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## From the Director's Desk

It is an interesting time in the library world. The economic downturn is affecting libraries across the country. The poor financial shape of the state of Illinois directly affects our libraries. The statewide library systems are in danger of disappearing or at the very least being radically altered. The systems provide continuing education opportunities, consulting, and many other services, the most important being interlibrary loan delivery. The state of Illinois has always prided itself on its excellent delivery services to patrons all over the state. Delivery within systems has always been free to patrons because it has been 100% funded by the state. Those funds may soon no longer be available.

Library systems in our area have formed a task force to see what we can do to continue delivery service. We all hope that the state will be able to fully fund this valuable service. But we are working on alternate plans if this does not happen. Lansing Public Library has decided to facilitate interlibrary loan requests for our home patrons only. We will continue to make our collection available for loan to our neighboring libraries. We just think it is appropriate to ask patrons to use their home libraries for these requests.

This library was built in 1976, and it is aging. We have had water leak issues in the building for many years. It is getting worse, and we can no longer ignore the problem. We have hired a builder's representative who can guide us through the process of making badly needed repairs. It looks like we need a new roof, new windows around the ceiling area of the upper floor of the library, and some kind of sheathing over the exposed metal beams you see along the roofline of the building. These repairs will be costly but are necessary. We are in the process of finding out just how much this will all cost. When we have a cost estimate, we can then move forward to figure out how we can pay for this work.

As school begins we look forward to many students using the library. We are planning to open our Community Room as a social space for those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. And we are redesigning the teen area on our lower level to better serve our teen patrons.

Parents, we ask your assistance in informing your children that the library is a public space governed by certain rules to insure that it is a pleasant place for patrons of all ages. For example, we require everyone to speak in quiet tones, use cell phones in designated areas, use only their own library card to access a computer and be respectful of everyone. All young people will be given a copy of our behavior policy. It is up to them to abide by the rules or they will be asked to leave the premises.

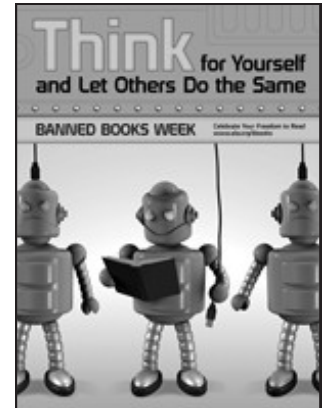
Please remember that no one under the age of 10 may use the library unless accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older. Although we like to think of the library as a safe place, it is a public building, and children must be attended to at all times for their safety. Patrons who bring young children to the library must keep them in their presence during their visit.

We will continue to do our best to serve all of your needs.  
Debbie Albrecht, Library Director

## Special Hours

Saturday, September 4  
Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Closed Monday  
September 6  
for Labor Day



**Banned Books Week:  
Celebrating the  
Freedom to Read  
Sept. 25-Oct. 2**

## Hours

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

**Last PC Reservation 30  
minutes before closing.**

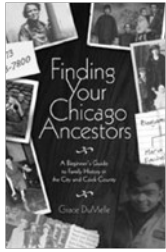
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## Adult Programs & Services

Register for Adult Programs at the Adult Services Desk, on our website, or by phone at 474-2447, ext. 122.



### Getting Started in Genealogy Thurs., Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Itching to explore your family history after you've seen

those celebrity genealogy shows? Get off on the right foot by attending this presentation by award-winning author and researcher Grace DuMelle. She'll explain the top 10 concepts: working backwards, talking to relatives, looking in the census, using the three building blocks, the importance of citing sources, and more. Many of the illustrations are taken from her book, *Finding Your Chicago Ancestors*. Copies will be available for purchase.

### A Guide to Digital Photography Tues., Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.



Learn how to use the digital camera. Bring your digital camera, fresh batteries, memory card, and instructional manual. The 3H Camera Club will be your guide.



### Chicago Genealogy 101 Thurs., Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

It's the second-largest city in the second-largest county in the U.S. Learn inside tips to make your Windy City research fruitful. For instance,

did your ancestor live on Fake Street? He or she could have – before the street name changed. And did you know that it's possible to see your ancestor's neighborhood and how it changed? Find out how with fire insurance maps. Inquest records provide the details of accidental and criminal deaths. Probate cases are the key to a wealth of family information. Most examples come from DuMelle's book, *Finding Your Chicago Ancestors*. Copies will be available for purchase.

