

Library Letter

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Library Dedication & Grand Re-Opening

Please join the Library Board of Trustees, Director, Project Coordinator & Staff on **Sunday, April 5, 2009 from 2-4 P.M.** to help celebrate the completion of our construction and remodeling project. The expanded facility more than doubles the space of the original library and includes the new Jessica Hay Toddler Area, the Opal Lee Chatham History/Genealogy Room, expanded Meeting Rooms, additional Study Rooms, new Computer Lab, Adult Reading Areas and much more. **A dedication program is planned for 2:30 P.M.** on Sunday, April 5. Refreshments will be served and Library Trustees, Staff and Friends will be available to answer questions about expanded space, programs and services.

New Library Director Appointed

On Monday, February 9, 2009 the Chatham Area Public Library District Board of Trustees approved Amy Ihnen as the new CAPLD Director effective July 1, 2009. A Director Search Committee convened in December 2008, conducted a search, interviewed prospective candidates and offered the position to Amy Ihnen in February. She has served as the Reference Librarian / Adult Programs Coordinator for the Chatham Area Public Library since July 2008. Amy grew up in Springfield and attended Rochester Schools. She graduated in the spring of 2008 with her Master's in Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington. Amy was head of Foster Library, a library for the student residents of an on campus dormitory. She completed her undergraduate degree in History and Politics from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where she was involved in many activities including Mortar Board National Honor Society. She enjoys traveling, ceramics and cooking in her free time. Amy will transition to the Director position between now and July 1, 2009. After serving twenty one years, the current Director, Linda Meyer, is retiring effective June 30, 2009.

Officers

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Vice President	Christine Westerlund
Secretary	Gina Snow
Treasurer	Megan Becker

Trustees

Donna Corriveau
Eric Fitzgerald
Lisa Whelpley

Upcoming Meetings

Mon. Apr 20
Mon. May 18
Mon. June 15 7 p.m.

Trustee Election 2009

Four CAPLD Trustee positions are on the ballot for the April 7, 2009 consolidated election. Incumbents Jeff Adkisson, Megan Becker, Eric Fitzgerald & Gina Snow are all be on the ballot for four year terms. Questions regarding the election may be directed to Linda Meyer at the Library, 483-2713.

Staff Institute

The Library will be *closed* on **Friday, May 15th**, 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 16th. The Library Staff appreciates the opportunity to improve our skills in order to better serve you.

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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

Visit the Chatham Area Public Library online at:

<http://www.chatham.lib.il.us>



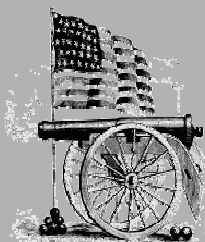
Library Holiday Closings

STAFF INSTITUTE

Friday, May 15 - CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25 - CLOSED



APRIL - MAY - JUNE STORYTIMES...

Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

- April 2 April Showers
9 Bouncy Bunnies, Lively Lambs
16 National Library Week
23 Cookin' Up Fun
30 Reading Buddies
- May 7 Show Me the Mommy!
14 Children's Book Week
21 Silly Sally
28 Flower Power
- June 4 Shiver Me Timbers
11 Moo, Baa, Arf, Quack
18 Fathers = Fun
25 No Ants Allowed



Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 am

- April 3 Silly Sally
10 Bouncy Bunnies, Lively Lambs
17 April Showers
24 Little Red Riding Hood
- May 1 Cookin' Up Fun
8 Show Me the Mommy!
15 LIBRARY CLOSED
22 Flower Power
29 No Ants Allowed
- June ***No Preschool Storytime this month



BabyTalk Lap-Sit, Tuesdays at 10:15 am, is intended for infants and toddlers (NB-36 mo.) and their caregivers. Designed to introduce very young children to the Library, this storytime includes stories, fingerplays, songs and interactive play. No pre-registration is required.

READ on the WILD SIDE!



