



## Spring Weeding at the Library

### board report

By Ann Lee,  
Secretary

As I write, our garden is in full bloom: we have carpet roses, cone flowers, and day lilies... and also crabgrass, dandelions, and creeping Charlie. If we don't weed soon, we won't be able to find the flowers. Just like a garden, the Library's collection must be weeded to be kept vibrant. So, the 2011 *Eyewitness Guide to New York* comes in one door and the 1992 *Frommer's Guide* goes out the other. The latest Stephen King arrives and an old Sidney Sheldon leaves. In comes Keith Richard's autobiography and out goes Rosalyn Carter's. We tend to think of the Library as an archive, but it's really a dynamic collection where unused books, music, and movies are uprooted to make room for newer or more requested materials. As you can imagine, there is an art to the weeding process. Will some eager high school student want to research Rosalyn Carter next week? Should we sacrifice this novel by Conrad Richter? It won the Pulitzer Prize in 1952, but hasn't been checked out in 16 years. These are the kinds of decisions our librarians have to make each day.

How do librarians make the

call? The Library's Materials Selection Policy guides librarians in weeding just as it guides them in selecting new materials. Our policy states that the collection "...Supports lifelong learning through materials and services; [and] offers current materials and a variety of activities reflecting popular culture and trends..." It also says, "Persons of all ages living in the Village of La Grange Park will have access to: evolving technologies and traditional resources encouraging their personal and professional development..." Speaking of evolving technologies, you might have noticed that while the collection of MP3 books continues to grow, there is often, across from the circulation desk, a cart of books on audiocassette free for the taking. Weeding applies not only to books but also to audiovisual materials and even database subscriptions. Our collection contains 81,583 volumes – somewhat north of the Illinois Library Association standard of 71,600 for a library serving a community of our size. This suggests that there is room for a little weeding. No doubt there are difficult calls, but our policy helps assure that the pruning process yields the healthiest collection given the space

available.

Collection development is the ongoing process of assessing the materials available for purchase and making the decision, first, on their inclusion, and, second, on their retention. That second decision might be even harder than the first. It can be traumatic for librarians, most of whom are book lovers, to discard a book. What happens to items weeded from the collection? No, they're not given to the Friends' Bookstore, which gets a plentiful supply of donations. Rather, they're donated to The Reading Tree, a non-profit organization that supports literacy programs and delivers books to needy children. This charity not only provides materials to people who need them, but it also keeps books out of landfills. Knowing that our discards will be read makes the weeding process more palatable to book lovers and conservationists alike. Nor does it hurt to remember that pruning makes the collection healthier and more available to all.

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## Story Times

**Summer Story Times** for preschoolers and children entering kindergarten will begin Monday, June 6 and continue through July 14. They will be held on Mondays at 10:15am, Tuesdays at 1pm, and Thursdays at 7pm. Each 30-minute story time will include stories, songs, fingerplays, and a short video.

**Summer Toddler Times** will meet on Wednesdays at 10:15am from June 8 through July 13. These 20-minute story sessions are designed for little ones ages 2 through 3½. Each session will include stories, songs, fingerplays, and action activities for active, fidgety little ones.

Registration for all story times will begin Monday, May 23 and may be done in the Children's Department or by calling the Library at 352-0100.

## Books Buddies

**Book Buddies** is a program that gives beginning readers entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades a chance to practice and improve their reading skills by reading with an older student. Book Buddies sessions are held during the 6 weeks of the summer reading program. Please check your calendars to determine a time during which your young reader will be able to attend all reading sessions. Sign up by Tuesday, May 31.

## American Red Cross Babysitting Course

There will be 4 American Red Cross Babysitting course sessions offered for students ages 11 and older. Each session will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30pm. Registration will begin Tuesday, May 31. Cost for the course is \$40. Changes have been made to the registration process and classes fill quickly, so please call Meb Ingold at 352-0100 for details.

## Read to the Dogs

Friday mornings are a wonderful time for beginning readers to come to the library and read to one of our friendly therapy dogs. Each reader has 15 minutes to read a book of his or her choice to one of our specially trained dogs. Please register for each session one week in advance.



## One World, Many Stories



## Summer Reading

All the children in La Grange Park are encouraged to find their passports and join the fun as we explore "One World, Many Stories" at the Library this summer. During the 6 weeks of the program, we will visit South America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Australia. We will start our journey here at home on Sunday, June 5 at 1:30pm with "Adventures Across America." Then we'll board our planes, ships, and trains to begin our travels. Please come get your tickets for this fun event beginning Monday, May 23.

