

Between the Lines

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Historic Route 66

Monday, August 18, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

For teens and adults

"Get your kicks on Route 66," promises the song recorded by Nat King Cole, Chuck Berry, and the Rolling Stones. Running from Chicago to L.A., Route 66 was America's Main Street, the way west for anybody on a road trip from the 1920s to the early 1960s, and there's a story for every mile. Much of the Pixar movie "Cars" was based on real people and places along Route 66. Join us at the library for a "virtual tour" in music and pictures of Route 66, the most famous highway in America. ♦



Get in the Game, Read!

August 1–31

For children of all ages

Calling all sports fans! There's still time to "get in the game" and join a reading program before the start of school! During the month of August, read five books or listen to five audiobooks and you can score some sporty prizes. There are plenty of fun activities to work on as well. Pick up a book log at the Youth Services Desk today! ♦



Middle school mystery book discussions

Thursdays, August 7 & 14

2:00–3:00 p.m. or 7:00–8:00 p.m.

For grades 6–8

Sign up begins Saturday, July 26

"Get a Clue" may be over, but mystery is still in the air! Join the Youth Services Staff for a discussion of mystery titles featured on the book list for students at Jay Stream School in District 93. Even middle school students who do not attend Jay Stream will find these titles of interest and are encouraged to attend and offer their insights.

Afternoon programs will be repeated in the evening, with different books presented on each date. On August 7, we will discuss *Dead Girls Don't Write Letters*, *The Hooded Hawk Mystery*, *Over Sea Under Stone*, and *The Ravenmaster's Secret*. The following week, on August 14, we will talk about *The Case of the Missing Marquess*, *The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse*, *Shakespeare's Secret*, and *The Westing Game*. ♦

Kindergarten Kids

Wednesday, August 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

For children entering kindergarten

Sign up begins Friday, August 1

Kindergarten Kids is a one-time event for children who are starting grade school this fall. Children will hear stories and participate in activities designed to acquaint them with some of the experiences they will have at school. ♦



Go back to school with Live Homework Help®

Need homework help? Get it at the Library! Beginning August 1, there will be two new exciting changes to the Live Homework Help® service available through the Library's website, www.cslibrary.org, and at the computers in the Library.

In response to requests for younger grade levels, service has been opened up to include kindergarten through third grade students. Service will include grades kindergarten through college introductory classes. In addition, the "Essay Writing" feature has been changed to "Writing Center," reflecting the breadth of writing assistance available to students.

Live Homework Help® is available to all Carol Stream Public Library card holders. The service is available every day from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Help is available in both English and Spanish. ♦

YOUTH SERVICES

To sign up for a program or for more information, please stop by the Youth Services Desk, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127, or visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org.

Movie night: "Spiderwick Chronicles"

Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss this final movie night of the summer!

In this film based on the popular books by Tony DiTerlizzi, twin brothers Jared and Simon Grace, along with their sister Mallory, find themselves pulled into an alternate world full of faeries and other creatures. Unable to explain the strange disappearances and accidents that seem to be happening on a daily basis, the family blames it all on Jared. When he, Simon, and Mallory investigate what's really going on, they uncover the fantastic truth of the Spiderwick estate and the creatures that inhabit it.

Moviegoers may bring dry snacks and covered drinks. Children under six must be with a parent. (Rating: PG; Running time: 97 minutes) ♦

Back to School Fair

Wednesday, August 6, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

DuPage County Fairgrounds

For families with children ages newborn to 18 years old

Families with limited incomes who are residents of DuPage County are encouraged to attend. In addition to the distribution of school supplies, free dental and vision screenings are available. To schedule a school or sport physical, call 630-893-5230. ♦

Thank you to the 2008 Youth Summer Reading Program sponsors

Carol Stream Park District, Coral Cove/Coyote Crossing
Charlestowne 18 Classic Cinema

Classic Cinema (Reading Rewards Sponsor)

Coachlight Skate

Dunkin' Donuts

DuPage Children's Museum

Hammer Marketing (Reading Rewards Sponsor)

Illinois Railway Museum

Kuipers Family Farm

Lou Malnati's

Old Country Buffet

Panera (Reading Rewards Sponsor)

Rainforest Café, Woodfield Mall

Superstar Karate

Have you picked up your prizes?

