

Between the Lines

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Newsletter of the Carol Stream Public Library

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Library Director retires after 41 years of service

Library Director Lynn O'Dell will retire on September 30 after an unprecedented forty-one years on the job. She will leave behind a rich legacy for the citizens of Carol Stream.

In 1962, the Library was started with a collection of 3,500 donated books housed in space shared with the original Village Hall on Blackhawk Drive. Mrs. O'Dell was hired to lead the staff of volunteers in September of 1964. She guided the Library through a period of rapid growth as the population of Carol Stream continued to increase. As the collection swelled to fill the small ranch house, residents enthusiastically supported a referendum to build a new 27,000 square foot building, which was opened in 1978.

During Mrs. O'Dell's tenure, that small collection of donated books has increased to over 173,000 different items, including audiobooks, magazines, sound recordings, video recordings, CD-ROMs, puzzles, and puppets. Circulation continues to increase; last year nearly 370,000 items were checked out.

In 1980, Mrs. O'Dell encouraged the Library Board to enter the "computer age" and join with other libraries to install the first computerized circulation system in the DuPage Library System. Through membership in this consortium, patrons of the Library now have access to a much larger collection than what is housed in their own building. She has continued to expand the reach of the Library beyond its boundaries by promoting interlibrary loan, reciprocal borrowing, and the Library's membership in cooperative cataloging ventures such as OCLC's WorldCat, an online catalog that literally encompasses libraries worldwide.

As the library building approached its twentieth birthday, Mrs. O'Dell recognized that it was beginning to reach its capacity. Because of her careful budgeting, the Library Board was able to afford to convert the unused bookmobile garage into an attractive area to house the magazine collection and a quiet reading area. At the same time, new offices were created for department heads, since the staff had more than doubled from the fewer than twenty who ran the building when it first opened.

Mrs. O'Dell's longevity has been an inspiration to her staff as well. From that first volunteer force of three, the Library now employs over fifty people. One-fourth of current staff members have worked at the Library for more than 10 years.

As Mrs. O'Dell leaves and Assistant Director Ann Kennedy prepares to take the helm, her proudest accomplishment and biggest disappointment concern a new Library building for the citizens of Carol Stream. It's a proud accomplishment because the Board was able to afford to purchase the last open tract of land in the Village to secure a wonderful site for a new building; a disappointment because so far the voters have not recognized the need for that new building. ♦

Outgoing Library Director Lynn O'Dell

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Rhythm, music and stories for early childhood

Thursday, September 1

9:30–10:00 a.m. or 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, August 20

Ann Storm from the Community School of the Arts at Wheaton College returns to the Library to present two programs focusing on the creative arts for young children. Activities with rhythm and movement, as well as some stories, will encourage participation during the half-hour sessions.

This program is for ages 18 months to three-and-a-half years, with parent. Space is very limited. ♦



“Kindergarten Kids”

Wednesday, August 17

10:30–11:15 a.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, August 6

Children entering kindergarten this fall will be able to take a “dry run” during this 45-minute program. Offered annually, “Kindergarten Kids” introduces children to some of the routines and expectations of starting school while maintaining the story time setting with which they are familiar. The theme of starting school will be explored through stories, action poems, songs, and other activities. ♦

Tot Time

Thursday, August 18

10:00–10:30 a.m.

or 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Sign up begins Thursday, July 21

Tot Times are special story programs for children three years of age and under, accompanied by a caregiver. They feature very short stories and lots of activities for little ones with boundless energy! ♦

KidSquare at Stratford Square Mall

Wednesday, September 28

10:30–11:00 a.m.

Support your Library storytellers by attending KidSquare, a bi-weekly story time at the mall. On alternating Wednesdays, librarians from area libraries share stories and activities for the preschool crowd. The KidSquare stage is in the storefront next to Carson’s on the second floor. ♦

Fall preschool programs

Five-week sessions begin the week of September 12

Sign-up begins Thursday, September 1

Children five years of age and under may participate in story programs tailored to their age group. Each program lasts for one half-hour and runs for five weeks. Children must meet the minimum age requirement for the appropriate series before the program begins. All sessions take place in the Community Room. Additional sessions may be added if there is enough interest. Please call for more details.

Baby & Me

Mondays, September 12 through October 10

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Parents are invited to bring their infants who are not yet walking for rhymes, stories, and gentle play. No siblings, please.

Little Listeners

Tuesdays, September 13 through October 11

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Toddlers under 24 months and a parent are invited to “Little Listeners.” The group will share various activities to stimulate learning and start children on a path of literature appreciation.

Tales for Twos & Threes

Fridays, September 16 through October 14

10:00–10:30 a.m. or 11:00–11:30 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 remain with their children for the half-hour sessions.

