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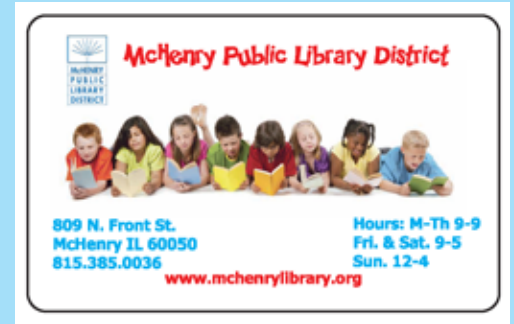
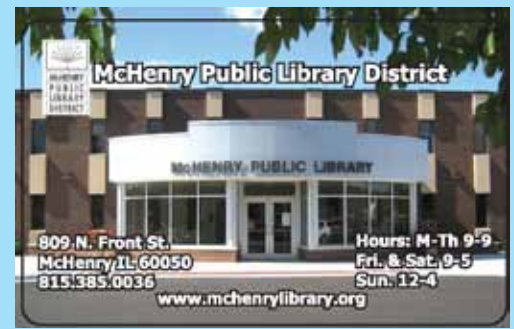
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 8-14, 2012

New Library Cards Available; New Internet Policy for Minors

We have new library cards! There are two versions — one for adults and one for children up to age 18. Library cards are good for two years. Stop in and replace your old card with a new one! Parents must accompany minors under age 18 when getting a card. If you're getting a card for the first time, you'll need a photo ID showing residency in the district.

In addition to new cards, we have a new Internet Policy for minors. The new policy is an "opt-out" one, which means all minors will have access to the Internet while using the library's computers UNLESS their parent/guardian does NOT want this, in which case they must indicate that to our front desk staff at the time a card is issued so staff can make a note of it in the child's account. Remember that all of our YPS public computers are filtered for objectionable websites.



National Library Week April 8-14



Plug in, turn on, and tune in: You Belong @ your library! What's happening at your library? What *isn't*? Whether you're researching, surfing online, using games, reading books, or looking for programs that suit your interests, there's no place better than your public library. This spring, turn your library into a celebration of all the resources it provides your community.

Special Programs During National Library Week

Aragon Ballroom Variety Show Tuesday, April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.



Get swept up in the dances that were popular during the heyday of the Aragon Ballroom: the Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Samba, ChaCha, Rumba and Viennese Waltz. See who will be the "Champagne Lady"! Fully costumed and choreographed, this program is simply fun! For ages 18 and up. **R**

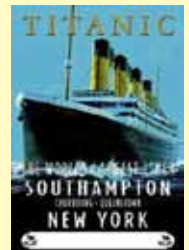
Bubble Wonders Wednesday, April 11, 7-8 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week with bubble-ologist Geoff Akins. Bubble Wonders is full of amazing bubble tricks including the bubble caterpillar, bubble volcano, the dancing bubble, a bubble merry-go-round and much more. Fun and captivating for children and adults alike! **R**



When That Great Ship Went Down: Music to Commemorate the Sinking of the Titanic Saturday, April 14, 2-4 p.m.

Listen to Phil Passen play the dulcimer. Early on the morning of April 15, 1911, the passenger liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic. Orchestras in first and second class on the Titanic that night played popular songs of the day. Irish musicians in third class played rousing jigs and reels. Phil will play some of these, along with energetic Irish tunes. For ages 18 and up. **R**



Registration begins Monday, **February 20** and is indicated with a bold "R." Register online (www.mchenrylibrary.org), in person or call 815-385-0036.



**Don't forget "Moon Over McHenry" Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m.
In our new North parking lot!**

Tax Breaks for Higher Education

**Wednesday, March 7,
7-8:30 p.m.**

Nine tax breaks are available to reduce college costs. These tax breaks aren't just for the 18-22 year old; Mom and Dad can qualify, too. Learn what qualifications the family, the student, and the classes must meet for the American Opportunity Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit, Education IRAs, and other tax breaks. Presented by Karen Chan, CFP and Consumer & Family Economics Educator with University of Illinois Extension.



