

## Mini Golf in the Library on March 21

On Sunday, March 21, patrons of all ages will putt their way through an 18-hole miniature golf course set up throughout the library during the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation Mini Golf Event. Stop by anytime from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tournament play begins at 4:15 p.m. for teens and kids. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 for ages 12 and younger.

The Downers Grove Public Library Foundation appreciates the businesses and organizations supporting the mini golf event.

### Early Hole Sponsors (\$500)

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### Hole Sponsors (\$200)

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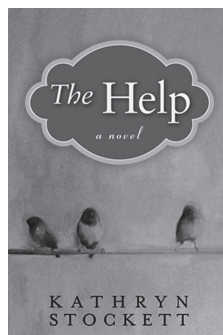
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### Ice Cream Sponsor

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### Prize Sponsors

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## The Big Read Features Civil Rights Era Novel

Join your friends and neighbors during **The Big Read** and experience Kathryn Stockett's **The Help**. First-time novelist Stockett tells the story of three women battling the oppressive force of racism during the heart of the Civil Rights Movement.

**The Big Read** is a cooperative project of the Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lisle, Thomas Ford, Westmont, and Woodridge public libraries that seeks to connect communities through literature. **The Big Read** encourages patrons at all libraries to read the same book with the goal of promoting reading, sparking discussion, and building community.

Sign up for **The Big Read** Twitter updates @bigread2010 or become a Facebook "friend" of the event. Through Twitter and Facebook, patrons will hear about news, programs, and resources related to **The Big Read**. **The Big Read** website at [www.thebigread.org](http://www.thebigread.org) and the printed resource guide also offer complete information about this ten-library event.

Take part in **The Big Read** by visiting one of the participating libraries to borrow a copy of **The Help**. Make the book part of your book club experience by reserving a "Book Club in a Bag," sponsored by the Friends of the Downers Grove Public Library. Patrons can also attend thoughtful and entertaining book discussions and programs at the participating libraries.

Get up-to-date information and program reminders online. Facebook users can find **The Big Read** at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and Twitter users can find **The Big Read** at [twitter.com/bigread2010](http://twitter.com/bigread2010).

### *The Big Read events at the Downers Grove Public Library*

See page 4 for complete program information. Please register online, at the Circulation Desk, or by calling (630) 960-1200. Pick up **The Help** resource guide at the library or visit [thebigread.org](http://thebigread.org) to see the programs being offered at other participating libraries.

### The Big Read in Small Groups Book Discussion

Mon., March 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Downers Grove Public Library  
(Co-host: Lisle Library District)

**The Southern Pie Kitchen**  
Thurs., April 29, 7 p.m.

**The Natchez Trace**  
Tues., May 4, 7 p.m.

### Southern Gardens

Thurs., April 8, 7 p.m.

### *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962)

Wed., April 14 at 1:30 and 7 p.m.  
Tivoli Theatre

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## Annual Report: 2009 In Review One in a Million

**1,003,558!** That's the total number of items we circulated last year, and our first circulation of more than one million. We appreciate your support and promise to continue providing service you can count on.

### Notable 2009 Events Include:

- The library debuted a new website. Patrons can now be a fan of the library on Facebook and follow library news on Twitter.
- SWAN powered by Encore now provides one-step simultaneous searching of the online catalog and database resources.
- The library board welcomed new trustee Susan Eblen.
- Library staff gathered materials for 68 local book clubs and two library-sponsored book discussion groups.
- The library participated in a group purchase of 36 databases, known collectively as **Research Pro**. Encompassing a wide variety of subjects, these resources greatly expand the reliable, in-depth information patrons can use to research a topic.
- New databases also include **LexisNexis Library Express** and **Tell Me More**.
- Book-a-Librarian debuted, giving patrons the chance to sign up for one-on-one time with an information professional.
- Video games were added to the collection.
- Adult and children's programming celebrated Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.
- Patrons learned more about Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago from a traveling exhibit commemorating the plan's centennial anniversary.

