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## News You Can Use!

**Are your books always overdue?** Would you like an email reminder before they are due? Sign-up for **Library Elf!** Visit our website for details and to register for this service!

**Banned Books Week Sept. 24 –Oct. 1, 2005! Read Banned Books— It's Your Freedom We're Talking About!** All departments will have book displays of books challenged nationwide. Adult Services is having a drawing, enter at the Circulation Desk during Banned Book Week. Youth & Teens can enter the drawing by checking out a banned book. Celebrate your right to choose!

September is **National Library Card Month!**

Writing a check? Checks need to be numbered 300 or higher, must be for more than \$5, and patrons must provide a drivers license or state ID number. For complete details, visit our website.

**Are you a collector?** Would you like to display your collection of stamps, postcards or other pieces? Contact Adult Services.

Don't forget our **IM Reference** service. Add us to your buddy or contact list so we're easily accessible when you need us! Use AOL, MSN, or Yahoo! Just added: AskLPLread (Adult Services/Readers Advisory) Visit our website for more info or to see if we're online!

Search the library catalog while you surf the internet when you download the **Lansing Public Library Toolbar!** The toolbar also has a built in feature to keep up-to-date with library news! Visit our website to download the toolbar.

**Upcoming Special Hours** The library will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 5th. We will close at 5 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 23rd. We will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

New topics added for our **Hands-On Computer Classes!** Microsoft Word, NoveList and more!

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

## Someone You Should Know



Sandra Iosue has worked at the Lansing Public Library for 13 years. Sandra began as a

shelver part-time in Youth Services and moved to Circulation briefly before taking her current position as Department Head of Adult Services. Sandra grew up in the Calumet area and has lived in Lansing 23 years with her husband Don where they raised 3 daughters and 1 son.

In 2001 Sandra, along with her co-worker the late Lynne Howe, saw the need for an Adult Services Department to serve the reading needs of adult patrons.

Adult Services has grown from offering two programs a month to more than eight programs a month, four book discussions, homebound deliveries, readers advisory, timely book displays, reading lists and summer and winter reading programs. The Adult Services Department now consists of a staff of three. Sandra is also responsible for organizing the Friends of Lansing Public Library group, which helps raise funds to provide programs and purchase materials and equipment that are beyond the Library's budget. Sandra can often be found at the Adult Services desk near the adult fiction area. She would be delighted to help you find your next good read!

## IM us!

askLPLadult (adult ref.)  
 askLPLread (adult fiction)  
 askLPLteen (teen desk)  
 askLPLyouth (youth ref.)

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# Adult Programs & Services

Upcoming **Computer Lectures** include **Online auctions** Sept. 17 @ 10:30; **Online shopping** Oct. 15 @ 10:30 and **Digital cameras**. Nov. 19 @ 10:30. Stop in for the schedule of **hands-on classes**.

Join us for an informative talk about prescription drug programs, Medicare and Medicaid basics. **Understanding Healthcare Options for Older Adults** Sept. 24 at 10:00 a.m. Learn how to apply for assistance and discover what benefits are available. Find out where to go to get assistance with Medicare, Medicaid and other healthcare questions and concerns. Learn about programs that help pay for medications. The discussion will also include information about the NEW Medicare part-D (Prescription Drug Coverage) and the "Extra Help" Low Income Subsidy that can help pay for Medicare part-D premiums and deductibles. Upcoming changes for the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance program and the Illinois Senior

Care program will be highlighted. Tips for applying for benefits and assistance will also be shared.

**Lansing Police Officer Barnes** returns, presenting: **Telephone, Credit Card & Computer Scams**, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m.

**Lansing Police Officer Protsman** will present **Female Fightback** Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. Not your typical self-defense workshop, you'll learn how to use your surroundings to your advantage!

**John Lynn** returns for the slide/lecture *Life On the Lewis & Clark Trail* Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m.



Award-winning **Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher** returns Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.! This concert will feature selections from Fletcher's newest recording, *A Peter Fletcher Recital*, including the music of Manuel M. Ponce. This concert is *Sponsored by Friends of Lansing Library*. **Thanks Friends!**



Enjoy the Fall Colors! **Nature Photographer Ronald Kurowski** will

present the slide program, *Autumn in the Northland* Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. featuring breathtaking images of lakes and rivers drenched in morning mist, rolling hills, waterfalls, mile after mile of forest all surrounded by a blaze of color as autumn is celebrated in Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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.**  
Fridays Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4 & Nov. 18.

