

# Between the Lines

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## Building for your future: New building plan meets community's needs

On April 5, the voters of Carol Stream will be asked to approve the sale of bonds to construct a new Library building. As you probably know, last year's referendum for a new facility did not pass. The fact that the margin was very close, 47.35% vs. 52.65%, shows us that many residents feel that a new Library facility is important.

The Board of Trustees believes that the citizens of Carol Stream deserve a quality Library facility that meets their needs both now and into the future. The Board **listened to citizen comments** after the last election and conducted a survey of Carol Stream residents in the fall of 2004. In response to this input, the size of the proposed new facility was reduced by almost 20% from the plans presented for the 2004 referendum. The new design is more streamlined in look and has fewer architectural details. Certain features that residents wanted, such as computer workstations, study rooms, and a drive-up book drop, were left in the revised plan.

This year's referendum will ask for a **smaller tax increase** than the previous request. There will be only one question on the ballot, asking for an increase of 14¢ per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. For the average homeowner, the increase amounts to less than \$100 per year, or, less than \$2 per week.

The **location** of the new building, one-half mile north of North Avenue on Kuhn Road, will place the Library closer to the center of the community. This site is more accessible and easier to find for all residents of the Village.

There is **not enough room at the current site** to significantly expand the Library. The site is partly situated on wetlands and a flood plain which places limitations on what type of construction can be done. Any changes to the present building would be minor and of short-term benefit to the community. A tax increase would still be needed to pay for any expansion at the present location.

The Carol Stream Public Library serves the education and information needs of all residents, from preschoolers through senior citizens. The Library **supports the education system** by working with teachers and schools and by serving students during the evenings, weekends, and school holidays when students don't have access to school resources. A strong school system requires a strong community library to both support and supplement the curriculum.

The need for a newer, larger Library building is crucial. Now is the most opportune time to build a new facility because construction costs will continue to rise. Waiting to build will be more expensive, generating less value for the taxpayer's investment.

The 2005 Library Referendum Committee has adopted the slogan "The Future ... Now it's REALLY Overdue." Please make an informed and careful decision on April 5. ♦

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES

## Coming soon — a super summer!

Young adults and children of all ages can be “Superheroes—Powered by Books” during this summer’s reading program. Sneak previews will be coming in May to many chil-

dren attending Carol Stream schools, and open registration will begin Monday, June 6.

For young people wishing to get off to a flying start, early-bird

registration will take place in the Community Room from 2:00–4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. ♦



## Powered by super YA volunteers



Students completing fifth grade or above are eligible to become a Young Adult Volunteer this summer. For one hour each week, YA Volunteers assist with maintaining the Children’s Services Department during the Summer Reading Program. Duties may include, but are not limited to: shelf reading, straightening puzzles and puppets, collecting tickets at programs, and, helping Librarians with miscellaneous tasks. This year’s program, “Superheroes—Powered by Books,” runs from June 6 through July 23.

To become a YA Volunteer, young people may request an application at the Children’s Services Desk beginning May 1. Completed applications should be returned no later than May 31. A parent’s signature is required for participation. YA Volunteers are also required to attend an orientation meeting on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. ♦

## An “Incredible” school’s out special

**Friday, May 6  
1:30 p.m.**

In anticipation of “Superheroes—Powered by Books,” the Library will show the recent hit movie *The Incredibles* on the Community Room’s big screen. Families with children of all ages are invited to attend.

Although food is not usually allowed in the Community Room, for this occasion moviegoers may bring dry snacks and covered drinks. Running time is 115 minutes, and the movie is rated PG.

Free tickets will be available at the Children’s Services Desk beginning Saturday, April 23. ♦

## American Girls® value the Earth

**Thursday, April 21  
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Contemporary American Girls ages eight and up are invited to share in Earth Day activities, including a craft to take home. They will also take a look at the characters in the American Girls® series to investigate each one’s relationship with the planet.

Please register for this program in person or by phone beginning Saturday, April 2. ♦



## KidSquare

**Wednesday, May 11  
10:30–11:15 a.m.**

Children’s Librarians will present stories and more at Stratford Square Mall. *KidSquare* meets on the upper level near Carson’s. Be sure to stop by! ♦

## Focus on homeschoolers

May is the month the Library highlights the efforts of Carol Stream's home-schooled children. Artwork and other projects created by the children are needed for the lobby display cases. If you are home

schooling and would like to participate, please bring your items to the Children's Services Desk between April 15 and April 30. Be sure to label the backs of all items with your

child's name and phone number to ensure their return.

