



McHenry Public Library District

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**McHenry Public Library District
Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday October 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.
1st Floor Conference Room**

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Beaderstadt, President
- II. ROLL CALL** – Monica Leccese, Secretary
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING (Action)**
SECRETARY'S REPORT – Monica Leccese, Secretary
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 20, 2016

TREASURER'S REPORT – Charles Reilly, Treasurer
Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through
September 30, 2016 and Bill Reports for Aug/Sept 2016
Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)
Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS**
- VIII. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the September 20, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. RFID project – discuss scheduling visits to other area libraries
2. Board self-evaluation process - ongoing

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval and release of the Sept. 20, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. **(Action)**
2. Approval of the Revised BAO, Ordinance 2016/2017-3 **(Action)**
3. Approval of the Budget Ordinance No. 2016/17-4 (levy ordinance). **(Action)**
4. Review Draft Audit to be handed out the night of the meeting. **(No Action)**

XII. ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 20, 2016

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room (Public Hearing)

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, and Jill Stone

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Scholtz, Executive Director
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director
Debbie Gunness, Business Manager

I. Call to Order:

President Baderstadt called the public hearing meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established. See # 1 on attached sheet.

III. Public Forum

No public were in attendance.

The Board reviewed the FY2016-2017 Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (TBAO). Scholtz answered questions regarding some changes to the Final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

IV. Adjournment

Leccese moved and Reilly seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. See # 2 on attached sheet.

Date: September 20, 2016

Time: Following the Public Hearing

Location: Library Board Meeting Room (Regular Meeting)

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, and Jill Stone

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Scholtz, Executive Director
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director
Debbie Gunness, Business Manager

I. Call to Order:

President Baderstadt called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established. See # 3 on attached sheet.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None

V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors

None

VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting

Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 23, 2016

Treasurer's Report – Charles Reilly, Treasurer

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through

August 31, 2016 and Bill Reports for August/Sept 2016

Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

The Board reviewed the regular board minutes, financial statements and bills.

Schubert moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 23, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through August 31, 2016, the Bill Reports for August/September 2016, and payment of the bills. Motion passed 7-0. See # 4 on attached sheet.

VII. Communications

None

VIII. Librarian's Report

- New law effective 1/17/17 requiring an Ordinance or Resolution for Board expenditures
- CCS Director has resigned. Top 4-6 candidates will meet in October for interviews
- The solar panel array will be installed by Gillespie Design and Magitek Energy Solutions, Inc. The process will take about 2 weeks.
- The library plans to offer an online high school diploma program through Gale/Cengage.
- RFID library visits for Board members and library staff during September/October
Visiting area libraries with RFID (Wauconda, Lake Zurich, Barrington, Fox Lake, Highland Park, Algonquin, Oswego, Montgomery and Shorewood, WI).

IX. Old Business

Updates on Petersen Farm garden, Chautauqua, etc.

- Chautauqua – Scholtz has been in contact with host from South Dakota
- Petersen Farm Garden – Master gardener program might take over
- Books housed in private areas to promote reading

X. Executive Session

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 executive session minutes.

Grala moved and Carey seconded a motion to go into executive session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 executive session minutes. Motion passed 7-0. See # 5 on attached sheet.

Leccese moved and Schubert seconded a motion to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. See # 6 on attached sheet.

No action was taken.

XI. New Business

1. Process started to review Executive Director's performance and evaluation (Evaluation due end of November 2016)

Scholtz distributed performance and evaluation forms for the board and will also provide them via email.

2. Discussion/Approval of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2016/2017-3

Reilly moved and Grala seconded a motion to approve the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2016/2017-3 for the McHenry Public Library District for the FY beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Motion passed 7-0. See # 7 on attached sheet.

3. Approval and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.

The Board reviewed the executive session minutes in Executive Session. Grala moved and Leccese seconded a motion to approve and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. Motion passed 7-0. See # 8 on attached sheet.

XII. Any and All Other Business Which May Properly Come Before the Board

For future audits, Grala has requested that the Board receive a reminder email of upcoming audits. She also felt that the Board Treasurer would be the best contact person during future audits, because they are more knowledgeable of the library's finances.

XIII. Adjournment

Stone moved and Reilly seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. See # 9 on attached sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

1. Roll Call at 7:04 p.m.
2. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.
3. Roll Call at 7:27 p.m.
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 23, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through August 31, 2016, the Bill Reports for August/September 2016, and payment of the bills.
5. Motion to go into executive session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 executive session minutes.
6. Motion to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.
7. Motion to approve the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2016/2017-3 for the McHenry Public Library District for the FY beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.
8. Motion to approve and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

DATE: September 20, 2016 Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.	Kathy Beaderstadt	Margaret Carey	Delphine Grala	Monica Leccese	Charles Reilly	Bradley Schubert	Jill Stone
1. Roll call at 7:04 p.m.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.	Y	Y	Y	(M)Y	(S)Y	Y	Y

DATE: September 20, 2016 Called to Order: 7:27 p.m.	Kathy Beaderstadt	Margaret Carey	Delphine Grala	Monica Leccese	Charles Reilly	Bradley Schubert	Jill Stone
3. Roll Call at 7:27 p.m.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 23, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through August 31, 2016, the Bill Reports for August/September 2016, and payment of the bills.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	(M)Y	(S)Y
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6. Motion to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.	Y	Y	Y	(M)Y	Y	(S)Y	Y
7. Motion to approve the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2016/2017-3 for the McHenry Public Library District for the FY beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.	Y	Y	(S)Y	Y	(M)Y	Y	Y
8. Motion to approve and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.	Y	Y	(M)Y	(S)Y	Y	Y	Y
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.	Y	Y	Y	Y	(S)Y	Y	(M)Y

A=Abstain, M=Motion, N=No, NP=Not Present, P=Present, S=Second, Y=Yes

MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2016

McHenry Public Library District
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2016

8:20 PM
10/12/2016
Cash Basis
Sep 30, 16

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1060 - First Midwest Bank-Money Market

1060100 - MM - General - First Midwest 1,578,146.00

1060200 - MM - Spec Reserve-First Midwest 1,747,989.71

1060300 - MM - Grant & Gift-First Midwest 462,212.53

Total 1060 - First Midwest Bank-Money Market 3,788,348.24

1070100 - HSA/Building - First Midwest 371,364.32

1615100 - General Account - First Midwest 19,957.87

1625100 - Payroll Account - First Midwest 107,060.53

1635100 - Imprest Account - First Midwest 4,999.19

1045100 - PROPAY 5,692.44

1150100 - FirstMerit-MoneyMarket- 4/22/11 200,123.18

Total Checking/Savings 4,497,545.77

Other Current Assets

1005100 - Petty Cash 800.00

Total Other Current Assets 800.00

Total Current Assets 4,498,345.77

TOTAL ASSETS 4,498,345.77

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

3010100 - Fund Balance - General 1,607,104.80

3010200 - Fund Balance - Special Reserve 1,744,332.86

3010300 - Fund Balance - Grants & Gifts 465,934.67

Net Income 680,973.44

Total Equity 4,498,345.77

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 4,498,345.77

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
September 2016

8:22 PM
10/12/2016
Cash Basis
Sep 16

Income	
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,315,898.79
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00
6030100 · Interest Income - General	45.07
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	69.55
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	18.43
6050100 · Fines	3,434.38
6055100 · Collection Fees	10.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	1,284.96
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	5.15
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	725.10
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	80.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	123.75
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	294.40
6200100 · Over/Short	5.79
Total Income	<u>1,325,465.37</u>
Gross Profit	<u>1,325,465.37</u>
Expense	
8010100 · Adult Books	9,316.97
8020100 · Youth Books	5,212.33
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	29.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	11,782.19
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	252.64
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	6,866.26
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	801.00
8080100 · Video Games	948.29
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	2,309.21
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	2,925.00
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81
8120100 · Library Supplies	622.47
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	1,670.75
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	2,290.00
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	1,753.95
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,582.61
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	53.70
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	105.00
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	5,902.00
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	806.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	972.29
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	170.00
8540100 · Postage	1,890.33
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,523.68
8610100 · Electricity	2,682.21
8620100 · Gas	171.25
8630100 · Telephone	486.06
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	80.00
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	20,698.00
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	3,547.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	7,376.93

	<u>Sep 16</u>
8760100 · Hospitality	128.42
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	21.00
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	10.49
8910100 · Salaries	129,456.23
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	9,705.22
8930100 · IMRF	14,207.84
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	22,617.59
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	618.84
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	407.99
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	334.73
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	2,410.00
Total Expense	<u>275,747.27</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,049,718.10</u></u>

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Class
 July through September 2016

8:23 PM
 10/12/2016
 Cash Basis

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,464,960.55	0.00	0.00	1,464,960.55
6020200 · Developer Fees	0.00	3,470.00	0.00	3,470.00
6030100 · Interest Income - General	145.53	0.00	0.00	145.53
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	0.00	186.85	0.00	186.85
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	0.00	0.00	48.62	48.62
6035100 · Dividends	95.16	0.00	0.00	95.16
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
6050100 · Fines	10,046.46	0.00	0.00	10,046.46
6055100 · Collection Fees	70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	3,609.18	0.00	0.00	3,609.18
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	40.74	40.74
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	3,492.92	0.00	0.00	3,492.92
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	145.00	0.00	0.00	145.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	409.90	0.00	0.00	409.90
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	920.36	0.00	0.00	920.36
6200100 · Over/Short	(3.76)	0.00	0.00	(3.76)
Total Income	1,483,936.30	3,656.85	89.36	1,487,682.51
Gross Profit	1,483,936.30	3,656.85	89.36	1,487,682.51
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	24,259.93	0.00	0.00	24,259.93
8020100 · Youth Books	9,230.65	0.00	0.00	9,230.65
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,201.39	0.00	0.00	4,201.39
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	259.98	0.00	0.00	259.98
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,050.25	0.00	0.00	12,050.25
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	3,737.28	3,737.28
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	12,370.48	0.00	0.00	12,370.48
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	2,214.14	0.00	0.00	2,214.14
8080100 · Video Games	1,730.02	0.00	0.00	1,730.02
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	2,678.27	0.00	0.00	2,678.27
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	9,166.68	0.00	0.00	9,166.68
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.81
8120100 · Library Supplies	1,566.74	0.00	0.00	1,566.74
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	3,894.23	0.00	0.00	3,894.23
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	5,906.09	0.00	0.00	5,906.09
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	1,785.87	0.00	0.00	1,785.87
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	0.00	0.00	24.08
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	4,703.97	0.00	0.00	4,703.97
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	223.75	0.00	0.00	223.75
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	11,008.74	0.00	0.00	11,008.74
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	17,706.00	0.00	0.00	17,706.00
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,708.84	0.00	0.00	5,708.84
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	2,418.00	0.00	0.00	2,418.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	2,772.32	0.00	0.00	2,772.32
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	470.00	0.00	0.00	470.00
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
8510100 · Printing	6,964.00	0.00	0.00	6,964.00
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	0.00	0.00	107.30

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
8540100 · Postage	2,125.64	0.00	0.00	2,125.64
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	2,539.53	0.00	0.00	2,539.53
8610100 · Electricity	5,753.67	0.00	0.00	5,753.67
8620100 · Gas	254.87	0.00	0.00	254.87
8630100 · Telephone	1,485.13	0.00	0.00	1,485.13
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	1,256.10	0.00	0.00	1,256.10
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,808.97	0.00	0.00	1,808.97
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	20,698.00	0.00	0.00	20,698.00
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,243.00	0.00	0.00	5,243.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	12,339.24	0.00	0.00	12,339.24
8760100 · Hospitality	53.39	0.00	0.00	53.39
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	30.79	0.00	0.00	30.79
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	74.22	74.22
8910100 · Salaries	450,899.64	0.00	0.00	450,899.64
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	33,888.37	0.00	0.00	33,888.37
8930100 · IMRF	49,384.41	0.00	0.00	49,384.41
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	69,628.30	0.00	0.00	69,628.30
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	618.84	0.00	0.00	618.84
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	967.98	0.00	0.00	967.98
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	1,022.95	0.00	0.00	1,022.95
9060100 · Library Furnishings	913.25	0.00	0.00	913.25
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	(2,037.03)	0.00	0.00	(2,037.03)
Total Expense	802,897.57	0.00	3,811.50	806,709.07
Net Income	681,038.73	3,656.85	(3,722.14)	680,973.44

