

Chatham Area Public Library District

Library Letter

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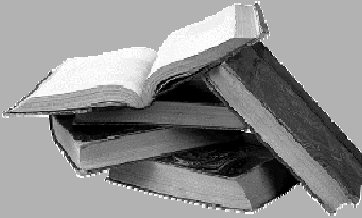
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Library Hours

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 4

LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept 1



Library Board News

Construction is progressing on the Library's expansion project. Project Coordinator, Susie Fairfield, gave the Trustees a tour of the new construction site recently and noted that the project is still on schedule for a late summer or early fall completion. Phase One, the new addition, may be done by late July or early August. Volunteers who have signed up to help with moving books or setting up shelving will be contacted in the near future to assist with the project.

At their June 16th Board Meeting the Trustees approved a \$135 non-resident fee for the coming year. The fee applies only to those who do not pay Chatham Area Public Library District taxes or taxes to support another municipal or township library in the area. The fee is determined by the State Library's mathematical formula.

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>
President	Jeff Adkisson	Donna Corriveau	Mon. July 21
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. Aug 18
Secretary	Gina Snow	Lisa Whelpley	Mon. Sept 15
Treasurer	Megan Becker		7 p.m.

McDonald's Grant Awarded to Friends of the Library

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois recently awarded a grant to the Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library in the amount of \$9,911.30. The funds will be used to purchase educational play materials to support the expanded children's area and children's programming at the library. Dave Kasprzyk, owner of the Chatham McDonald's, presented the check to Jean Blaser, Chair of the Friends of the Library. Representing the library were Vickie Armstrong, Children's Supervisor, and Linda Meyer, Library Director. Items to be purchased with grant funds include the following: a solid wood Play Island with fine motor sensory games; a three piece small critter set of child size lounge furniture; a Discovery Tot Tree with a variety of activities for toddlers; a set of children's stereo listening stations; and a Peek-A Book book review listening and viewing station. The library expansion is scheduled to be completed this summer and the items provided by the McDonald's grant will be available for children when the new area of the library is opened.

The Library Board, Friends, Foundation and Staff

Cordially Invite you to an Open House

In Celebration of

Linda Meyer's

Twenty Years of Service to the Chatham Area Public Library District

Saturday, July 12, 2008 2 – 4 p.m. Presentation at 3 p.m.

Chatham Area Public Library

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER STORYTIMES...

Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

July 3 Patriotic Picnic
10 Horsin' Around
17 Moon Madness
24 Keep Your Cool
31 Oceans of Fun



Aug. 7 Turtles are Terrific
14 Not a Story
21 Jumpin' Joey
28 Big Yellow Bus



Sept. 4 Gimme "Mo!"
11 Hip Hip for Hippos
18 Man in the Yellow Hat
25 Bad Hair Day

Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 am

July ***No Preschool Storytime this month due to the Summer Reading program. Participation details are listed below.

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Babytalk Lap-Sit, a program intended for children NB-36 months and their parent/caregiver, continues through the summer on **Tuesdays, 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, continues through the summer months on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. This program features stories and a craft.

Get in the Game, READ! Continues



The first inning of our Summer Reading program is just about to wrap up but don't worry--there is still time to join the team for the second inning of **"Get in the Game: READ"**. Our team scores big summer fun with books, crafts, activities and all kinds of games--party games, recess games, team sports, board games, carnival games, Olympic games--you name it, we'll play it! Inning two begins **July 7th and runs through July 25th**. Sign-up is ongoing at the Library. *Children unable to attend the sessions at the Library may still participate by reading at home for prizes.* Call the Library at 483-2713 with any questions.

Teen Prizes!!

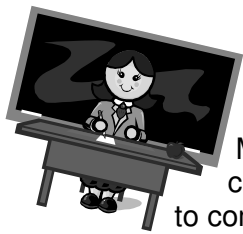


Hey teens, wan'na win some great prizes like gift certificates to Barnes & Noble, Knights Action Park, and Kerasotes Theaters? Well all you have to do is read a book and enter the drawing at the Chatham Area Public Library. Teens entering seventh grade through high school are invited to participate in our Reading Rewards Program. Beginning June 9 and continuing through August 15th, drawings will be held every Friday with a grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy on August 15. Just sign up at the Library and start reading. Questions? Call the Library at 483-2713.