### Thanks a Million to Our Community Partners!

- More than 300 golfers putted around the stacks at the first Downers Grove Library Foundation Mini Golf event.
- Ten local libraries joined for the fifth year to produce **The Big Read**, which featured Barbara Kingsolver's **Animal, Vegetable, Miracle**.
- Cardholders could get free admission to 17 area museums and cultural institutions as part of the Museum Adventure Pass program.
- Creativity abounded as patrons sewed new outfits for Miss Mouse as part of Project Fashion Mouse.
- Donors purchased 45 bricks for the expansion of the Garden Walk along the west side of the library, raising \$6,150 to be used by the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation to purchase artwork and other enhancements for the library. Donors, past and present, were honored at a reception in July.
- Prizes were donated by 35 local businesses for the children's summer reading club.
- The library hosted the Downers Grove Area Children's Author Festival Book Fair, in cooperation with the Downers Grove Area PTAs and District #58 schools.

## A Million Reasons for Success

**Gate Count:** 576,704

**Circulation:** 1,003,841

Adult: 601,813

Children: 348,777

Self Renewal: 53,251

**Collection:** 342,904

Audio/Visual: 43,149

Books: 284,005

Miscellaneous: 15,750

**Attendance at Library Programs:** 26,421

Adults: 4,048

Children: 22,373

**Reference Questions Answered:** 89,107

**Community Meetings:** 4,167

**Computer User Sessions:** 99,150

**Web Pages Requested:** 814,409

### 2009 Financial Review

Property tax dollars provide the resources that fund library services and materials, which allow us to bring information, knowledge, and entertainment to the community. The library board is committed to giving residents the best value for their investment and carefully balances the needs of patrons with resources available.

#### Expenditures

Materials and direct public service:	(72.3%)
\$2,791,082	
Building operations:	(3.7%)
\$142,419	
Support services:	(24%)
\$928,263	

#### Revenue

Property taxes:	(93.4%)
\$3,796,701	
Fines, fees, interest, donations, etc.:	(5.2%)
\$211,181	
State grants:	(1.4%)
\$58,946	



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## Donate a Brick to the Garden Walk

As you look ahead to spring and summer, you may see a wedding, a graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or another occasion on your calendar. Purchase and personalize a brick as part of the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation's Garden Walk and help your loved ones remember a special day forever.

Donations will be used to purchase art and other enhancements for the library. The foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and your contribution is tax deductible. For more information, call (630) 960-1200.

## Meet the Artists During Gallery Events

Since the 1999 opening of the renovated library, the library's first-floor gallery has been a popular stop for visitors. Graphics and Display Coordinator Melody Danley interviews the artists, schedules the displays, and installs the art. Displays change each month, and Danley strives to offer a high-quality mix of media, from collage to photography to watercolors.

Along with the chance to view works by local artists, many of our gallery displays are now accompanied by a Meet the Artist event, where patrons can talk with the artists and ask questions about their influences and techniques. Watch for information about Meet the Artist events in the library and online.



Artist Joe Anderson discusses his work.

## In the Gallery

The library gallery showcases works by area artists in month-long exhibits. Located in the central lobby, the attractive gallery provides a casual and easily accessible venue for our patrons.

March: **Marian Kraus**

April: **Midwest Collage Society**



## The Game's On During Teen First Fridays

We're bringing out the Wii, Guitar Hero, Dance, Dance Revolution and the Atari 2600 (just kidding!) for Teen Game Night. Sign up online or by calling (630) 960-1200 or stopping by the Circulation Desk. Due to the Good Friday holiday, there is no First Fridays in April.

*Friday, March 5, 7-8 p.m.*



## Homework Help Steers You in the Right Direction

While you are trying to complete your school assignments, our librarians are right there with you—sometimes, we're even a step ahead. We've compiled lists of databases and websites, organized by subject, that can help you with your toughest reports or tests. Find the lists under "Homework Help" on the Teen Central webpage. Remember you can also just call us at (630) 960-1200 with questions.