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Spring Stamping with Darla

**Saturday, March 10, 10-12
OR 1-3 p.m.**



Darla's back! Have fun while making a Mother's Day card, Easter card, or Spring Greeting Card. MPLD cardholders only. **R**

The ABCs of Photo Organization

**Saturday, March 17,
10 a.m. - noon**

Have boxes of old photos under the bed? Thousands of digital photos on the computer? Get practical tips and learn about organizing your old and new photos, digital or film, with Monica Lee of the Association of Personal Photo Organizers. **R**



Music Series

In addition to the Phil Passen Titanic program on page 2, consider these:

Musical Gems from America's Past

**Tuesday, March 13,
7-8:30 p.m.**

Ray Kamalay is a gifted performer. He sings spirituals, blues, and jazz songs with guitar accompaniment. He combines the performance of African spirituals, ragtime music and early jazz with discussion of the evolution of American music. **R**



This Land is Your Land: Woody Guthrie and the Great American Folksong

Sunday, May 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Woody Guthrie's 100th birthday with music and stories featuring Bucky Halker. Coming of age during the Dust Bowl and Great Depression, Guthrie, one of the greatest folksong writers, wrote hundreds of songs and became the voice of the nation's downtrodden, unemployed and homeless. At the same time, Guthrie's work celebrated the nation's natural beauty and its great democratic potential. Bucky Halker is a performer, songwriter, and recording artist who also holds a PhD in American History. He has lectured and performed throughout the USA, Canada, and Europe. **R**



The Mystery of Living: Packing for Syria with Agatha Christie

**Sunday, March 18,
1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Women's History Month by spending the day with Agatha Christie, England's "Queen of Crime." In this living history portrayal, actress Betsey Means portrays Agatha Christie, "the Queen of Crime," in 1949 as she packs for Syria, where she will be joining her husband Max Mallowan on one of his archaeological digs. Hear Christie's views on archaeology, writing, marriage, and the mystery of living. **R**



What is Sustainable Gardening and How Can I Do It?

**Tuesday, March 20,
7-8:30 p.m.**

Learn about how to create and maintain a sustainable garden, a garden that is good for you and good for the earth:) Find out how to use mulch, compost, prevent pests, and retain storm water to create an attractive and sustainable garden. Presented by Brenda Dahlfors, Master Gardener Program Coordinator, University of Illinois Extension McHenry County. **R**



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Adult Programs

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E-Reader Workshops

I got a Kindle — now what??

Tuesday, March 20 OR April 24 OR May 22, 7-8 p.m.

Do you own a Kindle e-reader but need some help learning how to download free e-books from the library? Please join us for this demonstration. Register in person or by phone. MPLD card required.



I got a NOOK — now what??

Wednesday, March 21 OR April 25 OR May 23, 7-8 p.m.

Do you own a NOOK e-reader but need some help learning how to download free e-books from the library? Please join us for this demonstration. Register in person or by phone. MPLD card required.



Southern Italy with Ralph Danielsen

Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Travel to Southern Italy with Ralph Danielsen! Southern Italy boasts great archeological gems and strange sights, sun-drenched towns, the western world's most densely populated city, and hair-raising drives to cliffside villages. You will explore the colors and contrasts of this fascinating land, from Adriatic fishing towns to the Amalfi Coast, animated Napoli to charming Capri, perfect beach resorts to mighty Vesuvius guarding its kill, and ancient Greek temples to igloos built of stone. **R**



Couponing 101 with Christy

Thursday, April 5, 7-8:30 p.m.



