



**McHenry Public Library District**

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

**Tuesday April 18, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

**2nd Floor Board Room**

**Agenda**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Beaderstadt, President
- II. ROLL CALL** – Monica Leccese, Secretary
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING (Action)**  
**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Monica Leccese, Secretary  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 21, 2017  
  
**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Charles Reilly, Treasurer  
Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through  
March 31, 2017 and Bill Reports for March/April 2017  
Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)  
Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - B. Edminster to Barb McIntosh—Notice of what her donation purchased
  - American Legion Auxiliary Post 491 to B. Edminster—Donation
  - B. Edminster to American Legion Auxiliary Post 491—Thank you and how donation was used

## **VIII. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

- Office of the Secretary of State – FY 2017 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant
- McHenry County – Tax Computation Report/PTELL Worksheet
- AARP Tax Aide Client Survey for Library Use
- ATLAS-Area Training for Librarians & Staff – Annual Trustee Workshop June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- St. Baldrick's – Local Families Funds for Character Counts

## **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 December 13, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Continued discussion on prioritization of projects (memo + new information)
2. DISC profile and strategic plan discussion (continuation)

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval and release of the December 13, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. **(Action)**
2. Questions concerning RFP/bid procedure for RFID project (RFP date 4/10; award date 5/12)
3. Carpet removal/installation project information (RFP and bid required?) + selection of carpet type/style, discussion of scope/time and duration of project **(Poss. Action)**
4. Bid authorization from board to enter into a contract with Polaris and CCS to install a new ILS (includes staff training, possibly new equipment + ?) (note that this item has already been approved by the CCS Executive and Governing Board) **(Action)**
5. Selection of a strategic planner and site + date for discussion of new strategic plan.

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

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Date:** March 21, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Location:** Library Board Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Kathy Baderstadt, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, and Jill Stone

**Members Absent:** Margaret Carey and Bradley Schubert

**Also Present:** James Scholtz, Executive Director  
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director  
Debbie Gunness, Business Manager  
Lesley Jakacki, Youth Services Manager  
Denise Grandon, IT  
Barb Majka, Circulation Manager

**I. Call to Order:**

President Baderstadt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call:**

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

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

None

**V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors**

The Board welcomed the following staff members: Lesley Jakacki, Youth Services Manager, Denise Grandon, IT, and Barb Majka, Circulation Manager.

**VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting**

**Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 21, 2017

**Treasurer's Report – Charles Reilly, Treasurer**

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through February 28, 2017

Bill Reports for February/March 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 Stone seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 21, 2017, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through February 28, 2017, the Bill Reports for February/March 2017, and payment of the bills. Motion passed 5-0. See #2 on attached sheet.

## **VII. Communications**

- B. Edminster to Barb McIntosh—Thank you for donation in appreciation of help from Thomas Hillier

## **VIII. Librarian's Report**

- Scholtz reported that the CCS Governing Board meeting for March was moved to April 12<sup>th</sup> to allow for negotiations between CCS and Polaris regarding migrating the ILS. The Governing Board to be completed will vote on the contract at the meeting. Scholtz reported that although Polaris will be more expensive for CCS than Sirsi-Dynix, the library's budget should not be impacted.
- Scholtz reported that three vendors have communicated with him in response to the RFP for RFID. Scholtz said that he had used ranges for numbers of units in the RFP because different companies had difference sizes for their physical products. This was also a way to make the vendors quote per unit costs rather than a group price, which would allow for transparency as to what we are paying for. Stone asked if implementing RFID would result in a reduction in the number of staff. Scholtz replied that that was not his intention. Circulation staff would be freed from some repetitive tasks and made available for tasks that required face-to-face interaction with the public. Scholtz commented that changing both the ILS and the security system might actually be easier for staff.
- Barb Majka, the new Circulation Manager, introduced herself to the Board. Board Members who had gone to Algonquin Public Library to see their RFID setup reported that the staff at Algonquin had spoken highly about Majka.
- Building staff have installed LED bulbs in the pendant lights in the library's main room. Scholtz passed an example of one of the light bulbs around the table. He informed the Board that the LED bulbs that had been installed previously in strip lighting had immediately reduced the electrical bill and that these pendant bulbs would further reduce the costs to the library. He did not know how long it would take the lights to pay for themselves but agreed that it should take only a few years.
- Scholtz passed around library use surveys that had been filled out by patrons using the AARP tax preparation service in the library.
- Guinness informed the Board about the Centegra Health Challenge that had run for eight weeks during January, February, and March. The challenge was a group effort to lose weight and improve health among staff members. Twenty-two people were involved and everyone lost weight or inches. Winning individuals and teams will receive rewards.
- Edminster showed the Board a plaque that the library had received from the local St. Baldrick's campaign for participating. The library team had four members and raised more than \$2,000 for the national St. Baldrick's campaign. The library raised \$680 for local families. More than 480 participants had their heads shaved to raise \$161,000 for pediatric cancer research. More than \$21,000 was raised for to aid local families with children with cancer.

- Scholtz will be meeting with the editor of Shaw Newspapers to discuss getting the rights to scan the microfilm copies of *The Plaindealer* newspaper that the library owns. The editor has proposed that the library provide columns for *The Northwest Herald* derived from *The Plaindealer* perhaps as often as once a week.
- Scholtz informed the Board that the Youth Services Manager had decided to replace the open Assistant YS Manager's position with a new type of position, a lead librarian who would be involved in training rather than managing the department.
- Scholtz reported that the library's study rooms had been repainted and the furniture replaced under the supervision of Jakacki. Jakacki is also involved in choosing the type of carpet to replace the existing carpeting in the main room.

## **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 December 13, 2016 executive session minutes.

The Board did not go into executive session.

## **X. Old Business**

1. Continued discussion on prioritization of projects (memo + new information)
  - Solar panels – To be started when weather permits (Beginning of April).
  - Several trustees have visited Algonquin, Fox Lake, and Cary Libraries' RFID systems. Leccese suggests, when visiting other libraries, check out the noise volume of RFID systems
  - CCS will be voting on April 12<sup>th</sup> to move to the Polaris system with completion in Spring 2018
  - Scholtz recommends holding off on the building annex and lift station projects
  - Repair of carpet in the "River Area" of the library verses replacing carpet in the main library
  - Scholtz met with Sarah Keister Armstrong to discuss possibly reviewing and updating the current long-range strategic plan with the Board and Staff

## **XI. New Business**

1. Approval and release of the December 13, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.  
No action was taken because the Board did not go into executive session.
2. Discussion and approval of agreement with McHenry Area Historical Society for digital access to various local papers.  
No action was taken because Scholtz had not received the agreement with McHenry Area Historical Society for digital access to various local papers.
3. Discussion and approval of adding a Librarian I (lead) position in Youth Services – rather than having a Librarian II, Assistant Manager  
The Board reviewed and discussed the Librarian I (lead) position in Youth Services, rather than having a Librarian II, Assistant Manager. The Board agreed and felt it would help keep personnel costs down.
4. Discussion and approval of new job description for Librarian I (lead) position  
No action was taken at this time.

**XII. Any and All Other Business Which May Properly Come Before the Board**  
None

**XIII. Adjournment**

Leccese moved and Reilly seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.  
Motion passed 5-0. See # 4 on attached sheet.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Monica Leccese, Secretary**

**Text for Motion Sheet**

1. Roll Call at 7:06 p.m.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 21, 2017, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through February 28, 2017, the Bill Reports for February/March 2017, and payment of the bills.
3. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

<b>DATE: March 21, 2017 Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.</b>	<b>Kathy Baderstadt</b>	<b>Margaret Carey</b>	<b>Delphine Grala</b>	<b>Monica Leccese</b>	<b>Charles Reilly</b>	<b>Bradley Schubert</b>	<b>Jill Stone</b>
1. Roll call	<b>P</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>P</b>
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 21, 2017, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through February 28, 2017, the Bill Reports for February/March 2017, and payment of the bills.	<b>Y</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>(M)Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>(S)Y</b>
3. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.	<b>Y</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>(M)Y</b>	<b>(S)Y</b>	<b>NP</b>	<b>Y</b>

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

**MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

**COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**March 31, 2017**

**McHenry Public Library District**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2017

12:17 PM  
04/14/2017  
Cash Basis  
**Mar 31, 17**

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**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1060 - First Midwest Bank-Money Market

1060100 - MM - General - First Midwest 106,718.72

1060200 - MM - Spec Reserve-First Midwest 1,748,326.45

1060300 - MM - Grant & Gift-First Midwest 437,212.39

Total 1060 - First Midwest Bank-Money Market 2,292,257.56

1070100 - HSA/Building - First Midwest 329,617.87

1615100 - General Account - First Midwest 19,650.38

1625100 - Payroll Account - First Midwest 147,373.20

1635100 - Imprest Account - First Midwest 5,000.00

1045100 - PROPAY 4,056.47

1150100 - Huntington-MoneyMarket 200,268.87

Total Checking/Savings 2,998,224.35

Other Current Assets

1005100 - Petty Cash 800.00

Total Other Current Assets 800.00

Total Current Assets 2,999,024.35

**TOTAL ASSETS 2,999,024.35**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Equity

3010100 - Fund Balance - General 1,607,104.80

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

3010300 - Fund Balance - Grants & Gifts 465,934.67

Net Income (818,347.98)

Total Equity 2,999,024.35

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 2,999,024.35**

**McHenry Public Library District**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**March 2017**

**12:20 PM**  
**04/14/2017**  
**Cash Basis**  
**Mar 17**

<b>Income</b>	
6030100 · Interest Income - General	37.24
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	56.91
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	14.51
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00
6050100 · Fines	5,150.84
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	10.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	1,923.22
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	55.16
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	1,584.04
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	76.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	65.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	310.00
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	322.08
6200100 · Over/Short	6.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,656.28</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,656.28</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
8010100 · Adult Books	5,865.30
8020100 · Youth Books	4,498.35
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	29.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	58.59
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	59.88
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	4,288.12
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,443.05
8080100 · Video Games	1,179.85
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	48.02
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	4,063.61
8120100 · Library Supplies	646.82
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	2,524.16
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	1,616.33
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	1,930.99
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	116.35
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	9,195.00
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	5.07
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	5,902.00
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,067.13
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	806.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	970.70
8420100 · Legal Services	312.50
8510100 · Printing	405.99
8540100 · Postage	59.15
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,027.77
8610100 · Electricity	2,035.51
8630100 · Telephone	548.88
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	1,472.21
8740100 · Building & Grounds	6,127.71
8760100 · Hospitality	431.76
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	37.99

	<b>Mar 17</b>
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	(30.00)
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	447.06
8800321 · YPS Materials - PER CAPITA	5,464.56
8800341 · Other Equipment - PER CAPITA	2,696.00
8910100 · Salaries	122,732.17
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	9,351.70
8930100 · IMRF	14,040.05
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	32,891.29
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	10.99
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	530.67
9060100 · Library Furnishings	8,666.79
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	44,739.01
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>304,315.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(294,658.79)</b>

**McHenry Public Library District**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Class**  
 July 2016 through March 2017

12:23 PM  
 04/14/2017  
 Cash Basis

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>				
6010100 - Property Taxes	1,565,210.51	0.00	0.00	1,565,210.51
6020200 - Developer Fees	0.00	3,470.00	0.00	3,470.00
6030100 - Interest Income - General	483.62	0.00	0.00	483.62
6030200 - Interest Income - Spec Reserve	0.00	523.59	0.00	523.59
6030300 - Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	0.00	0.00	136.39	136.39
6035100 - Dividends	238.20	0.00	0.00	238.20
6040100 - Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	565.00	0.00	0.00	565.00
6050100 - Fines	37,484.04	0.00	0.00	37,484.04
6055100 - Referral/Collection Fees	220.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
6060100 - Photocopier & Fax Income	12,446.43	0.00	0.00	12,446.43
6070300 - General Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	9,741.29	9,741.29
6105100 - Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	12,596.37	0.00	0.00	12,596.37
6110100 - Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,490.00	0.00	0.00	2,490.00
6120100 - Meeting Room Fees	595.00	0.00	0.00	595.00
6130100 - Misc Income - General	2,584.48	0.00	0.00	2,584.48
6150100 - Lost & Damged Materials	2,471.19	0.00	0.00	2,471.19
6200100 - Over/Short	10.35	0.00	0.00	10.35
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,637,395.19</b>	<b>3,993.59</b>	<b>9,877.68</b>	<b>1,651,266.46</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,637,395.19</b>	<b>3,993.59</b>	<b>9,877.68</b>	<b>1,651,266.46</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
8010100 - Adult Books	64,564.89	0.00	0.00	64,564.89
8020100 - Youth Books	35,117.53	0.00	0.00	35,117.53
8025100 - Professional Resources	4,767.93	0.00	0.00	4,767.93
8028100 - Administrative Resources (GA)	535.92	0.00	0.00	535.92
8030100 - Magazines & Newspapers	13,018.27	0.00	0.00	13,018.27
8040300 - Operating Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	7,207.75	7,207.75
8050100 - Adult AV Materials	38,464.37	0.00	0.00	38,464.37
8060100 - Youth AV Materials	9,285.23	0.00	0.00	9,285.23
8080100 - Video Games	7,403.74	0.00	0.00	7,403.74
8090100 - eBook & eMagazine Services	19,531.24	0.00	0.00	19,531.24
8095100 - Electronic Subscriptions	47,910.82	0.00	0.00	47,910.82
8110100 - Bank Service Charges	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.81
8120100 - Library Supplies	5,775.82	0.00	0.00	5,775.82
8130100 - Tech Services Supplies	23,908.50	0.00	0.00	23,908.50
8140100 - Adult Programs & Supplies	15,261.58	0.00	0.00	15,261.58
8145100 - Circulation Supplies	4,605.81	0.00	0.00	4,605.81
8147100 - Summer Reading Club	64.08	0.00	0.00	64.08
8150100 - Youth Programs & Supplies	17,626.51	0.00	0.00	17,626.51
8215100 - Collection Agency Fees	1,074.00	0.00	0.00	1,074.00
8245100 - Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	25,294.97	0.00	0.00	25,294.97
8270100 - Finance/Late Fee Charges	5.64	0.00	0.00	5.64
8310100 - CCS & SIRSI Expenses	53,118.00	0.00	0.00	53,118.00
8320100 - Network Expenses	19,231.14	0.00	0.00	19,231.14
8330100 - OCLC Services (cataloging)	7,505.75	0.00	0.00	7,505.75
8410100 - Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	17,126.26	0.00	0.00	17,126.26
8420100 - Legal Services	2,344.47	0.00	0.00	2,344.47
8430100 - Automation & Misc Consultants	1,070.00	0.00	0.00	1,070.00

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	764.85	0.00	0.00	764.85
8510100 · Printing	23,043.23	0.00	0.00	23,043.23
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	1,347.88	0.00	0.00	1,347.88
8540100 · Postage	7,220.73	0.00	0.00	7,220.73
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	6,417.86	0.00	0.00	6,417.86
8610100 · Electricity	18,269.29	0.00	0.00	18,269.29
8620100 · Gas	2,757.26	0.00	0.00	2,757.26
8630100 · Telephone	4,269.91	0.00	0.00	4,269.91
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	5,889.65	0.00	0.00	5,889.65
8640100 · Water & Sewer	3,707.08	0.00	0.00	3,707.08
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	21,526.00	0.00	0.00	21,526.00
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,243.00	0.00	0.00	5,243.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	39,268.01	0.00	0.00	39,268.01
8760100 · Hospitality	4,224.06	0.00	0.00	4,224.06
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	217.67	0.00	0.00	217.67
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	880.00	0.00	0.00	880.00
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	7,117.55	7,117.55
8800321 · YPS Materials - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	8,078.66	8,078.66
8800341 · Other Equipment - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	16,196.00	16,196.00
8910100 · Salaries	1,276,145.82	0.00	0.00	1,276,145.82
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	95,998.31	0.00	0.00	95,998.31
8930100 · IMRF	141,310.26	0.00	0.00	141,310.26
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	240,120.66	0.00	0.00	240,120.66
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,248.84	0.00	0.00	1,248.84
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,790.87	0.00	0.00	2,790.87
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	7,892.49	0.00	0.00	7,892.49
9060100 · Library Furnishings	12,843.62	0.00	0.00	12,843.62
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	(9.30)	0.00	0.00	(9.30)
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	73,013.15	0.00	0.00	73,013.15
Total Expense	2,431,014.48	0.00	38,599.96	2,469,614.44
Net Income	(793,619.29)	3,993.59	(28,722.28)	(818,347.98)

