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Retirement of Building Bond Debt Will Help Taxpayers

Last December 1, the library became debt-free for the first time in fifteen years. It made the final payment needed to retire the bond debt that financed the building of a new addition that expanded library space from 10,800 square feet to its current 17,535 square feet. The expanded and improved structure, which opened in 1997, was made possible when Lincolnwood voters approved a \$2.5 million building bond issue referendum in November 1995.

Lincolnwood taxpayers will soon be able to celebrate this milestone too. Last year, building bond payments comprised approximately 11% of the library's total property tax levy. With the bond debt now off the books, most taxpayers should see a reduction in the library's component of the property tax bills they will receive this fall. Currently, the library levy accounts for about 4.5% of the total tax bill.

In late 2005, with help from a financial consultant, the library board "refunded" the remaining building bond debt in order to take advantage of lower interest rates. This saved Lincolnwood taxpayers nearly \$30,000 during the last five years of bond payments. ■

Fast, Easy, and Effective Language Learning with Mango

Lincolnwood Public Library has introduced an online language-learning system called **Mango** that provides free access to more than 30 foreign language courses and 14 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. With your Lincolnwood Library card, you can create a Mango account and track your progress when learning languages like Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian, Russian, and more. Lincolnwood Library patrons also have access to the Mango app that is compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad devices.

Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. By listening to and repeating after material designed from native conversations, you'll not only learn the individual words and phrases, you'll know how they're used in practical situations and conversations. In addition to learning grammar, vocabulary and conjugation, you'll learn how to communicate!

Library patrons will find a link to Mango and other eResources by clicking on "Research" from the library's website www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. ■

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Celebrate the Freedom to Read during Banned Books Week

How often do we take time to reflect on the intellectual freedom that we are privileged to enjoy? The American Library Association (ALA) calls national attention to this precious freedom by celebrating Banned Books Week every year. This year, September 24–October 1, Lincolnwood Public Library joins hundreds of other libraries and institutions in stressing the importance of access to information and expression of ideas.

Banned Books Week highlights the efforts of librarians, teachers, booksellers, and members of the community to retain books in library collections. For more information, visit the ALA's website www.ala.org/bbooks/ and find out what you can do to help protect the right to read. ■

"For only when free men write and speak truth will the exercise of arbitrary power be exposed and opposed."

—author unknown

AdultCalendar

Program Information

All library programs are free.

(T) Tickets are required and available at the circulation desk to Lincolnwood residents 3 weeks prior to the programs and 1 week prior to non-residents.



Di Bella Duo performs at the library on September 18 at 2 p.m.

Meet Kenneth Green at Author Talk, October 26 at 10 a.m.



SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS 2 P.M. (T)

September 18 ■ Di Bella Duo
Bernadette Hammond and Leonard Lauricella perform American standards such as “It Had to Be You” and Broadway favorites.

October 16 ■ Jazmer performs a mix of instrumental and vocal music from Eastern Europe (Klezmer, Yiddish and some gypsy), the Middle East (Israeli) and Sephardic music (Ladino, Judeoespañol) from Spain.

November 20 ■ Linda M. Smith multimedia performance piece: *Tragedy to Triumph—The Story of Artemisia*.

REGULAR ATTRACTIONS

Adult Book Discussion ■ 2nd Monday, 11 a.m.

September 12 ■ *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan

October 10 ■ *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

November 14 ■ *The Passion of Artemisia* by Susan Vreeland (a See It/Hear It Feature —Special Attraction, Sunday, November 20)

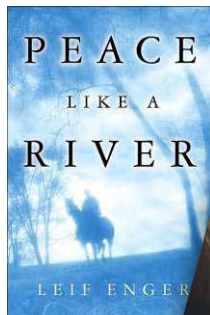
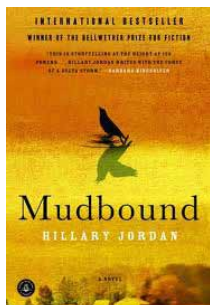
Adult Stamp Club ■ 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.

Author Talk ■ Kenneth Green, author of *I'm from Division Street*, graphically describes how his turbulent boyhood and teenage years in Chicago's tough Humboldt Park neighborhood gave him the grit and motivation to succeed in life as a public defender and defense lawyer in California. Wednesday, October 26, 10 a.m.

Constituent Advocate ■ 1st Thursday, 6:30–8:30 p.m. A representative from the 9th District Congressional office is available to answer questions.

Dining for Wellness (T) ■ 3rd Wednesday, September 21, October 19, November 16, 11:30 a.m., sponsored by Lincolnwood Place. Please check our web calendar for details. Free tickets available at the Circulation desk.

Adult book discussions on 2nd Mondays at 11 a.m.



ESL ■ English as a Second Language: Free class every Tuesday, September 6 through November 29, 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Films ■ Fridays, 1 p.m.