### Cooking Instructor Kelly Donlea Thurs., Sept. 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Kelly Donlea returns with more cooking ideas. Kelly teaches how to get more variety from fewer ingredients, how to lose the ingredient clutter, and streamline dinnertime.



### Illinois Hire the Future Saturday, September 25 from 1-4 pm Ages 16-24 only

This program, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, helps young adults with career information, skills matching, and job interview techniques. There will be a hands-on computer portion to help assist you as well. The mission of the program is to increase employability of Illinois youth, encourage them to remain

in school, make career decisions, and assist them in securing gainful employment. Must be a resident of Illinois. **No sign-up required.**

### Domestic Violence Awareness and Education

#### Thurs., October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Janet Robinson, an Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional (ICDVP), Sexual Assault Counselor, and Partner Abuse Intervention Professional (PAIP). She writes a biweekly column, *Refuge*, in *The Shopper*. Topics include: Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Types of Abuse, Characteristics of the Abuser, Why Does He Batter? Why Do Women Stay? How Can I Help Someone I Know? And A Safe Place for Me.

Did you know that every 9 seconds a woman in the U.S. is beaten by her husband, boyfriend or live-in lover? Based on this statistic, there will be 16,000 women abused at the end of a 40-hour work week. Wow! That's a startling number for such an advanced society. We constantly see on the news, television programs, advertisements, and videos the violence, exploitation and degradation against women. In addition, teen violence has soared: 1 out of 3 girls have experienced physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from their dating partner. When will this cycle of abuse end, and is there anything we as a society and community can do? The first step is awareness and education.

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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### **Tips & Tricks for Cook County Vital Records** **Thurs., Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Don't let the bureaucrats get you down. When you've been told the record doesn't exist or is not accessible to you, try these alternative methods for births, marriages, divorces, and deaths. Learn about hidden sources such as out-of-state indexes and records created after the fact. Discover a completely free online source for 19<sup>th</sup>- and early 20<sup>th</sup>-century vital records. Know the repositories that allow you to search yourself. Examples are culled from DuMelle's book, *Finding Your Chicago Ancestors*. Copies will be available for purchase.



### **Uncovering Your Past in Land Records** **Thurs., Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn how to access a trove of public records that can provide maiden names, death dates, proof of relationships, and much more. Once you know the two types of indexing systems (tract book and grantor-grantee) you can work in any county in the U.S., including Cook, Lake, and DuPage. Specialized maps (land ownership, fire insurance, and tax) can be very useful. This presentation is especially useful for breaking through those brick walls that block your research. Case studies show the power of land records. Some of the

material is covered in speaker Grace DuMelle's book, *Finding Your Chicago Ancestors*. Copies will be available for purchase.



### **Halloween Photo Tips** **Tues., October 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn how to take great pictures with 3H Camera Club's ghoulish guide to scary snaps.



### **Vampires: The Creatures of the Night** **Wednesday, October 27 at 6 p.m.** **[Grades 6 and up]**

Martin V. Riccardo will speak about the mysteries of the vampire in legend, fantasy, and fact. He will also explain the attraction of vampires in literature, movies, and pop culture. Mr. Riccardo has been lecturing on vampires for many years and has also written two books on the subject. Stop by and get an insight on everyone's favorite undead.

**No sign-up required.**



### **Wrigley Field's Last World Champions: The Rise & Fall of the 1963 Chicago Bears with Charles Billington** **Thurs., Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.** Author and sports historian Charles Billington returns to reexamine a revered event for

every football fan in the Chicago area, the unforgettable 1963 Chicago Bears' World Championship. The Bears called Wrigley Field their home in those days, a beloved period in Chicago's pro football history, and the 1963 season proved to be the last hurrah for the team's star-crossed founder, owner, and coach, Papa Bear George Halas.

