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The Book Report

may/june 2010

Director's Message

Welcome to our newly revised Book Report! We hope you find the new layout easier to read. You'll also notice our new logo, which was designed by students at the Harrington College of Design. You should begin noticing our logo on our website, brochures, and flyers. We want to make it easy for you to recognize library programs and events throughout the community.

Based on feedback received in last year's community survey, we know you want us to make it easier to find out about events at the library. So I'm pleased to share that we now have two new ways for you to follow us. Facebook users can now find us on Facebook by searching "La Grange Public Library." Twitter users can follow us at "librarylagrange" <http://twitter.com/librarylagrange>. We'll let you know about what's new and exciting at the library.

Not on Facebook or Twitter? Never fear. Our email newsletters are arriving in May. You can subscribe to BookNews to get a monthly update on new titles in your favorite subjects and genres. If you already receive overdue and hold notices from us, look for an invitation to subscribe to BookNews in your email. Or go to our home page lagrangelibrary.org and click on E-Newsletters under Library Services.

As always, let us know what you think of these new services!

Jeannie Dilger-Hill

La Grange Pet Parade

Saturday, June 5 at 9:30 am

Watch for Library staff (and their pets) in this year's Pet Parade. The Friends of the Library will man a booth on the corner of Cossitt and La Grange Road to sell water and homemade dog biscuits. Volunteers are welcome. Call the Library at 708.352.0576 if you're interested in walking or staffing the booth.

Scholastic Book Fair

sponsored by The Friends of the Library

June 7-June 12

Monday through Friday 9am-7pm

Saturday, 9am-1pm

The library will host a Scholastic Book Fair to kick off Summer Reading and raise funds for the Friends of the Library. Visit us during the week of June 7 and purchase books for preschool through Jr. High aged children. This is a great opportunity to stock up on vacation books, grow your family's personal library and purchase gifts for the children in your life, all while benefitting the Library.

Adult Volunteers Needed!

We need your help at the Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the book fair, work with the public helping them find books to purchase and handling purchasing transactions, and working to display material throughout the week. A minimum two-hour shift commitment is requested. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or e-mail Judy Ellison, Friends President, at 708.352.2355 or jestitch@aol.com before May 30.

What's Happening at the Library in May & June

May/June Adult Programs

Healthy Eating for Families

Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm

Concerned about serving healthy meals to the children you care for? Join Theresa Sullivan from Square One Organics and Anne Massey from Whole Foods in Hinsdale as they present ideas for creating healthy meals for children. Learn how to incorporate "superfoods" into children's diets, as well as kid-friendly recipes to make with family. Taste delicious recipes and win gift cards for Whole Foods. This event is for parents, grandparents and other caregivers.

The \$5 Cup of Coffee Is Ruining My Retirement

Monday, May 17 at 7 pm

Author Paul Scheiner gives tips and tricks on how to prepare for retirement in our shaky economy.

Super Couponing with Jill Cataldo

Thursday, May 20 at 7 pm

Trying to save money on your grocery bills? Coupon Queen Jill Cataldo will show you a new method to use coupons to save on everything from cereal to shampoo. This popular program fills quickly. Register!

Duo Classical Grand Piano Concert

Sunday, May 23 at 2 pm

It's not very often the Library hosts a program with two grand pianos! Join us for this very special classical piano concert with pianists Andrew Remillard and Edgar Swarthout.

How Low-Vision Assistive Devices Can Help

Tuesday, June 8 at 7 pm

The Library and the La Grange Lions Club will host this program on assistive technology and devices for people with low vision. A demonstration of the Library's digital magnifier will be featured. No registration needed.

Green Program: What is Life Cycle Approach?

Tuesday, June 15 at 7 pm

Behind every product you purchase, there exists a life cycle. It begins with raw materials and energy needed to manufacture, transport and use the product, and later to recycle, reuse, or dispose of it. Local architect Cheryl Cieccko will discuss the life cycle approach and how our choices influence what happens at each of these points so we can balance trade-offs and positively impact the economy, the environment, and society.

Long Term Care Insurance Explained

Tuesday, June 22 at 1 pm

Certified financial planner Duncan Smith will give the straight scoop on long term care insurance. What is it? Do you really need it? How has it changed in the last decade? Senior citizens and care givers are invited to attend. Refreshments served.

Registration is strongly requested for all programs. Register at lagrangelibrary.org or call 708.352.0576.

Ongoing Programs for Adults

Writers Workshop

Second Wednesday of each month
7:00 to 8:45 pm
No registration necessary.

