

Between the Lines

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New Library building up for vote in April

On April 17, the Library Board of Trustees will be asking the residents of Carol Stream to vote on a referendum for a new Library building. There will be one question on the ballot, asking the voters to approve the sale of \$25 million worth of bonds to build and equip a new library facility on Kuhn Road. The increase to Carol Stream homeowners will be 14¢ per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. The owner of a \$250,000 home will pay \$98 more per year.

Twice before, in March 2004 and April 2005, the Library Board sought the approval of the voters to sell bonds for the construction of a new building. Both measures were defeated.

From August to November 2006, a Citizens' Committee met to study the future role of the Carol Stream Public Library in the Community. The Committee thought it was important that the Library offer a larger, more accessible collection, comfortable seating, and expanded services. It was the consensus of opinion that the Library should continue to seek voter approval to build a new facility.

The Library Board feels that it is important to give the people of Carol Stream an excellent Library that will enhance the quality of life in the Village. The new Library will be 81,500 square feet. It will feature three meeting rooms, a youth activity room, private study rooms, a quiet reading area, and over 50 public use computers. Other features will include a drive-up book drop, self check-out machines, and community display areas.

The Library will not ask at this time for an increase in the tax rate to operate the new facility. The Board anticipates it will be able to provide services and programs for four to six years before a request for additional operating revenue is needed.

The current library facility has been used to its maximum capacity. Unless a new facility is built, crucial changes will have to be made. Some collections, such as VHS tapes and CD-ROMs, will be eliminated. Other collections will be housed in areas not accessible to the public. Services such as tax forms and community newspapers will no longer be provided. The Community Room may be closed and Library programming curtailed. "The public needs to understand that we can not continue with business as usual in this building," says Board President Robert Douglas.

If the voters pass the referendum on April 17, the architectural firm of Sente Rubel Bosman Lee will draw up the schematic plans and request bids on the project. Construction will start in the spring of 2008 with anticipated building occupancy in the fall of 2009.

A citizens' committee has been formed to promote the passage of the referendum. Anyone wishing to assist the committee can contact Ann Kennedy at 630-653-0755 or email the committee at CSLibraryYes@yahoo.com. ♦

YOUTH SERVICES

Go hog wild at the Library!

To celebrate National Pig Day (March 1), the Youth Services Department will offer several activities for children. No registration is required.



Crafts & More

Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2

Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a make-and-take craft or a piggy puzzle to complete.

School's Out Special Movie: "Babe"

Friday, March 2, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Based on Dick King-Smith's beloved children's novel, "Babe" is the story of an intelligent swine whose talents in sheep herding just might save him from the slaughterhouse. Featuring live-action comedy with state-of-the-art special effects and performances by animal actors, *Babe* is an inventive, heartwarming film. Rated G. ♦

KidSquare at Stratford Square Mall

Wednesday, February 28, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Support your Library storytellers by attending KidSquare Kids Club, a biweekly story time at the mall. On alternating Wednesdays from February 14 through October, librarians from area libraries will share stories and activities for preschool children.

The KidSquare stage is in the storefront next to Carson's on the second floor. ♦

Teddy Bear Story Time and Wellness Clinic

Saturday, March 10

10:30–11:00 a.m., Drop-in Story Time

11:00–12:00, Clinic

*For all ages; under six with an adult
Sign up begins Saturday, February 24*

After a long winter teddy bears and other well-loved stuffed animals will need a check up. Children are encouraged to get their favorite animals in tip-top shape for spring by scheduling an appointment at the Library's Teddy Bear Clinic. This event will be preceded by a drop-in story time featuring lively bear stories and active participation for children and their teddies. ♦

Soil Adventure Mobile

Tuesday, March 27

1:30–2:00 p.m. (grades K–2)

2:00–3:00 p.m. (grades 3–8)

Sign up begins Saturday, March 17

The Soil Adventure Mobile transports The Field Museum to our doorstep! Using scientific displays and hands on activities to bring the world of soil to life, a Field Museum educator will open children's eyes to the amazing diversity of life underground. Plan to be outside; however, in the event of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Community Room. ♦

Polkadot Puppets

Wednesday, March 21

10:30–11:15 a.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, March 10

We're having a puppet show just for preschoolers and their caregivers! Puppeteer Donna Casey has a special program for us with popular children's songs, a puppet show based on a well-known fairy tale, and active participation that the young ones will enjoy. Plan to register for the spring preschool story time series before or after the show. ♦



Spring preschool story time series

Five-week sessions begin the week of April 2

Sign up begins Wednesday, March 21

Children five years of age and under may participate in story programs tailored to their age group. Children must meet the minimum age requirement before the program begins. 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, April 2 through April 30

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, April 3, 10, 24, and May 1

Wednesday, April 18 (due to Tuesday election)

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Toddlers under 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

Fridays, April 6 through May 4

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 during the sessions.

