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Celebrate with us! Lansing Public Library is 70 years old! To celebrate, we have events planned all year long! Selected events will be highlighted as one of our 70 “flights” throughout the year.

We will also have a **trivia contest** each month! Visit Adult or Youth Services to enter!

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Note: Additional events are also going on!

Read inside for complete details!

Special Friend

Mr. Tarvis Iversen, a member of Friends of Lansing Library, learned of the Prudential CARES Grant program through their newsletter and completed the application. Thanks to his efforts, the library received \$250 in recognition of his volunteer service!

The Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants Program is one of the ways Prudential supports their employees and retirees in their efforts to help improve their communities. **Thank you!**

Congratulations & Welcome!



Congratulations to our new Library Director, Debbie Albrecht! You already know Debbie as our former Youth Services Librarian.

Congratulations to our new Youth & Teen Librarian, Gail Guzman! Gail was formerly head of the Teen Department which has now merged with Youth Services to form the new Youth & Teen Department.

Welcome to our newest members to the Youth & Teen Services team, Melinda Sterbenc, who will work mainly with our young patrons, and Kelly Campos who joins Brandi Smits in planning and implementing Teen programs and events. Stop by and give them a warm welcome!

IM us!

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Adult Programs & Services

Call the Adult Service Dept. (708) 474-2447 ext. 122 to register for these free programs!



Mobile Drivers Facility visits Lansing Public Library Friday, Sept. 22 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Services include: Vision screening, Duplicate license, Corrected license, Driver's License Renewal, Identification Cards, and Vehicle Renewal stickers

Take some time for yourself and attend our programs from the **Taking Care of YOU Series.**

Ellin Learned from Suburban Area Agency on Aging will present **Healthy Eating—My Pyramid.** Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 10:00 a.m. Some of the topics included in her presentation will be: choosing foods low in saturated fat, low in sodium and low in calories. Recipe substitutions, meal tips, sorting out information and misinformation in the media. Use of the new food guide Pyramid. Questions are encouraged throughout the session.

South Suburban Senior Services of Catholic Charities will present **Community-based Senior Care: Locating Benefits & Assistance** Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 10:00 a.m. If you are a senior or you are caring for a loved one, you may feel many emotions. Setting up eldercare services can be exhausting and overwhelming. Join us, and learn about community resources available to support older adults and family caregivers. We will discuss options, making choices, and finding balance while caring for our family and ourselves. Call the 708-474-2447 the Adult Services desk to register for this free program.

Celebrate your freedom to read during Banned Book Week, September 23-30! Enter to win a Banned Book! Entry forms are available at the Adult Services desk. *Winners announced on October 2, 2006.*



Enjoy A Humorous Encounter: An evening with Mark Twain & Will Rogers Thursday, Sept. 28 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of lively banter, history, hilarity, a few rope tricks and even some music. Everyone is welcome! *This program is co-sponsored with Friends of Lansing Library.*



John Lynn returns to present the colorful slide/lecture presentation, **Life on the Ohio River.** Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The story of the "Beautiful River" – so-named by the Indians, prized by European powers, rafted by pioneer settlers, and now proudly owned and operated by the American Midwest. Adventure it by canoe – all 981 miles from Pittsburgh, PA to Cairo, IL.

The popular knitting & crochet circle "Purls of Wisdom" meets in the Community Room. Bring your own supplies.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
September 1 & 15
October 6 & 20

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25



Join us for **free movies** in the Community Room!

September 8 at 10:30 a.m.
American West Travel the Mississippi upriver from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes. Then travel west to view some of America's scenic highlights, such as the Grand Canyon. 60 minutes

October 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Discovering Spain Travel with us to the sunny country of Spain. 90 minutes

October 27 at 10:30 a.m.
Chicago: One Magnificent City Experience with us the excitement and charm of this diverse city. 55 minutes

Save the date! **Julea Joseph** returns Nov. 9th at 6:30 p.m. for **Fabulous Holiday Decorating!**

Register for Adult Programs at the Adult Services Desk, call 474-2447, ext. 122.