Would you like to cut your grocery bill in half? Couponing 101 will give you the tools you need to maximize your savings at the stores and online. Whether you work full time, part-time, are a stay-at-home mom or even a bachelor, you can learn how to plan efficient shopping trips so you spend both your time and your money wisely. If you're new to couponing or a seasoned pro, you're sure to learn something that will help you save. **R**

Computer Classes

Register in person or by phone with your valid MPLD card number. Class size is limited, so register early!

Computer Basics/Intro to Internet Class

Tuesday & Thursday, March 6 & 8 OR April 10 & 12 OR May 8 & 10, 10-11:30 a.m.

This two-day class is for beginners to learn the basic parts and terminology of the computer, mouse skills, plus an Internet overview with simple searching strategies.

Basic Word Processing

Tuesday & Thursday, March 13 & 15 OR April 17 & 19 OR May 15 & 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

For the beginner to learn the basic features of Microsoft Word. Should have basic computer/mouse skills.

E-Mail Basics

Tuesday & Thursday, March 20 & 22 OR April 24 & 26 OR May 22 & 24, 10-11:30 a.m.

This two-part class is designed for the beginner, but you should have basic computer/mouse skills. You are also required to have a Yahoo email account before class begins. Please see Adult Services staff if you need help with this.

Don't own your own e-reader but want to try one out? Check out one of our NOOKs for a few weeks, pre-loaded with FREE e-books! All you need is a MPLD library card.

org), in person or call 815-385-0036. Adult programs are for ages 18 and up unless otherwise noted.

Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team

Sunday, April 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.



Team members will discuss their history dating back to

the original 8 members from 1959 to the current 150+ member team that has become nationally recognized and a leader in the sport. Learn about the different acts, boats, ropes, costumes, fundraising, community involvement, pyramids, jumping and more. Get information on their upcoming ski season! **R**

Relaxation Techniques

Tuesday, April 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

Learn relaxation techniques and go beyond the standard Progressive Muscle Relaxation (PMR) or Guided Imagery commonly



encountered. This lecture combines the most effective techniques utilized in Europe and Asia. Presented by Eugene Roginsky, licensed clinical social worker and Psychotherapist at LifeCare. **R**

The Joys of Jello

Saturday, April 21 10-11:30 a.m.



I never knew Jello could be so much fun! Join Amy Alessio for another fun program,

this time about Jello, of all things! Jello has become a staple of American cuisine and is popular in salads, desserts and more. Find out the history of Jello while sampling Jello in cups and Jello pudding. **R**

Sunday Movies @ Your Library

Come watch a great movie, with a possible discussion afterwards. Movies will begin at 1 p.m. sharp. For adults 18 and up; no kids, please. No registration needed.

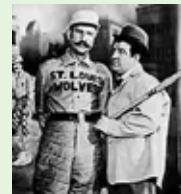
March 11 — Baseball in the Movies. Get in the swing of things for the 2012 Baseball Season! Celebrate the greatest all-American pastime with a spectacular collection of clips from classic baseball films peppered with hilarious anecdotes featuring your favorite stars! Enjoy scenes from "Take me out to the Ballgame", "Pride of the Yankees", Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First" routine, and many, many more.

Five free DVDs will be given away by presenter Steven Frenzel of Marquee Movie Presentations.

April 1 — "J. Edgar." Rated R.

May 13 — "Paranormal Activity 3." Rated R.

Volunteers are needed to help with this program. See the Adult Services Volunteer Coordinator.



MONEY SMART WEEK ...

Making Your Money Last in Retirement

Saturday, April 21, 2-3:30 p.m.



Learn strategies for managing your investments, retirement plans, and expenses in retirement

to ensure you don't outlive your money. How can you determine a sustainable amount to withdraw from your assets each year? Should you buy an annuity? Most financial workshops talk about ways to build your wealth while you're working; this workshop will talk about how to stretch what you've got. Presented by Karen Chan, CFP and Consumer & Family Economics Educator with University of Illinois Extension. **R**

Oh, Just Bury Me in the Backyard!