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

04/14/2017

July 2016 through March 2017

Cash Basis

	Jul '16 - Mar 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,565,210.51	3,180,652.28	(1,615,441.77)	49.21%
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00	25,000.00	(21,530.00)	13.88%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	483.62	5,000.00	(4,516.38)	9.67%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	523.59	3,000.00	(2,476.41)	17.45%
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	136.39	2,500.00	(2,363.61)	5.46%
6035100 · Dividends	238.20	500.00	(261.80)	47.64%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	565.00	1,000.00	(435.00)	56.5%
6050100 · Fines	37,484.04	55,000.00	(17,515.96)	68.15%
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	220.00	1,000.00	(780.00)	22.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	12,446.43	17,000.00	(4,553.57)	73.21%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	9,741.29	20,000.00	(10,258.71)	48.71%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	12,596.37	17,000.00	(4,403.63)	74.1%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,490.00	4,200.00	(1,710.00)	59.29%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	595.00	1,000.00	(405.00)	59.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	2,584.48	25,000.00	(22,415.52)	10.34%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	2,471.19	6,000.00	(3,528.81)	41.19%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6200100 · Over/Short	10.35	0.00	10.35	100.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,651,266.46</b>	<b>4,326,745.71</b>	<b>(2,675,479.25)</b>	<b>38.16%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,651,266.46</b>	<b>4,326,745.71</b>	<b>(2,675,479.25)</b>	<b>38.16%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
8010100 · Adult Books	64,564.89	85,000.00	(20,435.11)	75.96%
8020100 · Youth Books	35,117.53	59,000.00	(23,882.47)	59.52%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,767.93	3,500.00	1,267.93	136.23%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	535.92	6,400.00	(5,864.08)	8.37%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	13,018.27	15,000.00	(1,981.73)	86.79%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	7,207.75	448,381.10	(441,173.35)	1.61%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	38,464.37	62,000.00	(23,535.63)	62.04%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	9,285.23	16,000.00	(6,714.77)	58.03%
8080100 · Video Games	7,403.74	15,000.00	(7,596.26)	49.36%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	19,531.24	55,500.00	(35,968.76)	35.19%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	47,910.82	80,000.00	(32,089.18)	59.89%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	500.00	(499.19)	0.16%
8120100 · Library Supplies	5,775.82	10,000.00	(4,224.18)	57.76%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	23,908.50	57,200.00	(33,291.50)	41.8%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	15,261.58	22,000.00	(6,738.42)	69.37%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	4,605.81	12,000.00	(7,394.19)	38.38%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	64.08	7,000.00	(6,935.92)	0.92%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	17,626.51	21,500.00	(3,873.49)	81.98%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	1,074.00	1,500.00	(426.00)	71.6%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	25,294.97	59,000.00	(33,705.03)	42.87%

	<b>Jul '16 - Mar 17</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	5.64	500.00	(494.36)	1.13%
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	53,118.00	80,000.00	(26,882.00)	66.4%
8320100 · Network Expenses	19,231.14	25,000.00	(5,768.86)	76.93%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	7,505.75	8,000.00	(494.25)	93.82%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	17,126.26	28,000.00	(10,873.74)	61.17%
8420100 · Legal Services	2,344.47	1,500.00	844.47	156.3%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	1,070.00	14,000.00	(12,930.00)	7.64%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	764.85	1,000.00	(235.15)	76.49%
8510100 · Printing	23,043.23	36,000.00	(12,956.77)	64.01%
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	1,347.88	3,000.00	(1,652.12)	44.93%
8540100 · Postage	7,220.73	18,000.00	(10,779.27)	40.12%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	6,417.86	10,000.00	(3,582.14)	64.18%
8610100 · Electricity	18,269.29	25,000.00	(6,730.71)	73.08%
8620100 · Gas	2,757.26	2,500.00	257.26	110.29%
8630100 · Telephone	4,269.91	13,500.00	(9,230.09)	31.63%
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	5,889.65	7,000.00	(1,110.35)	84.14%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	3,707.08	3,500.00	207.08	105.92%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	21,526.00	32,000.00	(10,474.00)	67.27%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,243.00	5,500.00	(257.00)	95.33%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	39,268.01	54,000.00	(14,731.99)	72.72%
8760100 · Hospitality	4,224.06	13,000.00	(8,775.94)	32.49%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	217.67	700.00	(482.33)	31.1%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	880.00	4,000.00	(3,120.00)	22.0%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	7,117.55	0.00	7,117.55	100.0%
8800321 · YPS Materials - PER CAPITA	8,078.66	0.00	8,078.66	100.0%
8800341 · Other Equipment - PER CAPITA	16,196.00	0.00	16,196.00	100.0%
8910100 · Salaries	1,276,145.82	1,810,000.00	(533,854.18)	70.51%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	95,998.31	145,000.00	(49,001.69)	66.21%
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8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	240,120.66	260,000.00	(19,879.34)	92.35%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,248.84	9,000.00	(7,751.16)	13.88%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,790.87	8,000.00	(5,209.13)	34.89%
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	7,892.49	14,000.00	(6,107.51)	56.38%
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	12,843.62	35,000.00	(22,156.38)	36.7%
9070100 · Library Equipment	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	(9.30)	10,000.00	(10,009.30)	(0.09%)
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	73,013.15	320,000.00	(246,986.85)	22.82%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,469,614.44</b>	<b>4,492,724.53</b>	<b>(2,023,110.09)</b>	<b>54.97%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(818,347.98)</b>	<b>(165,978.82)</b>	<b>(652,369.16)</b>	<b>493.04%</b>

## Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

04/14/2017

July 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017 - General Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul '16 - Mar 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
6010100 - Property Taxes	1,565,210.51	3,180,652.28	(1,615,441.77)	49.21%
6030100 - Interest Income - General	483.62	5,000.00	(4,516.38)	9.67%
6035100 - Dividends	238.20	500.00	(261.80)	47.64%
6040100 - Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	565.00	1,000.00	(435.00)	56.5%
6050100 - Fines	37,484.04	55,000.00	(17,515.96)	68.15%
6055100 - Referral/Collection Fees	220.00	1,000.00	(780.00)	22.0%
6060100 - Photocopier & Fax Income	12,446.43	17,000.00	(4,553.57)	73.21%
6090100 - Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 - Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	12,596.37	17,000.00	(4,403.63)	74.1%
6110100 - Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,490.00	4,200.00	(1,710.00)	59.29%
6120100 - Meeting Room Fees	595.00	1,000.00	(405.00)	59.5%
6130100 - Misc Income - General	2,584.48	25,000.00	(22,415.52)	10.34%
6150100 - Lost & Damged Materials	2,471.19	6,000.00	(3,528.81)	41.19%
6200100 - Over/Short	10.35	0.00	10.35	100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,637,395.19</b>	<b>3,314,352.28</b>	<b>(1,676,957.09)</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,637,395.19</b>	<b>3,314,352.28</b>	<b>(1,676,957.09)</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
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<b>8530100 · Public Notices &amp; Ads</b>	1,347.88	3,000.00	(1,652.12)	44.93%
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<b>8910100 · Salaries</b>	1,276,145.82	1,810,000.00	(533,854.18)	70.51%
<b>8920100 · FICA/Medicare</b>	95,998.31	145,000.00	(49,001.69)	66.21%
<b>8930100 · IMRF</b>	141,310.26	180,000.00	(38,689.74)	78.51%
<b>8940100 · Health &amp; Life Insurance</b>	240,120.66	260,000.00	(19,879.34)	92.35%
<b>8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement</b>	1,248.84	9,000.00	(7,751.16)	13.88%
<b>8960100 · Memberships &amp; Dues</b>	2,790.87	8,000.00	(5,209.13)	34.89%
<b>8970100 · Meetings &amp; Travel</b>	7,892.49	14,000.00	(6,107.51)	56.38%
<b>9060100 · Library Furnishings</b>	12,843.62	35,000.00	(22,156.38)	36.7%
<b>9070100 · Library Equipment</b>	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
<b>9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250</b>	(9.30)	10,000.00	(10,009.30)	(0.09%)
<b>9090100 · Additional Capital Projects</b>	73,013.15	320,000.00	(246,986.85)	22.82%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,431,014.48</b>	<b>3,836,950.00</b>	<b>(1,405,935.52)</b>	<b>63.36%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(793,619.29)</b>	<b>(522,597.72)</b>	<b>(271,021.57)</b>	<b>151.86%</b>

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

04/14/2017

July 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017 -Special Reserve Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul '16 - Mar 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00	25,000.00	(21,530.00)	13.88%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	523.59	3,000.00	(2,476.41)	17.45%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,993.59</b>	<b>855,000.00</b>	<b>(851,006.41)</b>	<b>0.47%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>3,993.59</b>	<b>855,000.00</b>	<b>(851,006.41)</b>	<b>0.47%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>(150,000.00)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,993.59</b>	<b>705,000.00</b>	<b>(701,006.41)</b>	<b>0.57%</b>

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

04/14/2017

July 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017 - Grant and Gift Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul '16 - Mar 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
6030300 - Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	136.39	2,500.00	(2,363.61)	5.46%
6070300 - General Fund Gifts	9,741.29	20,000.00	(10,258.71)	48.71%
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%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,877.68</b>	<b>157,393.43</b>	<b>(147,515.75)</b>	<b>6.28%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,877.68</b>	<b>157,393.43</b>	<b>(147,515.75)</b>	<b>6.28%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
8040300 - Operating Fund Gifts	7,207.75	448,381.10	(441,173.35)	1.61%
8800300 - Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 - Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	7,117.55	0.00	7,117.55	100.0%
8800321 - YPS Materials - PER CAPITA	8,078.66	0.00	8,078.66	100.0%
8800341 - Other Equipment - PER CAPITA	16,196.00	0.00	16,196.00	100.0%
9030300 - Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>38,599.96</b>	<b>505,774.53</b>	<b>(467,174.57)</b>	<b>7.63%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(28,722.28)</b>	<b>(348,381.10)</b>	<b>319,658.82</b>	<b>8.25%</b>

McHenry Public Library District  
 INTERIM CHECKS ISSUED - March 2017  
 (NOT INCLUDED ON BILL REPORT)

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

<b>Account - General Fund</b>					
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
Comcast	T-1 and other Telecommunications	\$ 917.19	8635-100	03/01/17	EFT
Harland Clarke Check Order	Library Supplies	\$ 215.17	8120-100	03/08/17	EFT
Call One	Telephone	\$ 452.71	8630-100	03/13/17	EFT
Comcast	T-1 and other Telecommunications	\$ 504.30	8635-100	03/28/17	EFT
subtotal for account		\$ 2,089.37			

<b>Account - HSA/Building</b>					
First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 922.68	8940-100	03/01/17	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 1,700.00	8940-100	03/15/17	EFT
Magitek Energy Solutions Inc	Additional Capital Projects	\$ 11,606.30	9090-100	03/13/17	1076
subtotal for account		\$ 14,228.98			

<b>Account - Payroll</b>					
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
IL Municipal Retirement Fund IMRF		\$ 20,916.95	8930-100	03/06/17	EFT
IL Municipal Retirement Fund IMRF		\$ 21,221.20	8930-100	03/31/17	EFT
subtotal for account		\$ 42,138.15			

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

GRAND TOTAL CHECKS ISSUED \$ 58,456.50



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Barb McIntosh  
P.O. Box 631  
Iola, Kansas 66749  
March 30, 2017

Dear Barb McIntosh:

Once again thank you for your donation to the McHenry Public Library to thank for Thomas Hillier for his help with your genealogy research. We have used the money to purchase the following books for the Local History/Genealogy Collection.

- *A Dictionary of Family History* by Jonathan Scott
- *The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide* by Claire Santry

We will put a donation plate in each book to recognize your donation of appreciation for the work that Thomas Hillier does as our Genealogy librarian. We are all very pleased that we could help you.

Sincerely,

*Bill Edminster*

Bill Edminster  
Assistant Director

**James C. Scholtz**

Executive Director

[jscholtz@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:jscholtz@mchenrylibrary.org)



January 16, 2017

Mr. Bill Edminster  
Assistant Director  
McHenry Public Library  
809 N. Front Street  
McHenry, IL 60050

*to  
received  
2/27/17*

Dear Mr. Edminster:

On behalf of the McHenry American Legion Auxiliary Post 491, enclosed is a donation check in the amount of \$50.00 to help your continuing effort to buy books for the library, especially those military related.

Sincerely,

Dana Deiderich

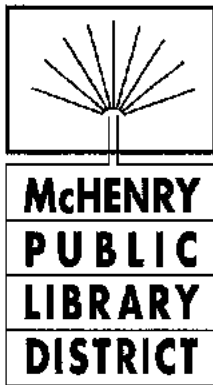
President

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Post 491

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McHenry American Legion Auxiliary Post 491  
c/o Dana Deiderich, President  
7404 Mohawk Drive  
Wonder Lake, IL 60097  
April 6, 2017

Dear President Deiderich:

Thank you for the donation to the library from the McHenry American Legion Auxiliary Post 491.

We have used your donation to order the following books.

- *Back Over There: One American Time-Traveler, 100 Years Since the Great War, 500 Miles of Battle-scarred French Countryside, and Too Many Trenches, Shells, Legends and Ghosts to Count* by Richard Rubin, which is described as "an eccentric, first person travelogue" and "a fascinating trip through an important, but relatively underemphasized chapter of American history." (Interestingly enough, I'm writing this thank you on the 100th anniversary of the United States entering World War I.)
- *Compassionate Soldier: Remarkable True Stories of Mercy, Heroism, and Honor from the Battlefield* by Jerry Borrowman, which is described as containing "some of the most fascinating and yet largely unknown stories of men and women whose humanity led them to perform courageous acts of mercy and compassion amid the chaos and carnage of war."
- *My Fellow Soldiers: General John Pershing and the Americans Who Helped Win the Great War* by Andrew Carroll, which should be of especial interest because of the new PBS documentary on World War I.

As each book arrives, we will put a bookplate commemorating your donation in it. The many library users who use these books will appreciate your gift as much as we do.

Thank you again for thinking of the McHenry Public Library for your donation.

Sincerely,

Bill Edminster  
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## McHenry Public Library District

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

March 2017

#### Administration

- B. Edminster led the Classic Book Discussion of *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev, 3/20.
- J. Scholtz was in contact with various people from the *NW Herald* concerning copyright/duplication permission of microfilm for *The Plaindealer*. It would seem that if MPLD writes a weekly column in the NW Herald, that we might gain digitization permission. We have not yet received a contract from the McHenry County Historical Society for digitization nor do we know exact pricing from Northern Micrographics. Information forthcoming and negotiations ongoing.
- J. Scholtz responded to queries from vendors concerning the RFP for RFID – due date for proposals is 4/10. Some board members have visited area libraries with RFID (Cary, Barrington, and Fox Lake). Responses from RFP received by mkSolutions; Tech Logic and 3M/Bibliotheca.
- J. Scholtz attended CCS Gov. Bd. Mtg 4/12; Polaris selected as next CCS ILS – migration to start within a couple of months – Spring 2018 (completion).
- Local consolidated election held at MPLD, 4/4.
- B. Edminster represented the library at the Character Counts! Coalition meeting, 4/13.

#### Adult Services

- Z. Terrill and P. Strain began interviewing candidates to fill 2 open positions in the Adult Services Department.
- A Mystery Book Discussion group has been formed after requests from a few patrons. 15 participants attended the inaugural meeting on Thursday, March 2 where they discussed preferred authors and types of mysteries. The reading list for the next six months will draw from patron suggestions and interests.
- T. O'Toole and T. Hillier responded to a request from a McHenry County Historical Society staff member who was looking for information about Atkinson's Store, located in Lilymoor/Lakemoor during the 1920's.
- D. Gaudio created book displays to complement the 3 popular programs presented by historian Jim Gibbons.
- Z. Terrill attended planning meetings in his role as Leadership Forum Co-Manager for ILA's Reaching Forward Conference.

#### Building Services

- N. Broderick started installing LED light bulbs in the main library pendant fixtures.
- The main library floor has been re-waxed and looks fresh.
- D. Harding assisted police in the arrest of a patron stealing CDs.

#### Circulation

- S. Willis reports a total of 138 expired holds pulled in March
- P. Johnson accepted the position of Customer Service Associate
- M. Del Santo accepted the position of Customer Service Associate

## Human Resources

- Colette Myers, Adult Services Department Manager, terminated (retired) on 3/23/2017
- Screened applicants and scheduled interviews for Circulation Manager to fill open positions.
- Offers extended and accepted by two (2) part-time Customer Service Associates (Front Desk) for Circulation with hire dates in April.
- Screened applicants and participated in interviews with Adult Services for their open positions.
- Received approval to hire Teen Librarian for Youth Services. Advertised vacancy to begin soliciting applicants.
- Salary Increase Information: Data is pulled from a minimum of 3 months (vs. monthly) to maintain confidentiality and also provide meaningful numbers.
  - Average Salary increase for the Last 3 months – 3.5%
    - This average calculation is missing data from three (3) employees whose salary increase has not yet been submitted.
  - Average Salary increase for the FY 2016-2017 (year-to-date) – 2.75%
    - This average calculation is missing data from four (4) employees whose salary increases have not yet been submitted.
    - Fiscal YTD:
      - two employees did not receive an increase due to performance
      - two employees have received lump-sum merit payments vs. an increase to their base salary
      - two employees have received market adjustments
      - one employee is receiving training/educational increases
- Conducted exit interview with one departing employee.
- Had discussion with Corporate America Family Credit Union to promote credit union membership as part of National Financial Literacy Month in April.
- The “Break Your Boundaries” weight-loss challenge (sponsored by Centegra) officially ended. Post challenge weigh-ins were conducted March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Challenge results announced and Keith Walker (TS) was in 10<sup>th</sup> place for all male participants. His team “The Reducers” which included other Tech Services staff (Kathy M, Kim M, and Pat R) finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place for all team participants. Overall, MPLD lost 137.5 pounds and 63 inches.
- Attended the Management Team Meeting and discussed potential for future manager training.

## Public Relations

- Promoted library’s St. Baldrick’s participation and put posters around the library.
- Promoted upcoming events via various media and Social Media
- Updated website and staff intranet as needed
- Attended webinar on LibraryAware
- LibraryAware cardholder email campaign ongoing
- Revised staff service award certificate and gift card request form (going to do this in-house now to save on admin. fees with Hallmark)
- Attended Sunshine Committee meeting

- Helped coordinate monthly birthday staff celebration
- Attended Management Team meeting

## **Technical Services**

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## **Technology**

- IT installed a new firewall on March 13<sup>th</sup>
- IT Setup a replacement laptop for Deb G.
- IT updated all of our training laptops this month
- IT Purchased Apple Ipads to replace the Nooks used by the Library Board
- MPLit performed our routine maintenance of our patron and staff workstations.
- Several staff webinars were setup in the boardroom & Conference room
- Prepare Board packet post to Google Drive and email board members. Post to All staff news on Google Drive, notify staff via email & post on Intranet.
- IT is still testing chat software
- Patrons accessed the WiFi 1,067 times during March.