School's out for summer, the sky is blue, the weather is mild and the reading is-- **WILD!** You've heard the call of nature so let the wild times begin at the Chatham Area Public Library's summer reading program, "Read on the Wild Side." Come join the safari as we capture the most fun with untamed games, a jungle of crafts, beastly snacks, s'more prizes and of course grrrrreat books! Preschoolers through 4th graders may embark on either of two identical expeditions: sign up for either one.

The first one will run June 15th through July 3rd, the second from July 6th through July 24th. Age groups are as follows: 3rd and 4th grades—Mondays, 1st and 2nd grades—Wednesdays, Preschool and Kindergarten—Fridays; all at 10:15 am. The expedition for the 5th and 6th graders will run for six consecutive Thursday afternoons beginning on June 18th with all sessions beginning at 1:00 pm. Children unable to attend the sessions at the Library may still participate by reading at home for prizes. Grade levels are for fall of 2009. Sign-up begins May 18 at the Library.

All wild beasts will be needed at the Library jungle for the opening kick-off on Friday June 12th at 10:15. The Illinois Raptor Center will present their excellent Raptor 101 program with live birds. Don't miss it--it'll be a grrrrreat start to our summer reading program. So, make tracks to the Library and plan on a roaring good time as you "Read on the Wild Side" this summer!



National Library Week April 12-18

National Library Week 2009 will be celebrated April 12-18 with the theme, "Worlds connect @ your library." Celebrated every year since 1958, National Library Week is a time to draw attention to our nation's libraries and to promote their use and support. A special "Worlds connect @ your library" Storytime is planned for Thursday April 16th at 6:30 pm during our regular Family Evening Storytime. Make sure your family connects at the library and celebrates with folktales from around the world. Participate with global games and cultural snacks. Registration is requested for this Storytime, but is not required.

Kids Read Down Fines



Young patrons don't have to let those double-figure overdue charges keep them away from the Chatham Area Public Library. Now they can help pay off their debt by reading. From June 1 to August 15, 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 for current 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 from 6:00-7:00 or Wednesday afternoons 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, 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

Great news, moviegoers: The Chatham Public Library is continuing the High School Movie Fest! Our double screens and up-to-the-minute sound system will once again light up FREE --and only for high school students. So bring your friends and comfy seating and enjoy great films, popcorn and soft drinks and don't shell out a dime. All these showings start at 1:00...And here's what's coming!

April 13th

Thrill to the movie version of the best-selling book

"TWILIGHT"

May 22nd

"FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF"

June 23rd

Prepare for the July release of the newest Harry Potter movie by watching

"HARRY POTTER AND

THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX"

Adult Programs...

Travel Planning on the Internet - April 25



Trying to figure out how to get the best deal on your summer vacation? On **Saturday, April 25, from 10 - 11 a.m.** the Chatham Area Public Library will invite local travel enthusiast and penny-pincher, Lisa Olszewski to show us how to maneuver through the Internet to find great travel deals. Lisa, who is currently planning her own honeymoon to a tropical location, has traveled inexpensively to New York City and Miami recently by using sites on the Internet. If you are interested in joining us for this informative and fun presentation, please call the library at 483-2713.

Wii Bowling Tournament - May 6



Can you bowl a perfect game? Come and be a part of the NEW craze in our first Wii (pronounced 'Weeeeeee') bowling tournament for Adults only at the Chatham Area Public Library on **Wednesday, May 6 at 2:00**. There will be a training session before the tournament begins, so that everyone will know how to play this fun and interactive game. For those that have never played a video game, Wii is easy to learn and master, since the controller looks like a TV remote. Plus, you don't have to worry about dropping the ball on your toe! The Wii bowling became a popular activity at last February's Senior Fair that was at the library. The winner of the tournament will win a \$20 gift certificate and the two runners-up will win \$10 gift certificates to **The Creek** restaurant. Please call the library (483-2713) to RSVP. Wii hope to see you there!

Bite Into a Good Book

Are you looking forward to spring? The Library's "Bite into a Good Book" group has great book "picks" for April, May, and June, 2009. We always enjoy lively discussion; our ideas really "bloom" when we get together!