Contact us via email adult@lansing.lib.il.us or send an IM to AskLPLRead

Adult Programs & Services

Book Discussions

Sept. 5 (10:30 a.m.) and **Sept. 6** (6:30 p.m.) — *The Closers* by Michael Connelly. Detective Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch ends a three-year retirement and rejoins the Los Angeles Police Department. Bosch is assigned to the Open-Unsolved Unit (aka "cold case" squad), and teamed with former partner Kiz Rider. Harry's first case back involves the killing of a high school girl, 17 years ago.

Sept. 11 — *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson 10:30 a.m. This is a story of the true adventure of two Americans who risked everything to solve one of the mysteries of WWII. In the frigid Atlantic waters sixty miles off the coast of New Jersey: a WWII German U-boat, its ruined interior a macabre of twisted metal, tangled wires and human bones- all buried under decades of accumulated sediment.

Sept. 26 — *A Ticket to Die For* by David J. Walker 11:30 a.m. A lawyer hires the Dugan's, a husband and wife crime- fighting team, to find a friend of a missing

client. When that friend turns up dead in an adult bookstore this simple case becomes more complicated and dangerous.

Oct. 3 (10:30 a.m.) and **Oct. 4** (6:30 p.m.) — *The Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander. On the night of July 16-17, 1918, Bolshevik revolutionaries murdered the Russian royal family in a hail of brutal gunfire. No one survived who might bear witness to what really happened on that mysterious and bloody night. Or so it was thought...

Oct. 24 — *Mallory's Oracle* by Carol O'Connell 11:30 a.m. Policewoman Kathleen Mallory is driven to find the killer of her adoptive father a New York City police inspector who was murdered during a series of stabbings in Gramercy Park.

Discussions are always open to new members!

Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

Chicago Neighborhood Bus Tour: Greektown, Little Italy & Chinatown



Travel by motorcoach through Chicago's near west side neighborhoods of Greektown and Little Italy to see where some early immigrants resided after arriving in America. Continue to the nearby Chinatown neighborhood to this thriving, vibrant ethnic, neighborhood, with free time allotted to explore the area on your own. Enjoy a wonderful lunch in the Little Italy neighborhood at Pompei restaurant.

- ? Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006
- ? Chicago, Illinois.
- ? 8:50 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (approx.)
- ? Cost \$30.00 per person (cash only) Please make your prepaid reservation at the Adult Services Desk.
- ? No refunds unless we cancel the trip.
- ? This trip is limited to 48 persons.
- ? **Lunch is at Pompei restaurant (Italian).**
- ? A coach bus will pick up at the Lansing Public Library in the North parking lot at 8:45 a.m.

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"Don't Go Through That Door!"

Do you love to read mysteries?

Have you written a mystery?

Chicago area crime writer, author of 8 published books, David J. Walker will discuss "Why we love to read (and write) mysteries." October 17 from 2:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.



Computer News



Lansing Public Library is pleased to offer its newest service, Wireless

Internet Access, effective June 5, 2006.

What is Wireless Internet Access (or Wi-Fi)?

Wireless Internet Access allows you to access the Internet from your laptop computer without plugging it into a wall outlet or a floor box to gain a connection. This allows you to use the Internet in most areas of the library.

What do I need?

You need a laptop computer with a standard wireless network interface card (NIC). Your NIC needs to be compatible with the Wi-Fi standards "802.11b" or 802.11g." *

Many new laptops come with Wi-Fi as a standard feature. Older laptops can be outfitted with an 802.11b or 802.11g wireless network interface (NIC) card at local electronics and computer stores or by purchasing online. Consult your laptop manual for specifications.

Who can use wireless Internet access? Do I need a library card?

Anyone with a laptop using a wireless adapter. A Lansing Public Library card is not required.

Please bring a fully charged battery. Public electric outlets may not be available. There are a number of available outlets in the atrium.

