



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Message

The closing of Borders is truly a loss to our community. Like many of you, I hope that a new or used bookstore will consider moving into La Grange. At the Library, we will particularly miss the partnership we had formed with the local Borders staff. For instance, last year Borders worked with the Illinois Literacy Foundation to offer customers the opportunity to purchase books for the Library.

"Partnering with the Community" is so important to us that the Library Board named it as the first of our five strategic initiatives when we adopted our 2010-2014 Strategic Plan. Some of the partnerships we have formed or strengthened are visible, such as our LGBA Rocking Chair in front of Fannie Mae. Others are less obvious but incredibly vital to us. The best example is the annual support we receive from our local businesses in the form of prizes for our children's, teen, and adult Summer Reading Programs. This year, nearly 1700 people participated in the Summer Reading Programs, enjoying prizes from the following local businesses.

Al's Char-House	Lillett Candies Gourmet
Aurelio's Pizzeria	Chocolate Shop
Bakers Square	Marconi's Ristorante
Bella Bacos	Nickson's Eatery
Blueberry Hill	Palmer Place Restaurant
Ceramic Art Café	Q-BBQ
Chimera's Comics	Red Mango
Chipotle Mexican Grill	Starbucks
The Dailey Method	Tates Ice Cream
Flying High	We're Nuts Inc.
La Grange McDonald's	

Please be sure to thank them, and support them by giving them your business.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill

The Book Report

september/october 2011

LEGO® Donations Wanted!

We want to start an after-school LEGO® Club and need your help! Please consider donating LEGO® bricks in any quantity to the Youth Services Department.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month: a time when libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. When a child receives his/her card, bring it to the Youth Services desk and receive an "All About Me" journal. Their first entry can be the day they received their card.

September/October Adult Programs

Job Skills Series

Communication Strategies - Monday, September 19 at 7:00pm

This session will focus on creating resumes and cover letters. Learn how to communicate effectively and comfortably about yourself. Presented by Amanda Noel of Robert Morris University.

Dynamic Networking - Monday, September 26 at 7:00pm

Current statistics indicate that over 80% of all jobs are found through networking. This session will assist in productively utilizing your contacts, incorporating social media in your search, effectively using a Marketing Plan, and coaching your network for better results. Presented by Michael Schumacher, Vice President, Director of Professional Services at Lee Hecht Harrison's Lisle, IL office.

The ABCs of Interviewing for the J-O-B - Monday, October 3 at 7:00pm

An employer's assessment of you goes far beyond how you answer their questions. This session focuses on how you can quickly persuade an employer that you are the right person for the job. Presented by Gregory Tall of Robert Morris University and Successions, Inc.

Adult Services Programs

Knack for Knitting or Knot

Mondays, September 12 thru October 3 & 17 - 31 at 7:00pm

Knitters and needlework enthusiasts ages 16 & up will enjoy this chance to work on projects, learn new stitches and swap patterns. Beginners welcome. No registration necessary.

Writer's Workshop

Wednesdays, September 14 & 28, and October 12 & 26 at 7:00pm

New and experienced writers are welcome to bring their work for a friendly critique by other writers.

AARP Driver's Safety Course – 2 day class

September 13, 14 at 10:30am–2:30pm

October 18, 19 at 4:30pm–8:30pm

This two-day library and AARP-sponsored class will help people learn defensive driving techniques and new traffic laws and rules of the road. Class cost: \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers payable to AARP at the class. **MUST TAKE BOTH DAYS OF CLASS** for credit on your car insurance.

Master Gardener

Saturdays, September 17 and October 1, 9:15am–2:00pm

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will have a gardening information table in the foyer of the library. They will be on hand to answer your questions as you ready your garden for Fall and Winter. Open to all.

Youth Services Programs

Registration is required for children's storytimes and programs unless indicated as "drop-in."

Registration for September programs begins September 6.

Registration for October programs begins September 26.

Registration for November storytimes begins October 24.

Back to School Storytimes

September 12 through October 21

Lapsit Storytime

For children ages 6 to 23 months and their caregivers.