Story Time

Thursdays, April 5 through May 3

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. ♦



Red, White, Blue & You!

Monday, February 19

1:30–2:15 p.m.

For grades K–adult

Sign up begins Saturday, February 10

It's President's Day and the perfect time to learn in a fun and entertaining way about the values on which the United States was founded! Larry Wirtz, a nationally recognized educator, presents an exciting program that offers anecdotal background to the Pledge of Allegiance, the Bill of Rights, the American flag, and other representations of our freedom. George and Abe would love this one! ♦



Time Flies with a Good Book! 2007 Winter Reading Program

January 2–February 24

For grades 1–8

There's still time to join the Youth Services Winter Reading Program and see how "Time Flies with a Good Book!" 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 some prizes that will make your spirit soar. ♦

Young readers to choose a winner

The Library is pleased to once again serve as an official voting site for the Monarch Award and the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award. These awards are issued annually to the books determined to be most popular with students in the State of Illinois.

In order to participate in the Monarch Award program, students in kin-

dergarten through grade three must have read or heard at least five of the twenty nominated titles.

Students in grades four through eight may cast their vote for the Rebecca Caudill Award if they have read at least three of the twenty nominated titles. Past Caudill winners have included *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Hoot*, and *Eragon*.

Paws for Reading: an animal-assisted reading experience

**Wednesdays, February 7,
February 14, or February 21,
6:30–8:00 p.m.**

For grades K–4

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

As the cold winds continue to blow outside, kids can stay warm inside by curling up with a good book and a furry friend. This animal-assisted reading experience offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills with a certified therapy dog. Each child will be given fifteen minutes to sit and read with the animal. Registration is very limited. ♦

Tot Time

Tuesday, March 13

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, March 3

"Tot Time" provides fun and participation opportunities for youngsters three and under accompanied by a caregiver. ♦

Currently nominated titles for both awards are featured in the Library. Interested students may cast their vote from February 1-21. Votes throughout the state will be tallied and the winners announced in March. Since many schools also serve as official voting sites, children should check first with their school library since they may only vote at one location. ♦

Ongoing programs

Check It Out

Friday, February 9 and March 9

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." Along with previews of the Library's newest books there will be some special features. In February, we will be hosting a Poetry Slam for participants to hear poetry and share some of their own. In March, members can attend a special presentation by Dale Roberts, a handwriting analysis expert. Mr. Roberts will provide a crash course on this exciting technique and what your handwriting can reveal about your personality. Refreshments will also be served. For more information, please call 630-344-6127. ♦

Saturday Chess for Kids

February 17 and March 17

1:30–2:30 p.m.

For ages eight and up

Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome

Children 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 February is "Short Stories." In March, "New Books" will be highlighted. 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. If a signer or other special accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123.

A Journey to Sacred Places on Six Continents

Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Presenter Bill Helmuth has lived on four continents and traveled extensively. Join him as he takes you to 25 countries around the world to explore the monumental architectural treasures, intimate shrines, and religious rites and festivals that represent the heritage of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Ba'hai. His dramatic portrayal of these unique cultures, accompanied with art works and personal stories are sure to create lasting memories. ♦



The Hidden Codes of Quilts

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Dr. Clarice Boswell offers the presentation "Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Hidden Codes to Freedom of Slaves through the Underground Railroad" to tell the historical story of quilts made by African-American slaves before the Civil War. She will display and discuss the significance of hidden codes in many of these quilts that enabled fugitive slaves to follow a safe route to the Underground Railroad and eventually to freedom.

Dr. Boswell has written a book called *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom*, in which she tells the story of her great-grandmother's life as a slave. She will be selling her book after the program. ♦

Monthly book discussion groups

Please stop by the Information Desk to register for the next discussion and check out a copy of the book. New members are always welcome.

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night: evening mystery book series

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,
Mark Haddon

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

Late one night, fifteen-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork. Wellington's owner finds him cradling her dead dog in his arms, and has him arrested. After spending a night in jail, Christopher resolves to discover just who has murdered Wellington.