Kids Read Down Fines

The "Kids Read Down Fines" program will continue until August 15 at the Chatham Area Public Library. Kids can pay off their Library debt by reading and earning "Chatham Library Bucks". Here is how it works: Youths from age 5 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 from 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 their choice (books, magazines, comics, newspapers.) A total of \$5 in "Chatham Library Bucks" can be earned per patron. For more information please call the Library.

Adult and Family Programs...



My Weird School

Miss Daisy may be crazy and Mr. Klutz may be nuts but Miss Murrrious is Curious! What is she curious about? The new Library! All **1st and 2nd graders** who are also curious about it are invited to come to a special program on **Friday, September 26th** (Ball-Chatham schools are not in session that day) **at 1:00 pm** featuring the popular *My Weird School* series by Dan Gutman. Come join the fun with activities that even Mrs. Roopy would find loopy and science experiments that would send Mr. Docker off his rocker. We may even enjoy food that Ms. LaGrange would think is strange! So if you're in 1st or 2nd grade and are curious about the new library or just like to have fun, **call the Library at 483-2713 to register for this event.**

Registration is required.

Bite Into A Good Book

The book group's 2008 summer selections include several nonfiction books that take the readers to Poland, Sierra Leone, and Nepal, then a novel visit to England. You are invited to join the **Bite Into a Good Book** group as we travel abroad on our summer reading jaunts.



July 16th : The Zookeeper's Wife: a war story by Diane Ackerman or **On A Long Way Gone: memoirs of a boy soldier** by Ishmael Beah. Ackerman tells the story of the owners of the war-scarred Warsaw Zoo, Jan and Antonina Zabinski, and their attempts to shelter Jews and dissidents as Germany invades Poland. Or select our alternate war tale: During Sierra Leone's 1990s civil war 12-year-old Ishmael Beah is captured and forced into a 3-year life as a soldier until he is sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center.

August 20th : Gentlemen and Players: a novel by Joanne Harris. Plot surprises and unexpected twists in this tale of revenge at an English boys' school propel the intrigue of two social classes battling during an unnerving and puzzling game.

September 17th : Into Thin Air: a personal account of the Mt. Everest disaster by Jon Krakauer. In May 1996 Krakauer joins a top-notch Everest guide and his team to ascend Nepal's Mt. Everest, surviving to tell this guilt-ridden account of the ill-fated trek.

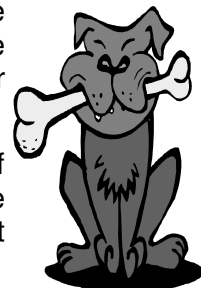
This book discussion group meets at noon on the third Wednesday every month at the Library. Bring a sack lunch and savor some lively discussion.

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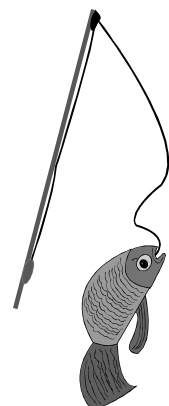
On **Saturday July 26 at 1:00 p.m.** the Chatham Area Public Library will host the **Remember When Safety Program for Senior Citizens.** This program will be conducted by Brian Gorbett of the Chatham Fire Department and will focus on home safety concerns of senior citizens.

In September the Chatham Area Public Library will hold our annual dog program. An exact time and date hasn't been set. Please watch the library's website, signboard, and flyers for further information.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these programs is encouraged to call the **Chatham Area Public Library at 483-2713** to register.



Access to Fishing



Would you like to experience the thrill of baiting a fishing hook, casting a line, and reeling in a whopper, but just don't have a fishing pole? The Chatham Area Public Library and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) can help make this dream a reality. Again this year, the library has teamed up with the Illinois DNR to provide *Access to Fishing*, a program to loan fishing rods and reels to patrons free of charge. Anyone, age 13 or over, may check out a rod and reel with a library card or Illinois driver's license. A packet is included with each pole that is checked out. The packet includes some of the following: fishing information booklet, beginners fishing guide, bobber, lures, hooks, and more. If this sounds like fun to you, stop by the front desk of the Library, and we'll set you up with the whole deal – hook, line and sinker!



The Chatham Area Public Library has access to a new database, America's Genealogy Bank, that would be of interest to anyone interested in researching their family tree. This resource provides access to millions of United States core genealogical records from 1652 to the present. Among the many resources available through America's Genealogy Bank are: 500,000 issues of over 1,300 historical U.S. newspapers; the full text of more than 22 million obituaries and death notices published between 1977 and the present; a Historical Books Collection that contains digitized versions of books and pamphlets published in the

United States before 1819; and a Historical Documents collection that contains many items of genealogical value. Patrons of the Chatham Area Public Library will be able to access this from home by following the link on our website or by using it in the library.

