

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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Library Holiday Closings

NEW YEARS

Friday, Jan 1 - Closed



**Art Chatham 2009 – A Promise in Vision
Art Show Results**

Throughout the month of November, the Art Committee of the Library hosted 27 local artists to show their work. This successful event was enjoyed by both the staff and patrons alike. Patrons at the library were able to vote for their favorite piece for the “Popular Choice Award.” Local Chatham resident, Hallie Hedinger won the award with her piece, “A Glimpse Inside.” Congratulations to Hallie and thanks to all of the artists that participated!



Officers		Trustees	Future Meetings
President	Jeff Adkisson	Donna Corriveau	Mon. Jan 18, 5:30 p.m.
Vice President	Christine Westerlund	Eric Fitzgerald	Mon. Feb 15, 7 p.m.
Secretary	Lisa Whelpley	Gina Snow	Mon. Mar 15, 7 p.m.
Treasurer	Megan Becker		

Magazine Survey Results

The Chatham Library recently conducted a magazine survey to add new titles. A big thank you goes out to the many people that gave their opinion as to what we should add. We now have the results. We were able to subscribe to more magazines than we had anticipated, due to several of our current subscriptions going out of business. The new magazines should be arriving shortly, and are as follows:

- Architectural Digest
- Bookmarks
- Crafts 'n Things
- Creating Keepsakes
- Everyday with Rachael Ray
- InStyle
- Food & Wine
- Mother Jones
- Paper Crafts
- National Geographic Traveler
- National Review
- Real Simple
- Rolling Stone
- Scrapbooks Etc.
- Smart Computing
- Wired
- Yoga Journal



Friends Needed

January 2010 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 2010. **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 2010!

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH STORYTIMES

Family Evening Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

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| Jan. | 7 | Bless You |
| | 14 | Snow Business |
| | 21 | Llama Drama |
| | 28 | Spaced Out |
| Feb. | 4 | Year of the Tiger |
| | 11 | I Love You |
| | 18 | Go For the Gold |
| | 25 | All Kinds of People |
| Mar. | 4 | Dr. Seuss Night |
| | 11 | March! |
| | 18 | Spotlight on Tomie DePaola |
| | 25 | Good Knight |



Preschool Storytime Fridays @ 10:15 am

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| Jan. | 1 | Library Closed |
| | 8 | Snow Business |
| | 15 | Bless You |
| | 22 | Spaced Out |
| | 29 | Llama Drama |
| Feb. | 5 | Go For the Gold |
| | 12 | I Love You |
| | 19 | Year of the Tiger |
| | 26 | All Kinds of People |
| Mar. | 5 | March! |
| | 12 | Spotlight on Tomie DePaola |
| | 19 | Good Knight |
| | 26 | Storm's a Comin' |



Babytalk Lap-Sit, a program intended for children NB-36 months and their parent/caregiver, is offered every **Tuesdays morning 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 on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. This program features stories and a craft.

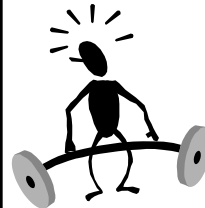
Student Programs

Geronimo Stilton

Join me, Geronimo Stilton, on some of my most fabumouse adventures! Come along as I search for the Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye, trek through the wild jungle, hunt for a legendary gem in the Temple of the Ruby of Fire, and set out across the ocean looking for sunken treasure! We'll have a whisker-licking good time, and that's a promise! All **2nd and 3rd graders** are invited to join the adventures on **Monday, January 18 from 1:00-2:30** at the Chatham Area Public Library. **Registration is required** so call the Library at 483-2713. A piece of (cheese)cake!



Diary of a Wimpy Kid



Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join undersized weakling Greg Heffley in a hilarious litany of problems. We may escape from escapades down school hallways filled with peril, experiment with the idea of weightlifting, create our own haunted house, or build a snowman big enough to be considered for the Guinness Book of World Records. However, you **must register** first for the **February 16th** program by calling the Library. The fun takes place from **1:00-2:30**, so write in your diary (sorry--your journal) the date and time to join Greg's adventures. Don't wimp out!

