

Chatham Area Public Library District Library Letter

Celebrating 25 years



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

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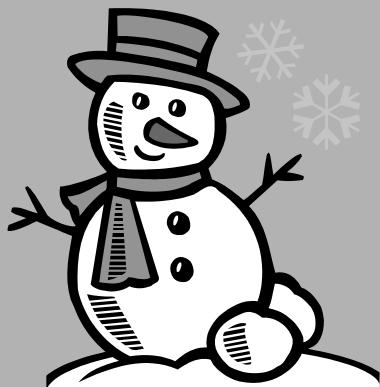
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Library Holiday Closings

NEW YEARS

Saturday, Jan 1 - Closed

Upcoming Chatham Art Shows

Please join us throughout the month of January when the Library welcomes the Folded Frenzies group to show their beautifully crafted quilts inside the library. The quilts on display show a variety of techniques, colors, and textures. The Folded Frenzies group meets each month to create quilts which are donated to those in need locally.

In February, the Library's Art committee is proud to present the Winter Art Show 2011. Artwork will be featured from many local artists. The last major art show was in November 2009 and was a huge success. This year's show will run from February 12 through March 19th, 2011. For more information, please call the library or check its website.

THE BIG READ

This year's area wide community reading program will be celebrated by reading **The Heart is a Lonely Hunter** by *Carson McCullers*. The Kick - Off for the program will be February 15th at UIS Studio Center with a performance from the Sangamon Valley Youth Orchestra.



The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. Chatham Area Public Library along with Rochester Public, Sherman Public, Pleasant Plains, Williamsville Public, Jacksonville Public and Springfield's Lincoln Library are several of the 75 communities nationwide participating in The Big Read. Other local partners include the Illinois State Library, Brookens Library at the University of Illinois, Springfield and Benedictine University.

A book discussion will be held at the Chatham Area Public Library on Wednesday, March 16th at noon. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Please contact Kay Herr at the Library, 483-2713 with any questions or to obtain a copy of the book.

Board News

Elections for the Chatham Area Public Library's Board of Trustees will take place April 5, 2011. The two incumbents running for 4 year terms are Christine Westerlund and Matt Keppler. Incumbent Deborah Schumer will be running for a 2 year term that was vacated by former Board Trustee Megan Becker. Trustee Lisa Whelpley will not be seeking another term.

Officers

President Jeff Adkisson
Vice President Christine Westerlund
Secretary Lisa Whelpley
Treasurer Deborah Schumer

Trustees

Matt Keppler
Eric Fitzgerald
Gina Snow

Future Meetings

Mon. Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 21, 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH STORYTIMES

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

- Jan.** 6 Arctic Antics
13 Harry the Dirty Dog
20 Tune in a Good Book
27 January on the Beach
- Feb.** 3 Spotlight on Kevin Henkes
10 Valentine Time
17 Ribbiting Reading
24 Fractured Fairy Tales
- Mar.** 3 Dr. Seuss is Loose!
10 Lions and Lambs
17 Stories that Take the Cake
24 Baby Bliss!
31 Big and Little



Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

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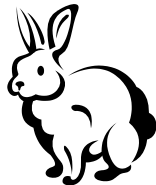


Babytalk Lap-Sit, a program intended for children NB-36 months and their parent/caregiver, is offered every **Tuesday morning at 10:15 am**. This storytime includes stories, fingerplays, and songs, after which there is time for play and socializing.

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

Beware - Bunnacula!

He's just a little black and white bunny—what's the big deal? But...the black markings on his back are shaped like a cape, he *does* have two little fangs... and where are those white vegetables, drained dry, with two fang marks in them coming from?



He's just a harmless bunny named after the most famous vampire of all time, right? **Second and Third Graders** who believe he's harmless (and those who think he *is* a vampire but are brave enough to come anyway!) are invited to the Library on **Monday, January 17th at 1:00 pm** to investigate the strange phenomenon of Bunnacula. Registration is required (call the Library); a turtleneck or other neck protection is recommended...



Family Movie Matinee

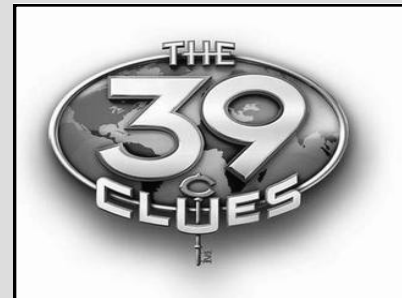
Free Admission, popcorn and drinks!



