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Please visit the Library or our website for updates to program information.

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## News You Can Use!

### Grant Awarded!

Lansing Public Library has received a \$30,000 grant to upgrade the lighting throughout the building. The Library was required to add \$4,000 to cover the total cost of the project. The grant, funded by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, is intended to reduce the amount of energy used for lighting while improving light output. The new bulbs and ballasts are expected to last several years, reducing maintenance costs as well.

The new lights simulate daylight, making the library a better place to read and study!

### Virtual Reference!

Lansing Public Library has added Virtual Reference via Instant Message ("IM"). We're on AOL and Yahoo. This service is available during library hours when Reference staff members are available to answer questions. Look for us online as these names!

**AskLPLAdult**

**AskLPLTeen**

**AskLPLYouth**

### Obtaining a Library Card

The Circulation Department would like to remind residents to bring the proper documents with you when you apply for 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.**

*Parents still have the option to make this decision for their minor children.* Library Card required for participation in Reading Programs.

*For more information, visit the Circulation Dept. or call 474-2447.*

## Someone You Should Know...



Irene Sherlund has worked at the Lansing Public Library since 1975.

She began work as a filing and typing clerk and is currently the Head of Technical Services. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Purdue University Calumet in 1994.

She has seen the library go through many changes through the years.

The library has gone from using manual typewriters to type cards for the card catalog to using an on-line catalog and many other electronic sources.

Technical Services consists of Irene and three other staff members who order, catalog, process, repair and maintain the library's collection of print and audio-visual materials. They are also responsible for maintaining and updating the on-line catalog. This work is part of what keeps the library's collection vital, valid, and dependable.

Irene enjoys reading, walking, quilting, traveling, and gardening. After attending the *Purls of Wisdom* knitting group at the library, she has begun knitting.

## Library Closed

We will be closed Monday, January 17, 2005 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

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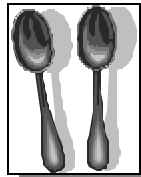
## Adult Programs & Services

**“Read Between the Covers with Authors A to Z,”** our **2005 Adult Winter Reading Program**, runs January 10, 2005 through March 7, 2005. Select the last name of an author on your bingo card, snuggle up and read! Read 3 in a row, and enter to win weekly prizes! All entries have a chance to win the grand prize.



John Lynn will present the slide-lecture **Life on the Appalachian Trail** Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. Armchair travelers can join John Lynn as he takes us to the world’s most famous hiking trail—and its community of mountain landscapes, plants, animals and people—as experienced during 2100 miles of hiking and camping from Georgia to Maine on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Reserve your seat now for the lecture, based on her book, **Along the Calumet River** Feb. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Author and public historian Cynthia Ogorek presents the history, evolution and development of the river corridor.



Step back in time with **Romancing the Spoon, The Victorian Love Affair with Silver** March 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Collecting silver since childhood, historian Cynthia Ogorek shares her fascination with grapefruit spoons, bone holders and sardine servers—and all the stories that go with them. Find out why the Victorians needed four different soup spoons, different place settings for men and women, and a 5 o’clock spoon!

*Registration is going on now for all adult programs in this issue!*

*Reserve your seat early!*

NEW! Adult Services has added **movies** to our program offerings! See below for films and times!

Our popular **“Purls of Wisdom” Knitting & Crochet Circle** meets in the Community Room. Bring your own supplies.

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
Jan. 7, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 25.

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9, and March 23.

All of our monthly **book discussions** are open to anyone who has read the current selection. See below for titles and dates.

*Register for Adult Programs at the Circulation Desk, Adult Services Desk, or call 474-2447, ext. 120.*

## Book Discussion Selections

**Jan. 4** (10:30 a.m.) and **Jan. 5** (7 p.m.) — *The Cage* by Audrey Schulman  
**Jan. 10** — *Hometown Legend* by Jerry B. Jenkins 10:30 a.m.  
**Jan. 19** — Read a book by Simon Brett 6:30 p.m.  
**Jan. 25** — *Bloodroot* by Susan Wittig Albert 11:30 a.m.  
**Feb. 1** (10:30 a.m.) and **Feb. 2** (7 p.m.) — *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt  
**Feb. 14** — *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon 10:30 a.m.

