

# Between the Lines

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## Library seeks Community input

A Library Citizens' Committee was formed this fall to discuss the future of the Carol Stream Public Library and to help chart the course of the Library. Some of the conclusions reached by the Committee are:

- ◆ The Library has outgrown its building.
- ◆ More space is needed for a larger collection.
- ◆ Patrons want more comfortable chairs to sit in while reading.
- ◆ The Library needs to work harder at communicating with the public.

We are very appreciative of the ten men and women who served on the Committee. The Library has some ideas for changes that can be implemented now, and some ideas for guiding future development.

However, we want to hear from more people. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. You can drop off your answers at the Library, mail them in, fax them to 630-653-6809, or send an email to [cstream@cslibrary.org](mailto:cstream@cslibrary.org). The survey will also be available through the month of December on the Library's website, [www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org).

1. What do you see as the role of the Library in the Community?

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2. What are the Library's strengths?

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3. What are the Library's weaknesses?

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4. What does the Library do that you never want to see changed?

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5. What does the Library do that you think should be phased out?

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6. What services should the Library consider adding?

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# YOUTH SERVICES

## Holiday happenings

### Tree decorating

**December 1–23**

The Youth Services Department is looking for children to help decorate the department's holiday tree. Bring a hand-made ornament to the Youth Services Desk and receive a festive thank you gift in return. The Librarians will then invite each child to place what they have brought on the tree. Need ideas? Check out the wonderful holiday craft books on the shelves at the end of the Easy section.



### Family holiday program:

#### Jingle Bell Express

**Saturday, December 2**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.**

*Tickets available Saturday, November 18*

Enjoy musical fun presented as a fast-paced revue. The show features over twenty popular holiday songs performed by four singers and a pianist. Loosely based on "The Twelve Days of Christmas," this holiday entertainment will delight families with children of all ages.

## Winter preschool series

**Five-week sessions begin the week of January 22**

*Sign-up begins Wednesday, January 10*

Children five years of age and under may participate in story programs tailored to their age group. 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. Call the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127 for more details.

### Baby & Me

**Mondays, January 22 through February 19**

**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, January 23 through February 20**

**10:00–10:30 a.m.**

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



### Preschool programs

*Sign up begins Saturday, November 18*

Join storytellers from the Youth Services Department for a festive blend of stories, fingerplays, and other lively seasonal activities!

#### Holiday Tot Time

**Tuesday, December 12**

**10:00–10:30 a.m. or 11:00–11:30 a.m.**

*For ages three and under with adult*

#### Holiday Story Time

**Thursday, December 14**

**10:00–10:30 a.m.**

*For ages three through five*

Parents are encouraged to browse in the main library during the program.

### American Girls® holiday program

**Wednesday, December 13**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

*For ages eight and up*

*Sign up begins Saturday, December 2*

Throughout history, American girls have marked the holiday season through their own unique traditions. This December, girls age eight and up are invited to enjoy holiday stories from the American Girls series and share their own traditions with the group. Refreshments will be served, and girls will work on a holiday craft that they can take home. American Girl® dolls are welcome to accompany their owners. ♦

### Tales for Twos & Threes

**Fridays, January 26 through February 23**

**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, January 25 through February 22**

**10:00–10:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:00 p.m.**

"Story Time" is for children ages three to five. Unlike the other 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. ♦

## Mother Goose Rhymes and Fun Times

**Wednesday, January 10**

**10:00–10:40 a.m.**

*For preschool children accompanied by an adult*

*Sign up begins Saturday, December 16*

Bundle up the children and come to the Library where Mother Goose will be waiting to share her nursery rhymes and songs. This program offers lots of opportunity for participation and activity for the little ones. While you are here, check out some books and sign up for one of the winter preschool story time programs. ♦

## Paws for Reading

**Wednesdays, February 7, February 14, or February 21**

**6:30–8:00 p.m.**

*For grades K–4*

*Sign-up begins Saturday, January 20 at the Youth Services Desk*

During this animal-assisted reading experience, children will practice reading to a certified therapy assistance dog. Each child will be given 15 minutes to sit and read with the animal. Registration is limited. ♦

## School's Out Specials

### Movie: "Hoodwinked"

**Thursday, December 28**

**1:30–2:50 p.m.**

*For ages five and up*

*No registration required*

There's trouble in the 'hood! Instead of the classic telling of Little Red Riding Hood, this screen version begins at the end, when a couple of furry and feathered cops investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's cottage. Covered drinks and dry snacks will be allowed in the Community Room. This film is rated PG. ♦