## What's New

Find these titles in Teen Central, located on the second floor of the library. You can also place a reserve on these books through our website.

- **Captivate** by Carrie Jones  
In this sequel to **Need**, a violent pixie holds Nick for ransom in order to lure Zara to Valhalla.
- **Claim to Fame** by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Lindsay's life as a child star crumbled due to her paranormal "gift"—she can hear what is being said about her at all times. But is she the only one with this power?
- **The Good Girl's Guide to Getting Kidnapped** by Yxta Maya Murray  
This graphic novel hybrid illustrates the dangerous underworld of gang royalty.
- **Initiation** by Susan Fine  
Mauricio Londoño is an outsider at the prestigious St. Stephen's School for Boys. When classmates are targeted for horrible pranks on FaceSpace, he must overcome insecurities to fight the online bullies.
- **Pastworld: A Mystery of the Near Future** by Ian Beck  
In the highly sterile and government-controlled future, the Pastworld theme park takes visitors back in time to Victorian London. Once inside, however, people must live by the park's rules.
- **The Secret Year** by Jennifer Hubbard  
The greatest year of Colt's life ends in tragedy when the girl he was secretly dating dies in a car accident. How can he openly mourn Julia when no one ever knew about their relationship?
- **The Shadow Project** by Herbie Brennan  
Danny, a teenage house-burglar, breaks into the wrong building and accidentally witnesses a meeting of the highly classified intelligence agency known as "the Shadow Project." He is given a choice—join or go to jail.
- **Tangled** by Carolyn Mackler  
Four teenagers from very different backgrounds find their lives intertwined when they meet at Paradise, a Caribbean resort.

*Compiled by Lynette Pitrak, Literature and Audio Services Librarian*

## Adult and Teen Programs

All adult programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

\*Please register in advance online or at the Circulation Desk.



### The Big Read Programs The Big Read in Small Groups Book Discussion

Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Downers Grove Public Library  
(Co-host: Lisle Library District)



### Southern Gardens

Thurs., April 8, 7 p.m.  
Claire Copping Cross shows images from her travels, including historic Charleston at the peak of azalea season; Middleton Place, the oldest landscape garden in America; Magnolia Plantation and Gardens; and Brookgreen, featuring American traditional sculpture and indigenous plant gardens. View the pre-Civil War mansions in Natchez, Mississippi, famous for their annual house and garden tours. Cross also offers images from Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami and the newly expanded Naples Botanical Garden.

### To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)

Wed., April 14 at 1:30 and 7 p.m.  
Tivoli Theatre  
5021 Highland Avenue, DG  
Atticus Finch defends a young black man who is accused of raping a white woman in this tale of prejudice and injustice. Stay for a discussion with Debbie Wordinger of Indian Prairie Public Library. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased one week in advance at the theatre box office.

### The Southern Pie Kitchen

Thurs., April 29, 7 p.m.  
The South is home to comfort food, including lots of pies! Ellen Swirsky invites you to have a glass of sweet tea, try a piece of Minny's chocolate custard pie, and get some tips on making pies. Sample pecan, chocolate, and sweet potato pies. **Limit: 50.**

### The Natchez Trace

Tuesday, May 4, 7 p.m.  
Bicycle through time on the Natchez Trace Parkway with John Lynn. This linear national park meanders 444 scenic miles from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee.

### A Joint Effort: Understanding Rheumatoid Arthritis

Thurs., March 11, 7 p.m. \*

The approach to living with arthritis has changed over the years. Advances have been made in treating this disease which allow patients to lead a more normal life. DuPage Medical Group rheumatologist Brinda Joshi, D.O. shares information about how to manage living with arthritis. *Co-sponsored with Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital.*

### Historic Route 66:

#### A Journey Through History

Thurs., March 18, 7 p.m. \*

Dave Clark takes you on the road to view Route 66, known as "The Mother Road" or "America's Main Street." He explores why Route 66, as the song says, "winds from Chicago to L.A.," and how roads like it often follow trails first blazed by Native American footpaths, 19th century canals, and railroad trunk lines. After a detour through images depicting how the road has fared through the passage of time, Clark then leads a "virtual tour" of Route 66 today. Through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, the images show the vibrant life still lived along the highway corridor.