**Feb. 16** — Outdoor/adventure mystery 6:30 p.m.  
**Feb. 22** — *Agatha Raisin and the Haunted House* by M.C. Beaton 11:30 a.m.  
**Mar. 1** (10:30 a.m.) and **Mar. 2** (7 p.m.) — *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
**Mar. 14** — *Blindsided* by Richard M. Cohen 10:30 a.m.  
**Mar. 16** — Edgar award winners 6:30 p.m.  
**Mar. 29** — *We’ll Always Have Parrots* by Donna Andrews 11:30 a.m.



Now Playing!

Adult Services is now showing **free movies** in the Community Room!  
**Mr. Smith Goes to Washington**—Jan. 21 at 1:00 p.m.  
**Dave**—Jan. 29 at 1:00 p.m.  
**From Here to Eternity**—Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m.  
**The Quiet Man**—Mar. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

*Visit our website for more details on upcoming programs!*

[www.lansing.lib.il.us](http://www.lansing.lib.il.us)



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

**Cast your vote for the Abraham Lincoln Award.** [Grades 9-12] March 1-25. Students in grades 9-12 who have read 5 of the nominated titles can stop by the library to place their vote for the winner. Votes must be in by March 25, so don't delay!

### Teen Poetry Contest!

[grades 6-12] March 1-31.

Try your hand at writing poetry and enter **Lansing Library's Teen Poetry Contest!** Submit your poem by March 31, 2004 and you could win fabulous prizes and have your work published in the library's annual poetry magazine, *Random Inklings!* Then attend our popular Poetry Café in April and read your poem aloud and enjoy refreshments! Stop by our Young Adult department for an entry form!



### Superheroes @ Your Library!

[grades 6-8] March 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

*Advance registration required. No walk-ins.* Join us for a fantastic party celebrating every superhero from Wonder Woman to Spiderman! We'll have games, food and superhero prizes like books, movies, and more! Sign up for this free program by stopping by the library's Young Adult Department or calling (708) 474-2447 ext. 119.

Stop by the Young Adult Department for more info on everything happening!

Look for us online!  
IM your Reference questions to **AskLPLTeen**

### Random Reads Book Discussion

[Grades 7-12]

Orphans, poetry & assassination! Read these books and join the discussions!

**Jan. 18** — *Green Angel* by Alice Hoffman 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 15** — *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 15** — *An Acquaintance with Darkness* by Ann Rinaldi 7:00 p.m.

Sign up at the Young Adult Desk and pick up the book. Books are available 1 month before the discussion. *Limited enrollment.*

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

## Youth Programs & Services

### Story Times [begin Jan 31st]

**Toddler Time** [2-3 yrs old with caregiver] Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

**Baby TALK** [Birth-2 yrs old with caregiver] Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sign up required.

**Preschool Story Time** [3-6 yrs old] Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

### Family Reading Night

*The entire family is welcome to listen to stories performed by our Book Buddies.* Mondays at 7 p.m.



**"Read to Succeed," the Youth Winter Reading Program** continues!

Sign up and be eligible to win some great prizes and meet **Chicago Wolves Player Michael Garrett** on Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m.!

### After-school programs continue!

In February, we will visit schools to conduct voting for the **Monarch Awards** [grades K-3] and **Rebecca Caudill Awards** [grades 4-8]. If we do not visit your school, visit the library to vote!

**Read Across America!** March 2 from 4-7 p.m. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' 101st Birthday! Ongoing activities will include stories, games, crafts and videos!

### Movie Mondays [grade 1 and up]

Start at 4:00 p.m. upcoming films:  
January 10—*Sleeping Beauty*  
January 24—*Alice in Wonderland*  
January 31—*The Goonies*  
February 7—*The Mighty Ducks*  
February 14—*Cinderella*  
February 28—*Cool Runnings*  
March 14—*Newsies*  
March 21—*Annie*



### Rebecca Caudill Book Discussion

[Grades 4-8] Remember if you read 3 of the Rebecca Caudill nominees before the end of February you can vote for your favorite!

**Jan. 28** — *The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean 4-5 p.m.

**Feb. 25** — *When My Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park 4-5 p.m.

**Mar. 25** — *Surviving Hitler* by Andrea Warren 4-5 p.m.

Sign up at the Youth Reference Desk and pick up the book. Books are available one month before the discussion. *Limited enrollment.*

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