Billington brings his unique perspective of how sports events weave into the social fabric of their time as he analyzes this successful team's development, its meaning to Chicago in its time of triumph, and the team's sudden and tragic decline, ironically brought about by the same individual responsible for so much of the team's legendary success over the decades. Billington's comprehensive review of this great era includes everything from a financial analysis of pro football at that time to rare film footage of the Bears' 1963 season.



**\*\*\*Tailgate starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room\*\*\***

**Free brats and pop to those wearing Bears colors!!!**

**Register for this fun program.**

**Save the Date!**  
**Thursday,**  
**November 18 @**  
**6:30 p.m.**



**Making the Most of Your Images for Scrapbooking**

## Adult Programs & Services

### Book Discussions

**September 1 at 6:30 p.m.**

***The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory**

Two sisters are competing for the greatest prize: the love of a king. When Mary Boleyn comes to court as an innocent girl of fourteen, she catches the eye of Henry VIII. Mary falls in love with both her golden prince and her growing role as unofficial queen. However, she soon realizes just how much she is a pawn in her family's ambitious plots as the king's interest begins to wane and she is forced to step aside for her best friend and rival: her sister, Anne.

**September 21 at 11:00 a.m.**

***The Fifth Floor* by Michael Harvey**

Hired to follow a political fixer for the current mayor, private detective Michael Kelly tracks the subject to Chicago's North Side where he discovers a grisly murder scene and a possible answer to the mystery of who started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

**October 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

***December***

**by Elizabeth Hartley Winthrop**

Eleven-year-old Isabelle hasn't spoken a word in nearly a year. Four psychiatrists have abandoned her, declaring her silence to be impenetrable. Her parents are at once mystified and terrified by their daughter's withdrawal. *December* paints an unforgettable picture of a family reckoning with a bewildering crisis, and of a critical month in the life of a bright, fascinating girl, locked into an isolation of her own making and from which only she can decide to break free.

**October 19 at 11:00 a.m.**

***The Blue Edge of Midnight* by Jonathon King**

Haunted by his killing of a 12-year-old robber, ex-cop Max Freeman starts a new life in the Florida Everglades, only to find himself a suspect in a murder investigation when he discovers the body of a kidnapped child. Max needs to clear his name by finding the murderer.

**November 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

***I Was Amelia Earhart* by Jane Mendelsohn**

Amelia Earhart tells us what happened after she and her navigator, Fred Noonan, disappeared off the coast of New Guinea one windy day in 1937.

**Discussions are always open to new members!**

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

### It's Movie Time!



**Friday, September 10, 2010**

10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

**Passport to Adventure, Historic Stockholm & Heliskiing, Sweden** 30 min.

*Sponsored by Friends of Lansing Library*

Join us as we explore Stockholm's Old Town and Sweden's fairytale countryside.

**Friday, October 8, 2010**

10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

**Passport to Adventure, Exploring Rural China and the Great Wall** 30 min.

*Sponsored by Friends of Lansing Library*

Travel with us to view the Great Wall, China's most enduring symbol. Journey down the scenic Li River, visit villages hidden in the riverbanks, and explore the ancient customs of the river people.

## Group News

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### **Dead Relative Society (Genealogy Research Group)** 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Sept. 18 & Oct. 30

### **Who Do You Think You Are?**

Genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies in America. This is a hobby where the library is your partner! The library provides access to Ancestry and to Heritage Quest. To use Ancestry, you will have to visit the library, but Heritage Quest is available on the library's website. These online resources allow you to search for your roots. The library has many books to help you with your family tree research. Don't forget, the Dead Relative Society meets once a month at the library. We share our successes and "brick walls" and help each other. Beginners are welcome!

Don't miss the upcoming Genealogy Programs presented by Grace DuMelle.

**Details on Pages 2 & 3!**

## Voter Registration

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The deadline to register to vote in the November 2, 2010 Election is October 5. If you've moved since you last registered or turned 18, be sure to register! Stop by the Circulation Desk for info.



### **Lansing Library Writer's Group** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Meets every first & third Saturday. Age 18 & up.



The popular knitting & crochet circle "**Purls of Wisdom**" meets in the Community Room.

Bring your own supplies.