Sign up for "One World, Many Stories" beginning Tuesday, May 31. You will receive a complete list of crafts, games, and films along with your reading passport. Summer reading activities will begin Monday, June 6 and continue through July 16.

## Help Wanted: Junior High Students

The Children's Department is a very busy place during the summer reading program. It is able to run smoothly because of a group of dedicated Junior High students who volunteer for 2 hours each week. Duties include helping readers report their reading progress and assisting with craft activities. Please check your calendars and sign up now to reserve the best time for you.

## Study, Snacks, and Stress-relieving Dogs Tuesday, May 31, 5-8:30pm and Wednesday, June 1, 5-8:30pm



If you need a place to study for finals, stop by the Library for a quiet space, snacks, and dogs. Yep, dogs. On Wednesday, June 1, take a study break by unwinding with some sympathetic therapy dogs.

(We'll provide the quiet space and snacks on Tuesday, but no canine companions.) The time to snuggle with the dogs is limited so please sign up at the Reference Desk. This program is intended for high school students.

## Check out some of the new materials in the YA Department!

### Books

*City of Fallen Angels* – Cassandra Clare  
*The Gift* – James Patterson  
*The Good, the Bad, and the Barbie* – Tanya Lee Stone

### CDs

*Wasting Light* – Foo Fighters  
*The King of Limbs* – Radiohead  
*Femme Fatale* – Britney Spears

### DVDs

*Flipped*  
*School Rumble: The Complete Series*  
*Warehouse 13*

### Video Games

*NBA Jam* – Wii  
*Pokemon: White and Black Versions* – DS  
*Portal 2* – XBOX 360 and PS3

For a complete list of new materials, visit [www.lplibrary.org/teens/whatsnew.php](http://www.lplibrary.org/teens/whatsnew.php) or stop by the Young Adult Department for a print copy. Updated monthly.

## You Are Here at the La Grange Park Library

Join the Young Adult summer reading program, running from Monday, June 6 to Friday, July 15. Read three books from the YA or Adult collections to be entered into a drawing for one of our fantastic prizes. A complete list of programs will be available in the YA summer reading brochure. Registration begins Monday, June 6 at 1pm.

## You Are Here Summer Reading Party

Friday, July 15 at 3pm

There will be snacks, games, and prizes for those who completed three books.

### Anime Club

We're still looking for a club name, and suggestions are welcome. Enjoy pocky, anime, and more!

Monday, June 13 – 6:30pm

(Annual Anime Night)

Monday, July 11 – 4:30pm

Monday, August 8 – 4:30pm

### Annual Anime Night

Monday, June 13

6:30-8:30pm

This year we'll be combining food, puzzles, and anime.

Delicious foods will be assembled to fill our plates.

After snacking, we'll get our anime on! Please sign up at the Reference Desk.

## Don't have time to stop by the Young Adult Department? Visit online instead.

1. Library website – [www.lplibrary.org/teens](http://www.lplibrary.org/teens)
2. Instant Messenger – screen name “lplya”
3. Facebook – [www.facebook.com/lagrangeparklibrary](http://www.facebook.com/lagrangeparklibrary)
4. Twitter – for micro-updates related to all things YA. [twitter.com/lplya](http://twitter.com/lplya)
5. YouTube – for fun videos of previous and current YA programming. [www.youtube.com/user/lplibrary](http://www.youtube.com/user/lplibrary)

## The Various Video Game Tournament

Saturday, June 25,  
Time -TBD

We're going to show other libraries just how awesome we are at *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*. Teams are needed to participate in this fun challenge. We'll hold a *Pokemon Black/White* tourney within our own library at the same time, so make sure to bring your DS and Pokemon game. Please sign up for the SSBB tournament by Friday, June 17.

## Senior Book Buddies

June 6 – July 16

Book buddies is a 6-week program that gives teens and beginning readers the opportunity to share books and the fun of reading. Junior and Senior Buddies are paired together and meet once a week for 30 minutes in the Children's Department. Sign up by Tuesday, May 31.

## Pixel Club

Pixel Club has branched out into a multi-system club. With three laptops, an XBOX 360, a Wii, and a PS3, there's always something for everyone. Since this club meets on alternate Fridays after the Library closes, you must have a permission slip to join.

All programs are for  
grades 7-12.  
Please sign up with  
Sam at the  
reference desk.