Tuesdays 9:15-9:45am

Wednesdays 9:15-9:45am or

Fridays 9:15-9:45am

Join us for an interactive 30-minute program that includes short stories, fingerplays, music and lap games, followed by time to interact in a playgroup setting.

Two Pianos - Four Hands: Duo Classical Piano Concert

Thursday, September 22 at 7:30pm or

Sunday, September 25 at 2:00pm

Join us for an Autumn concert featuring returning pianists Andrew Remillard and Edgar Swarouth playing on two grand pianos. This concert was previously "sold out," so we have booked two performances. Register early!

Senior Reading Club

Second Tuesday of every month at 10:00am

This reading group is new to us, but many of you many know it as the Senior Reading Group from Borders. We are pleased to have helped them find a new home. The reading group is open to all and features a selection of books including historical novels, biographies and current must-reads. We think you will find something in each of our selected books that is provocative, appealing, out of the ordinary, or just plain heartwarming.

For more specific information regarding each program check out the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website at lagrangelibrary.org, or call 708.352.0576.

Storytime

Storytime introduces children to early literacy skills as well as the library through a half hour of stories, songs, and a simple craft. Parents also have the opportunity to learn new stories and songs with their children and meet other parents.

Aged 2

Tuesdays 10:00-10:30am or

Thursdays 10:00-10:30am or

Fridays 10:00-10:30am

Ages 3-5

Mondays 10:00-10:30am or

Wednesdays 10:00-10:30am or 1:30-2:00pm

PJ Storytime

All ages with a caregiver

Drop-in program

Fridays 7:00-7:30pm

Youth Services Programs continued



Participant in the Globetrotters Mexico program for Summer Reading.

Special Needs Storytime

Saturday, September 24 and October 22, 10:00-10:30am

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. This storytime is designed to encourage children to participate while having fun in an atmosphere that is comfortable for the child with special needs. We encourage pre-registration, so we have enough supplies for all children attending.

Spanish Storytime presented by Language Stars

Children ages 6 month to 6 years

Fridays, September 16 and October 14, 11:00am

Take part in a storytime presented entirely in Spanish. These storytimes will be presented by a native Spanish speaker from Language Stars in Hinsdale. This is a perfect opportunity for native speakers to hear a storytime in Spanish as well as for non-native speakers to experience the Spanish language through picture books, song and other activities appropriate for preschoolers. Registration is not required.

Read to the Dogs

Monday, September 19 and October 17, 7:00pm

Readers are welcome to sign up to read to a specially trained dog for 15 minutes. Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level!

Reading Patch Club

Tuesday, September 6 through Friday, May 25

Become an official member of the La Grange Library's Reading Patch Club. This program is open to toddlers through the 6th grade. Stop by the Youth Services desk to register and receive your reading log. Once you complete your reading goal, you pick out a prize book and reading patch. Keep reading and earn a variety of patches! Children must have a valid La Grange Library card when registering.

Stop, Drop and Roll! presented by the La Grange Fire Department

Monday, September 26, 11:00am

Teach your preschooler this important lesson about fire safety during an interactive program with real firemen. The firemen will be here to show the preschoolers their firefighting equipment and teach them all about "stop, drop, and roll." The kids will then go outside and not only see the fire truck but be able to climb aboard.

Junior Explorers

Grades 1-3

Monday, September 19 and October 17, 3:45-4:45pm

Explore a different theme each month using visuals and crafts. In September, we will look at the changing leaves and create a leaf suncatcher. Then, in October, we will learn all about the Statue of Liberty while creating our own miniature replica.

Book Discussions

A copy of the book will be available for checkout at the Youth Services' desk.

Fun with Books

Grade 1

Tuesdays, September 20 and October 11, 3:45-4:30pm

Follow the adventures of different characters in early chapter books in this interactive book discussion program for beginning readers.