High School Movie Fest



High Schoolers—hungry for adventure but can't go far with only half a day off school? At our up-coming High School Movie Fest movies you can fight Decepticons, flee from dinosaurs or search for treasure with pirates and still be home in time to finish your homework. We'll fuel you up with **free popcorn and drinks** (you can bring your own candy for additional energy if you want.) These adventures all start at **2:00 pm**.

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
Jurassic Park
Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl

Wednesday, January 6
Friday, February 12
Wednesday, March 31



Canine Reading Buddies Program Expands

Our Canine Reading Buddies program, which began in June, has met with a very “paws”-ative response. Designed to encourage children to practice reading by providing a fun, receptive, non-judgmental audience, the program is open to all young readers. Because of the increasing popularity of the program, we are expanding the number of days the dogs visit. Dogs are now available for **appointments** on Wednesday evenings between 6 and 7 pm and on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 2-3:00 pm. **Call the Library** at 483-2713 with questions or **to schedule an appointment.**

Adult Programs

Bite Into a Good Book

We are all so busy during the holidays! Then we have a more quiet time, when it's cold and snowy, and we think about such things as warm cookies, hot tea or coffee, and a good book. The BIAGB group at the library has made the following selections for the months of January, February, and March:

January 20, 2010 We will be reading Newbury and Caldecott Award Books from the years 1959 and 2009. The changes often reflected in outstanding children's literature during a 50 year span offer fascinating insight for discussion.

Newbury Award: 1959 *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

Newbury Award: 2009 *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

Caldecott Award: 1959 *Chanticleer and the Fox*, illustrated by Barbara Cooney; text adapted from Chaucer's

Canterbury Tales

Caldecott Award: 2009 *The House in the Night*, illustrated by Susan Marie Swanson

February 17, 2010 *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America* by Erik Larson: The setting for this novel is the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. The story is based on the true tale of two men, David H. Burnham, the brilliant architect and overseer of the fair and serial killer, H. H. Holmes, who used the fair to lure his victims...great, nail-biting historical nonfiction!

March 17, 2010 *The Sound of Wings: The Life of Amelia Earhart* by Mary S. Lovell: This biography is well-researched and written, focusing on the lives and personalities of both Ms. Earhart and her media-wise husband, George Palmer Putnam. Earhart's legacy is "to dream what seems to be unattainable goals and then to acquire the skills and have the desire and determination to achieve them." (Library Journal)

This book discussion group meets at **noon on 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 book(s) for you.

The Book Keepers:

Chatham Library is pleased to announce the creation of a new Book Club for Science Fiction and Fantasy readers! Whether you are a long-time Science Fiction fan or looking for your next great read now that you have finished Harry Potter and Twilight, I know that you will enjoy reading with us. Hope to see you there!

January 19 *Watchmen* by Alan Moore: In New York City in 1985 a superhero is murdered. When the police find no leads, costumed vigilante Rorschach decides to probe further. As he begins to discover a plot designed to eliminate costumed heroes he must ask; who watches the Watchmen?

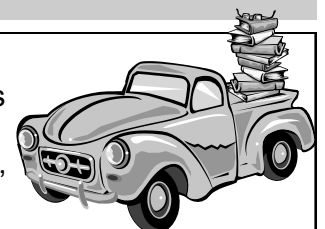
February 18 *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams: Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Together this dynamic pair begin a journey through space aided by quotes from *The Hitch Hiker's Guide*, avoiding evil aliens and befriending good ones.

March 16 *World War Z* by Max Brooks: Since the end of official hostilities, numerous attempts have been made to document the Zombie War. *World War Z* is the definitive account of the technological, military, social, economic, and political details as told through survivors' stories of how civilization went from the brink of extinction to winning a universal victory against the living dead.

The Book-Keepers meets on the **Third Tuesday of each month at 6pm** at 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.

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.