Disney Pixar's **Wall•E**

**Wednesday, March 23
at 2:00 p.m.**

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



The 39 Clues

If you are reading this it means you are a long-lost member of the Cahill family— one of the most powerful families in the history of the world! Almost every famous historical figure that has ever lived belongs to it: leaders, scientists, artists and athletes. And if you are also in the **4th or 5th grade** you are offered a choice: take a million dollars and walk away or...oh, wait! That is the choice *Amy and Dan* are offered in the series **The 39 Clues**. *Your choice* is: come to the library on **Monday, February 21st at 1:00 pm** and use your great Cahill family brain to solve fun mysteries about your powerful ancestors, eat scrumptious snacks and have a blast, *or* stay home and be bored. The choice is yours. Since you have that great Cahill family brain we know you'll make the smart choice. Call the Library to sign up!



Family Castle Building Contest Proclamation

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All lords, ladies, knights and princesses are cordially invited to participate in a great contest of skill and imagination! Thy quest is to create a castle from materials of thy choosing to help decorate the Kingdom of the Library. Castles shalt remain in the Kingdom of the Library until such time as they may be returned to the talented families which created them. Tokens will be bestowed upon the royal family with the most pleasing palace. Said citadels mayst not extend deeper than 18 inches in order that they mayst perch upon the book parapets for exhibit. To take part in said contest, present thy completed castle at the Kingdom of the Library by **February 1st**. So, royal families, don thy thinking helmets, collect thy cereal boxes, tin cans, Legos, sugar cubes, gingerbread, paper towel tubes, wood, Lincoln Logs, popsicle sticks and what have ye and construct a castle fit for a king!



Bite Into a Good Book

B-r-r-r-r! Winter is here, and there's one best way to deal with it...come into the library and check out some great books, so you can be content, warm, and happily occupied indoors! A nice variety of titles have been chosen for January, February, and March, 2011.

January 19: We have decided to read the Caldecott and Newbery Award books for 1960 and 2010. Since children's literature so often reflects "the times," it should be interesting to see how these special books compare over a 50 year span.

1960 Caldecott Medal Book: *Nine Days to Christmas* by Marie Hall Ets and Aurora Labastida

2010 Caldecott Medal Book: *The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney

1960 Newbery Medal Book: *Onion John* by Joseph Krumgold

2010 Newbery Medal Book: *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

February 16: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein This novel is told from a dog's perspective and is a fast paced story with lots of family drama and humor...you can't help but enjoy this book.

March 16: Area libraries have selected the novel, ***The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*** by Carson McCullers as "The Big Read" selection for Central Illinois. Throughout the month of March, people, including our book group, will be enjoying and discussing this classic.

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



Cupid is Stupid! Anti-Valentine's Party for Teens



Are you dreading Valentine's Day?
Do you think Cupid is stupid?

If so, **high schoolers**, come celebrate your independence from Cupidity: fracture a heart piñata, separate famous couples, vandalize romance book covers, compete for the best break-up line and more—all with lots of Anti-Valentine's treats so you can eat your heart out, of course. Break free from Cupidity! **Wed., February 9th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

The Non-Fiction book club meets on the third Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. We invite you to join us.

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy by Eric Metaxas - Thursday, January 20th, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us by Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell - Thursday, February 17th, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Bomb Power: The Modern Presidency and the National Security State by Garry Wills - Thursday, March 17th, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Book-Keepers Club

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

January 18, 2011 *V for Vendetta* by Alan Moore In a near-future Britain a fascist party rules the country as a police state. "V", a revolutionary dressed in a Guy Fawkes mask, begins an elaborate campaign to bring down the government, and convince the people to rule themselves.

February 15, 2011 *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White This novel is a beautiful retelling of the Arthurian legend, from Arthur's birth to the end of his reign. White manages to blend the legend with modern politics in the wake of WWII and with his view of an ideal society.

March 16, 2011 *Neuromancer* by William Gibson Henry Case was once a talented computer hacker, but was fired after he was caught stealing from his employer. Desperate; Case meets Molly Millions, a mercenary for a shadowy ex-military officer who wants to employ him, but who might have his own agenda.

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.

Adult Programs

Adult programs are free and open to the public. Please call the library or email chathamlibrarysvp@gmail.com to register.

Computer Classes

Computer classes operate on a first-come basis. There are fifteen spots available in each class.