## Barging Through Provence, France

Presented by Sonia Lawrentz

Monday, June 6 at 7pm

Experience a barge trip on the River Rhône with Sonia Lawrentz's slide lecture. You'll see the sights that inspired Cezanne and Van Gogh at Arles, Les Baux-de-Provence, and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. Then drift through the heart of the Camargue, home to famous herds of white horses and black bulls and stands of pink flamingos. The barge trip ends in Sète, a 300-year-old fishing port on the Mediterranean, but there's one more stop at Aix-en-Provence to visit the charming villages in the Luberon Hills.



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## Novel Destinations Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer reading isn't just for kids – anyone 18 and over can also enjoy the benefits of spending time with a good book!

All we ask is that you read 3 books between June 1 and July 15. That's only one book every other week, and you can read anything you'd like. If you listen to audiobooks, those count too. We'll have a bibliography of travel stories at the reference desk to help guide your reading. Simply fill out a reading log and tell us about the best book you read.

When you turn in your reading log at the reference desk, you'll receive a small gift and an entry into a raffle for a gift bag.

## Conserving Energy from the Top Down

Presented by

Keenan Roofing and Solar  
Monday, June 27 at 7pm

Every homeowner is faced with dilemmas pertaining to the upkeep and aesthetic appeal of their roof. What if your roof could do more for you than just keep out the elements and complement your exterior design? There's good news: it can! This presentation will educate you on the ways in which your roofing system, coupled with proper attic insulation, ventilation, and (potentially) solar components, can cut down on energy costs and consumption. It's time to put your roof to work for you.

In order to provide ample seating and refreshments, we ask that you register for our programs.

Visit [www.lplibrary.org](http://www.lplibrary.org),  
stop by, or give us a call at  
352-0100 to register.

## Centennial 1911: Snapshots from 100 Years Ago

Presented by David Clark  
Monday, July 11 at 7pm

Join us for a look back at the historic events of a century ago. You'll learn about the mayor of Chicago, who is finishing his fifth and final term, and whose father of the same name previously served five terms in City Hall. Hear of the plans that are announced for great public works projects amid allegations that government programs only lead to greater opportunities for graft, fraud, and cronyism. We will look at the memorable places, milestones, and music of this period and discover interesting events, notable people, and ironic parallels with recent history.

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## Start Early – Start Smart: College Major and Career Planning Seminar

Presented by Paula Kosin,  
Career Vision

Monday, August 22 at 7pm

Is it really possible that students can identify potential career directions and college majors while still in high school? You bet! Parents will learn what they need to know before helping their child to choose a college, and how identifying a college major and career path can help motivate students, build confidence, and reduce educational expenses. You will receive information and resources to help guide your student and take the stress out of making these important decisions.

## Have You Noticed? You Asked, We Acted

The results from last year's community survey showed us how La Grange Park residents view the Library. A strong desire for all of our new adult books to be close together was one of the remarks that appeared repeatedly. So, we've moved our new non-fiction books! You will now find them with the new fiction books - just beyond the circulation desk on the main level. It will now be much easier to browse all of our new adult books in one stop. Our genealogy collection will be expanded to fill the shelves that formerly held the new non-fiction on the second floor.

Books Alive is the La Grange Park Library's very own book discussion group. The group meets in the second floor

Conference room on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm.

Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

Feel free to bring your thoughts, your questions, and your friends to join in the discussion.

June 21 *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake

This debut novel weaves the stories of three very different American women during World War II: two in small-town Cape Cod and one in war-torn England. It also tells the story of how the power of words can change people and the world.

July 19 *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Be inspired by the true story of a 14-year-old Malawian boy, who defies adversity and poverty. He manages to improve his life and the lives of his family and of those in his village by building a windmill.

August 16 *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson

In this award-winning book, retiree Trond Sander returns to his rural hometown in Norway. He lives a life of solitude until a chance encounter with someone from his past unleashes painful memories and a few surprises.

## Laughter in the Library

Once a month a group of ladies gather on the second floor for a morning of friendship and laughter. They tell stories, they teach, and they chuckle. Sometimes they might get a little loud, but we've never been known as a "quiet library." Oh, by the way, they also knit and crochet up a storm. They have been doing so since we opened our second floor to the public 6 years ago. They've knitted blankets, hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters, pet blankets, and more – all of which are donated to various charities. You can see Gail Allport with one of her beautiful lap afghans in the picture above. This item went to a nursing home to help keep a resident warm.



The group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10:30am, and stays until about noon. There are no strict rules in order to participate – except to have fun! Everyone is welcome to join.

## Green Corner: Recipes for Summer

Help! What do I do with all these tomatoes, zucchinis, and beans that I've grown?

