

**McHENRY PUBLIC
LIBRARY DISTRICT**
WISDOM • KNOWLEDGE • DREAMS

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Board Room

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Baderstadt, 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, January 16, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT – Delphine Grala, Treasurer
Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through
January 31, 2018 and Bill Reports for January/February 2018
Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)
Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Letter from MPLD employee, K. Lopez requesting tuition reimbursement.
- 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).

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/action concerning new patron behavior policy **(Action)**
2. Approval of staff member, K. Lopez request for tuition reimbursement **(Action)**
3. Discussion concerning finding possible new board members – timeline, process and questions.
4. Approval of revised minutes from Oct. 24, 2017 meeting relative to omission of action item. **(Action)**
5. Discussion/action concerning removal of policy related to restricting minors from checking out mature (M)-rated video games – removal of policy from manual. **(Action)**
6. Discussion about change of library open hours **(Poss. Action/Direction to Staff)**

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Any person with a physical disability may contact the MPLD (815-385-0036) within 4 hours of any meeting date to request special access to any board meeting. The MPLD will make all board meetings accessible to people with physical disabilities under the current ADA requirements.

MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

Date: January 16, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Library Board Meeting Room

I. Call to Order:

President Baderstadt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey (arrived 7:40 p.m.), Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Bradley Schubert, Jill Stone

Members Absent: Charles Reilly

Also Present: James Scholtz, Executive Director; Bill Edminster, Assistant Director; Patti Torgersen, Business Manager

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None

V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors

Baderstadt asked Torgersen to introduce herself.

VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting

Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 19, 2017

Treasurer's Report – Delphine Grala, Treasurer

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through December 31, 2017

Invoice Reports for December 2017/January 2018

Additional Invoices (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

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

Scholtz complimented Torgersen on the quality of her first set of financials.

Schubert moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting for December 19, 2017, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through December 31, 2017, the Invoice Reports for December 2017/January 2018, and payment of the invoices.

Ayes: Baderstadt, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Carey, Reilly
Motion Passed

VII. Communications

There were no Communications for the Board to review.

VIII. Librarian's Report

The Board reviewed the Librarian's Report

- Scholtz reviewed a list of statistics prepared by Sue Yazel, Human Relations Manager. Scholtz used the opportunity to talk about salaries and employee benefit costs as part of the cost of doing business.
- Scholtz informed the Board that our auditors say we are required to review our pension and health benefit projections every three years due to new GASB 45 & 96 rules. The actuarial firm that he has chosen, Lauterbach & Amen, will analyze our current and projected pension costs so that we can reduce future liability by paying more to IMRF now.
- Scholtz will be participating in RAILS's revision of its strategic plan.
- The ILA Legislative Breakfast will be on Monday, February 19, 2018 at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove. The charge is \$25 per person.
- Scholtz announced that because of a change to FOIA laws, the Library needs to assemble a list of readily available internal documents that will be easily available for FOIA requests. The list will be on the library's website.
- The veneer or laminate is peeling off some staff desks that the Library purchased during its 2009-10 renovation and the desks need replacing. Scholtz reported that the Questions Desk will be redesigned and reinforced as part of the project.
- Edminster reminded the Board that the Career Online High School graduation ceremony will be Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 1 p.m. and invited them to attend. Senator Althoff was invited to give the graduation speech but has not responded.

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 October 24, 2017 Executive Session Minutes.

The Board did not go into executive session.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

1. Board reviews slides in Library Safety and Security as part of 2018 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant Application

Scholtz presented the slides to the Board, pointing out where the Library meets and exceeds standards as well as where the Library needs to do better.

2. Discussion and Consideration of Investment/Fund Balance Policy 2018

Leccese moved and Schubert seconded a motion to approve the Investment/Fund Balance Policy.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Reilly
Motion Passed

3. Consideration of amended policy—Rules for Patron Behavior—in Public Policy Manual

Scholtz presented proposed amendments to the policy. Baderstadt questioned some of the proposed language, saying that it was vague and was open to legal challenges. Scholtz will discuss the policy with staff and come back with a new draft.

4. Discussion concerning open/closed (Executive) session and plan to reduce number of closed sessions to increase public transparency of records

Scholtz explained that the library directors discussion groups he belongs to have been discussing Executive Sessions and have come to the conclusion that having fewer sessions is a way to be more transparent to citizens. Governmental units are required to keep recordings of Executive Sessions forever. The Board felt that there are issues that must be reviewed in closed sessions, such as employment questions. The Board also felt that one or two sessions in a year was not excessive and will continue to have them as needed.

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

Baderstadt announced that she would be leaving the Board at the end of the fiscal year in approximately June or July 2018. Scholtz recommended that the Trustees consider suggesting candidates for the post. The Library will post the vacancy as well.

XIII. Adjournment

Stone moved and Schubert seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Ayes: Baderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Reilly

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

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

Date: October 24, 2017

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room (Public Hearing).

I. Call to Order:

President Baderstadt called the public hearing meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

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; Debbie Gunness, Business Manager; Sue Yazel, HR General Specialist

III. Public Forum

No public were in attendance.

The Board reviewed the Final FY 2017-2018 Levy Ordinance.

IV. Adjournment

Carey moved and Schubert seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Ayes: Baderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

REVISED MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

Date: October 24, 2017. 2/8/2018. Minutes revised to reflect omission of regular business item – change in policy – lifting restrictions on visual media to minors (JS)

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room (Regular Meeting)

I. Call to Order:

President Beaderstadt called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Scholtz, Executive Director; Debbie Gunness, Business Manager; Sue Yazel, HR General Specialist

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors

VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting

Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 19, 2017

Treasurer's Report – Delphine Grala, Treasurer

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through September 30, 2017

Bill Reports for September/October 2017

Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

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

Grala moved and Schubert seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for September 19, 2017, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through September 30, 2017, the Bill Reports for September/October 2017, and payment of the bills.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

VII. Communications

- Bill Brady, Senate Republic Leader, et al. to McHenry Public Library—donation in memory of Frances Mysker
- B. Edminster to Senator Pam Althoff—notice of donation and request for suggestions
- B. Edminster to Kim Johnson—notice of purchase of books in memory of her father-in-law

VIII. Librarian's Report

Edminster – September 5th Collection Development Meeting Minutes

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 July 18, 2017 Executive Session Minutes.

Grala moved and Leccese seconded a motion to go into executive session at 7:16 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 July 18, 2017 Executive Session Minutes.

Ayes: Baderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

No action was taken.

Leccese moved and Schubert seconded a motion to come out of executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Ayes: Baderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

X. Old Business

1. Sanitary sewer issue – review, discussion, and instruction to proceed

Scholtz suggested that the Board write a letter to the City Council addressing their concerns with the sewer line. He would also like to employ Erickson Engineering again to evaluate the sanitary sewer line information received from city and how it would play out relative to a new addition or new library.

2. Discussion concerning digitization of *The Plaindealer*

Shaw Media owns the rights to *The Plaindealer* and will not release them for this project so we can only digitize the years that are in the public domain (75 years back). We will also be including the local Plat maps. Funds for digitization will come out of the Grant & Gift Fund - specifically from the bequest given by Elaine Wattman (2004).

XI. New Business

1. Approval and release of the July 18, 2017 Executive Session Minutes

Grala moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve and release of the July 18, 2017 Executive Session Minutes.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

2. Approval of the FY 2017-2018 Levy Ordinance FY 2017-2018-4

The Board reviewed the FY 2017/2018 Levy Ordinance during the Public Hearing.

Leccese moved and Schubert seconded a motion to approve the Ordinance FY 2017-2018-4 for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 for the McHenry Public Library District, McHenry, McHenry County Illinois.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

3. Approval of FY 2016-2017 Receipts and Disbursements (Action)

The Board reviewed the FY 2016-2017 Receipts and Disbursements.

Schubert moved and Leccese seconded a motion to approve the FY 2016-2017 Receipts and Disbursements.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

4. Health Insurance

Scholtz informed the Board of a 22% increase for the medical insurance. He suggested that they increase the employee's portion out of pocket from 5% to 10%.

Leccese moved and Schubert seconded a motion to approve the increase of the employee's medical insurance portion out of pocket from 5% to 10%.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

5. Approval to transfer funds from money market account – Huntington Bank to same type of account at First Midwest Bank

Scholtz requested the library transfer the funds from the Huntington Bank money market account to the First Midwest Bank - Special Reserve money market account.

Reilly moved and Carey seconded a motion to approve to transfer funds from the Huntington Bank money market account to the First Midwest Bank - Special Reserve money market account.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

6. Tuition Reimbursement Policy

The Board reviewed the revised Tuition Reimbursement Policy.

Beaderstadt moved and Reilly seconded a motion to approve revised Tuition Reimbursement Policy.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

7. Policy – Drug-free Workplace Policy

The Board reviewed the Drug-free Workplace Policy.

Stone moved and Leccese seconded a motion to approve the Drug-free Workplace Policy.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: Grala

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

There was more discussion after the Drug-free Workplace Policy passed. The Board would like to review the policy again at the November meeting.

8. Attendance Policy

The Board reviewed the Attendance Policy.

Carey moved and Reilly seconded a motion to approve Attendance policy.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

9. Meeting Room Use Policy

The Board reviewed the Meeting Room Use Policy.

Carey moved and Reilly seconded a motion to approve Meeting Room Use Policy.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

10. Lifting Restriction of Visual Media for Minors (DVDs)

The Board reviewed the Visual Media Policy, deciding to lift the restriction to minors due to self-check use, ALA's policy for not acting in loco parentis, and the difficulty in determining age-appropriateness of content relative to legality of MPAA and ESRB.

C. Reilly moved and M. Leccese seconded a motion to lift the restriction for circulating visual media to minors.

Ayes: Beaderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

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

XIII. Adjournment

Reilly moved and Schubert seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Ayes: Baderstadt, Carey, Grala, Leccese, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JANUARY 31, 2018

McHenry Public Library District
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2018

	Jan 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Suspense	59.07
1060 · First Midwest Bank-Money Market	
1060100 · MM - General - First Midwest	802,175.05
1060200 · MM - Spec Reserve-First Midwest	1,457,772.89
1060300 · MM - Grant & Gift-First Midwest	426,402.49
Total 1060 · First Midwest Bank-Money Market	2,686,350.43
1070100 · HSA/Building - First Midwest	358,590.75
1615100 · General Account - First Midwest	25,397.69
1625100 · Payroll Account - First Midwest	213,011.78
1635100 · Imprest Account - First Midwest	3,525.01
1045100 · PROPAY	3,365.48
Total Checking/Savings	3,290,300.21
Other Current Assets	
1005100 · Petty Cash	800.00
1500200 · Due from General Fund	550,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	550,800.00
Total Current Assets	3,841,100.21
TOTAL ASSETS	3,841,100.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2500100 · Due to Special Reserve Fund	550,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	550,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	550,000.00
Total Liabilities	550,000.00
Equity	
3010100 · Fund Balance - General	1,456,371.20
3010200 · Fund Balance - Special Reserve	1,748,470.21
3010300 · Fund Balance - Grants & Gifts	437,630.23
Net Income	(351,371.43)
Total Equity	3,291,100.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,841,100.21

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
 December 2017 through January 2018

3:53 PM
 02/12/2018
 Cash Basis

Dec '17 - Jan 18

Income	
6010100 · Property Taxes	9.69
6030100 · Interest Income - General	43.51
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	44.48
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	13.07
6035100 · Dividends	49.00
6040100 · Nonresident/Enhanced Cards	440.00
6050100 · Fines	7,313.65
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	50.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	4,742.39
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	2.75
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	112.90
6105100 · Cobra/Retiree Insurance Pmts	2,950.33
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	45.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	65.00
6130100 · Misc Incom -General(Sales/Fees)	910.20
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	642.90
6200100 · Over/Short	(123.61)
Total Income	17,311.26
Gross Profit	17,311.26
Expense	
8010100 · Adult Books	11,176.13
8020100 · Youth Books	6,909.45
8025100 · Professional Resources	285.99
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	59.98
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	176.18
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	2,392.64
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	4,407.38
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,037.02
8080100 · Video Games	988.73
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	3,159.61
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	19,383.87
8120100 · Library Supplies	313.20
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	4,442.95
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	2,199.05
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	3,006.81
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	179.00
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	4,513.42
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	(20.00)
8310100 · CCS & Polaris Expenses	5,962.95
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,675.87
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	7,448.37

	<u>Dec '17 - Jan 18</u>
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	1,834.85
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	735.00
8510100 · Printing	5,168.99
8540100 · Postage	2,432.38
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,106.67
8610100 · Electricity	1,870.21
8620100 · Gas	342.48
8630100 · Telephone & Internet Services	467.80
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,382.25
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	964.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	11,435.70
8760100 · Hospitality	950.02
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	50.98
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	35.00
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	(127.37)
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	711.76
8910100 · Salaries	334,336.76
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	24,375.14
8930100 · IMRF	38,504.95
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	34,596.31
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	1,887.34
8970100 · Travel	543.09
8980100 · Meetings & Training	333.74
Total Expense	<u>547,636.65</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(530,325.39)</u></u>

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Class
 July 2017 through January 2018