Darkly Dreaming Dexter,
Jeff Lindsey

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Meet Dexter Morgan. He's a highly respected lab technician specializing in blood spatter for the Miami Dade Police Department. He's a handsome, though reluctant, ladies' man. He's polite, says all the right things, and rarely calls attention to himself. He's also a sociopathic serial killer whose "Dark Passenger" drives him to commit the occasional dismemberment. Mind you, Dexter's the good guy in this story.

The Talented Mr. Ripley,
Patricia Highsmith

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Tom Ripley is chosen by the wealthy Herbert Greenleaf to retrieve Greenleaf's son, Dickie, from Italy. With an allowance and a new purpose, Tom leaves behind his dismal city apartment to begin his career as a return escort. But Tom is as captivated by Italy as Dickie is. He insinuates himself into Dickie's world and soon finds that his passion for a lifestyle of wealth and sophistication transcends moral compunction. Tom will become Dickie Greenleaf—at any cost. ♦

Coffee and a Book: morning book series

The Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Monday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.

Daniel, son of a widowed bookseller, has selected a book from the Cemetery of Forgotten Books to save from total destruction. The book is *The Shadow of the Wind*, and Daniel finds out that owning it is dangerous. Why this is so and what happened to its author are the central mysteries of this captivating novel set in post-war Barcelona Spain.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
Monday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.

Betty Smith's first novel, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, has achieved the status of a classic since it was first published in 1943. It is the poignant story of young Francie Nolan and her family and their struggles in the early years of the 20th century. ♦



Frequently asked questions

Can I get tax help at the Library?

During tax season, multiple copies of high-demand federal and Illinois state income tax forms will be available at the Library on a self-service basis, as will master copies of nearly all Illinois and federal forms and publications. Tax forms and publications for 2006 and previous years are also available on the IRS website, www.irs.gov, and Illinois Department of Revenue website, tax.illinois.gov.

The Library will make the forms and publications available as soon as they are received from the government. Please keep in mind that not all forms and publications are distributed by the government at the beginning of the year. If you need a special form or want to check the availability of a specific form, please call the Library and ask to speak to a Reference Librarian.

Tax forms will be located in the Adult Services Department. The Library retains Federal and Illinois state reproducible forms for the current year and five previous years at the Adult Services Desk.

Please remember that while the librarians can help you find whatever tax form you are looking for, the librarians are not tax professionals and cannot give out advice on how to file your taxes. ♦

September survey results

Question: What ways do you use your Library Card?

Out of 62 print and online responses:

Checking out materials from the Carol Stream Public Library: 100%

Accessing my Library Account on the Library's web site: 65%

Checking out materials at other local area libraries: 56%

Accessing the Online Resources on the Library's web site

from a computer outside the library: 45%

Using the internet computers in the Library: 34%

Other responses:

Netlibrary audio books

Thank you for your input!

October survey results: adult program interest

The Adult Services Department conducted a survey to gather community preferences on what programs interest them and preferred days and times to attend the programs. The overwhelming preference for the days and time are evenings early in the week. While the Adult Services Department will continue to offer programming on a wide variety of topics throughout the year, the survey did indicate that a majority of the respondents were interested in programs on food and decorating. Programs related to crafts or hobbies, gardening, and home related topics were also very popular.

The department is already considering the results of the survey when scheduling programs. The "It was a Dark and Stormy Night" book discussion group has been created in response to the survey and will be held on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Information about current Adult Services Department programming and Library events is also available on the Library's website, www.cslibrary.org. ♦

One Book, One Glenbard

Check out a copy of "The Body of Christopher Creed" to learn what District 87 students are reading for "One Book, One Glenbard." **As part of this program, author Carol Plum-Ucci will speak at Glenbard North High School on Thursday, February 22, at 12:15 p.m.** Don't miss this great chance to read a popular teen novel and then meet the author! More information is available on the district's website, www.glenbard.net. ♦

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:

February 21

March 21

7:30 p.m.

Held at the Carol Stream Village Hall

The public is invited to attend.

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YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

Library usage increasing

Your Library is "expanding the horizons" of residents of Carol Stream more than ever! Usage of the Library has gone up over the last two years and is expected to keep going up.

	2004	2006	% change
Items checked out	173,128	189,585	+9.5%
Reference questions answered	31,717	34,412	+8.5%
Online database searches	28,142	31,347	+11.4%
Internet uses	20,108	25,025	+24.5%
Library cardholders	22,351	23,377	+4.6%
Youth program attendance	12,343	17,041	+38.1%

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