

Chatham Area Public Library District **Library Letter**

Celebrating 25 years



1986 - 2011

**Chatham Area
Public Library District**
600 E Spruce St.,
Chatham, IL 62629

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Library Hours

Mon. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tues. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sun. CLOSED

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Library Holiday Closings

THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24 - Closed

Friday, Nov. 25 - Closed

CHRISTMAS

Saturday, Dec. 24 - Closed

Monday, Dec. 26 - Closed

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, Dec. 31

Closing at 1:00 p.m.



Library District's 25th Anniversary

The Chatham Community Library began in 1970 as a project of the Woman's Club of Chatham. It operated with volunteers, donations and revenue sharing funds from Ball and Chatham Townships and the Village of Chatham.

In 1982 the library was restructured and from 1983-86 was administered by a 17 member board who were representatives of various local civil and service organizations. The Library opened in the Main Plaza Shopping Center on December 6, 1986 with 1600 sq. ft. of space and a book collection of 5,798 volumes. In 1995, the Library moved to its new home on East Spruce Street and in 2009, the Library completed its expansion to 28,900 square feet, the size it is today. The book collection today has 83,651 volumes.

On the anniversary of the Library District's beginning, the Library Board and Staff would like to thank those that helped create our Library. We also thank the Chatham area community for their support along the way.

On October 22, 2011, the public is welcome to visit the Library for some cookies and view our Library history display located in our Opal Lee Chatham Local History and Genealogy Room.

Assistant Director Hired

In July, the Board of Trustees approved a new position for the Library. The Assistant Director will oversee staff training and evaluation, as well as, marketing/PR and website maintenance. Sheila Battin has been hired to be the Library's first Assistant Director and will begin on Monday, October 10th. Sheila comes to Chatham from Kansas City, MO and has just celebrated 17 years of library service. Throughout her library career, Sheila has served in a variety of areas from Supervision and Hiring to Acquisitions and Budgeting to Circulation and Reference. Her educational background includes an undergraduate degree in English and a graduate degree in Organizational Development from Avila University in Kansas City, MO and a second graduate degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Outside the library, she enjoys reading, writing, traveling, and playing sports. Sheila is enthusiastically looking forward to her new position and welcomes any opportunity to work with the Chatham community.

Library Board News

Officers

President	Eric Fitzgerald
Vice President	Christine Westerlund
Secretary	Gina Snow
Treasurer	Deborah Schumer

Trustees

Matt Keppler
Susie Fairfield
Dave Kimsey

Future Meetings

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.:
October 24
November 21

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER STORYTIMES

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

Oct. 6 Stop Drop and Roll
 13 Dinosaur Roar !
 20 Scary Halloween Stories Night
 27 Friendly Halloween Stories Night

Nov. 3 Spotlight on Audrey Wood
 10 It's About Time
 17 Talking Turkey
 24 **LIBRARY CLOSED**

Dec. 1 Going on a Bear Hunt
 8 Crazy for Cookies
 15 I Love Trains
 22 Jingle Books
 29 Manners Matter



Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 7 Dinosaur Roar
 14 May I Have This Dance?
 21 Stop Drop and Roll
 28 Ready, Set, Glow!

Nov. 4 It's About Time
 11 Spotlight on Audrey Wood
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Babytalk Lap-Sit, a program intended for children newborn - 3 yrs. with an adult, is offered twice every **Tuesday morning at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.** This Storytime includes stories, finger plays, 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, takes place every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** This program features stories and a craft.

Friday Preschool Storytime, a program intended for 3 - 5 year olds and their parent/caregiver takes place every **Friday at 10:15 a.m.** This program features stories and an age-appropriate craft.



TRICK OR TREAT FOR HALLOWEEN STORIES

Calling all Creatures: It's time for some Halloween high jinks! Put on your costumes and head over to the Library for a night of fang-tastic fun and frightfully good boooooooks. Registration is not required for any of these fearfully fun programs.



October 20 *Scary and Very Scary Hour

6:30 p.m. This program, designed for monsters **3rd grade and older**, features *scary* stories in one crypt and *very scary* stories, if you dare, in the other. Ghouls and spooky creatures will be haunting the Library on this evening.
Please do not bring younger children to this program.

October 25 *Halloween Babytalk Lap-Sit

9:45 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. All Mummies, Daddies and other caregivers are invited to dress your babies in costume and bring them to one of our Halloween Babytalk Lap-Sits. These programs are intended for parents/caregiver and their little ones, **newborn - 3 years**, and features stories, fingerplays, and songs.