Interesting in honing your writing skills? Other writers will offer advice and critique your work. Writers of all levels are invited. Bring your novel, script or poem to share with the group.

Voluntary Simplicity

Third Wednesday of each month
7:00 to 8:30 pm
No registration necessary.

Want to live a more simple life free, from clutter and dreaded commitments? Join us to explore doing more of what matters the most in your life. Bring something to exchange on the "share chair" at each meeting.

Monday, May 10 - Leslie Tabor on "green" cleaning products.
Monday, June 21 - Maria Moran on how to buy "green".

Classic Film Club

Friday, May 21, 1:00 to 3:30 pm
Musical: *Camelot*
Friday, June 18, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Horror: *The Bride of Frankenstein*

Join us once a month for a classic film, freshly popped corn, and a short discussion.

AARP Safe Driver Course

Tuesday/Wednesday, May 18 & 19
4:30 to 8:30 pm
Tuesday/Wednesday, June 15 & 16
1:00 to 5:00 pm

Take this safety course to improve your driving skills and receive a discount on your car insurance. The two-day course is taught by certified AARP instructor George Goodwin. Cost: \$12 for AARP member, \$14 for non-member. Registration required.

Knack for Knitting or Knot

Mondays, 7:00 to 8:45 pm

Knitters and other needle crafters are invited to knit, embroider, crochet and macrame in a comfortable, group setting. People of all levels are encouraged to bring a project and learn from others.

Thanks La Grange Theater!

The Library greatly appreciates the La Grange Theater's support in showing the following films at no charge for Library programs in the past few months: *No Impact Man*, *Titanic*, and *Food, Inc.*

Youth Services Summer Reading Program

Scare Up a Good Book!

Monday, June 14 through
Friday, August 6

Summer Reading

Registration begins Monday, June 7.

Join the Summer Reading Program and explore the world of the unknown and the unexplained. **Scare Up a Good Book!** is a reading club open to toddlers through incoming sixth graders which includes programs, storytimes, reading incentives, prize drawings, and more. You will receive a reading log and the rules for your age level when registering.

Registration for June programs begins Monday, June 7.

Summer Reading Kickoff sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Monday, June 7
9:00 to 11:00 am

The Friends invite you to enjoy donuts, juice and coffee in front of the Library on June 7.

Summer Reading Premiere

Friday, June 11
7:00 to 8:00 pm

The *Mystery Shop* will be here to entertain the entire family with a storytelling event. Actors and

storytellers work together to both energize and tantalize the audience with spine-tinglers and songs. The show also provides plenty of opportunity for audience participation.

Camp Nowhere

Application deadline: Friday, June 18

Participants will love this pen-pal oriented program. Register for

camp at the Youth Services desk. Once accepted, campers will be assigned to the cabin of their choice with other like-minded bunkmates. Earn points by writing to one another and by completing fun assignments from your counselors. On Monday, July 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm we will host a special **Camp Activity Night** for camp participants to get together with their bunkmates for games and treats. Then, on Monday, August 2, say good-bye to your friends at our **Camp Farewell Party** from 7:00-8:00 pm. At the party, campers will enjoy the magic and balloon artistry of Magic Matt.

Book Cover Contest

Entries due by July 24.

They say “you can’t judge a book by its

cover” but the cover art might tempt you to open the book. We invite you to design a cover for your favorite scary or not so scary book. Entries will be displayed in Youth Services and prizes will be awarded for each age level.

Read to the Dogs

One Monday in May, June and July
7:00 to 8:00

Dates to be announced.

Come and read with our special

Therapy Dogs. They are great listeners and love to be read to! Beginning readers may sign-up for a 15-minute session to practice their reading skills and make a new friend. Bring a favorite book from home or choose one from the library. These specially-trained dogs are great listeners no matter the reading level.

Monster Madness

Join us for games and crafts. We promise to show you a monster-ous good time. Registration is required.

Grades K-1: Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Create goofy (or scary) monster visors.

Grades 2-3: Tuesday, June 22, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Create puppets based on *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Grades 4-6: Tuesday, June 29, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Afraid of things that go “bump in the night?” Make a worry doll to do the worrying for you.

Cuddly Monsters

Friday, June 18 and 25
10:30 to 11:30 am
Ages 4 and 5

Who says all monsters are scary? We will share some not-so scary stories and create some monsters that will leave you laughing not screaming. Registration is required.

