 p.m. - Introduction to the Internet.** Taught by Anne Godman. This series will cover searches, email, and exploring the incredible resources of the internet. Participants must be able to attend all four sessions. Participants must have an email address before this class begins; if you do not have an email address and need help getting one, please stop by the library's computer lab any time before the first class and a staff member will assist you.

**Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. - Computer Basics.** Learn the basics you need to get started with computers.

**Saturday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. - Introduction to Microsoft Publisher.** Learn the fundamentals of making flyers, cards, and banners using the Microsoft Office program, Publisher.

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Adult programs are free of charge and open to the public. Please register in person or by calling the library.

**Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. - Digital Photography** - Professional photographer *Sarah Chatham* will teach you how to get the most out of your digital camera and answer your photography questions.

**Tuesday, May 25, 6:00 p.m. - Local Railroad History** Find out about the local history of trains and railroads. *Bill Shannon of the Chatham Railroad Museum* and railroad photographer *James DuBose* will be on hand to share their expertise and answer your questions.



**Adult programming will be on hiatus in June, July, and August.**

### Midday Movies

Our films for April, May, and June feature the work of legendary director Billy Wilder. Admission for the Midday Movie is free and open to the public; refreshments will be provided. Please join us the **second Wednesday each month at 2:00 p.m.** in the Library's conference room. Registration is not necessary.

**April 14 - Double Indemnity**

**May 12 - Witness for the Prosecution**

**June 9 - Some Like It Hot**



## Adult Programs

### Bite Into a Good Book

As you make plans for spring projects and activities, be sure to set aside some time for reading. A great book line-up is planned for the next three months, and we always have so much fun sharing our thoughts and ideas...sure hope you can join us.

**April 21, 2010 *The Book Thief*** by Marcus Zusak: Death is the narrator of this World War II era story of Liesel Meminger, who, at age nine, is taken to live in Molching, Germany with a foster family. "Stolen books form the spine of the story." (Washington Post) In this creative novel, the reader learns much about life in Germany during the late 30's and early 40's. Liesel collects stolen books, peculiar friends, and the wonderful gift of reading and writing.

**May 19, 2010 *The Last Lecture*** by Randy Pausch: This book is Professor Randy Pausch's legacy for family, friends, and for people he never had a chance to meet. We can all appreciate his wisdom about living. Knowing his own life would be short, Mr. Pausch had an opportunity to help all of us overcome obstacles, realize our dreams, and make the very most of the time we do have. This is one of the most inspirational books you'll ever read.

**June 16, 2010 *The Woods*** by Harlan Coben: This novel, a stand alone legal thriller, is a mixture of suspense, mystery, family loyalty, and loss. The main character, Paul Copeland, is forced to reconnect with a 20 year old homicide tragedy as he figures out the hard truth about what actually happened...a fast read with pleasurable writing style.

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

### The Book Keepers

Enjoy spring by reading with *The Book Keepers*, the Library's Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club! Whether you are a long-time Science Fiction fan or looking for your next great read after finishing Harry Potter and Twilight, I know you will enjoy reading with us.

**April 20, 2010 *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*** by Brian Selznick This month, we will be reading the acclaimed juvenile novel *The Invention of Hugo Cabret!* Winner of the Caldecott award for children's fiction, this novel should surprise and delight any reader. In addition, we will be reading short stories from two masters of Science Fiction: Ursula Le Guinn and Robert Heinlein!

**May 18, 2010 *American Gods*** by Neil Gaiman A man just out of prison teams up with a mysterious stranger named Wednesday. He soon learns that Wednesday isn't all that he appears and is actually an incarnation of an old Norse deity, on a mission to round up all the old gods to fight for their survival in a world where technology has become the only god people respect.

**June 15, 2010 *Ender's Game*** by Orson Scott Card Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses - and then training them in the arts of war. Ender Wiggin is forced to make terrible decisions when his "games" have dire consequences.