3:05 PM
 02/12/2018
 Cash Basis

	100 General Fund	0 Special Reserve Fu	300 Grant and Gift Fund	Unclassified	TOTAL
Income					
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,544,206.93	0.00	0.00	9.69	1,544,216.62
6020200 · Developer Fees	0.00	58,576.00	0.00	0.00	58,576.00
6030100 · Interest Income - General	411.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.37
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	0.00	257.73	0.00	0.00	257.73
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	0.00	0.00	88.04	0.00	88.04
6035100 · Dividends	96.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.00
6040100 · Nonresident/Enhanced Cards	620.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	620.00
6050100 · Fines	30,284.90	0.00	0.00	429.75	30,714.65
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	8,544.04	0.00	0.00	1,134.40	9,678.44
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	0.75	0.00	2.00	2.75
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	2.06	0.00	552.07	0.00	554.13
6105100 · Cobra/Retiree Insurance Pmts	7,599.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,599.63
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,160.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	485.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	485.00
6130100 · Misc Incom -General(Sales/Fees)	2,789.96	0.00	0.00	16.00	2,805.96
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	2,133.16	0.00	0.00	76.22	2,209.38
6200100 · Over/Short	(92.96)	0.00	0.00	0.65	(92.31)
Total Income	1,599,380.09	58,834.48	640.11	1,668.71	1,660,523.39
Gross Profit	1,599,380.09	58,834.48	640.11	1,668.71	1,660,523.39
Expense					
8010100 · Adult Books	44,595.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,595.99
8020100 · Youth Books	23,211.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,211.09
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,564.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,564.59
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	179.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	179.94
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,899.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,899.29
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	264.68	0.00	7,125.66	0.00	7,390.34
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	21,520.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,520.87
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	5,071.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,071.15
8080100 · Video Games	4,395.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,395.44
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	24,808.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,808.61
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	41,645.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,645.98
8120100 · Library Supplies	4,050.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,050.82
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	13,145.96	0.00	0.00	73.40	13,219.36
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	9,962.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,962.75
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	91.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.80
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	28.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.52
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	12,879.81	0.00	0.00	400.00	13,279.81
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	680.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	680.20
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Cont	25,844.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,844.83
8310100 · CCS & Polaris Expenses	35,777.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,777.70
8320100 · Network Expenses	10,753.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,753.89
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	11,161.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,161.92
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	11,945.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,945.00
8420100 · Legal Services	517.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.00
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	1,335.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,335.00
8510100 · Printing	16,825.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,825.04
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	1,279.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,279.20
8540100 · Postage	6,928.23	0.00	0.00	(0.49)	6,927.74
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	3,188.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,188.29
8610100 · Electricity	13,085.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,085.28
8620100 · Gas	342.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	342.48
8630100 · Telephone & Internet Services	4,639.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,639.74
8640100 · Water & Sewer	5,078.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,078.93
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	22,996.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,996.00
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,554.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,554.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	32,671.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,671.76
8760100 · Hospitality	2,807.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,807.54
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	232.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.60
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	374.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	374.00
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	5,406.42	0.00	5,406.42
8910100 · Salaries	990,217.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	990,217.63
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	72,237.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,237.47
8930100 · IMRF	111,810.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	111,810.47
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	198,050.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	198,050.86
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	679.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	679.18
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,335.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,335.30
8970100 · Travel	1,694.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,694.45
8980100 · Meetings & Training	2,114.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,114.64
9060100 · Library Furnishings	1,367.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,367.07
9070100 · Library Equipment	329.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	329.52

	100 General Fund	0 Special Reserve Fu	300 Grant and Gift Fund	Unclassified	TOTAL
9080100 - Small Equipment Under \$250	1,019.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,019.42
9090100 - Additional Capital Projects	179,697.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	179,697.90
Total Expense	1,998,889.83	0.00	12,532.08	472.91	2,011,894.82
Net Income	(399,509.74)	58,834.48	(11,891.97)	1,195.80	(351,371.43)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

July 2017 through January 2018

3:43 PM

02/12/2018

Cash Basis

	Jul '17 - Jan 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,544,216.62	3,180,653.29	(1,636,436.67)	48.55%
6020200 · Developer Fees	58,576.00	58,000.00	576.00	100.99%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	411.37	5,000.00	(4,588.63)	8.23%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	257.73	3,000.00	(2,742.27)	8.59%
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	88.04	2,500.00	(2,411.96)	3.52%
6035100 · Dividends	96.00	500.00	(404.00)	19.2%
6040100 · Nonresident/Enhanced Cards	620.00	1,000.00	(380.00)	62.0%
6050100 · Fines	30,714.65	55,000.00	(24,285.35)	55.85%
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	140.00	1,000.00	(860.00)	14.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	9,678.44	17,000.00	(7,321.56)	56.93%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	2.75	25,000.00	(24,997.25)	0.01%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	554.13	20,000.00	(19,445.87)	2.77%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Cobra/Retiree Insurance Pmts	7,599.63	13,500.00	(5,900.37)	56.29%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,160.00	4,200.00	(2,040.00)	51.43%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	485.00	1,000.00	(515.00)	48.5%
6130100 · Misc Incom -General(Sales/Fees)	2,805.96	25,000.00	(22,194.04)	11.22%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	2,209.38	6,000.00	(3,790.62)	36.82%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6200100 · Over/Short	(92.31)	0.00	(92.31)	100.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	1,660,523.39	4,063,246.72	(2,402,723.33)	40.87%
Gross Profit	1,660,523.39	4,063,246.72	(2,402,723.33)	40.87%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	44,595.99	94,000.00	(49,404.01)	47.44%
8020100 · Youth Books	23,211.09	59,000.00	(35,788.91)	39.34%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,564.59	5,500.00	(935.41)	82.99%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	179.94	6,000.00	(5,820.06)	3.0%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,899.29	15,000.00	(2,100.71)	86.0%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	7,390.34	448,381.10	(440,990.76)	1.65%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	21,520.87	53,000.00	(31,479.13)	40.61%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	5,071.15	15,000.00	(9,928.85)	33.81%
8080100 · Video Games	4,395.44	12,500.00	(8,104.56)	35.16%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	24,808.61	55,500.00	(30,691.39)	44.7%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	41,645.98	80,000.00	(38,354.02)	52.06%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	0.0%
8120100 · Library Supplies	4,050.82	10,000.00	(5,949.18)	40.51%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	13,219.36	57,200.00	(43,980.64)	23.11%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	9,962.75	18,500.00	(8,537.25)	53.85%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	91.80	25,000.00	(24,908.20)	0.37%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	28.52	7,000.00	(6,971.48)	0.41%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	13,279.81	21,500.00	(8,220.19)	61.77%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	680.20	1,500.00	(819.80)	45.35%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	25,844.83	59,000.00	(33,155.17)	43.81%
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%

	Jul '17 - Jan 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8310100 · CCS & Polaris Expenses	35,777.70	75,000.00	(39,222.30)	47.7%
8320100 · Network Expenses	10,753.89	25,000.00	(14,246.11)	43.02%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	11,161.92	10,000.00	1,161.92	111.62%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	11,945.00	22,000.00	(10,055.00)	54.3%
8420100 · Legal Services	517.00	1,500.00	(983.00)	34.47%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	1,335.00	5,000.00	(3,665.00)	26.7%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
8510100 · Printing	16,825.04	34,000.00	(17,174.96)	49.49%
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	1,279.20	3,000.00	(1,720.80)	42.64%
8540100 · Postage	6,927.74	14,000.00	(7,072.26)	49.48%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	3,188.29	8,500.00	(5,311.71)	37.51%
8610100 · Electricity	13,085.28	25,000.00	(11,914.72)	52.34%
8620100 · Gas	342.48	3,500.00	(3,157.52)	9.79%
8630100 · Telephone & Internet Services	4,639.74	10,500.00	(5,860.26)	44.19%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	5,078.93	5,400.00	(321.07)	94.05%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	22,996.00	31,500.00	(8,504.00)	73.0%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,554.00	5,500.00	54.00	100.98%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	32,671.76	54,000.00	(21,328.24)	60.5%
8760100 · Hospitality	2,807.54	10,000.00	(7,192.46)	28.08%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	232.60	700.00	(467.40)	33.23%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	374.00	4,000.00	(3,626.00)	9.35%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,628.34	(32,628.34)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	5,406.42	0.00	5,406.42	100.0%
8910100 · Salaries	990,217.63	1,815,000.00	(824,782.37)	54.56%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	72,237.47	140,000.00	(67,762.53)	51.6%
8930100 · IMRF	111,810.47	200,000.00	(88,189.53)	55.91%
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	198,050.86	360,000.00	(161,949.14)	55.01%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	679.18	6,000.00	(5,320.82)	11.32%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,335.30	8,000.00	(5,664.70)	29.19%
8970100 · Travel	1,694.45	9,000.00	(7,305.55)	18.83%
8980100 · Meetings & Training	2,114.64	5,000.00	(2,885.36)	42.29%
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	1,367.07	35,000.00	(33,632.93)	3.91%
9070100 · Library Equipment	329.52	70,000.00	(69,670.48)	0.47%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	1,019.42	10,000.00	(8,980.58)	10.19%
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	179,697.90	400,000.00	(220,302.10)	44.92%
9100100 · Transfer to Reserve Fund	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	2,011,894.82	5,161,159.44	(3,149,264.62)	38.98%
Net Income	(351,371.43)	(1,097,912.72)	746,541.29	32.0%

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual
 July 1, 2017- January 31, 2018 - General Fund

3:27 PM
 02/12/2018
 Cash Basis

	Jul '17 - Jan 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,544,206.93	3,180,653.29	(1,636,446.36)	48.55%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	411.37	5,000.00	(4,588.63)	8.23%
6035100 · Dividends	96.00	500.00	(404.00)	19.2%
6040100 · Nonresident/Enhanced Cards	620.00	1,000.00	(380.00)	62.0%
6050100 · Fines	30,284.90	55,000.00	(24,715.10)	55.06%
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	140.00	1,000.00	(860.00)	14.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	8,544.04	17,000.00	(8,455.96)	50.26%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	2.06			
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Cobra/Retiree Insurance Pmts	7,599.63	13,500.00	(5,900.37)	56.29%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,160.00	4,200.00	(2,040.00)	51.43%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	485.00	1,000.00	(515.00)	48.5%
6130100 · Misc Incom -General(Sales/Fees)	2,789.96	25,000.00	(22,210.04)	11.16%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	2,133.16	6,000.00	(3,866.84)	35.55%
6200100 · Over/Short	(92.96)	0.00	(92.96)	100.0%
Total Income	1,599,380.09	3,317,853.29	(1,718,473.20)	48.21%
Gross Profit	1,599,380.09	3,317,853.29	(1,718,473.20)	48.21%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	44,595.99	94,000.00	(49,404.01)	47.44%
8020100 · Youth Books	23,211.09	59,000.00	(35,788.91)	39.34%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,564.59	5,500.00	(935.41)	82.99%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	179.94	6,000.00	(5,820.06)	3.0%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,899.29	15,000.00	(2,100.71)	86.0%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	264.68			
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	21,520.87	53,000.00	(31,479.13)	40.61%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	5,071.15	15,000.00	(9,928.85)	33.81%
8080100 · Video Games	4,395.44	12,500.00	(8,104.56)	35.16%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	24,808.61	55,500.00	(30,691.39)	44.7%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	41,645.98	80,000.00	(38,354.02)	52.06%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	0.0%
8120100 · Library Supplies	4,050.82	10,000.00	(5,949.18)	40.51%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	13,145.96	57,200.00	(44,054.04)	22.98%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	9,962.75	18,500.00	(8,537.25)	53.85%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	91.80	25,000.00	(24,908.20)	0.37%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	28.52	7,000.00	(6,971.48)	0.41%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	12,879.81	21,500.00	(8,620.19)	59.91%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	680.20	1,500.00	(819.80)	45.35%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	25,844.83	59,000.00	(33,155.17)	43.81%
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 & Polaris Expenses	35,777.70	75,000.00	(39,222.30)	47.7%
8320100 · Network Expenses	10,753.89	25,000.00	(14,246.11)	43.02%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	11,161.92	10,000.00	1,161.92	111.62%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	11,945.00	22,000.00	(10,055.00)	54.3%
8420100 · Legal Services	517.00	1,500.00	(983.00)	34.47%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	1,335.00	5,000.00	(3,665.00)	26.7%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
8510100 · Printing	16,825.04	34,000.00	(17,174.96)	49.49%

	Jul '17 - Jan 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	1,279.20	3,000.00	(1,720.80)	42.64%
8540100 · Postage	6,928.23	14,000.00	(7,071.77)	49.49%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	3,188.29	8,500.00	(5,311.71)	37.51%
8610100 · Electricity	13,085.28	25,000.00	(11,914.72)	52.34%
8620100 · Gas	342.48	3,500.00	(3,157.52)	9.79%
8630100 · Telephone & Internet Services	4,639.74	10,500.00	(5,860.26)	44.19%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	5,078.93	5,400.00	(321.07)	94.05%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	22,996.00	31,500.00	(8,504.00)	73.0%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,554.00	5,500.00	54.00	100.98%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	32,671.76	54,000.00	(21,328.24)	60.5%
8760100 · Hospitality	2,807.54	10,000.00	(7,192.46)	28.08%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	232.60	700.00	(467.40)	33.23%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	374.00	4,000.00	(3,626.00)	9.35%
8910100 · Salaries	990,217.63	1,815,000.00	(824,782.37)	54.56%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	72,237.47	140,000.00	(67,762.53)	51.6%
8930100 · IMRF	111,810.47	200,000.00	(88,189.53)	55.91%
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	198,050.86	360,000.00	(161,949.14)	55.01%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	679.18	6,000.00	(5,320.82)	11.32%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,335.30	8,000.00	(5,664.70)	29.19%
8970100 · Travel	1,694.45	9,000.00	(7,305.55)	18.83%
8980100 · Meetings & Training	2,114.64	5,000.00	(2,885.36)	42.29%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	1,367.07	35,000.00	(33,632.93)	3.91%
9070100 · Library Equipment	329.52	70,000.00	(69,670.48)	0.47%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	1,019.42	10,000.00	(8,980.58)	10.19%
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	179,697.90	400,000.00	(220,302.10)	44.92%
9100100 · Transfer to Reserve Fund	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	1,998,889.83	4,505,150.00	(2,506,260.17)	44.37%
Net Income	(399,509.74)	(1,187,296.71)	787,786.97	33.65%