### Trading Card & Board Game Day

**Tuesday, January 2**

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

*For ages eight and up*

*No registration is required*

Looking for a fun way to keep warm during winter break? Trading card and board game players are invited to participate in a fun-filled hour of gaming. Bring your own or use the Library's board games, or start building decks now for card games like Yu-Gi-Oh, and Magic-The Gathering. Since the emphasis is on fun, the buying, selling, and trading of cards will not be allowed. ♦

### Magic show

**Monday, January 15**

**1:30–2:15 p.m.**

*Tickets available Saturday, January 6*

Everyone loves magic! Join Steve Chezaday for an afternoon of fun and amazement on this no-school day. You'll leave wondering how Steve did all those tricks. Check out the magic book display, too. ♦



## Time Flies with a Good Book! Winter Reading Program

**January 2–February 24**

*For grades 1–8*

Start the New Year by joining the Winter Reading Program and getting a prize! Then take off and pilot your way through fun reading selections using the log you'll get when you sign up. When you have finished recording your books, return the log to the Youth Services Desk for more prizes. ♦



## Ongoing programs

### Saturday Chess for Kids

**December 16 and January 20**

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

*For ages eight and up*

*Registration at the Youth Services Desk is requested*

Young people with a basic knowledge and interest in the game of chess are welcome to play for fun on the third Saturday of the month. ♦

### Check It Out

**Fridays, December 8 and January 12**

**3:30–4:15 p.m.**

*For grades 6–8*

*Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome*

Young adults looking for a great read or some lively after-school discussion are invited to attend the monthly gathering of *Check It Out*. 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. A variety of activities and refreshments are also planned. ♦

### Reading Patch Club

Being a member of the Reading Patch Club is like being in a different reading club every month! Children in grades kindergarten through six select the patch they want to earn and receive a corresponding booklog once each month. Genres include topics such as "Animals," "Mysteries," "New Books," "Folktales," and "Science." A total of 32 colorful patches for jackets or backpacks are available. Kids who have earned six or more patches are also eligible to receive a free tote bag or backpack. To join the Reading Patch Club, stop by the Youth Services Desk. Already a Patch Club member? Be sure to read about the "School's Out Special" on January 15. High achieving Club members will be honored at this magical program! ♦

# 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.*



## Those were the Days: Radio Players West

Thursday, January 18, 2007

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Return with us to the bygone days of radio when Radio Players West present comedy and detective programs based on original scripts from the 1930s to 1950s. Relive—or experience for the first time—the magic of old time radio with sound effects and original music. ♦

## One Book, One Glenbard

Read along with the students! Glenbard Township High School District 87's "One Book, One Glenbard" program has started, and the Library has made multiple copies of *The Body of Christopher Creed* available for checkout. Read the book and attend a free discussion with the author, Carol Plum-Ucci, this February. It's not just for teenagers! More information is available on the district's website, [www.glenbard.net](http://www.glenbard.net). ♦

## Discover the Library's online resources

When it's too cold outside to come to the Library or the Library is closed, keep in mind that there are many resources available through the Library's website, [www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org)!

Online tutors provide one-on-one help in math, science, English, and social studies for students in grades four through 12. **Live Homework Help** is available every day from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. From the Library's homepage, click on the Live Homework Help button.

AskAway is a **chat reference service** available to all Illinois residents. It lets you interact online and in real time with a librarian. This service is available 24/7 and can be accessed by clicking on the AskAway button on the Library's homepage.

Many of the Library's **subscription databases** are available off-site by clicking on the Research a Topic link on the Library's homepage. Examples of databases include ReferenceUSA (business and residential data), D&B's Million Dollar Directory (14 million company records), ProQuest (Illinois newspaper articles), and General Reference Center Gold (articles from thousands of magazines).

**Downloadable audiobooks** are available by clicking on the ListenIllinois link on the Library's homepage. The audiobooks can be burned to a CD, played from your computer, or downloaded to an MP3 player. Over 1800 titles are currently available, and more are being added.

