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## News You Can Use!

**Are you registered to vote?** Residents of suburban Cook County may register to vote at the Library! If you are not registered, if you have moved or if you will be 18 before Nov. 2, you need to register by Oct. 5 to be eligible to vote in the November Presidential Election!

**Help is Available!** There is no need to struggle alone on school assignments. There is always Reference staff available to help you with your research needs. We can guide you to sources and show you how to use the catalog. We can even help you identify useful websites to continue your research. Don't give up!

Ask for expert assistance. No question is too big or too small.

Teachers are always welcome to **schedule a class visit to the library.** With advance notice, we can prepare bibliographies and handouts to assist your students and explain the resources the library offers. Students can have the opportunity to use the catalog and other resources with library staff available to answer questions and guide their research. Contact the Reference Dept. to schedule your visit.

## Someone You Should Know...



Patty Higgins has been at Lansing Public Library since June 1991.

She was hired as the Head of Reference Services and now has added Assistant Director to her job description.

Patty grew up on the far south side of Chicago in the West Pullman and Roseland area. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Illinois State University and her Master of Library Science Degree at Northern Illinois University. Patty began her professional career at Homewood Public Library before coming to Lansing Public Library.

During her years at the library she has seen the library grow and move to an on-line catalog and offer many other electronic resources. The Reference Department has grown from a 3-person department to a 5-person department.

Every year she looks forward to annual school visits by teachers and their classes when she has the opportunity to show off the library's resources.

With her job duties she splits her time between the Reference Desk and the Administrative Offices, assisting the Executive Director in keeping the library moving forward.

*After-School Programs NEW!*  
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Youth Services has designed programs for children in 1st grade and up. Activities on Tuesdays-Fridays are limited to 24 participants.

**Movie Mondays** Check our website for the upcoming movie titles!  
**Tutors on Tuesdays** Homework help (not private sessions)  
**Web of Stories**  
**Wednesdays** Featuring a wide variety of stories and activities  
**Themed Thursdays** Every month we will explore a different theme with activities, crafts, stories & presentations  
**Fun 'n' Games Fridays** Board games will be set up for groups of students to play!

## Library Closed

Closed Oct. 29. We will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004. Closed Thursday, Nov. 25, Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, 2004. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2004. Closed Sat. January 1, 2005.

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## Adult Programs & Services

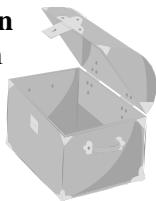
The University of Illinois Extension **gardening** power-point/teleconference programs conclude with **Wildlife Management: Conflicts with Deer, Rodents and Other Wildlife** Oct. 5 at 1:00 p.m. Register to reserve your handouts.



Dr. Phyllis Kozlowski will present **Chicago Since Sears Tower** Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

A look at the changing face of Chicago's skyline over the last thirty years. This lecture will look at both residential and commercial architecture in Chicago and will include an inside look at the amazing redevelopment of Chicago's south loop area.

Join us for **Antiques on the Road** Oct. 16 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Dust off the treasures in your attic and learn the importance of including your collectibles in your financial plan.



We will have knowledgeable experts available to appraise your treasures! **Maximum two items per person. Advance registration is required.** Experts will include: William Crescent of *Crescent Jewelers, Lansing*: **Diamonds, Bronzes, Coins**; David Hilpp of *Waddell & Reed Financial Services*: **Military Items, Indian artifacts, Sports Collectibles, Prints, Paintings, Oriental & Indian rugs**; Scott Lancaster: **Glassware, Pottery, Lamps, Fire & Police Collectibles**; and Jason Ostrowski: **Vintage Toys.**

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

*Reserve your seat early!*

Visit the **Reader's Advisory Desk** for your next great read! Try **NoveList** (on computers in the library) to find a great book! Ask us how!



Dr. Phyllis Kozlowski will present **Italy For Art Lovers** November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

This armchair tour will bring the history and culture of Italy together for a delightful and informational look at the people, the country and the art. We will visit places like Rome, Venice and Florence in addition to Sicily, the Lake regions and the Cinque Terra.

Remember, all of our monthly **book discussions** are open to anyone who has read the current selection!

Lansing Public Library now offers applications for the **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)**. This Library of Congress program provides **free Braille or audio materials** to those in need. Visit the Reader's Advisory Desk for more information.

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

## Book Discussion Selections

**Oct. 5** (10:30 a.m.) and **Oct. 6** (7 p.m.) — *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger  
**Oct. 11** — *A Cup of Tea* by Amy Ephron 10:30 a.m.  
**Oct. 20** — Suspense Mysteries 6:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 26** — *If Looks Could Kill* by Kate White 11:30 a.m.  
**Nov. 2** (10:30 a.m.) and **Nov. 3** (7 p.m.) — *Mrs. Paine's Garage and the Murder of John F. Kennedy* by Thomas Mallon  
**Nov. 8** — *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom 10:30 a.m.