McHenry Public Library District

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

July 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018 -Special Reserve Fund

3:35 PM

02/12/2018

Cash Basis

	Jul '17 - Jan 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6020200 · Developer Fees	58,576.00	58,000.00	576.00	100.99%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	257.73	3,000.00	(2,742.27)	8.59%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.75	25,000.00	(24,999.25)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	58,834.48	588,000.00	(529,165.52)	10.01%
Gross Profit	58,834.48	588,000.00	(529,165.52)	10.01%
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	58,834.48	438,000.00	(379,165.52)	13.43%

McHenry Public Library District

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

July 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018 - Grant and Gift Fund

3:40 PM

02/12/2018

Cash Basis

	Jul '17 - Jan 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	88.04	2,500.00	(2,411.96)	3.52%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	552.07	20,000.00	(19,447.93)	2.76%
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	640.11	157,393.43	(156,753.32)	0.41%
Gross Profit	640.11	157,393.43	(156,753.32)	0.41%
Expense				
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	7,125.66	448,381.10	(441,255.44)	1.59%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,628.34	(32,628.34)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	5,406.42	0.00	5,406.42	100.0%
9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	12,532.08	506,009.44	(493,477.36)	2.48%
Net Income	(11,891.97)	(348,616.01)	336,724.04	3.41%

January 25, 2018

Dear President and Members of the Library Board of Trustees,

My name is Katherine Lopez and I am the Bilingual Associate Librarian in the Adult Services department at the McHenry Public Library. I writing to apply for the tuition reimbursement program. I have worked for the library for nine months and I serve as a liaison between the Spanish speaking adult patrons and the library, among other duties. In my short time, I have been a part of outreach efforts in conjunction with Garden Quarter Neighborhood Resource Center and the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) at McHenry School District 15 as well as developing numerous collections including, literary fiction, Large Print fiction and nonfiction, math, science and the adult Spanish collection. I have thoroughly been enjoying my work so far and look forward to continuing my relationship with the McHenry Public Library and the community as a whole. I began my master's program in Library and Information Science in January, 2018. I am currently taking IST511 Introduction To The Library and Information Profession. I am enrolled in IST605 Reference and Information Literacy Services beginning in April. I would like to apply for the tuition reimbursement program. I understand that the program offers fifty percent reimbursement at the end of each semester as long as a grade of a B or better is attained. In addition, I realize the program requires continued employment at the McHenry Public Library equal upon completion of the master's program and after. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine S. Lopez". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Katherine S. Lopez

McHenry Public Library District

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 2018

Administration

- J. Scholtz contacted DCMA regarding copyright abuse – patrons allegedly using bitorrent website to illegally copy various Starz programs – we have procured DCMA badging and verified that the IP addresses aren't ours.
- Signed agreement for Lauterbach & Amen to do our IMRF audit regarding compliance with GASB 74/75 rules. S. Yazel, P. Torgersen and J. Scholtz will supply them with various reports from ProData, IMRF and our FY2016/17 financial audit.
- McHenry County public library directors met at MPLD on 1/26 to talk about a variety of topics – 1 in specific was staff training that we could do as a group to save money and get staff buy-in through participation and integration – thinking staff morale, various HR topics, library safety, etc.
- J. Scholtz attended CCS governing board at CL Public Library, 1/24 to discuss Polaris implementation; also attended NSDC meeting, Indian Trails PL, 2/6 to discuss spending/budget.
- J. Scholtz attended RAILS update/strategic plan @ Vernon Area Library 1/18.
- B. Edminster represented the library at the Character Counts! Meeting, 1/18, which was also the kick-off for the St. Baldrick's fundraising campaign. The library has a team with four members.
- B. Edminster met held monthly sync-up meetings with B. Majka (1/19), P. Strain (1/25), and a 9-month review of Evaluation goals with K. Milfajt (2/7).
- B. Edminster called an In-House Migration Committee meeting to prepare for Polaris training at the February 2nd in-service, 1/23.
- B. Edminster, P. Strain, Z. Terrill, and K. Lambert met to make plans for Career Online High School graduation on 1/24 and 2/7 – to be held at MPLD, 2/18. Various people, including Senator Althoff, Dist. 156 Superintendent, etc. library board members will be invited.
- B. Edminster attended the RAILS Assistant Directors Networking Group Meeting at Indian Trails Public Library, 1/26.
- J. Scholtz/B. Edminster worked on various management/IT staff evaluations.
- J. Scholtz met with P. Torgersen regarding various duties, bill paying and board meeting documents.
- B. Edminster, B. Majka, and K. Milfajt met to finalize Polaris circulation and hold policies, 1/30.
- Feb. 2 – All day staff in-service (library closed to public) Polaris training by department + staff harassment awareness training (thanks to all staff in planning and presenting!!).
- P. Torgersen and J. Scholtz are trying out new roles/tasks for vending machines.
- Jim S. met with ROI to discuss repairing some staff work desks and getting an estimate for replacement of Questions Desk. Quotes received and being reviewed.
- B. Edminster went to Polaris Simply Reports training, 2/16.
- B. Edminster planned Career H.S. graduation ceremony 2/18. Senator Althoff attending. Scholtz called other dignitaries for possible attendance.
- B. Edminster led the Classic Book Discussion of *The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison, 2/19.
- AARP Tax help begins 2/6 – Storytime room
- J. Scholtz requesting bids for property/liability insurance
- J. Scholtz and staff cleaning out staff area in library – offered items for free on RAILS website – some takers – and we've cleaned up the area – ready to receive mkSolutions AMH/self-check equipment in April 2018.
- J. Scholtz attended a NSDC meeting with L. Jakacki (Chair), 2/6 Indian Trails PL. We have agreed to increase member shared costs by \$2300 per member for FY18/19.
-

Adult Services

- D. Gaudio attended a Laconi program, "Large Scale All Age Programs."
- All Adult Services staff members completed a required 45 minute interactive tutorial on Online Security Awareness by Kevin Mitnick.
- Staff training continues as we ramp up for the April Polaris migration. K. Lopez, Z. Terrill, E. Janas and P. Strain attended "Train the Trainer" sessions at CSS. Adult Services staff is taking advantage of the weekly online two-minute tutorials and training exercises provided by CCS.
- IT staff acquired an external hard drive for T. Hillier to store digitized historical materials.
- T. Hillier finished scanning the McHenry County Historical Society's copies of Pictorial Newsletters and has started entering them into MPLD's Digital Archive.
- T. O'Toole helped a patron who wanted to know why the gallbladder is called a "gall" bladder.
- P. Strain co-led the Mystery Book Discussion of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie.

Building Services

- Installation of metal side molding on both N/S staff entrance doors. (Wow – they look nice!!)
- Receipt of proposal for installing/manufacture of outside dropbox cover for AMH.
- D. Harding and crew have been rearranging furniture/supplies in back area to make room for MK Solutions hardware when it is delivered in Feb. 2018 (good work, guys!!) J. Scholtz will put items on RAILS website for give-a-way and we'll surplus the rest.
- D. Harding worked with ROI representative to provide him with detailed drawings/specs for replacement of various staff desks.
- This month Building Services has spread 12,000 pounds of salt. It looks like winter has finally arrived. So far we have used 30,000 pounds of salt which is 12 pallets of salt. Isaac and Greg are starting to understand and get a good grip of the snow removal.
- Greg repaired an electrical short in the truck light bar.
- Minor adjustments to snow equipment by Building Services
- D. Harding has been training Greg and Isaac on machinery.

Circulation

- S. Willis reports a total of 145 expired holds pulled in January
- L. Horist attended PowerPAC Training Session 1/4
- Q. Hall's last day 1/5
- A. Howell's last day 1/6
- L. Horist attended PowerPAC webinar 1/8
- B. Majka attended Management Team Meeting 1/9
- B. Majka, L. Horist, L. Rex attended Circ Leads Meeting 1/12
- B. Majka attended Simply Reports Training Session 1/17
- B. Majka, L. Horist attended In-House Polaris Migration Meeting 1/23
- B. Majka attended Public Services Managers meeting 1/23
- S. Willis attended Public Services Training Session 1/25
- B. Majka met with B. Edminster and K. Milfaj to finalize Polaris circulation and hold policies 1/30

Human Resources

- S. Yazel did planning/presentation on Sexual Harassment for Prospect Heights PL and also did similar presentation for MPLD staff during staff in-service 2/2. Management training for same topic has been scheduled for 2/22
- Worked on/submitted payroll reports for IMRF audit that will be completed by Lauterbach & Amen. Sue is working with P. Torgersen on this project.
- Sue also talked to numerous staff during the month on individual topics.

Public Relations

- Designed the March/April/May *Preface* newsletter and sent to printer for mailing around Feb. 10.
- Created materials to promote upcoming Half-Price Fines for FISH program (Feb. 4-17)
- Met with Lesley J. and Lisa H. to customize our new online catalog – navigation, branding, etc. Kathy L. to submit tickets to CCS to implement.
- Attended a CCS/Polaris webinar on customizing each library's PowerPAC (patron side of catalog).
- Met with Jim, Bill and Patti to discuss changes in FOIA regs and how FOIA info appears on our website. I will edit that page and update/reorganize docs available on website (mostly financials, board packets, etc.)
- As part of Sunshine Committee, acted as captain for a staff winter reading team and helped with designing/installing related bulletin board in break room. Also purchased stuff for monthly b-day celebration; made overnight oats – big hit with staff! Met with committee members on Jan. 2.
- Sent out an e-newsletter to patron subscribers with news, upcoming programs.
- Promoted AARP Tax Aide here at the library using various media.
- Promoted upcoming programs using various media.
- Teamed up with Caitlin B. to work on presentation on PowerPAC (patron side of catalog) to present to staff at Feb. in-service.
- Met with Bill, Pam & Zach to work out details of Feb. 18 Career Online High School graduation ceremony. I ordered balloons, desserts, platform & platform skirting, purchased paper goods, created invitations, programs and sent out a press release/photographer request to NW Herald.
- Met with Bicentennial/Summer Reading committee to work out details of upcoming programming. I've designed a commemorative library card and will send to printer to print only 1,000 cards – offered to patrons on a FC/FS basis.
- Attended department heads meeting Jan. 9.

Technical Services

- Technical Services and Circulation staff continue retrospective RFID tagging of our physical collection, bringing our tagging percentage to 18%.
- K. Meadows pulled and withdrew the 2016 magazines. Thanks to IT setting up a laptop on a cart, she was able to complete the project in 2 weeks, one third of the time needed in past years to complete the project.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Meadows, K. Milfajt, P. Radic and K. Walker completed and passed the KnowBe4 2017 Kevin Mitnick Security Awareness Training.
- K. Milfajt participated in the Collection Development Committee meeting, 1/2.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Meadows, P. Radic and K. Walker participated in the Technical Services Department meeting, led by K. Milfajt, 1/8.
- K. Milfajt facilitated the Contemporary Book Group discussion of *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green, 1/8.
- K. Walker conducted the Dungeons and Dragons program, 1/9.
- K. Milfajt participated in the MPLD Management Team meeting and the Polaris Internal Migration Team Meeting, 1/9.
- K. Kimbrel and D. Lavin attended the Polaris Cataloging Client training conducted by K. Milfajt, 1/11.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Milfajt, K. Walker and B. Edminster attended the Polaris Acquisitions Workflow Analysis, 1/16.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Milfajt and V. Seward (from CCS) attended the Polaris Cataloging and Serials Workflow Analysis, 1/17.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Milfajt and K. Walker participated in the Technical Services Department Polaris Workflow Analysis debrief, 1/18.
- K. Milfajt participated in the Internal Polaris Migration Team Meeting, 1/23.

- K. Milfajt met with B. Edminster to debrief after the Polaris Acquisitions Workflow Analysis, 1/24.
- K. Milfajt met with B. Edminster and B. Majka to finalize Polaris circulation and hold policies, 1/30.

Technology

- IT has been busy responding to various IT tickets – fixing equipment, etc. Our Sonic wall Whitelist was corrupted 1/27 and was repaired/rebuilt by M. Brown. IT is also coordinating installing software and printer drivers for Polaris conversion in all Depts – Priority 1 (setup for 2/2 in-service). IT will be hiring a firm to look at our IT infrastructure and software and provide 'best practices for setup, configuration, hardware/software connections, purchases and upgrades.' Hopefully, this will head off connectivity problems and solve some upgrade problems we are having. Getting Docuware up and running again/training P. Torgersen on it is a priority – as is making the copier in S. Yazel's office able to scan to Docuware, another server and to a USB drive
- Working on lots of problems from printers not working, video projector not working and Google Enterprise not working to updating computers

Youth Services

- N. Cogswell had a great interaction. A patron (a US Army Veteran) needed assistance creating a resume and told me he had no idea where to begin and had very limited computer skills. He had a lead for a job, but needed to bring a resume to the office that afternoon. She showed him Ferguson's Career Guidance System and some sample resumes. We ultimately chose a simple resume template in Word and created his document. She showed him how to use the printer and he said, "It is crazy, but these 10 cents can change my life." Two days later he came back to tell her that he got the job!
- K. Storlie attending Valley View Reading Night to talk to families about the library, our programs and to sign them up for a library card with the help of circulation.
- K. Gerold has been adding sensory play elements along with motor skill building activities to her many storytimes from playing with dot paint markers to bins filled with fake snow and other items for kids to play with.
- E. Wyant hosted the library's annual Teen Monopoly Tournament. This event always is a hit with the teens who spend a full day at the library playing Monopoly.
- J. Velasquez held the inaugural *TAG en español (teen advisory group)* meeting this month. The purpose of the group is to seek their ideas of how to serve our Spanish-speaking teens and their families. Discussed upcoming programs and the teens decided they would like to get involved in Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros, by doing a presentation to honor/thank their parents. They suggested an activity that would honor their culture, such as a play or a Mexican folkloric couple's dance.
- C. Bergan had a rockstar moment at a school visit this month. When she was doing presentations at Valley View, she walked in to Ms. Townsend's special ed class and another class, and Ms. Townsend's kids started clapping before she was even all the way in the room and so the other kids started too. Kids are excited for her visits throughout the year to booktalk titles.
- M. Cairo had two classes from Prairiewood School in Woodstock come in for a storytime and sensory activity. The students in these classes have profound disabilities and enjoyed their time listening to stories about snow and then playing with fake snow in a sensory activity.
- L. Jakacki worked with K. Lambert and L. Hoirst to design the library's new PowerPac interface that will be part of the Polaris migration.