**Beginners always welcome!**

### **Wednesdays** 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

September 8 & 22,  
October 6 & 20

### **Fridays 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

September 3 & 17,  
October 1, 15 & 29

#### **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 to sign for them.

**We encourage patrons to take full advantage of all the library resources, including access to our online resources providing quality information not freely available on the Internet. You can access many of our resources from the comfort of your own home. Just visit our website for the links.**

If your card has expired, bring it in and renew your access. Lost cards may be replaced for a \$5 fee and proper ID.

## Friends of Lansing Library

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Celebrate Friends of Libraries Week October 17-23.

**Friends Meetings** are held every other month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: September 13 & November 8

Please support our Friends who help to support the library with purchases that are beyond the library's budget.

### **Friends of Lansing Library Book Sales**

*Members Only 9 a.m.-10 a.m.*

#### **General Public**

**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

*Friends memberships are available at the door.*

### Saturday, September 11, 2010 **Book Bonanza Extravaganza!**

Buy 1 bag of books for \$5, get 1 bag free! Buy 1 book, get 1 book free! Sept. 11 only!

Upcoming sales:

Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Saturday, November 6, 2010

*Sales are cash only.*

Ongoing book sale near the Adult Services Desk.

Friends of Lansing Library sponsored and helped serve at the Youth Services ice cream social. Thank you, Friends!

## Change Is in the Air!

The Library has several projects we'd like the public to know about!

### Location, Location, Location!

We're redesigning the Youth & Teen area to better serve our users. If you need help finding something, please ask!

In the Adult area, Book Notes and Cliff Notes are being moved so they are located next to the book they discuss.

Books of special interest to **job hunters** are located on a shelf near the stairs, conveniently near the computer area.

Extra seating for laptop users is located along the North wall in Reference so users can plug in without stretching cords along walkways.

### Debit Card Deadline

If you still have funds stored on the magnetic strip on your library card or an old white Lansing Library Debit Card, visit the Circulation Desk no later than September 30 to have the funds transferred to the new system. After September 30, any funds on the old system will be forfeited.

### Software Changes

The library is migrating forward from our current software, Horizon, to Symphony. Library staff are currently undergoing training in the new system. Desk staff may be limited as staff attend their required classes.

### Limited Functionality Dates

Beginning **November 1**, you will be required to present your library card to check out materials, as staff will have limited access during the crossover period and will be unable to look up your record by name.

Also beginning **November 1**, item status (checked out, on shelf, shelving cart) may not be accurate, as the system will no longer be updating in the catalog.

Also beginning **November 1**, your borrower account accessible via the website will not reflect current activity.

You will be unable to place holds or requests **November 1-10**.

Library staff will begin using the new software "live" on Thursday, **November 11**. Please be patient with us!

**November 11** will also be the debut of the new library catalog interface on our website and in the library.

**If you haven't already, sign up for e-mail notices to take full advantage of features that will be available in the new system.**



We will have hands-on computer classes teaching you how to use the new interface.

**Registration begins November 1** at Adult Services.

## Sign Up for E-Mail Notices from Lansing Public Library!



E-mail notices will be sent for holds awaiting pick-up and overdue items. You will still receive a phone call for items received from other libraries (InterLibrary Loan.)

### How to Sign-Up! It's Easy!

1. Visit the website <http://tinyurl.com/libraryemail>
2. **Login** to your borrower record using your **14-digit library card number** and your **PIN number** (the last 4 digits of your phone number).
3. **Scroll down** to the second section: Sign-Up for E-mail notices.
4. **Enter your e-mail address** in the box provided.
5. Click the **Update Button**.
6. You will be sent a confirmation e-mail after staff makes the necessary changes to your borrower record.

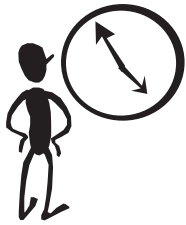
Thanks for helping us reduce postage costs and save the environment by cutting down on the number of overdue notices we print and mail!

# Library Computers: What You Need to Know!

## Students and Other Researchers

### PC Reservation & the Library Computers

In the past year library computers were used by **43,504** people! Here are some reminders for users wishing to use a computer.