### Henri Matisse: From Painting to Paper Collage

Thurs., March 25, 7 p.m. \*

Henri Matisse is widely regarded as one of the modern era's greatest artists. On the occasion of a Matisse exhibition at the Art Institute from March 20 through June 20, art historian Jeff Mishur presents this lecture that examines Matisse's career from his association with the Fauves, or Wild Beasts, to his work with paper cutouts. The program will explore Matisse's fascination with the processes of making art as well as his connections with fellow modernists such as Pablo Picasso.

*Individuals with disabilities can call the library three days in advance to discuss possible accommodations.*

### Rescheduled: Transitions: From Elementary to Middle School

Tues., May 11, 7 p.m. \*

Preparing for the transition from elementary to middle school involves dealing with both the change in schools as well as the rapid physical and mental changes in your pre-teen. Dr. Patrice Paul, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and adjunct professor at Roosevelt University, describes how your "tween" is growing cognitively, socially, and physically while getting ready to take on the demands of the middle grades. She will offer tips on how to help make the time easier for both you and your child.

### Teen First Fridays Teen Game Night

Friday, March 5, 7-8 p.m. \*

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### Friends of the Library

The Downers Grove Friends of the Library are members of the community who support library programs and services. The Friends also sponsor ongoing activity groups that are open to all and enrich the entire community. All FOL Travel Slide programs are free and open to the public.

#### FOL Travel Slides

Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

March 19, **Ireland**

Celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with Mary Lou Raub.

#### April 16, **Out to Yellowstone and the Tetons**

Jeffrey Bockman takes you on a journey that includes the Corn Palace, the Badlands, the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, the Tetons, and Jackson Hole along with the Snake River and the Wind River Range.

#### Writers Workshop

Aspiring writers share their works. Second and fourth Mondays, 7 p.m.  
March 8, 22; April 12, 26

## Book Discussion Groups

Whether you enjoy reading fiction or nonfiction books, or you just want to discuss books informally, we have a book discussion for you! All books are made available one month before each discussion. Book discussion groups meet in the second floor Conference Room.

### Fiction Book Discussion Group

*Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.*

March 4, **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith

Rich historical details and a time of great societal transformation underscore this first novel and coming-of-age story depicting the harsh lives of the uneducated and impoverished working-classes during the early part of the last century. Young Francie Nolan, though herself the child of American-born parents, narrates the ongoing struggle of the Nolan family in Brooklyn amongst throngs of newly arrived immigrants.

April 1, **Grief** by Andrew Holleran  
Spare, nuanced prose heightens the grief of a gay middle-aged professor who moves to Washington D.C. after the death of his mother. As he goes through the grieving process, the professor reads and relates to letters written by Mary Todd Lincoln after the death of her husband. This novel received the 2007 Stonewall Book Award.

### Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

*Mondays, 7:30 p.m.*

March 1, **Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited** by Elyse Schein

Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein each grew up knowing that they were adopted. But at age 35 they discovered that they were twins separated as part of a clandestine nature-versus-nurture study. Their dual narratives reveal their pasts, their search for their birth mother, and the impact of their new reality with uncommon emotional honesty.

April 5, **Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip** by

Matthew Algeo

When Harry Truman left the White House, he had no Secret Service protection, no presidential pension, no income, and very few prospects. He did, however, have a shiny new Chrysler and a love for the road. Equal parts history and travelogue, this book retraces Harry and Bess's 1953 drive from Missouri to Washington, D.C. and offers appealing glimpses of Truman and 1950s America.

### Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group

*Mondays, 9:30 a.m.*

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

March 3

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

March 23; April 6, 20

Contact: Nancy Peraino at (630) 968-8706.

### Library Closings

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 4 for Easter.