Statistics and Highlights Narrative

Legend – ABk – Adult Books; JBk – Children's Books; PBk – Paperback Books; AudBk – Audio books; JAudBk – Children's Audio books; ILL – Interlibrary loan; Vid/DVD – Videos/DVDs; JVid/DVD – Children's Videos/DVDs; Oth - Other

The TS Dept. and Circulation Dept. has been working on RFID tagging – all new items have tags as well as keeping up with mending, withdrawals and newly processed items. We will not be adding items to the collection/deleting items in the collection in mid-April due to Polaris migration. Overall circulation was (-7%) but categories: AdBk (+6%), AdVid +148%, ILL (borr) +1% - others decreased. 41,030 total circulation compared to same month last year (44,221, -7%). Ave. circ. Per day was 1520 against 1638 last year and we were open the same # of days, 27 Holds increased (+7%); renewal decreased (-1%). Electronic resources increased (digital downloads +47%, but Zino was down (-11%); Hoopla also decreased (-1%). Library attendance was -9%; 13,143 compared to last year 14,405. I am slightly concerned about both Adult and YS programming in that we seem to have more programs with less attendees (Ad. -36%; 3 less programs; Teen - -26%; +4 programs; Children -4% +9 programs). Study room use +5%, Library tours (-71%) and school visits (+28%)

Upcoming Events and Projects

- McHenry Area Chamber Business Expo (3/10); Fiesta Days planning mtg. 2/23.
- Staff in-service (4/13) – cancelled; next in-service 6/22 (morning).
- IT will be scheduling a company to come look at the hardware/software and configuration of our system in order to compare it with others and best practices to provide us with a picture/methodology so that we can make our system more 'bullet-proof' and possibly reduce 'down-time' and operator errors.
- Reaching Forward (May 2018) – Z. Terrill and other staff attending.
- J. Scholtz attending several meetings: McHenry Chamber mtg for Fiesta Days 2/9; ALA Legislative Day, 2/19; Hiring IT 101, 2/28)
- Polaris migration – April 2018
- Mk Solutions (RFID) equipment (gates, self-check machines, AMH – May/June 2018; we will also need to install outside stainless steel cover designed by Adams Steel at same time (thanks to D. Harding for measurement/design work!!)



Karen Naess for Shaw Media

Voters Layne (center) and Kim (right) Bussell talk with McHenry County Board District 5 candidates during a meet-and-greet Sunday hosted by the League of Women Voters of McHenry County at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake.

Speaking of which, the LWVMC is hosting a primary election meet-and-greet and forum from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 19 at McHenry County College, which will feature the candidates in the 6th Congressional District primary.

The district currently is represented by Republican Peter Roskam of Wheaton, who is unopposed in the primaries. Seven candidates are vying for the Dem-

ocratic nomination to face off with Roskam in November.

Then, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 26, candidates in the 14th Congressional District primary will conduct a meet-and-greet and forum at the college.

That district is represented by Republican Randy Hultgren of Plano. Seven candidates are competing for the Democratic nomination to oppose Hultgren in November.

McHENRY

Library program granting chance at higher education

By **BRITTANY KEEPERMAN**
bkeeperman@shawmedia.com

McHENRY – McHenry resident Adam Lowery wanted to further his career, but a lack of a high school diploma made pursuing his goals impossible.

Lowery – who works in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning field – completed three years of high school and recently earned his diploma through a new program at the McHenry Public Library District.

He wants to achieve a higher education and now will have that opportunity.

The district partnered with Gale, part of Cengage Learning, in 2016 to offer scholarships to select applicants for the Career Online High School program. The curriculum is online and allows residents 21 and older to earn a high school diploma or get a career certificate in a variety of fields, such as office management or child care.

Lowery was one of three participants to graduate in the program's first year.

"I believe having this diploma and completing a program in HVAC will

help me better provide for my family," he said.

Program participants are paired with academic coaches who provide guidance, evaluations and resources to students. Students can graduate in as few as six months but are given up to 18 months to complete the program.

Jim Scholtz, executive director of McHenry Public Library, said part of the library's mission is to promote learning, which made the program a perfect fit.

"We're excited that Adam took advantage of this opportunity to finish his diploma and advance his career," Scholtz said. "Lifelong learning and career preparation is a big part of our mission, so we're happy to offer this program to eligible, deserving district residents."

Residents can learn about Career Online High School by visiting the library's website – www.mchenrylibrary.org – and clicking Career Online High School under the My Library tab. For information, email COHS@mchenrylibrary.org.

The library will host a graduation ceremony for its first-year participants at 1 p.m. Sunday at 809 Front St., McHenry.

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES... FOR FREE!

EACH WEEK FROM FEB 5 THRU MARCH 18, THE MCHENRY DOWNTOWN THEATER WILL GIVE AWAY TWO 4PACKS OF TICKETS! ALL YOU NEED TO DO TO WIN IS ENTER!

McHENRY DOWNTOWN THEATER

Enter today at:

FREE MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY. 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 11, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "Served Like a Girl" provides a candid look at several American women as they transition from active duty to civilian life. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

GAME DAY SUNDAYS. 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 11, Algonquin Area Public Library - Harnish Main Library, 2600 Harnish Road, Algonquin. Play old favorites or explore new games. Free. Information: 847-458-3139 or www.aapld.org.

COLORING FOR ADULTS. 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 11, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Supplies provided. Light snacks. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

DROP-IN LEGO MONDAY. 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Feb. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children ages 4 and older. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ROCKS. 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 12, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Decorate rocks with positive, uplifting messages and then place them in random places around Harvard. All ages, although youngest will need an adult. Free. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL. 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 12, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. For ages 2 and older. For families who speak or are learning to speak Spanish. Free. Information: www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 12, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME. 10 to 11 a.m. Feb. 13, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. For children ages 3 to 5 with caregivers. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB/VAMOS A CONVERSAR. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Practice English conversation skills with other adults who speak English as a second language. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

BOOKS AND BABIES STORYTIME 10:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 13, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Ages 6 months to 23 months, with caregivers. Woodstock Public Library cardholders only. Registration required. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

TUESDAYS WITH MOVIES: "HOME

Aida Frey and Dana Dorfman

AMERICA, CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

The Story of Junior Ranger Aida Frey



'AMERICA, CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?' AUTHOR BOOK-SIGNING EVENT

WHEN: 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19

WHERE: Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley

COST & INFO: After visiting more than 300 of the country's national parks, 15-year-old Aida Frey of Algonquin has taken quite the journey exploring caves, entering iconic buildings, climbing mountains and recalling classic stories from old battlefields. She has worked with author Dana Dorfman to collect those stories into her first book, "America, Can I Have Your Autograph?" Do you love traveling and national parks? Are you interested in becoming an author? Would you like to learn more about Frey and her passion for parks? Bring your questions. Registration requested at <http://bit.ly/2GRUmKO>. Autographed books will be available to buy. Open to all ages. Information: www.huntleylibrary.org.

AGAIN," 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Bring your own dinner. Rated PG-13 (2017). Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

SEAVENTURE STORYTIME. 6:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 13, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Join special guest Biologist Stephanie on an adventure under

the waves with stories and activities about the ocean. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

MCHEMRY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE. 7 to 8:45 p.m. Feb. 13, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Topic: General Longstreet and Methods of Modern War. Information: www.mchenry

a.m. Feb. 14, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. For 2 to 3 year olds. Woodstock Public Library cardholders only. Registration required. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

FAMILY STORYTIME. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 14, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Free, drop-in program for all ages. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

PANERA STORYTIME. 2:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 14, Panera Bread, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Enjoy stories and milk and cookies. Sponsored by the Crystal Lake Public Library. Register for a cookie. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

ROBLOX. 4 to 5 p.m. Feb. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Students in grades 4 to 8 can play Roblox games or create their own. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

STORYTIME AT HISTORIC VILLAGE HALL 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 15, Historic Village Hall, 2 S. Main St., Algonquin. Free drop-in program. Information: 847-458-3168 or www.aapld.org.

HISPANIC CONNECTIONS GROUP MEETING. noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 15, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Hispanic professionals networking, serving the local community. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

PIZZA & PAGES TEEN BOOK GROUP. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 15, Jimanos Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. "Across the Universe" by Beth Revis. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

BASICOS DE MICROSOFT WORD. 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 15, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. This computer class is presented in Spanish. Continúa tu práctica en la computadora y aprende los conceptos básicos del software Microsoft Word, donde puedes escribir tus propias cartas y otros documentos. Gratis. Para registrarse: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

FILM LOVERS GROUP. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 15, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. "Network," rated R. Bring your own dinner. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

ILLINOIS GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS WITH RAYMOND WIGGERS. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 15, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Top native plant species for Illinois gardens will be identified and discussed. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

DROP-IN PRESCHOOL CRAFTS. 9:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 16, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Preschoolers can create a piece of artwork. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

DROP-IN STORYTIME. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 16, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

date: Feb. 1,

nts: Kristin
cott Gustafson
onquin



Birth date: Feb. 12,
2011
Parents: Brynn
and Brian Jeffries of
Crystal Lake



Birth date: Jan. 22,
2012
Parents: James
and Dana Adkins of
McHenry



TOASTMASTERS CLUB – George Paul Lacullo gives his Funny Bone Speech during a recent meeting of the Crystal Clear Toastmasters Club. The club meets 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays of each month in the meeting room at Panera Bread, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Guests are always welcome.

OUR CHILD IN BIRTHDAY CLUB?

ured in the McHenry County Neighbors Birthday Club. Send the child's name, age, birth Date, parents' color or black-and-white photo of the child (JPEG if submitting electronically). Include a phone number. no later than a month after the child's birthday. Photos will not be returned.

s/birthday
.com
st Herald, P.O. Box 250, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0250

Child's book

re 68, East
each. The
serves parts of
47-428-3661

Children's book

thern Illinois
lstock North
Woodstock.
ing for best
shops and
ach or six for
e. Free ad-
3068 or www.

Children's

library, 1606
ost 25 cents,
oks cost \$2.
0 or www.

Books

Volo 28478 W.
or adults and
rdeners: The
re, and the
i" by Andrea
rmation: 815-
obog.org.

The Dog

W. Paddock
tergarten and
gistration
1. Free. Infor-
clpl.org.

ie's Day

, 1118 N. Green
ormation:
ngle.com.

irming

Hebron. Fea-
as by Dickens
otty Pine
train show at
he Jim Lange

residence. There also will be more than 30 vendors and Ottis' barb wire display at the high school, cookie decorating, Valentine making, lunch at local restaurants, a raffle and more. Sponsored by the Hebron Antique and Specialty District. Free. Information: 815-648-2411 or 815-790-7267.

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Smooch A Pooch Valentine's event**, Nature's Feed, 2440 Westward Drive, Unit C, Spring Grove. Donations will benefit L.E.A.R.N. (Labrador Education and Rescue Network). Information: 815-675-2008 or naturesfeed.net.

• Noon – **Free STEM event**, Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake. Learn about STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Experiment demonstrations from 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Information: 847-973-4027.

• 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. – **Second Saturday Sensory Storytime**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Designed for children with special needs. Siblings welcome. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. – **Teen Makery: Glowing 3-D Valentines**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Students in grades 6 to 12 can make pixelated 3-D cards that light up by using copper tape and LEDs to create a basic circuit. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 5 to 9 p.m. – **Candlelight cross country ski**, Harrison Benwell Conservation Area, 7055 McCullom Lake Road, Wonder Lake. Skiers of all experience levels and ages are welcome, but participants must bring their own equipment. Check website for any weather-related updates. Free. Information: www.mccdistrict.org.

• 5 p.m. – **"Cinderella,"** Marian Central Catholic High School, 1001 McHenry Ave., Woodstock. Additional show at 2 p.m. Feb. 11. Dress up and bring a camera for a photo op with your favorite character. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students available at the door. Information: 815-338-4220 or www.marian.com.

• 6 to 8 p.m. – **Daddy/daughter luau**,

Grand Oaks Recreation Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Dads and their girls ages 4 to 10 are invited to dress up in hula skirts or Hawaiian shirts and limbo the night away. Featuring dinner, dancing and crafts. Registration required. Cost: \$18. Information: Jessica Ortega, 815-459-0680, ext. 1213, or www.crystallakeparks.org.

• 6:30 to 11 p.m. – **District 200 Education Foundation Groundhog dinner/ auction**, Woodstock Harley-Davidson, 2235 S. Eastwood Drive, Woodstock. Featuring barbecue, auctions, live music and more. Cost: \$60 a person. Information: https://squareup.com/store/dist-200-ed-foundation.