**In an effort to make the computers available to the largest number of users, sessions are 60 minutes, reducing wait times during periods of high demand.**

Remember, during busy periods, you need to make a reservation in order for a computer to become available. **Reservations cannot be made after 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., or after 4:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat.**

Begin by visiting the sign-up reservation station, and it will assign you to a computer. ***You will need your library card to use a computer.*** Please make it a habit to carry your library card. **During periods of heavy use, expect wait times.**

This system makes it easier for people to have access to the next available computer. The reservation station will also estimate when your reserved computer will become available so you are free to browse for books and other materials while you wait.

**Reservations are only held for 10 minutes.**

When making your reservation, choose between the available zones: upper chair, upper stool, lower, and overflow. **Wait times may vary depending upon zone chosen.**

After your session has begun, a clock will display on your screen alerting you of time remaining while you work.

Warnings will be given at 10 minutes, 4 minutes, and 2 minutes remaining to give you a chance to save your work before your session ends.

Remember to bring a CD-R, CD-RW, or USB flash drive to save your work.

Files saved to the hard drive are automatically deleted when your time expires. **Save your work often!**



The system allows users to extend their computer time *if there are no existing reservations for that computer*. Watch for a box on your screen offering additional time, and choose the prompt to accept additional time.

If you need to step away from the computer to retrieve a book, use the restroom, or answer your cell phone, click on the “lock” option on the screen, and follow the prompts.

Catalog-only terminals may be used without reservations and are first-come, first-served.

**Printouts cost 10¢ per page for black & white, and 25¢ per page for color.**

The library has online resources for you to use. These are subscriptions you can access in the library or from home with your Lansing Library card. This lets you use library resources 24/7, even if the library building is closed. Some of the resources of particular use to students are:

#### **Britannica Online**—

The electronic version of the premiere encyclopedia

#### **Gale Virtual Reference Library**—Literature and literary analysis for students

#### **Global Road Warrior**—Country information for students and travelers

#### **Newsbank / Chicago Tribune** (and Historic Archive)—Full-text searchable newspaper from 1985 to the present, along with archives of historic significance

#### **Salem History**—Multiple history titles covering biographies and significant events throughout history

## News You Can Use!



### Job Hunting Help

Come and check out the materials we have about job hunting. We have significantly added to our collection of books about resumes, cover letters, interview skills and job hunting in general. Books are also available for those changing careers or re-entering the work world after an absence. Come to the Reference Department to see the collection.

Also, the library subscribes to **Reference USA**. This online resource lets you research potential employers. You can get the history of the company, information about sales volume, competitors, company executives and more.

If you want more the “nitty-gritty” of an employer, the library also subscribes to **Green Door**. This web service lets you see what current and recent employees have to say about employers. Usually to view these files you would have to subscribe and contribute to the website. The library has made arrangements for a subscription so you can view these resources without joining.

When you use the library computers, look for a link to **Job Search Resources**. This will provide direct links to popular job hunting websites.

We know many are struggling with finding employment. The library can help you with your search!

**Museum & Zoo Passes** Visit a variety! Sponsored by Macy's, participation varies. Visit our website for details.

**Museums include:** Air Classics Museum of Air and Space; Arlington Heights Historical Museum; Bronzville Children's Museum; Brookfield Zoo; Cantigny Park; Chicago Botanic Garden; Cuneo Museum and Gardens; Elgin History Museum; Elgin Public Museum; Graue Mill and Museum; KidsWork Children's Museum; Lake County Discovery Museum; Mitchell Museum of the American Indian; Morton Arboretum; National Hellenic Museum; Oriental Institute Museum; St. Charles Heritage Museum; The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

## Featured Online Resources!



**Global Road Warrior** is an online resource that contains information on 175 countries. This is a great place to go for statistics, photos, maps and demographics. Global Road Warrior also explains cultural aspects like religion, sports, recipes, superstitions, attitudes toward punctuality and many more. Appropriate for students, travelers, businesspeople and general researchers. Global Road Warrior is available through Lansing Public Library's website. Access is available to anyone from within the library. Access is available from home to Lansing Public Library card holders. Check it out today!