Computer File Management

Sat., Jan. 8th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn how to create, move, organize, search for, and delete files on your computer.



Introduction to PowerPoint

Sat., Feb. 5th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of creating a slideshow presentation for work, school, or personal use with Microsoft Office PowerPoint.

Introduction to Publisher

Sat., March 5th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of making flyers, cards, banners, and more using Microsoft Office Publisher.

Midday Movies

This winter the Midday Movie series will feature biopics, films that dramatize the lives of real people. All movies are free, open to the public, and snacks are provided. Registration is not necessary.

Coal Miner's Daughter (1980)

Wednesday, January 12th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

starring Sissy Spacek and Tommy Lee Jones

The Queen (2006)

Wednesday, February 9th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

starring Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen

Finding Neverland (2004)

Wednesday, March 9th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet



BOOKS AND BEYOND!!!

2011 Adult Reading Program



The Chatham Area Public Library invites you to participate in our 2011 Adult Reading Program – **Books and Beyond!!!** Sign up begins on **January 3rd** for adults 18 and older.

This year we will be including those who use the “Library on the Go” - the library you can take with you. If you are a “Library on the Go” user, enter for a chance to win.

There will be separate slips for books and audio books and there is a place to check on either of these sheets if “Library on the Go” was used to read a book or listen to an audio.

The rules are simple: come in on **January 3rd**, sign up and pick up your entry slips. Fill out a slip for each book you read and turn them in for your chance to win prizes weekly. Participants can only win one weekly prize for the entire program, but keep on reading because all entries - including weekly winners - will be entered in the grand prize drawing. Also, every time you read 6 books, you will earn a special coupon from the Chatham Friends Bookstore and Café. We will end our program on February 12th and choose the grand prize winner on Valentine’s Day. The Grand Prize winner will receive two season passes to the Muni! Looking forward to seeing you here!

For more information about “Library on the Go”, and how to get started go to www.libraryonthego.org or visit our homepage at www.chatham.lib.il.us.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Introduction to Genealogy - Wednesday, January 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - An introduction to genealogical research presented by Ron Hallberg, member of the library’s Friends of Genealogy organization.

Writers’ Group Planning Meeting - Wednesday, January 26th, 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Calling all writers! Whether you write poetry, short stories, novels, or essays, we’d like you to join us for this organizational meeting. Help shape the library’s new writers’ group.

Volunteer Fair - Saturday, February 19th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Meet representatives of local organizations and find out how volunteering your time can make a difference in your community.

Computer and Internet Genealogical Research - Wednesday, March 16th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - An introduction to computer-based and online genealogical research presented by Ron Hallberg, member of the library’s Friends of Genealogy organization.

FUTURE PROGRAM - Are you a published author? The library is planning an event in April 2011 featuring local authors. This will be an opportunity for published local writers to talk about their work, as well as sign and sell their books. If you would like to participate, please call the library (483-2713) and ask to speak to Heather, or email heatburg@gmail.com.

Hello and Goodbye

We welcome Briea Reid as a page at the library. Briea is a sophomore at GHS and is involved in choir and theatre. She replaced Derrin Wallace who was involved in school activities that prevented her from continuing with us.

Friends Needed

January 2011 marks the beginning of the new membership year for the Friends of the Library. The Friends invite the entire Chatham area community to join them in supporting the Library during 2011. All area residents using the services of the Chatham Area Public Library are invited to become Friends members. Included with this newsletter is a membership flyer to mail in or drop off at the Library. Please become a first time member or renew your membership for 2011!

Yearbook Donation Request

Do you have an old Glenwood High School yearbook that you are willing to part with? The Library is looking for certain years of *The Spyglass* to fill holes in our collection. We have many requests to look at area yearbooks from our patrons. The years that we are missing are: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1979, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1995 and 2002.

We are also requesting yearbooks from the old Ball High School and the Chatham High School such as *Glen Echo*, *Ball-Chat*, *Sandmill*, *Inkspot*. Thank you for helping us complete our collection.



2010 Tax Help Available at the Library

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available by appointment at the Chatham Area Public Library on **Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for electronic filings and 5-8 for paper filings** beginning February 7 and ending April 4, 2011.

Individuals who wish to schedule an appointment may call Mary Alyce Keith (483-4643) and leave a message. Tax assistance will not be available after April 4. **Individuals are encouraged to make their appointments as soon as all of their tax documents are available.** Volunteer tax preparers are trained IRS specialists through the VITA program.

FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS begin arriving at the Library after January 5th and will be available for the public.

Library Welcomes Intern

The Library will welcome its first intern in January. Alison Hale, a senior from UIS will be interning at the library during her spring semester. She plans to attend graduate school for Library Science in the fall.

Thank You for Your Gifts

Gary Knight donated a large selection of DVD's and several books.

Carl Clayton donated six newspapers and two magazines on the JFK assassination.

Gene Wheeler donated a large selection of non-fiction titles including **How to Build a Home Workshop, Radiator Enclosure, and Bird Feeder** by Donald R. Brann, **How to Repair, Renovate, and Decorate Your Walls, Floors, and Ceilings** by Jackson Hand, and many more "how to" manuals.

Carol Bumgarner donated a variety of fiction and non-fiction books

Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins was donated by Lorraine Cullen.

John Bault donated **Graffiti World**.

Over 300 hardback and paperback books were donated by Gary Bahlow.

Our new "hold shelf" that extends our storage for reserved books was built by Gary Goacher.

Alan Post donated several political books – **Justice Brennan: Liberal Champion; Walter F. Mondale: The Good Fight; and Dawn Clark Netsch: A Political Life** and several non-fiction books covering historic, medical, and railway topics.

Over 200 various paperback and hardback books were donated by JoAnn Momeni.

Adam Kennedy donated a variety of graphic novels including **Marvel Adventures**.

Marsha and Gary Clayton donated several popular fiction "new release" books.

Rose Connolly loaned uniforms and other military items for military display in the Opal Lee Room.

The Solace Tree by Frank Tejada and **Filipinos in Alaska: 1788-1958** by Thelma Buchholdt were donated by Mary Lou McLaughlin.

Welcome to the World, Baby Girl by Fannie Flagg was donated by Charlene Green.

Kathy Dodson donated **Half Broke Horses** by Jeanette Walls and a variety of popular fiction.

Mary Jayne Hunley donated several fiction titles.

A large variety of popular mystery novels were donated by Patricia Thornton.

Six hand puppets were donated by Laurie Tomkins.

Chris McKinney donated three copies of his book, **Twisted Tales of Unfortunate Times**.

Chuck Cali donated a subscription to **"The Week"** magazine.

Friends of the Library

Friends' Winter Book & Bake Sale



Book bargains & tempting treats will be available for shoppers at the Friends of the Library Winter Book & Bake Sale to be held **Saturday, January 22 from 9am to 3 pm**. Friends who have paid their annual membership dues as of January, 2011 may attend the Friend's Preview Night on **Friday, January 21, from 6-8 pm**.

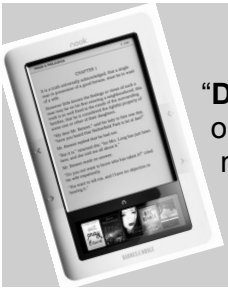


The Friends have accumulated more than 250 boxes of used books available for purchase at bargain prices so plan to arrive early and hit the bake sale on your way in! (If you want the early bird peek on Friday night, stop by the library now and sign up or renew your Friends of the Library membership.)

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

The Library is accepting hardcover & paperback books, also videos, & CD's etc., but please no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines more than six months old.

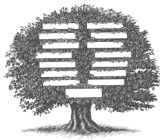
DEATH BY DOWNLOAD



"Death by Download" is the latest Library mystery sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Join us on **Friday, March 11th** for an evening dinner performance or **Saturday, March 12th** for a dessert matinee or evening dinner performance. Chatham's finest dinner theater entertainment will be presented by an amazing group of local performers in the Library Gallery. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. Please **make your reservations early by calling the library (483-2713)** as these tickets go quickly!

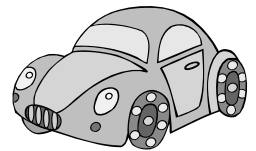
Friends of Genealogy

The next meeting of the Friends of Genealogy (FOG) group is scheduled for **Sunday, January 23 at 2 pm** in the Library Conference Room. Membership in this group is open to anyone interested in learning genealogy research skills or assisting others. A donation of any amount is requested as a membership fee. All FOG donations go toward renewal of the Library's genealogical databases. **Members and guests are asked to RSVP at the Library (483-2713).**



Book Delivery Available

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 Ball-Chatham School District, Please call the Library (483-2713) to request home delivery.



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