• 8 p.m. – **WSREP presents "Love Letters,"** Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Additional show at 3 p.m. Feb. 11. A Pulitzer Prize-nominated drama by A.R. Gurney, presented by Williams Street Repertory, the professional in-house theater company at the Raue. Featuring Shannon Mayhall and Frank Gaughan. When Andrew Makepeace Ladd III accepts an invitation to Melissa Gardner's birthday party, and Melissa writes a thank-you note, a romantic friendship and correspondence destined to last for almost half a century are born. Cost: \$15. Information: www.rauecenter.org, 815-356-9212 or www.wsrep.org.

Feb. 11

• 8 a.m. – **Bird walks**, McHenry Dam, 2910 State Park Road, McHenry. Adults and kids ages 6 and older can join this 2-mile walk, which takes from 90 minutes to three hours with weather and luck in birding. Meet at the south end of McHenry Dam parking. Registration is requested. Group size is limited – walkers welcome if space allows, but walk may be canceled if minimum registration is not met 24 hours before the event. Information: 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Buffet brunch**, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 188, 1304 Park St., McHenry. All-you-can-eat hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5

children. Information: 779-704-2200.

• 11 a.m. – **Boy Scout Troop 455's 24th annual pig roast and silent auction**, Johnsburg Community Club, 2315 W. Church St., Johnsburg. Carryout or dine-in all-you-can-eat meal. Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors 65 and older, and \$7 for children ages 4 to 10. Information: 815-701-8338 or www.troop455pigroast.org.

• 1 p.m. – **Illinois' 200th Birthday Celebration**, Park Place Banquets, 406 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Hosted by the Crystal Lake Historical Society. Featuring Terry and Laura Lynch, who will discuss everything from Illinois' early years, historical happenings and famous Illinois residents. Free. Information: www.cl-hs.org or info@cl-hs.org.

• 1 to 3 p.m. – **Animal tracking program**, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. Learn what to look for when tracking animals and then search for clues. Hosted by the McHenry County Conservation District. For adults and youth ages 6 and older. Registration is requested. Provide a cellphone number, how many people are attending and the ages of minors. Walk may be canceled if minimum registration is not met 24 hours before event. Free. Information: 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

• 1 to 3 p.m. – **Free Movies @ Your Library**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "Served Like a Girl" provides a candid look at several American women as they transition from active duty to civilian life. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 1 to 5 p.m. – **Indie All-Star Memorial Pro Wrestling Match**, Stratford Banquet Hall, 21007 McGuire Road, Harvard. A match to honor and support the family of Susie Melson, Frank the Tank's mother, who died Dec. 9, 2017. See Frank the Tank wrestle for his final time. Cost: \$10. Information: Frank Melson, 815-543-6571 or www.chicagoprowrestling.com/thread/28050/indie-all-star-memorial-harvard or http://paypal.me/tankrules.

• Continued on page 18

art instructors.

Applications are only accepted online at www.crystallakeparks.org/job-opportunities. For information, call human resources coordinator Anna Olas at 815-459-0680, ext. 1202.

rich Roundup program

C.N. Jacque of Western Illinois University and Women in Farming: Learning Circles by Linda Balek at The Land Conservancy, among others.

The community is invited to attend. The program is for adults 14 years and older. The program is free for county residents and \$5 for nonresidents. Registration and fee payment required by Feb. 15. Register online at www.mccdistrict.org.



Fine Arts Association donated \$15,000 to the Woodstock Opera House to replace all window draperies in the original opera house building and to buy two wireless microphone systems. The gift includes \$2,380 donated to the Woodstock Fine Arts Association in memory of H. Joseph Gitlin, former mayor of Woodstock, who passed away in 2016. His wife, Paulette Gitlin, is president of the Woodstock Fine Arts Association. The donation was presented to Opera House Managing Director John Scharres on Jan. 18 during the association's Creative Living Series program, "Richard Nickel Dangerous Years: What He Saw and What He Wrote." Presenting the donation was Paulette Gitlin and WFAA board member and Woodstock Opera House Commission member Maggie Amis.

Feb. 14

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Wolf Oak Woods Restoration Workday**, Wolf Oak Woods, 8930 Route 120, Woodstock. Volunteers sought. Free. Information: 815-337-9502 or zclemmons@conserveinc.org.
- 10 to 10:30 a.m. – **ChildSpace Storytime**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. For 2 to 3 year olds, Woodstock Public Library cardholders only. Registration required. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.
- 11 to 11:30 a.m. – **Family Storytime**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Free, drop-in program for all ages. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.
- 2:30 to 3 p.m. – **Panera Storytime**, Panera Bread, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Enjoy stories and milk and cookies. Sponsored by the Crystal Lake Public Library. Register for a cookie. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.
- 4 to 5 p.m. – **Roblox**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Students in grades 4 to 8 can play Roblox games or create their own. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

Feb. 15

- 9:30 a.m. – **Volunteer Days**, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. Come prepared and dressed for the

weather. Bring work gloves and drinking water. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Free. Information: 815-344-1294.

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. – **Drop-in tot open gym**, Grand Oaks Gym, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Ages 1 to 4. Cost: \$5 a child. Information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystal-lakeparks.org.

- 10 a.m. to noon – **Creative Living Series: Lindsay Mican Morgan**, Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Art Institute of Chicago basement Thorne Rooms curator Lindsay Morgan, will give a tour of American art in miniature. Coffee and conversation starts at 9 a.m. Tickets: \$25 all seats. Tickets and information: 815-338-5300 or www.woodstock-operahouse.com.

- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – **Storytime** at Historic Village Hall, Historic Village Hall, 2 S. Main St., Algonquin. Free drop-in program. Information: 847-458-3168 or www.aapld.org.

- Noon to 2 p.m. – **Hispanic Connections Group Meeting**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Hispanic professionals networking, serving the local community. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstock-publiclibrary.org.

- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group**, Jimanos Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. "Across the Universe" by Beth Revis. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

- 6 to 7 p.m. – **Basicos de Microsoft Word**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. This computer class is presented in Spanish. Continúa tu práctica en la computadora y aprende los conceptos básicos del software Microsoft Word, donde puedes escribir tus propias cartas y otros documentos. Gratis. Para registrarse: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

- 6 to 8:30 p.m. – **Film Lovers Group**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. "Network," rated R. Bring your own dinner. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

- 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Illinois Gardening with native plants with Raymond Wiggers**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Top native plant species for Illinois gardens will be identified and discussed. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

- 7:30 p.m. – **Marine Corps League McHenry County Detachment No. 1009**, McHenry VFW Fox River Post 4600, 3002 W. Route 120, McHenry. Monthly meeting. Free. Information: 847-906-3364 or dboucek@hotmail.com.

- 8 p.m. – **WSREP Comedy Night**, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. A mixed set based on audience suggestions and original sketches. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 at the door. Tickets and information: 815-356-9212 or www.rauecenter.org.

Feb. 16

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. – **Drop-in Pre-school Crafts**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Preschoolers can create a piece of artwork. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

- 10:30 to 11 a.m. – **Drop-in Storytime**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

- 2 to 2:45 p.m. – **Chinese New Year Celebration**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Students in grades 1 to 3 can listen to stories, learn songs and make a craft. Registration required. For Crystal Lake Public Library cardholders only. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Reader's Dozen Book Group**, Dunkin Donuts, Front Street and Oak Avenue McHenry. For middle-schoolers. "Ghost" by Jason Reynolds. Hosted by the McHenry Public Library. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

- 6 to 8 p.m. – **After Hours Nerf Battle**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Bring your own toys or borrow the library's. Permission form required by Feb. 14. Call or in-library registration only. Free. Information: 815-338-0542 or www.woodstock-publiclibrary.org.

• Continued on page 20

LITERARY CALENDAR

To have an event listed in this calendar, fill out the form at PlanItNorthwest.com. For information, email calendars@nwherald.com.

GAME DAY SUNDAYS, 1 to 5 p.m., Feb.

4, Algonquin Area Public Library - Harnish Main Library, 2600 Harnish Road, Algonquin. Families can play old favorites or explore new games. Free. Drop-in program. Information: 847-458-3139 or www.aapl.org.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT, 1 to 3 p.m., Feb. 4, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. McHenry Public Library cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WORKSHOP, 1 to 4 p.m., Feb. 4, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Offered by the Fox River Valley Chapter of the DAR to assist prospective members to find and prove their lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot and assist with new member applications. Free. Information: 224-678-7153 or www.facebook.com/foxrivervalleydar.

MOVIE NIGHT: "MARSHALL," 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 5, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Rated PG-13. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for seating. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE: TRANSGENDER FROM PERSONAL & PARENTAL EXPERIENCE 7 to 8:15 p.m., Feb. 5, Algonquin Area Public Library Eastgate Branch, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Guest speaker: Karen Topham, a transgender woman and the mother of a transgender man. Free. Please register. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapl.org.

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS NEXT STEPS 7 to 8:30 p.m., Feb. 5, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Learn more about "Expert" mode, working with layers and editing images using this photo-editing program, now available on many CLPL computers. Free. Register at www.clpl.org or call 815-459-1687.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Feb. 6, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. For children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

POTTY PALOOZA, 10 to 11 a.m., Feb. 6, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Songs, stories and more to get toddlers ages 2 to 5 excited to use the potty. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

MICROSOFT WORD BASICS, 6 to 7 p.m., Feb. 6, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Basic computer skill or completion of past computer basics classes required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

COFFEE WITH CHIEF JOHN BIRK, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Birk will talk about the creation of a public affairs office within the police department. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

WHAT'S YOUR DISASTER PLAN?, 7 to 8 p.m., Feb. 6, Algonquin Area Public Library District Eastgate Branch, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Presented by Tom Ruzinok, president of Citizen Corp Council. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapl.org.

MINT MASTERPIECES: RAINBOW MARBLED PRINTS, 1 to 2 p.m., Feb. 7, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children ages 3 to 6 can make art, crafts and friends using milk and food coloring to create rainbow marbled prints. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

WHEN: 7 p.m., Feb. 6
WHERE: The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, 6 Brinker Road, Barrington Hills
COST & INFO: Presented by historical storyteller Lynn Rymarz and hosted by Barrington Presbyterian Women to raise funds for charities. Tickets: \$25. Registration required. Send cash/check to BPW: Presbyterian Church of Barrington, Attn: Emily Dowell, 6 Brinker Road, Barrington, IL 60010. Information: 847-381-0975 or www.pcbarrington.org.

"AN EVENING WITH JULIA CHILD"



Continued on page 8



CHRISTMAS PARTY – The McHenry Garden Club installed its board for 2018 at the club's annual Christmas Party. Board members (from left) are Dr. Laurel Mayer, Jean Schiller, Judy Walter, Jackie Homa, Sandy Kelly, Priscilla Rutter and Carol Haske.

• Continued from page 13

- 7 to 8:15 p.m. – **A Unique Perspective: Transgender From Personal & Parental Experience**, Algonquin Area Public Library Eastgate Branch, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Guest speaker: Karen Topham, a transgender woman and the mother of a transgender man. Free. Please register. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapld.org.
- 7:30 to 9 p.m. – **Fox Valley Rocketeers meeting**, Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffen Road, Woodstock. Information: 815-337-9068 or www.foxvalleyrocketeers.org.

Feb. 6

- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – **Preschool storytime**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. For children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Potty Palooza**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Songs, stories and more to get toddlers ages 2 to 5 excited to use the potty. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.
- 6 to 7 p.m. – **Microsoft Word Basics**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Basic computer skill or completion of past computer basics classes required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.
- 6 to 7 p.m. – **ADD/ADHD support group**, Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center, 10450 Algonquin Road, Huntley. Share, collaborate and communicate about the challenges and triumphs of raising children with ADD or ADHD. A licensed clinical psychologist with Centegra Physician Care will discuss how to plan school, home and recreational activities. Registration required. Free. Information: 877-CENTEGRA.
- 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. – **Charity Quarter Auction for Raue Center for the Arts**, Mixin Mingle, 1118 N. Green St., McHenry. A fundraiser to benefit Raue Center for the Arts. Local vendors and crafters will be selling

gifts, including jewelry, books, crafts and more. Food available to buy. Cost: \$5 for a paddle or get five paddles for \$20. Information: 815-474-4556 or www.mixinmingle.com/calendar-mchenry-il/quarter-auction-for-raue-center-for-the-arts.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Coffee with Chief John Birk**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Birk will talk about the creation of a public affairs office within the police department. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

7 to 8 p.m. – **What's your disaster plan?**, Algonquin Area Public Library District Eastgate Branch, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Presented by Tom Ruzinok, president of Citizen Corp Council. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapld.org.

7 to 9 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Camera Club**, Home State Bank, 611 S. Main St., Crystal Lake. Monthly meeting and competition. Meeting open to the community, but competition limited to members. Free. Information: www.crystallakecameraclub.com.

Feb. 7

- 11:30 a.m. – **McHenry Senior Citizens Club's Lunch Bunch**, Olive Garden, 3451 Shoppers Drive, McHenry. Visitors are welcome. For reservations, call Carole at 815-578-1224.
- 1 to 2 p.m. – **Mini masterpieces: Rainbow Marbled Prints**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children ages 3 to 6 can make art, crafts and friends using milk and food coloring to create rainbow marbled prints. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Celebrate Your Pearly Whites**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Celebrate Dental Health Month with a representative from Conlon & Conlon Orthodontics. Interactive games and activities for children in kindergarten to third grade. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.
- 5 to 7 p.m. – **Green Drinks McHenry County**, Crystal Lake Brewing, 150 N. Main

St., Crystal Lake. Learn about what happens to yard waste after it gets picked up by the waste disposal service. Due to renovations at Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, the February meeting has been moved to Crystal Lake Brewing. Free. Information: 815-338-0393, www.facebook.com/greendrinksmchenry-county or greendrinksmc@gmail.com.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – **Luau keepsake class**, Administration Building, 1 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Girls ages 4 to 10 can make a picture frame ahead of the Daddy/Daughter Luau. Snacks and drinks will be served. Cost: \$10. Information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Altered Book Making Art Therapy Group**, Radiant Art Therapy Studio LLC, 600 Dakota St., Suite B, Crystal Lake. No art experience necessary. Cost: \$45 with all materials provided. Information: 847-721-7970 or <https://radiantart-therapystudio.com/groups-workshops>.