September 9 ■ *True Grit*

September 16 ■ *Last Train Home*

September 23 ■ *The Lincoln Lawyer*

September 30 ■ *Freakonomics*

October 7 ■ *The Adjustment Bureau*

October 14 ■ *Animal Kingdom*

October 21 ■ *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives*

October 28 ■ *Insidious*

November 4 ■ *American: The Bill Hicks Story*

November 11 ■ *Sanctum*

November 18 ■ *Of Gods and Men*

November 25 ■ (No film—Thanksgiving holiday)

Friends of the Lincolnwood

Library ■ 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Humanities Treasures ■ Every Wednesday, 1–3 p.m.

Knitting Club ■ Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Friday, 3:30–5 p.m. Are you a knitter? Have you always wanted to learn? Want to spend some time with other like-minded folks? Come to the knitting club.

Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees ■ 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Literacy Classes ■ Adults whose first language is not English can improve reading and writing skills. Free class sponsored by Oakton Community College, every Saturday 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Fall session runs September 10 through November 19.



Films on Fridays at 1 p.m.

The Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Reviews ■ 1st Friday. Coffee at 10 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m.

September 9 ■ Denise Philpot reviews *The Man in the Rockefeller Suit* by Mark Seal. (Date changed due to holiday weekend.)

October 7 ■ Suzanne Hales, *title tba*

November 4 ■ Denise Philpot, *title tba*

Mac Users Club ■ 2nd Thursday, 7–9 p.m.

Morning Matinees ■ Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 8 ■ *Source Code*

September 15 ■ *Cedar Rapids*

September 22 ■ *The Adventures of Power*

September 29 ■ *Paul*

October 6 ■ *Just Go With It*

October 13 ■ *Due Date*

October 20 ■ *Country Strong*

October 27 ■ *HappyThankYouMorePlease*

November 3 ■ *The Dilemma*

November 10 ■ *Bridesmaids*

November 17 ■ *Beautiful*

November 24 ■ (No film—Thanksgiving holiday)

Travel Through Time Presentation ■ 3rd Friday. Coffee at 10 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m.

September 16 ■ Elise Ginsparg: *New Views in Israel*

October 21 ■ Hy Speck: *Frank, the Life and Loves of America's Greatest Entertainer*

November 18 ■ Robb Packer: *The Forgotten Synagogues of Chicago*

New Online Homework Resource: BRAINFUSE



Many Lincolnwood students

are aware that live, online tutoring is available through the library's website and have been able to receive homework assistance in areas such as math, science, English, and social studies. Lincolnwood Public Library continues to provide this invaluable service through a new resource called Brainfuse. Brainfuse can be accessed via the Kids and Teen pages on the library website www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org by clicking on "Homework Center" and going to the Homework HelpNow tab, formerly "Live Homework Help." Lincolnwood Library card holders can access Brainfuse at any time and, once an account is created, take advantage of a comprehensive group of online academic services with expert help, self-study, and collaborative tools available for each learning category.

HelpNow, with live tutors available 3–11 p.m. daily, is available for Kindergartners through adult learners in the following general subjects: math

(including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Calculus);

science (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science); social studies (including U.S. History and World History); English/language arts and English literature; writing; reading (including grammar and vocabulary); and Spanish language.

Brainfuse also offers an Adult Learning Center that provides comprehensive academic support from trained adult education specialists in areas such as U.S. citizenship testing, resume and cover letter assistance, and core skills building.

In addition users can use special functions:

- **MEET** Study with friends online with MEET. MEET lets you easily schedule online meetings with your friends in the Brainfuse classroom. Use MEET to study for tests, work on homework assignments, or collaborate on projects.
- **Brainwave** Brainwave is a breakthrough tool that allows you to record a movie of your activity on the Brainfuse whiteboard. Create brainwaves for note-taking purposes or send them when an ordinary email isn't enough. Brainwave is ideal for recording solutions to homework problems, class projects, or any other concepts that involve motion or sequencing.

Explore Brainfuse today and find out how students of all ages can take advantage of online learning! ■



Annual Ethnic Fest: The Many Faces of Lincolnwood

The fest features music, dance, art, culture, and interactive demonstrations along with a taste of select dishes representing the various cultures of the community. To ensure the event's success, volunteers are needed and donations of dishes representing our diverse cultures are greatly appreciated. Please call 847-677-5277 x236 or email communityrelations@lincolnwoodlibrary.org if you can assist! Sunday, November 6, 1–4 p.m. ■

Morning matinees, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.



Youth & Teen Programming

Program Information

All library programs are free.

- (NR) Registration is not required.
- (R) Registration is required; residents 3 weeks prior and non-residents 1 week prior; please call the Youth and Teen Services Dept., 847-677-5277 x234 or stop in at the Youth Services Desk.
- (T) Tickets are required and available at the circulation desk to Lincolnwood residents 3 weeks prior to the programs and 1 week prior to non-residents.

Programs for Young Children

Siblings, family, and friends are welcome!

Beginning with Books (R)

Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their parents/caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for the following Playtime program. Wednesdays, September 14–October 19 and November 8–December 14, 10 a.m. No session November 23.



