

Chatham Area Public Library District Library Letter

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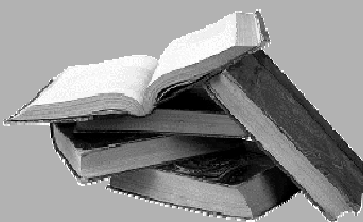
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Library Hours

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://chatham.lib.il.us>



Library Holiday Closings

NEW YEARS

Thursday, Jan 1 - Closed



Construction Nearing Completion

If you have visited the Library recently you have seen major changes as the building project nears completion. Phase one, the new addition and phase two, the remodeling of the public space were finished as of late November. Phase three, the remodeling of the Staff Work Area, Opal Lee Chatham History/Genealogy Room and the Bahlow Conference Room are scheduled to be completed by late January, 2009. Nearly 200 Volunteers and Library Staff spent over 1,430 hours building shelving, moving books, assembling and moving furniture. They were supervised by Project Coordinator, Susie Fairfield, Jeff DeGeal of Trans Action Marketing and Ed Stanfield and Hubert McRill of Glenn Brunk. Chatham Kiwanis provided lunches for volunteers and the Chatham Jaycees provided manpower for both moves. During the final move Library Staff will be relocated back to the Staff Work Area on the east side of the remodeled Library. The Friend's Bank & Trust Café and Bahlow Bookstore will open, hopefully by mid-February after the final move.

Trustee Election 2009

Four CAPLD Trustee positions will be on the ballot for the April 7, 2009 consolidated election. Incumbents Jeff Adkisson, Megan Becker, Eric Fitzgerald & Gina Snow will all be on the ballot for four year terms. Interested CAPL District residents may pick up candidate petitions and packets at the Library. Fifty signatures of Chatham Area Public Library District residents are required in order to file. Filing will begin at the Chatham Area Public Library, 600 East Spruce Street at 9 am on Monday, January 19, 2009 and end on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 5 pm. Questions regarding the election may be directed to Linda Meyer at the Library, 483-2713.

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>
President	Jeff Adkisson	Donna Corriveau	Mon. Jan 19
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. Feb 16
Secretary	Gina Snow	Lisa Whelpley	Mon. Mar 16
Treasurer	Megan Becker		



Volunteer Opportunity

Our Friends of the Library are planning ahead for the opening of the **Bank & Trust Café** and the **Bahlow Book Store in February of 2009**. Volunteers will soon be needed to staff both of these areas. **Jobs** will include making and serving coffee and beverages and selling pastries, sorting, shelving, displaying, and selling books. **Benefits** include meeting new friends, working with books, delicious food & fragrant beverages. If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks **please call the Library** (483-2713).

Color Copying Now Available at Library

A second copier has been installed in the Reference area of the Library. Patrons will be able to make color copies for \$.75 each and black & white copies for \$.15 each. The machine has a bill exchanger up to \$5, so exact change will not be necessary.



JANUARY—FEBRUARY—MARCH STORYTIMES...

Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Jan. 1 CLOSED
8 Arctic Antics
15 Rub-a-dub-dub
22 Bears Repeating
29 Feeling Blue



Feb. 5 Once Upon a Time
12 Cupid Calling
19 Your Nose, My Nose
26 Bird Brains



Mar. 5 Make a Wish
12 Dr. Seuss Night
19 Eric Carle Collage
26 Pokey-pines

Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 am

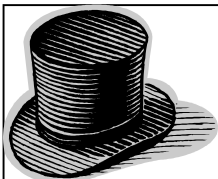
Jan. 2 Once Upon a Time
9 Rub-a-dub-dub
16 Arctic Antics
23 Feeling Blue
30 Bears Repeating

Feb. 6 House Hunting
13 Cupid Calling
20 Bird Brains
27 Anyone in There?

Mar. 6 Eric Carle Collage
13 Make a Wish
20 Pokey-pines
27 Green Magic



Student Programs...



Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln!

Birthdays are always special times to celebrate, but when it's the 200th birthday of one of our most beloved and respected Presidents, it's Super-Special! So, the Chatham Area Public Library is throwing a birthday bash for President Abraham Lincoln and is inviting all **4th and 5th graders** to come. We will celebrate this special man with games, activities, a craft and, of course, birthday cake. See how you measure up to Mr. Lincoln, participate in Civil War bowling, write like Lincoln, try being a postmaster and more. The party begins at **1:00 p.m. February 16. You must register to be on the guest list by calling the Library at 483-2713.**



Get Moody and Stink! (Judy Moody and her brother Stink, that is)

Whether you are in a good mood or a bad mood, if you pick up a book about Judy Moody and her brother Stink your mood is guaranteed to improve! Judy and Stink can bring smiles and giggles out of anyone and to prove it, the Chatham Area Public Library is inviting all **2nd and 3rd graders** to a "Moody Day". Join the contest to design the world's worst sneaker, get a "pet" Venus Flytrap, see if your nose knows and more! The fun starts at **1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19th. Registration is required** so call the Library at 483-2713.