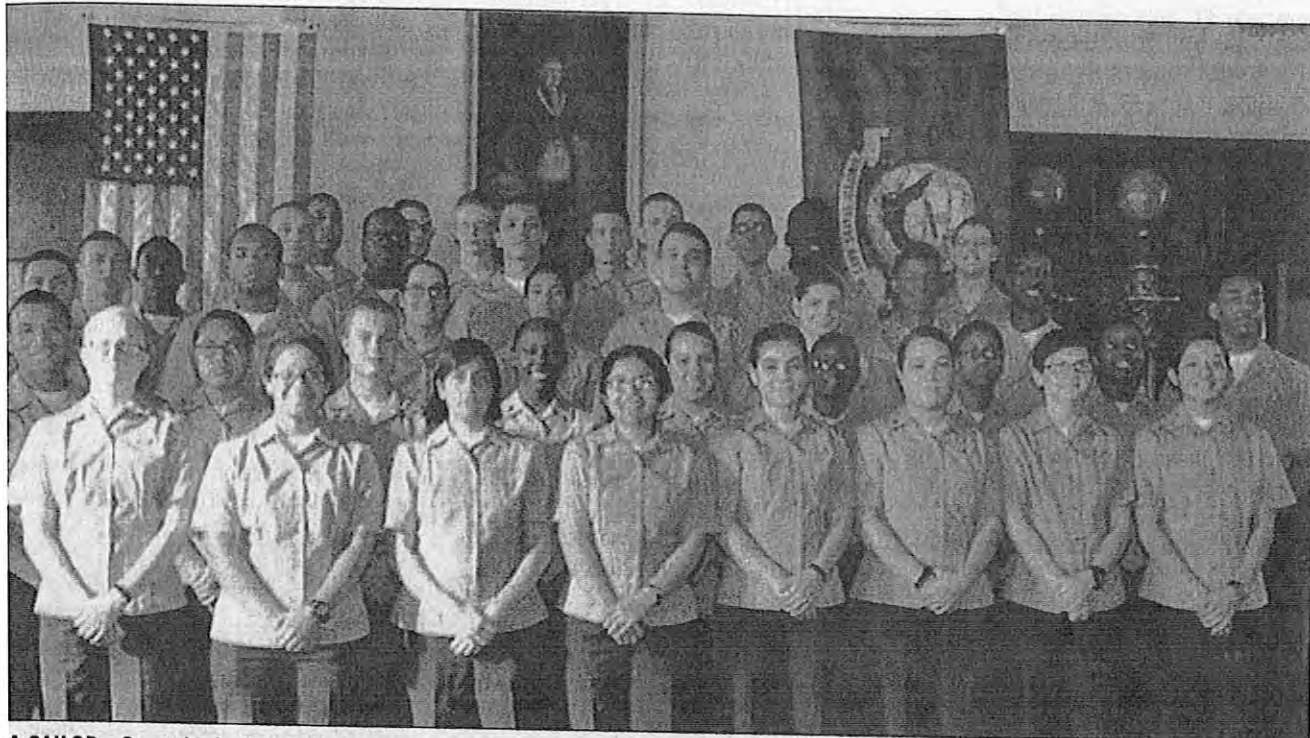
7 to 8:30 p.m. – **McHenry County Parkinson's disease support group**, The State Bank of the Lakes, 1906 Holian Drive, Spring Grove. Focus will be on general support and issues related to Parkinson's, such as exercise, employment and therapy. Spouses, partners and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Free. Information: 815-207-1260 or handmadelureco@gmail.com.

Feb. 8

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. – **Drop-in tot open gym**, Grand Oaks Gym, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Ages 1 to 4. Cost: \$5 a child. Information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.
- 7 to 8 p.m. – **Online Dating 101**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. This program will go over choosing a site, putting together a profile with pictures and safety. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.
- 7:30 to 9 p.m. – **American Legion Post 171 monthly meeting**, Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Free. Information: 815-459-0481 or t70aellig@yahoo.com.

Feb. 9

- 2:30 for senior event, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Making Open to 0036 or 4:30 entine' Bridge F Parkway Bridge F Huntley 1 to 11 fe a movie Cost: \$2 mation: 5 to 1 ski/hike 7055 Mc Enjoy a some hc and the Advisori Free. Inf 6 to the Hills Featurin Registra and \$10 sheet; a Informa 6 to Grand O Route 17 ages 4 t skirts or away. TI and craf 221404-10. Cost Ortega, crystallakepark



A-SAILOR – Crystal Lake Nunda Lodge No. 0169 of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Illinois hosted 40 sailors from Great Lakes Naval facility on Thanksgiving Day at the Lodge, 200 Ellsworth St., Crystal Lake. The sailors were provided dinner and entertained by Ma-the Lodge, Eastern Star, DeMolay and Jobs Daughters. The Lodge also offered free calls home, movies and games. Transportation to n Great Lakes was provided by the Lodge.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

o 8 a.m. – **Drink to World Peace**, use of Woodstock, 101 N. Johnson lstock. Participate in a toast to world ere the bar scene in Groundhog Day d and yes, sweet vermouth on the h a twist will be available in a souvenir st: \$5. Information: 815-334-2620 or odstockgroundhog.org.

.m. – **Groundhog Day Official** it, Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay stock. Following Willie's prognosti- ce a short walk to Clay Street for a akfast and entertainment. Tickets: ble at Read Between the Lynes, Home k Woodstock and Woodstock Public

Feb. 2 – **Walking tours of filming** et at Woodstock Moose Lodge, t., Woodstock. Also meets at 1:30 3. At 12:30 p.m. Feb. 4, meet at the k Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren itock. Tours of the "Groundhog Day" itions, including 15 sites where e scenes were shot. Walk will end t inside the Cherry Tree Inn Bed and ouse, the boarding house where haracter woke up every morning. ss of hot cider while you're there.

• Noon to 3 p.m. – **Groundhog Day Movie Memorabilia**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Groundhog Day Movie items from the Woodstock Public Library's archives, including original scripts, props, and scrapbooks, will be on display. Local people familiar with the movie will be on hand to answer questions. Free. Information: 815-334-2620 or www.woodstockgroundhog.org.

• 6 p.m. – **Groundhog Day Dinner Dance**, Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay St., Woodstock. The bachelor auction and dance scenes in the movie were filmed here. A new menu this year, including a carving station with roast beef. Tickets for dinner and dance are \$15 and will be available at the door. After 8 p.m., admission is \$5.

• 8 p.m. – **Jam Session**, Stage Left Café, 125 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Experienced and beginner musicians and vocalists welcome to participate. Presented by Jazz on the Square. Cost: \$5 suggested donation. Information: 815-338-5300 or www.woodstockoperahouse.com/operahouse/page/stage-left-cafe-events.

• 8:30 p.m. – **Lucy's Comedy Café**, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. One of Raue Center's longest running programs and the cornerstone of their comedy programming. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets and information: 815-356-9212 or www.rauecenter.org.

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

Huntley

Fox Valley DAR to host free genealogy workshop Feb. 4

The Fox River Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution will offer a free workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. They will assist prospective members to find and prove their lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot.

DAR members will also be assisting anyone who would like to apply for a Prairie Pioneer Certificate in commemoration of the state of Illinois' 200th birthday. For information, call 224-678-7153, email kristenmccusker@sbcglobal.net or visit www.facebook.com/foxrivervalleydar.

McHenry

Clear late fees at library and help local families in need

McHenry Public Library cardholders can pay just half of their fines and help out families in need at the same time from Feb. 4 to 17. Fines collected will go to the local F.I.S.H. Food Pantry to help feed families in need. Accounts in collection are not eligible. The library is at 809 Front St. For information, visit www.mchenrylibrary.org or call 815-385-0036.

Arlo

THE
IN A
THE H

Big I

ENOUGH
ROLLIN
YOU'RE
I'M WE
URE SI
BUT W
IT MAT

The B

I DON
A WAS

Frazz

ANY
QUESTION

Non Se

16
DECL
AS
AN
SPR
CAL

ART BY ANDREW BIRREL, ILLINOIS

W
M

WHEN: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 1
WHERE: McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry
COST & INFO: Author William Hazelgrove discusses his book about America's 26th president. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

ROBOTICS COMPETITION – The Lovely Lego Ladies, the all-girl robotics team from Hannah Beardsley Middle School, won the First Lego League hydrodynamics qualifier December in Mundelein. The team, comprised of eighth-graders, advanced to the tournament, which was set for Jan. 13 at Elgin Community College. At the qualifier, the team received a special mention award in the Robot Design categories, finished third on their robot runs and received the Champions Award. The BroBOTICS team, which competed at a qualifier December in Woodstock, where it received the Champion Award. The BroBOTICS team competed in Elgin. Pictured are (back row, from left) Lovely Lego Ladies members Sammie Stebbings, Allie Klauer and Wacaser; and (front row, from left) BroBOTICS members Garrett Stebbings, Austin Klausner, Caleb Niese and Pres

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb. 1

Branch workshop, Bethany Lutheran Church, 76 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. The Crystal Lake Area Branch of the American Association of University Women is making re-usable menstrual pads for school girls in Africa, so they can attend school more consistently. Volunteers and donations of materials sought. Free. Information: 815-455-1473.

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. – **Drop-in tot open gym.** Grand Oaks Gym, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Ages 1 to 4. Cost: \$5 a child. Information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Chat 'n Chew Tween Book Group**, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. "Real Friends" by Shannon Hale. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 5 to 6 p.m. — **Groundhog Day Story Time.** Stage Left Café, 125 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Groundhog stories for children presented by the Woodstock Public Library. Free. Information: 815-334-9597.

• 6 to 7 p.m. – **Basicos de Microsoft Word**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Presented in Spanish. Aprende los conceptos básicos del software Microsoft Word, donde puedes escribir tus propias cartas y otros documentos. Gratis. Para registrarse: 815-943-4671.

• 7 to 9:20 p.m. – **Beekeeping 101 class**, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Students will cover basic bee biology, methods of managing honeybee colonies and resources available to the beginning beekeeper. Meets 7 to 9:20 p.m. Thursdays through Feb. 22. Cost: \$59. Course code: NPG 538 007. Information: Tracy Berry at 815-455-8758.

*** 7 to 8:30 p.m. – Mystery Book Discussion Group,** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss “A Darkness More Than Night” by Michael Connelly. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Adult Anime Club**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Watch anime and share opinions. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 9:30 p.m. to noon - **Volunteer Days**, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. Come prepared and dressed for the weather. Bring work gloves and drinking water. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Free. Information: 815-344-1294 or dnr.volo-bog@illinois.gov.

Crystal Lake
Mercyhealth
nutrition

Mercyhea
trition discu
Healthy Life
Sage YMCA,
Lake. Join r
Swanson as
the new year
eating tips a
free and ope
refreshment
RSVP, call 8

Huntley Church a for Grief?

Grace Fellowship is host for those who have experienced the death of a family member. It will meet on April 30 in the Room at the Woodstock. The coming work to register, gracefel@sl



Age: 3
Birth date: Dec. 13, 2014
Parents: Derek and Laurel Oda of Carpentersville



Age: 7
Birth date: Jan. 26, 2011
Parents: Chuck and Carrie Pilcher of Island Lake



Age: 2
Birth date: Feb. 3, 2016
Parents: Zac and Kelly Wagle of Lombard

GHOBORS

Northwest Herald / NWHerald.com • Saturday, January 27, 2018

DAY CLUB?

Neighbors Birthday Club. Send a color or black-and-white photo and include a phone number. **Child's birthday. Photos**

will not be returned.

ONLINE: NWHerald.com/forms/birthday

EMAIL: neighbors@nwherald.com

MAIL: Birthday Club, Northwest Herald, P.O. Box 250, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0250

Anniversary raffle tickets available for \$100. Information: www.woodstockmoose.com.
Dance marathon, Caryville, 2208 Three Oaks Road, Lurie Children's Hospital. Feat. families whose lives have been touched by Lurie Children's Hospital, and activities, raffles and will be accepted through 8 p.m. Information: 847-494-9098 or cd155.org.

Hospital campaign kickoff at United Methodist Church, Woodstock. Fundraiser to help pay for roof and reinforcing the sanctuary. A full chicken dinner. RSVP by calling the church. Cost: \$15 adults, 12 and under. Information: 815-648-2512.
Friends of Everly fund-raising, 77 Brink St., Crystal Lake. Everly are hosting a benefit for a child who was born Aug. 4, 2017, with a congenital heart defect. The event is for heart month, which is February. Information: happilyev-gspot.com or happilyever-ail.com.

Food & Wine Pairing: Italian, Loyola University Retreat Center, 2710 S. Country Club Dr. Featuring a wine reception followed by a five-course dinner for a person. Information: 815-462-1100 or www.luc.edu/cookingclasses.
Storytelling at Stage Left Café, 125 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. "Neighbors in Crisis" by Jim Winship, storyteller and professor of social work at Wisconsin-Whitewater. The theme of "Immigrant Country of Immigrants" will be discussed. Conversation and movement promoting calm, discussion of important topics. All are welcome. Information: Jim May, 815-382-4444 or y@earthlink.net.

