

Between the Lines

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Residents respond to Library survey

How often do you use the Library? Which services do you like the most? Are there areas where the Library needs improvement? What would you like to see in a new library building?

During the months of September and October, residents of Carol Stream responded to these questions asked by the Public Opinion Laboratory of Northern Illinois University. The Library Board hired the Public Opinion Laboratory to conduct a telephone survey of a random sampling of Carol Stream residents. The survey sought to find out how residents use the Library, what they think of Library services, and what they would like to see the Library offer in the future.

Some of the results were anticipated. 73.3% of those surveyed had Library cards, and 72.6% of them had used the Library in the last 12 months. 85.6% have borrowed books or magazines and 51.8% have borrowed videos or DVDs. The helpfulness of the Library Staff was rated as excellent or good by 92% of those who visit the Library.

Other survey results show that 24.1% of the people coming to the Library use the Internet computers. 9.5% of those responding do not have Internet access either at home or at work. When it comes to getting information about the Library, 59.5% get their information from the Library's newsletter. 71.1% of the respondents agree that the Carol Stream Public Library is a good investment for the community.

The Board of Trustees is very interested in finding out what the community would like in a new Library facility. 78.8% would be interested in a quiet study area, while 56.2% would like to have group study rooms. 74.2% would like to see the adult area separated from the children's area. A public lounge and vending area was the least favorite option, with 63.3% responding that they would not be interested in that feature in a new facility.

The results of the survey will be used by the Library Board to plan future services, including the construction of a new facility on Kuhn Road. The Board plans to put a modified building plan before the public with a referendum question on the ballot at the Consolidated Election on April 5, 2005. ♦

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Holiday happenings

Tree Decorating

December 1–31

Children will capture the spirit of giving when they bring a handmade tree ornament or a pair of new mittens to the Children's Services Desk in December. Librarians will invite children to place their items on the holiday tree and offer each boy or girl a thank-you gift in return. In January, mittens will be donated to area organizations for distribution to local families.

The Legend of St. Nicholas: a family holiday program

Saturday, December 4

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Many people know St. Nick as a character in Clement Moore's famous story poem, "The Night before Christmas," or as the focus of cute holiday songs. Really, though, who is the lively man behind the beard? Find out the historical significance of Saint Nicholas and learn how different countries perceive him at this special holiday program. Terry Lynch of Histories for Kids will portray the popular fourth-century bishop and relate festive stories about the man. No secrets will be divulged! The program is appropriate for families with school-age children.

Free tickets will be available at the Children's Services Desk beginning Saturday, November 20.

Tot Time

Tuesday, December 14

10:00–10:30 a.m. or 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Seasonal stories and activities will be presented to children three and under and the adults who accompany them.

Sign up is required and may be done in person or by phone beginning Wednesday, December 1.

Holiday Story Time

Tuesday, December 21

7:00–7:30 p.m.

Children ages three through five are welcome to come dressed "for a long winter's nap" and enjoy a half-hour of wintry tales and holiday activities during this special story time.

Sign up by phone or in person beginning Saturday, December 11. ♦



Winter preschool programs

Three different series of story programs will be offered for children five years old and under. Children must meet the minimum age requirement for the appropriate series before the program begins.

Registration by phone or in person starts Wednesday, January 5. Additional sessions may be added if there is enough interest. Call for more details.

Little Listeners

Tuesdays, January 18 through February 15

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Children 12–24 months and a parent are invited to "Little Listeners." Various activities to stimulate learning and start children on a path of literature appreciation will be shared.

Tales for Twos & Threes

Mondays, January 17 through February 14

Thursdays, January 20 through February 17

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Two- and three-year-olds enrolled in this program will experience simple picture books and short stories in a more traditional story time setting. Caregivers must remain with their children.

Story Time

Thursdays, January 20 through February 17

1:30–2:00 p.m.

Fridays, January 21 through February 18

10:00–10:30 a.m.

"Story Time" is for children ages three to five. Picture books on weekly themes are combined with stories shared through puppets, filmstrips, flannelboards, and action rhymes. Unlike the first two programs, parents and caregivers are encouraged to browse in the main library, allowing children more opportunity to interact with the librarian and other children. ♦



Rhythm, music, and stories for early childhood

Wednesday, January 5

9:30–10:00 a.m. or 10:15–10:45 a.m.