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

10/12/2016

July through September 2016

Cash Basis

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,464,960.55	3,180,652.28	(1,715,691.73)	46.06%
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00	25,000.00	(21,530.00)	13.88%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	145.53	5,000.00	(4,854.47)	2.91%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	186.85	3,000.00	(2,813.15)	6.23%
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	48.62	2,500.00	(2,451.38)	1.95%
6035100 · Dividends	95.16	500.00	(404.84)	19.03%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00	1,000.00	(955.00)	4.5%
6050100 · Fines	10,046.46	55,000.00	(44,953.54)	18.27%
6055100 · Collection Fees	70.00	1,000.00	(930.00)	7.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	3,609.18	17,000.00	(13,390.82)	21.23%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	40.74	20,000.00	(19,959.26)	0.2%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	3,492.92	17,000.00	(13,507.08)	20.55%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	0.00	4,200.00	(4,200.00)	0.0%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	145.00	1,000.00	(855.00)	14.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	409.90	25,000.00	(24,590.10)	1.64%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	920.36	6,000.00	(5,079.64)	15.34%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6200100 · Over/Short	(3.76)	0.00	(3.76)	100.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	1,487,682.51	4,326,745.71	(2,839,063.20)	34.38%
Gross Profit	1,487,682.51	4,326,745.71	(2,839,063.20)	34.38%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	24,259.93	85,000.00	(60,740.07)	28.54%
8020100 · Youth Books	9,230.65	59,000.00	(49,769.35)	15.65%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,201.39	3,500.00	701.39	120.04%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	259.98	6,400.00	(6,140.02)	4.06%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,050.25	15,000.00	(2,949.75)	80.34%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	3,737.28	448,381.10	(444,643.82)	0.83%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	12,370.48	62,000.00	(49,629.52)	19.95%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	2,214.14	16,000.00	(13,785.86)	13.84%
8080100 · Video Games	1,730.02	15,000.00	(13,269.98)	11.53%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	2,678.27	55,500.00	(52,821.73)	4.83%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	9,166.68	80,000.00	(70,833.32)	11.46%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	500.00	(499.19)	0.16%
8120100 · Library Supplies	1,566.74	10,000.00	(8,433.26)	15.67%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	3,894.23	57,200.00	(53,305.77)	6.81%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	5,906.09	22,000.00	(16,093.91)	26.85%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	1,785.87	12,000.00	(10,214.13)	14.88%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	7,000.00	(6,975.92)	0.34%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	4,703.97	21,500.00	(16,796.03)	21.88%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	223.75	1,500.00	(1,276.25)	14.92%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	11,008.74	59,000.00	(47,991.26)	18.66%

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	17,706.00	80,000.00	(62,294.00)	22.13%
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,708.84	25,000.00	(19,291.16)	22.84%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	2,418.00	8,000.00	(5,582.00)	30.23%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	2,772.32	28,000.00	(25,227.68)	9.9%
8420100 · Legal Services	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.0%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	470.00	14,000.00	(13,530.00)	3.36%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)	60.0%
8510100 · Printing	6,964.00	36,000.00	(29,036.00)	19.34%
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	3,000.00	(2,892.70)	3.58%
8540100 · Postage	2,125.64	18,000.00	(15,874.36)	11.81%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	2,539.53	10,000.00	(7,460.47)	25.4%
8610100 · Electricity	5,753.67	25,000.00	(19,246.33)	23.02%
8620100 · Gas	254.87	2,500.00	(2,245.13)	10.2%
8630100 · Telephone	1,485.13	13,500.00	(12,014.87)	11.0%
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	1,256.10	7,000.00	(5,743.90)	17.94%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,808.97	3,500.00	(1,691.03)	51.69%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	20,698.00	32,000.00	(11,302.00)	64.68%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,243.00	5,500.00	(257.00)	95.33%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	12,339.24	54,000.00	(41,660.76)	22.85%
8760100 · Hospitality	53.39	13,000.00	(12,946.61)	0.41%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	30.79	700.00	(669.21)	4.4%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.0%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	74.22	0.00	74.22	100.0%
8910100 · Salaries	450,899.64	1,810,000.00	(1,359,100.36)	24.91%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	33,888.37	145,000.00	(111,111.63)	23.37%
8930100 · IMRF	49,384.41	180,000.00	(130,615.59)	27.44%
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	69,628.30	260,000.00	(190,371.70)	26.78%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	618.84	9,000.00	(8,381.16)	6.88%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	967.98	8,000.00	(7,032.02)	12.1%
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	1,022.95	14,000.00	(12,977.05)	7.31%
9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	913.25	35,000.00	(34,086.75)	2.61%
9070100 · Library Equipment	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.0%
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	(2,037.03)	320,000.00	(322,037.03)	(0.64%)
Total Expense	806,709.07	4,492,724.53	(3,686,015.46)	17.96%
Net Income	680,973.44	(165,978.82)	846,952.26	(410.28%)

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual
 July 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016 - General Fund

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 Cash Basis

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,464,960.55	3,180,652.28	(1,715,691.73)	46.06%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	145.53	5,000.00	(4,854.47)	2.91%
6035100 · Dividends	95.16	500.00	(404.84)	19.03%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00	1,000.00	(955.00)	4.5%
6050100 · Fines	10,046.46	55,000.00	(44,953.54)	18.27%
6055100 · Collection Fees	70.00	1,000.00	(930.00)	7.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	3,609.18	17,000.00	(13,390.82)	21.23%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	3,492.92	17,000.00	(13,507.08)	20.55%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	0.00	4,200.00	(4,200.00)	0.0%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	145.00	1,000.00	(855.00)	14.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	409.90	25,000.00	(24,590.10)	1.64%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	920.36	6,000.00	(5,079.64)	15.34%
6200100 · Over/Short	(3.76)	0.00	(3.76)	100.0%
Total Income	1,483,936.30	3,314,352.28	(1,830,415.98)	44.77%
Gross Profit	1,483,936.30	3,314,352.28	(1,830,415.98)	44.77%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	24,259.93	85,000.00	(60,740.07)	28.54%
8020100 · Youth Books	9,230.65	59,000.00	(49,769.35)	15.65%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,201.39	3,500.00	701.39	120.04%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	259.98	6,400.00	(6,140.02)	4.06%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,050.25	15,000.00	(2,949.75)	80.34%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	12,370.48	62,000.00	(49,629.52)	19.95%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	2,214.14	16,000.00	(13,785.86)	13.84%
8080100 · Video Games	1,730.02	15,000.00	(13,269.98)	11.53%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	2,678.27	55,500.00	(52,821.73)	4.83%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	9,166.68	80,000.00	(70,833.32)	11.46%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	500.00	(499.19)	0.16%
8120100 · Library Supplies	1,566.74	10,000.00	(8,433.26)	15.67%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	3,894.23	57,200.00	(53,305.77)	6.81%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	5,906.09	22,000.00	(16,093.91)	26.85%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	1,785.87	12,000.00	(10,214.13)	14.88%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	7,000.00	(6,975.92)	0.34%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	4,703.97	21,500.00	(16,796.03)	21.88%
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Total Expense	802,897.57	3,836,950.00	(3,034,052.43)	20.93%
Net Income	681,038.73	(522,597.72)	1,203,636.45	(130.32%)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

10/12/2016

July 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016 -Special Reserve Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00	25,000.00	(21,530.00)	13.88%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	186.85	3,000.00	(2,813.15)	6.23%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	3,656.85	855,000.00	(851,343.15)	0.43%
Gross Profit	3,656.85	855,000.00	(851,343.15)	0.43%
Expense				
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
Net Income	3,656.85	705,000.00	(701,343.15)	0.52%

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

10/12/2016

July 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016 - Grant and Gift Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	48.62	2,500.00	(2,451.38)	1.95%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	40.74	20,000.00	(19,959.26)	0.2%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	89.36	157,393.43	(157,304.07)	0.06%
Gross Profit	89.36	157,393.43	(157,304.07)	0.06%
Expense				
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	3,737.28	448,381.10	(444,643.82)	0.83%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	74.22	0.00	74.22	100.0%
9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	3,811.50	505,774.53	(501,963.03)	0.75%
Net Income	(3,722.14)	(348,381.10)	344,658.96	1.07%

**McHenry Public Library District
 INTERIM CHECKS ISSUED - September 2016
 (NOT INCLUDED ON BILL REPORT)**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Account - Money Market</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
	(no checks written on this account)				
	subtotal for account	\$ -			

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Account - General Fund</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
	subtotal for account	\$ -			

	<u>Account - HSA/Building</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 693.94	8940-100	09/01/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 646.24	8940-100	09/01/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 693.94	8940-100	09/15/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 646.24	8940-100	09/15/16	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 2,680.36			

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Account - Payroll</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
IL Municipal Retirement Fund IMRF		\$ 32,216.75	8930-100	09/07/16	EFT
IL Municipal Retirement Fund IMRF		\$ 21,555.10	8930-100	09/30/16	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 53,771.85			

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Account - Imprest</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
McHenry Public Library Distric	Bank Service Charges	\$ 0.81	8110-100	09/06/16	1129
	subtotal for account	\$ 0.81			

GRAND TOTAL CHECKS ISSUED \$ 56,453.02

McHenry Public Library District

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

September 2016

Administration

- B. Edminster, C. Myers, and P. Strain were trained on how to interview candidates for Career Online High School, 9/22.
- B. Edminster represented the library at the Friends of the McHenry Library's quarterly meeting, 9/22.
- B. Edminster represented the library at the McHenry Area Character Counts! Coalition meeting, 10/13.
- J. Scholtz and B. Edminster worked at the Friends of the McHenry Library warehouse sale, 10/15-16 and 10/23.
- B. Edminster lead the Classic Book Discussion of *The Mysteries of Udolpho*, published 1792 by Anne Radcliffe, 10/17.

Adult Services

- The department will be ordering new CD shelving to incorporate the Teen CDs and also help make room for expansion of the collection. CMyers, Z.Terrill
- Anne Donald will become an intern in the Adult Department specializing in genealogy and local history materials. She is currently a senior at Columbia College and plans to go to library school to become an archival librarian. C. Myers
- Patron checked out Magnifying Machine for a month and was very pleased with the new equipment. Machine was returned and patron has decided to purchase a personal one. LMann
- This question was addressed, basically, by everyone in our department. One of our patrons was looking for sources that would list and provide information on all the nonprofit groups found in McHenry, Lake and Cook Counties. T.O'Toole
- The department is looking into shifting the nonfiction collection off the back wall and into the regular shelving ranges. Heavy weeding of outdated material has made this move possible.
- Along with nonfiction shift, the department is contemplating using the soon to be empty back wall area as a possible study/temporary computer area. C.Myers

Building Services

- The irrigation system was shut down for winter this month.
- Maintenance department is preparing for the main library floor repair.
- A new downspout was installed to replace old down spout on the south side of the building.
- The carpet cleaning was completed in the front lobby this month.

Circulation

- S. Willis reports 141 expired holds pulled in September
- M. Amstadt announced she will be retiring and moving to North Carolina most likely before the end of the year
- D. Kuhlman is waiting for the arrival of first grandbaby
- Disc cleaner down for repairs

Human Resources

- Researched market salary range for pending search for Circulation Manager.
- Generated “Internal Job Posting” Form to enable any current employee to express interest in applying for an open position, if the opportunity should arise.
- Salary Increase Information: *[Data is pulled from 3 months (vs. monthly) to maintain confidentiality and also provide meaningful numbers.]*
 - Average Salary increase for the Last Calendar Quarter – 2.43%
 - This average calculation is missing data from one employee whose salary increase from has not yet been submitted.
- Conducted an investigation on an issue of high complexity. Resolution implemented.
- Worked with various individuals regarding change in a department’s manager.
- Submitted position statement and supporting documentation in response to EEOC claim of discrimination (as related to ADAAA). Due to strong facts supporting the MPLD, declined opportunity to mediate. Awaiting ruling.
- Provided presentation to YS Department regarding concerns involving non-exempt staff working “off-the-clock.”
- Submitted census and other benefit information to broker in preparation for pending benefit renewal.
- Attended the Management Association’s Roundtable Discussion for HR in Palatine.
- Attended Chamber of Commerce “WINGS” Luncheon
- Responded to inquiries from Eder, Casella & Co. as generated by the audit.
- Met with representatives from First Midwest Bank regarding promoting employee banking benefits.
- Participated in webinars on the following topics:
 - FLSA Changes
 - Federal Postings
 - Performance Reviews

Public Relations

- Promoted programs/events using various media – print, indoor & outdoor digital signage, e-newsletter, press releases, posters, online calendars, website.
- Maintained & updated website as needed; reorganized navigation for board, admin & financial docs.
- Worked with Bill to begin promoting new Career Online High School program. Participated in marketing webinar on the program. Created posters, posted on website, sent press release to media. Will coordinate with Zach T. in Adult Services to get materials to area businesses.
- Began laying out November/December *Preface* newsletter. Will go in residents’ mail around October 14.
- Prepared materials for Friends Fall Book Sale – bookmarks, coupons, posters – and promoted on various outlets (website, digital signage, press release, calendars).
- Attended Management Team meeting
- Attended Chamber luncheon/program for women with Sue Y. from HR.
- Helped with chili fundraiser luncheon.
- Prepared newspaper clippings for board packet.