Country line dance party,

Grand Oaks Recreation Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. For ages 18 and older. Complimentary dance lesson followed by dancing to traditional country music. Offered by the Crystal Lake Park District. Refreshments. Cost: \$15. Registration required. Information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

Jan. 28

• 8 a.m. – **Bird walks,** Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. Adults and children age 6 and older are welcome to a walk of about 3 miles. Bring binoculars and field guides or borrow from the leaders. Sponsored by McHenry County Audubon. Walk-ins welcome if space allows. Registration is requested. Free. Information: 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

• 9 a.m. to noon – **New family open house,** Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School, 416 N. First St., Cary. Registration being accepted for preschool through eighth grade. Free. Information: 847-639-3041.

• 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – **Open house,** Montini Catholic School primary center, 3504 W. Washington St., McHenry. Open house will be at the primary center, 3504 W. Washington St., next to St. Patrick Church; and at the middle school, 1405 N. Richmond Road, next to St. Mary's. Registration now accepted. Scholarships are available. Free. Information: www.montinischool.com.

• 10 a.m. – **Superbook Academy,** New Life Christian Center, 5115 Dean St., Woodstock. For children in grades 1 to 5. The program uses videos, praise and worship, games and activities to bring the Bible to life for children. Pre-school and youth programs also available. Information: 815-337-4673.

• 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – **27th annual celebration brunch: The Land Speaks,** D'Andrea Banquets, 4419 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Hosted by The Land Conservancy of McHenry County. Celebrate the people and places that make up the conservation ethic in the community. Includes a silent auction, brunch and presentation by local historian Craig Pfannkuche. Cost: \$55 for Land Conservancy members; \$65 for nonmembers. Information: 815-337-9502, zclemmons@conservemc.org or www.conservemc.org.

www.conservemc.org.

• 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Bridal Showcase,** Holiday Inn Crystal Lake, 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake. Hosted by Star 105.5. Chance to win prizes, a runway show, vendors and more. Free admission. Information: www.star105.com.

• 1 p.m. – **Bingo,** Harvard Moose Lodge, 22500 Route 173, Harvard. Information: 815-943-5925 or www.harvardmoose.org.

• 1 to 5 p.m. – **Game Day Sundays,** Algonquin Area Public Library – Harnish Main Library, 2600 Harnish Road, Algonquin. Play old favorites or explore new games. No registration required. Free. Information: 847-458-3139 or www.aapld.org.

• 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – **Illinois Jones Raiders of the Lost Books,** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Join storyteller/magician Chris McBrien and his puppets on a journey through the many mysteries of Illinois. For ages 6 years and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 4 p.m. – **"Sounds of Faith,"** Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. As part of a celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week, more than 150 children from various faith communities will gather for a day of interfaith music and dance, with the event culminating in a public "Sounds of Faith" concert. "Sounds of Faith" will bring together some of the best children's ensembles to represent various faith and ethnic traditions from throughout the Chicago area. Each ensemble will share sacred sounds and songs of their traditions. Cost: \$15. Information: www.fairbridgeinterfaith.org or www.rauecenter.org.

Jan. 29

• 8 to 11 a.m. – **\$10 Health Screenings,** Woodstock Recreation Center, 220 Lake Ave., Woodstock. Hosted by the McHenry County Department of Health. Includes non-fasting blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, BMI and heart age. Educational consultation and immediate confidential results. Appointment necessary. Information: 815-334-4510, health@co.mchenry.il.us or www.mcdh.info.

• Continued on page 16



h its annual
lace winner
zianski. Bill



ROTARY CLUB - Ben Pohl was the guest speaker at the Jan. 4 meeting of the Rotary Club of McHenry. Pohl talked about how he spent six months in rehabilitation, following one month of being in a coma, in the wake of a distraction-related accident in March 1997. "As a driver, I was not distracted by a cellphone, but rather from joking and laughing with four occupants in my car," he said. "This took my focus off driving and I crashed my car." Contact Ben via email at ben@benpohlspeaks.com. Pictured is Pohl and club member Tony Huemann.

r: 815-455-
.edu/sched-

n to French
lic Library,
stal Lake.

8 can learn
ng a yarn
; only. Regis-
nformation:
clpl.org.

soft Word
is Library,
rward. Basic
letion of
; required.
943-4671 or
org.
ee Café, The
Crystal Lake.
575-4745 or

om Fandom
l Lake Public
k St., Crystal
rades 6 to 12.
459-1687 or

Lynda
on Area
ton Conser-
Valtshire
teers sought.
-337-9502 or
@mc.org.
- **Wednes-**
Book of

Henry," Crystal Lake Public
Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal
Lake. Bring your own lunch. Rated
PG-13 (2017). Free. Information:
815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 1 to 2 p.m. - **drawkcaB**
yadhtriB ytraP (Backward
Birthday Party), McHenry Public
Library, 809 Front St., McHenry.
Celebrate National Backwards Day
with a Backwards Birthday Party.
Start with wearing your clothes
backwards and then play games
backwards. For ages 3 to 6. Free. In-
formation: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 2 to 5 p.m. - **CPR classes**, Cen-
tegra Health Bridge Fitness Center,
10450 W. Algonquin Road, Huntley.
Recognized by the American Heart
Association. Cost: \$50 for Health
Bridge members, \$55 nonmembers.
Information: 815-444-2900.

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Nature**
Kids: Making Tracks, McHen-
ry Public Library, 809 Front St.,
McHenry. Do you ever wonder what
animal made those tracks in the
snow? Create your own tracks in
the snow with fun science-related
activities. A portion of this program
will be outside, weather permitting,
so dress accordingly. For grades
kindergarten to 3. Free. Information:
815-385-0036 or [www.mchenryli-
brary.org](http://www.mchenryli-
brary.org).

• 6:30 to 8 p.m. - **Hike Under a**
Blue Moon, Prairieview Education
Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal

Lake. Listen to stories and lore of
the season as you hike under the
blue moon. Leave your flashlights at
home. The program is for adults and
families. Registration is required.
Cost: free for county residents and
\$2 for nonresidents. Information:
www.mccdistrict.org.

• 6:30 to 8 p.m. - **Discovery**
Days, Lost Valley Visitor Center
in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts
Road, Richmond. Featuring a game,
craft, snack and other educational
activities all based around the spe-
cial theme of the day. The program
is for children ages 2 to 6, with
chaperone. Registration is required.
Cost: free for county residents and
\$5 for nonresidents. Information:
www.mccdistrict.org.

• 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Landmark**
School parent information
night, Landmark School, 3614 W.
Waukegan Road, McHenry. For
interested parents of students go-
ing into kindergarten through fifth
grade. Information: 815-385-8120.

• 7 to 8 p.m. - **"From Chicago**
to Vietnam: A Memoir of War,"
Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W.
Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring
author Michael Duffy, who will
share personal experiences as an
Army draftee during the war. Free.
Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• Continued on page 17

AAUW Branch workshop, Bethany
Lutheran Church, 76 W. Crystal Lake Ave.,
Crystal Lake. The Crystal Lake Area Branch
of the American Association of University
Women is assisting Bookfriends Interna-
tional, NFP, in making re-usable menstrual
pads for school girls in Africa. The goal is to
enable girls to attend school more con-
sistently. Volunteers sought. Donations of
materials also are accepted. Free. Informa-
tion: 815-455-1473.

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. - **Drop-in tot open**
gym, Grand Oaks Gym, 1401 W. Route 176,
Crystal Lake. Ages 1-4. Cost: \$5 a child.
Information: 815-459-0680 or [www.crystal-
lakeparks.org](http://www.crystal-
lakeparks.org).

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Chat 'n Chew**
Tween Book Group, Jimano's Pizza, 366
Bank Drive, McHenry. "Real Friends" by
Shannon Hale. The first 10 to sign up will
receive a free paperback copy of the book.
Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 5 to 6 p.m. - **Groundhog Day Story**
Time, Stage Left Café, 125 W. Van Buren St.,
Woodstock. Groundhog stories for children
presented by the Woodstock Public Library.
Free. Information: 815-334-9597.

• 6 to 7 p.m. - **Basicos de Microsoft**
Word, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E.
McKinley St., Harvard. This computer class
is presented in Spanish. Continúa tu práctica
en la computadora y aprende los conceptos
básicos del software Microsoft Word, donde
puedes escribir tus propias cartas y otros
documentos. Gratis. Para registrarse: 815-
943-4671.

• 6 to 7 p.m. - **Awakening of the**
Groundhog, Woodstock Opera House, 121
W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Join other
movie fans for a trivia contest with prizes
at Stage Left Cafe. Sponsored by Murphy's
Flooring. Free. Information: 815-334-2620 or
www.woodstockgroundhog.org.

• 7 to 9:20 p.m. - **Beekeeping 101 class**,
McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14,
Crystal Lake. Students will cover basic bee
biology, methods of managing honeybee
colonies and resources available to the
beginning beekeeper. Meets 7 to 9:20 p.m.
Thursdays through Feb. 22. Cost: \$59.
Course code: NPG S38 007. Information:
Tracy Berry, 815-455-8758.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Forging a President:**
How the West Created Teddy Roos-
evelt," McHenry Public Library, 809 Front
St., McHenry. Author William Hazelgrove
discusses his book about America's 26th
president, Teddy Roosevelt. Learn how the
Wild West molded him as a man and pres-
ident. Copies of the book will be for sale.
Sponsored by the Friends of the McHenry
Public Library. Free. Information: 815-385-
0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Mystery Book Discus-**
sion Group, McHenry Public Library, 809
Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "A
Darkness More Than Night" by Michael Con-

NEIGHBORS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 23

• 9:30 a.m. – **Beginning Excel 2013**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **Preschool storytime**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. For children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Life of Pie: Chicago's Crusty History**, Algonquin Area Public Library District – Eastgate Branch Library, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Guest speaker: Paula Haney, chef and author of "Hoosier Mama Pie Book of Pie." Registration required. Free. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapl.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Lifetree Café**, The Pointe, 5650 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Free. Information: 815-575-4745 or www.immanuelcl.org.

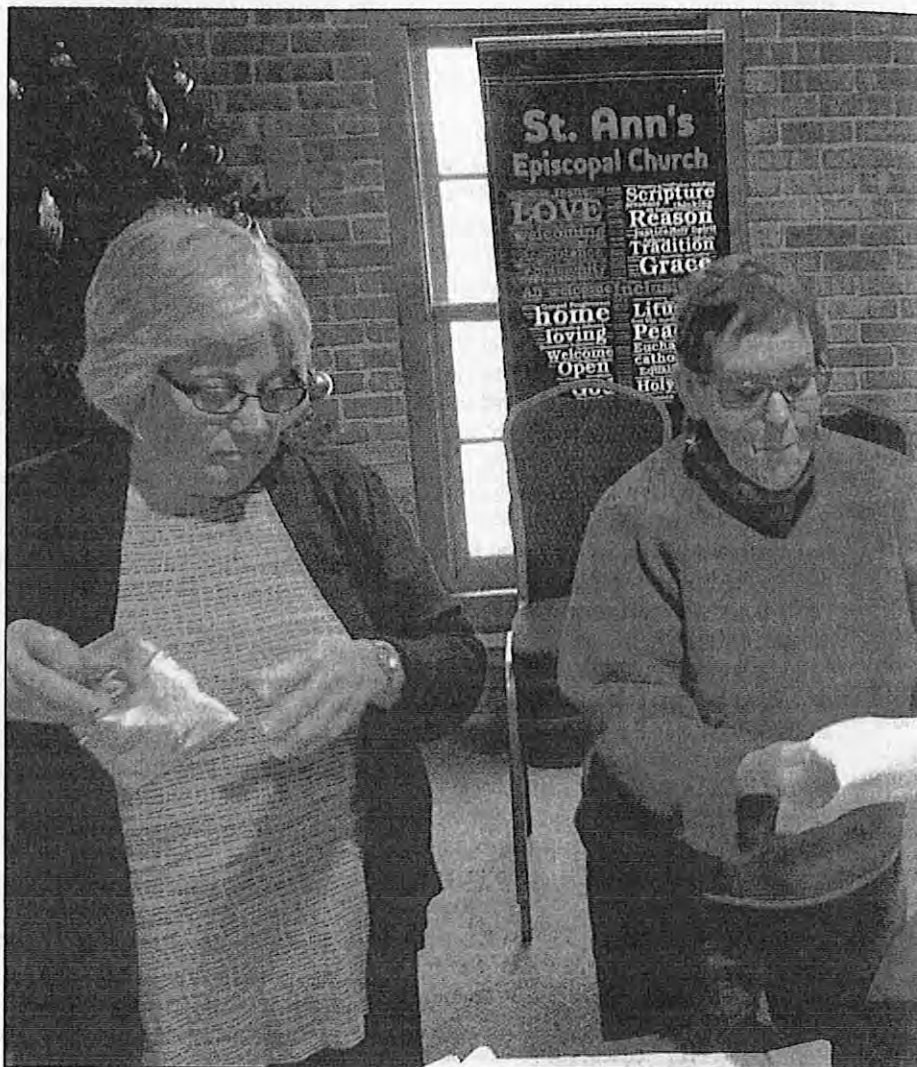
• 7 p.m. – **How to search for colleges**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Presented by McHenry County College. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **SAT math prep workshop**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanItNorthwest.com.

Photos may be emailed to neighbors@nwherald.com.

Woodstock



SACK LUNCHES – Pat McCullough, Ann Henslee and Brad Arnold were among the 15 members of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Woodstock. The meals were to be taken to the McHenry County Road in Woodstock. The Third Sunday Sack Lunches was founded as an outreach project to the community. More than two dozen lunches were prepared that included two sandwiches, fruits, sweets and

Crystal Lake

MCC to host 17th People in Need Forum

The 17th annual People in Need Forum at McHenry County College will feature more than 80 mental health, substance abuse, health care and faith-based organizations participating to provide information and support to the McHenry County community.

