

Chatham Area Public Library District

# Library Letter

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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

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



**Library Holiday Closings**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
*Saturday, July 4*

**LABOR DAY**  
*Monday, Sept 7*



**Library Board News**

Five incumbent Trustees, Jeff Adkisson, Megan Becker, Eric Fitzgerald and Gina Snow, were sworn in at the regular meeting of the Library Board in May. Trustees Adkisson, Becker, Fitzgerald & Snow will serve four year terms. Officers elected are as follows:

<b>Officers</b> <i>(Two Year Terms)</i>		<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>
President	Jeff Adkisson	Donna Corriveau	Mon. July 20
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. Aug 17
Secretary	Lisa Whelpley	Gina Snow	Mon. Sept 21
Treasurer	Megan Becker		7 p.m.

In other action the Board approved a \$145 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.

**Friends' Sweet Corn Book & Bake Sale**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 18**



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 18**. 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 Jeri Rogers at 691-8719. 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 hours, but please no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines more than six months old.

Some of this year's Book & Bake Sale proceeds will be used to help fund expenses for the Friend's Bank & Trust Café and Bahlow Book Store.

**Bank & Trust Magazine Donation**

Ten, two year magazine subscriptions have been donated to the Chatham Area Public Library by Bank & Trust Company. Their contribution was made through the Gift Division of EBSCO industries. Titles in the selection currently available for checkout include Bride's, Fitness, Glamour, Gourmet, Jack & Jill, Psychology Today, Road & Track, Self, Woman's Day, and Working Mother. Back issues of most magazines check out for two weeks and are very popular with Chatham area residents. We appreciate Bank & Trust's continued support of the Library. With support from business partners the Library can continue to enhance the selection of materials we can offer to our patrons.

# JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER STORYTIMES...

## Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

- July 2 Happy Birthday America  
9 Everybody into the Pool!  
16 Take Me Out To The Ball Game  
23 Moving Day  
30 Storm's A Comin'
- Aug. 6 Chick-Lit  
13 Hot, Hot, Hot!  
20 Pig Tales  
27 Trains Like Thomas
- Sept. 3 Bunny Money  
10 Breakfast for Champions  
17 Caterpillar Grows Up  
24 Come To Tea



## Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 am

- July \*\*\*No Preschool Storytime this month due to the Summer Reading program. Participation details are listed below.
- Aug. 7 Hot, Hot, Hot!  
14 Chick-Lit  
21 Trains Like Thomas  
28 Pig Tales
- Sept. 4 Breakfast for Champions  
11 Bunny Money  
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25 Caterpillar Grows Up



**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.



## Continues...

It's a jungle in there! The safari to wild Summer Reading fun has begun but there is still time to join the second expedition, which runs July 6 – July 24. Children unable to attend the sessions may still participate by reading at home for prizes. Call the Library for more information.

## High School Movie Fest

High Schoolers

here's what's coming next to our screens!

- July 14<sup>th</sup> **The Hulk** 2:00 pm  
August 12<sup>th</sup> **Cool Runnings** 2:00 pm  
September 16<sup>th</sup> **Rush Hour II** 4:00 pm

## Teen Reading Goes "Into The Wild"

Chatham area teens are invited to read on the wild side this summer and earn a chance to win prizes at the same time! Teens entering the seventh grade through high school, may read on their own and at their own pace. A chance to win prizes will be entered for every book read. Prizes include gift certificates to Barnes & Noble, Knights Action Park, Kerasotes Theaters and more. Beginning June 1 and continuing through August 8, drawings will be held every Saturday with a grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy on August 8. Just sign up at the Library and start reading. Questions? Call the Library at 483-2713.

## Young Artist's America

Whether students are taking fantastic trips around the globe, traveling through history, exploring their own world, or dramatizing fictional characters, the Chatham Area Public Library's "Picturing America" and "We the People" grant programs can enhance their adventures. Join us on Saturday September 19 at 1:00 for a program pairing great American paintings along with great American literature. Young artists will be invited to produce their interpretation of the classic stories. The finished projects will be displayed in the Library throughout the month of October. Please call the Library at 483-2713 to register. The "Picturing America" and "We the People" grants were awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Library Association.

## Adult and Family Programs...

### To Think That We'll Do it on Library Street

It'll come without ribbons, it'll come without tags.  
It'll come without packages, boxes or bags.  
Seuss Day for kids in grades one and two  
is something that not just anyone can do.



Why we can have lots of good fun, if you wish,  
playing games, doing crafts, eating snacks from a dish.  
Games like "Ogle the Ooblek" and "Find Your Feet First"...  
to miss this fun day would just be the worst!