Friends of Genealogy (FOG) News

FOG members continue to meet quarterly with their **next meeting to be held on July 13**. Their meetings cover a variety of topics related to genealogy research and resources. Members have indicated their interest in **renewing the Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest databases** for the coming year. The cost of this year's subscription will be \$1,930 and all donations are welcome. Contributors become both FOG members and Friends of the Library members. Anyone interested in helping with the renewal may make a donation of any amount to the Friends of the Library – Ancestry/Heritage Quest renewal fund. The Ancestry database can be accessed at the Library and the Heritage Quest database can be used from home by residents of the CAPL District.

Library Foundation News

The Library Foundation Board met on April 16, 2008. President, Dr. Victor Lary led the meeting. Treasurer, Carol Hubbartt reviewed the Foundation's financial report. The Board recommended approval of the expenditure of "Come Grow With Us" funds totaling \$70,076 based on the budget presented by Project Coordinator, Susie Fairfield.

These funds will be used for the catering kitchen and Friend's café equipment, artwork, landscaping and items for the Jessica Hay toddler area. The budget then went to the Library Board for final approval. The next meeting of the Foundation Board is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

HELLO AND GOODBYE

Once again we are faced with saying good-bye to a few of our friendly staff. First, the goodbyes.

Rinda Osborn left in June to spend more time with her family and her church activities. She had been working in Circulation at the front desk for over 2 years. Always friendly and helpful, we will miss her smiling face. You will be able to find her either knee-deep in grandchildren or busy at Sugar Creek United Methodist Church helping her husband, Pastor Wes.

We are losing our reference librarian, Mike Starasta, in July. Mike has been with us for over 2 years as reference librarian and coordinator of adult programs. Over the past couple of years, we have been fortunate to have many interesting, useful and informative programs at the library. Mike was also facilitator for the adult non-fiction book club that met once/month, and was instrumental in obtaining grant money for books and programs. Mike is leaving to become Library Director at Lincoln College in Lincoln, Illinois. Mike and his family live in Lincoln and we are happy he will have a much shorter commute to work. We're pretty sure Mike has been responsible for helping many, many high school and junior high students get A's on their term and research papers. Good luck!

Abbey Derstine, one of our pages, left in June to help her mother babysitting her siblings for the summer. We enjoyed having Abbey for the short time she was with us.

Enough of the goodbyes...let's have some good news. On board at the front desk is long-time Ball-Chatham teacher, Kay Herr, well-known to children and parents in this area. Kay was ready to get back into the work force but not in the classroom. This will be a different atmosphere, but the pace is every bit as hectic.

We hired Molly Daily as our newest page. Molly is a student at Glenwood High School and will be a junior at the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Molly and her family live in Chatham, and Molly has worked in school libraries before starting here. We welcome our new staff and hope you'll stop in to say hello and provide encouragement.



Book Donations Enlarge Collection



Dorothy Mau has donated "The American Mother," 9 issues, A Mother's Quote Book, and State Mothers of the Year Speeches 2000.

A donation was made by Francie Davidson Staggs, of the Captain William Penny Chapter of the DAR; Women's Overseas Service League: History Vol. II, 1972-1994 and Women's Overseas Service League: History in memory of Ruth Hemp.

Tchaikovsky: His Life & Music by Jeremy Siepmann, Magnesium Overcast: The Story of the Convair B-36 by Dennis R. Jenkins, and The Wright Brothers Fly by Robyn O'Sullivan, all donated in memory of Betty Cress's parents, Frances and Robert Riley, by Emma and Jackson Cress.

At Home with Illinois Governors: A Social History of the Illinois Executive Mansion donated by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian of Illinois.

The Innocent by Harlen Coben donated by Mildred Duda.

Sandy McCollum donated The Cat, or How I Lost Eternity by Jutta Richter.

Philip Reed authored and donated Spring Place Names and Historic Data on Springs, Licks and Selected Water Wells in Illinois (reference).

Cheri Maxey donated a subscription to "Reader's Digest," in Large Print.

Navigating the Maze 2008 edition, Anita Stienstra, editor and donor.

A large donation of children's books and adult paperbacks was donated by Mary McCall.

