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Generations on Line

The Internet is making the world a smaller place, but only for those who are able to use it. Among those who can benefit most from Internet communication are the elderly.

Unfortunately, this same generation of our oldest friends, neighbors, and relatives is the least likely to be able to do so. To help address this problem, the Lincolnwood Library now offers **Generations on Line**. Access is through the *Senior Resources* section of the *Recommended Sites* of our website, www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org

The mission of *Generations on Line* is to promote Internet technology to enhance the quality of life of older people. In 2002, *Generations on Line* won the prestigious MindAlert Award for innovation in older adult learning from the American Society on Aging and the MetLife Foundation.

Using familiar images and large type instructions, *Generations on Line* guides

those who have no computer experience through four basic Internet functions:

- Simplified email, including setting up an email account
- Memories—posted questions and answers in which supervised fourth grade children ask seniors about their memories of the past
- Internet searching in 36 languages
- Links to other Websites of interest to seniors, including Social Security and Medicare, veterans affairs, newspapers around the world, and various health portals.

We are able to offer *Generations on Line* thanks to a grant from the Chicago Community Trust. Give it a try, and tell others about it too. ■

Library reduces taxes by refinancing debt

The Lincolnwood Public Library District recently refinanced \$1,195,000 in bonds, a move that will save taxpayers more than \$29,000 over the next five years.

The bonds being refinanced were issued in 1996 at rates of 4.50% to 4.60% to pay for construction of the addition to the Library. According to Steve H. Larson of Ehlers & Associates, the library's financial advisor, the refunding was accomplished at an average interest rate of 3.24%. The District received 6 bids

on the competitively bond sale. The low bidder was Bankers Bank. Before the sale, the District received an investment rating upgrade of "AA-" from Standard and Poor's. The report from the rating agency noted that the District has solid financial operations, with strong reserve levels and manageable debt. ■

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• **High-Speed Wireless Internet Access @your library** •

• Lincolnwood Library •

• now has WiFi. Bring in •

• your laptop computer; sit •

• anywhere in the library •

• and have access to the •

• internet, study, and even •

• download books from My •

• Media Mall. •

• WiFi is offered as a service •

• to all patrons without •

• additional charges or fees. •

• No special encryption •

• settings, user names or •

• passwords are required. •

• Stop in and try it out, we •

• have configuration and •

• network settings directions •

• available in the library. •

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SUNDAYS AT THE LIBRARY 2 P.M.

December 18 ■ Paul Corona & Melissa Treinkman Duets featuring Holiday Music and Broadway show tunes.

January 15 ■ Chris Vallillo In a variety of roots-based styles, Chris performs on six string and bottleneck slide guitars, harmonica and pocket instruments. His shows incorporate original and traditional material with the works of other contemporary songwriters to form a musical portrait of the history and lifestyle of the Midwest.

January 22 ■ Jerry Hug of Unique Photo Images presents *You Received a Digital Camera—Now What Do You Do?* This workshop/demonstration is geared to the traditional photographer who wants to learn how to use their digital camera and discover the “digital darkroom.” Participants need to bring their digital camera and manual to the workshop. We will take photographs and learn how to process the images with photographic software. Topics include: how to transfer the image into the computer, email the photograph/

image, correct colors, and tips on printing. Adobe Photoshop Elements 3.0 software will also be reviewed.

Jerry Hug specializes in both black & white and color images recorded on film and digital



Chris Vallillo performs on January 15.



Stuck in the Fifties entertains patrons on February 19.

capture. His work includes Midwest views of farmland, cityscapes, patterns from nature, and man-made structures. Hug is a retired arts educator who teaches photography in the digital format. Portfolios may be viewed on his Web site at www.jerryhughphoto.com

February 19 ■ Stuck in the Fifties This band takes us on a nostalgic trip back to the music of the fifties. Songs include *At the Hop, Duke of Earl, Hand Jive, Can't Help Falling in Love, Maybe Baby, and Love Potion.*

FAMILY PROGRAMS SUNDAY 2 P.M.