Playtime (NR)

A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided. Children and their caregivers are welcome to attend either or both Wednesday programs. Wednesdays, September 14–October 19 and November 8–December 14, 10:30 a.m. No session November 23.

Stories & More (R)

This fun, interactive storytime is tailored for children ages 3–5, emphasizing letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, online stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each *Stories & More* session provides a language-rich experience. Tuesdays, September 13–October 18 and November 8–December 13, 10:30 a.m.

Programs for All Ages

Acting and Improv (R)

Back by popular demand, this fun class incorporating theater games, improv, and short skit development is only for 3-5th grade students. Directed by Debbi Brodsky. Mondays, September 12 through November 21, 2-3 p.m.

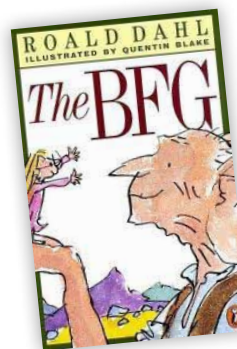
Afterschool Café (NR)

Before tackling your homework, buy a snack and relax at the Afterschool Café. Open to all students on early release Mondays, beginning September 12, 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Cliffhangers (NR)

Come listen to stories, discuss why they might be a cliffhanger, enjoy book based activities, and have a snack. Students 3–5th grade, 2nd Wednesdays, September 14, October 12, November 19, and December 7, 3:30 p.m.

Family Reading Night (NR)



Cinema Academy presents a theatrical production of *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Co-sponsored by the Lincolnwood Library, School District 74, and the Lincolnwood School PTA. Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m. at Rutledge Hall.

Family Storytime (R)

Elephant Appreciation Day

Featuring giant, grey, trunked animals through stories, songs, and crafts. Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m.

Monster Mash

A smash of stories and rhyming poems along with a dash of monster nibbles. Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.

Feast of Books

Thanksgiving stories, rhymes and music to celebrate the coming national holiday. Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Although all ages are welcome, these story nights are most appropriate for children ages 3–7 with parent/caregiver; kids are invited to come in pj's.

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Programs for All Ages

K-2Time (R)

Specifically for students Kindergarten through 2nd grade, these special stories and activities feature different themes; 3:30 p.m.

The Big Meow, September 21

Monster Mania, October 19

Fowl Play, November 16

Fractured Fairy Tales, December 14

Knitting (NR)

Learn to knit with Bertha Gimbel, every Friday, September 2–November 18, 3:30–5 p.m.

Fun-tivities (NR)

Afterschool fun, includes various games especially designed for students 3–5th grade. Wednesdays, September 28, October 26, November 30, and December 21, 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Magic Show (T)

Mr. D's Magic and Illusion Show, Sunday, October 30, 2 p.m.



Don't miss *Mr. D's Magic and Illusion Show*, Sunday, October 30. And don't forget to get your free tickets.

Monday Kid Flick (NR)

All ages, every Monday, school is in session, 3:30 p.m.

September 12 ■ *Open Season*

September 19 ■ *Open Season 2*

September 26 ■ *Megamind: The Button of Doom*

October 3 ■ *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treaders*

October 10 ■ *Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil*

October 17 ■ *Finn on the Fly*

October 25 ■ *Rango*

October 31 ■ *Mars Needs Moms*

November 7 ■ *Rio*

November 14 ■ *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*

November 21 ■ *Gnomeo and Juliet*

November 28 ■ *Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer*



Programs for Teens and Tweens

Thursday Club (NR)

Exclusively for 6th–8th grade students, the Thursday Club (TC) includes games; social, board, video, tabletop, mini book chats, crafts, along with group suggested/discussed ideas/activities. Every Thursday, September 8 through November 17, 4–5 p.m.

Video Production (NR)

Shoot and edit video footage of creative book talks and/or library events. For 6th–8th grade students, every Tuesday, September 6 through November 15, 4–5 p.m.



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Monday–Thursday	9 A.M.–9 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M.–6 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Sunday	12:30 P.M.–5 P.M.

We are closed...

Monday, September 5	<i>Labor Day</i>
Wednesday, November 23	at 1 P.M.
Thursday, November 24	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>

Information

Telephone	847-677-5277
Community Relations & Administrative Services	x236
Adult Services	x230
Youth Services	x234
Library Administration	x236/x245
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Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees meets 7:30 p.m., the 3rd Thursday of the month. Check the library's website for changes to this schedule.

News from the Friends

The Friends kick-off National Friends of the Library Week (October 16–22) with a special evening featuring a fundraiser Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. Proceeds will be directed toward purchasing new chairs for the youth services area. Catered by Ashkenaz Deli, the food alone is worth the price of a ticket, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. *Please note:* limited tickets are available so purchase early at the library's circulation desk. For more information, email Friends@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

We are a group that is dedicated to helping our excellent library. We encourage community involvement, membership in the Friends, and library usage. Through volunteering we offer financial support to enhance, sponsor and promote programs, resources and services. Through our fundraising efforts we have financed the library entrance doors, the parking lot and landscaping addition, the annual summer reading program, the annual Ethnic Fest, the drive-up bookdrop, and other items from the library's wish list! ■