

# Books, Bytes & Beyond

*Newsletter of the Clarendon Hills Public Library*

## Library Hours

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:  
9:30 am—9:00 pm
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## New @ Your Library

We heard you!

Thanks to the many constructive and creative ideas expressed in our survey responses, we're adding new items to our collection, new services and new programming as well.

Here's a sample of what's new:

- **Longer Loan Periods**  
Most of our books (non-new) may now be checked out for three weeks! We're also now offering renewals on all non-new DVDs. For a complete summary of loan periods, renewal and overdue fine information for all types of library materials, please go to the library's website and click on the "Library Cards and Borrowing" link under the "Services" tab.
- **Book-a-Librarian**  
Need help researching a topic? Want to learn basic computer skills such as using Word, setting up an email account, surfing the Internet, or understanding how to use the library's online catalog? If so, then you should *book a librarian*. Librarians can be booked by CHPL cardholders for 30 minute sessions of personal one-on-one help. Details inside.
- **Family Lego Nights**  
Beginning in January, one evening a month families will be invited to come have an evening of creative fun with Lego blocks. Details can be found inside this newsletter.
- **TV Shows on DVD**  
Starting in January, the library will offer a small circulating collection of TV Shows on DVD. To help this collection grow, we are asking for your assistance. You can help improve the collection by either donating any of your own TV Shows on DVD that you no longer want or by financially sponsoring the purchase of a particular show. To see what shows the library currently owns, please go to the library's web page and click on the "TV Shows on DVD" link. TV shows will check out for two weeks and have a \$1.00 overdue fine per day if returned late. If you are interested in sponsoring a show for purchase, please contact Lori Craft at (630) 323-8188.
- **More Daytime Adult Programs**  
Beginning in January, we will offer a monthly "Movie Matinee" for adults, as well as other daytime programming in addition to our evening offerings. In January, for example, we'll be offering a daytime program on Financial Planning as well as a just-for-fun program on Chicago's Sweet Candy History. See the inside of this newsletter for more details.

We love to hear your ideas! If you have other suggestions, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to contact Director Lori Craft at 630-323-8188, or just drop a note into the suggestion box at the circulation desk anytime.



*Preserving Family Recipes*



*Willy Wonka Party*



*Fun with Cake Pops*

# Special Programs for Adults

## Annual Christmas Walk

Friday, December 2nd, 6:00-9:00 pm

Stop by the Library during this wonderful holiday event! We'll have hot cider and cookies to warm you, and the sweet voices of the Prospect School chorus to cheer you.



In the spirit of the season, we'll offer amnesty on all overdue fines on Clarendon Hills Library materials returned that night, so bring back those books!

Children may write and decorate letters to Santa and put them in our official "North Pole" mailbox for special delivery.

Happy Holidays from your Library!

## Earning Income in a Low-interest Environment

Thursday, January 19th, 2:00 pm



With short-term interest rates at historic lows, Julian Gorman of Merrill Lynch will discuss strategies to help investors seek increased yield from their portfolios.

## Sweet Home Chicago: A History of the Candy Capital of America

Saturday, January 28th, 2:00 pm



For most its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy. The city has called itself the Candy Capital of America since the turn of the century.

You probably know some of the candies made or invented here -- Brach's caramels,

Mars Snickers bars, Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Curtiss Baby Ruth bars, Tootsie Rolls, Frango Mints, Dove chocolates.

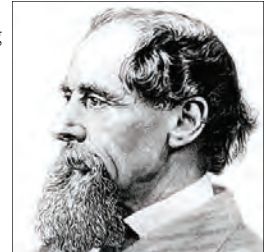
Historian Leslie Goddard will share some of the history behind these tasty treats and explore what made Chicago such a powerful location for candymakers. Delicious!

*Leslie Goddard writes and lectures frequently on American history, with particular expertise in the areas of women's history and Chicago cultural history.*

## Dickens at 200

Thursday, February 23rd, 7:00 pm

2012 marks the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens and we're celebrating with a look at Dickens' life and work by Dickens scholar Linda Putnam.



Accompanied by more than 50 pictures, Linda's talk will examine events in Dickens' own life, and how those events intertwined with the lives of his characters.

*Linda Putnam, a member of the Dickens Society and the Dickens Fellowship, has studied Dickens and London for 30 years, and has been lecturing since 1996.*

## Making the most of your Kindle or Nook at the Library

Saturday, January 7th, 2:00-3:00 pm



Did you receive an e-reader for Christmas? Learn how you can use your new toy to borrow library books! Director Lori Craft will conduct a hands-on, how-to session to help you use our "Media on Demand" service which offers a wide selection of eBooks that you can borrow with your library card.

