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The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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APRIL 2007

**Closed on April 8
Easter Sunday**

Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 9am—9pm
Fri & Sat: 9am—5pm
Sun: 1—5pm

Board Meeting

At Lockport:
Community Room
Tuesday, April 24
@ 7:00 p.m.

Book Discussion Groups

Lockport

2nd Tues. @ 10:30 a.m.
2nd Thurs. @ 6:30 p.m.

Crest Hill

3rd Tues. @ 11 a.m.
4th Tues. @ 7 p.m.
See p. 3 for details.

Catch a Spring Program....

Organizing Seminar April 11 in Crest Hill

Organizing professional Beth Randall of Joe Organizer, LLC will speak on Wednesday, April 11, at the **Crest Hill Library** from 7 to 8 p.m. Is junk mail taking over your desk? Are you afraid to open your closet? If so, Beth has the know-how and the experience to help you clear up messy areas and keep them clear.

Beth, a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), is the first to acknowledge the old adage, "A place for everything and everything in its place."

The program is open to the public and is free. Registration, however, is required. Please call the library at 815-725-0234 or stop by the Circulation Desk while you are visiting us.

Advanced Secrets of Selling on E-Bay April 16 in Lockport

Vivienne Porter of C3 Solutions will present a session called "Advanced Secrets of Selling on E-Bay" on Monday, April 16, at the **Lockport Library**. The 90-minute program, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will focus on strategies for successful selling on E-Bay. The program is free and open to the public.

Kinsella Exhibit and Lecture April 19 in Lockport

A photographic exhibit of the stained glass artwork of Lockport native John J. Kinsella will be the focus of a lecture by historian/photographer David V. Wendell on April 19 at the **Lockport Library**. The lecture, entitled "God in the Details: the Passion of Kinsella" is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The "Cathedrals of Color" exhibit features photographs of the ecclesiastical stained glass art produced by John Kinsella and the Kinsella Studios during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. After the lecture, the exhibit will be open to the public between 1 and 5 p.m. from April 20 through May 18.

Wendell's photographic essay of Kinsella's masterpieces features more than 200 narrative scenes from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. These include the award winning "Garden of Gethsemane" window of St. James Lutheran Church and the "Noah's Ark" triptych of St. John Berchman's Catholic Church. The lecture and exhibit are free to the public.

Tax Forms @ The Library

The Library provides a supply of the most requested forms from both the Internal Revenue Service and the Illinois State Department of Revenue. Although it is not possible to keep every form on hand, we can print the form you need at a cost of 10 cents/page. You can also access and print tax forms from your home computer or from a library public access computer from the following sites: <http://www.irs.gov> and <http://www.revenue.state.il.us>.

Please note that the library does not provide any tax preparation software, nor can the staff advise patrons on tax related issues or questions.

Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society *Cemetery and Grave- stone Conservation*

On Saturday, April 28, 2007 the Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society will hold its monthly membership meeting at the Lockport Library, 121 E. 8th St, Lockport.

The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the library's Bengston Room. Our guest speaker will be John Sanders Jr. who will speak on Cemetery and Gravestone conservation.

The program is free and the public is invited. Anyone having questions can contact Gary Ward (815)838-2327.

Holds "On Hold" During Catalog Upgrade

We are in the final stages of upgrading our online catalog. The new and improved catalog is called PrairieCat, and we expect to see it up and running shortly after Easter. This upgrade is going to make it possible for patrons to access materials from more libraries – a total of approximately 7 million items – an almost three-fold increase over the total holdings in our catalog right now.

While we wait for the upgrade to become fully functional, some of the features of our current online catalog have been temporarily suspended. Through April 8, new holds cannot be placed at any of the Prairie Area libraries. However, the staff at the Circulation Desk is happy to take your request for a hold and place it on a list. The items on this list will be processed as soon as the catalog is up and running on or after April 9.

Also, through April 8, you will not be able to renew items online or over the phone. However, renewals will be processed for patrons who bring the material needing renewal and their library card into the library. And, the "My Account" feature will not be updated during this time period, so please do not rely on it for accurate information. If you have any questions about your account, please call the library.

We apologize for any inconvenience during the upgrade period. We hope that you will enjoy the new catalog!



The Director's Corner

Many will think I am crazy for saying this, but spring is not my favorite time of the year. As April arrives, it brings mixed blessings such as warm days (which feel too hot to my winter acclimated body), budding trees and green grass (which are always accompanied by wind, rain, and mud), blooming flowers (complete with an explosion of allergy-inducing pollen), and baseball season (a joy overshadowed for many by the April 15th tax day). However, the one bright spot that always shines for me in April is National Library Week (April 15th -21st). This is a special time to remember the contribution libraries, librarians, and library workers make to our communities everyday. It's an old adage, but libraries change lives. They are the places where everyone – regardless of age, race, or income – can come together, whether it's for entertainment, self-help or to find their place in the community. How can the library help transform your life? National Library Week is the perfect time to find out.

This month's quote comes from Craig Silverstein, director of technology for Google.com: ***"My guess is (it will be) about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference librarian search."***

Talk About Books!