Technical Services

- P. Radic continues to process audio-visual materials and comic books.
- K. Meadows continues to process books and change items from new status.
- K. Meadows prints our midweek report on items that are received or in process with patron holds and pulls the items so they may be expedited.
- K. Walker ran the Dungeons and Dragons program, 9/13.
- D. Lavin worked with one of all of our newspaper vendors to update billing information.
- D. Lavin provided initial training to K. Meadows on Excel spreadsheets, to print a midweek report on items that are received or in process with patron holds.
- K. Kimbrel devised a method of evaluating the average time a new item is in the department from receipt until it goes downstairs that we will begin using in October.
- K. Kimbrel devised a means of separating the amount of mends that are done in the department by which items have come up to replace faded, worn labels from those items which are part of a reclassification project or have come up to be mended. Of the 966 mends, 522 or 54%, are items that needed new spine labels.
- K. Milfajt moderated the Contemporary Book Group on 9/12 for Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain.
- K. Milfajt represented the library and co-presented at the CCS Cataloger's workshop, 9/14.
- K. Milfajt, as part of CCS Laulima Team E, represented the library at the TLC CARL.X demo, 9/15.
- K. Milfajt represented the library at the SCRAP meeting, 9/21.
- K. Milfajt represented the library at the CCS Governing Board meeting, 9/28.
- K. Milfajt, as part of CCS Laulima Team E, contributed the RFP for ILS vendors

Technology

- 3395 patrons (AR 2214, YP 1033, Distance Learning 31, Express Internet 81, and Literacy 21 & Genealogy 15) used the Public workstations 3,644 hours & 5 minutes (218,643 minutes).
- 15,607 items were checked out by 1,365 patrons at the Three (3) book self-check units in 30 days we were open this month.
- Patrons accessed the Wi-Fi 920 unique users during August.
- This month MPLit closed 140 Helpdesk tickets.
- MPLit Installed the latest windows 10 update to all staff and youth workstations
- MPLit also performed our routine maintenance on our Emo Master Diskcheck.

Youth Services

- The Youth Services Department started the AfterSchool Snack Program in September. Every Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. students age 18 and under can stop by the meeting room for a free snack provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. In September we had 164 snacks served and 209 patrons came through the room.
- Spanish Interactions: 171 Children, 101 Adults, 37 Teens
- J. Velaquez hosted a "Celebración del Día de Independencia con A Flor de Piel" (Mexico's Independence Day Celebration with A Flor de Piel musical group). The day after this program, a Teen patron came up to say she really like this program, asking where they came from This was the best musical group we have hired, with a talented instrumentalists, singer, and a young girl who led the kids in dancing Huasteco and La danza de los viejos. Patrons had questions for group after, and English-speakers attended as well-and said they really enjoyed it.

- In the month of September our School Liaisons visited almost all of the District 15 school librarians and toured the remodeled Innovative Centers and learned about the new technology initiatives happening in the schools.
- C.Bergan pulled materials for numerous teachers through our Teacher Outreach programs. Teacher's requested materials on American Revolution, cells, prairies and prairie plants, animals and good reads for middle schools in a variety of genres. Through the Teacher Outreach program teachers can request that we pull materials on specific topics for their students reading level that the students can use in the classroom.
- M. Dineen hosted a librarians networking group at the beginning of September. The group Lincoln Story League is made up of storytellers from a variety of Chicagoland libraries. There were a lot of good storytime books shared at the meeting and a cute owl flannel and rhyme that Molly would like to make/use.
- G. Doolan made the rounds to the local preschool centers to talk to the directors about our services and to invite them to our Annual Preschool Fair This was the first time G.Doolan visited a DaVinci preschool was quite impressed by the setup. The center is setup to incorporate nature so furniture is homemade wood, leaves and the artwork that the children did was amazing!
- R.Raleigh hosted a CSI Teen program with the McHenry Police Department. They teens got fist hand experience on some of the different tehniques used to solve crimes. The teens who attended enjoyed the program.
- M. Cairo hosted a coding program for kids in grades K-3. Using mini-robots called Ozobots the kids learned to give the Ozobots directions on how to move using colors and lines. The kids picked up the coding concept quickly and then use the coding to have to bots move objects around.
- J. Drinka has regularly working the afterschool snack program and is enjoying getting to know the patrons.
- L. Jakacki attended a workshop focusing on the variety of ways to deal with conflict in the workplace presented by Laconi.

Statistics and Highlights Narrative

Legend - ABk - Adult Books; JBk - Children's Books; PBk - Paperback Books; AudBk - Audio books; JAudBk -

- Set-up staff/board visits to area libraries and RFID libraries (Aug/Sept)

Categories	July		% Diff.
	2016	2015	
MATERIALS CATALOGED			
Adult Books Added	592	817	(28%)
Adult Books Withdrawn	396	742	(47%)
Children's Books Added	329	674	(51%)
Children's Books Withdrawn	511	144	255%
Young Adult Books Added	21	109	(81%)
Young Adult Books Withdrawn	5	13	(62%)
DVD/VHS Added	198	328	(40%)
DVD/VHS Withdrawn	29	254	(89%)
Other AV Added	0	7	(100%)
Other AV Withdrawn	12	7	71%
Audio Mat. Added (CD/Cass.)	105	114	(8%)
Audio Mat. Withdrawn (CD/Cass.)	54	254	(79%)
Periodicals Added to Database:	233	262	(11%)
Periodicals Withdrawn:	2	79	(97%)
TOTAL ADDED	1,478	2,311	(36%)
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	1,009	1,493	(32%)

OTHER HOLDINGS/TECH SRVS. STATS			
Items Mended	679	871	(22%)
OCLC Records Input to Catalog	296	263	13%
Bib Records Added to OCLC	5	1	400%
Bib/Item/Call # Changes	1503	2,126	(29%)
# of Items Processed	1478	2,311	(36%)
PATRON REGISTRATIONS			
McHenry District-NEW	186	190	(2%)
McHenry Dist.-REREG. & renewals	321	90	257%
RBP Patrons	27	4	575%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	534	284	88%
CIRCULATION			
Adult Fiction Books	7176	7,342	(2%)
Adult NonFiction Books	3353	3,934	(15%)
Adult Books Total	10,529	11,276	(7%)
Children's Fiction Books	11017	10,427	6%
Children's NonFiction Books	4292	5,689	(25%)
Children's Books Total	15,309	16,116	(5%)
Pamphlets	0	1	(100%)
Periodicals	1173	1,119	5%
Adult Fiction AudioBooks	2370	3,586	(34%)
Adult NonFiction AudioBooks	286	191	50%
Adult Audio Total	2,656	3,777	(30%)
Juv. Fiction AudioBooks	747	880	(15%)
Juv. NonFiction AudioBooks	195	562	(65%)
Juv. Audio Total	942	1,442	(35%)
Adult Fiction Video/DVDs	9663	8,683	11%
Adult NonFiction Videos/DVDs	662	670	(1%)
Adult VideoDVDs Total	10,325	9,353	10%
Juv. Fiction Video/DVDs	4702	5,282	(11%)
Juv. NonFiction Video/DVDs	180	282	(36%)
Juv. Video/DVDs Total	4,882	5,564	(12%)
Adult Other AV Formats	40	469	(91%)
Juv. Other AV Formats	1969	1,811	9%
ILL (MPLD as borrower)	3003	2,061	46%
In-house Materials Use	3353	4,084	(18%)
NonBarcoded Items Circed	86	80	8%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	56,656	55,711	2%
Full Days Open	29	27	
Average Circulation	1,954	2,215	(12%)
SERVICE USE STATISTICS			

Programs			
Summer/Winter Reading Children (hd. ct.)	1151	1,024	12%
Summer/Winter Reading Teen (hd. ct.)	108	75	44%
Summer/Winter Reading Adult (hd. ct.)	504	424	19%
Meeting Rm Use (in hrs.)	91	166	(45%)
Storytime Rm Use (in hrs.)	0	0	
Adult Program Attendance (hd. ct.)	233	168	39%
Teen Program Attendance (hd. ct.)	169	176	(4%)
Child Program Attendance (hd. Ct.)	2305	2,679	(14%)
Adult # of Programs	14	10	40%
Teen # of Programs	12	19	(37%)
Child # of Programs	50	54	(7%)
School/class visits - outreach (hd.ct.)	0	85	(100%)
Library Tours (hd. ct)	0	9	(100%)
Study Room Hrs. Used (9/10 first entry)	388	417	(7%)
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAM ATTEND.	737	592	24%
TOTAL YPS PROGRAM ATTEND.	3,733	4,048	(8%)
In House PC Use			
Express Internet Station	48	631	(92%)
Distance Learner PC Use	35	21	67%
Literacy PC Station	26	43	(40%)
Technology Center Computer Use		0	
Internet Use - Adult	2584	2,335	11%
Internet Use - Youth	963	1,048	(8%)
Overdrive Workstation Hdct.	1	3	(67%)
Genealogy Computer Use	21	11	91%
Microform Reader/Printer Use	0	0	
TOTAL IN-HOUSE PC USE	3,678	4,092	(10%)
Electronic Resources Use			
web site visits (in-library/off-site)	20207	21,256	(5%)
web site hits/views	519769	499,882	4%
Wireless Hotspot Use (in-library)	1009	1,374	(27%)
Database Usage (In-library)		0	
Database Usage (off-site)		3	(100%)
iBistro holds	4412	3,717	19%
Material Renewals	7356	6,847	7%
Digital book downloads (in-library/off-site)	2140	2,339	(9%)
Zinio Magazine use	249	303	(18%)
Simple Scan uses	434	341	27%
Hoopla Usage	478	337	42%
General Use			
ILLs Loaned to Other Lib. (Lender)	3103	2,814	10%
ILL Fill Rate (requests/filled as %)		0	
Library Attendance (hd. ct.)	17096	16,888	1%
Genealogy Materials Used	46	82	(44%)

MISCELLANEOUS STATS			
CKOs to inventory control patrons	6175	9,212	(33%)
volunteers (adult)	11	1	1000%
volunteer hours (adult)	47	3	1467%
volunteers (admin)	0	0	
volunteer hours (admin)	0	0	
volunteers (tech services)	0	0	
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volunteers (technology)	0	0	
volunteer hours (technology)	0	0	
volunteers (circulation)	0	3	
volunteer hours (circulation)	0	18	
volunteers (YPS)	11	11	
volunteer hours (YPS)	82	44	
volunteers (building services)	0	0	
volunteer hours (BLDG services)	0	0	
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS	22	15	47%

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Date: September 20, 2016

Time: 8:21 p.m.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, and Jill Stone

Members Absent: None

During Executive Session, the Board discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 executive session minutes.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

1. Roll Call

DATE: September 20, 2016 Called to Order: 8:21 p.m.	Kathy Baderstadt	Margaret Carey	Delphine Grala	Monica Leccese	Charles Reilly	Bradley Schubert	Jill Stone
1. Roll call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

A=Abstain, M=Motion, N=No, NP=Not Present, P=Present, S=Second, Y=Yes

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF McHENRY)
CITY OF McHENRY)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016/2017-4
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY
AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017
FOR THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHENRY, McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY, McHENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section One: That the total amount of appropriations for all General, Special Reserve and Corporate purposes legally made to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year is Three Million and One Hundred and Eighty Thousand and Six Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Eight cents. (\$3,180,652.28).

Section Two. That the sum of Four Million and Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand and One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$4,945,178.75) being the total of appropriations heretofore legally made and which has taken into consideration all monies to be raised from other than tax sources, in addition to those monies which are to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year of the McHenry Public Library District for all General, Special Reserve and Corporate purposes of said Public Library District, as appropriated for the current fiscal year by the Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance passed by the President and Board of Library Trustees of said District at the legally held meeting of September 20, 2016, which Ordinance No. 2016/2017-3, incorporated herein by reference, be and the various objects and purposes for which said appropriations were made are set forth under the column "Amount Appropriated" and the specific amount hereby levied for each object and purpose is set forth under the column entitled "Amount Levied" is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT subjected to taxation for the current fiscal year of said Public Library District, commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

MATERIALS and SUPPLIES

	Appropriation	Levy
Adult Books	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
YPS Books	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Professional Resources	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Administrative Resources	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Magazines/Newspapers	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Adult AV	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Youth Services AV	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Video Games	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
eBook & eMagazine Srvs.	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 14,500.00
Electronic Resources	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Library Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Tech. Services Supplies	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Bindery	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,000.00
Adult Programs/Supplies	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 15,750.00
Circulation Supplies	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Summer Reading Club	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
YPS Programs/Supplies	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 15,000.00

CONTRACTED SERVICES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Collection Agency Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Computer & Ofc. Equip/repairs	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Vehicle Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Misc. Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Finance/Late Fee Charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

CATALOG and NETWORK EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
CCS & SIRSI Expenses	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Network Expenses	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
OCLC Services	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Accounting, Payroll & Audit	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Legal Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Automation/Misc. Consultants	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
In Service Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00

PRINTING, PUBLICATION & POSTAGE

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Printing Services	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Public Notices & Ads	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Postage	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Public Relations/Promotions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

UTILITIES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Electricity	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Gas	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Telephone	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
T-1 & Other Telecom. costs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Water & Sewer	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Janitorial Equip. & Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building & Auto Insurance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Bonding & Officers Liability	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Building & Equip. Outsource	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Hospitality	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Interlibrary Loan Fees/Losses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00

PERSONNEL EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Salaries	\$1,870,000.00	\$1,819,402.28
FICA	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
IMRF	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Health/Life Insurance	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 257,500.00
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00
Memberships & Dues	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 0.00
Meetings & Travel	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

CAPITAL EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Building & Equip. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Library Furnishings	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Library Equipment	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Small Equip. under \$250	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Adt'l. Capital Projects	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 0.00

Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

APPROPRIATION	LEVY
\$4,067,650.00	\$3,180,652.28

GRANT and GIFT FUND

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Operating Fund Gifts	\$ 483,000.00	\$ 0.00
2016 Per Capita Grant Expenditures	\$ 52,528.75	\$ 0.00
Additional Fund Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Misc. Grants	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 0.00
TOT. GRANT/GIFT EXPENSES	\$ 577,528.75	\$ 0.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	LEVY
Improvements not related to Expansion/renovation	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 0.00
Expenditures Pursuant To Statutory Guidelines of the LIBRARY DISTRICT ACT, 75 ILCS 16/40-50	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUND EXPENSES	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 0.00

TOT. GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$4,067,650.00	\$3,180,652.28
TOT. GIFT FUND EXPENSES	\$ 665,000.00	\$ 0.00
TOT. RESERVE FUND EXPENSES	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,945,178.75	\$3,180,652.28

Section Three: That the total amount of Three Million and One Hundred and Eighty Thousand and Six Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$3,180,652.28) ascertained as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby levied and assessed on all property subject to taxation within the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY, McHenry County, Illinois, according to the value of said property as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes for the current year. Revenues acquired from sources other than property taxes include, but are not limited to, fines and fees, interest, grants, gifts and donations, developer donations and impact fees, service fees, fees for non-resident cards, charges for lost library materials, replacement taxes, fees for special programs and services, and public use of photocopy machine.