Adventures in Reading

Grades 2-3

Tuesdays, September 27 and October 18, 3:45-4:30pm

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

For Kids Only

Grades 4-6

Tuesday, October 25, 3:45-4:30pm

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

Youth Services Programs continued

Time of Your Life

Grades 4-6

Monday, September 26, 3:45-4:45pm

Did you know that time capsules are even “buried” in space? What does the La Grange Library’s time capsule contain and when is it scheduled to be opened? After our discussion, you will assemble your own Back-to-School capsule filled with summer memories, your “likes” and wishes for the coming school year. Open it in the future (maybe at the start of next year) and see your personal growth and how the things you care about now may have changed.

Grossology

Grades 4-6

Monday, October 24, 3:45-4:45pm

To some, Halloween stands for “scary” but others love to be grossed out. Our Grossology event will include both food challenges (maybe boogers on a stick) and touching challenges. Then, have fun grossing out your friends and family when you make and take home slime, blood and maybe...

BOO! Haunted House Contest

Entry deadline is Monday, October 24.

Create a haunted house and enter it in this creepy competition. All ages are welcome. Work with a group or create your own individual house. Stop by Youth Services and pick up an entry form. Prizes will be awarded in many categories including Funniest and Scariest with a Grand Prize for the Best House based on a book.

Glue ‘n Go Costumes

Family program

Monday, October 3, 7:00-8:00pm

Costume designer Holly Cleeland will instruct parents and children on how to make extraordinary costumes from household items and basic tools in very little time. She will give away three costumes at the end of the workshop. This is a great program to start off the Halloween season or for anyone who has children who like to play “dress-up.” Space is limited so registration is required.



Patrons compete for space in the library during city-wide power outages.

TYLER'S TIME



The Creepy Halloween Magic Show & Teach-In

Presented by Michael Kett

Grades 2-6

Wednesday, October 19, 3:45-4:45pm

Children aged 7-11 years are invited to join us for this creepy (but not too creepy) Halloween show. Magician Michael Kett brings just the right amount of chills to this show created for “older kids”. In addition to an amazing performance, participants will learn 4 magic tricks and stunts to amaze and entertain their friends and family. Age range will be strictly enforced!

Outreach: What Can We Do For You?

Our Outreach Coordinator, Megan Utne, is always available to help teachers, librarians, and other educators with all kinds of special services, including in-school storytime or book talk visits; scheduling school field trips; or pulling and reserving books for homework assignments. Teachers, let us know about upcoming assignments by filling out our assignment alert form on our website. Also, if there’s a need for library services in your youth club or organization, scout troop or preschool event, please let Megan know. Don’t be shy about suggesting ideas we haven’t thought of yet! Contact Megan at: utnem@lagrangelibrary.org or 708.352.0576 ext. 26.

Banned Books Week

September 24 – October 1

Fight for it! Celebrate it! Demand it! Your public libraries have fought for your right to read anything and everything you choose, and now is your chance to exercise your freedom to read as we observe Banned Books Week. We believe free and open access to information is so important that we honor Banned Books Week for three weeks. Come to the library, honor the power of literature by reading a banned book, and enter our contest – lucky winners will receive a T-shirt celebrating our freedom to read, or maybe a nicely subversive button.

Young Adult Services Programs

Registration Information

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

Tech Teens

Fall Semester

Tech Teens is an elite group of teen volunteers who assist adult patrons by troubleshooting basic PC, printer, and copier problems, by answering various email questions, and by solving other simple technology-related problems and questions. If you would like to be considered for this volunteer opportunity for the fall semester, please contact Noël for an application, or go online at www.lagrangelibrary.org >Support the Library>Volunteering. Applications for the fall semester will be accepted through September 25.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, September 8, and Thursday, October 13, 7:00-8:00pm

The La Grange Public Library is seeking teens who love the Library! TAB is a forum for teens aged 12 through high school who want to suggest materials that the Library should purchase for teens, such as great books, music and videos. We will meet from September through May on the second Thursday of the month for an hour to discuss books, magazines, teen issues, and programming. Come on out and let your voice be heard! Registration ends 2 days before each meeting. (3 min/ 10 max)

Are You Ready for the ACT?