## Computer Classes

*Note: Classes are open to DGPL cardholders only. You must have your library card number when you register. Registration is by phone and online beginning Thursday, March 4 at 9 a.m. You may only register two individuals. Group limit: eight per class.*

**Prerequisites:** All learners should know how to type and use a mouse.

### Intro to Microsoft® Excel 2007

Create a professional-looking worksheet, insert formulas, and generate a simple chart.

*Wed., Mar. 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

*Mon., Apr. 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

*Tue., Apr. 27, 1 – 3 p.m.*

### Intro to PowerPoint 2007

Create text boxes, insert graphics, choose designs and layouts, add SmartArt to presentations, and use slide-show features.

*Mon., Mar. 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

*Sat., Apr. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

### Easy Microsoft® PowerPoint 2002

Learners create text boxes, insert graphics, choose designs and layouts, and use slide-show features.

*Fri., Mar. 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

### Introduction to Personal Computers and the Internet

In two sessions, learners access the Internet, perform a simple search, and set up email.

*Mar. 10 and 11, 1 – 3 p.m.*

*Mar. 29 and 30, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

*Apr. 6 and 7, 1 – 3 p.m.*

### Microsoft® Publisher 2007

Publisher is desktop publishing software. Format a blank document, create a document from a template, and insert clip art.

*Fri., Apr. 30, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

### Intro to Microsoft® Word 2007

Introduces the Office Button, the Quick Access Toolbar, and the Fluid User Interface, also known as the Ribbon.

*Thu., Mar. 25, 1 – 3 p.m.*

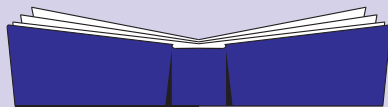
*Wed., Apr. 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

*Sat., Apr. 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

### Searching the Internet

Learn how to perform a keyword search in order to find information.

*Thu., Apr. 15, 1 – 3 p.m.*



## Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

Sunday Afternoon Concerts feature a diverse array of styles and talents in a relaxed setting.

### Harps and Flutes

*Sun., March 14, 2 p.m.\**

Enjoy the music of the British Isles as harpist Jan Osborn, a flutist and musicians on an array of harps play flings, jigs, and reels.

### Steve Justman

*Sun., April 11, 2 p.m.\**

Steve Justman performs folk and American music and is known for his guitar, banjo, bass, and vocal abilities.



At the Library

## Junior Room Programs

All Junior Room programs and storytimes will be held in the Junior Room's Program Room unless otherwise noted.

### Storytimes

#### Open Storytimes:

##### Weekday Open Storytimes

*Mondays, Mar. 1 – 29*

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥

*Tuesdays, Mar. 2 – 30*

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥

*Wednesdays, Mar. 3 – 31*

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥

Picture books, songs, puppetry, and story-related activities are featured in this drop-in storytime. The program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Adult participation is an important part of this program.



#### Saturday Morning Open Storytime

*Saturdays, Mar. 6 – Apr. 24*

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥

Join us each Saturday morning for storytime filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays. The program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Adult participation is an important part of this program.

#### Registered Storytimes:

##### Registered Infant

##### Lapsit Storytime

*Wednesdays, Mar. 3 – 31*

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ☼ ♥

Register beginning Wed., Feb. 24

Parents with babies who are not yet walking (up to approximately 12 months old) are invited to register for this first storytime experience! Songs, rhymes, stories, and movement activities are selected to promote verbal acquisition and sensory development. **Group limit: 15 adult/baby pairs.** Only one child per adult is allowed.

### Registered

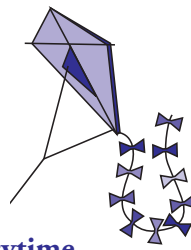
#### Early Walker Storytime

*Mondays, Mar. 1 – 29*

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ☼ ♥

Register beginning Mon., Feb. 22

Parents with walking babies up to 24 months old are invited to register for this storytime. Songs, rhymes, stories, and movement activities are selected to promote verbal acquisition and sensory development. **Group limit: 15 adult/baby pairs.** Only one child per adult is allowed.