COMING ATTRACTION: HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC FEST

Attention High Schoolers: Lug your lawn chairs, pack your pillows or bring your bean bags and get comfortable for **High School Movie Fest @ the Library!** **Come be the first to hear the new sound system and watch Leatherheads, starring George Clooney and Renee Zellweger on a double screen!** The screens light up at **2:00 p.m. January 7th.** This movie is open **only to High School students** so bring your student I.D. (and a friend!), check out the new Library and watch a great movie. Admission: \$0.00, Popcorn: \$0.00, Drinks: \$0.00--- Hanging with your friends at a free movie: Priceless!

Now! **Bonus Added Attraction! Wii @ the Library!** Stay after the movie and show your friends (and the librarians) how it's done!

Bite Into A Good Book



The library's "Bite into a Good Book" group has chosen some fascinating books to read for January, February, and March of 2009. Having the opportunity to share ideas, experiences, reactions, and questions enhances our enjoyment of reading. We would love to have you join us!

January 21: We have decided to read the Newbery and Caldecott winners for the years 1958 and 2008. By comparing these prize winning books, we may be able to get a glimpse of how times have changed for young people during the last 50 years in the United States.

1958 Newbery winner: **Rifles for Watie**
by Harold Keith

2008 Newbery winner: **Good Masters, Sweet Ladies** by Laura Amy Schlitz

1958 Caldecott winner: **Time of Wonder**
by Robert McCloskey

2008 Caldecott winner: **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick

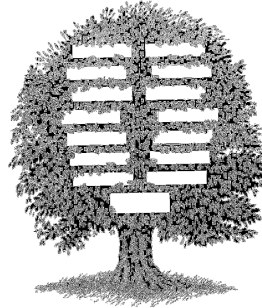
February 18: Team of Rivals by Doris Kerns Goodwin; As residents of the Sangamon County, we have access to so much information about the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. Goodwin's biography gives the reader fresh insight into Lincoln's leadership style and his deep understanding of human behavior. Mr. Lincoln chose well known, talented adversaries to join his administration; Goodman argues that without the help of these rivals, Lincoln "could not have led the nation through one of its darkest periods."

We are once again at a crossroads in history. Who will be selected for President-Elect Obama's cabinet? Is there wisdom in looking for the best candidates, regardless of their political views?

March 18: A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini; Khaled Hosseini, author of **The Kite Runner**, has written a second novel which captures the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years through the lives of two women thrown together by fate. The reader will learn a great deal about how women are treated in conservative Islamic societies and begin to understand the complexities of the political turmoil in this country.

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 discussions. If you would like to attend, please call the library, and we will try to get each month's books for you.

Friends of Genealogy



The next meeting of the Friends of Genealogy (FOG) group is scheduled for **Sunday, January 18 at 2 pm** in the new Library Gallery. Bonnie Parr, Historical Documents Conservator for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will be the guest speaker. Bonnie's program, "Preserving Family History Materials" will include a demonstration of preservation fundamentals for the care of historical documents and books including proper environment, storage/display and handling. Guests are welcome to attend. 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 Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest databases. **Members and guests are asked to RSVP at the Library (483-2713).**



2008 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 2 to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.** beginning Friday, February 6 and ending Monday April 6, 2009.

Dates for assistance include the following:

February 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, & 27,

March 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30,

April 3 & 6.

Individuals who wish to schedule an appointment may call Mary Alyce Keith (483-4643) and leave a message. Mary Alyce will return your call. Tax assistance will not be available after April 6. **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 & STATE TAX FORMS

Begin arriving at the Library after January 5th and will be available for the public as they are received.



2009 Adult Reading Program
Go Green, Read @ Your Library
Read, Return, Repeat

One of the wonderful things about seeing our library change and expand over the past year is the fact that it has been built using "green" materials. The theme for the 2009 Adult Reading Program is all about "greening" our environment and keeping our earth

around for many generations to come. Now we are inviting all readers, age 18 or older, to sign up and participate in our "Read, Return, Repeat – recycling theme." Libraries are constantly recycling books and materials and saving our patrons many dollars by providing the most up-to-date materials, either through our Chatham facility or from one of our participating Rolling Prairie libraries. You can sign up at the front desk beginning Monday, January 5, 2009. At that time you will be able to pick up your reading logs and receive a library book bag and bookmark just for signing up! It gets even simpler...for every book or audio CD that you enjoy over the next 6 weeks, fill out one of the log slips, and turn it in to the library. For every 6 slips you turn in, you will receive a coupon from our very own Friends' Bookstore or Café. There will be a weekly drawing for prizes every Friday at closing. At the end of 6 weeks, there will be Grand Prize drawings in both categories.