**Fourth Tuesday Movie Matinee**  
 Tuesday, Jan. 24th & Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 1:00 pm

New for 2012, we're starting a monthly daytime movie series. The fourth Tuesday of each month, come on over to the library at 1 pm and enjoy a snack and a movie. We're starting with a couple of classics:

**Woman of the Year**—Tuesday, January 24th, 1 pm  
 The first of the Hepburn/Tracy films; it was on the set of this film that this famous duo first met.

**A Man for All Seasons**—Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 1 pm  
 The story of Thomas More, who stood up to King Henry VIII when the King rejected the Roman Catholic Church to obtain a divorce and remarriage. Won "Best Picture" Oscar for 1966.

Register for any of these free programs by calling the library at 630-323-8188, or stop by the circulation desk.

# Library News

## The Big Read returns

Get ready to immerse yourself in “The Lost Generation” of expatriates in Paris during the Roaring Twenties! The 8th annual Big Read selection is *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain, the story of Hadley Hemingway, first wife of Ernest Hemingway, and their life in Paris during those exciting years.



Resource Guides will be available beginning February 1st, and programming begins in March. For updates, be sure to follow The Big Read on Twitter ([twitter.com/bigread2012](https://twitter.com/bigread2012)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/TheBigRead](https://facebook.com/TheBigRead)).

## Buy a calendar and support the Library!

Once again this year, the library will be producing and selling a calendar to raise funds to enhance our DVD collection. This year, in response to comments we received from our community survey, we are designating the proceeds specifically for non-fiction DVDs.

Clarendon Hills loves to read, and this full color wall calendar shows it, featuring photos of readers of all ages enjoying our library. You can purchase a calendar for \$20 at the Christmas Walk and all through the month of December. They make great gifts, too!

## Public Fax Machine and Color Copier

The library now has a fax machine for public use. Located on the main floor by the magazines, this machine can be used (with a credit card) to send faxes within the United States and internationally. Within the continental US, the cost is \$1.50 for the first page, and \$1.00 for each additional page.

Also, did you know that the copier on the library’s main floor can copy in black & white *or* in color? It costs \$.10/page for black & white copies and costs \$.50/page for color copies. In addition to copying, you can use the machine to scan documents to your flash drive (will save documents as a pdf).

## New Book discussion offered at Park District

Library staff are partnering with the Clarendon Hills Park District to offer a monthly daytime book discussion call “Books ‘n Bites” located at the Park District Community Center. Check the park district website at [www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org](http://www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org) or call the park district at 630-323-2626 for details or to register.

January selection: *Always Looking Up* by Michael J. Fox

February selection: *The Next Thing on My List* by Jill Smolinski

Copies of the selected books will be available at the library.

## New Service!

### Book-a-Librarian

One of the things mentioned in our survey responses was your desire for the library to offer some computer instruction. We don’t have the space for a dedicated computer lab, but we can offer the instruction one-on-one.

Each half-hour session can be geared to your specific needs. Some possible topics:

- Setting up an email account and using email
- Tips on internet searching
- Using Microsoft Word to create documents
- What’s the deal with Facebook and Twitter?
- How to use the library’s online resources

If you have other questions, just ask and we’ll help out if we can

Contact Lori Craft at 630-323-8188 or [craftl@clarendonhillslibrary.org](mailto:craftl@clarendonhillslibrary.org) to set up an appointment.

## The Book Closet

Just inside the front doors of the library on the right is a small alcove known as “The Book Closet.” When we take books out of our regular collection to make room for new ones, some of those books are moved here where they are FREE for the taking as a thank you to our wonderful patrons. Be sure to take a look the next time you stop in. You may find a hidden treasure.



# Book Discussions

## Kay Carlson Book Group

Wednesday, December 7th, 10 am  
*Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

Wednesday, January 4th, 10 am  
*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*  
by Helen Simonson

Wednesday, February 1st, 10 am  
*Luncheon of the Boating Party*  
by Susan Vreeland

Wednesday, March 7th, 10 am  
*Crossing to Safety*  
by Wallace Stegner

**Drop in on any discussion!** You are always welcome—no need to commit to monthly attendance! Take a look at these titles, and come to any discussion that interests you. Selected books are available for check-out one month before each discussion.