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
Wednesdays Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 & Nov. 30.

Register for Adult Programs at the Circulation Desk, Adult Services Desk, call 474-2447, ext. 122. or send an IM to AskLPLRead

## Book Discussion Selections

<b>Sept. 6</b> (10:30 a.m.) and <b>Sept. 7</b> (7 p.m.) — <i>In the Time of Butterflies</i> by Julie Alvarez	<b>Oct. 25</b> — <i>In a Strange City</i> by Laura Lippman 11:30 a.m.
<b>Sept. 12</b> — <i>Icy Sparks</i> by Gwyn Hyman Rubio 10:30 a.m.	<b>Nov. 1</b> (10:30 a.m.) and <b>Nov. 2</b> (7 p.m.) — <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time</i> by Mark Haddon.
<b>Sept. 21</b> — Susan Rogers Cooper mysteries 6:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 14</b> — <i>The Angel Doll</i> by Jerry Bledsoe 10:30 a.m.
<b>Sept. 27</b> — <i>Hard Road</i> by Barbara D'Amato 11:30 a.m.	<b>Nov. 16</b> — Barbara D'Amato mysteries 6:30 p.m.
<b>Oct. 4</b> (10:30 a.m.) and <b>Oct. 5</b> (7 p.m.) — <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd	<b>Nov. 29</b> — <i>High Country Fall</i> by Margaret Maron 11:30 a.m.
<b>Oct. 10</b> — <i>Whispers From Yesterday</i> by Robin Lee Hatcher 10:30 a.m.	
<b>Oct. 19</b> — Dana Stabenow mysteries 6:30 p.m.	<b>Discussions are always open to new members!</b>



## Now Playing!

Adult Services is now showing **free movies** in the Community Room! Films are at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 16—*Two Weeks Notice*; Sept. 30—*The Charm of Holland*; Oct. 14—*Seabiscuit*; Oct. 28—*Cruising Alaska's Inside Passage*; Nov. 11—*On the Beach*; Nov. 25—*My Sister Eileen*.

## Treasured Titles

To inspire us all, Jan Gadus donated *Healthy Cooking Across America*, edited by Kristine Napier. In memory of Betty Hill, Lansing Biography Club donated *Landscape Meditations: an artist's guide to exploring themes in landscape painting* by Elizabeth Mowry and *Martha Washington: an American Life* by Patricia Brady. Thank you!



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

Without paper, where would the library be? Come make decorative, homemade paper that you can use for anything you like at our **Paper Making Class** Sat., Sept., 17 from 1-3 p.m.!  
*Registration required.*



Want to have a say in what goes on at Lansing Library? Have recommendations on what books we should order and what programs we should offer? Join our **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**. No registration required. Thurs., Sept. 22 @ 7 p.m. and Oct. 20 @ 6 p.m.

**Teen Movie Night!** Thurs., Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. we'll show the sci-fi comedy *Evolution* and on Oct. 27 at 6:30 we'll show the eerie film *The Ring*.



Get Real @ Your Library! **Teen Read Week** is October 16-22. Real life can be stranger than fiction! Check out our great displays of real-life, true stories all week. And get real @ your library!

**Teen Read Week Celebration—True Crime** Thurs., Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Real people solve real crimes every day. Come get real @ your library with this Teen Read Week program! Visit our website for more details.

**Teen Read Week Mystery —Murder Mystery Afternoon!** Sat., Oct. 22 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. So could you solve a real crime? Could you do it..while eating? Test your skills at our mystery afternoon! Refreshments will be served as we try to solve the mystery involving vampires, birthdays and barbecues. *Registration required.*

**We're Thankful for Books!** Friday & Saturday, Nov. 25-26, 2005. What are you thankful for? If you're thankful for books too, you could win! Check out any Teen book over Thanksgiving weekends and you can enter to win an autographed book of your very own!

## Rebecca Caudill Book Discussion

[Grades 6-8] *Limited enrollment.*

**Thursday, Sept. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson

**Thursday, Oct. 13 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*The Tale of Despereaux*

by Kate DiCamillo

**Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*The Last Treasure* by Janet S. Anderson

## Random Reads Book Discussion

[Grades 9-12] *Limited enrollment.*

**Thursday, Sept. 15 @ 7:30 p.m.**

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

**Thursday, Oct. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**

*The Curious Incident of the Dog In the*

*Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

**Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 7:30 p.m.**

*Inside Out* by Terry Trueman

Sign up at the Teen Desk and pick up the book. Books are available one month before the discussion.