Thursday, May 3, 7-8:30 p.m.

Death and dying are natural parts of life, and yet many of us are uncomfortable discussing them with our loved ones. Gerontologist and hospice volunteer Loretta Downs, a nationally recognized speaker and writer, uses humor and personal stories to present this delicate subject in positive terms. She will teach you how to talk about death with your loved ones, the ways in which you can prepare, how to be present for a loved one living the end of his or her life, and where to find gratitude. **R**



Adult Programs (continued)

Cinco de Mayo for Gringos! Saturday, May 5, 2-4 p.m.



Chef Michael Niksic, aka The Food Mercenary, is back and will host his own take on Cinco De Mayo - FOR GRINGOS!

Michael will demonstrate easy-to-make main dishes and multiple side dishes that can enhance any Mexican Cuisine meal. He will make Chorizo & Refried Beans, Vegetables & Yellow Rice, pico de gallo, and chicken & vegetable filling that can be used in many recipes. Quick recipes, and bottom up recipes will be utilized and handed out. As always the music and laughs will accent the food and make for another memorable program. Substantial tastings for all in attendance. **R**

Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease Saturday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

This program is designed to help persons with dementia and their caregivers understand legal and



financial issues, how to make key decisions, and ways to put plans in place. While the information in this program is not a substitute for professional legal or financial advice, it is an overview of important issues to consider and viable options to explore. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Illinois Chapter and McHenry elder lawyer, Melissa Wick. Light refreshments will be provided. **R**

Good Food Fast: The 20th Century Dining Revolution Tuesday, May 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

This program tells the story of how our favorite dining establishments evolved from Fred Harvey railroad dining cars and urban lunch counters through words, photos, and music. From carhops to cookie-cutter franchises, from familiar foods to unique eats, this program will satisfy a thirst for knowledge although it may leave you hungry for more! **R**



For History Buffs ... Fort Dearborn and Beyond - War of 1812 Bicentennial Wednesday, May 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join Nancy McCully as she presents timely information about the massacre at Fort Dearborn, the home of Chicago's earliest residents, and one of the early battles in the War of 1812. She'll discuss this important event in Chicago's history and learn what happened next. See how Midwestern battles at Mackinac, Detroit, the River Raisin, Fort Meigs, and Put-in-Bay helped determine the future of our region and America. **R**



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Basket Weaving Saturday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Make a beautiful basket with expert basket maker, Mary Price, in one session. See samples of each at the Questions Desk. For MPLD cardholders only. **R**



AARP Safe Driving Class Thursday & Friday, May 24 & 25, 12- 4 p.m.



This is a two-part program. Registration automatically enrolls you for both sessions. Cost is \$12 for AARP members (bring card); \$14 for non-members. Fee covers both sessions and should be paid with a personal check on the first day of class. Completion of the course may entitle you to a discount on your auto insurance. **R**

Chasing Venus Across the Sun Tuesday, May 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

Until June 8, 2004, no one alive had seen a transit of Venus — a rare phenomenon in which we can see Venus as it passes across the face of the sun. After the next transit on June 5, 2012, chances are high that no one alive today will see the next one in 2117. Michelle Nichols from Chicago's Adler Planetarium will highlight past Venus transits and what we learned from them, explain how you can see the June 5 transit, and show how transits are being used now to find planets around other stars. **R**



MAGIC: The Gathering

When: Tuesdays, March 6, April 3 & May 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Who: Ages 11 & up



Join us for a Magic tournament. Come for prizes, or just for fun. ALL attendees will receive a FOIL CARD (while supplies last). BRING YOUR OWN DECK. Standard TYPE II-constructed format. **R**

Spinebreakers

When: 2nd Saturday of the month, 1-2 p.m.

Who: Ages 13-18

Grab a friend and these books and we'll talk about them. **R**

March 10 — Wrapped by Jennifer Bradbury



April 14 — Five Flavors of Dumb by John Antony



May 12 — The Girl of Fire and Thorns by Rae Carson



Anime Review Board

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Who: Grades 9-12

Bring a friend and review anime (Japanese animated films) on our big screen. No registration required.