October 27 *Friendly and Slightly Scary Stories

6:30 p.m. This program, intended for little goblins **through 2nd grade**, offers friendly stories for the little ones or slightly scary stories for those who wish.

October 28 *Preschool Halloween Stories

10:15 a.m. It's Hallo-scream! **Preschoolers** are encouraged to come dressed in their costumes for our regular Preschool Storytime to hear fun Halloween stories and complete a Halloween craft.





American Girl Felicity Merriman Special Event

The popular American Girl Doll collection will once again be on display during the month of December at the Chatham Area Public Library, this year featuring American Girl Felicity Merriman. Felicity was a colonial girl of spunk and spirit living in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1774. All girls **Kindergarten age and older** are invited to step back into colonial times by attending a Colonial Tea Party like Felicity may have attended on **Wednesday December 28 at 1:00 p.m.** Bring your doll and dress in costume (both optional) and join us for an event that will bring her exciting era to life. Space is limited and **registration is required** by calling 483-2713.

“Read What You Love” Book Group for 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

The new **Read What You Love** book group is off to a great start! Ball School Librarian Mr. Habenschuss will return on the **second Saturdays of October, November and December** with new, exciting books. If you are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade come at **2:00 p.m.**, meet your friends, and discuss awesome chapter books and why we love them. All genres are welcome.

Teen Trivia Night

Attention Teens! The Chatham Library is inviting you to help celebrate our tenth annual **Teen Trivia Night**, and we guarantee the night will anything but trivial! This annual Teen Read Week bash will take place on **Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 pm.** All teens, seventh grade through high school, are invited to get a team of friends together and compete for fun and prizes. Teams will consist of 6 - 8 players, with prizes going to the top three winning teams. Door prizes, pizza, candy, and soft drinks are included. Don't miss this chance to have fun, win prizes and show off your knowledge all at the same time! To participate, **teams must register in advance** by calling the Library at 483-2713.

Canine Reading Buddies



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** for times and to register.

“Our Midsummer Knight’s Read” Came True

On Friday July 22, Chatham Area Library’s Summer Reading Program, *A Midsummer Knight’s Read* came to a close. The intention of the program is to encourage children to continue reading all summer long. With coupons provided by area businesses, the 425 participants received plenty of incentive to reach their reading goals. We thank the following businesses that generously donated coupons: **Chatham**

McDonalds, Monical’s Pizza, Culvers, and The Springfield Sliders.

Thank you also to the **Chatham Jaycees** who made a generous donation to fund our Kick-off program featuring Serengeti Steve. And as always, a big thank-you goes to the **Friends of the Chatham Library** for their support. Our sincere appreciation to all Summer Reading sponsors and contributors!

We also extend our gratitude to some exceptional artists who helped convert the Library into medieval times. These include artists

Gwen Beck, Deron Perkins, Tina McRae, Mary Carlock, Lauren Burke and the **Glenwood Intermediate School Art Club.** They truly transformed our children’s area into a wonderland fit for a king (or queen, knight, princess, prince...) Thank you to all the volunteers and monetary contributors who helped, whether it was during program times or behind the scenes – we appreciated your time and talent. This Library has always had tremendous volunteers and community support. May we continue to work together to build a better future.



Adult Programs

Adult programs are free and open to the public.

If registration is required, please call the library or email chathamlibraryrsvp@gmail.com.

Ghost Hunters

October 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Springfield Ghost Society (SGS) is a local non-profit organization dedicated to studies of the paranormal. They will be presenting information about their local investigations and will also be taking your questions.



We show the Midday Movie on the **second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. Admission and snacks are free, and everyone is welcome to attend. This fall, we feature the film collaborations between Cary Grant and director Howard Hawks.

October 12: *His Girl Friday* An unscrupulous editor plots to keep his star reporter, and ex-wife, from remarrying. Starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell.

November 9: *Only Angels Have Wings* A team of flyers risk their lives to deliver the mail in a mountainous South American country. Starring Cary Grant, Jean Arthur, and Rita Hayworth.

December 14: *Bringing Up Baby* A paleontologist is plagued by a ditzzy heiress who wants his help taking care of Baby, her pet leopard. Starring Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn.