For more information please stop by the Children's Services Desk, or call the Library at 653-0755. ♦

## Preschool programs

Preschool programs for children 12 months to five years begin the week of April 4 and will continue through the first week of May. Pre-registration is required, and a variety of sessions are available. For more information, contact the Children's Services Department at 653-0755. ♦

## Babies and Books gets infants off to a great start

Do you have a child who is 18 months old or younger? If so, you are invited to bring him or her to the Library and sign up for "Babies and Books." This is a service designed to introduce families to the joys of sharing books. Participants receive a bag full of goodies for parent and child, including a board book to keep, book lists, information about the Library, and more.

The intellectual and emotional benefits of reading aloud to very young children are well documented. The

Library's goal in offering "Babies and Books" is to help foster early book sharing and to encourage families to take advantage of the many materials and services that the Library has for parents and children.

Parents may register for "Babies and Books" at any time during regular Library hours. There is no fee for this service, but you must be a Carol Stream library card holder or live in incorporated Carol Stream to participate. To sign up, please stop by the Children's Services Desk. ♦

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## 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" Book Club Fridays, April 8 and May 13 3:15–4:15 p.m.

The "Check It Out" Book Club, for young adults in grades six and up, meets monthly during the school year. This program highlights new books and features refreshments and door prizes.

Advance registration is requested.

### Saturday Chess for Kids April 16 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Children ages eight and up are invited to meet and engage in exciting matches with other players. Players should have some knowledge of the game.

Registration may be done by phone or in person.

### Reading Patch Club

School-aged children are encouraged to join the Reading Patch Club and earn colorful patches for their tote bag, jacket, or backpack. Each month a different genre of books is featured. Children completing five books in that genre receive the corresponding patch. Patches featured in April and May are "Poetry" and "Mystery." Alternate patches are also available. ♦

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## Email notices now available

The Library now offers patrons the option of receiving Library notices via email. This includes first overdue notices, notices on items that will soon be due, and alerts that reserved items are available for pick-up.

Patrons, aged 18 and over, who are interested in receiving email notices may register in person at the

Circulation Desk. Patrons can also sign up by logging in to the Library Web catalog and providing an email address in the Personal Information area under My Account. This data will be used solely for the purpose of sending notices on Library material and will not be distributed.

Patrons will continue to receive a reminder phone call from

the Library when items on reserve are available. For overdue materials, only the first notice will be sent by email. Subsequent overdue notices will be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

Please contact the Library if you would like additional information regarding this new service. ♦

# 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.*

## Something for Everyone @ Your Library National Library Week 2005: April 10-16

Join us as we celebrate the 48th year of National Library Week! The American Library Association and libraries across the country sponsor this yearly observance as a time to recognize the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

### Meet a Library Trustee

**Sunday, April 10**

**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Members of the Library Board of Trustees will greet patrons in the Lobby to kick off National Library Week and hand out complimentary magnets. There will also be preview information about the Adult Summer Reading Program.

### Marketing Yourself for Your Career

**Tuesday, April 12**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Competition is strong inside companies and for those in an active job search. To remain competitive, you need to be able to articulate

your knowledge, skills and accomplishments. Join Julie Hays, an Associate Director for the University of Illinois Alumni Association Career Center, to learn strategies and tools for building and implementing a marketing plan for your career or job search.

### Garden Calendar for Spring

**Wednesday, April 13**

**7:00-8:15 p.m.**

Pat Kosmach, a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension's DuPage County office, will be at the Library to help with planning for your spring gardening. Whether you are a new gardener or just need a re-



view of what needs to be done to get ready for spring planting, this program will help get your 2005 garden off to a great start.

