

Community News



SOMEONE You Should Know...

Each issue of the City newsletter will spotlight someone who “goes above and beyond” to make a difference in the lives of others.

This issue spotlights Mrs. Barbara Dunn

A Lifelong Love of the Library

In this newsletter issue, we highlight the contributions of Mrs. Barbara Dunn. In January, Mrs. Dunn celebrates her 38th year of trustee volunteer service at the Wood Dale Public Library District. Appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1976, Mrs. Dunn currently serves as Board President and has seen the role of the library evolve and grow over the years.

Question: When did you move to Wood Dale?

Answer: My parents built a house here in 1952. My uncle was already living here and told my parents it's a wonderful place to live. At the time we were living in Chicago. When we moved here, there were less than 700 people living in town.

Question: When you moved here, where was the Library?

Answer: At the time it was in the “Club-house” off of Catalpa and Irving Park.

The Library was only open a few hours at a time. I was in high school and would visit when it was open. I even volunteered when I could.

Question: What's your first memory of going to the Library?

Answer: I first went to the public library with my brothers when I was five years old. They'd take me to



the Chicago neighborhood branch library by my home. I loved going there. Books took me away to so many places.....through books you can travel, learn, and experience so many things.

Question: Why did you become a library trustee?

Answer: I was appointed to the Board in 1976 when a Trustee moved from the district. At the time I was serving on the school PTO and the Board asked me to apply. I thought about how much I loved the Library and how this would be another way to contribute to the community.

Question: How has library service changed over the years?

Answer: There has been so many things. When the Library built the current facility in 1979, we had books,



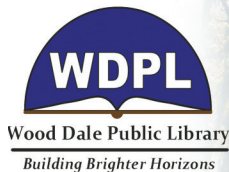
WOOD DALE CHRONICLES 12/13/79
It's a great day in Wood Dale as Barbara Dunn, library board president, wields the shovel Saturday in the symbolic groundbreaking for the new library building at Wood Dale Rd. and School St. On hand for the ceremony are past and present board members and local dignitaries including State Rep. Gene Hoffman (R-40th), far left, and Mayor Jerry Greer, center back.

magazines, and programming for the public. Now look at what we have. I remember we were one of the first public libraries in the suburbs to buy VHS tapes for the public.

Even though we were small and had limited funds, we wanted to keep one step ahead. Who would have thought today's library would have computer labs, downloadable music and books, and classes on how to use an iPad? You know, we're just not a library anymore. We're the heart and center of the community for everyone to come and enjoy.

If you know of someone you feel should be highlighted in a future issue, please send your suggestions to Amanda Melone at the City of Wood Dale (404 N. Wood Dale Road) or email her at amelone@wooddale.com.

Wood Dale Public Library District



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Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday 10 am – 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday* 1 pm – 5 pm

*From Labor Day to Memorial Day

Resolve to Read

Looking for an easy way to keep your New Year's Resolutions? This year resolve to make reading a part of your everyday activities. Erin LaRosa in her article, "12 Scientific Ways Reading Can Improve Your Life," highlighted several reasons why reading should be incorporated into your everyday life. Listed below are a few staff favorites:

1. Being a reader does make you smarter.
2. Reading a book reduces stress and puts you in a better mood.
3. Fiction books increase your ability to empathize with others.
4. People who read are more likely to get ahead when it comes to their careers and life in general.
5. Reading enhances your memory and can help prevent Alzheimer's.

With our vast collection of print books and downloadable eBooks, reading anytime, anywhere is easier than ever. Visit our library website at www.wooddalelibrary.org to find a great book to read!

Winter Reading Program

January 6 – March 29



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Adult Library Programs & Services

Below Stairs: The Story That Inspired Downton Abbey

Sunday, January 5 at 2 pm

Celebrate the season premiere of the hit TV series "Downton Abbey", a story of Margaret Powell, the kitchen maid whose story inspired "Downton Abbey" and "Upstairs, Downstairs". Portrayed by Leslie Goddard, the maid describes behind-the-scene stories about what it was like to be a servant in a wealthy English household in the 1920s. 🍰

The Sweet Facts on Diabetes

Friday, January 17 at 2 – 3:30 pm

Dr. Michael Peplow will discuss the different types, diagnoses, treatments and complications of this disease. Factors that increase the risk of diabetes will be a key feature of the talk. 🍰

Affordable Healthcare

Monday, January 20 at 7 pm

An Affordable Healthcare Act trained representative from the Hamdard Center will present information on the new health care regulations and answer your questions. 🍰

Don't Pay the Sticker Price for College!