April 15: **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

This work of fiction is actually a series of letters, all written to the book's main character, author Juliet Ashton. Each one reflects life during and after the Nazi occupation of Guernsey Island. The story is written in realistic fashion, yet with humor and warmth...a very unique read.

May 20: **Profiles in Courage** by John F. Kennedy.

Awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1956, this powerful novel profiles acts of courage and integrity by eight different senators from throughout the Senate's history. According to Kennedy, these senators stood for what they felt was right in spite of tremendous political and social pressure. What a book to inspire sharing insights and making connections from the past to today's political arena!

June 17: **Keep Your Mouth Shut and Wear Beige**

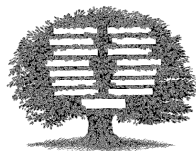
by Kathleen Gilles Seidel. We've all heard this saying! This delightful, humorous story looks at how an upcoming wedding can upset the delicate balance of family relationships...touching and hilarious. Don't miss it!

This book discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month 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 books for you.

Movie Matinees:

The Chatham Area Public Library hosts monthly screenings of classic, and not so classic movies. These screenings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in Gallery A. Bring a friend and join us for a great flick on the big screen and discussion of the film.

April 15 - Singing in the Rain
May 13 - Bridge on the River Kwai
June 10 - Mamma Mia!



Friends of Genealogy News

The Opal Lee Local History Genealogy room will be open for the next meeting of the Friends of Genealogy **on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 2 P.M.** During this meeting, Chatham Area Public Library staff members, Karen High and Amy Ihnen will lead a tour of the new genealogy facility and discuss items of interest.

The Friends of Genealogy (FOG) group continues to meet and to explore a variety of online and print genealogy resources. FOG hosts speakers and shares information about genealogy resources. 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.

Adult Reading Program Results & Winners

This year 174 patrons chose to sign up for the Chatham Area Public Library's Winter Adult Reading Program, *Go Green, Read @ Your Library*. The program ran from January 5 through February 13. One hundred forty-three patrons entered the book portion and 31 patrons entered the audio portion of the program. Those who participated read 840 books and listened to 83 audio CD's over the 6-week period. Each time a patron read 6 books, they were entitled to a coupon for a free drink at the Bank & Trust Cafe. A special thanks is extended to the Friends of the Library who donated money for the great prizes and continue to support the many programs at the library.

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to all the winners! The weekly winners were: Joanne Crowley, Carol Dankoski, Wanda Duke, Vivien Graf, Ron Hallberg, Mildred Hoskinson, Susan Lund, Angie Mahr, Stephanie Mann, Michele McAvoy, Jeff Myers, and Kim Spengler. Grand prize winner was Jana Kincaid. She won 2 Passes for the 2008 Muni season, and Rhona Hallberg won the Audio grand prize of a \$25 gift certificate to O'Charley's. Remember to set aside January and February of 2010 to sign up for next year's program.

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Are you having trouble finding the perfect book? Did you know that, according to the Book Expo of America, there are over 172,000 books published every year? With so many options given to readers, it can be very easy to not know what to read next. The Chatham Area Public Library can help you figure out just what you're in the mood to read next with our reader's advisory database, websites, our card catalog and through suggestions from people in your community.

Whether you're interested in fiction, nonfiction or even children's books, the database Novelist Plus is a great place to find new and not-so-new authors. With over 200,000 fiction and readable nonfiction titles with summaries and reviews, plus featured content including lists of award-winning books, Book Discussion Guides, Book Talks, Recommended Reads and more, NoveList Plus is a wonderful readers' resource. NoveList Plus K-8 is for parents and children looking for good children's books. This database has divided Recommended Reads, award winners and Book Talks into age groups to make it easy to find the right level for your child. To use both NoveList databases at home, please stop by or call the library (483-2713) for login information.