2010 Adult Reading Program - The Reading Buffet

The Chatham Area Public Library invites all adults 18 and older to participate in its 2010 Adult Reading Program – **The Reading Buffet**. If you are hungry for some good books to get you through the winter days, sign up for the “**All You Can Read**” program. The program will run for 6 weeks beginning **Monday, January 4th through Saturday, February 13, 2010**. Anyone who enjoys reading books or listening to them on cassette or CD is eligible to enter. The rules are simple, but we’ve expanded the options in order to make it more fun. Just read any fiction or non-fiction books of your choosing (potluck). Fill out a slip for each one read and turn them in to the front desk. These slips will be entered in our weekly prize drawings along with a grand prize drawing at the end of the program. A separate drawing will be held for the audio book participants. For every 6 slips you turn in, you will earn a special coupon from our own Friends’ Bookstore/Café.

In addition to choosing your own books, you also have the chance to enter the **Reading Buffet Challenge**. We are going to highlight a different dinner theme each week. When you register, there will be additional forms available for reading books from our 5 dinner themes – Black Tie Affair (biography), Candlelight Dinner (romance), Chuck Wagon (western), Whodunit Evening (mystery), and Extraterrestrial Banquet (science fiction/fantasy). These slips will also be entered for a special drawing. This encourages all readers to go “off the menu” occasionally to see what other tasty reads are in the library. The **Challenge** is optional and will not impact your chances if you decide to read the books you normally enjoy. Sign-up begins the first week in January or any time during the 6 weeks. Everyone who participates will receive a bookmark!

Midday Movies

Please join us in the Library's conference room on the **second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.** for a movie screening. Snacks will be provided. Registration is not required.



Wednesday, **January 13**, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The Bishop's Wife (1948). Starring Cary Grant and Loretta Young. Directed by Henry Koster.

Wednesday, **February 10**, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In the Heat of the Night (1967). Starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger. Directed by Norman Jewison.

Wednesday, **March 10**, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The Quiet Man (1952). Starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Directed by John Ford.

Adult Programs

These programs are free of charge and open to the public. Registration is requested, though not required.

Tuesday, **January 12**, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Introduction to Genealogy: Computers and the Internet. Presented by Ron Hallberg, Friends of Genealogy Chairperson. Find out how computers can assist with your family history research. Learn about genealogy software, research using the internet, sharing your information, and online and computer resources available through the Library.

Saturday, **February 27**, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Senior Citizen Game Day. Join us to play board games, card games, and video games. Play an old favorite or learn something new. This is a drop-in program - stay as short or long a time as you would like.

Wednesday, **March 10**, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tips from a Master Gardener. Co-hosted by the Springfield Newcomers Club. Come hear several tips on making your yard and garden their best from Master Gardener Sarah Scherer. A Q&A session will follow the formal presentation.

2009 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. until 3:00 p.m.** beginning Monday, February 1 and ending Monday April 5, 2009. Dates for assistance include the following: February 1, 8, 15, 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5.

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 5. **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.

We Are Grateful for These Gifts

DAR, Captain William Penny Chapter, Pat Carmody, donated 2 Constitution posters for Constitution Week.

Eugene Skaggs donated a collection of Paul L. Burt's papers to the genealogy area.

Christine Harris donated various fiction titles and a paper cutter.

G. D. Tate donated Glenn Beck's Common Sense.

The Atlantic Revelation by Thomas Greanian and The Mission Song by John LeCarre were donated by Robert Green.

Ron Hallberg donated Interstellar Patrol II: The Federation of Humanity by Christopher Anvil; Reaper Man by Terry Pratchett, The Mayflower Quarterly, September, 2009, Vol. 75, No. 3; and Google Your Family Tree by Daniel M. Lynch.

Jan Branthaver donated Princely Splendor: The Dresden Court, 1580-1620, New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Dick Salik donated Chicago Genealogist, Fall, 2009, Vol. 42, No. 1, Chicago Genealogical Society, and Chatham Train Station Design and Cost Study by Fischer-Wisnosky & Associates, October, 1990.

Dr. Donna Corriveau donated The Mayflower Quarterly, September 2009, Vol. 75, No. 3.

Several issues of Hemmings Classic Car magazine were donated by Alan Post.