Wednesday, January 22 at 7 pm

Join Joseph Orsolini, Certified Financial Planner and a Certified College Planning Specialist, who will explain how and when to start saving for your child's college education. He will also highlight the college financial aid system that includes scholarships, grants, student loans, and tax-savings opportunities. 🍰

Winter Craft for Grown-Ups

Friday, January 24 at 7 pm



The snow is falling and you need a night out with just grown-ups. Come to the Library to create a wintery craft for your home that is sure to bring a smile to your face on those cold, dreary days of winter. 🍰

Valentine's Day Vintage Cookies and Candy

Tuesday, February 4 at 7 pm



Just in time for Valentine's Day, travel back in time as you enjoy samples of vintage cookies and candies during this presentation from librarian and cookbook collector, Amy Alessio. Registration begins January 1. 🍰

A Visit with President Lincoln

Wednesday, February 5 at 7 pm

The President speaks about his life: growing up, his various jobs prior to becoming a lawyer and his early political career. He discusses his view on how and why it was necessary to hold the union together. 🍰

Valentine's Day Basket

Friday, February 7 at 7 pm



Celebrate Valentine's Day with fresh flowers and Peggy Garvin. Peggy will bring the flowers and her expertise to help you make a beautiful flower basket. Please bring garden pruners. Cost is \$12 per person. Registration begins January 1. 🍰 \$

Love Stories & Cupcakes

Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm



Come for an evening filled with stories of love and sweet delights. First course, calorie-free stories! For dessert, Frannie, our Cupcake Lady, will present a cupcake decorating workshop. 🍰

What Is Peripheral Arterial Disease?

Friday, February 14 at 2 – 3:30 pm

Learn about P.A.D. from Kate Fontana, a physician's assistant from Alexian Brothers. Ms. Fontana will explain the symptoms and treatment options for patients who see their doctor because of "poor circulation." 🍰

Midwinter Spa Night

Friday, February 21 at 7 pm

Bring your friends to night of relaxation and fun. There will be yoga, healthful snacks, and other ideas to make you feel beautiful and calm. 🍰



Swingin' Thru the Stacks

Friday, February 28 at 6 pm



Families are invited to our second annual minigolf night. Spend a cold Friday evening playing golf in the Library, enjoying active games and tasting healthful snacks. 🍰

Books, Books, and More Books

Vietnam War Book Discussions

The Vietnam War book discussion series will be led by a local scholar and historian Dr. John Votaw, Dominican University professor and Vietnam War veteran.

Tuesday, January 14 at 7 pm

***The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien**

is a thought-provoking fictional account of heroic young men carrying, among other things, the emotional weight of their lives to the war in Vietnam. 🍷

Tuesday, February 11 at 7 pm

***The Sorrow of War* by Bao Ninh** is a true account of a Vietnamese man who spends 11 years after high school recovering bodies of dead soldiers and serving in the North Vietnamese infantry. 🍷

Georgia's Adult Book Club

***The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian**

Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 pm

This sweeping historical love story travels between Aleppo, Syria, in 1915 and Bronxville, New York, in 2012. 🍷

Skype Event with Becky Aikman

***Saturday Night Widows* by Becky Aikman**

Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30 pm

In this transcendent memoir, the author explores surprising new discoveries about how people experience grief and transcend loss. Join us for a discussion with the author via Skype! 🍷

Klub Książki - Polish Book Discussion

***Mężczyźni, którzy Nienawidzą Kobiet* by Stieg Larsson**

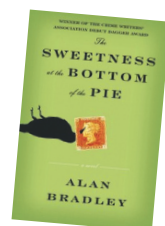
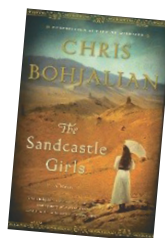
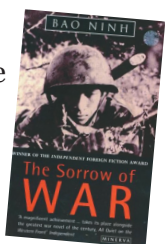
Tuesday, February 18 at 7 pm

At the Art Gallery Kafe, 127 Front Street, Wood Dale.

Mystery Lovers' Pizza Night

Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 pm

Have a slice of pizza while discussing *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. This historical mystery features an unusual detective and an 11-year old girl with a passion for poison. Three \$10 gift cards to the White Cottage Pizzeria will be drawn from among the book discussion participants. 🍷



Book Club Express at the Target Starbucks

Get your coffee, pick-up school supplies or groceries, and get in a little "me" time chatting with friends about life and books without the guilt.

Join the Wood Dale Public Library at the Target Starbucks, 401 W Irving Park Rd. Wood Dale for the discussions. Copies of the books will be available at the Wood Dale Public Library.

***Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple**

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 pm

This hilarious, multi-faceted story about Bernadette, a Seattle mother who disappears and leaves convention behind.

***The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty**

Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 pm

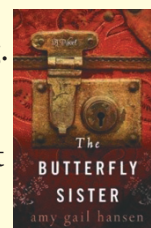
This provocative page-turner begins with a letter that is never meant to be read.

On the Edge of Your Seat: Authors Visit

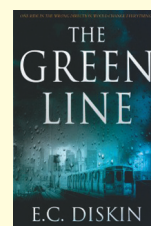
Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm

Meet two new local authors whose novels have entered the popular suspense genre scene. The authors' books will be available for purchase and signing.

Amy Gail Hansen will discuss *The Butterfly Sister*, her heartfelt literary mystery about a missing girl, mysterious suitcase, and a past full of secrets.