Are you a localvore (someone who eats food grown or produced locally)? Do you enjoy growing your own fruits and vegetables? Health experts have been touting the benefits of freshly-grown food for years and we all know that produce tastes best in its prime. Now that you have an abundance of fresh produce, what should you do with it? The Library can help. We have numerous cookbooks with recipes just right for all those wonderful summer foods. Here's a sample of some:

*Fresh From the Market: seasonal cooking with Laurent Tourondel and Charlotte March* by Laurent Tourondel (641.5944/Tou)

*Gardener's Community Cookbook* by Victoria Wise (641.5973/Wis)

*Local Flavors: cooking and eating from America's farmers' markets* by Deborah Madison (641.5973/Mad)

*Outstanding in the Field: a farm to table cookbook* by Jim Denevan (641.597/Den)

*Seasonal Fruit Desserts: from orchard, farm and market* by Deborah Madison (641.86/Mad)

*Tomato: a fresh from the vine cookbook* by Laurence Davis Hollander (641.6/Dav)

A list of our cookbooks with recipes for summer favorites can be found at the Reference Desk on the second floor.

And if you can't grow your own summer favorites, don't forget the farmers' markets. The La Grange Park farmers' market is held in the Village Market parking lot along Sherwood Road on Tuesday mornings from May 10 – October 25. The La Grange farmers' market is held on Harris Ave. near the parking deck on Thursday mornings from May 12 – October 27.

## First Monday Movies 10:30am in the Community Room

First Monday movies are older movies you probably haven't seen in many years. At the Library you'll be able to view them on a large screen – not quite as large as a theater, but larger than television. Join us to relive these classic movies.

June 6 – *Born Yesterday*

Starring Judy Holliday and William Holden

July 4 – No movie – Library Closed

August 1 – *His Girl Friday*

Starring Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant

# visit the Friends' Book shop in the library

Donated Books, Magazines, CDs, DVDs,  
and Tapes are for sale at low prices!

Proceeds help support Library programs  
and special services

## Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10 am - 9 pm

Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday 1 - 5 pm

Located on the first floor (directly behind the elevator).

For more information: 708-352-0100

## Thank You

The Library would like to thank the many local businesses that gave generous donations to the Library for National Library Week:

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Patrons enjoyed spinning our prize wheel to win donations from these fabulous businesses. Thank you very much to all!

"The road to knowledge begins with  
the turn of the page."

- Anonymous

## Friends of the Library

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, applications are available and the annual dues are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowable by law. Also, if you would like to donate your gently used books, magazines, CDs, or movies on DVD or VHS, we will gladly accept them. If needed, arrangements can be made for pickup. Call the Friends at 708-352-0100 or email [friends@lplibrary.org](mailto:friends@lplibrary.org).

## Film Discussion Group

Join the Film Discussion Group on alternate Fridays at 7pm for presentations of films on our large screen, followed by brief discussions.

### Later M. Hulot!

June 3 *The Illusionist* (2010, dir. Sylvain Chomet; 80 min.) Chomet, the mastermind behind Film Discussion Group favorite *The Triplets of Belleville*, animated this film from a Jacques Tati script.

June 17 *Trafic* (1971, dir. Jacques Tati; 96 min.) This comedy features the final screen appearance of Jacques Tati as his most famous creation, M. Hulot. Like his previous films, including *Playtime*, it gently skewers modern times.

### French Gangsters!

July 1 *Mesrine: Killer Instinct* (2008, dir. Jean-François Richet; 113 min.) French bank robber Jacques Mesrine's career is covered in this exciting two-part biopic. The films feature a stunning performance by Vincent Cassel.

July 15 *Mesrine: Public Enemy #1* (2008, dir. Jean-François Richet; 133 min.) Part 2 of the Mesrine saga has been compared favorably to films such as *Goodfellas*.

### Classic British School Dramas!

July 29 *Kes* (1969, dir. Ken Loach; 110 min.) This beautiful, devastating film, which often appears on lists of the best British films ever made, was highly influential on the careers of many filmmakers, including Film Discussion Group legend Krystof Kieslowski.

August 12 *If...* (1968, dir. Lindsay Anderson; 111 min.) This award-winning, surreal drama concerns a revolution at a British public school, and features a star-making turn by Malcolm McDowell.

### Experimental Thai!

August 26 *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives* (2010, dir. Apichatpong Weerasethakul; 114 min.) A dying man reflects on his life (and past lives) with the help of ghostly visitors in this strange-but-beguiling film.