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 27 and is for anyone interested in resources to help people in need, along with caregivers, human service agencies, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, first responders, school personnel and anyone in education or government roles. The opening speaker will be author and storyteller Joy Aavang, who will present "Resilience." Aavang provides inspiring and entertaining stories about growing up in England before



Joy Aavang

McHenry County

Group seeks scholarship applications

The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum is accepting applications for its annual Nancy Fike Scholarship.

Named in honor of the society's former administrator, the \$1,000 scholarship will go to a graduating senior from a McHenry County high school who plans to study education, history or the social sciences.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, provide two letters of recommendation (one from a faculty member and one from another representative of the community), show proof of community service and write a minimum 500-word essay.

The topic of the essay is: Choose an individual – other than Abraham Lincoln – you think best represents Illinois. This person could be from government, the military, education or enter-

McHenry County

Registration

Make a craft or the McHenry County is required.

• **Discovery Day:** Lost Valley Visitor Center, 31 and Harts Road, features a game, activities all based on the program, which is for nonresidents, chaperone. Register.

• **Hike Under a Big Moon:** Jan. 31 at Prairie View, Behan Road, Crystal Lake. Leave your flashlight the way. The



HOLIDAY DINNER – Woodstock District 200 employees and family members teamed up for a special holiday dinner for residents of Pioneer Center group homes Dec. 6 at Willow Creek Community Church in Crystal Lake. Several school district employees collectively bought the food, and more than a dozen employees and family members helped serve and facilitate the dinner. Pioneer Center clients sang Christmas carols, listened to stories and made crafts during the evening. Willow Creek Community Church hosts the Pioneer Center dinners on the first Wednesday of each month. Gabi Anguiano, a bilingual assistant in the District 200 office, and Lisa Tate, district health services coordinator, organized the team of employees for the meal.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 16

- 9:30 a.m. – **Volunteer Days**, Moraine Hills State Park, 1510 S. River Road, McHenry. Come prepared and dressed for the weather. Bring work gloves and drinking water. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the area past the Northern Woods Playground. Information: 815-344-1294.
- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – **Preschool Storytime**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. For children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Please register. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.
- 12:30 to 2 p.m. – **Discovery Luncheon: Financial Resolutions**, The Fountains at Crystal Lake, 965 N. Brighton Circle West, Crystal Lake. Featuring a chef-prepared lunch and round table discussion on New Year's resolutions, with a guest speaker offering tips on making financial decisions during retirement. RSVP required. Free. Information: 815-455-8400 or galessi@watermarkcommunities.com.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Superhero Perler Beads**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Students in grades 6 to 12 can create superheroes out of perler beads while watching a superhero movie. Please register.

Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.

- 6 p.m. – **Literacy Volunteer Tutor Training**, Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Volunteer tutor training available through the Literacy Connection. Continues 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 18, 29 and 31. The agency serves 16 communities, including Algonquin, Cary, Huntley and Lake in the Hills. Cost: \$35, for training materials, textbook and background check. Information: 847-742-6565 or www.elginliteracy.org.
- 6 to 7 p.m. – **Microsoft Word Basics**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Basic computer skill or completion of a past computer basics required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or www.harvard-diggins.org.
- 6 to 8 p.m. – **Auditions for "Trudy and Max In Love,"** Black Box Theatre at McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Continues 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 17. A romantic comedy by Zoe Kazan. Roles available for three women and three men. The play contains adult content. Provide a 2- to 3-minute comedic or dramatic monologue or a reading will be provided. Callbacks 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 18. Rehearsals from 6 to 9:30 p.m. start Jan. 22. Performances will be March 8-24. Scripts available on reserve at the library. Information: Jay Geller, 815-455-8746 or jgeller@mchenry.edu.
- 6 p.m. – **Strength Training for Women**, McHenry County College Fitness Center, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Continues Tuesdays through Jan. 23. Cost: \$45, course code: NHES33002. Information: 815-455-8588 or

www.mchenry.edu/mymcc.

- 6:30 p.m. – **Financial Peace University**, Willow Creek Crystal Lake, 220 Exchange Drive, Crystal Lake. Created by financial expert Dave Ramsey, the nine-week course provides families and individuals with practical tools to gain control of their finances. Registration required. Information: www.fpu.com.
- 7 to 8 p.m. – **Lifetree Café**, The Pointe, 5650 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Free. Information: 815-575-4745 or www.immanuelcl.org.
- 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Vagabonding Around the World**, Algonquin Area Library – Eastgate Branch, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Vagabond traveler Brian Michalski shares his experiences and lessons working and volunteering in Southeast Asia, Australia, India, Cuba and more. For teens age 14 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapld.org.
- 7 to 8 p.m. – **Teen Advisory Board**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For students in grades 6 to 12. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.
- 7 to 8 p.m. – **SAT Critical Reading and Grammar Prep**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Learn some tips and tricks to taking the SAT. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

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



DO DO
UND
COUNTY

CHARLES

n. 12
ack Marti-
ge, 5607
hmond
ustralian
ael Charles,
Blues Hall
will perform
information:
arles.us.

IC NCING

m. Jan. 12
ace, 406 W.
Crystal Lake
featuring LOL
y rock and
ionthly attrac-
y the Crystal
ct. Doors open
le: Ambrose
er Rats on
cago on Feb. 9
nd on Feb. 23.
ren Thibo-
871 or www.
s.org.

C NIGHT

m. Jan. 12
ourthouse Arts
ohnson St.,

Come hear
etry as
d their work
e Atro-
inks will
oodstock
ree. Informa-
book.com/
8934290317/.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE - St. John's Lutheran Church of Woodstock hosted a special Christmas service Dec. 6 featuring balloons to help tell the Christmas story. Pastor Natalee Schellhas and other church leaders told the story of Jesus' birth through word and song, while Anna Freeman from RC Juggles Entertainment illustrated the story with balloons to enhance the storytelling. Pictured are (back row, from left) Lily Carrion, Teagan Jones, Daphne Oliveira, Devon Oliveira, Ava Graff, Natalee Schellhas, Lilian Fortin, Jarred Schellhas, Jackie Stauner and Anna Freeman; (middle section, from left) Karissa Ulsaver, Gretta Schellhas, Joel Stauner, Noah Henning, Ryder Henning and Zachary Kniola.

Woodstock

Marian Central to host freshman placement test for Class of '22

Marian Central Catholic High School will be administering its freshman placement test for the Class of 2022 incoming freshmen on Jan. 13. No appointment is necessary.

Students should report to the school at 1001 McHenry Ave., Woodstock, by 8 a.m. with the \$15 test-processing fee (either in cash or check payable to Marian Central).

Pencils will be supplied and students

cannot use calculators. Testing begins at 8:15 a.m. and takes about three hours to complete.

The top 20 test scorers will be awarded merit scholarships. To qualify for the Superintendent's Scholarship and the Principal's Scholarship, the prospective student must take the placement test Jan. 13; no make-up exam scores will qualify. For information, visit www.marian.com.

Spring Grove

Pet nail clipping event proceeds to benefit shelter

Nature's Feed and Fur the Love of Dogs will be hosting a pet nail clipping fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 13 at the store, 2440 Westward Drive Unit C, Spring Grove. Donations are requested and will benefit Helping Paws Animal Shelter in Woodstock. For information, visit www.naturesfeed.net or call 815-675-2008.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 12

• 10:30 to 11 a.m. - **Parachute Play for Toddlers**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Featuring storytime and activities with an indoor parachute. For toddlers age 2 to 3½ with adult. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 2 to 3 p.m. - **Who Was ...?** Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For grades 3 to 5. Read any of the popular "Who Was?" biography books and come prepared to discuss. Activities planned. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. - **Kids' Night Out**, Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center's KidZone, 200 E. Congress Parkway, Crystal Lake. A fun-filled evening for children ages 1 to 11. They can work on a craft, eat pizza, swim and watch a movie with popcorn. Swimming is for children ages 4 to 11. Registration required. Cost: \$25 members, \$38 nonmembers. Registration and information: 815-444-2912 or

www.centegra.org.

• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Open Art Studio Process Group**, Radiant Art Therapy Studio LLC, 600 Dakota St., Suite B, Crystal Lake. Let us do something productive with your emotions with this group that will teach you how to use different art media for healing, self-expression and relaxation. Cost: \$45 with all materials provided. Registration and information: 847-721-7970 or <https://radiantarttherapystudio.com/groups-workshops/>.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 18

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **Holiday light recycling**, Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. A container for unusable or unwanted lights will be available in the Ganek Municipal Center lobby during normal business hours through Jan. 22. Items accepted include mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords of any length. Remove all tinsel, garland, plastic casing and other decoration before dropping off. Free. Information: 847-658-2700.

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **Smart Meter Program information session**, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Learn about the new smart meters ComEd is installing in homes and businesses throughout the state. Offered by McHenry County College's Sustainability Center staff. Drop-in program. Free. Information: 815-479-7765.

• 11 a.m. to noon – **Holiday preschool art**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For ages 3 through 6. Free. Registration and information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Sun City Huntley Holiday Train**, Prairie Lodge, 12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley. Continues 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 28, except Dec. 24, which will be from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a raffle for three Lionel trains at 3 p.m. Dec. 23. Free admission. Information: 847-669-2392.

• 3:30 to 5 p.m. – **CryptoClub: Breakout Box Challenge**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Grades 5-8. Can you outsmart the codes and clues to get to tasty treasures locked in a box? Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. – **Drop-in Crafts**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Grades K-3. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.crystallakelibrary.org.

• 6 p.m. – **Recovery International mental health self-help support group**, Centegra Hospital – Huntley, 10400 Haligus Road, Huntley. Free. Information: 847-961-6295 or www.recoveryinternational.org.

• 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – **Study Night at the Library**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Grades 9-12. Drop-in. Snacks provided. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.crystallakelibrary.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Classic Literature Book Discussion Group**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For ages 18 and older. "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanItNorthwest.com.



anted a tree Nov. 3 at Emr-
the founder of the Baha'i
e followed by a reception
s. Pictured (from left) are
Brian Beasley, Floyd Don-
Khandan, Janan Khandan

Kids age 6 to 14

1 new projects daily,
g holiday ornaments,
r and penguins, paint-
ie and more. Full and
re available.

on or to register, visit
sinc.org/events. or

Amid screens and busyness, books offer up a world of magic

By KRISTIN O'KEEFE
Special to The Washington Post

Bedtime routines around the globe just got a whole lot more exciting: It's World Read Aloud Day.

LitWorld designated Feb. 1 as World Read Aloud Day to bring attention to the importance of reading aloud, sharing stories and the idea of literacy as a human right. And while every cause seems to get its day, this one brings me special joy.

That's because one of my first memories is of my mother reading to me. The book was Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are"; I still have the original copy. It moved from my childhood home to a small red bookshelf in my daughter's first room.

My husband and I read aloud to our children from an early age. I didn't grasp the importance then; it was just something we did, hauling out sturdy board books with indestructible pages for our squirmy toddlers. Those nights blur together, but there was a comfort to that routine: Wash up, pajamas, teeth brushing, and reading the same stories again and again. Peggy Rathmann's mischievous "Good Night, Gorilla," Martin Waddell and Patrick

Benson's sweet "Owl Babies."

The kids grew older. Reading became collaborative: They'd chime in on their favorites, such as Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury's "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." They memorized all the words before they could actually read. "We're going on a bear hunt! We're going to catch a big one!"

In a few years we moved on to early readers. The kids practiced their skills and read to us. We laughed over Kate DiCamillo's spunky "Mercy Watson" series, tacked our own rhymes onto the end of Dr. Seuss favorites.

There came a time, with both kids in elementary school, that their interest in reading aloud started to fade. My husband and I agreed: It was time for the big one. We picked J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series to read aloud, as a family, all four of us stretched out on the biggest bed.

We began our journey with "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." We'd take turns so everyone could read a chapter. We rarely missed a night. By unanimous decree, we moved on to the second book, and then the third. Months passed. We read and we also talked, about friendship and loyalty, death and courage. That year we read all seven books, more than 4,000 pages

of Harry, Hermione, Ron, Snape, Dumbledore and Voldemort. It is one of my favorite memories of their childhood and, honestly, our parenting. In our world of too many screens and excessive busyness, we found the time for magic.

They are teenagers now and have no desire to read aloud with us. In fact, given their school reading lists, there's not a lot of time for extra fiction these days. But here's the good news: They like their literature classes. They understand story and underlying themes. They like to talk about their books. And — this is so tied to reading, believe me and any literacy expert — they're good writers. While years with truly excellent reading teachers had a whole lot to do with that, I think our nights of reading aloud helped. Even now, sometimes, they will inhale a book. Their shelves include John Green, Malala Yousafzai, Jason Reynolds. The magic is still there, waiting for them.

I mentioned one of my first memories is my mother reading "Where the Wild Things Are" to me. She and I would both tell you that memory is a tricky thing. Sometimes I wonder if that really is my earliest memory or if I've made it so for this reason. My

mom has recited Sendak's story aloud my whole life — first to me, then to my children. Even today, despite some memory loss, she still knows most of the words. As for me, I cannot read them without hearing her voice.

I do know this: It is in large part because of her that I am an avid reader and writer. My love for fiction is my mother's legacy; the books my parents read to me expanded not just my vocabulary but my world view. So find the books your children love, read them aloud and (courtesy of Sendak's masterpiece), "Let the wild rumpus start."

Looking for book ideas? The Association for Library Services to Children website includes lists of notable children's books and past award winners in categories like best picture book (the Caldecott Medal) and children's literature (the Newbery Medal). Also, no pressure, but it turns out Scholastic is collaborating with LitWorld to promote World Read Aloud Day, which includes a celebration of Harry Potter Book Night on Feb. 1.

• *Kristin O'Keefe is a freelance writer in Kensington, Md. You can find more of her work at kristinokeefe.com.*

Tips for selecting your snowblower

SPONSORED BY

anything more, go with gas power. The two