The Chatham Public Library is holding a Senior Fair on **February 19, 2009 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Organizations from around the county will be in attendance to provide information and available services geared specifically to older adults. Attendees do not have to pay an entrance fee, but they are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item to the library. Items can include, but are not limited to, canned veggies or meat, cereal, laundry soap, toothpaste or diapers. All donated items will be given to the Chatham Food Pantry. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Chatham Library, **a free lunch and refreshments will be provided from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**. The library encourages people to RSVP to the event so an accurate estimate of guests can be made. Contact Amy Ihnen at (217) 483-2713 or amy_ihnen@yahoo.com for additional information about the Senior Fair or to RSVP for the event.

Chatham Area Public Library welcomes local author, Melinda McDonald to discuss her book, **Water and Fire** on **Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 PM**. The fictional story takes readers to the turn of the 20th Century in Springfield. Culminating with the city's 1908 race riot, **Water and Fire** is populated with people of the time including poet Vachel Lindsay, Illinois Governor Charles Deneen, Eva Carroll Monroe, and Frank Lloyd Wright. Come and learn about the Race Riots, Frank Lloyd Wright and a great story with romance and adventure. Copies of the book will be available for purchase as well.

The Chatham Area Public Library will host two events in March. A cooking course in how to make traditional Irish soda bread will be conducted for St. Patrick's Day. The time and date is yet to be determined, and will be announced at a later date. The American Heart Association will present a program on estate planning on **Wednesday, March 18th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** by Sarah Delano Pavlik, an attorney with the Delano Law Offices in Springfield. This program will inform participants on the importance and need of having an estate plan, whether it is a Will or Trust.



Movie Showings:

Starting in January, the Chatham Area Public Library will begin hosting 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.

Our first movie will be shown on **Wednesday, January 14th at 2:00**. In honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday bicentennial, the movie will be **Young Mr. Lincoln**, starring Henry Fonda. The film has as its basis the murder case involving William "Duff" Armstrong, which took place in Springfield in 1857.

We're Grateful for These Gifts

Jackie Smith from the Springfield Postal Workers Auxiliary donated two copies of the **The Legend of the Lady Slipper** by Lise Lunge-Larsen and Margi Preus.

In honor of Molly Kelso's birthday, Pat Kelso donated **Gingerbread Friends** by Jan Brett and **The Gingerbread Cowboy** by Janet Squires.

Susan Smarjesse of the Reading Solution of Central Illinois donated **The Gift of Dyslexia**.

Michelle Phillips made a cash donation.

Dee and Lori Williams donated a large assortment of Genealogy materials from the Latter Day Saints library in Springfield.

Ron Hallberg donated **Frommer's Road Atlas of Ireland**, 2nd edition, and Rick Steves' **Ireland 2008**, and Black and Decker's 2008 **The Complete Guide to Contemporary Sheds**.

Jill Stone donated **Imagine – Amazing Me!** by Libbi Chilia.

Ann Darby donated **The Jasmine Moon Murder** by Laura Childs.

Gifts continued...

The O'Donnell family, Bob, Barb, Tommy, Kristen, and Jenny, donated new pillows for the reader's roost.

James G. Wiggins donated the **2008 Eagle Scout Roll of Honor Directory** plus CD.

The Honor Book, Sangamon County, Illinois 1917-1919 (Military honor roll with pictures and descriptions of service), was donated by Robert and Harold Fahs in memory of Charles H. Fahs.

Li Sun and Therese Cole co-authored **Play With Your Food** and donated a copy.

Carolyn Hartley, Marilyn Baker and Kay Austiff donated several books in memory of Walter Savage – **Toy Farmer** by Thomas Andrew Pelletier, **My Teacher for President** by Kay Winters, **Bats at the Library** by Brian Lies, and **Mrs. Riley Bought Five Itchy Aardvarks and other Painless Tricks for Memorizing Science Facts** by Brian Cleary.

Marley & Me, by John Grogan; the **Guardian** by Nicholas Sparks and **Where Are You Now?** By Mary Higgins Clark were donated by Mildred Duda.

Frank Lewis painted and refurbished the one room schoolhouse and the Caldwell Mansion horse stable replica on display at the Library.

Diane Marshall donated 20 assorted children's computer software CD's.

The September issue of the "Mayflower Quarterly" along with an assorted collection of reading materials were donated by Dr. Donna Corriveau.