DAR, Captain William Penny Chapter, June Hall, donated Circuit Rider and several genealogy books, vital records, and genealogy research guides, Hall Family History, An Index to DAR Lineage, Vols. 151-166, Family History Index – Surnames, Found in 25 Selected Family Histories, and Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs by Maureen Taylor.

Lincoln in Illinois: Photographs and Comments on Lincoln Statues in Illinois Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln compiled and edited by Richard E. Hart, Abel W. Estabrook, Robert Todd Lincoln's Abolitionist Teacher by Richard E. Hart, and the 2010 Lincoln in Illinois Calendar all donated by the author, Richard E. Hart.

Barb Germann donated Irish Writer's poster and frame.

Springfield Philatelic Society donated 2 copies of the book Cool Stamps: Creating Fun and Fascinating Collections! by Pam Price.

Dave and Debra Payne donated 1921 World Atlas and miscellaneous fiction.

A monetary donation to the Friends of Genealogy by Christopher Bruley.

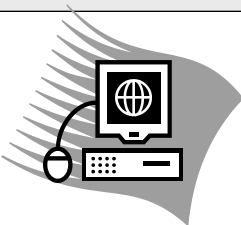
??Ask Heather??

Do you need magazine or journal articles for a school or other research project? Need an idea of where to start? The Library has one resource that's great for this kind of research--EBSCOhost's MAS Ultra, which is a full-text database of more than 350 magazines, newspapers, and other periodicals including such titles as *The Nation*, *National Geographic*, *Scientific American*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and many others. The database can be accessed through the library's website (www.chatham.lib.il.us/); the username is "Chatham" and the password is "Library." If you need more information about how EBSCOhost works, a detailed explanation is posted on the Library's blog (chathamlibrary.wordpress.com). You can also come in to or call the Library and ask to speak to Heather for more information about this database.



Computer Classes

Class size is strictly limited! All classes meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00-12:00. Please RSVP for the following workshops by calling or dropping by the library.



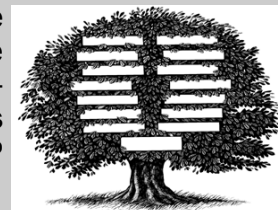
January 16, --Computer File Management: create, move, organize, search for, and delete files on your computer

February 13, --Printing and Scanning: scan text and image documents to your computer, printing out documents.

March 13,--Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint: the basics of creating a slideshow presentation for work, school, or personal use.

Friends of Genealogy

The next meeting of the Friends of Genealogy (FOG) group is scheduled for **Sunday, January 10 at 2 pm** in the Library Conference Room. 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. These databases can be used in the Opal Lee Chatham Local History/Genealogy room. **Members and guests are asked to RSVP at the Library (483-2713).**



Murder at the Book Store



“**Murder at the Book Store**” is the latest Library mystery sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Join us on **Friday, March 12th** for an evening dinner performance or **Saturday, March 13th** 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. **Make your reservations early by calling the library (483-2713)** as these tickets go quickly!

Friend’s 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 23 from 9am to 3 pm.**

Friends who have paid their annual membership dues as of January, 2010 may attend the Friend’s Preview Night on **Friday, January 22, from 6-8 pm.**

The Friends have accumulated more than 150 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, the form is in this newsletter.)



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 22 or 23 may call Book Sale Co-Chairs Rhona Kelley (483-5885) 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.

Can’t wait for the sale? Come to the Bahlow Friends Bookstore anytime the Library is open for great deals on bestselling books. While you’re there, visit the Bank and Trust Café for a delicious snack and tasty hot or cold beverage!

Hello/Goodbye

We are happy to welcome 3 new employees to our staff. Nancy Kruse, retired Director of the Rochester Public Library, joined us in October and is helping with circulation and special projects. Monica Meador came to us from Colorado and is working in front circulation. Abby Bliss joined us in December as one of our children’s librarians coming from Pleasant Park where she worked with preschoolers.

We said goodbye to Debbie Austiff in November. Debbie worked back circulation and left to resume her career as a pharmaceutical representative. Heather Jones started her job as an accountant at Memorial Medical Center in January. She had been with us for over 4 years working as a children’s librarian. Both will be missed.

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