E.C. Diskin's astounding debut is *The Green Line*, a riveting and gripping legal thriller set in the west side of Chicago. 🍷



Adult Computer Classes

Reservations are necessary for Computer Classes. Basic computer skills are recommended.

Introduction to Excel

Saturday, January 25

10:30 – Noon

Learn to create basic spreadsheets. Topics covered include data entry, simple calculations, introduction to formulas, and worksheet formats.

Excel Formulas & Functions

Saturday, February 8

10:30 – Noon

Practice using formulas and functions. Functions covered include averages, minimum and maximum values, data filters, and loan payment calculation.

Introduction to Windows 8

Saturday, February 15

10:30 – Noon

Are you new to Windows 8 or thinking about upgrading? This class will cover some of the basic new features and functions of the Windows 8 operating system.

Technology Training

Tuesdays in January

January 7, 14, 21, 28

2 pm, 2:30 pm, 3 pm, 3:30 pm

Fridays in January

January 10, 17, 24, 31

10 am, 10:30 am, 11 am, 11:30 am

Saturdays in January

January 4, 11, 18

10 am, 10:30 am, 11 am, 11:30 am

Tuesdays in February

February 4, 11, 18, 25

2 pm, 2:30 pm, 3 pm, 3:30 pm

Fridays in February

February 7, 14, 21, 28

10 am, 10:30 am, 11 am, 11:30 am

Saturdays in February

February 1, 22

10 am, 10:30 am, 11 am, 11:30 am



At the Newsstand

The Library has purchased some new magazines for your reading pleasure. Do you enjoy cooking and trying new recipes? “Cook’s Country” might inspire a new dinner sensation. “HGTV Magazine” is for all of the DIY’ers out there. This magazine focuses on home and garden improvement, maintenance, and remodeling. Did your New Year’s resolution include dropping a few pounds? Joe Weider’s “Muscle & Fitness” is written for the serious fitness enthusiast. Also new is “National Geographic Little Kids”. This magazine is primarily aimed at preschoolers, and kids 3-6 years old and includes articles on animals, science, and life in other countries.



Scan me!

Registration is strongly encouraged for all Library programs unless otherwise noted. Register online at www.wooddalelibrary.org, by visiting the Library, or by calling 630-766-6762.



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Youth Programs & Services

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS

DAVE RUDOLF'S BEACH PARTY

Family
Thur., Feb. 20
7 – 7:45 pm

Chase away the winter cold with a beach party hosted by Dave Rudolf. He will warm us up with lots of beach music. Join in the limbo dance, hula hooping and the conga line and lots of other fun activities and music.



BOOK PARTIES

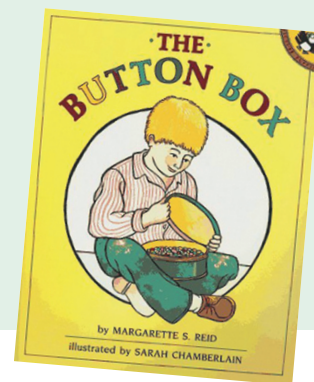


4 – 6 yrs

BOOK PARTY MEETS PLAY WITH NUMBERS

Tues., Jan. 7
4:15 – 5 pm

We will explore the book, *Button Box* by Margarete S. Reid with button sorting, counting, graphing and art project.



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Story Time @ WDPL

Toddler & Baby Time	12 – 36 Months	Wednesday	Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29	10:30 – 10:50 am
Stories & More for 2-4	2 – 4 Years	Saturday	Jan 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1	10:30 – 10:50 am
Polish Story Time	3 – 7 Years	Tuesday	Jan. 14 & Feb. 25	6 – 6:30 pm
Spanish Story Time	3 – 7 Years	Monday	Jan. 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24	6 – 6:30 pm



: Refreshments will be served.



: All Library Programs are no charge unless otherwise noted.

Youth Programs & Services



BATTLE OF BOOKS – GAME DAYS

3rd Graders

Thur., Jan 9, 16, 23 & 30

4th Graders

Tue., Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 & 18

5th Graders

Mon., Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10 & 17

Jr. High

Wed., Feb. 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 5

You are invited to attend a Battle Of Books Game!

Students have been preparing for these games for much of the school year. Each grade level has read from a list of 30 titles and will answer questions during the games in January, February and March.



WACKY WEDNESDAYS

11 – 18 yrs

Wed., Jan. 8, 22, Feb. 12 & 26

2:45 – 4 pm

Visit the library on your early dismissal days to have a snack, make a craft and hang out with your friends. You must register ahead of time so we have enough snacks!



WINTER BREAK AFTERNOON MOVIE

7 yrs & Up

Jan. 2 & 3

1 – 3 (ish) pm

Get together with your friends to watch some recently released movies at the library. On Thursday, January 2, get ready to go back in time and see how some of your favorite monsters got through college. Then on Friday, January 3, we'll catch up with a favorite villain, his newly adopted daughters and the rest of their mostly yellow family members.