What I WISHED I'd Read

How many of you have heard the adage "So many books, so little time". I've also heard the word "men" substituted for "books", but we won't go there. One of those sayings that sound so flippant, yet is so maddeningly true. There could never be enough time to read all the worthwhile books that come out every year, and forget about even considering going back and "re-reading the classics". So consider that with every book you choose to read, you're being forced to eliminate some unknown masterpiece from your literary adventures. Choices are hard. Fortunately, many folks far wiser than me have compiled numerous lists TELLING me what I should be reading. Here are the Pulitzer Prize Winners for the past 10 years. I was rather disheartened to find my reading tastes don't seem to gravitate toward that many literary award winners.

06	Geraldine Brooks	<i>March</i>
05	Marilynne Robinson	<i>Gilead</i>
04	Edward P. Jones	<i>The Known World</i>
03	Jeffrey Eugenides	<i>Middlesex</i>
02	Richard Russo	<i>Empire Falls</i>
01	Michael Chabon	<i>The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay</i>
00	Jhumpa Lahiri	<i>Interpreter of Maladies</i>
99	Michael Cunningham	<i>The Hours</i>
98	Philip Roth	<i>American Pastoral</i>
97	Steven Millhauser	<i>Martin Dressler</i>
96	Richard Ford	<i>Independence Day</i>

What are YOUR suggestions on books that shouldn't be missed? Send me your lists and I'll share with our voracious readers in a future column and on our website. My e-mail is bkrakovec@dpvlib.org.

Bev Krakovec

P.S.: 2007 Pulitzer prizes will be awarded on April 16. Go to: <http://www.pulitzer.org> for the history behind this famous award.

Up and Coming Book Discussions...

Our book discussion groups meet monthly at the Lockport and Crest Hill libraries. New members are always welcome. Books are available for pick-up one month before the discussion dates from the respective libraries. For more information, please call Manager of Adult Services Shannon Pohrte @ 815-838-0755.

Lockport Mornings, 10:30am, 2nd Tuesdays

- April 10: *The Cat Who Brought Down the House*, by Lillian Jackson Braun...# 25 in the bestselling mystery series featuring reporter Jim Quilligan and his intuitive cats.
- May 8: *True Believer*, by Nicholas Sparks...When big city journalist meets small town southern librarian, the sparks fly while he investigates the graveyard mystery that brings them together.

Ravenous Readers, 6:30pm, 2nd Thurs. @ Lockport

- April 12: *The Poet*, by Michael Connelly...Denver crime reporter Jack McEvoy investigates the suspicious death of his twin brother.
- May 10: *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*, by Malcolm Gladwell...A collection of interesting studies of how and why the judgments we make in the "blink of an eye" can be our best judgments.

Crest Hill Daytime, 3rd Tuesdays @ 11 a.m.

- April 17: *Standing in the Rainbow*, by Fannie Flagg...Set in small-town Elmwood Springs, Missouri, Flagg gives us richly written characters in a mini-saga taking place between 1946 and the present.
- May 15: *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, by Amy Tan...A story about a first-generation American and her aging immigrant Chinese mother.

Crest Hill Evenings, 4th Tues. @ 7 p.m.

- April 24: *Empire Falls*, by Richard Russo... The town of Empire Falls, Maine, is not the bustling area it once was, and the family that controlled the town is unraveling as well, in this blue-collar epic.

The Best in Young People's Books

Numerous awards are presented each year to recognize exceptional books for children.

The Newbery and Caldecott are two of the most distinguished awards. The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

- The 2007 Newbery Medal winner is Susan Patron for *The Higher Power of Lucky*. It is the story of ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble who fears that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, so she determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life. Copies @ Lockport and Crest Hill shelved in a Special Collection of Award Winners. 134 pages.
- The 2007 Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the ALA, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. This year's winner is David Wiesner for *Flotsam*, which tells a story of a boy's discovery of a vintage camera and the pictures it holds of the wonders under the sea. This picture book contains no text. Copy available at Crest Hill.

For Children @ The Crest Hill Library

Story-Time: Story-Time is a literacy-based program featuring weekly themes with books, games, and crafts! Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome to participate. Choose from one of the following 45-minute sessions: Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Meets through May 7/8. Fee: \$10/residents; \$15/nonresidents. Registration is still open!

- **Bookin' With Baby:** A free, weekly, lap-sit program designed for children ages 3 months to 2 years-old with a parent or guardian. Choose from one of two 30-minute sessions: Tues. @ 10:30 a.m. or Wed. at 10:30 a.m. Meets through May 8/9. Register now!

For more information contact **Patty Kulesza**, Crest Hill Library's Children's Librarian, 815-725-0234.

For Children @ The Lockport Library

Our weekly programs for young children, including Terrific Twos, Toddler Time, and Story Time are in progress. For more information, please check our web site at

<http://www.dpvlib.org/children/kidsprograms.htm>

or call Jane Gardner at 815-838-0755.

- **After School Craft Days:** An after school craft program for children in grades one to five from 4 to 5 p.m. Coming up...April 18 — "Surprise" theme. Registration required. Free.

For more information contact **Jane Gardner**, Lockport Library's Children's Librarian, 815-838-0755.

The Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in the library's activities, or who have questions regarding the facilities are requested to contact Scott Pointon, Director, at 815-838-0755 or 815-725-0234, promptly to allow the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.