## Wireless Printing/ Printing from Home

Is your printer at home low on ink or totally broken? You may already know that you can print to the Library's public printer directly from your laptop computer, but did you know that you can also do this from home? Simply visit <http://print.lplibrary.org> from your web browser and follow the onscreen prompts. (When you are asked to input a username, simply choose something that will help you identify your print jobs.) Then come to the Library and use the Print Release Station on the first floor to pay for your prints. Printing costs \$0.10 per page for black and white and \$0.50 per page for color. Print jobs are retained for 3 hours. If you have any issues, please feel free to ask the Reference Department for assistance.

## Downloadable Audio Books and E-books

This summer, the Library will begin offering Media on Demand, a service that allows you to check out audio books and e-books from anywhere you can access the internet. You will be able to check out books of all kinds, from kid's classics to the latest bestsellers, to use on a variety of devices. This service is compatible with Windows and Apple computers, the iPad, most e-readers, many smartphones (including iPhones, Android phones, Blackberries, and Windows phones), and a selection of portable audio players. The Amazon Kindle does not currently work with Media on Demand, but will be made compatible later this year. On Thursday, June 9 at 7pm, the Library will offer a program that will show you how to use this service. For more information, please see "E-Reader Q&A" to the right.

## Computer and Technology Classes

### Computer Basics

This hands-on class is designed to introduce essential computer skills to those who may not have used a PC in several years (or ever). If you jump on a kitchen chair when confronted with a mouse or don't know a computer icon from a religious painting, we'll be able to help you out. Each class will consist of 2 90-minute sessions. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings at 11am on June 14 and 21; July 5 and 12; July 26 and August 2; and August 16 and 23, and on Thursday evenings at 6pm on June 16 and 23 and July 28 and August 4. 5 spaces are available for each class, and registration is required. Priority for this class will be given to La Grange Park residents.

### E-Reader Q&A

The Library will begin offering electronic books compatible with e-readers and other devices this summer. You'll learn how to use this exciting new service on your device. Don't have an e-reader yet? No problem! We'll help you sort out the capabilities of different devices, show you where else to get free books, and give you a chance to play with some of the Library's e-readers. This program will take place on Thursday, June 9 at 7pm. No registration is necessary.

Also, don't forget that if you want more quality time with the Library's Kindles, Kindle DX, Nook, Nook Color, or iPads, they can be reserved at Reference Desk.

### 3D Modeling for Beginners

Have you ever wanted to create 3D models on your computer? If so, the Library's 3D modeling course is for you. Our resident expert, Garrett, will teach you how to use Blender, a free modeling program. This class will consist of four sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm, and will take place on June 8, 15, 22, and 29. Please plan on attending the first session. 5 spaces are available for the class, registration is required, and you must be at least 16 years old to attend. Priority for this class will be given to La Grange Park residents.

### What Do You Want to Learn?

Do the computer and technology classes we have scheduled not meet your needs? If you would like to see a class on a particular subject, we would love to hear about it! Our basic computer classes have proven to be extremely popular, but we would like to expand our offerings in the future. Visit the Reference Desk or call the Library at 352-0100 and tell us what you'd like to learn.

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## Books Recently Added to Our Fiction Collection

*Fourth Day: A Charlie Fox Thriller* by Zoe Sharp

*Learning to Swim* by Sara J. Henry

*The Officers' Club* by Ralph Peters

*The Union Quilters: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel* by Jennifer Chiaverini

*The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown

*A Stranger in Mayfair* by Charles Finch

*The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

*Started Early, Took My Dog* by Kate Atkinson

*Love You More* by Lisa Gardner

*Now You See Her* by Joy Fielding

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our programs, collections and services by means and mention in your will  
should contact the Executive Director for more information.

**Disability Accommodation:** If you or your child needs an accommodation  
for a disability to attend any program, please phone the Library at least five  
working days prior to the scheduled program.

## The Illinois Collection

This collection contains materials related to Illinois, including  
books written by Illinois authors; histories of the state, coun-  
ties, or cities; biographies of Illinois residents; and books on  
Illinois politics, environment, architecture, sports, gardening,  
and cooking.

Materials added to this collection are selected by the staff to  
honor individuals who have made important contributions to  
the community of La Grange Park and the State of Illinois.

### 2011 Honorees

W. Kerry Brunette – Former Village Clerk  
*The Cars of Pullman* by Joe Welsh, Bill Howes and Kevin J. Hol-  
land

Rick Cavaliere – Former Library Trustee  
*Clarence Darrow: American iconoclast* by Andrew E. Kersten

Jerry Kaminski – Former Library Trustee  
*Cabin Fever: a suburban father's search for the wild* by Tom Mont-  
gomery Fate

## Library Closings

May 30 - Memorial Day  
July 4 - Independence Day