#### Registered Preschool Storytime

*Tuesdays, Mar. 2 – 30*

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ☼

Register beginning Tues., Feb. 23

Stories, fingerplays, puppetry, and music are included in this registered storytime. Registered children attend **without** their parent. Preschoolers must be at least 3½ or older to register. **Group Limit: 25.**

#### Pajama Storytime

*Thurs., Apr. 29, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. ☼ ♥*

Register beginning Wed., Apr. 14

Come in your pajamas and bring a blanket or stuffed animal as we share stories, songs, puppets, and fingerplays. Children of all ages are welcome, but preschoolers must be supervised by an adult. Pajama Storytime will be held quarterly to celebrate the seasons! **Group Limit: 75.**

## For Preschoolers

### Drop-In Spring Preschool Craft

*Tue., Apr. 6, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

Preschoolers are invited to stop by the Junior Room anytime with a parent or caregiver to make and decorate a simple craft. Craft will be available for the first 100 children.

### Fancy Nancy Soiree

*Thurs., Apr. 15, 10:00 – 10:45 ☼ ♥*

Register beginning Tues., Apr. 6

A soiree is a fancy name for a party! Come to the library in your fanciest outfit to hear **Fancy Nancy** stories, crafts, and a library promenade (*parade*). Geared for children ages 3 – 6 and their caregivers, but children of all ages may attend. **Group Limit: 50.**

### Morris the Magic Man!

*Fri., Apr. 23, 10:30 – 11:15 ♥ ☼*

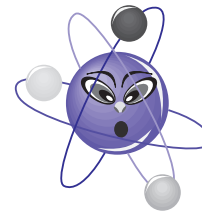
Register beginning Wed., Apr. 7

Come to the library for a fun magic show just right for preschoolers and their caregivers. This program is geared for children 3 – 7 and will be held in the library's main meeting room. **Group Limit: 80.**

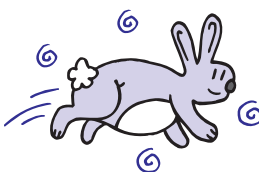
### Summer Reading Club

This summer conduct

*The Great Reading Experiment!*



Join our mad scientist and help us conduct **The Great Reading Experiment**, our 2010 summer reading club! Earn great prizes just for reading books! Registration starts Monday, May 17. Students in District #58 schools (grades K – 6) will receive club materials at their schools between May 17 and May 28. Even the youngest book lovers can earn prizes by listening to stories as members of our Read-To-Me Club. Ask at the Junior Room Desk for more information.



### Library Closings

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 4, for Easter.

- ♥ Children must attend with an adult.
- ☼ Downers Grove library card required at time of registration. First day walk-in registration begins at 9 a.m. and phone registration begins at 10 a.m.

Attendance is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



## Junior Room Hot Reads

Ask about these 2010 award-winning titles at the Junior Room desk.

**Randolph Caldecott Medal** for distinguished picture book

- **The Lion and the Mouse** by Jerry Pinkney

A stunning, wordless retelling of the Aesop fable has Lion pardoning Mouse. "Little friends do prove great friends." (picture book, Preschool – Grade 1)

**John Newbery Medal** for most outstanding contribution to children's literature

- **When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead

Sixth grade has been Miranda's toughest year yet! With her best friend ignoring her, her mother training to compete on a game show, and a stranger sending her mysterious notes, Miranda feels like her mind is continually working overtime. (199 p., Grades 5 – 8)

**Coretta Scott King Book Award** for an African American author of outstanding books for children

- **Bad News for Outlaws** by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Tells the remarkable life story of Bass Reeves who was born a slave and became one of the most respected and feared deputy marshalls in the western United States. (picture book biography, Grades 3 – 6)

**Coretta Scott King Book Award** for an African American illustrator of outstanding books for children

- **My People** by Langston Hughes and illustrated by Charles R. Smith

Stunning photographs lovingly illustrate this well-loved Langston Hughes poem. (picture book, Preschool – Grade 2)

**Theodor Seuss Geisel Award** for most distinguished beginning reader book

- **Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!** written by Geoffrey Hayes