Don and Joanna Bucci donated **The Young Eagle** by Kenneth J. Winkle.

The Chatham Daily Bread and Checkpoint Tires sponsored Bingo on Monday, October 2, 2008, and all items covering the cost of playing were donated to the library. Items donated included paper towels, Kleenex, and numerous materials.

Donations of **Volume 3, Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1 June 1871 – 31 May 1878, Volume 1, Spring 1987, "German American Genealogy. Born on a Sunday** by Herbert Schemmerling, several years' worth of "**Rodziny**" **Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America**, several years' worth of the newsletter and volumes of "**Chicago Genealogist**," several years' worth of "**The Palatine Immigrant**" **Researching German Speaking Ancestry** all donated by Dick Salik.

Jerry Suchomski donated **The Year's Best Science Fiction**, 25th Annual edition, edited by Gardner Dozois.

The Kiwanis Club of Chatham donated an 8 X 11 Reading By the Book rug to the Children's Area.

Dan Dixon, on behalf of the Sangamon County Genealogical Society, donated a large quantity of Society publications and materials from their Library.

??Ask Amy??...

Are you looking for full-text articles that you can get at home? Are you looking for a particular book that you can't find through our online catalog? One place that can help with both of those questions is OCLC's **FirstSearch**. Along with the many research databases that the library offers, patrons of the Chatham Area Public Library can choose from Firstsearch's combination of twelve databases, five of which include access to full-text articles and two online catalogs for the entire state of Illinois and around the world. Researchers can search for full-text articles in **ERIC**, a database on education, **Medline**, a database on medicine, **WilsonSelectPlus**, a database on science, humanities, education and business and **ECO** and **Article First**, databases full of scholarly journals. If full-text articles are not what you need, and can't find a book through our online catalog, try **IllinoisCatalog** or **Worldcat**. The **IllinoisCatalog** allows patrons of the Chatham Area Public Library to find books that are held in other libraries in the state of Illinois. If an item is found, patrons can call the library (483-2713) to order a majority of the items available in **IllinoisCatalog** and have materials sent to the library free of charge, depending on the lending institution's rules on loaning materials. If the item is not available through **Illinois Catalog**, patrons have an option to broaden the search in **WorldCat**. With **WorldCat**, materials from all over the country and world can be sent to the Chatham Area Public Library to be loaned to its patrons. Items sent from areas outside the state of Illinois; however, will include a charge for shipping and possibly for lending its items. Patrons wanting to use **FirstSearch** can access it through our website, under the online databases section and are welcome to call us with any problems or questions.

Hello and Goodbye

Once again we are saying hello and goodbye to our staff. We are losing one of our long-time pages again to higher education. Wendy Long, a three-year page, will be attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to pursue a degree.

The good news is that we have one of our pages returning to the library to help in the back circulation area. Vanessa Sekardi who is attending University of Illinois at Springfield will be re-joining us in January.

In October, we hired a part-time custodian, Mike Valentine, who will be responsible for handling all custodial duties. Mike is also a part-time student at UIS.

We also have two new pages and two part-time adult workers manning the computer lab. Dennis Vala and Therese Cole are in the lab during daytime hours from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. helping patrons with internet access and genealogy questions. In the evenings and on weekends you will find Carmel Esmailzadegan and Liz DeSuno available to help.



CSI Chatham

“CSI Chatham” is the latest Library mystery sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Join us on **Friday, March 13th** for an evening dinner performance or **Saturday, March 14th** 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 new Library Gallery. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. Please **make your reservations early** as these tickets go quickly!

Friends Needed

January, 2009 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 2009. **All area residents who use the services of the Chatham Area Public Library are invited to become Friend’s members.** Included with this newsletter is a Friend’s membership flyer to mail in or drop off at the Library. Please become a **first time member** or **renew** your membership for 2009!

Friend’s Winter Book & Bake Sale

Mark your calendars now for the ever popular Winter Book & Bake Sale to be held **Friday, January 23 from 6-8 pm** (Friends members) and **Saturday, January 24 from 9 am to 3 pm** for members of the public. The Friends have accumulated more than 200 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.)

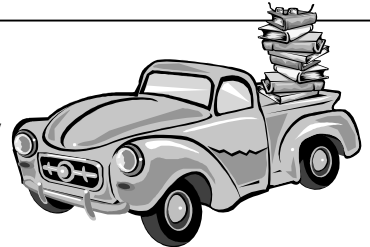


Bake Sale Co-Chairs Vivien Graf (483-1052) & Jana Kincaid (414-0955) welcome baked goods donations. Volunteers who could work a two hour shift on January 23 or 24 may call Book Sale Co-Chairs Rhona Kelley (483-5885) or Tara Kerns (622-3179).

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

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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