## Thursday Night Readers

Thursday, December 8th, 7 pm  
*The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce* by Stanley Weintraub

*December meeting to be held at a local restaurant—call for more information.*

Thursday, January 12th, 7 pm  
*The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*  
by Gertrude Stein

Thursday, February 9th, 7 pm  
*The Paris Wife*  
by Paula McLain

Thursday, March 8th  
*Secret Daughter*  
by Shilpa Somay Gowda

## The Game's Afoot Mystery Group

No December meeting

Monday, January, 16th 7 pm  
*Fool's Puzzle*  
by Earlene Fowler

Monday, February 13th\*, 7 pm  
*Laughing Policeman*  
by Maj Sjewal and Per Wahloo

Monday, March 19th, 7 pm  
*Dead to Rights*  
by A. A. Jance

\*date change due to Presidents' Day Holiday



# Clarendon Hills Library Film Series



## Christmas in Connecticut (1945) not rated

Tuesday, December 13th, 6:30 pm

A food writer who has lied about being the perfect housewife must try to cover her deception when her boss and a returning war hero invite themselves to her home for a traditional family Christmas. Stars Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan and Sydney Greenstreet.

## The Help (2011) rated PG-13

Thursday, January 19th, 6:30 pm

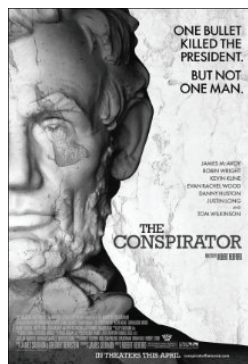
An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960's decides to write a book detailing the African-American maid's point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis. Based on the Kathryn Stockett best-seller.



## The Conspirator (2010) rated PG-13

Thursday, February 16th, 6:30 pm

Mary Surratt is the lone female charged as a co-conspirator in the assassination trial of Abraham Lincoln. As the whole nation turns against her, she is forced to rely on her reluctant lawyer to uncover the truth and save her life. Directed by Robert Redford.



# Lyric Opera Lecture Series



Welcome to another season of Lyric Opera Community Lectures. We are once again joining forces with Indian

Prairie Public Library in presenting this series. Enjoy!

## The Magic Flute

Thursday, December 1st, 7 pm  
Indian Prairie Library

## Aida

Tuesday, January 10th, 7 pm  
Clarendon Hills Library

## Show Boat

Monday, February 13th, 7 pm  
Clarendon Hills Library

## Rinaldo

Thursday, March 1st, 7 pm  
Indian Prairie Library

To register for these free lectures, call the Indian Prairie Library at 630-887-8760 or the Clarendon Hills Library at 630-323-8188.

# Children's Corner

## Story Times and More

### Winter Story Times: January 16-February 22

**Baby Time** Mondays 11 a.m.

45-minute program for children from birth through 18 months and their caregiver.

**LapSit Story Time** Wednesdays 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

30-minute program for children 3 years of age and younger with an adult companion.

**Preschool Story Time** Tuesdays 10 a.m. OR 2 p.m.

30-minute program for children 3 to 6 years old.

No Registration Required for these Story Times!



**R.E.A.D.  
to the Dogs**

The First Thursday of  
Each Month  
6:30—7:30 p.m.

Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a therapy dog. The dogs and handlers are provided by the Hinsdale Humane Society.

Readers in K—5th Grade can sign up for a 15-minute time slot beginning the Monday prior to the meeting date.

**Mark your calendars:**

Dec. 1 Sign up Nov. 28  
Jan. 5 Sign up Jan. 3  
Feb. 2 Sign up Jan. 30  
March 1 Sign up Feb. 27

#### Tiny Tot Art

Mondays 10 a.m.  
Wednesdays 4 p.m.

Jan. 16—Feb. 22

**Registration:** Jan. 3  
**Limit:** 12 children

Come with your tiny tot for songs, a story, and an art project. For children 18-30 months with an adult.

#### Let's Learn Spanish

Fridays 11 a.m.  
Dec. 2, Jan. 27, Feb. 24

An instructor from Language Stars will present a drop-in story time introducing the Spanish language. Geared to children 3-6 years old, and attending children must be supervised by an adult.

**No registration required.**

#### Family Story Time

2nd Saturday of the  
Month 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11  
This drop-in story time with craft activity is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

**No registration required.**

## Special Programs

### Ribbit! Explore Frogs with Music and Art!

Wednesday, December 7th  
10-10:30 a.m. for 1-3 year olds

The Reggio Emilia Approach, through "The Hundred Languages of Children" will be presented by Mrs. Giammarino, a preschool teacher and Mrs. Wentling, a licensed Music Together teacher. Using music and art, children, ages 1-3 years old with their parent/caregiver will experience a fun learning project with the theme of frogs.

