

# Between the Lines

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Newsletter of the Carol Stream Public Library

October–November 2006

## Fall Family Fest

**Saturday, October 7**

**10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Library Barn**

Fun for all is the theme of the second Fall Family Fest to be offered by the Library. Back by popular demand are the kids' pumpkin decorating contest, the Carol Stream Woman's Club bake sale, and musical entertainment. The Friends of the Library will also feature a book sale, including the sale of their red and black tote bags. Bring the entire family for a day of fall fun.

The main event of the day will be folk singer and family entertainer Mark Dvorak, who will take the stage at noon. Mark is a Chicago native who has performed at several area libraries and across the country. His style is based on grassroots music of the past and present, and he is widely known and loved for his audience sing-alongs.

For more information, please see the Library's Web site, [www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org), and Mark Dvorak's Web site, [www.markdvorak.com](http://www.markdvorak.com).

The Fall Family Fest will take place at the Library's barn property, which is on Kuhn Road between North Avenue and Lies Road, just south of the College of DuPage's Carol Stream Community Education Center. We hope to see you at the Fest! ♦



*Performer Mark Dvorak*



*2005 Fall Family Fest –  
Kid's Pumpkin Decorating Contest*



## Halloween happenings

### Halloween Tot Time

**Monday, October 30**

**10:00–10:30 or 11:00–11:30 a.m.**

*Sign up at the Youth Services Desk begins Saturday, October 14*



Library Staff will entertain children three and under with stories, fingerplays, and songs at a special Halloween Tot Time. Parents must remain with their children during the program and costumes are appropriate for the occasion.

### Stories from the Pumpkin Patch

**Monday, October 30, 1:30–2:00 p.m. or Tuesday, October 31, 10:00–10:30 a.m.**

*Sign up at the Youth Services Desk begins Saturday, October 14*

Halloween stories and other seasonal activities will be enjoyed by children five and under. Costumes are encouraged for this event, and there will be a parade in the main Library as part of the program. Parents should plan to remain with their children.

### Trick-or-Treat!

Don't forget to make the Library one of your trick-or-treating stops. Kids who visit the Youth Services Department on October 31 can check out a fun book to read and receive a Halloween treat. ♦

### Check It Out

**Fridays, October 27 and November 10**

**3:30–4:15 p.m.**

*For grades 6–8*

*Sign up begins Saturday, October 7*

The monthly after-school "Check It Out" gathering begins in October. At the first meeting, participants will get a preview of some of the Library's newest books and have the opportunity to share their opinions on what they are currently reading. Then, in keeping with the Halloween season, some spine-tingling tales and reviews of books in this genre will be shared. There will also be door prizes for some lucky winners. Refreshments will be served and featured titles will be available for check-out after the program. ♦

### Tot Time

**Tuesday, November 14**

**10:00–10:30 a.m.**

*Sign up begins Wednesday, November 1*

Tot Time is a program with fun and participation opportunities for youngsters three and under accompanied by a caregiver. ♦

## Children's Book Week 2006: "More Books, Please"

**November 13–19**

Each year, Children's Book Week celebrates the written word in schools, libraries, homes, and bookstores across America by introducing young people to new authors and ideas. The Library invites families to visit the Library and participate in these special Book Week activities:

### Bear Snores On:

#### A Morton Arboretum story time

**Thursday, November 16**

**10:00–10:45 a.m.**

*Sign up begins Saturday, November 4*

Join the Arboretum storyteller for an interactive program about bears. In addition to a story, preschool age children and their caregivers will learn interesting facts about these creatures, play games, and complete a craft activity.

### Family Reading Night:

#### Celebrate Reading...FAMILY STYLE!

**Thursday, November 16**

Family Reading Night is an annual event sponsored by State Librarian Jesse White during Children's Book Week, and is designed to encourage parents and children to become lifelong readers.

Plan now to celebrate by sharing a book with someone you love. Visit the Library between November 1 and 16 and stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a booklog. Then select some books to read at home. After reading together on November 16, bring your completed booklog to the Youth Services Desk to collect your reward. All booklogs should be returned to the Library no later than Saturday, November 25. ♦

## Preschool story time series

**September 25–October 27**

The Library offers a variety of story-sharing series for children birth to five years of age. Although the fall series began in September, there may still be space available. For more information, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127. ♦

## New parent gift packs

The Youth Services Department is distributing complimentary gift packs from American Baby® magazine to new and soon-to-be new parents. The contents include several samples of baby items, as well as valuable coupons and *American Baby's Childbirth Guide*. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for this baby welcome gift. Quantities are limited. ♦

# Teen Read Week 2006: Get Active @ your library®

## October 15–21

### Stay Safe Tactics

**Monday, October 16**  
**7:00–8:30 p.m.**

*Registration is requested*

Pat Collins, retired Chicago Police officer and founder of Stay Safe Tactics, will lead a 90-minute presentation on self protection for women and teen girls.