Story Time

Thursdays, September 15 through October 13

10:00–10:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:00 p.m.

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

It's movie night!

The very popular summer movie series continues in August with two more movies. All movies will be shown in the Community Room. No registration or tickets required. Moviegoers may bring dry snacks and covered drinks. Please call the Library at 653-0755 for further information.

"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow"

Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.

Rating: PG; Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes

"Spy Kids"

Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m.

Rating: PG; Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes ♦

Hurray for Harry! Harry Potter book discussion

Wednesday, August 10

1:30–2:30 p.m. or 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, July 23

Harry Potter fans, ages ten and up, are invited to join in a lively book discussion of J. K. Rowling's newest fantasy adventure, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. In addition to discussing all the latest exploits of Harry, Ron, and Hermione, attendees also will enjoy treats fit for a prince. Participants must have read the book in order to attend.

Registration is required. ♦



Trading Card Game Day

Thursday, August 11

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, July 30

Are you crazy for card games? 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. Start building your best decks now! ♦

A Big Thanks to Our Children's Summer Reading Program Sponsors

Bowling Green Sports Center
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Damon's Grill
Dunkin' Donuts
DuPage Children's Museum
DuPage County Fair
Illinois Railway Museum
Jeepers!
Kuiper's Family Farm
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
Old Country Buffet

Back to School Fair

Wednesday, August 10

11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

DuPage County Fairgrounds

2015 W. Manchester Road, Wheaton

As a community outreach service, the Library co-hosts a booth with other libraries at the Catholic Charities' annual Back to School Fair. The purpose of the Back to School Fair is "to increase the opportunities for positive educational experiences and to provide access to health and human services for families living on low incomes in DuPage County."

Volunteers representing more than 150 agencies and service organizations provide health and dental services (by appointment), school supply vouchers, legal and financial guidance, job referrals, education and nutrition, KidCare health insurance, housing, etc. More information is available by calling Catholic Charities at 495-8008. ♦

Ongoing programs for older children

For more information about these or other programs, please call the Children's Services Desk at 653-0755.

Saturday Chess for Kids

Saturday, September 17

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Sign up begins Thursday, September 1

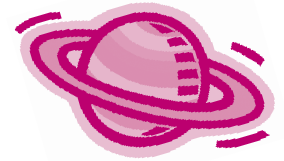
Children ages eight and up are invited to meet and engage in exciting matches with other players the third Saturday of each month. Players should have some knowledge of the game. ♦

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 introduced. Children completing five books in that genre receive the corresponding patch. Patches featured in August and September are "Humor" and "School Stories." Alternate patches are also available. ♦

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.*



Looking Back on the “White City” Tuesday, August 30 7:00 p.m.

Having spent 70-plus weeks so far on the *New York Times* bestseller list, Erik Larson’s *Devil in the White City* has generated a renewed interest in the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Learn more about the art and architecture of the fair and the important personalities behind it at this slide lecture presentation by Jeff Mishur.

You are also invited to discuss the book at the Coffee and a Book group meeting on Monday, August 8 (see below). ♦

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec Tuesday, September 20 7:00 p.m.

Modernity, decadence, and spectacle—the end of the nineteenth century in Paris was an important and exciting time in art history, and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec was one of the period’s key artists. He and his contemporaries will be the focus of this slide lecture presented by art expert Jeff Mishur.

This presentation relates to the Art Institute of Chicago’s special exhibition “Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre,” scheduled for July 16 through October 10. ♦

Quilt Designer Lois Fletcher Wednesday, September 7 7:00 p.m.

Join author and quilt designer Lois Fletcher as she shares her personal journey in quilt making and features many of the original projects from her popular *Quilter’s Home* seasonal quilt design series. She will share tips on how the designs from the books can be intermixed to create even more seasonal projects. Take advantage of this opportunity to get an insider’s view of what is involved in designing quilts, and leave inspired to create some of your own. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Seams Like Fun quilt group. ♦

Saturn Exploration Mission Thursday, September 8 7:00 p.m.

Jim Kovac, a NASA volunteer Solar System Ambassador, will describe the Cassini-Huygens space exploration mission to Saturn. Launched in 1997, Cassini reached Saturn in 2004 to begin its four-year primary mission to explore the mysteries of the planet, its incredible system of rings, and its complement of moons. This presentation will focus on the objectives of the mission, information about spacecraft instrumentation, and, most importantly, the exciting images and results of the mission to date. ♦

Getting Started in Genealogy Tuesday, September 27 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Have you been thinking about getting started on your own family history, but don’t know where to start? This informative program will show you the beginning steps, explained by an expert. Jeffrey Bockman, past president of the DuPage County Genealogical Society, will introduce the basic forms and sources for genealogy research. ♦

Coffee and a Book Monthly book discussion group

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

The Devil in the White City, Erik Larson Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.