## **Youth Services**

- Afterschool Snack Program: 93 snack served; Attendance: 31 adults, 94 kids
- Spanish Interactions: Adult: 96, Teen: 23, Children: 132
- J. Velasquez visited the Wauconda Area Library, speaking to Norma Hacke, their Bilingual Specialist, for an hour and 15 minutes. She showed her the adult Spanish collection, upstairs, and also their children's Spanish collection. She learned about all the programs Wauconda offers and how they promote their programs. It was helpful to visit with another Bilingual Services Librarian as there is not a lot of networking opportunities for staff in this type of position.
- S. Baseley has been attending many webinars to keep herself up to date on trends on Youth and YA Literature. She learned about new materials in YA focusing on LGBTQ characters, and Junior Non-fiction. Also, how to use picture books to teach tolerance.
- M. Cairo was invited to spend the morning at Montini School to share stories and book talks with students in grades Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. While we have had success in visiting public schools in the area, it has been more challenging to get into the local private schools so we see this as a great step towards more school partnerships.
- G. Doolan assisted in giving a tour to Valley View Kindergarten students. During the tour Gwen carries a blown up McHenry library card to show the children what the card can do for them. When the kids regrouped with M. Cairo one of the children told them that they liked the big card and was coming back to get one. Later that day the child did come back with his mom and got his own library card!
- C. Bergan held a meeting with the school liaisons (M. Cairo and J. Velasquez) to touch base regarding our school services and what is needed as the school year starts to wrap up. They contacted schools to set up Summer Reading visits and have gotten a good response so far. C. Bergan wrote and submitted a proposal to present at the District 15 and 156 Choice Menu conference next school year. The proposed presentation is a book talk of titles with interrelated themes and resources.

- T. Calhoun has been creating some displays for the Youth Department. This month her displayed featured Steampunk for Teens, Poetry for Teens and Spooky Stories for Junior Readers. She also has become familiar with LibraryAware in order to create booklists to accompany displays and did one for the Steampunk Display.
- L. Jakacki has been working on a letter to the Directors of the NSDC libraries to discuss how the consortium is seen by patrons and how we can continue to offer a digital materials service that is in line with our print material collections.

## 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. added 1691 items (-+11%) and withdrew 919 (-32%) compared with March 2016. Staff also mended 705 (-30%) items and processed 1715 new items (+12%). Only AdBk increased in circ. (+4%); all other formats decreased in circ. Including ILL (borr. -10%/lend - 11%). Overall circulation decreased by (-4%) from the previous year/month and we were open 1 more day than last yr./mon. (29 compared to 28). Circ was at 48,826 compared with 50,703 last yr/mon. All areas except AAud and Vid/DVD decreased in Circulation. Holds increased (+13% but renewal decreased (-4%). Patron traffic increased by +10% (16,750 but the video count ave. was only 15,094. Website use (+23%); wireless (+52%); holds/renewals (+1%/-6%, respectively.

Also our eMagazine/Zinio was at (-35%) with digital downloads (-3%), Zinio and Hoopla were at (-35% and +5% respectively. Internet use (Adult +8 and youth +15%) but overall, use declined by -4%). Our study room use decreased by (-7%) but meeting room use increased by (+10%). The Children's Storytime Rm. Was used by AARP for Tax help – we received 308 total surveys regarding AARP tax help and library use. Programs for age groups: (adult +29%; child -26%; teen -20%). Patron count from video was 15,537; down from last yr/mon. total of 16,388 (-5%). As some added information, CCS libraries ILLed 68,263 items to each other in March 2017; MPLD was 8<sup>th</sup> on the list of providing the most material (3105 items loaned).

As for people coming in for AARP tax help – here is the profile of the ave. user. Not their 1<sup>st</sup> visit for tax help (84%); equally divided between MPLD cardholder and not (47% yes; 53% no). 32% and 36% of people coming into the library also came in to check out materials and use computers. 73% of respondents said they would be return users. 92% of respondents included their name and phone.

## UpComing Events and Projects

- RFID bid packets due 4/10; bid award 5/12/2017.
- Staff in-service 4/28. Executive Director from CCS scheduled to present.



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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April 6, 2017

Mr. James Scholtz, Library Director  
McHenry Public Library District  
809 North Front Street  
McHenry, Illinois 60050-5578

Dear Mr. Scholtz:

I am pleased to award the McHenry Public Library District a FY2017 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$32,628.34. Over \$9.4 million is being awarded this year to Illinois public libraries serving 11,777,310 patrons at a rate of \$0.77644 per resident.

Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants help ensure that public libraries have the resources to address patron and community needs. I know that libraries count on these grants for important expenses such as paying for materials, programming and technology.

Please be aware that due to the continued state budget impasse, payment of these funds may be significantly delayed. As in previous years, the library may use these funds until the end of the following fiscal year; in this case, until June 30, 2018.

Our public libraries are truly the cornerstones of our communities. They are a lifesaver for those who need help to better their lives and are the best and most reliable resource Illinois citizens have to obtain information.

I am extremely proud of the outstanding service you and all Illinois public libraries provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White  
Secretary of State  
State Librarian

cc: Kathy Beaderstadt, McHenry Public Library District Board President  
FY2017 Per Capita File

JW:isl

# Tax Computation Report

## McHenry County

Taxing District LYMC - MCHENRY LIBRARY			Equalization Factor 1.0000	
Property Type	Total EAV	Rate Setting EAV	PTELL Values	
Farm	9,484,599	9,484,599	Annexation EAV	0
Residential	709,883,194	708,548,422	Disconnection EAV	0
Commercial	134,737,613	132,979,559	Recovered TIF EAV	0
Industrial	45,776,575	45,776,575	Agg. Ext. Base (2015)	3,180,652
Mineral	2,074,099	2,074,099	Limiting Rate	0.357750
State Railroad	678,382	678,382	% of Burden	0.00%
Local Railroad	0	0	TIF Increment	3,092,826
County Total	902,634,462	899,541,636	New Property	4,244,261
Total + Overlap	902,634,462	899,541,636	New Property (Overlap)	0
			Total New Property	4,244,261

Fund/Name	Levy Request	Max. Rate	Calc. Rate	Actual Rate	Non-PTELL Extension	PTELL Factor	Limited Rate	% Burden Rate	McHenry County Total Extension	Percent
** 001 CORPORATE	3,180,653	0.600000	0.353586	0.353586	\$3,180,653.29	1.000000	0.353586	0.000000	\$3,180,653.29	100.0000
Totals (Capped)	3,180,653		0.353586	0.353586	\$3,180,653.29		0.353586	0.000000	\$3,180,653.29	100.0000
Totals (Not Capped)	0		0.000000	0.000000	\$0.00		0.000000	0.000000	\$0.00	0.0000
Totals (All)	3,180,653		0.353586	0.353586	\$3,180,653.29		0.353586	0.000000	\$3,180,653.29	100.0000

\*\* Subject to PTELL

I agree with the above figures

Signature

Taxing District LYMC - MCHENRY LIBRARY

Taxing Body

Title:

E-Mail Address:

Phone Number:

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Executive Director

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# PTELL Worksheet McHenry County

Taxing District LYMC - MCHENRY LIBRARY

The 2015 extension was used to determine the aggregate extension base.

$$\text{Aggregate Ext. Base} \times (1 + \text{Limit}) \times \text{Rate Increase Factor} = \text{Numerator}$$

$$\$3,180,652.28 \times 1.007000 \times 1.000000 = 3,202,917$$

$$\text{Current EAV} - \text{Annexations} + \text{Disconnections} = \text{Adjusted EAV}$$

$$899,541,636 - 0 + 0 = 899,541,636$$

$$\text{Adjusted EAV} - ( \text{New Property} \times \text{State Multiplier} ) - \text{Overlap New Prop.} - \text{TIF Recovery} - \text{EZ Recovery} = \text{Denominator}$$

$$899,541,636 - ( 4,244,261 \times 1.000000 ) - 0 - 0 - 0 = 895,297,375$$

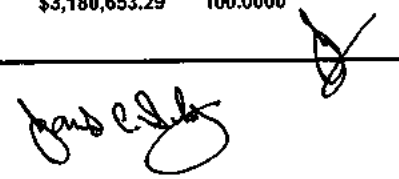
$$\text{Numerator} / \text{Denominator} = \text{Limiting Rate}$$

$$3,202,917 / 895,297,375 = 0.357750$$

**District is Within the Limit**

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## AARP Tax Aide Client Survey for Library Use

Hello! We'd appreciate you taking a minute to answer a few questions about your visit today.

If you include your name and phone number, you'll be entered to win a \$25 gift card as our thanks!

5. Is this your first visit to the library for tax help? 48 Yes 247 No (84%) ~~48~~ <sup>16%</sup> NO

6. Are you a McHenry Public Library District cardholder? 130 Yes 145 No (53%)  
(47%)

7. When you came to the library for tax help today, did you use any library services (check all that apply)?

10 Get/renew a library card 28%

10 Attend or sign up for a program 28%

32 Check out materials 11%

36 Other: computer, taxes 12% many responses listed taxes - I didn't record as other

8. Do you plan to be a return user of our library? 189 Yes 69 No (73% yes)  
(27% no)

# Surveys 2836 w/o name 22 (8% w/o name)

Name 261 names (92%) ✓ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annual Trustee Workshop

June 3 from 9 am to noon  
Green Hills Public Library

Being a Library Board member is a wonderful way to give back to your community and to your library, but some years can be really confusing and overwhelming! Join us as we review some key items that will make you a much more effective trustee and help you to thrive in your role.

**Jane Schulten**, retired Director from the Crete Public Library District, will offer a **levy and budget breakdown** to help with the financial side of your responsibilities. Then **Karolyn Nance** and **Dave Barry** will lead us through board meeting etiquette and the importance of training and getting involved within the community. This workshop is both a great primer for new trustees and refresher for tenured ones. A light breakfast will be served. ATLAS is sponsored in part by:

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Make checks payable and mail by May 26, 2017 to:

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c/o Megan Millen

Joliet Public Library 150 N Ottawa St  
Joliet, IL 60432

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J. Scholtz &lt;jscholtz@mchenrylibrary.org&gt;

## Fwd: Local Families Fund for Character Counts!

B. Edminster &lt;bedminster@mchenrylibrary.org&gt;

Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 1:13 PM

To: Barb Majka <bmajka@mchenrylibrary.org>, Bill Edminster <bedminster@mchenrylibrary.org>, Bonnie Niepsuj <bniepsuj@mchenrylibrary.org>, "C. Heinmiller" <cheinmiller@mchenrylibrary.org>, Caitlin Bergan <cbergan@mchenrylibrary.org>, Charles Pusateri <cpusateri@mchenrylibrary.org>, "D. Amponin" <dampoin@mchenrylibrary.org>, "D. Kuhlmann" <dkuhlmann@mchenrylibrary.org>, "D. Kulba" <dkulba@mchenrylibrary.org>, "D. Lavin" <dlavin@mchenrylibrary.org>, Dave Harding <dharding@mchenrylibrary.org>, Deb Gunness <dgunness@mchenrylibrary.org>, Deidre Ehredt <dehredt@mchenrylibrary.org>, Denise Grandon <dgrandon@mchenrylibrary.org>, Diane Gaudio <dgaudio@mchenrylibrary.org>, "E. Wacaser" <ewacaser@mchenrylibrary.org>, Gwen Doolan <gdoolan@mchenrylibrary.org>, "H. Barnes" <hbarnes@mchenrylibrary.org>, "J. Forney" <jforney@mchenrylibrary.org>, Jennifer Velasquez <jvelasquez@mchenrylibrary.org>, Jim Scholtz <jscholtz@mchenrylibrary.org>, "K. Meadows" <kmeadows@mchenrylibrary.org>, "K. Walker" <kwalker@mchenrylibrary.org>, Kathy Lambert <klambert@mchenrylibrary.org>, Kathy Milfajt <kmilfajt@mchenrylibrary.org>, Kevin Kimbrel <kkimbrel@mchenrylibrary.org>, Kim Johnson <kjohnson@mchenrylibrary.org>, "L. Horist" <lhorist@mchenrylibrary.org>, "L. Rex" <lrex@mchenrylibrary.org>, Lesley Jakacki <ljakacki@mchenrylibrary.org>, "M. Brown" <mbrown@mchenrylibrary.org>, Mary Ann Cairo <mcairo@mchenrylibrary.org>, McHenry PLD Youth <mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org>, Molly Dineen <mdineen@mchenrylibrary.org>, "N. Broderick" <nbroderick@mchenrylibrary.org>, Nancy Willhoit <nwillhoit@mchenrylibrary.org>, "P. Radic" <pradic@mchenrylibrary.org>, Pam Strain <pstrain@mchenrylibrary.org>, "S. Willis" <swillis@mchenrylibrary.org>, "S. Yazel" <syazel@mchenrylibrary.org>, Thomas Hillier <thillier@mchenrylibrary.org>, Tim O'Toole <totoole@mchenrylibrary.org>, "Z. Terrill" <zterill@mchenrylibrary.org>

St. Baldricks raised \$23,869.09 to be divided among five local families with young children fighting cancer.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Vallianatos, Carl** <vallianatoscarl@dist156.org>

Date: Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 12:34 PM

Subject: Local Families Fund for Character Counts!

To: Group West <groupemail-westcampus@dist156.org>, "GroupEmail-EastCampus@dist156.org" <groupemail-eastcampus@dist156.org>, groupemail-boe <groupemail-boe@dist156.org>

Greetings all!

I just concluded our April CC! meeting and our group discussed the distribution of the \$23,869.09 raised throughout our community. This year we had 5 local families with young children fighting cancer. Facing treatments, time off work, and long recoveries often resulting in secondary health problems are always imposing for families regardless of insurance or financial status. We divided this sum among the families and this total brings our 9 year local effort to over \$160,000 raised for our own families in our community.

At the conclusion of our activities, I wanted to make sure everyone knows the outcome of the good works that occur throughout all the schools, organizations, and businesses of our community.

Carl

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*"Skills and achievement come through commitment and effort" - Carol Dweck*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Date:** December 13, 2016

**Time:** 7:58 p.m.

**Location:** Library Board Meeting Room

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

1. Roll Call

<b>DATE: December 13, 2016 Called to Order: 7:58 p.m.</b>	<b>Kathy Baderstadt</b>	<b>Margaret Carey</b>	<b>Delphine Grala</b>	<b>Monica Leccese</b>	<b>Charles Reilly</b>	<b>Bradley Schubert</b>	<b>Jill Stone</b>
1. Roll call	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>

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



**McHenry Public Library District**  
**809 N. Front St.**  
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## **MEMO**

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**TO:** MPLD Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Jim Scholtz, Executive Director, MPLD  
**RE:** **2017 Potential Projects – NEW board update**  
**DATE:** 2/21/2017

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The purpose of this memo is to outline some of the potential projects looming before the MPLD in 2017 and beyond so that the board/administration can prioritize them relative to the budget, calendar of events and the strategic plan. I would like to elicit board and staff opinions regarding these projects, budget and time schedules. Hopefully, we will begin discussion of these projects in January 2017 and beyond:

- 1) Retrofit and enlarge the existing solar panel array (scheduled for 4/2017, weather dependent)

Retrofitting and enlarging the solar array will hopefully begin in Mid-March 2017, weather dependent. P. Labera, Magiteck Energy Solutions, Inc. will meet with me 2/20. 20kWh total new panels + new structure, SREC credits to enhance payback. Est. \$53,000.

- 2) Staff/board visits to other area libraries concerning RFID, gates, self-checks, etc.

J. Scholtz completed RFID RFP. Board will authorize document to be sent out 2/21/17. Envisionware, MK Solutions, 3M, and Tech Logic will be sent RFP. Implementation of system to correspond with new ILS (CCS – Polaris) implementation, Spring 2018. Est. \$250,000.

- 3) Repair/replacement of main floor carpeting – project involves closing library, moving books/stacks, carpet removal + floor prep for new carpet, new carpet installation. Original carpet cannot be repaired easily/well and may cause a tripping issue for staff/patrons – needs to be replaced but only if we plan to occupy this building for 5+ years.

Mueller Interiors (Crystal Lake) contacted. Depending upon price/vendor, we may have to go out for bid but they have done work for us before – GSA pricing?? No pricing on carpeting removal/replacement yet. I've also been in contact with Hallett Moving Co. to look at moving library stacks relative to this project – \$19,760 for moving stacks.

- 4) Discussion with Gillespie Design concerning a new annex (for YS Dept.+ meeting rooms). This project could be combined with #3 (a necessity) and/or #5? Could we site the annex for use now and continued use if attached to a new building to the North/West? (Sometime in future)

- 5) Installation of a lift station for sanitary sewer to replace shared system (must this project be done to accommodate #4? It involves the DOT.) (est. \$256,000)

I attended 1<sup>st</sup> IDOT meeting for re-construction of Rte 31 (2/8). We can barter land acquisition of our property for replacement of our community sanitary sewer line (not recommended) or attachment to an already installed lift station (attaching to city owned sewer on East side of Rte. 31). Est. for lift station project, \$256,000). When is IDOT doing the project?