### DDR Game Night

**Wednesday, October 18**  
**7:00–8:30 p.m.**

*Registration is requested*

Don't miss out on a chance to experience Dance Dance Revolution. Whether you're an expert or have never tried DDR before, this is your chance to play. Join 2006 National In the Groove Champion "LiIQ" Mike Quaintance as he shows us how to groove to the music. Everyone can also play games, enjoy snacks and refreshments, and celebrate Teen Read Week!

### Henna body art

**Wednesday, October 18**  
**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

*Registration is requested*

During Game Night, henna artist Jig Somil will host a workshop on this ancient art form. Jig Somil researches and specializes in traditional and contemporary henna designs. Charm the goddess (or god) in you—come learn about the fascinating history and traditions of henna and wear your creation home. ♦

### School's Out Special: "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over"

**Monday, October 9**  
**1:30–2:45 p.m.**

*For school-aged children*

*No registration required*

This third movie in the Spy Kids series takes you to the third dimension—literally. Watch with special glasses as mini-spy Juni Cortez enters a dangerous virtual reality game that has captured his sister Carmen. The pair must stop the evil Toymaker's game before it takes over the world! 3-D glasses will be provided. Covered drinks and dry snacks are permitted in the Community Room. This film is rated PG. ♦

### School's Out Special: "Earthkeepers: Native American Legends and the Environment"

**Wednesday, November 22**  
**10:00–11:00 a.m.**

*For all ages*

*Tickets available Saturday, November 11*

Take a journey with the Earthkeeper to learn about several Native American tribes. At each stop the storytelling bag is opened and the Earthkeeper will share a story based on its contents. Along the way the audience will encounter live animals, a Lakota drum, and other artifacts as they come to a fuller understanding of the legends of these people. ♦

## An Unfortunate After-Hours Event

**Friday, October 13**  
**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

*For ages 10 and up*

*Registration begins Saturday, September 30*

Beware! An unfortunate event is scheduled to take the unwary completely by surprise. Lemony Snicket fans ages ten and up are forewarned that this unlucky affair will take place after the Library is closed to more carefree patrons. Attendees will mourn the release of Mr. Snicket's thirteenth and final tale in "A Series of Unfortunate Events"

by enduring dismal diversions, pitiful pursuits, and contemptible edibles. Books similar to this novel may also be described to aid booklovers in avoiding further wretched reading experiences. Those who cannot be dissuaded from coming may register for this disaster beginning Saturday, September 30 at the Youth Services Desk. ♦

## Ongoing programs

For more information about these or other programs, please call the Youth Services Desk at 630-344-6127.

### Saturday Chess for Kids

**October 21 and November 18**

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

*Registration is requested*

Children ages eight and up are invited to meet and engage in friendly matches with other players. 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. The featured patch in October is "Scary Stories." In November a "Read-to-Me" patch ties in nicely with Children's Book Week programs. Alternate patches are also available. ♦

# ADULT SERVICES

*Advance registration is requested for the following programs.  
For more information or to register for a program, please stop by  
the Information Desk or contact the Library at 630-653-0755.*

## Identity Theft and Consumer Fraud Information

**Thursday October 12, 7:00 p.m. or  
Wednesday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.**

Identity theft and consumer fraud are growing problems across the country. There are ways to protect yourself and tricks to make prevention easier. The Library is pleased to host Cheryl Channic, Financial Education Coordinator from the Illinois Office of the Treasurer who will share information on prevention of identity theft and consumer fraud. Other topics to be covered include the Illinois Treasurer's Money, Banking and Credit program and the Cash Dash/Unclaimed Property database. ♦



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## Seasonal Decorating Workshop

**Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a comprehensive workshop on seasonal updates for your home with interior stylist Julea Joseph of Reinventing Space, a recurring guest on HGTV's "Decorating Cents." Learn how to freshen up even the most traditional homes with the newest interior trends. Understand and use "Good Bones" accessories that can instantly transform blah and predictable to fabulous and unexpected. Showcase family heirlooms and shop for fun new pieces to continue your holiday collection. Receive a seasonal wish list of accessories for your home and the best new paint colors. ♦

## Coffee and a Book monthly book discussion group

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

***Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Tracy Kidder  
Monday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.**

In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. This true-life story follows Dr. Farmer from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia, to show how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems. One reviewer called it "easily the most fascinating, most entertaining, and yes, most inspiring work of nonfiction I've read this year."