February 5 ■ Joel Frankel's Musical Merriment Family Concert Joel's highly interactive, fun-filled program features a bag of musical tricks. Combining original songs and familiar sing-alongs, Joel uses instruments from around the world, zany props, storytelling, puppets, juggling, and a touch of magic in a highly participatory musical adventure that always leaves his audiences smiling. Frankel's three children's albums, “Don't Sit On A Cactus,” “I Can't Sit Still,” and “JoJo's Barnyard Bash,” have received numerous awards including the *Dr. Toy Best Audio* award and the *Children's Music Web Award*. Frankel's song “We Go Together” was featured in the classic motion picture “Big,” starring Tom Hanks. His songs have been on “The Learning Channel,” “NBC-Movie of the Week,” and MTV.

All Sunday programs begin at 2 P.M. and last about an hour. Tickets are required and are available free at the circulation desk to Lincolnwood residents 3 weeks prior to the programs and 1 week prior to non-residents.

My Media Mall

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- a valid library card
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- software (available free through My Media Mall) for the device on which you wish to use your digital book.

Visit My Media Mall through your library's web site, www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org ■

REGULAR ATTRACTIONS

Adult Book Discussion ■ Monday, 2 & 7 p.m.

December 19 ■ Ruth Zabel leads a discussion of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon.

January 16 ■ Barbara Friedman leads a discussion of *The Plot Against America* by Phillip Ross.

February 20 ■ TBA

March 20 ■ TBA

April 17 ■ TBA

ESL: English as a Second Language ■

Free class every Tuesday. Winter class registration is January 17, 6:30 p.m. First class January 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Class ends June 13.

Friends of the Lincolnwood Library ■ 3rd Wednesday 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

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

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

Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees ■ 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., except for January, which will be on Thursday, January 19th.

Literacy Classes: Learn to Read to Learn

■ Free class every Saturday. Winter class registration is January 7, 10–12 noon. First class is January 14, 10–12:45 p.m. Last class is June 3.

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

December 2 ■ Denise Philpot reviews *Lady and the Panda*

January 6 ■ Elise Ginsparg, title TBA

February 3 ■ Suzanne Hales, title TBA

Mac User's Club ■ 2nd Thursday, 7–9 p.m.

Mother/Daughter Book Club ■ For girls 5th grade and up meets on the second Sunday at 3 p.m. Pop and Pizza are served. Please make reservations with Library Program Coordinator, Julie Anne Nitz-Weiss, 847-677-5277 x236 if you are interested in participating.

Matinee Movie ■ 1st Thursday in December & 2nd Thursday January forward at 1:30 p.m.

December 1 *Meet Me in St. Louis*

January 12 *Après Vous*

February 9 *The Aviator*

March 9 *The Accidental Tourist*

April 17 *The Golden Bowl*

Skokie Valley Lyric Opera Lecture Series

■ Programs begin at 2 p.m.

January 29 ■ *Der Rosenkavalier* Strauss's comic romance tells the story of how an ambitious father's plans to marry off his daughter to an aristocrat become complicated by her romance with a younger man.

February 26 ■ *Orfeo and Euridice* The ancient Greek myth comes to life in Christoph Willibald Gluck's retelling of Cupid's test of Orfeo.

Travel Through Time ■ Slide lectures on the 3rd Friday of each month. Coffee at 10 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m.

December 16 ■ Sonia Lawrentz presents *Barging Through Provenance*.

January 20 ■ Jack Diamond presents a musical biography of Jimmy Durante

February 17 ■ Sonia Lawrentz presents *Treasures of the Orient*.



Mother/Daughter Book Club
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Library receives \$17,000 Grant

The library's LSTA grant application titled "Breaking the Ice; Creating Effective Partnerships to Provide Library Service to Lincolnwood's Newer Immigrant Groups" was approved by the Illinois State Library. The project proposes an innovative partnership between the library and other community agencies (District 74, the Human Relations Commission, the Village, and Oakton Community College). It seeks to surmount the language barrier that has made it difficult for the library to serve and interact effectively with three important segments of our population: Urdu, Korean, and Assyrian speakers. We hope this initiative creates a successful model that can also be used with other ethnic groups in the community.