We've relocated our popular computer classes to the Activity Room through Youth Services. When the room is not in use for library events, the public will have access to an additional 6 public terminals with word processing capabilities!



Computer Classes

\$5 refundable deposit required. Register at the Adult Services Desk. Walk-ins are welcome on day of class if space permits. Limit 6 students per class. Open to adults of any age, senior citizens welcome!

Each class is hands-on, register for individual topics that interest **you!** Topics are repeated approx. every 6-12 weeks.

Mouse

Learn the basics of using the mouse. Perfect for the beginner or those who need more mouse practice. Mouse skills are required for all other classes. Friday, Sept. 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

Catalog I

Learn the basics of searching our library catalog, placing requests and renewing your own items! Mouse skills required. Friday, Sept. 29 @ 9:30 a.m.

Yahoo E-Mail

Learn the basics of setting up a free e-mail account on Yahoo, sending and receiving e-mail.

No home computer needed. Many users check their e-mail at the library! Mouse skills required. Friday, Oct. 13 @ 9:30 a.m.

Internet I: Search Engines

Learn the basics of using search engines like Google, Yahoo, Ask, and Dogpile to locate information on the World Wide Web. Learn how to evaluate the quality of the information you find on the Internet too! Mouse skills required. Friday, Oct. 27 @ 9:30 a.m.

Intermediate Classes require mouse skills, and a familiarity with the Internet.

Starting a Blog

Set up your own weblog and create your own virtual soapbox on the Internet! Great for aspiring writers, retirees with stories to tell, or a super way to share family recipes! For intermediate users. Thursday Sept. 21 @ 9:30 a.m.

Using the Library From Home

Designed for the patron who has a home computer & Internet connection. Learn about all the library services you can use from your home computer, 24 hours a day! For intermediate users. Friday, Oct. 20 @ 9:30 a.m.

Register for Computer Classes at the Adult Services Desk.

Teen Teen Scene (entering 6th-12th Grades)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by reading a book. In the book *Cuba 15* by Nancy Osa, Violet Paz lives in suburban Chicago, doesn't like dresses, barely speaks Spanish, and knows next to nothing about her Cuban heritage. But at age 15, she suddenly is forced into a fancy traditional Latina coming of age party in a frilly pink dress. Violet is every girl who ever struggled for her own identity inside of her crazy *familia*. Sign up at the Teen desk, then come discuss it Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m.

CAUTION Banned Books Week, September 25-30. You have the right to read...so use it! Celebrate Banned Books Week by reading one. For whatever reason, books like *The Goats* by Brock Cole or *The Terrorist* by Caroline B. Cooney have been banned or just challenged in different places all over the country. Check out a banned book this week for a chance to win one!

Teen Read Week, October 15-21 Get Active @ your library! We had so many ideas that we decided to stretch the week to a month. Look for events, and contests throughout the month. Get active any way you want: physically, environmentally, mentally, or another way. Come in and check out what we have cookin' and maybe a book or two!

 It's true that recycling, while good for the environment, can be a bit boring. Well, we spiced it up a bit. For four weeks, we want you to bring in your empty cans for our **Aluminum Can Contest!** The fun part is we will be keeping track, boys vs. girls. Whichever gender brings in the most cans wins a special prize! Make sure you sign up when you drop off your first batch of cans in order to be included! Oct. 2-28

Think you have an artistic eye? Let's find out. Sign up for the **photography contest** and we'll give you a disposable camera to take pictures of anything you consider art. Then we will post the best pictures for public voting. The winner gets a pretty sweet prize. Sign up between Sept. 18th and Sept. 30th - parental permission slip required. Limited to first 20 participants. Pictures can be taken between Oct. 2 and Oct. 16th. Ask for more details at the Teen Desk!


DDR contest! Do you have the quickest feet around? Live up to the challenge to see if you really are the champion. Prizes for the individual with the most perfects in both beginner and light modes. The revolution is from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 1-4 pm on Saturday, Oct. 28. Wear your dancing shoes!