Steven Chase donated miscellaneous books.

A mix of hardback and paperback adult fiction and non-fiction was donated by Evan Seelbach.

Mark and Marla Krell donated the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Sangamon County, Vol I, Vol II, part 1, and Vol II, part 2. Munsell Publishing Company, 1912, Paul Selby, Editor

Shirley Nelson donated craft items to be used for Summer Reading.

Carol Little, TEAL Literacy, Office of Adult Education & Literacy, Lincoln Land Community College, donated 500 sheets of copy paper as a thank you for allowing TEAL to make copies for the Adult Literacy program.

Dr. Donna Corriveau donated 6 issues of The Mayflower Quarterly.

Ron Hallberg donated the book, I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows was donated by Lorena Albatys.

David Maddux authored and donated Beginning at Vicksburg.

Chatham Women's Club donated The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage by Daniel Mark Epstein in memory of Connie A. Bostick.

Wabash in Color: Vol. 2 by Michael C. Kelly was donated by Alan Post.

A large assortment of books were donated by Andy Bostick in memory of Connie A. Bostick.

Monetary gifts were donated by: Kelly, Harold and Hannah Bertolis, Real Estate Institute, Roy Skaggs, and Dennis Willis.



American Family Insurance Magazine Donation

Ten two year magazine subscriptions have been donated to the Library by American Family Insurance, Eric L. Fitzgerald Agency. Their contribution was made through the Gift Division of EBSCO industries. Titles in the selection currently available for checkout include Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes & Gardens, Conde Nast Traveler, Discover, Family Fun, Golf Digest, Inc., Ladies Home Journal, Scholastic Parent & Child, and U.S. News & World Report. Back issues of most magazines check out for two weeks and are very popular with Chatham area residents. We appreciate American Family's continued support of the Library. Support from business partners allows the Library to continue to enhance the selection of materials we can offer to our patrons.

Friends of the Library News

Leadership positions on the Friends of the Library Board for the July 2008-June 2009 year are as follows:

Chair	Jean Blaser	Food Co-Chairs	Vivien Graf
Vice Chair	Sue Cowdrey		Jana Kincaid
Secretary	Jill Meseke	Special Events	Jean Blaser
Treasurer	Sharon Wiley	Co-Chairs	Anne Deley
Book Sale Co-Chairs	Rhona Kelley		Dixie Williamson
	Tara Kerns	Publicity Co-Chairs	Julie Kaiser
Membership Co-Chairs	Barbara Hay		Jerilyn Rogers
	Judy Harman		

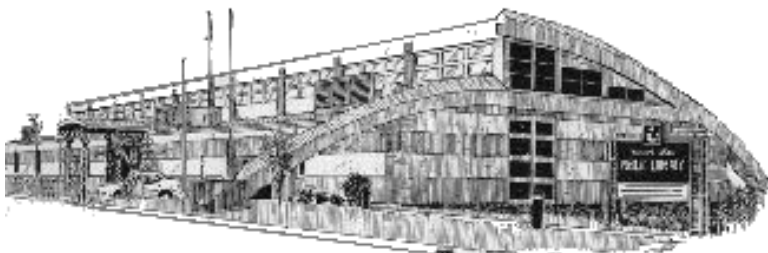
Friends fundraising activities for the year include the Sweet Corn Book & Bake Sale, the annual membership drive, the Winter Book & Bake Sale and the Murder Mystery. During the coming year the Friends will be involved in preparing for the Coffee Bar and Book Sale Room planned for the library expansion. The Friends membership year is from January to December, however new members are welcome to join at any time during the year. Membership forms are available at the library and on the library's website.

Friends Book & Bake Sale...SATURDAY, JULY 19

The Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale will be held at the library from **9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 19**. This activity is in conjunction with the Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival. There is no Friend's Pre-Sale with the Summer Book Sale. The Bargain Book Sale of \$2.00 a bag begins at 2 p.m. No advance stockpiling of books is allowed.

Friends of the Library willing to volunteer to work at the sale should call Rhona Kelley at 483-5885 or Tara Kerns at 622-3179. Anyone who is willing to provide baked goods may call Vivien Graf at 483-1052 or Jana Kincaid at 416-0955. Donated materials are still being accepted at the library during regular open hours, but please no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines more than six months old.

The Book & Bake Sale proceeds will be used this year to help fund the start-up costs for the Friend's Bank & Trust Café and Bahlow Book Store.



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