The Library welcomes members of the Community School of the Arts at Wheaton College who will present two programs focusing on the creative arts for children ages eighteen months to three-and-a-half years who are accompanied by a parent. Activities with rhythm and movement, as well as some stories, will encourage participation during the half-hour sessions.

Space is very limited. Registration may be done by phone or in person beginning Saturday, December 18. ♦



An Unfortunate New Year's Event

Friday, December 31

1:30–2:30 p.m.



Oh no! A new year is almost upon us! Those unlucky enough to be available on the last day of the year are discouraged from attending the Library's Unfortunate Event. Lemony Snicket fans ages ten and up who refuse to be dissuaded will be forced to make dire New Year predictions and digest dismal desserts. Books similar to those in *A Series of Unfortunate Events* may be described to aid booklovers in avoiding further wretched reading experiences.

Anyone who still insists on attending this impending calamity may register at the Children's Services Desk beginning Saturday, December 18. ♦

Patch Club Party

Monday, January 17

1:30–2:30 p.m.

It is time to mark another Patch Club anniversary! This year's celebration will feature the talented Dan LeMonnier with his crowd-pleasing mix of story and song. Patch Club members are encouraged to wear or bring the article of clothing that displays their patches. Additionally, those who have earned six or more patches are eligible to receive a tote bag or backpack.

Registration for this event will begin Monday, January 3 at the Children's Services Desk.

School-age children interested in joining the Patch Club may stop by the Children's Services Desk to sign up for this exciting year-round reading program. New members will also be eligible to attend the January 17 event. December's featured patch will be "Dinosaurs." In January, a "Timeless Tales" patch will kick off the New Year. For more information, please contact the Children's Services Department at 653-0755. ♦

Trading Card Game Day

Wednesday, December 29

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Collectible card game fans, ages eight and up, are invited to visit the Library for friendly games of *Yu-Gi-Oh*, *Magic–The Gathering*, and other trading card games. Since the emphasis is on fun, the buying, selling, and trading of cards will not be allowed. Registration may be done in person or by phone beginning Saturday, December 18. ♦

Ongoing programs for older children and young adults

Registrations are taken at the Children's Services Desk. For more information, please call 653-0755.

"Check It Out" YA Book Club

Fridays, December 10

and January 7

3:15–4:15 p.m.

Whether looking for a great new book or something to set the mood for the holiday season, young adults won't want to miss "Check It Out" Book Club meetings. Participants in grades six and up will enjoy refreshments while Library Staff pre-

sents a selection of new and seasonal reads published for young adults. Featured titles will be available for check out after the program. This is a great opportunity for young people to discover a new author or a book to read during the upcoming school break.

Advance registration is requested, and may be done by phone or in person.

Saturday Chess for Kids

December 18 and January 15

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Children ages eight and up are invited to meet and engage in exciting matches with other players the third Saturday of each month. Players should have some knowledge of the game. Register by phone or in person. ♦

ADULT SERVICES / REFERENCE

Advance registration is requested for the following programs. For further information or to register, please stop by the Information Desk or contact the Library at 653-0755.

Jacqueline Kennedy: The Aesthetics of Style

Thursday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

To correspond with a Field Museum special exhibition, art expert Michelle Paluch-Mishur of Art Excursions will discuss former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy's impact on culture in America. This slide lecture will illuminate the inter-relationship between Jackie's style, grace, and poise and her interests in fashion, art, and other subjects. ♦

Book discussion groups

Senior Readers

Monday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Rabbit-Proof Fence: The True Story of One of the Greatest Escapes of All Time, Doris Pilkington

In the 1930s, an Australian government decree required that young aboriginal and mixed-raced children be removed from their outback homes and brought to centralized schools to be assimilated into white society. Three young girls, including the author's mother, are removed from their family and taken to a settlement. They escape to return home, making an amazing 1,500 mile trek on foot.

Third Thursday

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens

Join us to discuss a holiday classic. In Dickens' story, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future, who help him understand the joys of generosity and celebration.

Senior Readers

Monday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.

Third Thursday

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.