Writers' Group

Come talk to other writers about your work. Whether you write poetry, fiction, or defy genres, you will find like-minded writers in this group. **We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 until 7:45 p.m.** Upcoming meetings will be on **October 26, November 30, and December 28**. For more information, email events@chathamlib.org.

MOVIES! MOVIES!

Free admission, popcorn and drinks!
Movies begin at 2:00 p.m.

FAMILY MOVIE - For the whole family.
Kids 10 and under must be accompanied by parent or caregiver.

Rango PG Wednesday, January 4, 2012

MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE - For all middle and high school students

Thor PG13 Thursday, January 5, 2012



Computer Classes

Word Processing (Microsoft Word) - Wednesdays, October 12, 19, 26, and November 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This series, taught by Anne Godman, will provide basic skills to format, spell check, save and print documents in Microsoft Word. Participants must attend the first class and should plan to attend all four sessions. Registration is required; call the library to sign up.

Computer Basics - Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The very basics you need to know to get started with computers. We'll cover the essentials such as starting up and shutting down the computer, opening and closing programs, and navigating your way around the desktop and start menu. Registration is not necessary, but space is limited, so participants may want to arrive early on the day of the class.

PowerPoint - December 10, 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. Registration is not necessary, but space is limited, so participants may want to arrive early on the day of the class.



Homemade Card Making

Wednesday,
November 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to create your own holiday cards but just don't know where to get started? Or do you think you aren't "creative" enough to come up with ideas? Or have you been crafting for years but just want to learn a few new tips? Well, come out to the Chatham Area Public Library on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. for a card-making program. Mandy Maple will be here to share with you some holiday card ideas, using mostly patterned paper, that anyone can recreate! She will also share some decorating and gift ideas—using the same card making supplies—that you can incorporate into your own holiday planning. Everyone attending will have the chance to make a card and enter a giveaway for some paper crafting goodies of their own! Mandy has been paper crafting for more than ten years and is eager to show you how much fun you can have making your own special creations. Please call the library or email events@chathamlib.org to reserve your spot today!

There will be no adult programs in December.

Adult Book Groups

Bite Into a Good Book

What a wonderful time of year fall is! We can leave our houses open to "let in some fresh air," take nature walks, and enjoy the brilliance of colorful foliage. Just as lovely are the times we relax and read. If we want a change of setting or circumstances, books can take us there.



October 19: *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls
Set in the American Southwest before WWI, this "true to life" memoir tells the story of the author's grandmother, Lily, and has been written in Grandmother's "voice." In her lifetime, Lily was a teacher, rancher, rodeo rider, fearless breaker of horses, and a ruthless poker player. Throughout amazingly difficult times, Lily remained "indomitable." (*Publisher's Weekly*)

November 16: *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*

by Beth Hoffman

The story of CeeCee Honeycutt is truly unique. Cee-Cee's experiences entangle her in remarkable lifestyle changes, and the characters are interesting and eccentric. This novel is "light as air, but thoroughly pleasant reading." (Booklist)

December 21: The book group has three books lined up for the holiday season. You may read any one of them or all three if you wish. This meeting will be a Christmas Luncheon. Ask library personnel for details.

Gingerbread Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke

A Christmas Blessing by Donna VanLiere

The Autobiography of Santa Claus by Jeff Guinn

This book group meets in the library on the **third Wednesday of each month at noon**. 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.

THE OUTER EDGE

The Outer Edge is the Chatham Area Public Library's Science Fiction and Fantasy book club! We enjoy fun and lively discussions of classic and modern titles alike. Join us as we explore the farthest reaches of fiction. Coming up:

October 17: *Storm Front* by Jim Butcher, 2000

The first novel in *The Dresden Files* follows the character of Harry Dresden, professional wizard and consultant to the police who finds his stale life suddenly enlivened by the presence of a rival in the black arts.

November 21: *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*

by Robert Heinlein, 1967 Hugo Award winner

On the Moon of 2076, a one-armed computer technician, a radical bombshell, and aging academic, and a nearly omnipotent sentient computer lead the lunar population in a revolution against an Earth-based authority that makes huge profits at their expense.

December 19: *The True Meaning of Smekday*

by Rex Adams, 2007

When her mother is abducted by aliens on Christmas Eve (or "Smekday" Eve since the Boov invasion), 11 year-old Tip hops in the family car and heads south to find her and meets an alien Boov mechanic who agrees to help her and save the planet from disaster.

The Outer Edge meets on the **third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library**. 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.

Get Ready!