Section Four: This tax Levy Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, provided, however, any tax rate limitation or any other substantive limitations as to tax levies in the Illinois Municipal Code in conflict with this ordinance shall not be applicable to this ordinance pursuant to Section 6, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

Section Five: That there is hereby certified to the County Clerk of McHenry County, Illinois, the several sums aforesaid, constituting the said total amount of Three Million and One Hundred and Eighty Thousand and Six Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$3,180,652.28) which said total amount the said McHenry Public Library District requires to be raised by taxation for the current fiscal year of said District is hereby ordered and directed to file with the County Clerk of McHenry County, Illinois, on or before the time required by law, a certified copy of this Tax Levy Ordinance.

Section Six: All unexpended balances of proceeds received annually from Public Library District taxes not in excess of statutory limits may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund, heretofore established according to 75 ILCS 16/40-50, pursuant to plans developed and adopted by this Library Board and said unexpended balances shall be accumulated in this fund for the purposes of erecting a new Public Library building, purchasing a site for same, or building an addition thereto, or furnishing necessary equipment therefore, or acquiring electronic data storage and retrieval facilities.

REVISED and PASSED by the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DISTRICT Board of Trustees and approved by me this 18th day of October, 2016.

Kathy Baderstadt, President
McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
McHenry, McHenry County, Illinois

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

ATTEST:

Monica Leccese, Secretary
McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Published:

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY of McHENRY)

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
WITH THE TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT**

I, Monica Leccese, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHenry, McHenry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the attached Levy Ordinance adopted in full compliance with the provisions of The Truth in Taxation Act. (35 ILCS 215/1 et seq.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed my official signature this 18th day of October, 2016.

Monica Leccese, Secretary
McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ 20th day of September, 2016.

Reuben Edminster
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Monica Leccese, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above attached "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2016" is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance which was presented and passed, and recorded by said Library Board at their Regular Board Meeting on October 18th, 2016.

Monica Leccese, Secretary
McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ 18th day of October, 2016.

Reuben Edminster
Notary Public

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McHenry Public Library to host 18th Annual ComiCon

McHENRY – Calling all comic, superhero, anime, manga and cosplay lovers! The McHenry Public Library is hosting its 18th annual ComiCon from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the library.

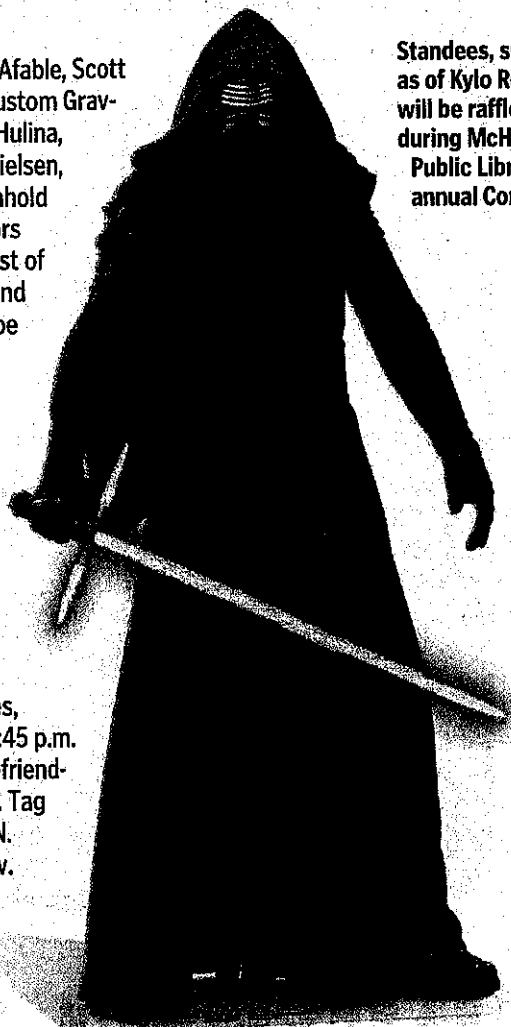
Older children, teens and adults are invited to meet creators, writers and

illustrators, including Addie Afable, Scott Beaderstadt, Cory Carani, Custom Gravity, Topper Helmers, Daniel Hulina, The Krayon Brothers, Tara Nielsen, Sean O'Neil, Bill & Linda Reinhold and Tango Unlimited. Vendors such as The Hero's Edge, Mist of Time, Modern Age Comics and Snap Keep Games also will be on site.

Door prizes will be given out throughout the event, and attendees can enter to win standees, featuring Kylo Ren, BB-8, Detective Gordon from Gotham, Superman, Ms. Marvel, Black Panther, Finding Dory and a Minion.

A cosplay contest will be another chance to win prizes, with judging beginning at 6:45 p.m. Costumes should be family-friendly and not include weapons. Tag your pictures at #MPLDCON.

For information, visit www.mchenrylibrary.org or call 815-385-0036.



Standees, such as of Kylo Ren, will be raffled off during McHenry Public Library's annual ComiCon.

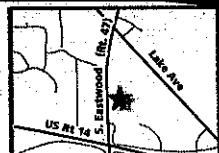
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Oct. 15

• 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Chapter 790 Young Eagle Flights and Pumpkin Fest**, Lake in the Hills Airport, 8407 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills. Featuring free airplane rides for ages 8-17. Parents must fill out a registration form. Information: 847-639-6310 or www.eaa.org.

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Country Arts & Craft Fair**, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 485 Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring about 50 crafters, raffles, a silent auction, homemade jams and jellies, bakery items and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the missions and ministries of St. Paul's. Information: 815-459-5096 or www.stpaulsucccl.org.

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **Friends Fall Book Sale**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Continues noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 16. Featuring books, music, movies and more. Held in the back warehouse – use north parking lot toward rear of building. Sunday is \$5 bag sale. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 9:30 a.m. – **Medicare information session**, Senior Services Associates, 110 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Includes a Medicare Part D and open enrollment information session. Medicare counselors also will be available to answer general questions about Medicare health or prescription drug plans, and make appointments for individual counseling sessions. Information: 815-356-7457.

• 10 a.m. – **Community Clinic**, Immanuel Lutheran School, 300 S. Pathway Court, Crystal Lake. Includes medical screenings, lunch, clothing, children's activities and a food truck. Pediatric wellness checks will be provided, along with dental, vision, chiropractic and hearing screenings. Free. Information: rdom@immanuelcl.org or 815-459-1441.

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. – **Ladies Afternoon Tea**, Nativity Lutheran Church, 3506 E. Wonder Lake Road, Wonder Lake. Tea and dessert will be served at the seventh annual event featuring guest speakers from Family Alliance Comprehensive Care Services and Wonder Lake Neighbors Food Pantry. Free. Information: 815-653-3832 or www.wonderlake.org.

• 1 to 3 p.m. – **Antique appraisals**, Fox River Grove Memorial Library, 407 Lincoln Ave., Fox River Grove. Karl Gates, a licensed appraiser, will discuss and appraise antiques. Participants may bring up to two items (no weapons, stamps or

coins). No written appraisals will be given. Free. Information: 847-630-6300.

McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Topics will include grants, the work-study program, student loans, scholarships, financial literacy and FAFSA. Registration required. Information: www.mchenry.edu/financialaidnight.

• 6 to 9 p.m. – **Women's Safety Series**, Safety Education Center, 1109 Crystal Lake Road, Lake in the Hills. Continues 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 19 and 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 26. Presented by the Lake in the Hills Police Department for women 17 years and older. Includes defensive tactics, social media safety, dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, drugs, alcohol and more. Free. Registration required. Information: aschmitt@lith.org or sfeely@lith.org.

• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Comicon**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Featuring comic creators, local comic book and gaming stores, a gaming room, children's activities and a cosplay contest. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 p.m. – **"Historic Halloween,"** McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main St., Union. Michael Murschel, Elgin funeral consultant, and Judi Brownfield, owner of Books at Sunset in Elgin, will present "The Victorian Art of Death." Halloween refreshments in the society's 1895 West Harmony School afterward. Cost: \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers. Information: 815-923-2267 or www.mchenrycountyhistory.org.

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **Craft Brew Crawl**, Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. A beer-tasting hike for ages 21 and older. Registration deadline: Oct. 8. Cost: \$15 county residents, \$20 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrct.org.

Oct. 13

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **Discovery Days**, Hickory Grove Highlands Conservation Area, 500 Hickory Nut Grove Lane, Cary. Games, craft, educational activities and snack for children ages 2 through 6. Registration deadline: Oct. 9. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrct.org.

children. Information: 815-363-5920 or www.casamchenrycounty.org.

• Noon – **"Go with the Flow Yoga,"** Hickory Grove Highlands Conservation Area, 500 Hickory Nut Grove Lane, Cary. Ages 14 and older will practice yoga along the Fox River. Registration deadline: Oct. 9. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrct.org.

• 7 p.m. – **McHenry County II Genealogical Society meeting**, The Pointe Outreach Center, 5650 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Paula Pickrel and Glenda Ziegler will present "Resurrecting a Cemetery." Free. Information: 815-687-0436 or www.mcigs.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Get Lit(erary)**, Le Petit Marché, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Williams Street Repertory will present Halloween-themed readings. Free. Information: 815-477-3296 or www.petitmarche.biz.

Oct. 14

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **29th annual Autumn Drive**, Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, as well as other locations in Woodstock and rural Marengo. Continues 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 15-16. Featuring tractor rides, petting zoos, hayrides, apple- and pumpkin-picking, food and more. Rain or shine. Free admission. Visit the website for a map. Information: www.autumndrive.net.

• 11:30 a.m. – **"An Hour with the Crystal Lake Public Library,"** Senior Services Associates, 110 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Library card signup will be available. Reservations required. Information: 815-356-7457.

• 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Proteen Jam**, Duker School, 3711 W. Kane Ave., McHenry. Fourth- and fifth-graders will enjoy music, dance contests, carnival games, face-painting, prizes and more. Cost: \$5 a person at the door. Information: 815-363-2160 or cwitt@ci.mchenry.il.us.

• 8 to 10:15 p.m. – **Woodstock Squares Dance Club dance**, McHenry Township Senior Center, 3519 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg. An evening of square dancing. Information: 815-385-4503 or woodstocksquares@gmail.com.

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Hosted by the Environmental Defenders of McHenry. Program will be "Smart Meter Consumer Education Program." Free. Information: 815-338-0393 or www.mcdef.org.

• 5 to 8 p.m. - **Ladies Night**, Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring drink specials, raffles, vendors of purses, jewelry, chocolate and more. Free admission. Information: www.crystallakeparks.org.

• 6 p.m. - **Candlelight vigil for victims of domestic violence**, on the Square, downtown Woodstock. Includes speakers, live music and candle-lighting ceremony. Information: www.mchenrycountyturningpoint.org.

Oct. 6

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Rummage sale**, Zion Lutheran Church, 4206 W. Elm St., McHenry. Continues 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 and 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 8. Hosted by the Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Guild. Information: 815-385-0859.

• 5 to 8 p.m. - **Living History Open House**, Powers-Walker House in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Enjoy the twilight ambience of the 1850s house lit only by candlelight. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Chicago's Sweet Candy History,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Presented by historian and author Leslie Goddard. For ages 18 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Amazing Autumn Night of Poetry**, The Hollows Conservation Area, 3804 Route 14, Cary. Ages 14 and older invited to share poetry readings on the beauty of nature with Raue Center for the Arts Poet-in-Residence Phil Denofrio. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

Oct. 7

• 6 to 9 p.m. - **Wine and beer tasting fundraiser**, Horizons for the Blind, 125 Erick St.,

County College, 14, Crystal Lake. Information: lwvnc07@gmail.com.

• 9 a.m. to noon - **Disc golf tournament**, Linda K. Fischer Park, 5962 Grafton Farm, Lake in the Hills. Played in pairs "best shot" format, with beginner and amateur divisions. Three rounds on a nine-hole course. Prizes awarded. Registration deadline: Oct. 3. Cost: \$20 a team. Information: 847-960-7460 or www.lith.org.

• 9 a.m. to noon - **Recycling drive**, Grafton Township Office, 10109 Vine St., Huntley. Hosted by the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County. Donations will be requested, with specific fees for some items. For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.mcdef.org/recycling.

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Fall Diddley Craft Show**, Boone County Fairgrounds, 8791 Route 76, Belvidere. Fundraiser for Mental Health Resource League of McHenry County with crafters, concessions and bake sales. Admission: \$6 ages 12 and older. Free parking. Information: 815-385-5745 or www.mhrl.org/falldiddley.html.