This mega-bestseller juxtaposes the true stories of H. H. Holmes, a psychopathic killer, and Daniel Burnham, the architect of the Chicago World’s Fair of 1893.

My Sister’s Keeper, Jodi Picoult Monday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.

Anna was conceived and born into her family to donate blood and bone marrow to her sister, who has a rare form of leukemia. At 13, Anna brings a lawsuit against her family for medical rights to her own body. Join us for discussion of this fast paced and surprisingly uplifting work dealing with medical ethics and family values. ♦

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Outback Steakhouse



Frequently asked questions

Can I renew my items through the Library's Web site?

Yes. Please follow the procedures detailed below. If you have any questions, please contact the Circulation Desk at 653-0755.

- 1) Go to the Library's web site at www.cslibrary.org.
- 2) Click on the Library catalog link.
- 3) Click on the **My Account** tab.
- 4) Type in library card number and PIN (usually the last 4 digits of your home telephone number).
- 5) Click on **login** button. The **Account Overview** page shows number of items checked out, any overdues, fines, etc.
- 6) Click on the **Checked Out** button (located in the blue bar). You will see all of the items you have checked out, their due dates, and whether or not they have been renewed. You are only allowed to renew items one time.
- 7) Check off those items you would like to renew (click in small boxes along the left side of the screen).
- 8) Click on the **Renew** button (located at both the top and bottom of the list of checked out items).
- 9) Scroll down to make sure that items checked were renewed. New due dates should appear in the column along the right-hand side of the screen.
- 10) Remember to **log out** when you are finished renewing items. The **log out** button is located in the upper right hand corner of the screen. ♦

Library Trustee News

Donald C. George retired from the Library Board of Trustees this spring after 10 years of service. A former Carol Stream Citizen of the Year, Mr. George served as Secretary and Chairman of the Property Committee where he was actively involved in the expansion of automated services and space expansion planning. His ideas and input will be missed.

Newly elected to the Board is James F. Bailey, former Citizen of the Year and past President of the Carol Stream Rotary Club. Mr. Bailey was sworn in as a new Trustee on May 18, along with reelected Trustees Robert E. Douglas, Egil H. Anderson, and Mary C. Hudspeath. Other members of the Board are Nancy N. Morrow, Robert B. Ranck, and Barbara E. Siegman. ♦

Donations and Memorials

A donation made to the Library for a Memorial or Honor book is a great way to acknowledge a relative or friend. An Adult or Children's Department Librarian can help you select a title in a given subject and/or price range. A letter of acknowledgement is sent to the honoree or the family of the deceased.

The following were purchased with recent donations:

Donated by Barbara Karamitsos in memory of Mary Karamitsos

My Little Brother by David McPhail

Hello, World by Michael Foreman

Wild About Books by Judy Sierra

The Little Gentleman by Philippa Pearce

First Crossing: Stories about Teen Immigrants by Donald R. Gallo

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J. K. Rowling

Donated by Dick and Elaine Nordmeyer in memory of Mary Karamitsos

Turner: The Life and Masterworks by Eric Shanes

Great Masters of American Art by Jordi Vigué

Donated by the Stratford Bridge Group in memory of Mary Karamitsos

Wonder Woman: The Ultimate Guide to the Amazon Princess by Scott Beatty

Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach

Odysseus retold by Geraldine McCaughrean

Adam Canfield of the Slash by Michael Winerip

Donated by Alex Siciliano in memory of Mario A. DeBenedetti, II

A Father, A Hero: Inspirations and Insights for Every Dad by James Dobson ♦

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:

August 17

September 21

Conference Room – 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Library closing:

- ♦ Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)

Sunday hours resume on September 11. The Library will be open on Sundays from 1:00–5:00.

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Take advantage of all your Library has to offer. Get Carded @ Your Library!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind everyone to register for a library card, "the one free card that brings you a world of opportunity—no matter what your age." Libraries offer books, magazines, and multimedia materials for all ages. Libraries also provide stimulating programming and access to computers, the internet, and librarians, who are available to help recommend materials suitable for various ages and interests.

Anyone registering for a library card this September will receive a bookmark and be entered into a drawing for a book (maximum value \$40.00), which will be donated to the collection in the winner's name.

To apply for a library card, residents must live within the Village of Carol Stream and supply two appropriate forms of identification. Parents or guardians may apply for a library card for children ages three through 17. Please contact the Circulation Desk at 653-0755 for more information on how to get a library card. ♦



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www.cslibrary.org

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