What kind of carpet repairs can we make to the existing carpet/seams to extend the life of the carpet (originally installed in 1994)? Could we do #3 without doing #4? – Yes. But, if we are thinking about doing #4, how long should we wait to do it because #3 only gets worse? How do we fund #3 and 4? Do we need to do #5 before OR co-incidentally with #4 (due to state/city building codes)? In terms of moving YS, what would we use the existing space for – how would we rearrange space for Adult? For # 3 and #4, we would need to be closed to the public for a period of time – possibly to staff as well. If there is a short period of time between the 2 projects, it would be best to link them together to be closed for the shortest amount of time, accomplishing the most activities/changes at one time (my opinion). We would also spend less money relative to the two projects.

Underlying these projects is the ultimate question – Are we going to stay in this building and, if ‘yes’, how long? Will it be worth it to build an addition/annex, install new carpeting, etc.? My initial answer to this question after being in the community for 9+ years is “Yes.” It would be much more expensive to build a new library and building referendums don’t have much success in this area. We could potentially do all of these projects with ‘saved’ money - very little financing.



J. Scholtz &lt;jscholtz@mchenrylibrary.org&gt;

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## [libadmin] CCS Signs Polaris/Innovative Contract - Next Steps

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Su Bochenski &lt;sbochenski@lincolnwoodlibrary.org&gt;

Wed, Apr 12, 2017 at 4:28 PM

Reply-To: Su Bochenski &lt;sbochenski@lincolnwoodlibrary.org&gt;

To: "libadmin@lists.ccslib.org" &lt;libadmin@lists.ccslib.org&gt;

Directors –

Congratulations to all of us for successfully completing our ILS investigation, and for approving the Polaris (Innovative) contract today at the Governing Board meeting. Now that this significant milestone has been achieved, we are officially out of contract negotiations and are beginning the migration to Polaris. Our target timeline is to go live with Polaris around April 2018.

Here's what to expect over the next week or so:

- 1) Innovative and CCS will jointly write a formal press release announcing that CCS will be migrating to Polaris. Innovative will distribute this press release to their library partners, and CCS will send it out to all CCS Directors. Directors can distribute it individually as desired, to local news outlets or anywhere else you feel appropriate for your community. You don't have to wait for the press release to make announcements, but I wanted to let everyone know it was coming in case you didn't want to write your own.
- 2) CCS will begin distributing information about the migration strategy, including information about the implementation framework, decision-making strategy, and participants. Now is a great time to make sure you and all of your staff are signed up for the CCS Migration Update email.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this long, complex, and rewarding project. I know we're all looking forward to building a new bright future with Polaris.

Thanks,

Su

*CCS President for 79 more days*

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# Libraries prove to be lifesavers over lifetime

The theme of this year's National Library Week, being observed this week, is "Libraries Transform," a fitting way not only to reflect on how libraries themselves are adapting, but also how they are able to change you and me.

The celebration aims to shed light on the valuable role of all types of libraries – school, public, academic and special – as well as the workers in them.

Libraries also can save lives. They have mine – at least twice.

The first time was when I was in junior high. Those were dark days, when bullying made life a struggle. In the midst of it all came Mrs. Talluto, our school librarian, one of the kindest, coolest, most wonderful people I've ever met. (Of course, this can be said for many of the librarians I have known.)

I'll never know for sure whether she knew of my plight, but she invited me and my best friend, Robbie, to become library assistants. That meant that I could eat my lunch in the library office and shelve books during recess instead of being my tormentor's easy target.

The library then was a refuge, a sanctuary and a godsend. It was a place where my nerdy nature was nurtured and I could be myself, even if that meant trying to memorize the Dewey Decimal System or read my way through it.

In high school when I was a member of the debate team, libraries were essential. It's hard to build a case for uniform laws in the court system or employing all employable people in the U.S. without some facts to back it up.

This quest took me to the libraries at McHenry County College, as well as the University of Michigan, where I went to debate camp.

What's a university experience without a library? However, not only did I spend many, many days and nights studying in the libraries at Northwestern University, but I also had my work-study job at the Evanston Public Library. That's where, in the Technical Services Department, I met even more wonderful librarians who were mentors and friends.

The second time a library saved my life



**VIEWES**

**Joan  
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was when I was working nights at the Northwest Herald on the copy desk. Remember that awful heat wave in 1995, the one where more than 700 people died in Chicago over a five-day stretch? At that time, I was living in an apartment on Williams Street in Crystal Lake that did not have air conditioning.

To escape the oppressive heat, I spent a number of pleasant days at the air-conditioned Crystal Lake Public Library.

No doubt, had I stayed home, I would have melted almost as badly as the candles I kept in my living room.

In the years since, I've had the great privilege to visit a number of our area's libraries for personal and professional reasons. If you haven't visited your local library recently, I encourage you to do so.

Many have special events

this week in honor of National Library Week. Stay awhile and look around.

Libraries today offer far more than books and children's story times. In this age of "alternative facts," librarians are trained to help you get actual facts about just about anything. Need help with a job search? Trying to track down a long-lost relative? Want to find a book about journalism to read to kids? Librarians, amazing people that they are, can help. (And have, particularly on that last one.)

So, to all my librarian friends past and present, happy National Library Week. And if you haven't visited your library in a while, in person or online, please do. After all, it just might save your life. It did mine. At least twice.

*• Joan Oliver is the former Northwest Herald assistant news editor. She has been associated with the Northwest Herald since 1990. She can be reached at jolivercolumn@gmail.com.*

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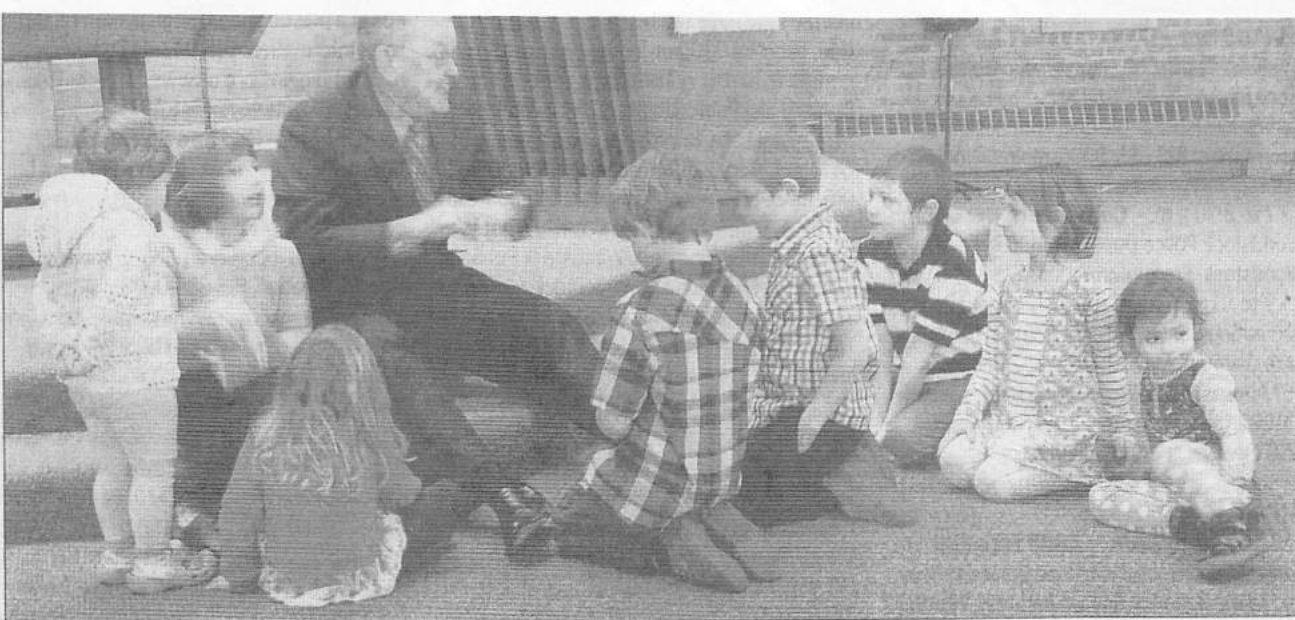
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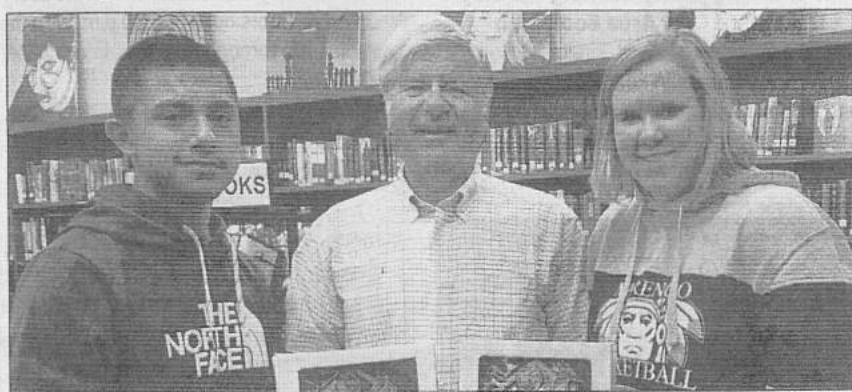
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**PASTOR'S CORNER** – Pastor Kit Stanich recently shares the Good News with children, including Crystal Harris (from left), Chloe Harris, Lexie Freund, Nik Miller, Max Miller, Wyatt Cornell, Kennedy Cornell and Piper Cornell, at Faith Presbyterian Church in McHenry.

## Marengo



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** – Tom Jurs, on behalf of Marengo Community High School, recently presented students Anna Pace and Jaime Soto with a plaque after being named Indian Pride Outstanding Students of the Month for March. The students were selected by the Pride Committee for being involved in school activities, community service and having good grades and good attendance.

## McHenry County

### Deadline to apply for scholarships approaches

The McHenry County Community Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships. There are five separate scholarships available to students who will begin college in the fall for the 2017-2018 school year. Those interested should visit the foundation's website at [www.mccfdn.org/scholarships](http://www.mccfdn.org/scholarships).

Applications can be printed, completed and submitted through April 14 to McHenry County Community Foundation, 620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake, IL 60012.

For information, call 815-338-4483 or email [margaret@MCCFDN.org](mailto:margaret@MCCFDN.org).

tion: 815-459-1687.

## April 14

• 8 to 5 p.m. – **Thank Goodness It's an Institute Day-Bowling/Volleyball**, Wood-s creek Elementary School, 1100 Alexandra Blvd, Crystal Lake. For ages 5 to 13. Trip to Kingston Lanes in Woodstock. Bowling shoe rental included. Bring a sack lunch and drink, arts and crafts, group games and volleyball in the afternoon. Information: [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).

• 9 a.m. – **Celebrating Seniors**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. Half-hour of tai chi and bingo. Blood pressure checks and snacks available. Salvation Army Golden Diner lunch at 11 a.m. Reservations required. Free. Information: 630-232-6676, 815-648-2671 or [www.stjlutheran.com](http://www.stjlutheran.com).

• 9 to 10:30 a.m. – **Spring Wildflower Walk**, Coral Woods Conservation Area, 7400 Somerset Drive, Marengo. Facts and folklore are shared during the hike through the woods. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or [www.mccdistrct.org](http://www.mccdistrct.org).

• 10 a.m. to noon – **Friday food distribution**, Nunda Township Office, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake. For those in need. Free. Information: 815-459-0785 or [foodministries@firstchurchcl.org](mailto:foodministries@firstchurchcl.org).

• 11:30 a.m. – **Early Bird Bingo**, VFW Post 4600, 3002 W. Route 120, McHenry. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. New games and prizes. Doors open at 10 a.m., kitchen at 11 a.m. Information: 815-236-3345, [wrgaylord@att.net](mailto:wrgaylord@att.net) or [www.vfwmchenry.org/calendar.html](http://www.vfwmchenry.org/calendar.html).

• 1 to 2 p.m. – **Emoji Madness**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Grades 6-12. Make a magnet, key chain and backpack tag with emojis. Materials will be provided. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org).

• 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – **Dinner with Abraham**, Unity Spiritual Center of Woodstock, 225 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock. Meditation and potluck dinner, video lecture and discussion. Bring a dish to share. Free. Information: 815-337-3534, [\[unitywoodstock.org\]\(http://unitywoodstock.org\).](mailto:rina@rinaassoci-</a></p>
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• 6:30 to 9 p.m. – **Northern Illinois Scale Modelers Club**, Goodwill, 2006 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. All ages welcome. Meets every month on the second Friday to discuss anything model-building related. Share tips, learn tricks and more. Free. Information: [modelcars14@yahoo.com](mailto:modelcars14@yahoo.com).

• 7 to 9:30 p.m. – **FriNite Bingo**, Village of McCullom Lake, 4811 W. Orchard Drive, McCullom Lake. Two free instant winners tabs with player package purchase. First time and all-you-can-play packages available. Cost: \$8 to \$32. Information: 815-385-2211, [FriNiteBingo@aol.com](mailto:FriNiteBingo@aol.com) or [www.frinitebingo.com](http://www.frinitebingo.com).

• 8 p.m. – **Woodstock Square Dance Club**, McHenry Township Center, Building B, 3519 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg. Evening of square dancing. Alternating Plus and Club 50 dancing, with Mike Richard calling squares. Cost: \$7. Information: [www.woodstocksquares.wix.com/woodstocksquares](http://www.woodstocksquares.wix.com/woodstocksquares) or [woodstocksquares@gmail.com](mailto:woodstocksquares@gmail.com).

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www.crystallakeparks.org.

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **Contemporary Book Discussion Group**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. “Still Alice” by Lisa Genova. Copies available at the checkout desk. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, mplref@mchenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Coffee with the Chief**, Woodstock Police Department, 656 Lake Ave., Woodstock. Free. Information: 815-338-6787.

• 9 to 10 p.m. – **Zumba Fitness**, Grand Oaks Recreation Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Through May 22. Cost: \$52 residents, \$57 nonresidents. Registration required; code 231003-09. Information: 815-459-0680, ext. 1219 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

## April 11

• 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **AARP Free Tax Help for Seniors**, Heartland Bank and Trust Co., 12101 Regency Square Parkway, Huntley. Free tax help for seniors by appointment only, which must be made in person.

• 3 to 6 p.m. – **Golden Homecoming Open House**, McHenry County College Commons Area, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Join MCC students, employees, alumni and retirees for a walk down memory lane in celebration of college’s 50th anniversary. Information: www.mchenry.edu/50.

• 6 p.m. – **“Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters,”** Heritage Woods

of McHenry, 4605 W. Crystal Lake Road, McHenry. Training to discuss the warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease and hear from people who have the disease. Free. Information: 815-484-1300 or looyen@alz.org.

• 6 to 8:30 p.m. – **Tuesdays with Movies**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Bring dinner to screening of “A Man Called Ove (En Man Som Heter Ove)” (PG-13; 2016). Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **McHenry County Civil War Round Table Meeting**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Historian David Powell will give a presentation on Tullahoma. Free. Information: www.mchenry-civilwar.com or fskupstis@comcast.net.

## April 12

• 9 a.m. – **Senior coffee, games and lunch**, St. John’s Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. Salvation Army Golden Diner lunch at 11 a.m. Other activities at noon. Reservations requested for meal. Information: 630-232-6676, 815-648-2671 or www.stjlutheran.com.

• Noon – **Bingo**, VFW Post 4600, 3002 W. Route 120, McHenry. Play bingo to help support Gigi’s Playhouse, a Down syndrome achievement center. Information: 815-385-7529 or www.gigisplayhouse.org/mchenry.

• 12:30 p.m. – **Cary Area Book Club lunch and book review**, Pinecrest Golf Club, 11220 Algonquin Road, Huntley. Lunch and a book review on “To America” by Stephen Ambrose. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 guests. Information: 815-404-4914.

• 1:30 to 5 p.m. – **Kid’s Crafternoon**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. For ages 3 and older. Create a bunny out of a plastic spoon. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671, leticiag@harvard-diggins.org or www.facebook.com/events/662946967245457/

• 6 to 7 p.m. – **Hop Into Spring Family Bingo**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For families only. Bingo winners will get trimmings toward their holiday meal and special round for children. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 9:30 p.m. – **Art Attack! Sip and Paint BYOB Night**, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. For ages 14 and older. Stroke-by-stroke instruction for making an 11-by-14-inch canvas acrylic painting. All materials provided. Cost: \$30. Information: www.crystallakeparks.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Master Gardeners’ Clinic**, Fox River Grove Memorial Library, 407 Lincoln Ave., Fox River Grove. How to grow gorgeous lawn and garden this season. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Registration required. Free. Information: 847-639-2274 or jgehlin@frgml.org.

• 7 p.m. – **Bingo**, Woodstock Moose Family Center, 406 Clay St., Woodstock. Bingo every Wednesday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with food available from through 8:30 p.m. Information: 815-338-0126.

## April 13

• 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. – **Crystal Clear Toast-**

**masters**, Panera Lake. Build confidence and leadership. Information: 815-484-1300 or www.crys-

• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Image Sale**, Tremont Congregation, 56 E. Main St., Crystal Lake. Free. Information: treeoflifeuu.org

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **Benwell Conservatory**, Lake Road, Woodstock. Free. Information: 815-479-5123

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. – **2013, Crystal Lake**, Crystal Lake. Information: 815-479-5123

• 4 to 5 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Put**, Crystal Lake. For concepts using: cardholders only. Information: 815-479-5123

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child, ages 1-7, can be featured in the McHenry County Neighbors Birthday Club. Send the child's name, age, birth Date, parents' names and addresses and a color or black-and-white photo of the child (JPEG if submitting electronically). Include a phone number. Photos should be received no later than a month after the child's birthday. Photos will not be returned.