• 10 a.m. - **McHenry Area Historical Society meeting**, McHenry Savings Bank, 353 Bank Drive (off Route 31), McHenry. Guest speaker Sen. Pamela Althoff, who has embarked on a program to visit and record important historical sites in the state of Illinois, will discuss the importance of historic preservation.

• 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Flea market**, Marengo United Methodist Church, 119 E. Washington St., Marengo. Information: 815-568-7162 or mangano01@yahoo.com.

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Crystal Lake Fire Rescue open house**, Station 1, 100 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Includes station tours, fire extinguisher and CPR demonstrations, Safety House, Flight for Life helicopter landing and obstacle courses for children.

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or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=15517>.

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to age 5 accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=15533>.

4 AND OLDER STORYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children age 4 and older. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=15541>.

AMAZING AUTUMN NIGHT OF POETRY, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6, The Hollows Conservation Area, 3804 Route 14, Cary. Ages 14 and older invited to share poetry readings on the beauty of nature with Raue Center for the Arts Poet-in-Residence Phil Denofrio. No registration required. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

"CAPS FOR SALE!" 9:30 a.m. Oct. 6, Wauconda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda. A classic tale, rich with cleverness and a bit of mischief. We'll also provide some fun play time. Free. Information: 847-526-6225 or tsuda@wauclib.org.

CHAT 'N CHEW TWEEN BOOK GROUP, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. This month we will all read a spooky story to share. For kids in grades 4-6. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Our very first book discussion for students in grades 6-8. We will discuss "The True Meaning of Sme-kday" by Adam Rex. Must have a valid CLPL card. Registration required. Book available at the circulation desk. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=16666>.

DROP-IN STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 7, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Stories, crafts and fun. Open to all. Information: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=4599>.

PARACHUTE PLAY FOR TODDLERS, 10:30

to 11 a.m. Oct. 7, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Storytime and activities with our indoor parachute. For toddlers 2-3½ years old with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

WIGGLES & GIGGLES @ YOUR LIBRARY, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 7, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Active stories, rhymes and songs for ages 6 months to 23 months with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

FAMILY STORY AND PLAYTIME, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Oct. 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Stories, songs and rhymes followed by playtime. For families with children from babies to age 6. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=16697>.

LOCAL AUTHORS FAIR & PUBLIC MEET-AND-GREET, 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. CLPL is hosting an author meet-and-greet for published authors in McHenry County. Network with fellow writers, meet your public and maybe even sell a book or two. Public welcome to attend this drop-in event to celebrate Indie Author Day. Information or to reserve a spot: 815-526-5150 or <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=16681>.

OF BOGS AND BOOKS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 8, Voio Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. The group meets the second Saturday of each month to discuss natural history, outdoor and environmental literature. This week is "Kingbird Highway - The Biggest Year in the Life of an Extreme Birder" by Kenn Kaufman. Registration requested at 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

BOOK DISCUSSION WITH YA AUTHOR STACEY KADE, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 10, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Celebrate Teen Read Week as young adult author Stacey Kade joins us to discuss her new book, "For This Life Only." Participants can buy a copy and bring it to the discussion or check out a copy from the library. For grades 9-12. Registration required. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=16663>.

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LITERARY EVENTS

To have an event listed in this calendar, fill out the form at PlanItNorthwest.com.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY STORYTIME, 1:30
to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 19, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Swashbuckle over to the library to listen to pirate stories and songs. Dressing up is encouraged. For ages 3-6 with an adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mphyps@mcHenrylibrary.org.

CLIENTOS EN ESPAÑOL, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 19, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Families who speak or are learning to speak Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts and songs. This program is conducted entirely in Spanish. Information: <https://l.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4525>.

CLASSIC LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 19, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "The Iceman Cometh" by Eugene O'Neill. Copies available at the checkout desk. No registration needed. For ages 18 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpiref@mcHenrylibrary.org.

FALL BOOK BUZZ WITH PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, 7 p.m. Sept. 19, Watconoda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Watconoda. Start your fall must-read list and score some freebies at the same time. Free. Information: 847-526-6225 or tsuda@wauca.lib.org.

HALF PRICE FINES WEEK, Sept. 19 through 25. Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Pay only half the total amount for overdue fines, lost or damaged charges and collection agency fees. Does not cover materials borrowed from other libraries. Those taking

club for adults in their 20s and 30s. Eat, drink and talk shop about books. The first meeting will be organizational and will cover titles to potentially read throughout the year. Additional dates are Oct. 18 and Nov. 15. Registration required. Free. Information: 847-639-4210, roberthausen@carlyrealibrary.info or www.carlylibrary.info.

DOWNLOADING HELP DROP-IN SESSIONS, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 20, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Help downloading free library eBooks to an eReader or smart device. Information: <https://l.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4572>.

STORYTELLING SESSIONS: THE ART OF STORYTELLING, 9:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 21, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Local resident Joy Aavang, speaker, author and storyteller, will be present to encourage interested parties to tell their stories and practice the art of storytelling. Participants are not required to tell. Light refreshments will be served. Information: <https://l.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4432>.

STORYTIME AT PANERA MCHENRY, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 21, Panera, 1711 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Listen to stories, songs and fingerplays with milk and cookies. For ages 3-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-3850036 or mpHyps@mcHenrylibrary.org.

4-YEARS KINDERGARTEN STORYTIME, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Stories, dancing and crafts. Older siblings welcome, and younger siblings may join in with caregivers. Information: <https://l.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4496>.

HEROES ON THE AIR, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 21,

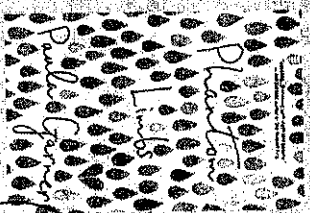


MEET AUTHOR PAULA GARNER

WHEN: 2 p.m. Sept. 24

WHERE: Read Between the Lines, 111 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock

COST & INFO: Debut YA novel captures all the confusion, heartbreak and fragile hope of three teens struggling to accept profound absences in their lives. Free. Books available to buy. Information: 815-206-5967, artefee@readbetweenthelines.com or www.readbetweenthelines.com/event/meet-paula-garner-author-phantom-limbs.



p.m. Sept. 22, Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. For adults and teens. Meet at Random House marketing rep who will discuss upcoming books. Attendees will receive free book samplers, catalogs and a "Keep Calm and Read On" tote bag. Items will be raffled off throughout the presentation. Registration is required. Free. Information: 815-344-0077, jstewart@johnsburglibrary.org or www.johnsburglibrary.org/event.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sept. 23, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Padlock St., Crystal Lake. For ages 3-6. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with stories, songs and more. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16655>.

DROP-IN STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 23, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Stories, crafts and fun. Information: <https://l.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4516>.

STORIES AT THE HIDDEN PEARL CAFE, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Sept. 23, Hidden Pearl Cafe, 1208 N. Green St., McHenry. An intimate storytime. For ages 3-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpHyps@mcHenrylibrary.org.

NOOK CLASS, 7 p.m. Sept. 23, Barnes & Noble, 5388 Route 14, Crystal Lake. A variety of events designed to teach, entertain and inspire. Free. Information: 815-344-0824 or cm2959@bn.com.

HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION FALL FEST BOOK SALE, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 24, REC Center gymnasium at Deerle Park, 12015 Mill St., Huntley. A variety of

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LITERACY VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12, McHenry County
Public Library, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Learn to
become a literacy tutor for reading math and
writing skills. Free. Information: 815-455-8542
www.mchenry.edu/volunteer.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK STORYTIME,
FOR CHILDREN**, 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 13, Crystal
Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crysta
Lake. October is Fire Prevention Month,
and we have invited firefighters from the
Crystal Lake Fire Department to join us for a
storytime. The firefighters will help read a sto
rybook and show the gear
that keeps them safe. CLPL cardholders only.
Registration required. Information: [http://
www.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/
ntsignup.asp?ID=16686](http://www.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/ntsignup.asp?ID=16686).

LITERARY REPERTORY, 7 p.m. Oct. 13, Le Petit
Café, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Every
second Thursday, the café and bistro across
from the Raue Center hosts Williams Street Reper
tory (WSR) for a reading series based around
monthly themes. Readers include community
members as well as WSR actors and staff
members. Free. Information: 815-477-3296,
titmarche2@yahoo.com or [http://wsrrep.
org/index.php/whats-on/get-literary-2](http://wsrrep.org/index.php/whats-on/get-literary-2).

GET READY FOR NANOWRIMO!, 3:30 to
5 p.m. Oct. 13, McHenry Public Library, 809
Front St., McHenry. Interested in writing but
not sure where to start? Join the Young Writ
ers Program. We'll play some writing games,

talk about books we love and leave with an
idea of something we might want to write
in the future - maybe through the month
of November, the official National Novel
Writing Month. For students in grades 6-12.
Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@
mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

MURDER & MAYHEM BOOK CLUB, 7 to
8 p.m. Oct. 13, Woodstock Public Library,
414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. The library's
longest running book club meets the second
Thursday of the month. Group members read
mysteries on a certain theme each month. No
registration required. Information: [https://
il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.
asp?ID=4564](https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4564).

**AN HOUR WITH THE CRYSTAL LAKE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 11:30 a.m. Oct. 14, Senior
Services Associates of Crystal Lake, 110 W.
Woodstock, Crystal Lake. Marcia Tillman with
the Crystal Lake Public Library tells seniors
what is new and offers library card signups.
Reservations required. Free. Information: 815-
356-7457 or [msmeltzer@seniorservicesassd.
com](mailto:msmeltzer@seniorservicesassd.com).

DROP-IN STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Oct.
14, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St.,
Woodstock. Pop by for stories, crafts and fun.
Information: [https://il.evanced.info/wood-
stock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4600](https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4600).

BARK FOR BOOKS, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Oct.
15, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd
St., Woodstock. Dogs are great listeners and
they can listen in any language. Sign up at the
Children's Desk starting at 9 a.m. Information:



MEET AUTHOR ROXIE KAMINSKI

WHEN: 12:30 p.m. Oct. 15
WHERE: Read Between the Lines, 111
St., Woodstock
COST & INFO: Children learn who the
the eyes and actions of their parents. 'Puzzle
Piece Heart' is the story of an ordinary mom
to listen to her inner voice. It begins with
her children, ages 4, 6, 8 and 11, and
learning together along the way. Filled with
humor, love and triumph, this is a
Free. Books available to buy. Information:
815-5967, arlene@readbetweenthehelines.com
readbetweenthehelines.com/events.

[https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/evan-
tsignup.asp?ID=4536](https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4536).

FRIENDS' FALL BOOK SALE, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 15 and noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, the back
warehouse of the McHenry Public Library, 809
Front St., McHenry. Books, music, movies and
more. \$10 fee to bring in a scanner. \$5 bag
sale Sunday. Information: 815-385-0036 or
mpfriends@mchenrylibrary.org.

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE, 10:30 a.m. to
noon Oct. 15, Algonquin Area Public Library
District - Harnish Main Library, 2600 Harnish
Drive, Algonquin. Each month we will visit a
different country and learn about the people
and culture through stories, crafts or movies.
For ages 7-9. Registration required. Free.
Information: 847-458-3139, [aparmele@aapld.](mailto:aparmele@aapld.org)

www.aapld.org.
READ TO THE DOG, 10 to 11
Crystal Lake Public Library, 110 W.
St., Crystal Lake. Information:
[crystallakelibrary.org/evanc
nup.asp?ID=16709](http://crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/ntsignup.asp?ID=16709).

**STORYTIME: "WE FOUND
OUR HAT"**, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 15, Read Between
the Lines, 111 St., Woodstock. In
the release of the final book
in the "hat" trilogy, we're doing a
storytime, including a hat r
craft. Plus, we'll have signed
books available to buy. Free.
Information: 815-206-5967, [arlene@rea
thelines.com](mailto:arlene@readbetweenthehelines.com) or [www.face
events/204089156671366](http://www.facebook.com/events/204089156671366)

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MARENGO SETTLERS' DAY

WHEN: Oct. 6-10

WHERE: Throughout Marengo
COST & INFO: Featuring a carnival, parade (2 p.m. Oct. 9), music, food, beer tent, petting zoo, arts and crafts fair, water fights, bags tournament, prince and princess contest, band competition and more. Information: www.settlersdays.com.

AMAZING AUTUMN NIGHT OF POETRY

WHEN: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6

WHERE: The Hollows Conservation Area, 3804 Route 14, Cary

COST & INFO: Share poetry readings on the beauty of nature with Raue Center for the Arts Poet-in-Residence Phil Denofrio. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrct.org.

"CHICAGO'S SWEET CANDY HISTORY"

WHEN: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6

WHERE: McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry

COST & INFO: Learn what made Chicago a powerful location for candymakers for much of its history. Presented by author Leslie Goddard. For ages 18 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

McHenry



SUMMER PICNIC - The McHenry Garden Club sponsored a family summer picnic at the home of Vern and Jean Schiller. Attendees enjoyed fellowship, a potluck meal and a hayride around the farm. Pictured are (back row, from left) Carol Haske, Patricia Rutter, Laurel Mayer, Connie Nelson, Holly Bauernsmith and Pat Schafer; (middle row) Traudi Koebberlein, Diane Boeckler, Suzanne Yazel, Terry LaDuke, Diane Waltmire, Jeanne Smith, Edyta Greczek, Judy Walter and Jean Schiller; and (front row) Jackie Homa, Maria Senson, Wanda Cornish and Cathy Klink.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 6

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Rummage sale**, Zion Lutheran Church, 4205 W. Elm St., McHenry. Continues 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 and 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 8. Hosted by the Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Guild. Information: 815-385-0859.

• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Defenders' Big Fall Book Sale**, Algonquin Township Road District garage, 3702 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Continues 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 7-8. Offering thousands of books, from children's books to popular fiction, science, biography and more. Fill a bag with books for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the environment. Information: www.mcdof.org or 815-338-0393.

• 4 to 7 p.m. - **Open house**, Main Stay Therapeutic Farm, 6919 Keystone Road, Richmond. Main Stay, a human services agency that provides therapeutic horsemanship, animal-assisted learning and adaptive garden programs, recently completed construction

of a new facility. Information: 815-653-9374 or www.mainstayfarm.org.

• 5 to 8 p.m. - **Living History Open House**, Powers-Walker House in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Enjoy the twilight ambience of the 1850s house lit only by candlelight. Volunteers in historical attire will answer questions and offer tours. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrct.org.

• 5 to 9 p.m. - **Ladies Night Out**, downtown Crystal Lake with check-in at the Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St. The first 500 people will receive a map, list of participating businesses and their specials and one free raffle ticket for a basket drawing. Includes a "night-cap" of entertainment, food and prizes at Georgio's Pizzeria. For a list of participating businesses and information, visit www.downtowncl.org.

• 6 to 8 p.m. - **College Fair 2016**, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Offering information on degrees, programs of study, admission requirements and tuition from more than 120 schools around the state and country. Free. Information: 815-455-8670 or www.mchenry.edu/collegefair.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanItNorthwest.com. Photos may be emailed to neighbors@nwherald.com.

Algonquin

School seeks crafters for annual fundraiser

St. John's Lutheran School, 300 Jefferson St., is seeking crafters for its craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3.

The cost is \$30 for 5-foot-by-10-foot space, \$35 for 10-foot-by-10-foot space. For information, call Char Binek at 843-854-2304.

Crystal Lake

Exhibitors and vendors sought for Green Living Expo

McHenry County College is seeking vendors and exhibitors for the Green Living Expo 2016 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5 at the college, 6900 Route 14.

The expo offers an opportunity for business owners and organizations to share their green product, service or message with the community. The event is hosted by the McHenry County College Sustainability Center. The cost is \$85 for businesses, \$45 for nonprofit organizations. The registration deadline is Oct. 17.

For information, call 815-479-7765.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The following Halloween related events are scheduled in McHenry County and beyond in the coming weeks. To have your event listed, visit PlanItNorthwest.com

McHENRY AREA JAYCEES HAUNTED HOUSE, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7-8, 14-16, 20-23 & 27-31, Knox Park, 300 S. Route 31, McHenry. In its 31st year, the haunted house takes over Knox Park barn, with unwanted monsters coming out to play. Cost is \$10 Friday and Saturday, \$8 Thursday and Sunday. Save \$1 when you bring a canned food donation. Pay \$5 more to jump the line. From noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 will be a Kiddie Matinee for children ages 10 and younger to trick-or-treat visit with favorite characters. Kiddie Matinee cost: \$5 a child (\$4 a child with a canned good donation); adults are free. Information: www.mchenryareajaycees.org.

THE REALM OF TERROR HORROR EXPERIENCE, through Oct. 31, 421 W. Rollins Road, Round Lake Beach. Described as "Illinois' most terrifying haunted house." Not intended for anyone younger than 16. Hours: 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays, Thursdays and Oct. 31. General admission tickets: \$25. Skip-the-line (\$35) and VIP (\$45) tickets available. Tickets and information: 847-973-6053 or www.realmofhorror.com.

HALLOWEEN HOUSE FOR HUNGER, through Nov. 4, 9731 Chetwood Drive, Huntley. View the display of a yard and house decked out for Halloween. Can be viewed anytime daily. Lights out at 10 p.m. Free. Asking for donations of nonperishable food items or cash to be given to the Grafton Food Pantry. Information: 847-207-8147 or andrea921@msn.com; 847-961-6598 or akalischefskid@icloud.com.

KARNIVAL OF KARNAGE, through Oct. 29, Boone County Fairgrounds, 8791 Route 76, Belvidere. A "Gates of Hell" theme this year. Not intended for anyone younger than 13. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Schedule: 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays. General admission tickets: \$15. A speed pass costs \$48. Tickets and information: www.karnivalofkarnage.com.

FABLES FRIGHT NIGHTS, 7 p.m. through Oct. 31, Santa's Village Amusement Park, 601 Dundee Ave., East Dundee. Multiple haunted attractions with ghoulish scare zones, rides, food and other surprises. Fright Nights are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Tickets: \$30 general admission, \$45 VIP. Information: 847-426-6751 or www.fablesfrightnights.com.

"DANGEROUS LULLABIES", Oct. 7-26, Lakeside Arts Park, 401 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake. A group fine art exhibition that explores the "curious allure of things that frighten us" featuring artists from across the country. Opening night is 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 7. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated (\$5 suggested). Exhibit viewing hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information: 815-455-8000, www.lakesidelegacy.org or www.xculturarts.com.

ANNUAL GHOST STORIES PLUS, 30th annual, 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 8, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. Featuring bog tours and Haunted Woods at 5 p.m., followed by stories with Ben Rosenfield at 7 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Food and treats available for purchase. Registration required: 815-344-1294 or dhnvolobog@illinois.gov.

HAUNTED HAYRIDE, 7 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 8, 14-15 & 21-22, Petersen Park, McHenry. Cost: \$8 a person. A 19th annual event hosted by the Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team. Every October, Henry Deadwood emerges at Petersen Park. To him, the area is Deadwood Forest where he entertains spirits, ghosts and goblins. Refreshments available. Free parking. Information: www.wonderlakeskisteam.org.



TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL

HISTORIC HALLOWEEN, 7 p.m. Oct. 12, McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main St., Union. Michael Murschel, Elgin funeral consultant, and his friend, Judi Brownfield, owner of Books at Sunset in Elgin, will present "The Victorian Art of Death" about death and history of the grieving process. Doors to the museum open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments in the society's 1895 West Harmony School afterward. Admission is \$5 for society members, \$10 for nonmembers. Information: 815-923-2267 or www.mchenrycountyhistory.org.

"DEARLY DEPARTED: A SWEET DEMISE", seventh annual, 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14-15, Colonel Palmer House, 660 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. A story based on real-life circumstances. Hosted by the Crystal Lake Historical Society. It is the fall of 1915 and mystery is in the air in the small close-knit town of Crystal Lake. A young bride receives threatening letters and a suspicious package in the mail. The event starts every 15 minutes. Event sells out annually. Advance tickets required. Tickets: \$8 at 815-455-1151 or www.cl-hs.org.

SCARYTOWN SCREAM PARK, Oct. 14-30, Plum Tree National, 19511 Lembocke Road, Harvard. A new haunted attraction with Camp Zombie, Deadwoods Haunted Trail and Terror Under the Big Top. Includes a concessions and bar area with scary movies on an outdoor movie screen, a kids' area with storytelling and min-scare zones. Schedule: 7:30 to 11 p.m. Oct. 14-15; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 16 & 20; 7:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 21-22; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 23 & 27; 7:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28-29; and 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 30. Prices range from \$12 to \$30 depending on how many attractions visited. Information: www.plumtreenational.com.

GHOST STORY TRAIN, Oct. 15 and Oct. 22, Fox River Trolley Museum, 365 S. LaFox St. (Route 31), South Elgin. The Ghost Story Train takes visitors into the John Duerr Forest Preserve. Then they can gather around the fire and listen to spooky stories, sing campfire songs and eat s'mores. Costumes welcome. Suitable for all ages. The trolley departs at 5, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$13.20 a person. Tickets: www.foxrtrolley.org.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT WORKSHOP WITH HIGH SCHOOL ART HONOR SOCIETY, 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children in grades 1 through 5 will create crafts. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

MONSTERS FOR THE GARDEN WITH THE McHENRY GARDEN CLUB, 3 to 4 p.m. Oct. 21, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will make spooky or fun Halloween decorations. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

HOWL-O-WEEN DOG PARADE, seventh annual, 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 22, Village Hall, 2200 Hanish Drive, Algonquin. Owners and their dogs are encouraged to come dressed in costumes to parade from the Ganek Municipal Center to High Hill Park. Awards for Best Dog Costume and Best Theme Costume. Registration fee: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents. Registration deadline: Oct. 19. Information: 847-658-2716 or www.algonquin.org/creation.

PUMPKIN PARTY, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25, McHenry Recreation Center, 3636 Municipal Drive, McHenry. Children ages 2 and older will receive a mini pumpkin to decorate. Hosted by the McHenry Parks & Recreation Department. There also will be pizza, popcorn and apple cider. Registration required. Cost: \$10 child, \$1 adult. Information: 815-363-2160 or www.ci.mchenry.il.us.

HALLOWEEN BASH FOR KIDS, 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 26, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children ages 2 and older with an adult are invited to come in costume and take part in stories, activities and the monster mash. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT'S HAUNTED HOME DECORATING CONTEST, 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 26, Crystal Lake Park District, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock. Experience the emotional thrill of Bram Stoker's Gothic masterpiece in this elegantly horrific one-woman show by resident storyteller Megan Wells. With depth and charisma, Wells brings the monster to life as you have never experienced him before. Presented by Ilim May and Nippersink Stories. Recommended for young adults and adults. Tickets: \$19 all seats. Tickets and information: 815-338-5300 or www.woodstockoperahouse.com.

"DRACULA" - WITH STORYTELLER MEGAN WELLS, 8 p.m. Oct. 27, Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock. Experience the emotional thrill of Bram Stoker's Gothic masterpiece in this elegantly horrific one-woman show by resident storyteller Megan Wells. With depth and charisma, Wells brings the monster to life as you have never experienced him before. Presented by Ilim May and Nippersink Stories. Recommended for young adults and adults. Tickets: \$19 all seats. Tickets and information: 815-338-5300 or www.woodstockoperahouse.com.

HALLOWEEN PARTY, 11:30 a.m. Oct. 28, Senior Services Associates, 110 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. There will be a luncheon of Halloween-inspired foods and a performance by musician and entertainer Steve Askins. Costumes encouraged, but optional. Cost: \$6. Reservations and information: 815-356-7457 or msmeltzer@seniorservicesassoc.org.

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HAUNTED NIGHTS

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McHENRY COUNTY CANDIDATES

WHEN: 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 3

WHERE: McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake

COST & INFO: Meet candidates running for local and state offices from 6 to 7 p.m. A candidates forum for McHenry County Board Districts 1, 2 and 3 will begin at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of McHenry County. Free. Information: lwwmc07@gmail.com.

McHENRY COUNTY DEFENDERS BIG FALL BOOK SALE

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 3

WHERE: Algonquin Township Road District garage, 1702 Route 14, Crystal Lake

COST & INFO: Thousands of books available to buy. Continues through Oct. 8. Tag sale Oct. 6-8, fill a bag or \$5. Proceeds benefit the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the environment. Information: www.mcdef.org or 815-38-0393.



DANCE WINNERS - The Lakes Area Swing Band drew a number of contestants to the dance floor at the McHenry Fox River Pk Dinner Dance Sept. 10. VFW Cmdr. Bob Lungren (left) presents the first-place trophy to Rose Engelbrecht and Ben Bigler of W (left) second-place winners Sherri and Kevin Klopfenstein of Crystal Lake and third-place winners Vera Bearden and Howard H with their trophies. It was a close victory for the Wonder Lake couple, who six months ago won third place in a dance conte McHenry VFW Auxiliary. The Crystal Lake couple won second place in that contest.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 3

• 9 to 10:30 a.m. - **Monday Morning Media Motivation Series**, Volunteer Center McHenry County, 620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake. Seven-month series for nonprofit organizations on how to increase capacity through social media. Led by Jack Bachaud of The Social Networker. Each individual will receive a certificate of completion for completing the entire course. Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Information: rstemke@volunteercenter-mchenrycounty.org.

• 3:30 to 5 p.m. - **Drop-in STEM Crafts**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. This Halloween-themed program will focus on STEM skills while still having some craft elements. Experiment with candy pumpkin engineering, self-inflating ghost balloons and beaded spiders. Information: www.crystallakelibrary.org.

• 5:30 to 8 p.m. - **McHenry County Republican Women's Club fundraiser**, Port Edward Restaurant, 20 W. Algonquin Road, Algonquin. Proceeds benefit RWC scholarships for McHenry County students. Cost: \$55. Information: 815-385-1110 or www.mcrgop.org.

• 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Green Screen 101 for Teens & Tweens**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Sixth- through

12th-graders will learn how to use a camera and green screen to create a photo of themselves at fun and far out places, such as a warm tropical beach or outer space. Participants will receive a digital copy of their photo. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 9 p.m. - **Basic Budgeting: Tools & Techniques**, Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. Attendees will review their financial plan, develop an income and expense sheet, create a cash flow plan and more. Presented by the Consumer Counseling Service of Northern Illinois. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-0077 or www.johnsburglibrary.org/event.