The library will be hosting 3 open houses in January, one for each language group. Translators will be available to help library representative's gather feedback from the participants about their library needs. Following the open houses, handouts answering the most commonly asked questions will be prepared, translated into all three languages and broadly distributed.

Please contact Julie Anne Nitz-Weiss, Head of Community Relations at 847-677-5277 x 236 if you would like to be involved with this exciting opportunity. ■

Youth & Teen Programming

Program Information

All library programs are free.

- (NR)** Registration is not required.
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- (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.
- (S)** Sunday program begin at 2 P.M. and last about an hour. Tickets are required and are 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

- **Leap-Frog (R)**
(Leap into Learning at the Lincolnwood Library)
Through a combination of picture books, flannel board stories, songs, and fingerplays, Leap Frog sessions provide a language-rich experience that emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, and colors; and helps children ages 3–5 develop pre-reading skills. The 6-week series consists of five 30-minute storytimes and a 1-hour craft time the final week. Choice one of two sessions: Tuesdays afternoons, January 17–February 21 at 1:30 p.m. **or** Wednesday mornings, January 18–February 22 at 10:30–11 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, January 3. Maximum enrollment is 18 children per session. (Sessions with less than 8 will be cancelled.)
- **Playtime at the Library (NR)**
Young children and their parents (or other caregivers) are invited to these play group sessions. This is an opportunity for children to develop the “library habit” and for adults to meet others with young children. Toys and snacks for the children will be provided. Thursday mornings, 10–11:30 a.m., January 19–February 23



- **Nighttime Storytime at Barnes & Noble (NR)**
A Lincolnwood Library staff member will present stories at the Barnes & Noble store on the first Friday evening of each month at 7 p.m. Join us for the fun at the store located in the Village Crossing Shopping Center, 5405 Touhy Avenue, Skokie.

Programs for School Aged Children (R)

- **Knitting Class**
In this class taught by Bertha Gimbel, participants will learn the basics of knit and pearl and will create a project of their choice. (Parents you might get lucky and receive a new scarf for the winter!) Fridays, 3:30–5 p.m., for anyone ages 10 and up

- **Chess Club**
This club for 1st–6th graders is taught by community member Larry Rabyne. Sundays, 3–4:30, January 22–February 26

Programs for All Ages (NR)

- **Valentine Creations**
Create your own unique valentines. Materials will be provided. Friday, February 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- **Movie**
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Enjoy treats created by the Library’s “Oompa-Loompas.” Find the Golden Ticket and win a prize. Thursday, December 29, 2 p.m.

Teen Program

- **Teen Scene Chat ‘n’ Chew! (R)**
6th grade & up
So what do Lincolnwood teens really want to do at the library? Your friendly Teen Services librarian wants to know! Share all your ideas for future library programs with Jenna during this fun lunchtime get-together, where we’ll have pizza, drinks, and other treats. Bring a friend and make your mark on Lincolnwood Library’s Teen Scene. Thursday, January 5 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Ethnic Fest 2005

The library's first Ethnic Fest took place in 2003 when the library celebrated its 25th anniversary with the community. Three years later this now annual event has more than doubled in attendance and become a wonderful celebration of the community's diversity. We thank the many community members and businesses which joined with us again this year to help make this event, which included dancing, music, food from around the world, and interactive demonstrations of customs possible. We hope these pictures bring happy memories of a wonderful day at your library.





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News from the Friends

The Friends of the Lincolnwood Library hosted a week long book sale. It was very successful and we will be offering another in 2006. Please continue to donate your gently used books, games, puzzles, CD's, videos, DVD's, etc. as they are well received. We offer a well stocked on going used book sale located on the book shelves opposite the library's circulation desk.

The library recently applied for an accessibility grant to install new automatic front doors. The grant required matching funds and the Friends have agreed to provide \$10,000 in support. We greatly appreciate all community support and welcome new members throughout the year. ■

Information

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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	12:30 P.M.–5 P.M.

We are closed...

Saturday, December 24, 12:30 P.M. –Monday, December 26 (reopen Tuesday, December 27)	Christmas
Saturday, December 31, 12:30 P.M. –Monday, January 2, 2006 (reopen Tuesday, January 3)	New Year's
Sunday, April 15	Easter



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