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Library Director Jack Hurwitz Retires

After nine outstanding years as library director, Jack Hurwitz will retire at the end of December. During his tenure, Hurwitz implemented fundamental strategic changes that improved both the library's internal workings and its service to patrons. Early in his time in Lincolnwood, Hurwitz brought in an outside consultant who helped the library adopt a strategic plan and mission statement, both of which resulted in more focused services. As a result of feedback from focus groups, Jack recognized the need for a floor plan redesign and he spearheaded the effort. By the project's completion, computers were placed in each distinct area of the library. These computers utilized a new registration system that reduced wait times and thus patron frustration. The colorful walkway to the youth area created an inviting and defined space there, and additional shelving allowed the audiovisual collection to expand.

Always aware of library trends and best practices, Hurwitz pushed for a new website, which was sorely needed. And through careful budgeting, strict fiscal responsibility, and a large donation from the Friends of the Library, the library was able to purchase property, build a new parking lot constructed with permeable pavers, and add a drive-up book drop. These improvements were accomplished without a referendum or any bond sales—an impressive feat that defied precedent and the lagging economy.

Coupling his courteous and compassionate demeanor with a sharp sense of humor, Hurwitz has charmed the Board of Trustees, staff, and community members. His calm, professional, and clever disposition truly will be missed. Board of Trustees President Kendra Beard affirms, "Jack has really helped the Board take care of basics and has moved us forward. He is leaving a library and a community that is stronger because of his leadership. I know I speak for the entire board when I say that we will miss Jack, but thanks to him we as a library can move ahead confidently."

With the help of an experienced consultant, the Library Board of Trustees is currently conducting a national search for a new director. The Board's decision should be announced in the first quarter of 2012.

We invite the community to wish Jack the best in his retirement at an open house on December 14 from 2–4 p.m. ■

Ninth Annual Ethnic Fest a Global Success

The diversity and enthusiasm of our community members amazed us again at the ninth annual Ethnic Fest on November 6. We saw plates piled high with ethnic foods, hands beautifully decorated with ochre mehndi, children making origami animals, and patrons clutching their carefully inked names which had been translated into Chinese characters. We heard the sounds of India, Ireland, America, and Brazil and watched graceful Polish, Indian, and Japanese dancers. However, without the support of local

restaurateurs and our incredible volunteers, this event would not have been possible; our heartfelt thanks go out to those who attended and those who donated food and time. We already anticipate the fun of our tenth annual Ethnic Fest on November 4, 2012!

Restaurants who donated food:

Dengeos, East of Eden, Farmers Zabeha Halal Meat, Graziano's Brick Oven Pizza, Great Beijing, Grecian Kitchen Delight, Gulliver's Pizza & Pub, Kamdar Plaza Inc., L. Woods, Las Cazuelas, Mia Figlia,

Monastero's Ristorante, Myron & Phil, Olive Garden, Patel Brothers, Pita Inn, Royal Sweets, Sukhadia Sweets and Snacks, Taste of Cuba, and Uru Swati.

Community members who donated food:

Arlie Avenir, Santinder Armani, Nila Bayyas, Nahid Bhagat, Rachel Birnbaum, Sheena Gulati, Jack Hurwitz, Pamela Hutcherson, Gail Inman, Julie Anne Nitz-Weiss, Elizabeth Ress, Vandana Sehgal, Georgia Talaganis, and Laura Tomacic. ■



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AdultCalendar

LIVE@LIBRARY LIBRARY, 2 P. M. (T)

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.

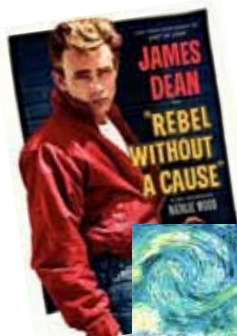
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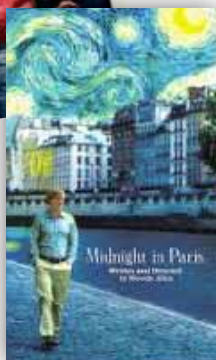
Lou and Peter Berryman are featured at Live@Lincolnwood Library.



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



Friday Films and Morning Matinees



December 11 ■ Lincoln Hall Swing Choral and Honor Choir

January 15 ■ Lou and Peter Berryman
An original, usually humorous, formerly married songwriting duo from Wisconsin.