It's Almost Here!

Adult Reading Program

Starting January 9, 2012



Nonfiction Book Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group meets on the **third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** We invite you to join us for our upcoming meetings, when we will be reading:

October 20: *The Most Powerful Idea in the World: A Story of Steam, Industry, and Invention*

by William Rosen

William Rosen tells the story of the men responsible for the Industrial Revolution and the machine that drove it - the steam engine.

November 17: *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright
Straddling popular science, ancient history, and theology, this ambitious work sets out to resolve not

only the clash of civilizations between the Judeo-Christian West and the Muslim world but also the clash between science and religion.

December 15: *The Emperor of All Maladies:*

A Biography of Cancer by Siddhartha Mukherjee

An exhaustive account of cancer's origins, ***Emperor*** illustrates how modern treatments came into existence thanks to a century's worth of research, trials, and small, essential breakthroughs around the globe.

Hello/Goodbye

We have two new pages working at the library. Aditya Sreekumar is a junior at Glenwood High School. Along with marching in the Titan band and playing in the symphony band, Aditya is a member of Key Club, Honors Foreign Language Club and Science Club. Amber Ground is also a junior at Glenwood High School and is involved with her church youth activities and volunteering with the APL. We had to say goodbye to Lizzy Isbell as she left to pursue studies in aviation at St. Louis University. Briea Reed also left in order to devote more time to her school activities.

Local History / Genealogy Supervisor

Burt Fields, one of our reference librarians has a new title of Local History / Genealogy Supervisor. Along with his duties at the reference desk, Burt will oversee of volunteers in the Opal Lee Chatham Local History / Genealogy Room, digitize our local history collection and create local history displays. He also is taking great care in preserving our local history documents and artifacts. If you have items such as Chatham maps, school memorabilia or other items relating to the Chatham area, please contact Burt for more information.

Thank You for Your Gifts

A Mother Rabbit display piece was donated by Ada Henn.

Twila Juraska donated many paperback books and one large tub.

Two book carts were donated by Rochester Public Library.

A flower arrangement in honor of National Garden Week was donated by the Springfield Civic Garden Club.

A monetary donation and passes to the LPGA State Farm Classic were donated by J. Travis Dowell as a thank you for proctoring a test.

In memory of Virginia Challis, Charlotte Dexheimer donated several books by Mary Higgins Clark.

In memory of Virginia Challis, Patricia Newman, representative of Chatham Unit of SCAHCE, donated **Burpee Complete Flower Gardener** by Karen Davis Cutler.

R. Keith and Carolyn Hartley donated two books in memory of Virginia Challis: **Garden Bouquets and Beyond: Creating Wreaths, Garlands, and More in Every Garden Season** by Suzy Bales and **Vegetable Gardening: From Planting to Picking – The Complete Guide to Creating a Bountiful Garden** by Fern Marshall Bradley.

Three spiral bound book sets on Bridge: **The Heart, The Club and the Diamond series** all by Judy Grant were donated by Gerry Mack. She also donated several Alexandra Stoddard's books entitled **Gracious Living in a New World, Making Choices, Daring to be Yourself, Living Beautifully Together, and Living a Beautiful Life.**

Gail Hupp donated **Ordeal by Hunger** by George R. Stewart and **Centennial Book "Golden Yesterdays" Oreana, Illinois (1873-1973), Cerro Gordon Centennial 1855-1955, Bethany Area Centennial 1877-1977, The Prairie Is Our Home: A History of Hammond Community, including LaPlace, Burrowsville, Lintner, and Cisco, Illinois, 1874-1974.**

Florence Bain donated several books on various subjects.

A new **2011 Food & Wine Annual Cookbook** was donated by Carole Lee Scott.

Denise Cooper donated a collection of fall items to be used as seasonal decorations, and she loaned the children's department a medieval costume that was used during their Summer Reading Program.

Over 450 books were donated by Sharon Lucchesi in memory of her mother Bernadine Davison.

Todd Chance donated **The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden** by the Smithsonian Institute.

Given by the Chatham Area Library District staff in memory of William R. Williamson, father of Joyce Metz, employee of the library, the following books were donated: **Ansel Adams in the National Parks: Photographs from America's Wild Places** by Ansel Adams; edited by Andrea G. Stillman; **National Audubon Society North American Birdfeeder Guide** by Robert Burton and Stephen R. Kress; **Florida's Living Beaches: A Guide for the Curious Beachcomber** by Blair and Dawn Witherington; **National Wildlife Federation Field Guide to Insects and Spiders & Related Species of North America** by Arthur V. Evans; and **The Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe** by Theodore Gray and Nick Mann.