**LINE:** NWHerald.com/forms/birthday

**MAIL:** neighbors@nwherald.com

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

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521 Wolf Drive, Huntley. Open to girls and boys through eighth grade. No skills tryouts required. Summer camp and fall tryouts details available on the website. Information: www.huntleycheer.org.

• 1:30 to 2 p.m. – **I'm Gonna Be a Big Sister (or Brother)! Storytime**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For ages 2 to 6 years with adult. Storytime for new, or soon to be new, big brothers and sisters. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, mpls@mcHenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. – **Second Saturday Sensory Storytime**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For ages 3 to 8 with an adult. Storytime for children with special needs with movement, music, stories and hands on-activities. All abilities welcome. Registration required. Free. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

• 2 to 3 p.m. – **Macktown Archaeology Presentation**, Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. Called Macktown today, archaeologists are piecing together its history from the artifacts left here the Rock and Pecatonica rivers meet. Free. Information: sauktrailarch@gmail.com.

• 2 to 6 p.m. – **Taste of Hebron brunch and open house**, Tigard gym at Alden-Hebron High School, 9604 Illinois St., Hebron. 65th anniversary brunch celebration of the Alden-Hebron Green Giants 1952 state basketball championship followed by a chat with the team. Cost, brunch only: \$12 adults, \$4 children age 8 and younger. Information: 815-648-2442.

• 6 to 9:30 p.m. – **Huntley Penguins nowmobile Club meat raffle**, Huntley American Legion, 11712 Coral St., Huntley. Proceeds help defray club's annual operating cost. Raffle consists of wheel spins for meat products. Steaks, chops, ribs, burgers and brats from Butcher on the Block in Lake in the hills. Cost: \$1 to \$2 tickets a spin. Information: 847-910-0142 or hank56@comcast.net.

### April 9

• 8 a.m. – **Bird walk**, McHenry Dam, McHenry Dam Road, off River Road, McHenry. McHenry County Audubon-led walk is about 2 miles. Bring binoculars and field guides or borrow from leaders. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – **Coach bus trip to see the Cubs vs. Brewers**, departing from Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road, Woodstock. Bus trip to Miller Park. Cost: \$90 in advance. Registration required. Information: 815-338-0554 or 815-338-9063.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Brunch fundraiser**, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 188, 1304 Park St., McHenry. All-you-can-eat buffet hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary to benefit hospitalized veterans. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Information: 779-704-2200.

• 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Senior Services Silver Anniversary Fashion Show**, Holiday Inn, 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake. Senior Services Associates Silver Anniversary Fashion Show featuring attire from Black Orchid Boutique, Kathryn's Bridal & Dress Shop, Kohl's in McHenry, Lulu's Wiggin Out, Maurices in McHenry and "Wear Did U Get That" – all modeled by local talent. Cost: \$40 adults, \$38 members, \$15 children ages 10 and younger. Information: 815-356-7457, info@clchamber.com or www.clchamber.com.

• 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, Immanuel Lutheran Crystal Lake, 300 S. Pathway Court, Crystal Lake. For toddlers up to age 10. Outdoor egg hunt. Indoor crafts, snacks and more. Rain or shine. Free. Information: 815-459-1441, lgilleland@immanuelcl.org or www.immanuelcl.org.

• 1 p.m. – **Bingo**, Harvard Moose Lodge, 22500 Route 173, Harvard. Progressive raffle and pull tabs. Lunch available for purchase. Information: 815-943-5925 or www.harvard-moose.org.

• 1 to 4 p.m. – **Young Adult and Teen Job Fair**, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. For ages 15-21. Meet with

local businesses looking to hire in fast food, restaurants, sports facilities, package handling and internship positions. Free. Information: 847-639-4210, ext. 228; jpierce@caryarealibrary.info or www.caryarealibrary.org.

• 1 to 3 p.m. – **Free Movies @ Your Library: "Florence Foster Jenkins,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Heiress Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) longs to become an opera star in 1940s New York, despite possessing a horrible singing voice. Rated PG-13. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, mplref@mcHenrylibrary.org or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 1 to 5 p.m. – **Fox Valley Rocketeers club launch**, Hughes Seed Farm field, on Dimmel Road, Woodstock. Model rocketry club launch. Information: 815-337-9068, www.foxvalleyrocketeers.org.

• 1:30 to 3 p.m. – **Secrets of the Salamander**, Rush Creek Conservation Area, 20501 McGuire Road, Harvard. Search for the secretive amphibian, learn how they survive and where they live. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

• 3 to 7 p.m. – **Salsa Sundays**, Cinnamon's DanceWorks, 2025 E. Algonquin Road, Algonquin. Learn to salsa in a welcoming environment. Professional lessons at 3 p.m., dance at 4 p.m. and Sunday Social at 5 p.m. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Cost: \$15, with \$5 discount for couples. Information: 224-333-0822 or info@cinnamondanceworks.com.

• 3 p.m. – **"Last Supper" living history performance**, St. John's Lutheran church, 401 St. John's Road, Woodstock. Free.

### April 10

• 9 a.m. – **Fox Hills Music Teachers Association meeting**, First Congregational Church, 461 Pierson St., Crystal Lake. Following the meeting will be a program entitled "The Messiah – Handel's Gift to Us" presented by Barbara Wardwell. Information:

814-814-3736 or www.foxh

• 1 p.m. – **McHenry Senior meeting**, McHenry Towns Richmond Road, Johnsburg. Live music and song. Coffee served. Information: 815

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. – **"Heirloom Flowers, and Herbs,"** Fair and Extension Office, 11021 Woodstock. Rich Tobiasz, M will present. Free. Information: kovalovs@illinois.edu.

• 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Bea vard Diggins Library**, 900 E. vard. Grades 9-12. Jelly Belly challenge: Are you brave enough to eat? Registration required. Free. Info: 4671, leticiag@harvard-diggins.org or facebook.com/events/1399

• 3:30 to 5 p.m. – **Drop-in**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 1 Crystal Lake. For ages 4 and learning experience designed using Legos. Free. Information:

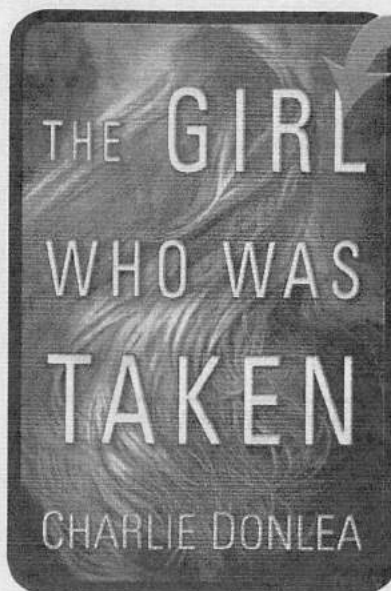
• 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Volunteer training workshop**, Fox River Library, 555 Barrington Ave. Workshop for those interested in improving English, reading an \$25 textbook, background check. Information: 847-742-6565, cy.org/how-to-help/become

• 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. – **"Band and New,"** McHenry County Route 14, Crystal Lake. Off Continuing Education Department course code: NPLS55001. 455-8588 or www.mchenrylibrary.org

• 6:30 p.m. – **TOPS meeting**, Hills Lutheran Church, 404 Ry. Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Cost: \$32 annually. Information:

• 6:30 p.m. – **Crystal Lake meeting**, The Cottage, 6 Crystal Lake. Information:

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## BOOK LAUNCH: CHARLIE DONLEA

**WHEN:** 2 p.m. April 29

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


**COST & INFO:** Moderated by Mary Kubica. Donlea, one of the most original new voices in suspense, returns for the launch of his second novel. "The Girl Who Was Taken" is a haunting novel, laden with twists and high tension, about two abducted girls – one who returns, one who doesn't – and the forensics expert searching for answers. Free. Books available to buy. Information: 815-206-5967, arlene@readbetweenthelynes.com or www.readbetweenthelynes.com/events.

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**"A LAND TWICE PROMISED,"** 2 to 8 p.m. April 30, Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Presented by Jim May. Cost: \$26 adults and \$21 students. Israeli storyteller Noa Baum grew up in Jerusalem in the shadow of the ancestral traumas of the Holocaust and ongoing wars. In America, she met a Palestinian woman who had grown up under Israeli Occupation, and as they shared memories of war years in Jerusalem, an unlikely friendship blossomed. "A Land Twice Promised" delves into the heart of one of the world's most enduring and complex conflicts.

Baum's deeply personal memoir recounts her journey from girlhood in post-Holocaust Israel to her adult encounter with "the other." With honesty, compassion and humor, she captures the drama of a nation at war and her discovery of humanity in the enemy. Information: [www.facebook.com/events/415134128836474](http://www.facebook.com/events/415134128836474).

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY,** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Visit the library to get your free comic book. There will be a variety of titles to choose from for all ages. One per person please. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).



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### "BIBLE BASICS, OLD AND NEW" CLASS,

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 3, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Learn about stories from the Bible offered by McHenry County College's Continuing Education Department. Cost: \$35. Course code: NPL555001. Information: 815-455-8588 or [www.mchenry.edu/mymcc](http://www.mchenry.edu/mymcc).

**FAMILY BOOK CLUB**, 6 to 7 p.m. April 5, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read a book with your family and join other families in fun activities relating to the book, "The Thing About Georgie." For grades 2 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

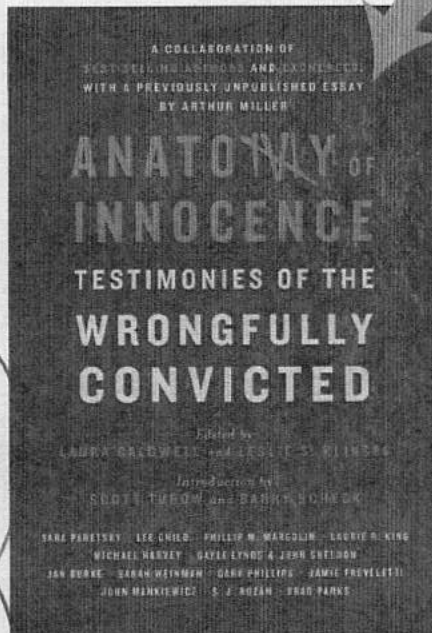
### CHAT 'N CHEW TWEEN BOOK GROUP,

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. April 6, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. "Roller Girl" by Victoria Jamieson. For grades 4-6. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

**GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB**, grades 6-8, 4 to 5 p.m. April 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. "Amulet #1: The Stonekeeper" by Kazu Kibuishi. For grades 6-8, CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org) or 815-459-1687.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP,

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 6, McHenry Public



## AUTHOR LAURA CALDWELL

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. April 12 12

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

**COST & INFO:** Meet author Laura Caldwell, co-editor of the groundbreaking anthology "Anatomy of Innocence." Books available for purchase, and proceeds from sales of "Anatomy of Innocence" will benefit Life After Innocence, an organization that aids persons wrongfully convicted. Free. Information: 815-206-5967, [arlene@readbetweenthelynes.com](mailto:arlene@readbetweenthelynes.com) or <http://www.readbetweenthelynes.com>.

Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "Still Life" by Louise Penny. Copies available at the checkout desk. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org).

### I'M GONNA BE A BIG SISTER (OR

**BROTHER)! STORYTIME**, 1:30 to 2 p.m. April 8, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. A special storytime for new, or soon to be new, big brothers and big sisters! For ages 2-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

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**SECOND SATURDAY SENSORY STORYTIME**, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. April 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children ages 3-8 with special needs with an adult. Siblings are welcome. Registration required. Free. Information: [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org) or 815-459-1687.

**CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7 to 9 p.m. April 10, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "Still Alice"

by Lisa Genova. Copies available at the checkout desk. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org).

**GET LIT(ERARY)**, 7 to 8 p.m. April 13, Le Petit Marche, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. The café and bistro across from Raue Center hosts Williams Street Repertory (WSR) for a reading series based around monthly themes. Readers include community members as well as WSR actors and staff members. Free. Information: 815-477-3296 or [petitmarche2@yahoo.com](mailto:petitmarche2@yahoo.com).

**CLASSIC LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**, 7 to 8 p.m. April 17, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck. Copies available at the checkout desk. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org).

**PIZZA & PAGES TEEN BOOK GROUP**, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 20, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. For ages 12-18. "The 5th Wave" by Rick Yancey. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

**F.O.C.A.L. SPRING USED BOOK SALE**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. Continues April 23. Used books, DVDs, & CDs will be available, including many children's items. Teachers with ID get a discount. Free. Information: 847-639-4210, [almamaj@caryarealibrary.info](mailto:almamaj@caryarealibrary.info) or [www.caryarealibrary.info](http://www.caryarealibrary.info).

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**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP**, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 24, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Grades 6-12. Eat cookies and discuss books, movies and new program ideas for the library. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or leticiag@harvard-diggins.org.

**BARRY BRADFORD PRESENTS DIANA**, 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 25, Luecht Conference Center, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Two presentations by Barry Bradford, national award-winning storyteller, historian and teacher, presenting the story of Diana's unexpected life, veering between glamour and tragedy and her sudden and controversial death. Free. Information: [www.facebook.com/events/597575317110772](http://www.facebook.com/events/597575317110772).

**GLOW-IN-THE-DARK STORYTIME**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. April 26, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. A glow-in-the-dark storytime featuring stories, songs and crafts. For ages 3-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

**TEA PARTY FEATURING LOCAL AUTHOR ERANE SCULLY**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 28, McHenry Villa, 3516 Waukegan Road, McHenry. A Senior Care Volunteer Network event hosted by McHenry Villa. Cost: \$25, includes tea and refreshments provided by Chef Andres. Proceeds will benefit Senior Care Volunteer Network. Information: 815-455-3120 or [www.scvnmchenrycounty.org](http://www.scvnmchenrycounty.org).

# Expert to speak about Woodstock fight for civil liberties during W

NORTHWEST HERALD

UNION – Eugene Debs left Woodstock in November 1895, after his release from McHenry County Jail, but his legacy and fight for free speech has not been forgotten.

On April 25, Woodstock Celebrates Inc., the McHenry County Historical Society and the Illinois Labor History Society will co-host a program exploring Debs' fight for civil liberties during World War I. The 7 p.m. program features author Ernest Freeberg, a distinguished professor of humanities at the University of Tennessee. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main St., Union.

"Debs was a part of Woodstock's history, and his fight for free speech still echoes throughout America and the world," said Kathleen Spaltro,

program chairwoman for Woodstock Celebrates. "It's important not to lose this connection to history, especially when Debs' right to protest is very much in tune with current concerns."



**Ernest Freeberg**  
Speaker

massive factory and company town in Chicago. In support of Pullman workers, who had suffered from wage cuts, higher rents and high food costs during the recession of 1893, ARU workers refused to handle Pullman sleeper cars on passenger trains.

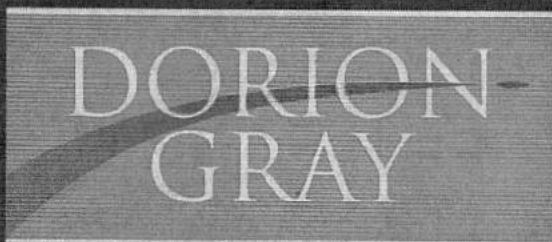
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 rk Place, 406 W. Woodstock St.,  
 . For ages 18 and older. A tour  
 neighborhoods and cuisines of  
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 all locations except the French  
 a step-on tour guide highlighting  
 of each village. CLPD bus will  
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 motor coach. Information: [www.parks.org/vw-systems/calendar/ails.asp?id=4823](http://www.parks.org/vw-systems/calendar/ails.asp?id=4823).

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 10 p.m. April 6, McHenry County  
 00 Route 14, Crystal Lake.  
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 many different contexts. Cost:  
 e code: NPGS56002. Informa-  
 55-8588 or [www.mchenry.edu/](http://www.mchenry.edu/)

**FLING VENDOR FAIR**, 4:30 to  
 April 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 8,  
 gle, 1118 N. Green St., McHenry.  
 mation: 262-344-2061, [eventsby-hotmail.com](mailto:eventsby-hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/its1633927783568863](http://www.facebook.com/its1633927783568863).

**PROM GIVEAWAY**, 9 a.m. to

## GARDENFEST 2017

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 8  
**WHERE:** McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake  
**COST & INFO:** \$50 at the door. Sponsored by McHenry County College and the University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners. Information: [www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest](http://www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest) or 815-479-7570.

noon April 8, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. High school students are invited to choose a dress or suit pieces for prom for free from our donated collection. Participants must register by calling the library at 815-943-4671. Free. Information: [leticiag@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticiag@harvard-diggins.org) or [www.facebook.com/events/620787174785175/](http://www.facebook.com/events/620787174785175/).

**MASTER GARDENERS' CLINIC**, 7 to 8 p.m. April 12, Fox River Grove Memorial Library, 407 Lincoln Ave., Fox River Grove. A Q&A session with master gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension program. Ask and learn everything you need to know to grow a gorgeous lawn and garden this season. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Registration required. Free. Information: 847-639-2274 or [jgehin@frgml.org](mailto:jgehin@frgml.org).

**COOKING DEMO - GLUTEN FREE!**, 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 13, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Chef Denise SanFilippo will demonstrate how easy it is to shop and cook gluten free, with tips and recipes to take home. Free. Information: 815-

385-0036 or [mplref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplref@mchenrylibrary.org).  
**CAKE DECORATING: EASTER**, 9 a.m. to noon April 15, Woodcreek Park Building, 1420 Willow Tree Drive, Crystal Lake. For ages 8-18. Decorate cakes and cookies like a pro for the holiday. Cost: \$40 residents, \$45 nonresidents. Information: [www.crystallakeparks.org/vw-systems/calendar/sys-cal-details.asp?id=4759](http://www.crystallakeparks.org/vw-systems/calendar/sys-cal-details.asp?id=4759).