*The Book-Keepers* meet on the **third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm** in the Library. Bring snacks or get some from our café! Patrons under the age of 18 need to have parents sign a permission slip in order to participate. If you would like to join, please call the library and we will request each month's book for you.

### Adult Reading Program Results & Winners

This year 108 patrons chose to sign up for the Chatham Area Public Library's Winter Adult Reading Program, *The Reading Buffet*. The program ran from January 4<sup>th</sup> through February 20<sup>th</sup> with an additional week added due to bad weather. Those who participated read 521 books and listened to 40 audio CD's over the 7-week period. Each time a patron read 6 books, they were entitled to a coupon for a free drink at the Bank & Trust Cafe. The free drinks at the Café and all the monetary prizes given to the winners were donated by the Friends of the Library. Without their generous contributions, many of our library programs would not be possible. A special recognition and thanks goes out to that group.

Thanks also to all who participated and congratulations to all the winners! The weekly winners were: Jana Kincaid, Mildred Hoskinson, Toby Chamberlain, Angie Mahr, Carol Johnson, Tami Tanner, Terri Crowder, Ben Williams, Mary Jo O'Brien, Carol Dankoski, Elizabeth Kincaid, and Susan Kieffer. Our Grand Prize winner was Eden Lindberg. She won 2 Passes for the 2010 Muni season, and Rosemary Stone won the Audio grand prize of a \$25 gift certificate to O'Charley's. Remember to set aside January and February of 2011 to sign up and join next year's program.

# Thank You for Your Gifts

Chatham Daily Bread along with Checkpoint Tires donated paper towels, facial tissues and books.

David Metzger donated some genealogy software and various books

Alan Post donated 9 issues of "Classic Car" magazine along with sixty-seven various books covering many subjects from World War II history, The American automobile history, photography, railroads, Illinois history, presidential memoirs, legal matters, and biographies.

Many hardback adult fiction books were donated by Mary Rose Martin.

**The Civil War Archives. The History of the Civil War in Documents** edited by Henry Steel Commager, **D-Day, The Battle for Normandy** by Anthony Beevor, and **Murder Unleashed. A Dead End Job Mystery** by Elaine Viets were donated by Mary Jo and James O'Brien.

Donna Corriveau donated a Wii Active Personal Fitness program complete with games, **Three Weeks to Say Goodbye** by C. J. Box, "Mayflower Quarterly, Dec. 2009," **Babylon Rising** by Tim Lahaye, and **The Lion's Game** by Nelson DeMille.

Two college pennants – Louisville and Wright State – were donated by Carol Hubbartt.

Denysia Bastas donated a monetary gift.

**Chapman Piloting, Seamanship, & Small Boat Handling** by Elbert S. Maloney, and a poster of Augustus Koch's *Bird's Eye View of Springfield, Illinois, drawing 1882*, were donated by Steven Chase.

The following young adult books were donated by Libby Reimer – **Heist Society** by Ally Carter, **My Boyfriends' Dogs** by Dandi Daley Mackall, **Little Miss Red** by Robin Palmer, **Firespell, No. 1 (The Dark Elite)** by Chloe Neill, and **Nothing** by Janne Teller, translated by Martin Aitken.

A monetary gift was donated by Bill Brown in memory of Hugh Haney.

Ten boxes of various books were donated by Frank Logan.

Bob Bunn donated monetary gifts in honor of Linda and Doug Meyer and Pat and Gene Wilken for new books in lieu of Christmas gifts.

Mandy Maple donated **Scrapbooking Made Easy** plus a variety of special edition magazines.

*State Census Records* by Ann S. Lainhart and "Mayflower Quarterly, Vol. 75, No. 4, December, 2009" donated by Ron Hallberg.

**Principles of Ambulatory Medicine, 6<sup>th</sup> edition**, edited by Barker, L. Randol et al donated by Patrick Lam.

Cheryl Bradley's Daisy Troop 6039 donated Christmas treats including cookies and candy for the staff.