The Youth Services Department would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's summer reading program. All prizes must be picked up by Sunday, August 31 at 5:00 p.m. Please come to the Youth Services Desk to claim your prizes. ♦



Children enjoyed the Magic and Mystery program with Janet Riehecky on June 26

Tot Time

Tuesday, August 19, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

For ages 3 and under, with an adult

Sign up begins Tuesday, July 15

Be sure to attend the last Tot Time for the summer! Parents and children will enjoy stories that work well with younger attention spans and activities that will keep little ones moving. ♦

Registration for preschool story times
begins Tuesday, September 2.

New to school? We can help!

School is right around the corner. If you have a child who is going to school for the very first time, the Youth Services Department has helpful books such as *Franklin Goes to School* by Paulette Bourgeois, in which Franklin, a little nervous about his first day of school, is helped by his teacher who knows just what to do. In *My First Day of School* by P.K.

Hallinan, a child finds out about nametags, safety, manners, bathrooms, snacks, games, and more. *Hello School! A Classroom Full of Poems* by Dee Lillegard uses poetry to detail the fun and activities of school.

If a video presentation would work well for your child, you may wish to check out "Ready for School," where Gabi and Miles, who are graduating from high school, share their favorite school memories with Elmo. In a similar title, "Get Ready for School," the viewer goes along with Brewster on his first day of school, learning the important attitudes and skills necessary for that important step.

These are just a few resources that may be of interest. For other suggestions, stop by the Youth Services Desk and ask for the "Are You Starting School?" brochure. ♦



ADULT SERVICES

Advance registration for programs is requested but is not required, except where noted. To sign up for a program or for more information, please stop by the Information Desk, contact the Library at 630-653-0755, or visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org.

If a signer or other special accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123.

Thank you to the 2008 Adult Summer Reading Program sponsors

Alberto's Restaurant/Fitzgerald's Tavern
Bowling Green
Brunswick Zone
Buds & Blooms
Carol Stream Park District
Golden China Buffet
Mapleberry Pancake House
Mario's Restaurant
RoccoVino's Ristorante
Turtle Wax
Village Tavern



Have you picked up your prizes?

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Travel with a good book

Suffering from gas station sticker shock? That is not surprising, with prices already over \$4.00 per gallon this summer. Instead of filling up your car's gas tank and hitting the road for summer vacation, travel with a good book. Books can bring locations to life and illustrate a journey. Nonfiction books have always been good for armchair traveling. You can walk the Appalachian Trail in *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson or attend the World's Columbian Exposition in *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. We also think of place when we consider certain fiction writers. Elizabeth Peters brings to mind the Egypt of the Amelia Peabody mysteries and Nevada Barr the U.S. National Parks of the Anna Pigeon mystery series.

While sometimes the setting of a book is so richly described it becomes another character of the book, sometimes the story is all about the journey. Road trips are a common mechanism in novels, especially recently with *Breakfast with a Buddha* by Roland Merullo, *Sideways* by Rex Pickett, and *Getting Mother's Body* by Suzan-Lori Parks.

Besides the fabulous locations you can visit, armchair traveling is less crowded and you don't have to pack. For travel suggestions, visit the Adult Services Department's "Reading Road Trip" book display during the month of August or ask a Reference Librarian for assistance. ♦

Come blog with us!

Would you like to join a book club, but just can't fit it into your schedule? Now you share your love of reading with others when it's convenient for you. The Library's online book club blog is available when you are. Just click on the "Carol Stream PL Book Discussion Blog" link found on the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org. You can also access the online book discussion blog directly at: csplbookdiscussion.blogspot.com.

Join in the July discussion of *The Tin Roof Blowdown* by James Lee Burke, or get ready to discuss the August title, *The Ride of Our Lives: Roadside Lessons of an American Family* by Mike Leonard. Post your opinions and review by using the comments feature of the blog. ♦



Register to vote at the Library

The General Election for federal, state, and county officials will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Are you registered to vote? If not, you can take care of that the next time you are in the library! You must register at least 28 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election. The last day you can register to vote in the November 4 General Election will be Tuesday, October 7. ♦

Make a difference in someone's life—become a volunteer tutor

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom tutor. PEP tutors help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL), basic math or reading. They work once or twice a week for two to three hours. Day, evening and weekend classes are held throughout DuPage County.

The next training series for ESL, reading and math volunteer classroom tutors will be offered on consecutive Saturdays, November 15 and 22, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn campus. The deadline to register is October 31. Space is limited so call early. Spring assignments begin January 14, 2009. For more information, call Joan Morris at 630-942-3788. ♦