### Attention Students! (and history enthusiasts)

The library has a subscription to the online version of Salem Press titles. These works are staples for any history student. Each set is made up of articles about people and events, written in a way that makes it easy for students to understand. Each article explains the significance of the subject, why it is important in history, and related people and events. The library has stocked the print versions for years. Now you can access these works online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from any computer. These are terrific overview articles and bibliographies for additional information.

Titles included in **Salem History** are:

- The Sixties in America
- The Seventies in America
- The Nineties in America
- Great Lives from History: the Ancient World
- Great Lives from History: the Middle Ages
- Great Lives from History: the 18<sup>th</sup> Century
- Great lives from History: the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Great Lives from History: Notorious Lives
- Great Events from History: the Ancient World
- Great Events from History: the Middle Ages
- Great Events from History: the Renaissance
- Great Events from History: the 17<sup>th</sup> Century
- Great Events from History: the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Great Events from History: Modern Scandals
- Milestone Documents in American History
- Milestone Documents in World History
- Milestone Documents of American Leaders

Just visit the library's website, click on “Search Books/Articles & More”, scroll down to “Find Articles or Do Research with Online Tools (databases)”, scroll down to “Salem History” to access the titles.



### TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Tuesdays, Sept. 14 & Oct. 12 @ 5 p.m.

[Grades 6-12]

Stop by the library every second Tuesday @ 5 p.m. for our monthly TAB meeting. This is your chance to tell us what you think and give us some feedback. Help us plan programs and order books, or just come to talk about your newest favorite book. We are waiting with open ears and snacks!

### Read for a Lifetime deadline

Sign up for Read for a Lifetime, a state-sponsored high school reading program, before it comes to a close. You have until Oct. 9, 2010 to sign up for this wonderful opportunity. Read four books off the Read for a Lifetime booklist by March 31, 2011 and you will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the State of Illinois and enter a drawing to win a gift card. Completion of Read for a Lifetime also looks great on college applications!



### Teen Movie Night: *Alice in Wonderland* Thursday, Sept. 9

@ 5 p.m. [Grades 6 and up]

Sponsored by Friends of Lansing Library Alice, now 19 years old, returns to the whimsical world she first entered as a child and embarks on a journey to discover her true destiny. **Rated PG.**

**No sign-up required**



### Pizza Party Monday, Sept. 20 @ 6 p.m.

[Grades 6-12]

Just because school's back again doesn't mean we can't have one last party! Come by and grab some pizza, enter our awesome door prize, and check out the tunes of ATyDee (www.atydee.webs.com), winner of Lansing's 2010 Battle of the Bands. **No sign-up required**

### "On the Edge" Book Discussion *Paper Towns* by John Green Tuesday, Sept. 21 @ 5 p.m. [Grades 6-12]

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears. **Sign-up is appreciated, but not required**



### Illinois Hire the Future Saturday, September 25 @ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Ages 16-24

This program, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, helps young adults with career information, skills matching, and job interview techniques. There will be a hands-on computer portion to help assist you as well. The mission of the program is to increase employability of Illinois youth, encourage them to remain

in school, make career decisions and assist them in securing gainful employment. Must be a resident of Illinois. **No sign-up required.**

**Banned Books Week Sept. 25-Oct 2.** Check out a banned or challenged book and receive a free DVD rental.

### "Off the Shelf" Book Discussion *Evermore* by Alyson Noel Thursday, Sept. 30 @ 5 p.m. [Grades 6-12]

Since the car accident that claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras and hear people's thoughts. She goes out of her way to hide from other people until she meets Damen, another psychic teenager who is hiding even more mysteries.

**Sign-up is appreciated, but not required**

### "Spine-Tingling" Book Discussion *Devilish* by Maureen Johnson Tuesday, October 5 @ 5 p.m. [Grades 6-12]

Jane Jarvis, a senior at a Catholic girl's school in Providence, Rhode Island, tries to save her best friend by making a pact with a demon in the form of a cupcake-eating, very friendly teenage girl. **Sign-up is appreciated, but not required**



10/10/10

In honor of October 10, 2010, we will have a variety of Top Ten Lists posted around the Teen Section. Make your own Top Ten List, and we just may hang yours up as well.