Told in comic book format, Benny and Penny meet their new neighbor who may be scary or may just be someone like them. (32 p., Grades K – 2)

**Odyssey Award** for excellence in audiobook production

- **Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken** by Kate DiCamillo

Louise the chicken longs for adventure, and when she leaves the farm she finds a pirate adventure on the high seas and a circus adventure under the Big Top. (picture book with CD, ages 3 – 8)

**Robert F. Sibert Medal** for most distinguished informational book for children

- **Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream** by Tanya Lee Stone

In 1960, thirteen women applied to the Mercury Astronaut Program but were disqualified because of their gender. Here is their story. (144 p., Grades 5 – 8)

**Mildred Batchelder Award** for an outstanding book translated from a foreign language

- **A Faraway Island** by Annika Thor and translated by Linda Schenck

In 1939, Stephie and Nellie are taken from their home in Vienna to two separate foster homes on a remote Swedish island and experience two very different situations. (248 p., Grades 4 – 6)

Compiled by Sharon Hrycewicz, Children's Services Librarian

## Legos: We Asked, You Responded!

Many thanks to all those who donated Legos to the Junior Room. We are still welcoming Lego donations and hope to put them to good use during the summer.



**We're on your day off agenda!** During school days off, families and kids flock to the library. We're happy to see you here!

## For School-Age Children Top Trumps Drop-In

Mon., Mar. 1, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Grades 4 – 8

Top Trumps, "The World's Coolest Card Game™" takes the classic game of War to a whole new level! Come and learn to play this fun, easy card game and prepare for our Top Trumps Tournament on March 30. **Group Limit: 50.**

## Explorer's Club Explore...

### April Fool's Day

Mon., Mar. 15, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. ☞

Register beginning Wed., Mar. 3

April Fool's Day is coming! Learn some tricks so you'll be prepared! Open to students in grades 2 – 5. **Group Limit: 25.**

## Top Trumps Tournament

Tues. Mar. 30, 1:00 – 2:30 ☞

Grades 4 – 8

Register beginning Thurs., Mar. 18

Compete in the first annual Top Trumps Tournament by trying to outwit your opponent in a new, fun version of the card game War. To learn more about Top Trumps, attend our Top Trumps Drop-In on March 1. **Group Limit: 30.**

## Summer Volunteers

Teens entering 7th – 10th grades who are interested in a first work experience may apply to volunteer to spend 1½ hours a week working in the library for a seven-week period. The program runs June 14 – July 30. This year we are taking applications for 25 summer volunteer slots. Slots will be filled by a random selection from received applications. Applications will be available at the Junior Room desk starting May 1. Applications must be completed and returned by May 22 for consideration. Applicants will be notified by phone by June 1. Volunteers selected will be required to attend an introductory training session on one of the following days:

Wed., Jun. 9, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. ☞

Thurs., Jun. 10, 11:00 – 11:30 p.m. ☞



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by Nicole Wilhelms, Literature and Audio Services Librarian

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The library will be partnering with the Indian Prairie Public Library to offer a book discussion group for 20- to 40-year-olds. Gen Lit will meet at various restaurants at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Watch our website for more details about the March meeting or call Nicole or Lynette at the Readers' Advisory Desk at (630) 960-1200.

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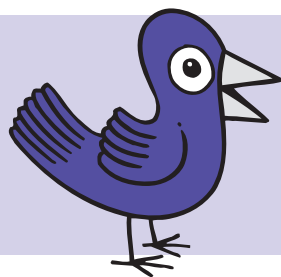
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- Elizabeth Berg—**The Last Time I Saw You**
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- Sarah Silverman—**The Bedwetter: Stories of Courage, Redemption, and Pee**

### May

- Isabel Allende—**Island Beneath the Sea**
- Laura Bush—**Spoken from the Heart**
- Lee Child—**61 Hours: A Reacher Novel**
- John Sandford—**Storm Prey**
- James L. Swanson—**Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse**
- Scott Turow—**Innocent**



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