**BEST NEW PLANTS**, 6 to 8 p.m. April 17, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. See what's new in tress, shrubs, annuals, perennials, roses, vegetables and herbs. Kim Hartmann, landscape designer at Countryside Nursery, will share more than 50 new plants that are proven for our area and add color, texture and diversity to your landscape. Free and open to the public. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671, [leticiag@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticiag@harvard-diggins.org) or [www.facebook.com/events/1144832245633379/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1144832245633379/).

**JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK COMMUNITY SALE**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22, Village Hall,

parking lot of Village Hall. Cost: Fee t on vehicle type. Information: 847-96 recreation@lith.org or [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org).  
**WHEELS AND DEALS SALE**, 9 a.m. noon April 22, Village Hall, 600 Harv Lake in the Hills. Sales are cash or cf only. Information: 847-960-7460, re ation@lith.org or [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org).

**EDIBLE FORAGING AND LANDSC CLASS**, 6:30 p.m. April 27, McHenry College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lak the many aspects of eating local be vegetable garden. Delicious and nut flowers and weeds can be added to ad and side dishes. Cost: \$19. Cours NPGS84003. Information: 815-455- [www.mchenry.edu/mymcc](http://www.mchenry.edu/mymcc).

**FCC ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAG** 4 to 7 p.m. April 27, First Congrega Church of Crystal Lake, 461 Pierson Crystal Lake. Find treasures in thre areas of the church. Free. Informat 459-6010, [phyllis@fcc-cl.org](mailto:phyllis@fcc-cl.org) or [wv.org/home](http://wv.org/home).

**ANIMAL OUTREACH QUARTER TION**, noon to 4 p.m. April 29, Mix 1118 N. Green St., McHenry. A Quar Auction for Animal Outreach Hum Society. Lots of vendors from dire to handmade and homemade item available. Free. Information: [aosadmanager@gmail.com](mailto:aosadmanager@gmail.com) or [www.fac.com/events/611111355747745](http://www.fac.com/events/611111355747745).

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**PANTRY OPENS** – Bill Genzler (from left), Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Judy Pelinski, Danielle Morlock, John Verchota, Nicole Marilyn Georgy were all on hand to help the Crystal Lake Food Pantry cut the ribbon on its new facility at 42 East St. during an open house. Marc Lake Food Pantry, call 815-455-0961 or visit [www.clfoodpantry.org](http://www.clfoodpantry.org).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### April 1

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **Miller Park Tour**, Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Ages 18 and older. Extensive walking. Lunch will follow. Cost is \$75 for residents, \$80 for nonresidents and includes tour and transportation by Crystal Lake Park District bus. Registration deadline is April 1 (space permitting). Information: [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).

• 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. – **Crystal Lake Toastmasters**, Exemplar Financial Network, 413 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Speeches that make participants think and laugh. Free. Information: 847-899-1210, [vppr-2724@toastmastersclubs.org](mailto:vppr-2724@toastmastersclubs.org) or [crystallake.toastmastersclubs.org/](http://crystallake.toastmastersclubs.org/).

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Spring used book sale**, lower level meeting room of the Fox River Valley Public Library, 555 Barrington Ave. (Route 68), East Dundee. The Fox River Public Library District service area includes parts of Algonquin. Information: <http://frvpld.info>.

• 10 a.m. – **GriefShare**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 6821 Main St., Union. Christ-centered support group for those who have experienced loss. Cost: \$15. Scholarships available. Information: 815-923-2733 or [deaclauren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deaclauren@sbcglobal.net).

• 10 a.m. to noon – **Read "Fur" Fun**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For early readers. Bring a book and read to a licensed therapy dog to get reading practice or to get comfortable reading out loud. Sign up

at the Questions Desk or call for a time slot. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 10 a.m. to noon – **DAR Genealogy Workshops**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Volunteer genealogists from the Kishwaukee Trail Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will help prospective members with applications. Members must be descended from those who assisted in the American Revolution. Registration required. Information: 815-527-5049, [marciaflanagan@gmail.com](mailto:marciaflanagan@gmail.com) or <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=5030>.

• 10 to 11:30 a.m. – **Read to the Dog**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Ages 5-10. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [crystallakelibrary.org](http://crystallakelibrary.org).

• 10:30 a.m. to noon – **Mom & Me Mad Hatter Tea Party**, LaBahn Hain House, 149 Hilltop Drive, Lake in the Hills. Enjoy treats and special time together as mom, grandmother or any female caregiver and daughter. Create a keepsake craft. Cost: \$15 to \$18. Information: 847-960-7460, [recreation@lith.org](mailto:recreation@lith.org) or [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org).

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **First Saturday at Colonel Palmer House**, 660 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Camp Life will feature '60s era Scoutcraft activities, hands-on demonstrations as well as the history of local Scouting. In collaboration with the Crystal Lake Park District Nature Center and features Blackhawk Council and Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. Free. Information: [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Pet Adoption Event**, Nature's Feed, 2440 Westward Drive, Spring Grove. Animals will be available for adoption. Sponsored by Zignature and Fussie Cat. Infor-

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mation: 815-675-2008, [www.naturesfeed.net](http://www.naturesfeed.net).

• 1 to 3 p.m. – **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 18N377 Galligan Road, Gilberts. Petting zoo and raffle prizes. Information: 847-428-4054 or [staff@sonshinechristianprek.org](mailto:staff@sonshinechristianprek.org).

• 2 to 4 p.m. – **"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,"** Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Rated PG-13 for some fantasy action violence. Participants can bring own snacks and drinks with a lid. Doors open 15 minutes before movie start time. Free. Information: 815-943-4671, [leticiag@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticiag@harvard-diggins.org) or [www.facebook.com/events/1107134266075746/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1107134266075746/).

• 2 to 4 p.m. – **April Fool's Day Scavenger Hunt**, Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Families will work as a team to solve the puzzles in this scavenger hunt. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or [www.mccdistrict.org](http://www.mccdistrict.org).

• 3 to 4 p.m. – **Tween DIY: Make a Bot**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Make a wind-up bot using clay. Grades 4-8. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 4 to 5 p.m. – **Bog Conservation**, Bog Road, Bu and soundities and \$5 nonre or [www](http://www).

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### April 3

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**CLPL**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Database offers in-depth career information, aptitude assessments and detailed profiles for colleges nationwide. Registration and CLPL card required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [crystallakelibrary.org](http://crystallakelibrary.org).

• 7 p.m. – **Bingo**, Woodstock Moose Family Center, 406 Clay St., Woodstock. Bingo every Wednesday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with food available from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information: 815-338-0126.

## April 6

• 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – **Sun City Huntley Spring Consumer Showcase**, Prairie Lodge, 12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley. Meet more than 130 businesses showcasing their products and services. Admission and parking is free. Information: 847-515-7650.

• 11:30 a.m. – **"Hamilton: Man Behind the Musical,"** McHenry County College Luecht Conference Center, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Discover the truth about the real Hamilton, why he was important and why the Broadway show is such a hit. Cost: \$5. Course code: NRAC29001. Information: 815-455-8588.

• 1 to 2 p.m. – **Tai Chi for Kids**, Sacred Mindscapes, 5435 Bull Valley Road, Suite 304, McHenry. Kids 3-6, with an adult. Experience fun, focus and relaxation through story time, basic warm ups, movement and calming breathwork. Each week includes one new animal movement and one calming breath sound. Cost: \$90 a child/parent, \$30 each additional child. Information: [ldrathring@gmail.com](mailto:ldrathring@gmail.com) or [sacredmindscapes.com](http://sacredmindscapes.com).

• 3:30 to 5 p.m. – **High School Tech Club**, Algonquin Area Public Library's Harnish Main Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. High school students interested in tech tools, computer programming, 3-D printing, Minecraft and more. Free. Information: 847-458-3146, [kduray@aapld.org](mailto:kduray@aapld.org) or [www.aapld.org/do](http://www.aapld.org/do).

• 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Jelly Belly Bean Boozled challenge**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Grades 6-8. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671, [leticiag@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticiag@harvard-diggins.org) or [www.facebook.com/events/1315564481866790/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1315564481866790/).

• 3:30 to 5 p.m. – **Drop-in Drawing Frenzy**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Grades 3-8. Different art technique each month. April: Animal

Information: 815-459-1687.

• 4 to 5 p.m. – **Graphic Novel Book Club**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Grades 6-8. April: "Amulet #1: The Stonekeeper" by Kazu Kibuishi. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [crystallakelibrary.org](http://crystallakelibrary.org).

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Chat 'n' Chew Tween Book Group**, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. Grades 4-6. Pizza and books. "Roller Girl" by Victoria Jamieson. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 6:30 p.m. – **"Introduction to Permaculture class,"** McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. "Permanent agriculture" is more than a gardening system, which includes planning, design and farming sustainability that can be used in many different contexts. Cost: \$19. Course code: NPGS56002. Information: 815-455-8588 or [www.mchenry.edu/mymcc](http://www.mchenry.edu/mymcc).

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Tips for Planning Your Trip Online**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Program to show participants the best ways to use their computer and the internet to see the world. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org) or [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Camera Club**, Home State Bank, 611 S. Main St., Crystal Lake. Crystal Lake Camera Club monthly meeting and competition. Awards will be presented to winners of large and small monochrome, and large and small color prints. Free. Information: [rowham40@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rowham40@sbcglobal.net) or [crystallakecameraclub.org](http://crystallakecameraclub.org).

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Paddling the Nippersink 101**, Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. For those who want to canoe or kayak the Nippersink Creek but are not sure how to plan the trip. Register by April 2. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or [www.mccdistrct.org](http://www.mccdistrct.org).

• 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Mystery Book Discussion Group**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. "Still Life" by Louise Penny. Copies are available at the Checkout Desk. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org) or [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

## April 7

• 9 a.m. – **Celebrating Seniors**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. Featuring a half-hour of tai chi followed by bingo.

Diner lunch at 11 a.m. Call 630-232-6676 to reserve a meal. Continues every Friday. Free. Information: 815-648-2671 or [www.stjlutheran.com](http://www.stjlutheran.com).

• 10 a.m. to noon – **Friday food distribution**, Nunda Township Office, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake. Food donated through the Northern Illinois Food Bank by local grocery stores will be distributed to those in need. Free. Information: 815-459-0785 or [foodministries@firstchurchcl.org](mailto:foodministries@firstchurchcl.org).

• 11:30 a.m. – **Early Bird Bingo**, VFW Post 4600, 3002 W. Route 120, McHenry. Every Friday sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. New games and prizes. Doors open at 10 a.m. Kitchen open at 11 a.m. Information: 815-236-3345, [wrgaylord@att.net](mailto:wrgaylord@att.net) or [www.vfwmchenry.org/calendar.html](http://www.vfwmchenry.org/calendar.html).

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. – **Spring Fling Party**, Senior Services Associates, 3519 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. For 60 years and older. Enjoy light appetizers/desserts and beverages while listening to Vito Zatto, featuring celebrity impersonations, stand-up comedy, audience participation, dynamic song styling and dancing. Cost: \$5. Information: 815-344-3555, [jgregory@seniorservicesassoc.org](mailto:jgregory@seniorservicesassoc.org) and [www.seniorservicesassoc.org](http://www.seniorservicesassoc.org).

• 3 to 4:30 p.m. – **Board Gaming at the Library**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Grades 6-12. Stop by the Crystal Lake Public Library to play some fun board games. Snacks provided. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

• 4 to 10 p.m. – **Play Light'n'ing and swap stories**, Woodstock VFW Post 5040, 201 N. Main St., Woodstock. Enjoy comradeship of fellow veterans and neighbors. Snacks and drinks available. Information: 815-338-5040 or [www.vfw5040.org](http://www.vfw5040.org).

• 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. – **Spring Fling Vendor Fair**, Mixin Mingle, 1118 N. Green St., McHenry. Health and beauty products, tasty treats, home decor, and lots more. Free. Information: 262-344-2061, [eventsbyheather@hotmail.com](mailto:eventsbyheather@hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/events/1633927783568863/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1633927783568863/).

• 6 p.m. – **32nd annual Ducks Unlimited membership banquet**, Starline Factory, 300 W. Front St., Harvard. Hosted by the Marengo Chapter of Ducks Unlimited offering a cocktail hour, prime rib dinner with all the trimmings, a one-year membership to Ducks Unlimited, a subscription to the DU magazine and a DU hat. A variety of games and raffle items, as well as live and silent auctions, will be available. Ticket pricing varies depending on selected event items. Information: 815-739-6486, [mflwvavdu@gmail.com](mailto:mflwvavdu@gmail.com).

## McHenry



**MISSION SAVE A SMILE** – Crystal Lake (left) presents a donation to Dr. Christy in Crystal Lake. Burseth is the profit Mission Save a Smile, which provides communities in Central America. Burseth recently and showed a video of the children and an emphasis is placed

Crystal Lake

## Class helps plan for health

**CRYSTAL LAKE** – Learn how to make the right decisions when planning for retirement with an upcoming continuing education class offered by McHenry County College.

• Planning for Health Care in Retirement: Health care is one of your top three budget items in retirement; make it one of the top three in your income plan, too. We'll look at the coverage options,

Crystal Lake

## MCC hosts youth career

**CRYSTAL LAKE** – Middle-schoolers through high school sophomores and their families can explore career options or learn about careers during the Community Career Exploration Showcase from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 5 in the gym/multipurpose room and commons area in Building B on the McHenry County College campus at 8900 Route 14 in Crystal Lake.

Demonstrations by local businesses and MCC educational programs will highlight a variety of industries. A special "Career Cruising Corner" will help students connect their passions to a career.

Short stories and essays on life. Laughter and tears. Divided into five sections. Coming of Age. Family and Friends. Pets Passing. Parade. Senior Moments.

#### Where did the idea come from?

After receiving awards and great reviews on my short stories and essays, I decided to put them into a book. My stories have been compared to Erma Bombeck and Mary Schmidt

#### What genre is your book?

Fiction

#### Who is the intended audience?

[Ages] 5 to 100. My stories are for all ages and all people. The stories will pluck at your heart-strings and tickle your funnybone.

#### Why is this story important to you?

So many of the stories are about things that happened in my life, yet they are universal events that everyone can identify with, such as life without your cell phone; the collie that became my therapist; the hoarder in my family; Thanksgiving in the 21st century; feeding a stray cat; a night in an inner city hospital; senior shopping together; the temperature games we all play; a letter to my parents from a 70-year-old; and of course the story about the elephant in the room, the one we all have hidden.

#### How long did it take you to write? What

organization of those stories.

#### How are you publishing this book and why (traditional/indie/self-publishing)?

Self-published through Createspace. I tried a publisher with an earlier book and had some difficulties.

#### What is your education/background?

[I have a] teaching degree from The University of Illinois. I taught school for several years, then I worked in my husband's dental office for years. In retirement, I started to write professionally.

#### How/why did you decide to write a book?

I always wrote for myself. In retirement, I started to write professionally. My message to anyone who has a dream is: It's never too late to follow that dream!

#### Who are your favorite authors?

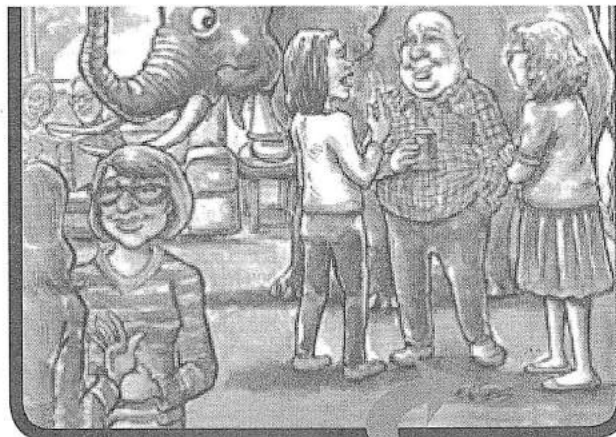
There are so many. Edith Wharton, J.D. Salinger, F.Scott Fitzgerald, Mary Schmidt, Albert Camus, Shel Silverstein, Erma Bombeck, Stephen Hawkins, Anna Quinlin, Katherine Stockett, Libby Fischer Hellman and Jodi Picoult.

#### Pick one: Danielle Steel or John Grisham?

John Grisham

#### Pick one: Stephen King or Nicholas Sparks?

Nicholas Sparks



#### 'ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM'

**AUTHOR:** Charlene Wexler

**AVAILABLE:** Amazon and Barnes and Noble

**INFO:** Website: CharleneWexler.com; Facebook: Facebook.com/charleneWexler; Twitter: Twitter.com/search.q-CharleneWexler; Amazon Author Page: charleneWexler

#### Pick one: Ebooks or hard/paperbacks?

Hard/paperbacks

#### Have you written anything else?

Four books: "Murder Across The Ocean," "Lori," "Murder On Skid Row," "Milk And Oranges" and many essays and short stories

#### What's next for you?

More essays and short stories, and another novel

Get your book featured in Style: Fill out the form at [NWHerald.com/forms/authorspotlight](http://NWHerald.com/forms/authorspotlight).

## LITERARY EVENTS

To have an event featured in this calendar, fill out the form at [PlanItNorthwest.com](http://PlanItNorthwest.com). For assistance, email [calendars@nwherald.com](mailto:calendars@nwherald.com).