Hearts and Bones, Margaret K. Lawrence (both groups)

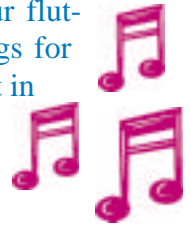
This is the first in a series of books set in Maine in the late eighteenth century, after the end of the Revolutionary War. Hannah Trevor, a midwife and single mother, investigates the rape and murder of a young woman. If you enjoyed *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*, join us for a discussion of this complex and atmospheric historical mystery. ♦



Holiday Music by Flutissimo

Sunday, December 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Flutissimo, a group of four flutists, will perform holiday songs for your enjoyment. Come and get in the holiday spirit! ♦



Computer class series

Resolve to learn a new skill during the new year! You are welcome to attend any or all of the classes listed below. These are not hands-on classes, but are demonstrations that will provide you with enough information to successfully begin working on your own.

Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, January 11, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Introduction to E-mail

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Web Searching for Beginners

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Evaluating Web Sites and Sources

Tuesday, February 1, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Birding — Getting Started in Your Backyard and Beyond Thursday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Bob Fisher, an experienced birder from the DuPage Birding Club, will talk about how to get started watching birds at home and out in the field. Photographs of some common and some less common bird species found in our area will illustrate this talk. All nature lovers are encouraged to come for a very interesting and good time. ♦



Frequently asked questions

“How are books organized within the Library?”

Fiction books are arranged in alphabetical order by the author’s last name. To organize nonfiction books, the Library uses the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system to classify and arrange books by subject area. The DDC was conceived by library pioneer Melvil Dewey in 1873. Since then, it has gone through revisions and updates to reflect new knowledge and technologies. Today, it is the most widely used library classification system in the world.

DDC arranges information into ten main subject classes and numerous subdivisions. The ten main classes are:

000 Generalities (including Computers)	500 Natural Science & Mathematics
100 Philosophy & Psychology	600 Technology (Applied Sciences)
200 Religion	700 Arts
300 Social Science	800 Literature
400 Language	900 Geography and History

Subdivisions further divide the classes to be more specific. For example, within the 900 class, Geography of & Travel in North America is classified as 917 and Geography of & Travel in Mexico specifically is classified as 917.2. This number is then placed on a spine label of a book and is a “call number” with which to arrange and locate the books.

Please stop by the Children’s Services Desk or the Reference Desk for more information about the Dewey Decimal Classification system or to pick up a brochure with call numbers for popular subject areas. ♦

A note from our Friends

Support the Friends of the Library

Holiday shopping can also benefit the Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library during the upcoming Dominick’s Benefit Days scheduled for December 6–8. By shopping at any Dominick’s store on these days and presenting the appropriate slip, five percent of

the total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated to the Friends. Additional slips are available in the Library lobby.

For information regarding this program or the Friends organization, please contact Ann Kennedy at 653-0755. ♦

<i>Dominick’s</i>		<i>Benefit Days Slip</i>	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday		12/06/04 — 12/08/04	
<small>Are Dominick’s Benefit Days For:</small>			
Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library		Ben# 200201	
Ven# 157422		<small>Enter SubTotal Amount of Purchase</small>	
<small>Operator Number</small>	<small>Store Number</small>	<small>Dollars</small>	<small>Cents</small>
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Thank you for Shopping At Dominick’s			
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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:
December 15
January 19
Conference Room – 7:30 p.m.
The public is invited to attend.

Library closings:

- ♦ Friday, December 24
- ♦ Saturday, December 25
- ♦ Saturday, January 1

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YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

Decorate our “mitten trees” by donating clothing

For many people, the holiday season is a time to think of others, especially those less fortunate. This holiday season, help the Library help others by donating items for our “mitten trees.” We will be accepting donations of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for all age groups. Donations of smaller articles for children may be taken to the Youth Services Desk for their tree and bulletin board. Donations of larger items for older youths, teens, and adults may be brought to the Circulation Desk. For each item donated at the Circulation Desk, a paper mitten, hat, or scarf will be hung on the bulletin board. Patrons may sign these paper cutouts if they wish.

Contributions will be accepted through the end of December. After the beginning of the New Year, all donated items will be distributed to local families through area organizations.

As the temperature drops, help lift the spirits of others by donating new items and decorating our display area.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season
from the Carol Stream Public Library Staff
and Board of Trustees!

Please visit the Library
online at:
www.cslibrary.org

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