February 19 ■ Lenny Marsh Trio A piano, bass, and drum trio that performs favorites from Elvis, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis and more!

March 18 ■ Schticklers America's Premier Jewish Jug Band

April 15 ■ Steve Justman *Roots of Americana*

REGULAR ATTRACTIONS

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

December 12 ■ *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro

January 9 ■ *We Need To Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver

February 13 ■ *Three Junes* by Julia Glass

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

Cinematic Classics ■ Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.

January 5 ■ *Rebel Without a Cause*

January 12 ■ *High Noon*

January 19 ■ *The Heiress*

January 26 ■ *To Catch a Thief*

Please check out our web calendar or stop in to pick up the rest of the schedule.

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

Dining for Wellness sponsored by Lincolnwood Place ■ 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 p.m. Please check our web calendar for menu details. **(T)**

eBook Workshop ■ Presentation provides a general overview of ebooks, a demonstration of our digital catalog, MyMediaMall, and group sessions focused on the Nook, Kindle, iPad and Sony Reader. Bring your device to receive specific support. Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m. **(R)**

ESL: English as a Second Language ■ Free class every Tuesday, January 3 through May 22, 6–8:30 p.m.

Films ■ Fridays, 1 p.m.

December 2 ■ *Limitless*

December 9 ■ *Green Lantern*

December 16 ■ *Water for Elephants*

December 23 ■ *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*

December 30 ■ *Captain America*

January 6 ■ *Hanna*

January 13 ■ *The Help*

January 20 ■ *Super 8*

January 27 ■ *Buck*

Please check out our web calendar or stop in to pick up the rest of the schedule.

Friends of the Lincolnwood Library ■ 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) The Friends regular meeting will not be held in December.

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

Knitting Club ■ Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Friday, 3:30–4:30 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) No Board meeting in December.

Literacy Classes ■ Adults whose first language is not English can improve reading and writing skills. Free class every Saturday 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. First class and registration January 14, 9:30 a.m. Class runs through May 26.

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

January 6 ■ Denise Philpot, title TBA

February 3 ■ Denise Philpot, title TBA

March 2 ■ Elise Ginsparg, title TBA

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

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

December 1 ■ *Thor*

December 8 ■ *X-Men First Class*

December 15 ■ *The Tree of Life*

December 22 ■ *Win Win*

December 29 ■ *Larry Crowne*

January 5 ■ *Crazy Stupid Love*

January 12 ■ *My Run*

January 19 ■ *Cowboys & Aliens*

January 26 ■ *Midnight in Paris*

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

January 20 ■ Sonia Lawrentz: *Wild Patagonia*

February 17 ■ Dave Clark: *Historic Route 66: A Journey Through History*

March 16 ■ Sonia Lawrentz: *Treasures of the Orient*

April 20 ■ Elise Ginsparg: Topic TBA

MyMediaMall Expanded

If you receive new electronic gadgets this holiday season, please remember that the library is a budget friendly provider of digital content. MyMediaMall,



our catalog for digital content, allows you to download audiobooks, ebooks, and video to your own devices and listen to or read them wherever you choose. Best of all there are no late fees, because materials are automatically returned when the lending period expires. Our staff is trained to help you navigate this process, so please call or stop by a service desk if you have questions. Or register for our post-holiday MyMediaMall and eReader device workshop. Sunday, January 22, at 2 p.m. (R)

Additionally, the library is now able to reduce the time you spend waiting for a title because of a new subscription called OverDrive Advantage. Overdrive, MyMediaMall's parent company, has created this new program, which allows the library to purchase more copies of popular titles and add new titles specifically for our community. So don't spend your dollars on expensive ebooks and audiobooks, download them today from your library. ■

Youth & Teen Programming

Program Information *All library programs are free.*

(NR) Registration is not required.

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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 caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for the Playtime that follows. Wednesdays, January 11–February 29, 10 a.m.

Family Storytime (R)

Families with young children are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of stories, activities, and celebrations. All ages are welcome but it is especially for ages 3–8.

January 26 *Warm Stories for a Cold Night*

February 23 *Laughing Out Loud*

Playtime (NR)

A relaxed play experience that helps young children build social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided. Children and their caregivers are welcome to attend either or both Wednesday programs. Wednesdays, January 11–February 29, 10:30 a.m.

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, January 10–February 28, 10:30 a.m.