**BEAUTY AND THE BOOK**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. March 29, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Excited about the recent release of the new live-action "Beauty and the Beast" movie? Join us for a storytime, crafts and a special visit from your favorite book-loving princess. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite prince/princess attire. For ages 2-7 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org).

**READ "FUR" FUN**, 10 a.m. to noon April 1, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Bring a book and read to a licensed therapy dog. For early readers, reading practice or to get comfortable reading out loud, or for kids who just want to cuddle with a dog. Sign up at the questions desk or call for a time slot. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org).

**READ TO THE DOG**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. April 1, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Volunteer dogs will sit quietly and listen to young readers. For ages 5-10, CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org).

**FAMILY BOOK CLUB: "THE THING ABOUT GEORGIE,"** 6 to 7 p.m. April 5, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read a book with your family and join other families in fun activities relating to the book. For grades 2 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org).

**CHAT 'N CHEW TWEEN BOOK GROUP**, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. April 6, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. "Roller Girl" by Victoria Jamieson. For kids in grades 4-6. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org).

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# FILM SERIES

**WHEN:** 7 to 9 p.m. March 24  
**WHERE:** Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5603 Bull Valley Road, McHenry  
**COST & INFO:** Green Sanctuary film series screening of a profound, alternative look at the global bee crisis from Taggart Siegel, director of the acclaimed documentary "The Real Dirt on Farmer John." Free. Information: 815-322-2464 or [www.treeoflife.org](http://www.treeoflife.org).

# STORIES AT THE HIDDEN PEARL

**WHEN:** 1:30 to 2 p.m. March 24  
**WHERE:** Hidden Pearl Cafe, 1208 N. Green St., McHenry  
**COST & INFO:** Free. An intimate storytime at the Hidden Pearl Cafe for kids ages 3 to 6 with adult. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or <http://mchenrylibrary.org>.

# CHURCH HOSTS GUEST MUSICIAN

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. March 24  
**WHERE:** First Baptist Church of McHenry, 509 N. Front St., McHenry  
**COST & INFO:** Margaret Nickol, a classically trained violinist, will be guest musician at the services. Information: 815-385-0083 or [www.fbcmchenry.org](http://www.fbcmchenry.org).



McHenry

## McHenry wrestler earns All American honor

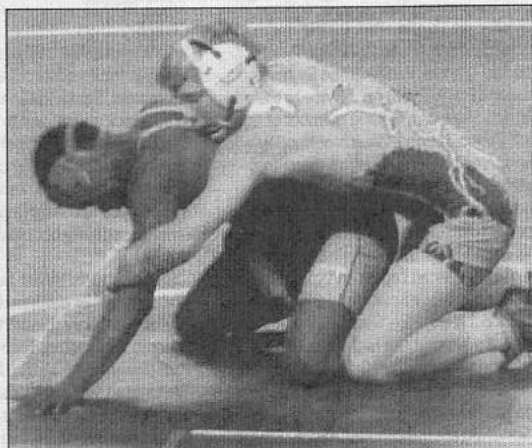
McHenry wrestler Ian Mullen (top), a sophomore at Harper College, earned All American, placing fifth Feb. 25 at the NJCAA National Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mullen began wrestling at a young age in the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation for the Wolves Wrestling Club. He was with the club until the 2010-11 season, when he wrestled at Parkland Middle School. He was Parkland's first state champion with an undefeated 32-0 season. He went on to wrestle for McHenry High School, where he

placed sixth his senior year. In the off season, he attended Poeta Training Center in Lake Forest and was an Illinois Freestyle champion.

Mullen attributes a lot of his success to his practice partners with the Wolves, including Travis Piotrowski at the University of Illinois and Mike Tortorice at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, both of whom also wrestle at the college level.

Mullen will be transferring to a four-year university in the fall. He is studying physical therapy and plans on continuing his wrestling.



For the weekly Wal-Mart gift card giveaway at the Thursday Daytime Drop-In program. The church also hosts the Wednesday evening PADS Shelter.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 24

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Mixed Media & Collage Adult Workshop**, Amber's Art Place, 9243 S. Route 31, Lake in the Hills. Three-day mixed-media workshop by nationally known artist Laura-Lein Svencner. Through March 26. Color, texture and imagery will be emphasized by layering altered papers, acrylics, image transfers by fusing the composition. For all skill levels. Cost: \$300, includes materials. Information: 815-404-6520, [artart13@gmail.com](mailto:artart13@gmail.com) or [www.ambersartplace.com](http://www.ambersartplace.com).

• 9 a.m. - **Celebrating Seniors**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. A half-hour of tai chi followed by bingo. Blood pressure checks and snacks available. Salvation Army Golden Diner lunch at 11 a.m. Reservations at 630-232-6676. Free. Information: 815-648-2671 or [www.stjlutheran.com](http://www.stjlutheran.com).

• 9:30 to 10 a.m. - **Wiggles & Giggles**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children ages 6 months through 23 months with adult can enjoy fun and active stories, rhymes and songs. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or <http://mchenrylibrary.org>.

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Memory Café**, McHenry Senior Services, 3519 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Memory Café is a free support group for people with memory issues, dementia or Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Meets the fourth Friday of the month. Sponsored by Best Care. RSVP to

Lois Fox. Free. Information: 815-382-0464 or [seniorsitter@hotmail.com](mailto:seniorsitter@hotmail.com).

• 11:30 a.m. - **Early Bird Bingo**, VFW Post 4600, 3002 W. Route 120, McHenry. Every Friday. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. New games and prizes. Doors open at 10 a.m., kitchen at 11. Information: 815-236-3345, [wrgaylord@att.net](mailto:wrgaylord@att.net) or [www.vfwmchenry.org/calendar.html](http://www.vfwmchenry.org/calendar.html).

• 4 to 10 p.m. - **Play Light'n'ing and swap stories**, Woodstock VFW Post 5040, 201 N. Main St., Woodstock. Enjoy comradeship of fellow veterans and neighbors. Snacks and drinks available. Information: 815-338-5040, 815-861-2014 or [www.vfw5040.org](http://www.vfw5040.org).

*Have an event to share? Submit your information online at [PlanItNorthwest.com](http://PlanItNorthwest.com). Photos may be emailed to [neighbors@nwherald.com](mailto:neighbors@nwherald.com).*

# Plan!

THINGS TO DO  
IN & AROUND  
McHENRY COUNTY

## "MECHANICS OF LOVE"

**WHEN:** 7 to 9:30 p.m.

March 27

**WHERE:** Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake

**COST & INFO:** This heightened and heartbreaking new comedy questions the laws that govern love, the physics of choosing a spouse and the miracle of what endures. Free. Information: 815-356-9212 or <http://wsrep.org/index.php/whats-on/lab-series/the-mechanics-of-love/>.

## CRYPTO CLUB

**WHEN:** 3:30 to 5 p.m.

March 27

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

**COST & INFO:** Fun way to learn how to make and break secret codes and cyphers using puzzles, coding, math and more. For kids in grades 5-8. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org).

## REUSE AND REPURPOSE

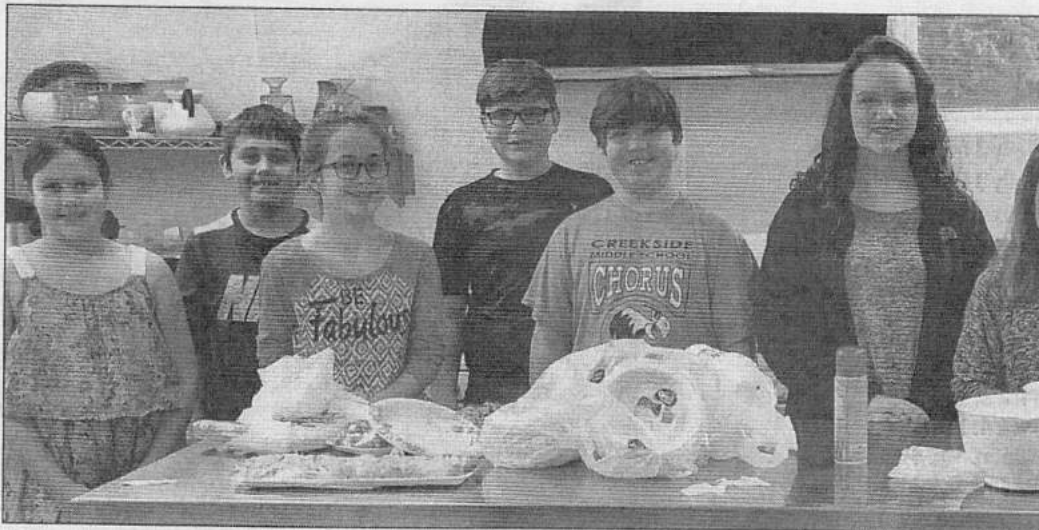
**WHEN:** 1 to 2:30 p.m.

March 27

**WHERE:** University of Illinois Extension Auditorium, 1102 McConnell Road, Woodstock

**COST & INFO:** Hands-on program on 25 clever ways to repurpose mason jars. Cost: \$5. Information: 815-338-3737 or [kovalovs@illinois.edu](mailto:kovalovs@illinois.edu).

## Hebron



**MADE TO ORDER** - The middle school Sunday school class from St. John's Lutheran Church in Hebron co-ordinated a bake sale on March 5 to raise funds for the Alden-Hebron Community Vacation Bible School. Pictured are Channon Gign, Jessie Armbrust, Nathaniel Rogers, Grace Rogers, Jill Meyer and Toby Behrens.

## Woodstock



**PAWS SERVICE** - Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Hickory and Dean streets in Woodstock, hosts a Pets are Welcome Service (P.A.W.S.) at 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month in fellowship hall. Pictured singing along are Bubbles (from left), Susan Hudson and Calvin.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 27

• 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Spring break camp**, Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills. Games, sports, arts and crafts, local field trips. Cost: \$40-\$48 daily, or \$180 residents/\$216 nonresidents for five days. Information: 847-960-7460, [recreation@lith.org](mailto:recreation@lith.org) or [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org).

• 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Spring Break activities for children**, Cary Community Center, 255 Briargate Road, Cary. Cost: \$35 or \$39 a

child with a discount for ET KidZone participants. Information: 847-639-6100 or [www.carypark.com](http://www.carypark.com).

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Lego® Minifigure Day**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Play games, build a giant minifigure, and more. For ages 3-7 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 11 a.m. - **Create with Modeling Dough**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For ages 3-8. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org).

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Sharpie Tie Dye T-Shirts**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Use sharpies to create tie dye effect. Bring your own T-shirt (or shirts) to the program. For tweens and teens in grades 6-12. Free.

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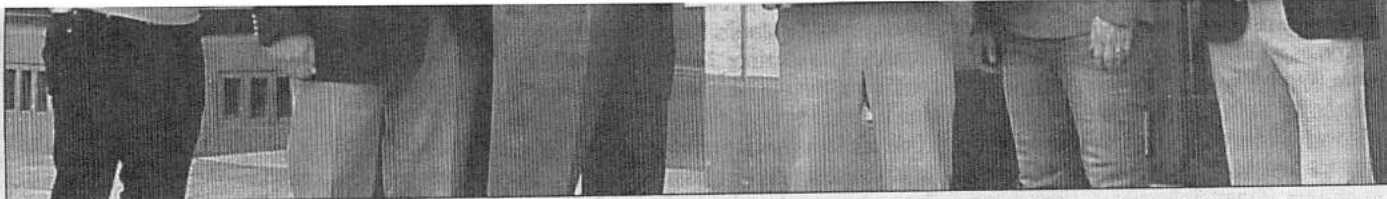
**WHEN:** The Black Box Theatre at McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake  
**COST & INFO:** Tony Award-winning drama about public and private indifference to the AIDS plague and one man's lonely fight to awaken the world to the crisis. Cost: \$15 for public, \$10 for MCC students, faculty/staff, alumni and senior citizens. Information: Jay Geller at 815-455-8746, [jgeller@mchenry.edu](mailto:jgeller@mchenry.edu)

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**WHEN:** 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 23  
**WHERE:** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry  
**COST & INFO:** Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, the longest ruling monarch in the world. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or <http://mchenrylibrary.org/>

## TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING

**WHEN:** 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 23  
**WHERE:** Panera, 730 Route 14, Fox River Grove  
**COST & INFO:** Find your voice and build confidence in a friendly and supportive environment. Free. Information: 847-975-0601, [jimaka71@gmail.com](mailto:jimaka71@gmail.com) or <http://carygrove.toastmastersclubs.org>.



**ARTS EDUCATION OUTREACH** – Raue Center For The Arts receives a contribution from Nicor Gas to benefit Raue Center's Mission Imagination arts education outreach program. Mission Imagination offers a variety of popular and kid-friendly shows each year and has served more than 400,000 students. This season's Mission Imagination shows include "Everybody's Hero: The Jackie Robinson Story," "Biscuit," "Monster Who Ate My Peas" and more. For information, visit [www.rauecenter.org/mission-imagination](http://www.rauecenter.org/mission-imagination). Pictured (from left) are James Knight, Raue Center economic development manager; Chuck Stevens, Raue Center Board chairman emeritus; Mike Johnson, Nicor Gas director of regional operations; Dave Pietryla, Nicor Gas manager of community relations and economic development; Stacy Paller, Nicor Gas meter reading field supervisor; and Tim Paul, Raue Center board president.

### Crystal Lake

## Registration open for upcoming home-selling course

Learn how to make the right decisions regarding home selling during an continuing education class offered by McHenry County College. The class meets from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. March 27 in Room A102.

Learn step-by-step instructions on preparing a home for today's competitive market, determining current home values, home staging, advertising that really works,

and holding a successful open house. Disclosures, the residential real estate contract and how to handle inspections also will be included.

The cost is \$19. When registering, use course code NFM S59 001.

To register, call the MCC Registration Office at 815-455-8588. For information, call Tracy Berry at 815-455-8758 or Claudia Terrones at 815-455-8782.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 23

• 7:30 a.m. – **Crystal Clear Toastmasters**, Panera Bread, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Find your voice, build confidence, and improve communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment. From 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. on the second, fourth or fifth Thursday of the month. Cost: Free. Information: 815-451-9376, [k\\_avallon@yahoo.com](mailto:k_avallon@yahoo.com) and [\[cleartoastmasters.org\]\(http://cleartoastmasters.org\).](http://www.crystal-</a></p>
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• 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **AARP Free Tax Help for Seniors**, Heartland Bank and Trust Company, 12101 Regency Square Parkway, Huntley. By appointment only. Appointments must be made in person.

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. – **Beginning Word 2013**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013's most popular features. Registration required. Cost: Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org).

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Anime & Manga Club: Japanese Culture**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Learn about Japanese keigo, or polite forms of address, and apply it to characters in an anime. Cosplay is

### Wonder Lake

## Ski team kicks off annual flower sale

The Wonder Lake Ski Team is hosting its annual spring flower sale fundraiser. Plants will be available for pickup from noon to 6 p.m. May 10 at 8009 White Oaks Road, Wonder Lake. Visit [www.wonderlakeskiteam.org](http://www.wonderlakeskiteam.org) to download an order form with the full list of plants available for purchase.

Drop off completed forms with payment at Wonder Foods, or mail to P.O. Box 518, Wonder Lake 60097 by April 23. Checks should be made payable to Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team or WLWSSTO. For information, call Jen Blaksley at 815-378-0238.

welcome. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org) or <http://mchenrylibrary.org/>.

• 6 to 7 p.m. – **Beginning tai chi and meditation**, First Congregational Church, 461 Pierson St., Crystal Lake. Combination of movement and meditation that provides a gentle, full body workout while strengthening the mind, body and spirit connection. For adults 18 years and older. Cost: \$5 a person per class, cash or check only. Information: [lyn@dailyharmony-mae.com](mailto:lyn@dailyharmony-mae.com) or <http://dailyharmony-mae.com>.

*Have an event to share? Submit your information online at [PlanitNorthwest.com](http://PlanitNorthwest.com).*

*Photos may be emailed to [neighbors@nwherald.com](mailto:neighbors@nwherald.com).*



**Bugenhagen**  
Age: 6  
Birth date: March 17, 2011  
Parents: Jim and Krista Bugenhagen  
Stamford, Connecticut



**Jeffries**  
Age: 3  
Birth date: March 17, 2014  
Parents: Brynn and Brian Jeffries  
Crystal Lake



**Richardson**  
Age: 1  
Birth date: March 25, 2016  
Parents: Scott and Jacqui Richardson  
of Marengo

## DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD IN BIRTHDAY CLUB?

Any child, ages 1-7, can be featured in the McHenry County Neighbors Birthday Club. Send the child's name, age, birth date, parents' names and addresses and a color or black-and-white photo of the child (JPEG if submitting electronically). Include a phone number. Photos should be received no later than a month after the 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

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• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Crohn's, Lupus or RA Focus Group Meeting**, Cary Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. Light refreshments will be served. Free. Information: 224-688-4658 or adina.waltersfnc@gmail.com.

### March 21

• 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **AARP Free Tax Help for Seniors**, Heartland Bank and Trust Co., 12101 Regency Square Parkway, Huntley. Free tax help for seniors by appointment only. Appointments must be made in person.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **The Ultimate Wi-Fi: Amateur Radio Today**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. The McHenry County Wireless Association explains the history behind amateur radio and how it differs from other services. Learn how modern technology has impacted amateur radio and find out how to become an amateur radio operator. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

### March 22

• Noon to 2:30 p.m. – **Wednesday Matinee**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Bring your own lunch for a screening of "The Light Between Oceans" (PG-13; 2016). Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

• 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Women Military Veterans Journeys and Pathways**, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. "Women Military Veterans: How Women Tell a War Story" speaker/student panel presentation hosted by the college in celebration of Women's History Month. Free. Information: 815-455-8947 or www.mchenry.edu/events.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **McHenry Junior Golf open house**, McHenry West High School cafeteria, 4724 W. Crystal Lake Road, McHenry. High School golf coaches Ryan Ellison and Sean Sterner will give a presentation for any interested parent in District 15 curious about Junior Golf on how to get started and what is

needed. There will be information on junior leagues and McHenry Junior Warriors golf. Free. Information: wjvarda@sbcglobal.net.