Chatham Senior Center donated **Sometimes It's Grandmas and Grandpas, Not Mommies and Daddies**, by Gayle Byrne given in memory of Eleanor Martin.

Alan Post donated **The Illustrated Guide to Military Motorcycles** by Pat Ware.

In memory of Mary Clark, the *Chatham Prairie Quilters* donated a variety of western books on CD.

Library Year - End Review

July 2010 - June 2011

Highlights:

The Library District's population grew 5% from 2005 (Special Census) to the 2010 census (15,565)

Use of Library Resources:

- 203,528 items were checked out—13 per capita
- 2,104 of those items were e-books and audio-books from Library on the Go
- 122,648 people visited the library (That's on average, 406 people per day)
- 76,199 hits to our website (6,350 hits a month)
- 38,677 reference questions were asked (128 per day)

Program Highlights:

- 115 Adult programs were held, with 1,693 people in attendance
- 8 Teen programs were held, with 141 teens in attendance
- 216 Juvenile programs were held, with 8,769 in attendance

Meeting room use:

- 485 groups met in our five meeting rooms, with 5,146 people in attendance
- Our four study rooms were used 1,527 times, by 2,510 people

Month by Month:

JULY: Library on the Go, the digital download service that allows patrons to check out e-books and audio-books and place them on their e-reader or Mp3 players began.

AUGUST: The 1st Annual Teen Film-Face Off was hosted. Several area teens participated with 7 entries.

The Friends of the Library hosted their first Stargazing night with the Sangamon County Astronomical Society.

OCTOBER: The Children's Department was very busy with their Halloween Storytimes and the Teen Trivia Night

DECEMBER: Volunteers in the Opal Lee Chatham Local History / Genealogy Room began working on several digitization projects relating to Chatham.

JANUARY: The Library's Writer's Group began meeting monthly.

FEBURARY: The Library's Art Committee hosted its second juried art show.

MARCH: The Library and the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a forum for Village, Library and School Board candidates.

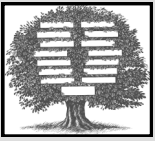
"Death By Download," The Friends of the Library's 11th annual murder mystery play had 2 sold-out shows and the best sales for our matinee performance ever.

APRIL: The Library began having two Babytalk Storytimes to meet the demand from the Chatham Area community.

JUNE: Summer Reading Program begins. This year, we had over 500 participants.

Thank you for a great year!

Friends of the Library



Friends of Genealogy

Members of the Friends of Genealogy (FOG) have scheduled their next meeting for **Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 2 p.m.** To make a reservation to attend or to join the Friends of Genealogy, please call the Library at 483-2713 or email at FOG@chathamlib.org.

Homebound Delivery Service

The Library is offering free delivery of materials to Chatham Area Library District residents unable to visit the Library because of age, illness or disability. Delivery can be short or long term depending on the patron's needs. Materials will be delivered to your door by volunteers from the Friends of the Library. If you or someone you know can benefit from this service, please contact the Library at 483-2713. The Library staff will then contact you and arrange delivery.



Foundation News

The Foundation Board held their annual meeting on September 15. Officers elected for the coming year were President, Dr. Victor Lary; Vice-President, Chuck Hunt, Treasurer, Barb Germann and Secretary, Jane Hay.



Sweet Success

The Friends of the Library held their annual Sweet Corn Book & Bake Sale in July. Thanks to all the generous book donations, fantastic volunteers, bakers and enthusiastic shoppers who helped make this sale a sweet success! Proceeds of \$923.75 from the Book Sale and \$334.65 from the Bake Sale will help fund children's and adult programs, materials and equipment beyond the Library Budget.

Art Committee News

The Chatham Area Public Library Art Committee recently acquired "Carbo Boy," a piece from local artist, Thom Whalen. "Carbo Boy" and the rest of the permanent collection was purchased using funds from the Library Foundation's Come Grow With Us fund.

In November, the Art Committee welcomes artists from the Springfield Clay Collective. The Springfield Clay Collective is comprised of local artists from the Springfield area that use clay as the medium in their work. Their work will be displayed throughout the library. A special thanks to Bob Dixon for assisting the Art Committee in bringing these artists to the Library.

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