Stories and Songs

Wednesdays, June 16 - June 30
and July 14 - 28
6 months to age 2, 10:00- 10:30 am
Ages 2-3, 11:00- 11:30 am

Each week enjoy our newest picture books and some old favorites. We also promise plenty of songs and dance. This is a drop-in program so registration is not required

Family Storytime

Saturday, June 19 and July 17
10:00 to 10:30 am

Family storytime is for children of all

ages, and is ideal for families with siblings of varying ages. Each half hour program features songs, stories and rhymes followed by a simple craft. There is no registration required for this program.

Youth Services Summer Reading Program

Special Needs Storytime

The entire family is invited to a special storytime designed for children with various needs. We'll have stories, songs, fingerplays and a simple craft.

All ages
Saturday, June 26 and July 24
10:00 to 10:30am

We encourage pre-registration, so we have enough supplies for all children attending.

Adventures in Reading

Join us for our monthly book discussion group. We provide the snacks, you provide the enthusiasm!

Grades 2-3
Monday, June 21 and July 12
1:45 to 2:30 pm

Pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services' desk for checkout after registering for the program

For Kids Only

Enjoy a great book each month and then join your peers for a lively discussion and snacks.

Grades 4-6
Monday, June 28 and July 19
1:45 to 2:30 pm

A copy of the book will be available for checkout when you register for this program

M&M BINGO

What would summer reading be without the rousing competition at M&M Bingo?

Wednesdays, June 23 through August 4
2:00 to 3:00 pm

Due to limited space, we request that parents/caregivers only stay in the room if a child is under the age of seven. Join the fun, have a chance to win great prizes and eat your bingo markers at the end of the hour.

Spooktacular

Mad Science will be here to entertain all ages with a hair-raising performance.

Thursday, June 24
3:30 to 4:30pm

The program features floating eyeballs, levitating monsters, fire breathing dragons, creepy potions and really cool special effects from the dungeons of the Mad Science laboratory.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

The La Grange Library's "Movie Theater" will again open on Friday afternoons. Bring a pillow, a snack, and a friend or two and join us for a movie on the big screen.

All ages
Fridays, June 25 through August 6
2:00 pm

Check the movie marquee in Youth Services for that week's feature or contact us at 708.352.0576.

Traveling World of Reptiles

This show is an up-close, live and extremely "hands-on" experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Seeing and learning about these reptiles will give you a new respect for them and their importance to the environment in which we live.

All ages
Saturday, June 26
1:00-2:15 pm

The entire family will enjoy this program which is every bit as entertaining as it is educational.

They're Heee-re – at the Library!

In fact, they're everywhere in Youth Services and we dare you to come find them!

All ages
Tuesday, July 6
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Pick up a Spooky Scavenger Hunt sheet at the Youth Services' desk, solve the clues, and locate the creatures hiding in the department. Then, enter a raffle for prizes. Work alone or with a friend.

Registration for July programs begins Tuesday, July 6.

Out of This World

Grades K-1
Tuesday, July 13, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
Create space rockets.
Grades 2-3:
Tuesday, July 20, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
Create pop-up alien puppets.
Grades 4-6:
Tuesday, July 27, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
Create a dancing robot.

We will explore the galaxy and space travel. Registration required.

Space Cadets

Ages 4 & 5
Friday, July 16 and 23
10:30 to 11:30 am

Join us as we share stories about space and aliens. You will then create your own spaceship and hairy little alien. Registration is required.

Wii-Lympics

Grades K-3
Thursday, July 8
10:00 to 12:00 a.m.

Grades 4-6:
Thursday, July 8
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Show off your Wii skills in this Olympic-style event. Face off against your peers in a variety of sports. You can choose to compete in any (or all) of the events from the game *Wii Sports Resort*.

Percy Jackson Party - You're Invited!

Grades 3-6
Thursday, July 15
3:30 to 4:30 pm

Percy Jackson fans are invited to this Olympian event. The fun includes a variety of games, activities, and treats. Test your knowledge in a team trivia challenge. Registration is required.

Wacky Science

Grades 3-6
Thursday, July 22
2:00 to 3:00pm

Join us as we open our own library laboratory with bubbling potions and eerie experiments. Each child will take home their own container of gooey slime. Space is limited so registration is a must.

End of Summer Reading Performance

All ages
Friday, August 6
7:00 to 8:00 pm

You've worked hard all summer and now it's time to sit back and enjoy the production of *Beauty and the Beast* by Robert's Marionettes. This unique art form promises an unparalleled theatre experience. The presentation will include the play, a demonstration of how marionettes work, and an informative question and answer session. We will announce the grand prize summer reading winners after the program.