# Teen **Teen Scene** (6th-12th Grades)

 **Candy-Making**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 13**  
**@ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**


**[Grades 6-12]**  
Sue Peltzer from Creative Decorations is leading a hands-on candy-making class. Come and learn how to make delicious snacks. **Sign-up is required**

**Teen Read Week – “Books with Beat” – October 18-23**

**“Off the Shelf” Book Discussion**  
***Beige* by Cecil Castellucci**  
**Tuesday, October 19 @ 5 p.m.**  
**[Grades 6-12]**

Katy, a quiet French-Canadian teenager, reluctantly leaves Montreal to spend time with her

estranged father, an aging Los Angeles punk rock legend. **Sign-up is appreciated, but not required**

 **Teen Movie Night: *Fame***  
**Thursday, Oct. 21 @ 5 p.m.**  
**[Grades 6 and up] Sponsored**

*by Friends of Lansing Library*  
Passions will be tested and young hearts will be broken. Ultimately, talent, dedication, and hard work will triumph. This film centers on a group of dancers, singers, musicians, and actors at the New York City High School of Performing Arts, and their spirited drive to live out their dreams of stardom. In an incredibly competitive atmosphere, each student must shine amidst the

tumult of school work, deep friendships, budding romance, and self-discovery. **Rated PG.**  
**No sign-up required.**



**Vampires: The Creatures of the Night**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 27**  
**@ 6 p.m.**  
**[Grades 6 and up]**

Martin V. Riccardo will speak about the mysteries of the vampire in legend, fantasy, and fact. He will also explain the attraction of vampires in literature, movies, and pop culture. Mr. Riccardo has been lecturing on vampires for many years and has also written two books on the subject. Stop by and get an insight on everyone's favorite undead.  
**No sign-up required.**


## Youth Storytimes


*For more information, visit the Youth Dept., or call 474-2447, ext. 112*

**Daytime Storytimes**  
Storytimes are available for children from birth through age 5 (preschool).

 **Sign-up is required and begins Monday, August 30, 2010.**

Storytimes begin the week of September 13, 2010 and end October 21, 2010.

 **Baby Talk (Miss Patti)**  
Birth through 12 months with caregiver  
Monday at 10:30 a.m.

 **Baby Talk (Miss Patti)**  
13-24 months with caregiver  
Monday at 11:30 a.m.

 **Toddler Time (Miss Rebecca)**  
24-36 months with caregiver  
Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

 **Pre-K Storytime (Miss Rebecca)**  
ages 3-5  
Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

## Evening Pre-K Storytimes

Please join us for evening storytimes with Miss Tracey.

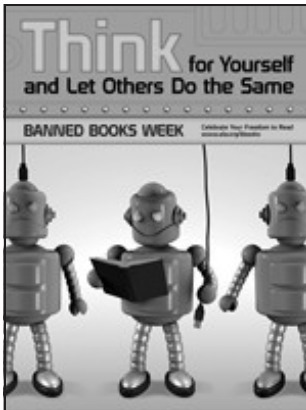
These sessions are available on a monthly basis for children aged 3-5 (preschool).

Wednesday, September 29 at 6 pm. **Sign-up required.**

Wednesday, October 20 at 6 pm. **Sign-up required.**

# Youth Programs & Services (Birth-grade 5)

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**Banned Books Week 2010: Think for Yourself and Let Others Do the Same**

September 25 to October 2, 2010. Check out a banned or challenged book and receive a free DVD rental.



**Stories & Activity Monday, October 4**

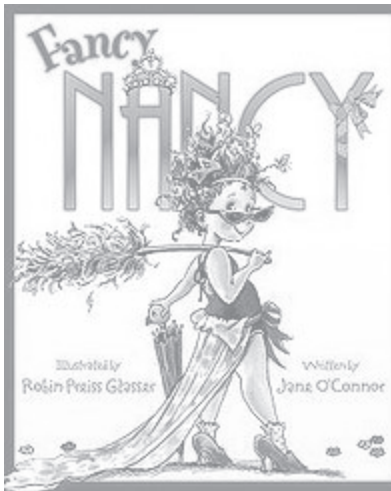
from 6-7 p.m. [K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade] Join us for stories, music, and a crafty activity. **Sign-up required.**