Hunger Games Challenge!

When: Friday, March 23, 1-3 p.m.

Who: Grades 5-12

May the Odds be Ever in Your Favor as you compete against others in challenges based on the Hunger Games books. **R**



I got a Kindle — now what??

Tues., April 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Who: Grades 6-12

Have a Kindle e-reader but need some help learning how to download free e-books from the library? Register in person or by phone. MPLD card required.



I got a NOOK — now what??

Thurs., April 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Who: Grades 6-12

Have a NOOK e-reader but need some help learning how to download free e-books from the library? Register in person or by phone. MPLD card required.

Money FUNdamentals

When: Wed., May 2, 7-8 p.m.

Who: Ages 11-18

Teens, 'tweens and their parents are welcome to come to this workshop, which will help them better understand their money and credit. Presented by the University of Illinois Extension Office. **R**



Page Turners

When: 4th Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

Who: Grades 4-8

Join friends for an hour of fun discussing each month's book. Pick up a free copy when you register. Snacks provided! **R**

March 24 — Faith, Hope, and Ivy June by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

April 28 — Whales on Stilts by M.T. Anderson

May 26 — One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Free Comic Book Day Saturday, May 5

Stop by the Questions Desk and pick up a free comic book. There will be a variety of titles for various ages. One per person, please!



McHenry High School Student Art Exhibits @ the Library

April 23-29: East Campus Advanced Placement & Honor Students

Reception: Tues. April 24, 6 p.m.

April 30 - May 6: East Campus All- Student

Reception: Tues. May 1, 6 p.m.

May 7-13: West Campus Advanced Placement Students

Reception: Tues. May 8, 6 p.m.



Reading "Fur" Fun

When: Saturdays, March 3, April 7 & May 5, 10 a.m. - 12
Who: Ages 5-13



Sign up for a time slot between 10 and 11:45 a.m. at the Questions Desk. Bring your favorite book to read to a licensed therapy dog. Dog owners will be present. **R**

Sid the Science Kid

When: Thursdays, March 15, April 19 & May 17, 1-2 p.m.
Who: Ages 3-6 w/parent

Watch a "Sid the Science Kid" episode, then do a creative activity. **R**



Book Munchers

When: Saturdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19, 1-2 p.m.
Who: Grades 1-3



Join us for an hour of fun traveling through books with amazing activities! **R**

Make a Flower Pot with High School Art Students

When: Wednesday, March 21, 6-7 p.m.
Who: Grades 1-5



Get ready for Spring by decorating flower pots with the McHenry H.S. National Art Honor Society. Supplies provided. **R**

Go "Fetch" Science Club

When: Saturdays, March 24, April 28 & May 26 2-3 p.m.
Who: Ages 6-10

Join our science club with Ruff Ruffman. Watch an episode of PBS's "Fetch!", enjoy a snack and perform a science-based activity. **R**



Lego™ Club

When: Monday, March 26, 2-3 p.m. & Wednesday, April 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Who: Grades K-5

Drop in and bring your imagination to build a Lego creation to display in the Library.



Take-Home Crafts

Stop by the Questions Desk during these dates (or until supplies run out) and pick up a craft kit to take home. For all ages.

February 26-March 3 — Lorax Puppet

March 11-17 — Lucky O'Paddy Days

April 1-7 — Spring Chick

May 6-12 — Baby Bird Nest

Free Comic Book Day Saturday, May 5

Stop by the Questions Desk and pick up a free comic book. There will be a variety of titles for various ages. One per person, please!



Please note: Some programs provide snacks. If you'd like to see a list of ingredients, please see YPS staff.

Also, children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver while in the library.

Bubble Wonders

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Who: All ages

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Check Out These Spring Break Programs!