Operation Splash: Family Summer Reading Program

All ages

June 7 through August 6
Grand Prize Drawing on

This is your chance to get the whole family reading this summer! Pick up your special family reading card at the Youth Services or Adult Reference desk. Once an adult, child or young adult finishes a reading log, have library staff at the Youth Services (YS) or Adult Reference (AR) desk stamp your card. Each member of the family must receive a stamp before you're eligible for the drawing. Once everyone has received a stamp, put your completed card in the box at any of the desks. You may enter as many times as each family member finishes a reading log. The grand prize is a one-night stay and four water park passes to the Holiday Inn Chicago-Elmhurst Mayan Adventure Indoor Water Park.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to stop by, call 708.352.9505 or visit lagrangelibrary.org for more information.



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Young Adult Information and Summer Reading

Registration Information

Most Young Adult programs require registration. Visit lagrangelibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events, call Noël or Jane at 708.352.0576, or ya@lagrangelibrary.org.

Finals Destination

Saturdays, May 29 and June 5
Noon to 4:30 pm
Tuesday, June 1, Wednesday, June 2,
and Thursday, June 3
4:00 to 8:30 pm

Study for finals at the library. For five days, we're turning our meeting room into your Finals Destination! Come study with your friends or alone and have some snacks to help you focus. No registration needed.

Teen Book Swap

Monday, June 7, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Get prepped to kick off this year's Summer Reading Program – Scare Up a Good Book! -- with a "new-to-you" book! Come up to the Young Adult Room and swap your gently-used books- Give one, get one. No registration.

Teen Friends and Family Board Games Afternoon

Thursday, June 17, 3 to 4:30 pm

Grab your friends for an afternoon of board games. A variety of games, puzzles, and cards will be provided-- bring your own if you like. Refreshments and door prizes to boot! Registration required by June 15.

Teen Skittles™ Bingo

Wednesdays, June 23 - July 28
3:30 to 4:30 pm

Too old to play M&M™ Bingo at the Library? Good news--we've continued it for teens! Ages 12-18 can play 1, 2, or 3 cards at a time and win small prizes.

Hiya, Creepcake Teen Project

Monday, June 28
2:00 to 3:00 pm
Put your ghoulishly sweet imagination to work to make creepy cupcake creations! Registration is a must.

Comedy Night with Emily Toops

For high-school aged teens and older
Friday, July 2, 7:00 to 7:40-ish pm

Emily returns! This time the Second City-trained comic has a show of her own. With her snarky bite and clever observations on high school, American culture, capitalism, and more, Emily will have you LYAO. No registration needed.

Teen Tuesday Films Scare up a Cheesy Horror Flick!

Tuesdays, May 11, June 8, July 6, and August 3, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

May: *Screaming Skull* (1958) 68 min.
June: *The Giant Leeches* (1960) 68 min.
July: *Frogs* (1972) 90 min.
Aug: *The Wasp Woman* (1960) 73 min.

For ages 12-18.

Free popcorn, drinks, and candy will be served at movie. Don't forget to register!

Scare up Some Local History

Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Teens and adults alike are invited for an evening with renowned Chicagoland historian, author, and ghosthunter Ursula Bielski. Author of such books as *Chicago Haunts* and *Creepy Chicago*, Bielski has been leading historical ghost tours of Chicago area for years. Registration is strongly suggested.

Scary Stories Around the Campfire

Thursday, July 15, 9:00 to 10:00 pm

A crackling fire. Lightning bugs. S'mores, bug spray, and folding chairs. The library parking lot after dark. And the very best thing of all – scary stories. Register!

Twilight! New Moon Movie Marathon

Saturday, August 7, noon to 4:45 pm

Teens – adults – *anyone* crazy about *Twilight* - grab your pillows and your friends for an afternoon of Bella, Edward, and Jacob! We'll have popcorn, drinks, candy -- and some fun giveaways and prize drawings between movies. Space is limited -- be sure to register!

Etcetera @ the Library

Teen Volunteers Needed

Incoming 7th-12th Graders

June 4-July 30

Registration begins May 10 online/phone/in person

Final Volunteer Party July 30

Teens! We need your help this summer in Youth Services! We have a little something for every interest level. Teen volunteers will help with a Scholastic Book Fair, assist with programs for children birth through 6th grade, prepare craft projects, and help with our busy summer reading program. We will have a **mandatory meeting on Thursday, June 3 from 4pm-5pm** where teens will sign-up for weekly time slots to volunteer this summer. As a thank you, we will host a party on July 30 for all teens who volunteer this summer.