• 7:30 p.m. - **Crystal Lake Area Branch AAUW (American Association of University Women) program**, Senior Services Associates, 110 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring a panel discussion by four female military veterans from McHenry County College, who will discuss their college, military and civilian experiences. Information: 815-459-9462.

• 7:30 to 9 p.m. - **Fox Valley Rocketeers meeting**, Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffel Road, Woodstock. Local club of model rocketry enthusiasts. Information: 815-337-9068 or www.foxvalley-rocketeers.org.

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Crystal Lake Catholic women prayer breakfast

Magnificat McHenry Catholic women's minister the Magnificat Prayer 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 22 at Banquets & Conference Room, 14 Route 14.

The guest speaker is Robert Thorn, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Tickets are \$20 a person. For tickets, call Dee Slowey at 815-385-1110.

Crystal Lake Free clinic to offer screenings, personal care

Immanuel Ministries will host its annual Community Clinic Oct. 15 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 S. Pathway Court.

The free clinic offers health screenings, hair salon services, clothing, children's activities and more. Pediatric wellness exams will be provided, along with chiropractic and hearing services. There also will be a Perseus Exposition featuring refreshments from organizations such as Project Health and Informed Choices.

For information, contact Cori Dorn at rdorn@immanuelcl.org.

LITERARY EVENTS

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BUILD YOUR RÉSUMÉ WITH JOB & CAREER ACCELERATOR, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 8, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Bring your MPLD library card, email address, and your knowledge of basic computer skills. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpire@mchenrylibrary.org.

MURDER & MAYHEM BOOK CLUB, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 8, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Meets the second Thursday of the month. Group members read two to three mysteries on a certain theme each month. Request a copy of the book using the online catalog; copies sometimes are available at the front desk. No registration required. Information: <https://l.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4553>.

WHY SENIORS SHOULD WRITE THEIR MEMOIRS CLASS, 1:30 p.m. Sept. 8, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. A McHenry County College Retired Adult Program. Learn an easy way to record stories of your life for your family, how to put your thoughts together and get them down on paper. Cost: \$25. Course code: NRAS87007. Information: 815-455-8588.

TEEN ANIME CLUB, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Gather with friends to watch some anime, share opinions and enjoy some pocky. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16003>.

BEGINNING EXCEL 2013, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 9, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Registration required. Learn the basics of working with Excel 2013 in a class for beginners. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16736>.

STEM HANDS ON SCIENCE, 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 9, Soda straw marble mazes, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Science program teaches children scientific concepts using hands-on learning. CLPL card-holders only. Registration required. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15271>.

NOOK CLASS, 7 p.m. Sept. 9, Barnes & Noble Crystal Lake, Crystal Lake. A variety of events designed to teach, entertain and inspire. Free. Information: 815-344-8824 or cm2959@bn.com.

DUPLO MANIA BUILDING, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 10, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For ages 2-5½ with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyp4@mchenrylibrary.org.

24-HOUR RUN EXPERIENCE BY FRED KAISER, 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 10, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. PE teacher and 24-Hour Run creator Fred Kaiser will be signing copies of his book. Be sure to wear your 24-Hour Run T-Shirt. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16679>.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY STORYTIME, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 10, McHenry Public Library,



AUTHOR SIGNING

WHEN: 7 p.m. Sept. 7
WHERE: Barnes & Noble, 5380 Route 14, Crystal Lake
COST & INFO: Maximilian Timm, author of "The Wish-Keeper: Book One of the Paragonia Chronicles," will be in town for a special signing of a tale about Shea Evenstar who wanted to be a Wish-Keeper, but her parents destroyed a True Love Wish. Free. Information: 815-444-0824 or <https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2959>.

809 Front St., McHenry. A Grandparent's Day celebration. Hear stories and songs, and make a special craft together. For ages 3-7 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

BOGS AND BOOKS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. The group meets the second Saturday of each month to discuss natural history, outdoor and environmental literature. Sept. 10: "Henry David Thoreau for Kids" by Corinne Hosfeld Smith; Oct. 8: "Kingbird Highway - The Biggest Year in the Life of an Extreme Birder" by Kenn Kaufman. Nov. 12: "Natural Digressions: A Natural History of the 21st Century" by Mark Spreyer. Registration requested at 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

BABYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to 17 months old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15486>.

BIRTH TO 5 STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 12 and 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to age 5 years, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15494>.

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 12, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Kitchen Confidential" by Anthony Bourdain. Copies are available at the checkout desk. No registration needed. For ages 18 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpire@mchenrylibrary.org.

DROP-IN LEGOS, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Sept. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15364>.

TODDLERTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children from age

18-35 months, accompanied by a parent or an adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15490>.

3- AND 4-YEAR-OLD STORYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children ages 3 and 4 years old. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15502>.

BFG PROGRAM, 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Did you see the movie "The BFG" this summer? Check out this program for BFG-themed crafts and trivia. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16703>.

DROP-IN BIRTH TO 5 STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children from birth to age 5 years old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15506>.

TELL YOUR STORY, 10 a.m. Sept. 13, Wauconda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda. Share your experiences, favorite moments and more. Free. Information: 847-526-6225, tsuda@wauclib.org or <http://wauclib.evanced.info/signup/eventdetails?eventid=6517&lib=0>.

BIRTH TO 3 STORYTIME, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sept. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children from birth to 3 years old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15514>.

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Drop-in Family storytime for children from birth to age 5, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15530>.

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wanted them to know a part of my life that could probably not have been open to them.

What genre is your book, and why were you drawn to it?
Religious nonfiction. I was driven to be part of service to the church as a child, having been educated by nuns in elementary school.

Who is the intended audience?
Anyone who has always wondered about life in convent or desired to enter religious life. Senior citizens who had nuns as teachers are in general curious, as well as most adults who were not alive during the era when nuns were so prevalent. Those who never had nuns or knew about the Catholic faith would really be enlightened.

Why is this story important to you?

How are you publishing this book and why (traditional/indie/self-publishing)?
This book was self-published by AuthorHouse because I wanted to avoid traditional publishing expenses. AuthorHouse did market the book, but for the most part I did very well marketing it myself.

What is your education/background?
I graduated from Alverno College with a bachelor's degree. I graduated from Concordia University with a master's degree.

How/why did you decide to write a book?
I decided to write a book to share an unusual lifestyle with the grandchildren.

Who are your favorite authors?
I enjoy many authors. I don't limit myself to

one in particular.

Pick one: Danielle Steel or John Grisham?
John Grisham

Pick one: Stephen King or Nicholas Sparks?
Nicholas Sparks

Have you written anything else?
I am writing a sequel to the book about my experiences as an elementary principal. It will put into print what most principals would never tell you and delve into other life experiences.

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LITERARY EVENTS

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COLORING FOR ADULTS, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Coloring books and supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own. Light snacks will be served. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/libvents/signup.asp?ID=16745>.

CRYSTAL LAKE LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. The Crystal Lake Library Foundation Board will meet. Information: www.crystallakelibrary.org.

HAPL WRITERS GROUP, 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 6, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. All writers - beginning through experienced - are invited to network and share their writing in a friendly setting. Bring some writing

to share. Open to ages 15 and older. Information: 847-669-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

FAMILY BOOK CLUB: "THE BFG," 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Pick up a free copy of the book at the questions desk. A book discussion and fun activities based on the book. For all ages. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mcHenrylibrary.org.

GET LITERARY, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 8, Le Petit

Marché, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. The café and bistro across from Raue Center hosts Williams Street Repertory (WSR) for a reading series based around monthly themes. Readers include community members as well as WSR actors and staff members. Free. Information: 815-477-3296, petitmarche2@yahoo.com or <http://wsrep.org>.

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"A LIFE LIKE NUN OTHER"

RELEASE: July 27, 2010
ABOUT: An autobiography of the author's life as a nun from 1959 to 1971.

INFO: Available on Amazon, AuthorHouse Publishing and Barnes & Noble.

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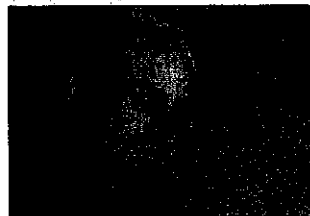
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(below) loves haunted houses - the scarier the better. He has traveled across the country exploring and filming some of the nation's most frightening locations, including battlefields, prisons, deserted asylums and haunted residences. He will share his photos, videos and testimonies, and discuss tools used by a "ghost hunter." This program is not intended for children younger than 12. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-0077 or www.johnsburglibrary.org.



THE MUSIC AND INFLUENCE OF PETE SEEGER

WHEN: 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 29
WHERE: McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry
COST & INFO: Folk singer Steve Justman will perform Seeger's music, including "If I Had a Hammer," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and more. Free. Information: www.mchenrylibrary.org or 815-385-0036.



SEASONAL PLANTING - The Alden-Hebron are Salvador Mercado (from left), Julia Wil

COMMUNIT CALENDAI

Sept. 29

• 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. - **Crystal Clear Toasters Club meeting**, Panera Bread, 6000 Rte 14, Crystal Lake. Information: www.crystal-cleartoastmasters.org.

• 10 to 11:30 a.m. - **Bingo Bagel Bash**, Nory Recreation Center, 3636 Municipal Drive, McHenry. Bring a wrapped gift with a value more the \$5 for a bingo gift exchange. Include bagels and coffee or tea. Free. Information: 1-815-363-2160 or www.ci.mchenry.il.us/program

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **American Association of Women in Community Colleges book sale**, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Featuring new and affordably priced books for children and adults. A portion of the proceeds will support MCC student scholarships. Information: 815-479-7829.

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Defenders' Big Fall Book Sale**, Algonquin Township Road District garage, 3702 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Continuing through Oct. 8. Proceeds benefit the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the environment. Information: www.mcdef.org or 815-338-0393.

AREA CONCERTS & BANDS

CITY OF McHENRY CONCERT SERIES: MILES OVER MOUNTAINS, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Veterans Memorial Park, 3400 Pearl St., McHenry. An acoustic grass-roots band based in McHenry. Free. Expanded farmers market open from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Information: 815-363-2160.

JIM AND JUSTIN, 9 p.m. Sept. 29, Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. An acoustic duo from the Chicago area that mixes all genres from Tom Petty and Paul Simon to Taio Cruz and Mumford & Sons. Every show is different because the sets and crowd involvement play off of who is attending. They also have a mix of comedy songs for the adults. Information: www.thedukeabides.com/events/.

THE MUSIC AND INFLUENCE OF PETE SEEGER WITH STEVE JUSTMAN, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 29, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Justman sings the songs you know and love, such as "If I Had a Hammer," "Kisses Sweeter than Wine" and "Where have all the Flowers Gone." For ages 8 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, mpref@mchenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

KARLA BONOFF, 8 p.m. Sept. 30, Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. With a career spanning four decades and her own recordings, Karla has seen her songs become hits for Bonnie Raitt, Wynonna Judd and Linda Ronstadt. Many of Bonoff's ballads are classics, and she has continued to tour extensively, playing sold-out shows around the world. Tickets: \$25. Tickets and information: www.woodstockoperahouse.com or 815-338-5300.

KEVIN PRESBREY, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, The Listening Room at Lakeside Arts Park, 401 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake. Influenced by Jim Croce, Ryan Adams and Led Zeppelin, Presbrey brings material from his newest releases being recorded in Nashville and songs from his previous album, "Dust Unto Dust." Tickets: \$18 in advance through noon Sept. 30 at www.lakesideartspark.org or \$20 a the door. Tickets and information: www.lakesideartspark.org

HI/JACK, 8 p.m. Oct. 1, The Cool Music Stop, 10 N. Ayer St., Harvard. For information, search "Hi/Jack" on www.bandsintown.com or call Cool Music Stop at 815-943-6233.

DIANE BISH ORGAN CONCERT, 3 to 4 p.m. Oct. 2, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 845 W. Main St., West Dundee. An international organ virtuoso, Bish will perform a concert to dedicate the new organ at St. Catherine of Siena Church. A reception will follow the concert. Free. Information: 847-426-2217 or parishoffice@stcatherinechurch.com.

JAZZ ON THE SQUARE JAM SESSION, 8 to 11 p.m. Oct. 7, Stage Left Café, 125 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Experienced and beginner musicians and vocalists welcome. Cost: \$5 donation requested. Information: www.jazzonthesquare.com.

DANIEL SOUVIGNY OPEN HOUSE & CONCERT, noon Oct. 8, New Life Baptist Church, 9228 Trinity Drive, Lake in the Hills. Open house is from noon to 1 p.m. with a light lunch. Concert starts at 1 p.m., featuring the 15-year-old, three-time junior world champion pianist. Free. Information: 847-458-9726 or www.newlifebaptist-il.com.

"CON BRIO!" 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 8, The Pointe Christian Outreach Center, 5650 Route 14, Crystal Lake. An operatic recital by Paula Schaeffgen (mezzo-soprano), Alvaro Ramirez (bass) and Anatolij Torchinsky (piano) with arias and duets by Rossini, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Ponchielli, Thomas and others. Suggested donation: \$10. Information: 847-421-4287 or www.conbrio.com.