Mad Science — All About Magnets!

When: Tuesday, March 27, 10-10:45 a.m.
Who: Ages 3-6



Learn how and why magnets work, and how they lose their magnetism. You'll get to do hands on experiments - from swing compasses to motorized devices - that allow you and a parent to explore the science of magnetism. **R**

Mad Science — Sticky Stuff!

When: Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m. - noon
Who: Grades K-4

Perform experiments to test the properties of sticky things. Do hands-on activities to explore natural and synthetic adhesive materials. **R**



Hop Into Spring with Laura Doherty

When: Wednesday, March 28, 11 a.m. - noon
Who: Ages 2-6



Move, Dance and Sing with Laura! Bring in Spring with lots of fun and a new spring visitor.

Geared towards ages 2-6, but older kids are welcome. **Register in person and pay \$1 fee per child.** **R**

"Truly Remarkable Loon" Juggler, Stuntmaster

When: Thursday, March 29, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Who: Ages 3 & up

From chairs to lamps to sporting equipment, if it isn't nailed down you can't stop the Loon from tossing it in the air! Loon's shows are loaded with gravity-defying juggling and balancing feats, wacky stunts, sidesplitting comedy, and large doses of fun. **R**



Art with Artist Rose Shusis

When: Friday, March 30, 10-10:45 a.m.
Who: Ages 3-6 w/ parent

Kids and their parents will make a spring bouquet. Please only enter your child's name when registering; parents will automatically be counted. **R**



Fingerprint Critters with Rose

When: Friday, March 30, 11 a.m. - noon
Who: Grades K-4



Get ready for spring! You will make your own jar of critters from your own fingerprints. **R**

Celebrate Día de los Niños with Kay Weeden!

When: Wednesday, April 25 7-8 p.m.

Who: All ages

Enjoy stories in "Spanglish" with bilingual storyteller Kay Weeden! **R**



May Baskets with the Garden Club

When: Friday, May 4 1-2 p.m.
Who: Grades K-5



Come in and get ready for May Day with the McHenry Garden Club! We will put together a May Basket to surprise someone with. Please wear clothes that can get dirty! **R**

National Lost Sock Day Craft

When: Wednesday, May 9 4-5 p.m.
Who: Grades K-5

Celebrate National Lost Sock Memorial Day by making your very own sock puppets! **R**



Children's Programs (continued)

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Piggies Everywhere!

When: Thursday,
March 1,
1-1:45 p.m.

Who: Ages 3-6



Celebrate National Pig Day with a piggy storytime and craft! **R**

New — Storytime at Panera Bread!

When: Wednesdays at 10-10:30 a.m.

March 21, April 18 & May 16

Who: Ages 3-6

Come listen to stories and enjoy some cookies and milk at the McHenry Panera Bread. Each storytime will have songs and fingerplays and ... lots of fun. **R**



PuppetTime

When: Tuesdays, March 27, April 24 & May 22, 6:30-7 p.m.

Who: All ages w/parent

Puppet fun in this half-hour family program. Children will learn a few Spanish words and phrases. **R**



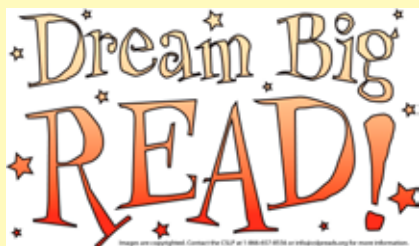
Spring Storytimes — "Special Days" — April 9-May 4

Please register child for only one session. Family & Fun for All Storytimes are separate weekly programs, so each attendee must register for each week individually. Registration begins **February 20** and can be done in person, online (www.mchenrylibrary.org) or by phone (815-385-0036). No older siblings in Lapsit, please.