### March 23

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. – **Beginning Word 2013**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Beginners class to introduce the most popular features of Microsoft Word 2013. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 4 to 10 p.m. – **Animal Outreach Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser**, Texas Roadhouse, 835 Cog Circle, Crystal Lake. Present a flier, and 10 percent off food and beverage purchases will be donated to Animal Outreach Society. Free. Information: aosadoptionmanager@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/events/73095533735075/.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **AtoZ Marketing Database Workshop**, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. The AtoZ representative will cover how to do people searches, business profiles, background searches and other demographic profiles for job searches and business development. Registration required. Free. Information: 847-639-4210, publicserves@caryarealibrary.info or www.caryarealibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **The Reign of Queen Elizabeth II**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the life of the queen. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyref@mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Anime & Manga Club Japanese Culture**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Learn about Japanese keigo, or polite forms of address, and apply it immediately to characters in an anime. Cosplay welcome. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

### March 24

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **"Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us" Film Screening**, Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5603 Bull Valley Road, McHenry. A

Green Sanctuary film series screening. A profound, alternative look at the global bee crisis from Taggart Siegel, director of the acclaimed documentary "The Real Dirt on Farmer John." Free. Information: andrea-g-myers@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/events/1647936478848707/.

### March 25

• 9 a.m. to noon – **Community Research Forest Restoration Workday**, Community Research Forest, 20500 Lembcke Road, Harvard. Join The Land Conservancy of McHenry County to help clear invasive species and restore natural habitat. Wear old clothes, sturdy shoes and prepare for weather conditions. Free. Information: 815-337-9502, mgrycan@conservemc.org or http://conservemc.org.

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Learn to Burn Workshop**, Hennen Conservation Area, 4622 Dean St., Woodstock. Prescribed burns clear away dead brush and invasive species while ensuring healthy habitats. Restoration ecologist and fire expert Melissa Grycan will train you on how to safely manage woodlands, wetlands and prairies. Cost: \$35 members, \$50 nonmembers. Information: 815-337-9502, mgrycan@conservemc.org or www.conservemc.org/get-involved/learn-new-skills/ecological-fire-training.

• 10 a.m. to noon – **McHenry County Civil War Round Table Discussion Group**, Panera Bread Company, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. The topic to start the discussion is Ulysses S. Grant Beyond Chattanooga. All are welcomed. Free. Information: fskupstis@comcast.net or www.mchenrycivilwar.com.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Cabin Fever Campfire**, Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. A chance to get out and enjoy the beginning of the spring season by the fireside with a short night hike through the woods, view the night sky through a telescope and warm up around the fire with snacks and games. Register by March 21. Cost: Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

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**CANNED FRUIT COLLECTION** – St. John's Lutheran Church of Hebron collected canned fruit for the Hebron Food Pantry during February. The children held the food during a children's sermon before it was taken to the food pantry. Pictured (from left) are Jamie Wikman, Daisy Leedle, Faith Higgins, Lily Le Raevyn Schuler, Kendra Cashmore, Will Stephens, Hannah Stephens, Jessica Meyer, Sophie Rogers, Beau Leedle, Madison Kastning, Austin Kastning, J. Wikman, Caitlin Morris, Karly Strand, Rylee Micklevitz, Abby Wanderer, Rachel Svihlik, Brittanny Nelson, Dakota Stephens, Peyton Henken, Maggie N Strand and Noah Higgins.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### March 18

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Spring Craft Show**, Cary Community Center, 255 Briar Gate Road, Cary. Hosted by the Cary Park District. Shop from a variety of 25 crafter and vendors. Free admission. Information: 847-639-6100 or [www.carypark.com](http://www.carypark.com).

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Used Book & Media 25¢ Flash Sale**, Johnsbury Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsbury Road, Johnsbury. Sponsored by the Friends of the Johnsbury Public Library. Proceeds support library activities. All used books, movies and music are only 25 cents. Free. Information: 815-344-0077, [mzawacki@johnsburylibrary.org](mailto:mzawacki@johnsburylibrary.org) or <http://johnsburylibrary.org/event>.

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **Blanket Making for Project Linus**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Make an easy fleece blanket to donate to Project Linus, a nonprofit organization that provides homemade blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. For grades 2-6. Parents welcome. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Annual District 3 Spring Fling**, Galati's Hideaway, 800 Feinberg, Cary. Supports FRG School District 3. Includes prizes and lunch, with choice of entrees (chicken piccata, chopped salad or pasta primavera), dessert and drinks (pop, water and coffee). Cash bar available. Features silent auction and raffles. Information: <https://ticketbud.com/events/d7b6e150-d3ab-11e6-bc37-4bdf5e38fe0c> or [www.carygrovechamber.com/events/details/annual-district-3-spring-fling-6937](http://www.carygrovechamber.com/events/details/annual-district-3-spring-fling-6937).

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• 1 to 2 p.m. – **Adventure Riding Clinic**, Woodstock Triumph, 2235 S. Eastwood Drive, Woodstock. Chad Berger with Loan Wolf Expeditions will be at Woodstock Triumph to give riders an overview of adventure riding. The seminar will include information on suggested gear and accessories and information on the Trans Wisconsin Adventure Trail. Free. Information: 815-337-3511, [matthew@woodstock-triumph.com](mailto:matthew@woodstock-triumph.com) or [www.facebook.com/events/146923582468900/](http://www.facebook.com/events/146923582468900/).

• 1 p.m. – **Protein-Packed Breakfast**, The Vitamin Shoppe, 1496 S. Randall Road, Algonquin. Showcase of ways to incorporate protein into your favorite breakfast foods. Free. Information: 201-552-6108, [anthony.diambrosio@vitaminshoppe.com](mailto:anthony.diambrosio@vitaminshoppe.com) or [www.vitaminshoppe.com/lp/mysparksession](http://www.vitaminshoppe.com/lp/mysparksession).

• 2 to 4:30 p.m. – **Wellness Rally**, Hearthstone Communities, 840 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock. An afternoon to focus on health with local holistic and integrative health practitioners who will provide information about their practices. Free. Information: 847-754-1593, [joyce@happyandhealthylifestyles.com](mailto:joyce@happyandhealthylifestyles.com) or <http://happyandhealthylifestyles.com/events>.

• 2 to 3 p.m. – **Big Bang Science Club**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Hands-on science experiments for kids ages 6-10. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).

• 2 to 3 p.m. – **Author Program – Cynthia Gallaher**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. The author of "Frugal Poets' Guide to Life: How to Live a Poetic Life, Even if You Aren't a Poet," will read excerpts from her book and discuss creativity. She is also the author of three full poetry collections and two poetry chapbooks. Free. Information: 815-338-0542 or [bethr@woodstockil.info](mailto:bethr@woodstockil.info).

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• 3 p.m. – **Supporting You and Your Community**, Fox Pointe Senior Living, 3350 Charles Miller Road, McHenry. Veterans are at an increased risk for Alzheimer's disease. This program will educate veterans about those risks, what they can do to manage their risks and how to help other veterans. Free. Information: 815-484-1300 or [looyen@alz.org](mailto:looyen@alz.org).

• 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. – **Forts On The Courts**, The Racket Club, 9101 S. Route 31, Algonquin. We'll supply sheets of cardboard and duct tape, you do the rest. Prizes will be awarded for best construction, original design and fan favorite. Families or teams of four, ages 4-16. Registration code: RCFOTC-03. Cost: \$20 a team. Information: 847-658-5688, [rlaue@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:rlaue@crystallakeparks.org) or [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).

• 7:30 p.m. – **Trivia Night**, Bowl Hi, 10520 Route 47, Huntley. Everyone receives \$10 match play for video gaming just for playing. First-prize team wins an 18-inch pizza and a round of drinks next time you play. Free. Information: 815-670-7434 or [alysiagivens22@gmail.com](mailto:alysiagivens22@gmail.com).

### March 19

• 3 to 7 p.m. – **Salsa Sundays**, Cinnamon's DanceWorks, 2025 E. Algonquin Road,

Algonquin. Learn environmental lessons at 3 and Sunday nonalcoholic \$5 discount. 333-0822 or [com](http://www.com).

### March 20

• 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – **Conservation Area Open House**, Hennen Conservation Area, Woodstock. Learn about the McHenry County Conservation Area and its old clothes, weather conditions. 815-337-9500 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

• 2 to 4 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Park**, Crystal Lake. Coloring book as well as coloring and calming. 459-1687.

• 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Free Magnets**, McKinley St., 12th grade area of comic book. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

• 3:30 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Park**, Crystal Lake. Frog-shaped d. 815-459-1687.

language preventing non-Medicaid-expansion states from becoming expansion states – and got it. They asked for flexibility for states to change “essential health benefits” – and got it.

But each time they got a concession, and were asked to support the bill, they instead came up with new sets of demands that made the legislation increasingly unpassable. Eventually it became clear to Trump that the Freedom Caucus would never take yes for an answer. So he cut them off, sending former Freedom Caucus member Mick Mulvaney, his Office of Management and Budget director, to Capitol Hill to deliver a message: The president was done negotiating.

That was the moment the Freedom Caucus made its choice. Caucus members could have pocketed their wins, declared victory and voted to move the legislation forward – vowing to keep working to improve the bill. But unable or unwilling to accept success, they chose instead to deliver Trump a major defeat on the first legislative effort of his presidency.

“The result,” one senior GOP official told me, “will likely be that the White House will no longer negotiate with them in future debates and will go to moderate members and Democrats to get things done. The House Freedom Caucus has made itself irrelevant.”

Indeed, Trump is already writing them off. He blasted the group on Twitter, declaring, “Democrats are smiling in D.C. that the Freedom Caucus, with the help of Club For Growth and Heritage, have saved Planned Parenthood & Ocare!” And in an interview with The Post’s Bob Costa on Friday, Trump said his strategy going forward will be to let Obamacare fail and then work with Democrats to fix it. “We’ll end up with a better health care plan. A great plan,” he said, adding, “And you wouldn’t need the Freedom Caucus.”

That’s the lesson Trump took from this experience: Democrats whose motto is “Resist!” would be more reasonable partners to work with than the Freedom Caucus.

Thankfully for conservatives, Democrats have thus far shown no interest in working with Trump. Perhaps, one day, Obamacare will deteriorate to the point where Democrats are willing to put aside their feelings and cut a deal. If they do, it will be far a more left-leaning, big-government approach to health care than anything the Freedom Caucus opposed in this legislation.

Will the Freedom Caucus learn from its mistake? The group has already lost one member, Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, who quit over the health bill debacle, declaring, “Saying no is easy,

leading is hard, but that is what we were elected to do. Leaving this caucus will allow me to be a more effective member of Congress and advocate for the people of Texas. It is time to lead.”

Poe is right. Freedom Caucus members need to understand that they are not in the opposition anymore. In the opposition, you can vote to repeal Obamacare 60 times without giving much thought to what comes next. But governing is different. Governing is messy. You have to make compromises and concessions. The goal is not to support the most conservative legislation; it is – to paraphrase William F. Buckley’s famous rule – to support the most conservative, viable legislation that can win.

Freedom Caucus members had a chance to repeal the individual mandate and the employer mandate, transform Medicaid, end \$1 trillion in Obamacare taxes, expand health savings accounts and defund Planned Parenthood. Instead, they chose to keep Obamacare intact.

They failed to lead. They chose to think and act like an oppositional minority, instead of a majoritarian political movement. Unless and until they choose otherwise, they will never fundamentally change the direction of America – which, one assumes, is why its members ran for office in the first place.

Republican plan to replace the Affordable Care Act, aka Republicans Don’t Care Act.

Perhaps Rep. Roskam is not actually a pro-life proponent after all. Rep. Roskam needs to do the moral thing and withdraw his name and support for this bill right away. I am not sure why, but between this bill and his support of the Republicans Don’t Care Bill, it sure appears he has a deep-seated hatred of Americans.

**Scott F. Migaldi**  
Cary

### Library still at it To the Editor:

Did you know the Crystal Lake library bought six pieces of property for its fantasy library, the one the voters have turned down twice? They paid almost \$2 million for property the assessor said was worth \$1 million. They paid more than \$220 a square foot for one property. They paid \$150,000 per unit for a four-flat at a time when condos were

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selling for as little as \$67,000. And they bought one property after they lost the referendum!

What incredible gall!

We’ve also learned the library paid more than \$700,000 to its architect for a library that isn’t going to be built because the voters turned it down, the same architect who was the main contributor to the “Library Yes” campaign and who stood to make more than \$1 million if the referendum passed and a new library was built. No conflict of interest there!

And where was the Crystal Lake City

Council when this was happening? Asleep at the switch or complicit.

And where was the Northwest Herald in reporting this? Missing in action.

There’s an election coming up next month. If you stay home or you vote for the business-as-usual candidates, and I mean not only on the City Council but in school board elections and at McHenry County College, then you can expect higher property taxes and more government waste.

**Steve Willson**  
Lakewood

contrast, Tillerson's use of mundane Chinese Foreign Ministry rhetoric described a bilateral process and did not place China in a privileged position over democratic U.S. allies. Still, in the future, the secretary will want to find his own words to characterize relations with China, which – as he pointed out in other parts of his public remarks – are highly competitive but do hold the potential for greater cooperation.

• “All options are on the table” with North Korea. Tillerson also took a bit of heat for this statement at his Seoul news conference Friday. But this is exactly the warning that a Hillary Clinton or Jeb Bush administration would probably be sending right now. Over the past year, Pyongyang has raced toward its goal of fielding an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of striking the continental U.S. with a nuclear warhead. It has deployed hundreds of missiles capable of reaching Japan, South Korea and U.S. bases on Guam and showed a willingness to employ biological or chemical weapons when it allegedly ordered the assassination of Kim Jong Un's half brother in Malaysia using VX nerve agent. The U.S. is unlikely to choose a preemptive military strike, but it is critical at this moment to reiterate long-standing U.S. policy

toward North Korea: that all options, including military and even nuclear options, will be considered, as necessary, to deter attacks on our homeland or allies.

Tillerson was also right to state that 20 years of diplomacy with North Korea has “failed,” particularly after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi declared two weeks ago that the U.S. and North Korea were like “two accelerating trains coming toward each other” and proposed a new diplomatic approach based on a U.S. freeze of military exercises in exchange for a North Korean freeze of missile tests. This was a ludicrous proposal on several levels – not least because of the alleged moral equivalency between the U.S. and North Korea and China's own effort to bow out of the problem. Tillerson minced no words in putting Beijing on notice that China needs to step up.

• Japan and nuclear weapons. In an interview with the Independent Journal Review, Tillerson hinted that, in light of North Korea's repeated missile tests, Japan might need to develop nuclear weapons down the road. If the intent was to pressure China to exert greater pressure on Pyongyang, then waving the “nuclear Japan” warning will not work. It would be much more effective simply to demonstrate that

North Korean actions are enhancing strategic trust and solidarity with U.S. allies – a geopolitical trend that can help shake Beijing out of its complacency on North Korea. In any case, the answer was ambiguous enough that it will have little impact on China, North Korea or Japan for now.

Overall, Tillerson sent the message he needed in order to gain some traction on North Korea. The confusion that has emerged over his intentions has more to do with the Trump administration as a whole than with his own performance. President Trump vowed as a candidate to make unpredictability a hallmark of his foreign policy, and he has shifted positions on fundamental questions, such as whether the U.S. will defend allies or maintain the one-China commitment that the past six presidents made the basis for U.S.-China relations. Tillerson hit the right tone, but U.S. foreign policy needs an effective chorus backing him up in Washington.

• *Michael Green, senior vice president for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and associate professor at Georgetown University, is author of “By More Than Providence: Grand Strategy and American Power in the Asia Pacific Since 1783.”*

## Dawson has wisdom

### To the Editor:

Ralph Dawson is a smart and wise Crystal Lake councilman whose good judgment has served us well. After retiring, he was elected to the City Council based on his reputation as an ethical, smart businessman.

I can attest to Ralph's dedication to good government and transparency because I was on the zoning board for 20 years.

I observed how conscientiously he listened to our homeowners when developers threatened their property rights. He was fair and made good decisions that benefited the whole town.

Ralph is running for re-election. Remember “local government, including school boards, touch our lives more closely than any other taxing body.” Based on his record, you can trust Ralph Dawson. Vote to re-elect him to the city council April 4.

**Rosemary Kurtz**  
Crystal Lake

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## Library board must stop

### To the Editor:

Dear Crystal Lake Library Board members: Your referendum in November lost so why are you still purchasing properties surrounding the library?

The voters have told you in no uncertain terms they do not want or need a new, extremely expensive library. The money just isn't there in our budgets for your unreasonable wants.

You have not been truthful or open in these dealings. You have paid far more than what these properties are actually

worth. You are going behind taxpayers backs buying them and even are planning to purchase more properties without the taxpayers OK. This needs to stop. You are wasting our money and mismanaging the library. You should all resign. The library board should be made up of elected members, not appointed members. The taxpayers should have a say on who gets to be a member of the board and for how long.

You answer to us, end of story.

**Kim Maselbas**  
Crystal Lake