So call us to enter your name on the list,  
that is important and shouldn't be missed.  
A Friday in September-- it's on the twenty-fifth...  
be here at 1: the fun starts forthwith!

(In plainspeak: Dr. Seuss Program for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. To attend, call  
the Library at 483-2713 and register.)

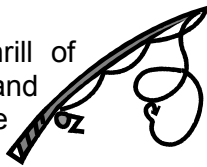
**Registration is required.**

### 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.

### 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!



### Bite Into A Good Book

It's time for summer gardens, relaxation, picnics, and lots of other delightful warm weather activities. The library's "Bite into a Good Book" group has a "bounty-ful" list of great reads for July, August, and September, 2009. We hope you can join us. Our get-togethers are always enjoyable.



**July 15: People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks  
This work traces the journey of a rare Hebrew manuscript through five centuries. The treasure survives, thanks to people of all faiths who risk their lives to safeguard it. You will enjoy this "complex love story, thrilling mystery, and vivid history lesson." (From Amazon Review)

**August 19: The Memory Keeper's Daughter** by Kim Edwards  
One winter night, when twins are born, the doctor, who is also the father, decides to give the healthy boy to the mother and tell her the other baby died. Actually, the other twin, a girl with Downs Syndrome, is given to the assisting nurse to place in a home. Secretly, the nurse raises the little girl as her own. As the story moves through 25 years, the lives of two families are profoundly affected. This novel is very thought provoking and woven with love, hope, heartache, and compassion.

**September 16: Into the Wild** by Jon Krakauer  
Based on a true story, the author begins with facts and notes related to the death of 22 year old Chris McCandless. The mystery of what actually may have happened is unraveled, as the reader learns more about how a young man from a "well to do" suburban home ends up starving to death in the wilderness of Alaska. This is an unforgettable story, and Krakauer does a fine job of revealing McCandless as a person whose hopes, goals, and intentions are both unique and tragic.

*This book discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month at the library. Bring a sack lunch (or buy a snack from our café ) 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 for you.*

### Murder Mystery Correction

Three of our esteemed performers in the Friends of the Library's Murder Mystery, CSI Chatham were inadvertently left off the list in the April newsletter. Kudos go to Janie Bundy as Henrietta Peacock and her beloved Dog, Poopsie; Chuck (The Murderer) Herr as Ernest Guy, Library Board President; and Suz Shaner as Chief Genealogist, Heddi Stone.





## Book Donations Enlarge Collection



Alan Post donated *Me in the Making* by Dr. Walter Milton, Jr., and *Wright's Law Idea 2004* by Peter W. Wright, Esq. and Pamela Darr Wright. Also donated were: *An Unmarked Trail: The Odyssey of a Federal Judge* by Harlington Wood Jr., in honor of his parents; *Lincoln and the Court* by Brian McGinty; *Life of Abraham Lincoln* by Joseph H. Barrett; and *Ida: A Sword Among Lions* by Paul J. Giddings. Also donated *Navajo Folk Art* by Chuck and Jan Rosenak; *The Essential Book of Presidential Trivia* by Noah McCullough; *A Guide to Wisconsin Projectile Point Types* by Robert Ritzenthaler; assorted *AAA Tour Guides*; *Oklahoma Route 66* by Jim Ross; *Continents Adrift* by Scientific American; *Italy* by Life World Library, and assorted magazines.

Donna Corriveau donated *Successful Dissertations and Theses* by David Madsen, *REA's Problem Solvers Calculus Guide* and *Nothing to Lose* by Lee Child. She also donated several China painting books.

*Lincoln's Vandalia* by William F. Baringer donated by Dick Salik.

Betty Spurrier donated *The Appeal* by John Grisham.

Joe Rogers donated *All of Life is a School*, *Gee Bee Zee – the Little Racer* created by Kermit Weeks.

Monetary donation was given as a thank you for proctoring a test by Joan Meyer.

In memory of Madelaine Greco, donated by Margie Greco, *Pink* by Lynne Rickards, *The Cheese* by Margie Palatini, *Max's Words* by Kate Banks, *The Gingerbread Girl* by Lisa Ernst, and *Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly* by Alan Madison.

Mike and Nancy Sager donated from the home library of Mike's godfather an extensive collection of woodworking books, cookbooks, WWII and reference books, and fiction.

Carol Leach donated *Pinewood Derby Designs and Patterns. The Ultimate Guide to Creating the Coolest Car* by Troy Thorne.

Kiwanis Club of Chatham donated in memory of Lillian I. Robbins, mother of Linda Johnson, *Women in Golf: The Players, The History, and the Future of the Sport* by David L. Hudson, Jr.

Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society donated *Julie the Rockhound* by Gail L. Karwoski.

*China Toothpick Holders* by Judy Knauer and Sandra Rayman donated by Bob Williamson.