Ben Zamaitis donated several hardback books covering Ancient Greek history and civilization, Lithuanian history, autobiographies, Greek mythology, and fiction novels in memory of his wife, Vita Zemaitis.

Genealogical journals, *Cornerstone Clues 1986-2002* and *Bluegrass Roots 1995-2002* donated by Jacqueline Stites.

A monetary gift was donated by Marvin and Lillian Jagow.

Alan Tiseth donated **I, Alex Cross** by James Patterson.

Ben Williams donated copy paper.

Harland Oehme donated several personal photographs for our "poodle display" in the North Reading Bay.

**Deadly Passion** donated and written by Misty Wear.

Genealogy materials were donated by Roselyn Wallis.

Michael and Heather Norris donated four children's DVD's – *All About Trucks*, *All About Helicopters*, *All About the Circus* and *All About Building*, in celebration of their son, Aaron's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Scott Miller donated – 1911 Chatham High School Commencement program; 1915/1916 Glenwood High School Class photograph and a 1907 Caldwell Elementary photo.

## 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 11, 2010 at 2 P.M.** Anyone interested in joining FOG may call the Library to be placed on the mailing list for future meeting notices. Ron Hallberg (483-2178) can also be contacted for additional information. All proceeds go to help support the Ancestry/Heritage Quest Databases.

## ?? Ask Heather ??

There's a new way to ask us questions! You may have noticed the recent appearance on our website and blog of a gadget that says "Ask Us." This doodad is called a **Meebo Widget**, and its purpose is to allow you to instant message your questions to the library staff. Request any information you'd normally ask for in person, by phone, or via email, and get a response almost immediately!

## Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation and National Library Weeks at the Library April 12-17th

The Library will be celebrating both National Library Week and National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 12 – 17<sup>th</sup>. This year's National Library Week theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library" and National Volunteer Appreciation Week is "Celebrating People in Action." We value all of the volunteers that have supported the library. To honor our friends, we will have a daily display featuring how volunteers have impacted the library and community. Thanks to those that volunteer to make our community thrive!



# Friends of the Library

## MYSTERY SOLVED!

Super sleuths attending the Library's recent performances of ***Murder at the Booksale*** caught the culprit 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, Suzanne Shaner and Dixie Williamson and Food Co-Chairs Vivien Graf and Jana Kincaid. This year's cast included Ryan Byers, Eric Fitzgerald, Keith Kelley, Devon King, Deanna Langheim, Linda McCall, Tracy Petro-Sitton, Bill Panichi, Christine Westerlund and Dixie Williamson. Supporting cast included Chatham Fire/EMS. Staab Polk Memorial Home provided the coach. Special thanks go to former Friends of the Library Chair, Jean Blaser, who wrote the play from sunny California!

Thank you to this year's business sponsors including ***ACE Hardware, Beads 'n More, Changing Faces, Checkpoint Tire and Service Center, Chirugy Massage, Computer Works, County Market, Curves for Women, Little Italy's Pizza, Trends Terra Bella Salon & Spa, Trendsetter's Design, UIS Sangamon Auditorium & Websters T's***. Proceeds from the ***Murder Mystery*** will help to fund equipment, purchase materials & sponsor library programs. Thanks to all who helped to make our tenth annual murder mystery a great success.



## Smashing Success



The Friends of the Library Winter Book and Bake Sales earned \$1,103 and \$373 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 \$360 raised. Many hands made short work of over 210 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 Rhona Kelley and Jeri Rogers recruited & organized book sale volunteers while Bake Sale Co-Chairs Vivien Graf and Jana Kincaid contacted volunteers & organized baked goods. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents and donations to help the Friends and the Library!

## Happy Anniversary!

The Friend's Bank and Trust Café & Bahlow Bookstore is celebrating its first anniversary! The Friends appreciate those who have supported the bookstore in its first year. In 2009, we sold over 10,000 books! 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 at 217/685-0586 for more information.

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