**Nov. 17** — Native American Mysteries 6:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 30** — *The Mummy's Ransom* by Fred Hunter 11:30 a.m.  
**Dec. 7** (10:30 a.m.) and **Dec. 8** (7 p.m.) — Book Talk: Books as Gifts  
**Dec. 13** — *The Christmas Basket* by Debbie Macomber 10:30 a.m.  
**Dec 15** — Medical Mysteries 6:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 28** — *Mistletoe and Murder* by Carola Dunn 11:30 a.m.



## Purls of Wisdom

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

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, and Dec. 10

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, and Dec. 22

*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)

Announcing: **Read for a Lifetime!** [grades 9-12] Read 4 books off the designated list (by April 1, 2005) and receive a certificate from the state and a discount coupon from Waldenbooks! This looks great on your college applications, but you must visit the library to sign up by Saturday, October 23, 2004.

Celebrate **Teen Read Week**, October 17-23! Spine-tingling tales of the supernatural will be on display all week. Come and check some out...you'll want to sleep with a light on!

Dale Kaczmarek, author of *Windy City Ghosts*, presents **True Chicagoland Ghost Stories**, giving us a look at the many areas considered to be haunted on Oct. 19 at 7:00 p.m. [grades 7-12]



The fright fest continues with our **Frightening Film Festival** Oct. 21 at 7:00 p.m. [grades 7-12] Join us for a screening of the classic film, *The Mummy*, starring Boris Karloff. Refreshments will be served.

**Name That Graphic Novel!** [grades 7-12] November 15-30. Enter our trivia contest and answer questions about the library's graphic novel collection. Turn in your answers by Nov. 30 and you could **win \$20 cash!**

**What do YOU think?** [grades 6-12] December 2004 This is your chance to tell us what you think of Lansing Library's new Teen section! Fill out a brief questionnaire and you could **win \$20 of movie money for Showplace 16!**

### Random Reads Book Discussions [Grades 7-12]

Vampires, clones & controversy! Read these books and join the discussions!

**Oct. 12** — *In the Forests of the Night* by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 16** — *House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer 7:00 p.m.

**Dec. 14** — *The Glass Café; or, the Stripper and the State: how my mom started a war with the system that made us kind of rich and a little bit famous* by Gary Paulsen 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. or call 474-2447, ext. 119.*

## Youth Programs & Services

**Story Times** [through Dec. 8th]

**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.

**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.

In anticipation of the upcoming election, Youth Services has planned activities to increase knowledge of Presidents and the voting process. **Presidential Trivia** [grades 2-5] Visit the Reference Desk and receive trivia questions about the Presidents! Answer all the questions correctly and you could win a book about the Presidents!

**Vote For Your Favorite Book**

[all ages] Children can cast a vote for their favorite book of all time! Both programs run Oct. 11-Nov. 2.

**Grant Fitch** presents **Spooky Stories** October 28 at 7 p.m.

All ages, including parents. Children are welcome to wear their costumes! (*No Themed Thursday*)

Celebrate **Children's Book Week**, Nov. 15-20th, and bring your children to the library! For **Family Reading Night**, we will feature **magician Carl DaCorte**. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. with "Make Your Own Bookmark" and the magic show begins at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (*No Themed Thursday*)

Youth Book Discussions

Are you reading the **Rebecca Caudill** nominees so you can vote in February? Join our book discussions! [grades 4-8]

**Oct. 8** — *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 12** — *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science* by John Fleischmann 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Dec. 10** — *Heir Apparent* by Vivian VandeVelde 4:00-5:00 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 or call 474-2447.*

## LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lansing, IL 60438

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Reference Services & InterLibrary Loan, Ext. 109  
Teen & Young Adult Services, Ext. 119  
Youth Services, Ext. 112

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Saturday 9:00 a.m.-4:50 p.m.

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## Friends of Lansing Public Library

### Friends' Fundraising

**Entertainment Books are Back!**  
The 2005 edition of the popular Entertainment Books are available for sale. Purchase yours now while supplies last for \$20.00 (cash only) at the upper level Circulation Desk. Start your holiday shopping early and get one for a friend too!

### 2005 Book Lover's Calendar

This page-a-day desk calendar makes a wonderful gift for any book lover on your list! On sale Sweetest Day, Saturday, October 16 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Buy a calendar or entertainment book for your sweetie!

### Sweet Shoppe

Mark your calendar for the Sweet Shoppe on Saturday, December 4, 2004 in the Community Room. From 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Friends will sell baked goods, crafts, 2005 Book Lover's Calendars and more!

### Friends' Meetings

Friends of Lansing Public Library Meetings are from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Community Room. October 11, 2004  
November 8, 2004  
December 13, 2004

Friends of Lansing Public Library is always looking for new members and volunteers!

## Homebound Delivery

This is a service for the homebound with a temporary hardship due to a major illness, or an ongoing need due to physical handicap or long-term illness.

Patrons who are homebound should call upon this service. Homebound service is offered to adult residents of Lansing. Weekly pick-ups and deliveries are also made to Buford Walker Housing.

*Please contact the Adult Services Department  
708-474-2447, ext. 120  
for further information.*