*Just the Way You Are* by Max Lucado in honor of Lyndee Joe for her missionary work in South Africa by Deb Burke and the Sarah Circle Members.

Nancy Chapin, Sangamon County Historical Society, donated *1961-1988 Historico newsletters* and assorted publications of the Historical Society, and Charles Chapin donated *A History of the Chapin Family – Deacon Samuel 1635 to John Charles and Doctor Samuel 1965* by Roger Chapin.

Books donated by the Library Staff in memory of John LaRue: *The Alzheimer's Action Plan, the Expert's Guide to the Best Diagnoses and Treatment for Memory Problems* by Lisa P. Gwyther and Tina Adler and *Alzheimer's 911: Help, Hope and Healing for the Caregivers* by Frena Gray-Davidson.

Several books donated by Jean LaRue in memory of John LaRue, *The Spirit of Invention: The Story of the Thinkers, Creators and Dreamers Who Formed Our Nation* by Julie M. Fenster, *War of Necessity, War of Choice* by Richard N. Haass; *One Hundred Essential Things You Didn't Know You Didn't Know: Math Explains Your World* by John Barrow; *The Kennedy Legacy: Jack, Bobby and Ted and a Family Dream Fulfilled* by Vincent Bydek; and *Lincoln and the Speeds* by Bryan S. Bush.

The Family of Bill & Betty Kennedy donated a Zane Grey collection and miscellaneous fiction and non-fiction items.

*Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson was donated by Jim O'Brien.

George & Carol Brown donated an assorted collection of Romance, Christian Fiction, Mystery, and Fantasy from their personal library.

An assortment of knitting books and binders were donated by Katrina Archer.

Carl and Roberta Volkman donated *Springfield's Sculptures, Monuments and Plaques* written by Carl and Roberta Volkman, part of the Images of America Series.

Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. donated the Legislative Roster from the 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and 11<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The Chatham Women's Club donated 2 books in memory of Rosalind E. Blittersdorf, mother of Judy Harman: *John the Baptizer* by Brooks Hansen and *Shadows of Lancaster County* by Mindy Starns Clark.

Barb Needham donated a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles: *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup, *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs, *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci, *The Shack* by William P. Young, *The Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal, *The Wednesday Letters* by Jason F. Wright and *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

## Hello and Goodbye

There are some new faces at the front desk, in the bookstore, the computer lab, and reference.

Our long-time page, Michaela Crowley, left in May, to be replaced by Victoria Sneyd, who transferred from the computer lab to the front desk.

Patti Schendel took over duties in the computer lab in the evenings.

Carmel Esmailzadegan has left the computer lab due to summer conflicts.

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## Friends of the Library...

### Friends of the Library News

Leadership positions on the Friends of the Library Board for the July 2009-June 2010 year are as follows:

Chair	Sue Cowdrey	Food Co-Chairs	Vivien Graf
Vice Chair	Rhona Kelley		Jana Kincaid
Secretary	Katrina Archer	Special Events	Anne Deley
Treasurer	Sharon Wiley	Co-Chairs	Dixie Williamson
Book Sale Chair	Jeri Rogers	Publicity Co-Chairs	Julie Kaiser
Membership	Barb Hay		Tracey Turk
Co-Chairs	Suz Shaner	FOG Chair	Ron Hallberg

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, the Café & Bookstore and on the library's web site.

### Bahlow Friend's Bookstore and The Bank & Trust Café

The Bahlow Friend's Bookstore and the Bank & Trust Café have now been open for several months. The bookstore features a wide selection of books for sale-fiction/non-fiction, paperbacks/hardbacks, cookbooks, videos, and children/teen books. Prices for our books are incredible-only 50¢ for paperbacks and \$2.00 for hardbacks (3 for \$5.00).

The café features delicious coffee, cappuccino, and latte/mocha drinks. In addition to our wide selection of bottled drinks, the café has tempting snacks, chips, and ice cream. None of our café items are priced over \$2.00.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paul. We are located at the south end of the library and we're open during library hours. Come see us soon and thank you for your support.

### Hello and Goodbye (*Continued*)

Paul Moore who worked at the front desk for a short time has taken over running the bookstore/café. Katie Mergen is our new part-time worker at the front desk. Katie graduated from Illinois State last August and comes to us with experience from Lincoln Library and Barnes & Noble. Due to Carmel's leaving, she will also be filling a slot in the computer lab.

Heather Burgess began duties as our full-time Reference Librarian, taking over from Amy Ihnen, in

April. Heather previously worked at the Johnson County Library in Overland Park, Kansas and received her MLS degree from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas.

Susie Fairfield, our expansion Project Coordinator, will be leaving this month. We salute Susie on a job well done.

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