**Reader's Theater Group Saturday, October 9 from 1-2:30 p.m. [3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade]**

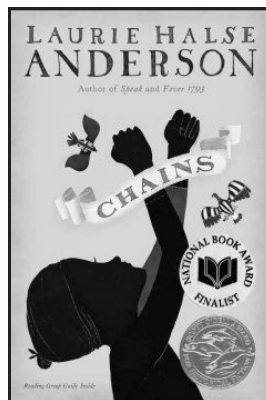
Kids will use a picture book as a script and read aloud to present the story as a group. Each group member will have a part. It is a great way for kids to practice fluency and speaking skills in a fun way!

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month we will be reading *Tomas and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora. **Sign-up required.**



**Fancy Nancy Party Tuesday, October 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. [Grades 5 and under]**

Let's play dress-up! Join us in your fanciest clothes for an evening of stories, activities, and snacks. **No sign-up required.**



**Book Discussion: Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson Saturday, October 23 from 1-1:30 p.m. [Grades 4 and 5]**

If an entire nation could seek its freedom, why not a girl? As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate, become the property of a malicious New York City couple who have no

sympathy for the Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. **Sign-up required.**



**Halloween Costume Contest Saturday, October 30.**

**Stop in any time between 9-5! [Grades 5 and under]**

Stop by the Youth and Teen Service desk in your costume for a treat. We will take a digital photo of each child that wears a costume. All participants will be featured the following week on Lansing Public Library's webpage, and winners will receive a prize!

**No sign-up required.**



Ask about the new Children's Choice Book Award Nominees coming

soon! **Bluestem Award nominees are for Grades 3-5.** Winner will be chosen by Illinois children, much like the Monarch and Caudill Awards. For more info visit <http://www.islma.org/Bluestem.htm>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 2010			1 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30	2 Genealogy: Getting Started 6:30	3 Knit 10:30	4 Open 9:00-3:00 Writers Group 10-12
		5	6 Library Closed	7	8 Knit 6:00	9 Teen Movie: <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> 5:00
12	13 Friends Meeting 6:30	14 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) 5:00 Digital Photography 6:30	15	16 Library Board Meeting 6:30 Chicago Genealogy 6:30	17 Knit 10:30	18 Writers Group 10-12 Dead Relatives 3-4:30
19	20 Teen Pizza Party/ ATyDee Band 6:00	21 Mystery Disc. 11:00 Teen Book Disc. 5:00	22 Knit 6:00	23 Kelly Donlea: Cooking 6:30	24	25 Illinois Hire the Future 1-4
26 Banned Books Week	27	28	29 Evening Storytime 6:00	30 Teen Book Disc. 5:00	Please check the newsletter for details, ages and registration requirements.	

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October 2010					1 Knit 10:30	2 Writers Group 10-12
		3	4 Youth Story & Activity 6-7	5 Teen Book Disc. 5:00	6 Knit 6:00 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30	7 Domestic Violence Awareness 6:30
10	11	12 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) 5:00	13 Teen Candy Making 6:30	14 Genealogy: Cook County Records 6:30	15 Knit 10:30	16 Writers Group 10-12
17 Teen Read Week	18	19 Mystery Disc. 11:00 Teen Book Disc. 5:00 Fancy Nancy Party 6-7:30	20 Knit 6:00 Evening Storytime 6:00	21 Teen Movie: <i>Fame</i> 5:00 Board Meeting 6:30	22	23 Gr. 4-5 Book Disc. 1-1:30
24	25	26 Halloween Photo Tips 6:30	27 Vampires: The Creatures of the Night 6:00	28 Genealogy: Land Records 6:30	29 Knit 10:30	30 Halloween Costume Contest 9-5 Dead Relatives 3-4:30
31	Nov. 1 Computer Class Registration Begins	Also Nov 1st...Library Card Required for Checkout	Nov. 3 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30	Nov. 4 Chicago Bears 6:30 (Tailgate 5:30)	Please check the newsletter for details, ages and registration requirements.	