## Take Time to Craft

**Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Work on holiday projects and gifts or other unfinished crafts at the Library. Refreshments will be available. This is also an opportunity to share your work, discuss problems, trade tips, and enjoy each other's company. Register ahead of time or drop in. If you call to register, please indicate if you will need access to an electrical outlet for a sewing machine. ♦

## BookNews

### New email newsletter service

Did you know that you can use your email to reserve fiction titles so new they haven't even arrived yet? Just go to the Library's Web site, [www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org), and click on BookNews, where you can sign up to receive a monthly selection of the newest titles ordered by the Library. You can reserve them right from your inbox! ♦

## Adult program interest survey

The Adult Services Department tries to offer an array of programs on a variety of topics for Carol Stream residents. To better meet the community's needs and interests, we would like to know what program topics interest you and what times would be convenient for you. During the month of October, surveys will be available online at the Library's Web site, [www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org), and in the Library at the Information and Adult Services Desks. Thank you for your input. ♦

***The Kitchen Boy*, Robert Alexander  
Monday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Robert Alexander's historical novel details the final days of the last tsar of Russia, Nicholas II, and his family. It is recounted as the memoirs of a wealthy elderly Chicagoan, Mikhail Semyonov, who was a servant (the kitchen boy) for the royal family while they were in exile before their brutal execution in 1918. The surprising plot twist at the end should spark a good discussion. ♦

## New monthly survey

The Library values community feedback. A big hit during the Library's recent Logo Makeover project was the suggestion box that was placed at the Information Desk for the community to share its ideas. The Library continues this effort with its new monthly survey. Each month a different survey will be placed at the Information Desk and online at [www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org).

The surveys will vary in theme ranging from program ideas to customer service, and will include space for suggestions. The results of each monthly survey will then appear in a future issue of the newsletter and be used by the Library Staff to continue providing the services the community needs and wants. By participating in the Library's monthly survey, you can contribute to the further development of your Library. Please stop in or visit the Library's Web site soon to complete this month's survey!

### July/August Survey Results

#### Question: What services do you use in the library?

Out of 139 online and print responses:  
Borrowing Materials is the most popular at 95%  
Computer use ranked second at 40%  
Attending Library Programs was next at 32%  
Getting Community Information came in at 22%

Additional services listed were:  
Using the Community Room for local organizational meetings  
Librarian assistance for locating items  
Kids playing games  
Using the Library's wireless Internet access

## Carol Stream Christmas Sharing program

The Library is once again serving as a collection point for the annual Carol Stream Christmas Sharing drive. Food and toys will be gathered and distributed to needy Carol Stream residents during the holiday season. All non-perishable food items will be accepted. Other appreciated items include personal care products.

Directors of the Christmas Sharing program request that any toys donated to the cause be new toys in their original packaging and not gift wrapped. Toys are needed for children of all ages, including older children and teens. Clothing and used toys will not be accepted.

A collection box for donations is located near the Circulation Desk. The drive will continue through December 10, at which time donations will be collected by Christmas Sharing volunteers and prepared for distribution. When doing holiday shopping, please think of those in need and buy an extra item or two for the collection box. It will help a less fortunate Carol Stream family have an enjoyable holiday season. ♦

## 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. The Teacher Honor Book program is a lasting way of saying "Thank You" to a special teacher and showing the community of Carol Stream how much you value that teacher. An Adult or Youth Services 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 the Klingberg Family in honor of teacher Mrs. Willard  
*Can You Do This, Old Badger?* by Eve Bunting

Donated by the Klingberg Family in honor of teacher R. C. Lowe  
*The 8th Garfield Treasury* by Jim Davis

Donated by the Klingberg Family in honor of teacher Sarah Thomason  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen ♦

## CAROL STREAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:

October 18

November 15

Conference Room – 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

### Citizens' Committee

Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 p.m.

### Library closings

♦ Wednesday, November 22  
(close at 5:00)

♦ Thursday, November 23  
(Thanksgiving)

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# YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

## Library Funding

In order to better understand the Library, it's necessary to understand how the Library is funded and governed. The Library Board of Trustees sets the policies for the Library and decides how much money goes to different operations and how much needs to be collected in property taxes.

In the last fiscal year, FY2006, 91% of the Library's income came from local property taxes. On a typical property tax bill in Carol Stream, the portion paid to the Library is between 3.5% and 4%, depending on the township. The Library Board works hard to keep the increase in Library taxes paid by individual homeowners to less than 5% per year.

The fines and fees paid by Library users accounts for a little over 1% of the Library's budget.

Money collected from the public copy machines and from patrons paying for computer printouts is a tiny fraction of the Library's income, two tenths of a percent.

Each year the State of Illinois gives a Per Capita Grant to qualifying public libraries. Last year the Carol Stream Public Library received \$49,799, \$1.23 per resident and only 1.5% of our income.

The Library is separate from the Village and does not receive money from the Village.

The Village of Carol Stream is served by seven different public school systems. The Library does not receive money from any of them. Taxes collected by the schools can only be used by the schools.

The Library is very dependent on property taxes to fund operations. Without the support of residents and businesses in Carol Stream, we would not be able to provide our excellent services. ♦

Please visit the Library  
online at:

[www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org)

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Friday–Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(September through May)



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