HANS & THE HORN

WHEN: 8 p.m. Oct. 11
WHERE: Stage Left Café, 125 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock
COST & INFO: Performing cover pop dar the 1980s to present, the band presents a hop with all the frills and fun of your high school prom. Schedule of future concerts: 9:30 p.m. Oct. 12, Waterfront Bar, Fontana, Wisconsin; 8 p.m. Oct. 13, Main's Quarters, Antioch. Information: www.facebook.com/hansandthehorn

alvaroramirez.com.

INDIE FOLK AND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, noon Oct. 1, Country Club, 19511 Lembecke Road, Harvard. Featuring acts: Cost: \$15. Information: www.plumtreenationalfestival.com

MIKE DOWLING IN CONCERT, 8 p.m. Oct. 8, Unity Square, 225 Calhoun St., Woodstock. Grammy-nominated and songwriter. Presented by Off Square Music in W. Information: 815-338-5164 or www.offsquaremusic.com.

JIMMY NICK SOLO SHOW, 9 p.m. to midnight Oct. 1, Kitchen, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. An old-fashion prodigy. Information: www.thedukeabides.com.

RED, WHITE & BLUES, 8 p.m. Oct. 14, The Listening Room at Lakeside Arts Park, 401 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake. A nig guitarist Roger Adler and the Blues Deluxe Band. The jam opportunity during the show. A portion of tickets (Transitional Living Services) in McHenry. Tickets: \$1 of show. Tickets and information: 815-455-8000 or www.offsquaremusic.com.

CENTERFOLD, 8 p.m. Oct. 15, McHenry Moose Lodge, 1000 N. Main St., Johnsburg. Performing pop/rock favorites of yesteryear. Band bookings and information: 708-284-2902, www.centerfoldband.com or www.facebook.com/centerfoldband.



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IN HARMONY - The Fox Valley Men of Harmony, an a cappella singing group that performs in the traditional barbershop style of four-part harmony, entertained members of the Home State Bank Senior Club Sept. 9 during the group's annual summer picnic at Veteran Acres Park. Singers are invited to join the Fox Valley Men of Harmony, which meets for rehearsals and social time at 7 p.m. Mondays at the First Methodist Church of Elgin, 216 E. Highland Ave., Elgin. For information, visit www.foxvalleymenofharmony.com.

MUNITY NDAR

6 to 7 p.m. - Pancake Breakfast/ Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, ages 55 and older. Flap jacks, coffee cake, orange juice, coffee and fixings provided by Colonial Post and more in store. Cost: \$8. www.crystallakeparks.org.

National Voter Registration Public Library, 126 Paddock Registrars from the League of American Association of University Women and CLPL Staff will be on site to update addresses and change names. Free. Information: 815-337-3534, thayes@ch4cs.com or <http://unity-woodstock.org>.

6 to 7 p.m. - Ozobot Construction, Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. By using colored lines to direct robots, children will learn computer instruction themed Ozobots to either move small boxes around a miniature site. For grades K-3. Free. Information: 815-337-3534, mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

Multi-Chamber Mixer at McHenry College, MCC Café/Com-8900 US Route 14, Crystal Lake. Open the facility and lab space, food, and information on the college's new capital center for student access and information, and more. Information: www.mchenrycollege.edu.

The Fray Stitchery Club, Huntley Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Open to all, crochet, cross-stitch or work any fabric. Novice through experienced, all are welcome. Bring projects. Information: 847-669-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

6 to 7 p.m. - The Running Depot Hosts Dr. Todd Wallace, The Running Depot, 30 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. A physical therapist, Wallace will provide free consultations and injury prevention advice. There will be four 15-minute slots. Call 815-788-9755 to book a slot. Information: law445@att.net.

6 to 7 p.m. - Dementia Support Group, Three Oaks Assisted Living & Memory Care, 1055 Silver Lake Road, Cary. Learn more about memory loss and caring for yourself as well as your loved one. Free. Information: <http://business.carygrovechamber.com/events/details/dementia-support-group-6797>.

6:30 to 9 p.m. - Mindshifters Group, Unity Spiritual Center of Woodstock, 225 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock. Facilitated by Dr. Tim Hayes, the group will watch a one-hour videotaped lecture by Dr. Michael Ryce, author of "Why is this Happening to me...Again," in which he presents a series of self-help tools for personal and spiritual growth. The group then will discuss the material and apply the practical tools presented. Free. Information: 815-337-3534, thayes@ch4cs.com or <http://unity-woodstock.org>.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - "Veterans' Rights & Benefits," Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. The superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County will discuss services offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Information: www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

7 p.m. - Taize prayer service, First Congregational Church, 461 Pierson St., Crystal Lake. The Taize service is an ecumenical meditative prayer for peace featuring candlelight, music, scripture and silence.

7 to 8 p.m. - CSI in the Library, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Learn about forensic science in a fun and interactive program. For grades 6-12. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

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GEEK MOMS AND DADS SCIENCE WITH KIDS

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20
WHERE: McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry
COST & INFO: Parents and children will celebrate science doing experiments together. For ages 6 and older accompanied by an adult. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

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FAMILY STORY AND PLAYTIME, 10:30 to
 a.m. Oct. 1, Crystal Lake Public Library,
 V. Paddock Street, Crystal Lake. Stories,
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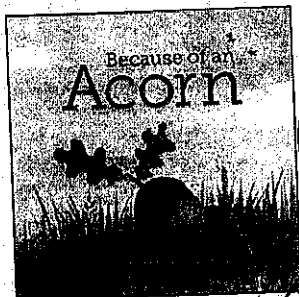
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 copy of the books. Free. Information:
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DROP-IN STEM CRAFTS, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 ct. 3, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W.
 paddock St., Crystal Lake. This Hallow-
 en-themed program will focus on STEM
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 We will experiment with candy pumpkin
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nda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda.
 At this inspiring, memory-filled meeting, we
 invite you to share your experiences, favor-
 ite moments and more. Free. Information:
 847-526-6225 or tsuda@wauclib.org.

SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A NOVEL, 7 to
 8:30 p.m. Oct. 5, Crystal Lake Public Library,
 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Want to
 write a novel but don't know where to be-
 gin? Local author Elizabeth Harmon shares
 her own journey and provides tips on getting
 started, plotting, and characterization. Infor-
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"CAPS FOR SALE!" 9:30 a.m. Oct. 6, Wau-
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 conda. Kids will delight in this classic tale, rich
 with cleverness and a bit of mischief. Fun
 play and perhaps a bit of monkey business,
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CHAT 'N CHEW TWEEN BOOK GROUP,
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6, McHenry Public Li-
 brary, 809 Front St., McHenry. Good compa-
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 we will all read a spooky story to share. For
 kids in grades 4-6. Free. Information: 815-
 385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB, 6:30 to
 8 p.m. Oct. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library,
 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Our very
 first book discussion, for students in grades
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PARACHUTE PLAY FOR TODDLERS, 10:30
 to 11 a.m. Oct. 7, McHenry Public Library,
 809 Front St., McHenry. Storytime and activ-
 ities with our indoor parachute. For toddlers
 2-3½ years old with adult. Free. Information:
 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.
 org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.

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WIGGLES & GIGGLES @ YOUR LIBRARY,
 9:30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 7, McHenry Public
 Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fun and
 active stories, rhymes and songs for ages 6
 to 23 months with adult. Free. Information:
 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.
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**LOCAL AUTHORS FAIR & PUBLIC MEET-
 AND-GREET**, 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 8, Crystal Lake
 Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal
 Lake. For local authors to network with
 fellow writers, meet the public and maybe
 even sell a book or two. Call 815-526-5150 to
 reserve a spot. Open to the public. Informa-
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**OF BOGS AND BOOKS BOOK DISCUSSION
 GROUP**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 8, Volo Bog
 State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg
 Road, Ingleside. "Kingbird Highway - The
 Biggest Year in the Life of an Extreme Bird-
 er" by Kenn Kaufman. The group meets the
 second Saturday of each month to discuss

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TRUE COLORS - Heineman Middle School Principal Jake [Name] during the school's Color-a-Thon fundraiser Sept. 16. Teach and school administrators with color at five stations through school grounds during the event, which raised about \$15,000.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 26

• 9 to 11 a.m. - **Job search workshop**, McHenry County Workforce Center, 500 Russel Court, Woodstock. Free. Information: 815-338-7100 or www.mchenrycountyworkforce.com.

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Defenders' Big Fall Book Sale**, Algonquin Township Road District garage, 3702 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Continues through Oct. 8. Proceeds benefit the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the environment. Information: www.mdef.org or 815-338-0393.

• 3:30 to 5 p.m. - **Crypto Club**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fifth-through eighth-graders will learn how to make and break secret codes and cyphers using puzzles, coding, math and more. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. - **Smart Meter program information session**, Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. Information on how consumers can view and control their energy usage online and save money. Registration not required. Free. Information: 815-479-7765 or sustainability@mchenry.edu.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Business Plan Basics,"** Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Jim Screeden from SCORE will discuss the elements of a business plan and where to find the information required. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

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Elgin library to offer high school diploma program for adults



Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin will offer Career Online High School, a program for adults who want to earn an accredited high school diploma.

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Elena Ferrarin

Gail Borden Public Library (<http://gailborden.info/diploma>) soon will offer an online program for adults who want to earn an accredited high school diploma.

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The Career Online High School (<http://www.careeronlinehs.gale.com/rails/>) requires students to put in about eight to 10 hours of work per week, and must be completed within 18 months, said Melissa Lane, who oversees the program at the library.

"For somebody who's like, 'Oh, I was thinking about my GED but I'll do this instead,'" she said, "it's very different. It's much more demanding than you'd think."

The program will launch in two to three weeks, Lane said. People are eligible if they have completed the 8th grade, and must submit any high school transcripts to apply for credits to the program.

The process starts with an online self-assessment and a two-week prerequisites course, followed by an interview. "We want to know that they are going to stick with the program," she said. "We want to make sure they have the computer skills necessary, and the ability to work in an online, self-paced environment."

The initiative is supported by Reaching Across Illinois Library System, or RAILS, whose members include about 1,300 library agencies in northern and west-central Illinois. The Elgin library has budgeted \$12,500 to provide the program to 10 students, and is saving \$18,000 thanks to the agency's support, library spokeswoman Denise Raleigh said.

"We attempted to get that funded a few years ago, but we were not successful," she said. "RAILS was instrumental in us making the decision to move forward with this."

Six other libraries, including Addison and McHenry, have started offering the online high school program after the initiative went live in August -- and many more are planning to join, said Veronda Pitchford, director of membership development and resource sharing for RAILS.

"This is an important role libraries can play to support education in the community, and to be a partner for workforce development in the community,"

Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook was the first to offer the program about two years ago, mostly thanks to a \$64,000 state grant, library officials said.

About 30 students are taking the program, and three students graduated (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2eNjohTK4U>) recently, taking between five and 16 months to complete the program, said its communications

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manager Melissa Bradley.

"They were the very first graduates in the entire state of Illinois to receive their high school diploma through their library," she said. "It was a really big milestone for us."

Anyone interested in the program can contact Melissa Lane at cohs@gailborden.info or (847) 289-5837.

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Madigan is the single most severe problem this state has.

I guess I feel the same about these two people as I do about the presidential election. We will be voting for the lesser of two evils.

Frank Babinsky
McHenry

Libraries are huge tax burden

To the Editor:

The letter on Aug. 23 by Bill Weller is a prime example of entitlement and why our taxes are so high. I've been saying for years that libraries should no longer be on the tax roles and under the burden of the taxpayer. I'm not saying libraries are not useful, because they are. I know there are many advocates for libraries, but it should no longer be the responsibility of the taxpayer to supply people with books, videos, computer cafes, and personal entertainment. Most schools have libraries, so your kids already have

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access to the books they need and we all know who pays for the schools.

I can't believe Weller's boasting about all this free stuff on the taxpayer's dime, even though I'm guessing he can afford to pay for his entertainment. I would love for anyone to justify why this is the taxpayer's responsibility. I buy my own books, rent my own movies, buy my own computer and pay a monthly cable bill. Why should I be required to do that for anybody else?

Libraries are a huge tax burden. If peo-

ple want to use the library, they should pay for their use. At the least, there must be a substantial user's fee imposed at libraries. Nothing is free. Someone always has to pay for it, and it's usually the taxpayer. This is a great place to start to rid the state of its 7,000 taxing bodies, especially being my taxes have gone up 25 percent in two years.

Jim Callanan
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Obvious alternatives to new library not investigated

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Spencer Ebann's Sept. 25 letter, "Libraries benefit young families." Mr. Ebann suggests a significant benefit of the proposed library project is space for a drive-up book return. I agree that this is something our library sorely needs.

However, do we really need to build a \$30 million building to have a drive-thru book return? The Fox River Valley Public Library District has partnerships with its local Culver's and Jewel for remote book drops. The St. Charles Public Library has remote book drops at various police stations in its service area.

The Crystal Lake City Hall has a large parking lot. Has anyone bothered to investigate whether the City Hall parking lot has adequate space to accommodate a drive-thru book drop? What about in the Metra lot? Or the Main Beach parking lot? Or in the parking lots of our schools? Has anyone reached out to our city's community partners to see if they would be willing to have a remote book drop?

I am disappointed that the knee-jerk reaction is to spend \$30 million on a new building when there has not been an honest effort to investigate these obvious alternatives.

John Dickson
Crystal Lake