Abraham Lincoln Award Nominees – As in the past years, the Lincoln award books are on display in the Teen Section. Just like the Rebecca Caudill award for middle school students, high school students can vote for which one they like the best. Other than the voting, we may have a few more activities connected to the Lincoln awards this year.

Read for a Lifetime – The “Read for a Lifetime” program is a state-sponsored program for teens in grades 9-12. All you have to do is read 4 books from the RFAL list. That's it. If you're interested, you have to sign up at the Teen Desk by Saturday, October 21. Then you have until March 31 to read the four books. That's plenty of time! All you have to do is read one book a month. It looks good on college applications, plus you get a certificate from the State and a coupon for Waldenbooks.

The popular novel *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz is a movie and coming to theaters in the month of October. Alex Rider picks up where his uncle left off as an international spy! Find out what happens to him in any of the 6 Alex Rider books. If you've read any of Horowitz's books or plan to, sign up for the book discussion by October 7th. The discussion meets from 6-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9.

 Come and show off your pipes at our first **Karaoke** event! Choose from our list of songs to find your favorite. Come anytime Saturday, Oct. 14 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 18 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ask at the Teen Desk about our next meeting of the **Teen Advisory Board**, or TAB!

For more information, visit the Teen Dept., call 474-2447, ext. 119. or send an IM to AskLPLTeen

Youth Programs & Services (Birth-entering grade 5)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage



Month with our special **Bilingual Story time!**

Hear stories in both English and Spanish on this special night. The whole family is welcome! Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Rex Checks Out @ his library!

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month with Rex! We'll have dinosaur themed games, projects, and prizes for readers up to 3rd grade. Get your new library card (or renew your old one) during the party and get a special treat! Come and go anytime Monday, September 18 between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Banned Book Week

September 25-30, 2006
Did you know books like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* have been challenged or banned across the country? Celebrate your freedom by reading a banned book from our display this week... and everyone who checks out a banned book can enter to try and win one!

The End is Coming!

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket is almost over... the last book in the series, *The End*, will be released on Friday, October 13th.

Prepare yourselves for this miserable event at our **Snicket Party** on October 12!

We'll have unpleasant activities

for readers in grades 2 and up!
Come and go anytime Thursday, October 12 between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 14 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. **Tri-Motors Soaring Home!** Join us for cookies and one more chance to see the baby



tri-motors painted by area students before they fly home! Meet in the atrium at 2:30 p.m. when all student artists will be presented with a certificate to thank them for their contribution to the project.

Halloween Haunts

Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 p.m.

End your night of trick-or-treating with our scary holiday stories!

All ages welcome.



Youth Story Times

All story times begin the week of September 11 and are held once a week until October 19, 2006

Baby Talk

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (Birth-12 months with caregiver)

Mondays at 11:15 a.m. (13 month to 24 months with caregiver)

Sign-up is required; sign-up begins September 5th

Toddler Time (24-36 months with caregiver)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Sign-up is required; sign-up begins September 5th

Sign-up for the Nov. 6-Dec. 13 sessions will begin Monday, October 30.

Family Story time (for all ages)

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. *No sign-up required.*

Pre-school Story time *No sign-up required.*

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3 year olds)

Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. (4 and 5 year olds)

Visit our blog for all the latest news, book reviews and more!
<http://lansinglibraryyouth.blogspot.com/>