Lapsit	12-23 mos.	Mondays	10-10:30 a.m.	with parent
Family Storytime	geared to 3 & up	Mondays	6-6:30 p.m.	with family
Preschool Stories	3-to-6 year-olds	Tuesdays	10-10:30 a.m.	w/out parent*
Fun for All Storytime	all ages	Wednesdays Thursdays	1-1:30 p.m. 10-10:30 a.m.	with parent
Music Makers	3-to-6 year-olds	Fridays	1:30-2 p.m.	w/out parent*

**Parent must remain in library*

Mark Your Calendars — Summer Reading Kickoff is June 2!



"Dream Big — Read!" That's this year's summer reading theme for children. The teen theme is "Own the Night" and for adults, it's "Between the Covers." Join us as we Dream Big this summer — and win prizes just for reading! Stop by on **Saturday, June 2 from 10 to 2**, sign up and start reading! You can also sign up for our many programs throughout the summer.

Director's Desk

Greetings, readers!



We've got some very exciting news items this month. Starting in March, we'll be giving out new library cards to customers at no charge. There will be one card for adults (over 18 yrs. old) and another card for children and teens up to 18 years old. The cards will also have an expiration date on them so you will know when it comes time to renew.

Also, the library is officially going to an "Opt Out" Internet access policy. This means that all children/teens will have Internet access while using the library's public computers UNLESS their legal parent/guardian denies that privilege at the time of card issuance. The parent can also come in to change that privilege at any time. This is a major change in the way that the library has handled Internet access and is a direct result of the prevalence of the Internet and ready accessibility to it by children in today's society.

In an effort to keep up with eMedia requests — especially regarding access from home, we'll also be expanding our selection of e-Books available through OverDrive, and starting a new eMagazine collection available through Zinio and accessible through our website.

Over the past several years, the library has partnered with the McHenry School Districts 15 and 156 in "Character Counts." This year Character Counts will be helping to sponsor St. Baldrick's Day to help local children fight cancer. I, along with Bill Edminster, Assistant Director, and our Board President Frank Marasco, will be shaving our heads to help the cause on March 15 at the community shave along with other local officials. We are seeking sponsors and donations for the event — you'll see donation requests when you visit the library. This event is just one of the community functions that the library seeks to be involved in to enrich our community.

The library resources, facilities and staff are here to serve you, the customer. We recognize that you have several libraries in the area from which to choose even though you may pay property taxes in one area, and we are glad that you choose the McHenry Public Library.

James C. Schell

Friends' Spring Used Book Sale

When: Weekend of April 21-22

Hours: Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 4 p.m.

Where: Warehouse behind library; use north parking lot entrance



The Friends are looking for volunteers to sort donations, and item donations for the sale. Attendees will be charged to bring in scanners.

There will be a Friends pre-sale on Thursday, April 19, from 6 to 8, during which time the Friends' meeting will be held. In order to attend the pre-sale, you must be a member of the Friends by March 31, 2012. No scanners will be allowed during the pre-sale.



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Adult Book Discussion Groups

Adults 18 and up are invited to participate in these book discussion groups. No registration is required. Copies of the books are available for checkout at the front desk.

History Group Meets at 7:30 p.m. on:

March 1 — Starman: the Truth Behind the Legend of Yuri Gagarin by Jami Doran & Piers Bizony

April 5 — Escaping the Delta: Robert Johnson and the Invention of the Blues by Elijah Wald

May 3 — The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation by Elizabeth Letts

Contemporary Group Meets at 7 p.m. on:

March 12 — The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

April 9 — The Leisure Seeker by Michael Zadoorian

May 14 — Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Classic Literature Group Meets at 7 p.m. on:

March 19 — The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene

April 16 — The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

May 21 — I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou



Writer's Group for Adults

If you love writing and want to get and share ideas with other amateur writers, this is the group for you. Meets the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. on:



March 26 & April 23 (no meeting 5-28 due to Memorial Day holiday)

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - Noon to 4 p.m.

Library Closings

April 8, May 28

Photo Policy

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