There are some websites out on the Internet that also can help you find that next great read. A great place to find series information and author's reading suggestions is a website called Fantastic Fiction (www.fantasticfiction.co.uk). There, you will find which books belong to what series and its year of publication. For example, did you know that James Patterson has 7 series, 23 regular novels and 9 forthcoming books in 2009? This website can help you organize your series information in an easy and clear manner.

The Internet also allows people that enjoy genre, or category fiction to find new books. Some handy websites to check out are: Romance (www.likesbooks.com), Sci-Fi(www.Allscifi.com), Graphic Novels (www.noflyingnotights.com), Westerns (www.readwest.com) and Audio Books (www.audiofile.com). For more listings of genre fiction websites, check out our Reader's Advisory section on our web page, under the resources tab (www.chatham.lib.il.us/resources).

Did you know that you could even use our online card catalog to find information to help you select the ideal book for you? On the top left-hand side of the screen, under item information, you can find summaries, table of contents and even reviews of the book.

Perhaps the greatest place of all to find out about new authors is the Chatham Area Public Library. Here you will find people just as excited and interested in reading as you are. We love talking about what we have just read and always hope to hear what book should be next on our lists as well. In addition, our fiction book group, Bite into a Good Book, has created a newsletter that will be produced tri-annually, full of reader's book suggestions that are available in the library.



Book Donations Enlarge Collection



Janet Gorman donated *Love, Lies and Liquor: An Agatha Raisin Mystery* by M. C. Beaton and *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell.

Dennis Williams, Deputy Administrator for Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, donated Stop Bullying Now!, a DVD tool kit.

Ron and Myrna Kane donated *Food and Wine Annual Cookbook 2008* and *Food and Wine Annual Cookbook 2007*.

Dr. Donna Corriveau donated *The Chicago Way* by Michael Harvey, *Killing Floor* by Lee Child and The Mayflower Quarterly.

Jean Blaser donated Lincoln and Mary Todd biographies and other related books plus a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles.

Julie Kaiser donated a Home Interiors snowman decoration.

Ralph Ashcraft donated *Me and Bobby D: A Memoir* by Steve Karmen.

Sally Simpson Dickey donated *Strangers in Paradise* by Robert B. Parker in honor of Lois and Ron Dickey.

Mark and Mandy Maple, in honor of Gracie June Maple, donated *Counting Kisses* by Karen Katz.

Matthew Lary donated *Victory Through Valor: A Collection of World War II Memoirs* by Dr. George J. Despotis, Donald E. Korte, and Matthew Lary.

The following books were donated by Bob and Sarah Bunn in honor of Doug and Linda Meyer: *A. Lincoln: A Biography* by Ronald C. White, Jr.; *Abraham Lincoln's Extraordinary Era* by Karen Kostyal; *Abraham Lincoln: A Presidential Life* by James M. McPherson; *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life* by Catherine Clinton; *In Lincoln's Hand: His Original Manuscripts with Commentary by Distinguished Americans* by Harold Holzer & Joshua Wolf Shenk; from the Editors of Reader's Digest, *Carefree Plants: 200 Beautiful Low-Maintenance Plants Anyone Can Grow*; *Birds in your Backyard* by Robert J. Dolezal; *Backyard Bird Secrets for Every Season: Attracting a Variety of Nesting, Feeding and Singing Birds Year Round*; *Outstanding Mini Albums: 50 Ideas for Creating Mini Scrapbooks* by Jessica Acs.

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg was donated by Genevieve Missel.

In honor of Aliisa DeSalvo, *The Truth About Sparrows* by Marian Hale (mother of Aliisa), was donated.

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val D. Greenwood, 3rd edition and Christian County Genealogical Society 1983 – 2003 Quarterly Index was donated by Libby Klocke.

Robert Green donated *Roads to Quoz: An American Mosey* by William Least Heat-Moon.

Mary Hamilton gave a donation for a children's book as a thank you for proctoring a test.

Gene and Norma Lindsey donated As Time Goes By: The Complete Original Series on DVD.

Bob Williamson donated *Glass Toothpick Holders: Identification and Values* and *Glass Toothpick Holders: Identification and Values, 2nd edition*.