For more information, visit the Youth Services Department, call 474-2447. or send an IM to AskLPLTeen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Please check the newsletter for ages and registration requirements.						Sept. 1 Knit/Crochet 10:30 a.m.	2 Book Sale 10 a.m. -12 p.m Library Closing Early @ 3 p.m.
3	4 Library Closed	5 Book Disc. 10:30 a.m.	6 Book Disc. 6:30 p.m.	7 Bilingual Story Time 6:30 p.m.	8 <i>American West</i> 10:30 a.m.	9	
10	11 Book Disc. 10:30 Friends Meeting 6:30 p.m. Storytimes Start	12 Healthy Eating 10 a.m.	13 Knit/Crochet 6 p.m. Teen Book Disc. 6 p.m.	14	15 <i>Mouse</i> 9:30 a.m. Knit/Crochet 10:30 a.m.	16	
17	18 Rex Checks Out @ His Library 6-7:30 p.m.	19	20	21 <i>Starting a Blog</i> 9:30 a.m.	22 Mobile Drivers Facility 9:30-2:30	23	
24 Banned Books Week	25	26 Book Disc. 11:30 a.m.	27 Knit/Crochet 6:00 p.m.	28 Mark Twain & Will Rogers 6: 30 p.m.	29 <i>Library Catalog</i> 9:30 a.m.	30	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 1	2	3 Book Disc. 10:30 a.m.	4 DDR 5-7 p.m. Book Disc. 6:30 p.m.	5	6 Knit/Crochet 10:30 a.m.	7 Book Sale 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
8	9 Teen Book Disc. 6 p.m.	10 Senior Care 10 a.m.	11 Knit/Crochet 6:00 p.m.	12 Snicket 6 p.m. Ohio River 6: 30 p.m.	13 <i>E-mail 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Discovering Spain</i> 10:30 a.m.	14 Karaoke 1-4 p.m. Tri Motors Fly Home 2 p.m.
15 Teen Read Week	16 Teen Photo Contest Ends	17 Don't go through that door! 2 p.m.	18 Bus Trip Karaoke 5-7 p.m. Storytimes End	19	20 <i>Library from Home 9:30 a.m</i> Knit 10:30 a.m.	21 Teen RFAL sign-up deadline
22	23	24 Book Disc. 11:30 a.m.	25 Knit/Crochet 6:00 p.m.	26	27 <i>Internet 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Chicago</i> 10:30am	28 DDR 1-4 p.m. Teen Recycle Contest Ends
29	30 Storytime sign-up begins	31 Halloween Haunts 6:30 p.m.	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4 Book Sale 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

News You Can Use!

September is National Library Card Month!

Only 56% of Lansing residents have a library card! Do you? Get your children one of the best tools for back-to-school success, a library card! If you have friends or family who have not visited the library in a while, tell them how much we've changed, and share this newsletter!

Obtaining a Library Card

Library cards are issued to Lansing residents free-of-charge with proper identification to prove residency, such as a valid photo I.D. and two acceptable items with your current Lansing address. If the photo I.D. shows your current Lansing

address, you only need to provide one additional acceptable item with your current Lansing address, such as a current utility bill. Lansing residents under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian, with proper identification, sign for them.

We encourage patrons to **sign-up for internet access** so they can take **full advantage of all the library resources, including access to our online subscriptions providing quality resources not freely available on the Internet.** *Parents still have the option to make this decision for their minor children.*

Use your library card to check out one of our ... **Brookfield Zoo passes!** Adult Lansing residents may check out the pass for 3 days. Limit one pass per family. The pass entitles any combination of four adults or children free general admission to Brookfield Zoo during all public hours. Parking not included. \$10 refundable deposit required at check out. Ask about zoo pass availability at the Adult Circulation Desk.

Want to listen to some music in the library, or on the go? Check out one of our portable **CD players**, available at the lower level Circulation Desk!

Treasured Titles

End in Tears by Ruth Rendell; *True Believer* by Nicholas Sparks; *Scam-proof Your Life* by Sid Kirchheimer; *Revolutionary Characters: What Made the Founders Different* by Gordon S. Wood; and *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson donated by Lansing Woman's Club. Thanks ladies!

Denise Cox donated *The Burger and the Hot Dog* by Jim Aylesworth and dedicated it to her grandson, Steven Hager, Jr. Thank you!

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Check us out!

Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Friends of Lansing Library

Friends of Lansing
Public Library
Meeting:
Monday, Sept. 11
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
in the Community
Room.

We need your help!
Show your appreciation
for the library and
volunteer with Friends!

Book Sale

Saturday, September 2
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Book Sales are cash only.

[We're on the web!
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