### Author Jeff Libman visits

**Thursday, April 14**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Join us for an evening with Jeff Libman, author of *An Immigrant Class: Oral Histories from Chicago's Newest Immigrants*, as he discusses his recent book. In the tradition of Studs Terkel, *An Immigrant Class* is a collection of oral histories and photographs of recent immigrants to the Chicago area from around the world. Read more about the book at [www.animmigrantclass.com](http://www.animmigrantclass.com). ♦

### Millennium Park Unveiled

**Wednesday, April 6, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

This slide lecture by Art Excursions features a discussion of the history of this epic project and some of its central features, including: the Frank O. Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion and BP Bridge; Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate sculpture; Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain; and, the Lurie Garden. Park elements will be placed in the context of other recent projects undertaken by its major players, such as Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall. ♦

### Retirement Planning

**Thursday, May 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Are you nearing retirement and want to learn more about financial planning for this next phase in your life? At this informative program, a representative from the Social Security office will describe the application process and benefits. A. G. Edwards financial planners will then provide guidelines for identifying your financial needs and appropriate types of investments for supplemental income. ♦

### Computer class series

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, April 19, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

#### Introduction to E-mail

**Tuesday, April 26, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

#### Web Searching for Beginners

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

#### Evaluating Web Sites & Sources

**Tuesday, May 10, 7:00-8:15 p.m.**

### Auto Detailing

**Tuesday, May 17**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Get your car ready for summer! Join Gary Kouba, owner of Perfect Auto Finish, for a lesson in how to get and keep your car looking beautiful. Mr. Kouba will talk about products to buy and techniques to use to keep your car looking like you just drove it off the showroom floor! ♦

## Adult book discussion groups

Please stop by the Information Desk to register for the discussion of your choice and pick up a copy of the book.

**Crow Lake, Mary Lawson**  
**Monday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.**

*Crow Lake*, Mary Lawson's first novel, was chosen as a New York Times Notable Book in 2002. Two older brothers struggle to raise their two younger sisters after their parents are tragically killed in a car accident. Set in northern Ontario, it is a story of heartbreak and hardship, love, and misunderstanding.

**Book lovers' get-together**  
**Monday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.**

In May, join us for coffee, sweet treats, and new ideas for interesting books to read. Book discussion leaders will talk about some of their own favorite titles and demonstrate the Library's resources for finding the perfect book for any reading mood. ♦

## Food for Fines

**Sunday, April 10 through Sunday, April 24**

This spring, the Library will offer patrons a chance to clear up old debts while helping the less fortunate in the community. Non-perishable food items may be brought to the Library as "payment"

for overdue fines. Each food item donated will clear up to \$1.00 in overdue fines on a single borrower's card. More information is available at the Library. ♦

## A note from our Friends

**Spring Program: "Pressing Petals"**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.**



The Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library are pleased to welcome local resident Dorothy Redinger, a florist with Because You Deserve The Works, who will share how to make memories from your garden. This informative workshop on preserving flowers will feature techniques such as pressing and freeze-drying, as well as related craft uses like pressed flower bookmarks. A brief business meeting will precede the evening's featured activity. This free presentation is open to the public, but advance registration is requested.

## Support the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library are sponsoring a fund-raising program on April 11-13 at all Jewel-Osco stores. By shopping at any Jewel-Osco store on these days and presenting the Shop & Share Identification Slip, five percent of the total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated to the Friends. Additional slips are available in the Library lobby.

For more information regarding either of these programs or the Friends organization, please contact Ann Kennedy at 653-0755. ♦

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### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:

April 20

May 18

Conference Room – 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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### Loan Periods for New Audio-Visual Materials

**DVDs and VHS videos:**  
**3 days**

**Audiobooks on cassette and audiobooks on CD:**  
**14 days**

**Effective March 1, 2005**

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# YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

The Carol Stream Public Library, like all public libraries, serves an entire community—all ages, all interests, all walks of life:

- Preschoolers** who are learning about books and reading and who enjoy social opportunities at library programs like story times.
- Students** who need homework help and books to read during school vacations. The Library also provides summer reading programs, chess club, and special programs for this age group.
- Adult learners** who are returning to school or enhancing their job skills. For these people, the Library provides information, computer access and a place to study.
- Hobbyists** looking for more information and ideas on their favorite pastimes.
- Senior citizens** and others on a fixed income who seek free information and entertainment.
- Scout troops and community groups** that need a place to meet.
- Artists** and other creative people who want a space to display their work.
- Families** with one computer but more than one student who needs access. The Library has free computers for word processing and Internet access, plus on-line access to subscription databases and homework help.

The Public Library is a public institution, open to everyone, with something for everyone. Come check us out. ♦

Please visit the Library online at:  
[www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org)

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Sunday (*September through May*) 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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