*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)

### Story Times [six week sessions]

#### **Registration required!**

**Session 1: Sep. 12-Oct. 19**

*Registration begins Aug. 29th.*

**Session 2: Oct. 31-Dec. 7**

*Registration begins Oct. 17th.*

**Baby TALK** [Birth to 12 months with caregiver] Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

**Baby TALK** [12 to 24 months with caregiver] Mondays at 11:15 a.m.

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

\*if 10:30 fills up, we will add another session at 11:15 a.m.

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

**Preschool Story Time** [4 & 5 yrs old]

Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.



**After-school programs** begin the week of Sept. 12 and are held on days Dist. 158 has a full day of school. [elementary & middle school students] 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. We'll have **Movie Mondays, Wild Card Wednesdays & Fun 'n' Games Fridays.** Visit our website for movie ratings & length. Upcoming films: Sept. 12-*First Kid*; Sept. 19-*Homeward Bound*; Oct. 3-*Toy Story*; Oct. 17-*Heavyweights*; Oct. 24-*The Lion King*; Nov. 7-*Hocus Pocus*; Nov. 14-*Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*; Nov. 21-*Jumanji*; Nov. 28-*Tom and Huck*

Celebrate **National Library Card Month** with **"If You Take a Mouse to the Library"** on Mon., Sept. 26 from 4-7 p.m. We'll have

activities and fun! If you do not already have a library card, now is the perfect time to get one!

**Halloween Fun!** Oct 31st, at 7 p.m. Visit our website for details.

Celebrate **Children's Book Week** Nov. 13-19. **Illinois State Family Reading Night** is Thurs., Nov. 17 from 6-8 p.m. Bring the family for activities from 6-7 p.m. and a family storytime with special guest readers. At 7 p.m. come hear "School Staff From the Black Lagoon" read some of their favorite stories. We hope to see you all here!

November: Sign-up for our **Wolves Winter Reading Program, "Read to Succeed"** [K-8th grade]

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

## LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

*Check us out!*

Library Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:20 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:50 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-4:50 p.m.

We're on the web!  
[www.lansing.lib.il.us](http://www.lansing.lib.il.us)

## Lora's Green Thumb



What's better than reading a book under a tree, listening to the sound of running water, surrounded by beautiful plants? If that sounds too good to be true, then you don't know that those wonderful features are right in your own back yard, or more appropriately, in the atrium of Lansing Library.

One of the real jewels of our library is that we have a wonderful atrium with a tree, running water and plants. Another jewel is Lora Ward of Plant Keepers. Lora was originally contacted by the library to help spruce up the atrium. After many hours of trimming, repotting and discarding, this once diamond in the rough now shines! Since that time, Lora

has spent a great deal of her own time in community service in maintaining this area. Lora continues to trim, fertilize and give us all that her green thumb has to offer.

As an Iowa farm girl, Lora was always interested in flowers and plants. She got her degree in horticulture from Iowa State University. Lora became a Lansing resident when her husband's job brought them to the Midwest. After working for 17 years at Hohman Floral, Lora opened Plant Keepers, which specializes in plant maintenance for commercial businesses.

Thank you, Lora!

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## Friends of Lansing Library

### Making Friends...

Congratulations to the Lan-Oak Volleyball team sponsored by Friends!



Everyone is welcome to enjoy Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher Oct. 8th at 2 p.m.

### Friends' Meetings

Friends of Lansing Public Library Meetings:  
Sept. 12 & Nov. 14  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
in the Community Room.

### Book Sale

Members Only Preview  
Night October 20 6-8 p.m.

Public Book Sale is  
Saturday, October 22  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come back on Saturday October 29th to **Fill a bag for \$5** 2 p.m.-4 p.m. only.

### Sweet Shoppe Bake Sale

Friends of Lansing Public Library will hold their Sweet Shoppe December 3, 2005 in the Community Room.

### Entertainment Books are here!

Get your 2006 Entertainment Book now! Sold at the Adult Circulation Desk for \$25. Friends will also be selling the 2006 Book Lover's Page-A-Day Calendars. Start your holiday shopping at the Library!