For more information about any of these resources, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123. ♦

## DuPage Writers Group

The Library is pleased to cosponsor the DuPage Writers Group, an organization of area residents interested in writing and publishing their work. Monthly meetings (September–May) are designed to support group members by supplying motivation to write, critiquing each other's work, networking with other writers, providing a

nurturing environment, and sharing ideas and techniques. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for December 11 and January 8 at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

The DuPage Writers Group has also partnered with the Library, the Friends of the Library, and Carol Stream Arts to host a Writers Speaker Series. The

public is invited to attend the next speaker series event, a reading and discussion with Tom Montgomery-Fate, professor of English at the College of DuPage and author of four books of creative nonfiction. Professor Fate will present "The Frame of Memory: Some Thoughts on How to Write Your Life" on January 15 at 7:00 p.m. ♦

## 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.

### ***Nine Horses*, Billy Collins**

Monday, December 11, 10 a.m.

Billy Collins, Professor of English at the City University of New York and a former U.S. Poet Laureate, writes deceptively simple and very definitely accessible poetry for the general public as well as the academic community. *Nine Horses*, one of nine works of poetry published by this author, is a delightful read. Please join us to discuss this work. If you like, bring a favorite short poem by Collins or any other poet to share with the group.

### ***Baker Towers*, Jennifer Haigh**

Monday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.

In the coal mining town of Bakerton, Pennsylvania in 1944, Rose Novak struggles to raise her five children after the death of her husband. As they become adults, each of the young Novaks is torn between two desires: to escape Bakerton for a chance at a better life elsewhere, and to hold on to the bonds of home and family. Haigh creates a convincing portrait of hardworking townspeople whose lives have as much to admire as to escape. ♦

# WDSRA art exhibit

January, 2007

Plan on visiting the Library during January to enjoy an art exhibit created by participants in cultural art programs offered by the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association. WDSRA, a nonprofit organization founded in 1976, provides fun, recreational opportunities to individuals of all ages with disabilities.



## Opening reception

Saturday, January 6

1:00–2:30 p.m.

In addition to the month-long art display, the public is invited to attend an opening reception. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the talented artists and learn more about the programs WDSRA offers. The Library is proud to partner with WDSRA and Carol Stream Arts in hosting this special event for the second year. ♦

## Wireless Internet access available

The Library is a Wi-Fi Hot Spot, offering wireless Internet access to users with wireless-enabled laptop devices. You can use your own laptop to surf the net, check email, or use one of the many online resources listed on the Library's website. There is no waiting, time limit, or cost. ♦



# A note from our Friends



## Friends of the Library tote bags available

Looking for a convenient way to carry home the Library materials you have just checked out, or a special place to store them until it is time to return them to the Library? Then consider purchasing a Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library tote bag. These attractive red and black canvas bags feature a sturdy handle and Velcro closure. Affordably priced at \$5.00 (\$4.50 if you're a member of the Friends), these tote bags make great teacher gifts too.

## Friends of the Library Shop and Share

The Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library are sponsoring a fundraising program on December 4–6 at all Jewel-Osco stores. By shopping at any Jewel-Osco store on these days and presenting the appropriate slip, five percent of your total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated to the Friends. Additional slips are available in the Library lobby.

For information regarding these programs or the Friends organization, please contact Ann Kennedy at 630-653-0755. ♦

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## LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:  
December 20  
January 17

Conference Room – 7:30 p.m.  
The public is invited to attend.

## Library closings

- ♦ Sunday, December 24
- ♦ Monday, December 25
- ♦ Monday, January 1

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# YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

## Promote your organization at the Library

If your organization is looking for a place to meet or to publicize your group to the community, then the Library may be just the location you are looking for. The Library allows local groups to use the Community Room, upon receipt and approval of the meeting room application form. Youth organizations such as 4-H and scouting groups currently take advantage of this free community meeting room space. Many Carol Stream sports-affiliated teams meet at the Library to hold general information and preseason parent meetings. Community and civic groups such as the VFW, FIL-AM Association, and Leo Club, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club gather here too. Various homeowners associations and cultural arts organizations also enjoy the convenience of using this space.

Many area organizations take advantage of the Library's public display space to showcase activities and promote their associations. Two glass display cases located in the Library lobby and one bulletin board located in the main room of the Library may be reserved by individuals or nonprofit organizations wishing to display artwork or information.

The Library is also happy to provide a Community News Board, which features information from local groups regarding upcoming events. Flyers (8 1/2 x 11" maximum) for the news board are subject to approval prior to posting.

Use of the meeting room and display area space is restricted to not-for-profit, non-political groups. Please contact the Head of Circulation Services at 630-653-0755 for more information about reserving the community room or display space. ♦

Please visit the Library  
online at:

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

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