Dan Dixon, President, Sangamon County Genealogical Society, donated Cemetery Names and Locations, Sangamon County, Illinois.

Ron Hallberg donated The Trauger Family 1748 to 1998 – 250th Anniversary Edition, Circuit Rider, Volume 38, Number 1, January 2006, and *Damage Control* by Gordon Kent.

Larvin Schroeder donated Sangamon County Cemetery Names and Records, Computer CD.

Illinois Judge's Association donated *Judging Lincoln: The Bench in Lincoln's Illinois* by Susan Krause and Daniel W. Stowell.

Here's Johnny: My Memories of Johnny Carson, the Tonight show and 46 Years of Friendship by Ed McMahon donated by Mildred Duda.

Loren and Sue Cowdrey donated a book titled *The Attack on Pearl Harbor: The United States Enters World War II* by John C. Davenport, in memory of Orville R. Cowdrey (uncle of Loren Cowdrey).

Mike and Heather Norris donated two books in honor of Aaron's 1st birthday, *For God So Loved the World* by Dandi Daley Mackall and *Who do You Love?* by Margaret Wang.

Frank Crawford donated a book by Jack Higgins, *A Darker Place*.

Jim O'Brien donated a selection of books on the Civil War.

Hello & Goodbye

- Along with the expansion of our library facility, we have expanded our staff to accommodate our patrons and make visiting the library an enjoyable and satisfying experience.
- We are happy to welcome three part-time circulation people.
- Linda Ragel and her family live in Springfield, having moved back to the area from a Chicago suburb, Lake in the Hills, where she worked at the Huntley Library. Paul Moore is returning to the work force after having retired from Ameren after 25 years. Paul has lived in the Chatham area for some time. Debbie Austiff lives in Chatham with her family and was formerly a pharmaceutical representative.
- We also have two new part-time student pages.
- Sara Kincaid and Victoria Sneyd are both juniors at Glenwood High School.

Friends of the Library ...



Bank & Trust Café & Bahlow Book Store to Open

The much anticipated opening of the Bank & Trust Café and Bahlow Book Store has been set for **Monday, April 6, 2009 at 9 A.M.** The Friends of the Library Board have selected Rebecca

Lair as their Café/Bookstore Manager. Rebecca has been contacting volunteers to schedule shifts in both the Café and Book Store. A selection of coffees and bottled beverages will be available along with an assortment of pastries and ice cream novelties. Volunteers are still needed for some evening and Saturday shifts. The open hours of the Café & Book Store will depend on the availability of volunteers. Anyone wishing to volunteer may call the Library at 483-2713.



Super Sale

The Friends of the Library Winter Book and Bake Sales earned \$2,405 and \$446 respectively. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of book donors, volunteer workers, bakers & shoppers, both sales were a great success. Many hands made short work of over 275 boxes of books when members of Friends of the Library, several Boy Scout Troops and National Honor Society volunteers arrived to help with set-up. Book Sale Co-Chairs Rhona Kelley and Tara Kerns 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 and talents to help the Friends and the Library!

Mystery Solved



Super sleuths attending the Library's recent performances of CSI Chatham 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 Jean Blaser, Anne Deley, Suzanne Shaner and Dixie Williamson and Food Co-Chairs Vivien Graf and Jana Kincaid. This year's cast included Jeff Adkisson, Jean Blaser, Eric Fitzgerald, Keith Kelley, Jerry Suchomski, Linda Suchomski, and Christine Westerlund. Supporting cast included Chatham Fire/EMS. Staab Polk Memorial Home provided the coach.

Special thanks go to Friends of the Library Chair, Jean Blaser, who wrote the play, directed, played a role in the play and chaired the Murder Mystery Committee!

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, Curves, Family Video, Little Italy's Pizza, Secret Recipes Inc., Trends Terra Bella Salon & Spa, Trendsetter's Design, UIS Sangamon Auditorium, Walmart and Webster's 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 ninth annual murder mystery a great success.

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