### Ornaments for the Animals

Wednesday, December 7th  
2-2:30 p.m. for 3-5 year olds

Come join Mrs. Zabransky, a Reggio Emilia-inspired preschool teacher, in a literature and art learning experience.

Your 3-5 year-old will hear the story, "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," and create an ornament too for sharing with the animals in their own backyard.

Special thanks to

**Zion Lutheran**

**Early Childhood Education Center**

for providing these special programs at our library!

**Registration for these programs is required.**

**Limit: 20 children each**

### The Grinch Celebration

Monday, December 12th  
10:00 a.m. OR 4:00 p.m.

It's the 45th anniversary of the classic holiday special, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Drop in for a reading of part of this book, a related craft, and other fun!

### Family Lego Night

January 26, February 23  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Calling all Lego fans...let's see what you can create with our Legos! Make a Lego creation based on a theme. All creations will be put on display in the Library. Geared for children 3 years old and up. Group limit is 12 families.

Registration begins January 3rd for the January 26th date and February 1st for the February 23rd date.

### Blanket/Pizza Day

Monday, January 16th  
12:30—2:00 p.m.

Come make a no sew fleece blanket to donate to Project Linus. Project Linus provides kids who are seriously ill or who have undergone some kind of trauma with the warmth of a homemade blanket. If you want to express your own creativity, you may use your own fleece (one 1 1/2 or 2 yard piece) or simply have fun picking from the fleece the library will have available. All who attend will be treated to pizza for lunch too! For students age 10 and up.

Registration begins  
Tuesday, January 3rd

We are looking for donations of Legos for our new Lego Program. If you would like to donate some, please drop them off in the Kids Department. Thank you!



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The Clarendon Hills Library Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. You are invited to attend.

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#### Connect with us!

- twitter.com/CHLibrary
- facebook.com (Search for Clarendon Hills Library)
- clarendonhillslibrary.org

## Future Bestsellers

#### Coming in December

*Locked On* by Tom Clancy  
*Death Benefit* by Robin Cook  
*Red Mist* by Patricia Cornwell  
*Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag  
*Bone Tree* by Greg Iles  
*77 Shadow Street* by Dean Koontz

#### Coming in January

*The Rope* by Nevada Barr  
*Death of Kings* by Bernard Cornwell  
*Taken* by Robert Crais  
*Love in a Nutshell* by Janet Evanovich  
*Believing the Lie* by Elizabeth George  
*Need You Now* by James Grippando  
*Copper Beach* by Jayne Ann Krentz  
*The Hunter* by John Lescroart  
*Deadline* Fern Michaels

*Beakdown* by Sara Paretsky  
*The Jaguar* by Jefferson T. Parker  
*Private: #1 Suspect* by James Patterson  
*All Necessary Force* by Brad Taylor

#### Coming in February

*Into the Darkness* by V. C. Andrews  
*Death of a Kingfisher* by M. C. Beaton  
*Sonoma Rose* by Jennifer Chiaverini  
*Kill Shot* by Vince Flynn  
*Left for Dead* by J.A. Jance  
*Victims* by Jonathan Kellerman  
*I've Got Your Number* by Sophie Kinsella  
*World Divided* by Mercedes Lackey  
*Private Games* by James Patterson  
*Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult  
*Celebrity in Death* by J. D. Robb

## Recent Gifts & Memorials

#### *Thank you to . . .*

- The Clarendon Hills Lions Club for funds to purchase the following audio books: *Robert Ludlum's Killing the Blues* by Michael Brandman, *Nightwoods* by Charles Frazier, *Dance with Dragons* by George R.R. Martin, and *Sisterhood Everlasting* by Ann Brashares.
- Quinn's Coffee House for their gift to be used for the purchase of new books.
- Rob Innes for donating numerous new non-fiction books for children.

#### *In memory of . . .*

- Pat Frank, the book *Japanese Quilt Inspirations* by Susan Briscoe was added to collection through a donation by Anne and Edward Borsuk

- Pat Frank, the books *The Perfect Suspect* by Margaret Coel and *Black Diamond: A Mystery of the French Countryside* by Martin Walker have been added to the collection through a donation by the Game's Afoot Mystery Group.
- Jack and Pat Frank, the following nonfiction books and DVD have been added to the library's collection through a donation from the Clarendon Hills Historical Society: *Fodor's The Complete African Safari Planner, 2nd Edition: with Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya and the Seychelles; Four Years in Paradise (Sisters of the Hunt)* by Osa Johnson; *I Married Adventure: The Lives of Martin and Osa Johnson* by Osa Johnson; *Osa and Martin: For the Love of Adventure* by Kelly Enright; and, *Best of Travel: South Africa* (DVD).