Saturday, September 17, 11:00am–2:30pm

Students are invited to take a practice ACT test, to be scored and evaluated by Kaplan. The test will take 3.5 hours. A few weeks following the test, a Kaplan representative will contact you via phone to discuss your score and offer tips on how to improve. Registration ends September 14. (No min/25 max)

Babysitting Clinic

Monday, October 17, 4:00–6:30pm and Monday, October 24, 4:00–5:30pm

Instructor George Scukanec from the Willowbrook Park District will be your guide through this 4-hour, hands-on clinic, covering baby and child care, first aid, and babysitter training. If you attend both sessions, you will receive your official Babysitting Certification at the end of the second class! Cost: \$20.00, payable at registration. Open to ages 11-15. Registration, in-person, is limited to 16 and ends October 9. (5 min/16 max)

Face Your Fears – Get Your Ghoul On

Sunday, October 30, 2:00-3:00pm

Hey high school students! It’s zombie season -- and here’s your chance to “face your fears!” We’ll have a makeup artist from Lyons Township High School demonstrate tricks and techniques behind creating scars, bloody sores, decayed flesh, and hollowed eyes -- perfect ways to turn your face into a zombie for Halloween. Enjoy some creepy treats, too. Stagger in and join us! Registration ends October 27. (5 min/20 max)



Young Adult “Where in La Grange are We?” ongoing photo contest.

National Friends of the Library Week

October 16-22, 2011

Learn more about the Friends by stopping by the Library during National FOL Week. Friends of the Library provide a vital role to the Library by:

- Encouraging public interest in the Library
- Promoting the Library by informing the public about materials and resources available at the Library
- Encouraging public interest and use of the Library
- Assisting in purchasing library materials, equipment and programs not included in the library budget

These funds are provided through membership dues, donations, fundraisers, and the ongoing Used Book Sale.

Want to volunteer? Stop by and talk to Nicole Zimmermann.

Volunteer Appreciation

September 25, 1:30pm

Join us for a volunteer appreciation gathering sponsored by the Friends of the Library. This event will be followed by the *Two Pianos - Four Hands* program at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome.



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Board Meetings
 Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30pm
 Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30pm

Friends of the Library Meeting
 Tuesday, Oct 4 at 7:00pm

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Book Discussions

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| <p>Adult Book Discussions
 Call Reference Services at 708.352.0576 ext.18.</p> | <p><i>The Bridge of San Luis Rey</i>
 by Thornton Wilder
 Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 7:00pm</p> <p><i>Winter's Bone</i>
 by Daniel Woodrell
 Thursday, Oct 13, 2011 at 7:00pm</p> |
| <p>Great Books Discussion</p> | <p><i>Amongst Women</i>
 by John McGahern
 Thursday, Sept 15 at 7:00pm
 Discuss classic books and readings with the assistance of volunteer Al Silinis.</p> |
| <p>Noir in a Bar</p> | <p><i>Hard-boiled Wonderland and the End of the World</i> by Haruki Murakami
 Tuesday, Sept 27, 6:30 dinner, 7:30pm discussion
 This group discusses edgy books in a bar or restaurant on the last Tuesday of every odd-numbered month.</p> <p>Meet at Sushi House, 120-B West Calendar Ave.</p> |

September/October Exhibits

September through mid October
 Over twenty students from the Bob Briskey Photo Club will have their work displayed in the lower level gallery and in display cases throughout the library. Bob Briskey, a La Grange resident with 29 years of photographic experience, has been teaching photography to students for over 4 years.

We are on the look-out for talented local and nearby artists to show their work in the rotating displays at the Library. All mediums and both 2D and 3D art are desired. Contact Nicole Zimmermann at 708.352.0576 to be considered. Be prepared to show photos and/or examples of your work.

Library Hours
 Monday-Friday 9am-9pm
 Saturday 9am-5pm
 Sunday 1pm-5pm
 Closed Sundays, Memorial Day through Labor Day

Closed
 Monday, September 5 for Labor Day and
 Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day