Sweet Treats to Make and Give (R)

Join us for an evening of seasonal stories and making delicious treats to share with family and friends (perfect for holiday gifts). Thursday, December 22, 7 p.m.

Programs for All Ages

Chess (R)

If you like logical puzzles, neat patterns, and playing games against your friends, you might like to learn chess taught by community member Larry Rabyne. Grades 1–6, Sundays, January 15–March 4, 3–4 p.m. Parents, you are invited to learn tips and tricks to support your budding chess player, January 22–February 5, 4–4:30 p.m.

Acting Class (R)

Students in 3rd–5th grade can be part of the creative energy with theater games and improv directed by Debbi Brodsky.

Mondays, January 30–April 30, 2 p.m. No-school days, no class, February 20 or March 26.

Afterschool Café (NR)

Buy a snack and relax before tackling homework. Open at 2:30 p.m. to all students on the following early release Mondays: January 23, and 30, February 6, February 27.

Cliffhangers (NR)

Listen to stories read aloud, enjoy book-based activities, and have a snack. Students in 3rd–5th grade, January 11 and February 8, 3 p.m.

Fun-tivities (NR)

Afterschool fun, includes various games especially designed for students 3rd–5th grade. Wednesdays, December 21, January 18, and February 15, 3:30 p.m.

K-2Time (R)

Specifically for students Kindergarten–2nd grade, these special stories and activities feature different themes. Programs begin at 2:15 p.m.

December 14 *Fractured Fairy Tales*

January 9 *Dynamic Dinosaurs*

February 13 *Gulp! Don't Eat That*

Monday Kid Flick (NR)

Various ages, every Monday, 3:30 p.m. when school is in session. Please check out our web calendar or stop in to pick up the rest of the schedule.

December 12 ■ *Cars 2*

December 19 ■ *Nutcracker: The Untold Story*

January 9 ■ *Lion King*

January 23 ■ *Zookeeper*

January 30 ■ *The Smurfs*

Programs for Teens

Thursday Club (NR)

Exclusively for 6th–8th grade students, the Thursday Club (TC) includes all types of games (social, board, video, tabletop, mini book chats, crafts) along with group-suggested ideas and activities. Every Thursday, December 8–March 1, when school is in session. 3:30–4:30 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, 3:30–4:30 p.m. December 6–February 28, when school is in session. ■



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News from the Friends

On October 15, during National Friends of Libraries Week, the Friends of the Library hosted a silent auction and wine tasting. Over one hundred guests sampled wines provided by PRP International, dined on food catered by Ashkenaz Deli and our Friends members, and bid on items generously donated by local businesses. The auction's proceeds benefitted the library's youth area, which had been using the same chairs since the library's opening in 1978. Thanks to the auction's success, our new ones are arriving soon, so pull up a chair and thank a library Friend. Or better yet, become a Friend! Our annual membership drive is underway and we encourage you to take a moment and fill out the attached envelope and send it in with your donation.

Additionally, the Friends are holding their semi-annual book sale from January 7-14, 2012. If you are able to donate any gently worn books, movies or music for us to use in the sale, please drop off items at the Circulation Desk. Like always, we sell paperbacks for 50 cents and hardcover books and media for only \$1, so we encourage you to start off the New Year with some new reading material. ■

We are open...

Monday–Thursday	9 A.M.–9 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M.–6 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Sunday [school year only]	12:30 P.M.–5 P.M.

We are closed...

Saturday, December 24, 12:30 P.M.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
Sunday, December 25 and Monday, December 26	<i>Christmas Weekend</i>
Saturday, December 31, 12:30 P.M.	<i>New Year's Eve</i>
Sunday, January 1 and Monday January 2	<i>New Year's Weekend</i>

Featured eResource: *NoveList*, Now With Goodreads Reviews

NoveList, one of our premium databases about books and reading, has launched several exciting new updates. By partnering with Goodreads, the largest social network of readers, *NoveList* now includes book reviews and readers' ratings with every entry.

It's also easier to find book suggestions. In addition to the *NoveList* Read-alikes, now there are links to Title, Author, and Series Read-alikes for each search result. Looking for a new author? Enter the author you like in the search box and proceed to the Author Detail page. You will find author read-alikes, descriptions, and a title list. Experiment with these updates and discover how this robust resource can enrich your pleasure reading. ■



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