Ongoing Book Sale: May Special

The Library's Ongoing Book Sale located in the lobby on the book cart, first floor alcove and second floor alcove benefits the Friends of the Library. Stop by during May and take advantage of our May Special:

Withdrawn books – 2 for 1.

Choose from Fiction, Childrens, Sci-Fi, Reference, and more.

Interested in helping out on a regular basis with the Ongoing Book Sale? Call the Library or email bittmanb@lagrangelibrary.org.

Donate Textbooks Now

Please consider donating your gently used, CURRENT textbooks published since 2006 to the Library.

- ❖ Good condition
- ❖ No older than 2006 publisher date
- ❖ All levels: elementary, middle school, high school and college

Please drop off all donations at the Patron Services Desk on the first floor. Receipts are available for tax purposes.

Free Comic Book Day on May 1 & 2

Celebrate Comic Book Day on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. Pick up a free comic book at the Reference desk on the second floor and browse our extensive anime collection while you're at the Library.

Summer Reading Program for Adults

Adult Summer Reading: Scare Up a Good Book

Ages 18 and up

June 7 through August 6

Why should kids have all the fun? Sign up for the adult summer reading program and win prizes and gift certificates from local businesses. To qualify, read three books related to this year's theme **Scare Up a Good Book**. Register at the Reference Desk on the second floor and ask for a list of spooky suggested titles. Remember, you can listen to a book too. Visit MediaonDemand.org to check out a downloadable book or visit our collection of Books on CD. Scared to try? Call the Reference Desk at 352.0576.

Scare Up Some Local History Program

Adult and Teen Program

Tuesday, July 13

You are invited for an evening with renowned Chicagoland historian, author, and ghosthunter Ursula Bielski. Author of such books as *Chicago Haunts: Ghostlore of the Windy City* (1998) and *Creepy Chicago: A Ghosthunter's Tales of the City's Scariest Sites* (2003), Bielski has been leading historical ghost tours of Chicago and the suburbs for several years. We're sure she'll talk about ghostly happenings in our own backyards, too. Registration is strongly suggested for what is sure to be a chilling evening.

LGBA Summer Event: Rainbarrels

Early June through September 10

Once again, the Library will participate in the La Grange Business Association's (LGBA) Summer event. This year's project features rain barrels. Artist Liz Morton Hernandez has created a beautiful butterfly bush painting on the Library's barrel. Learn more about the barrels on lgbarainbarrels.com. Be sure to vote for the Library's barrel on that website. The most popular barrels will be available for auction on September 10. Stay tuned for more Library and Go Green programs on water conservation in July at lagrangelibrary.org.



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Board Meetings

Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm
Tuesday, June 15 at 7:30 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 pm

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Books Discussions

Adult Book Discussions

Book discussions led by library staff. Space is limited to 15. Call Reference Services at 708 352.0576 ext.18 to reserve your spot.

Oryx and Crake

by Margaret Atwood
Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 pm

Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom

by Cory Doctorow
Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 pm

Madame Bovary

by Gustave Flaubert
Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 pm

Great Books Discussion

This group discusses classical selections with the assistance of volunteer Al Silinis.

Society and Its Discontents

by Sigmund Freud
Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 pm

Great Books will take a summer break and resume in September.

NEW! Noir in a Bar

Call Reference Services at 708 352.0576 ext.18 to reserve your spot.

This new group is geared toward discussing edgy books in a bar or restaurant on the last Tuesday of every odd-numbered month. Our first *Noir in a Bar* is on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 pm at Nicksons Eatery in La Grange. It will feature *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* by Seth Grahame-Smith.

Exhibits for May and June

May

View artwork by students from local homeschool groups, St. John's Lutheran, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus. Art will be displayed throughout the building in Youth Services, Young Adult, Quiet Reading Room and the lower level Art Gallery.

June

Explore the Ukrainian art collection of sisters Irene and Luba Nowsak including wooden boxes, Easter eggs, embroidery and ceramics. In the lower level Art Gallery, author and photographer Dr. Roksolana Tymiak-Lonchyna will display her wonderful collection of photos of the people and places of Ukraine.

Library Hours

Monday—Friday 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm
Closed Memorial Day through Labor Day

Closed

Friday, May 7 for Staff Training
Sunday, May 9 for Mother's Day
Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day