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**To our Friends**

Thank you for all of your generosity to the Library this summer. The Book Sale was a huge success and the Friends spent countless hours sorting, arranging and selling books. The Friends have also provided support for Summer Reading by once again funding a face painter for our end of summer reading party and summer reading prizes. We also thank the Friends for their continual support of our Community Garden project which is underway outside of the Library.

**To Donors**

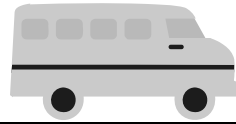
Thank you for donations to the Library and the Dr. Edwin & Mary Liebner River Forest Library Endowment Fund. Since its inception, the fund has grown to \$21,480. Your continued support helps the library thrive.

**To Summer Reading Contributors**

Thank you for your support of our Summer Reading program. We received wonderful prizes for children and adults alike. These contributions added to the enjoyment of all.

**Thank you:** Avenue Ale House, The Book Table, Chix with Stix, Clydon Salon, Community Bank, Corus Bank, Friends of the Library, Lake Theatre, Molly Malone's, Penzeys Spices, Whole Foods Market.

**Thank you for your generous support. Without your help we would not be able to provide these wonderful programs.**



**Need A Ride?** PACE provides Dial-A-Ride Services to Seniors and people with disabilities in River Forest for \$1 each way. Call 708.383.4806 to find out more and plan a trip to the library.

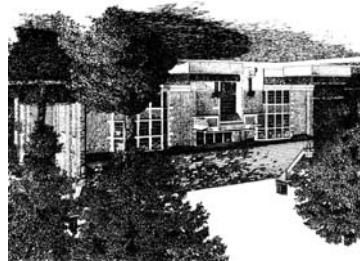
**Library Hours & Information**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(Closed Sundays June-August)

**Phone:** 708.366.5205  
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# The Bookplate

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*The mission of the River Forest Public Library Staff and Board of Trustees is to develop, publicize and deliver a wide range of high-quality library services to the community.*

**Capital Improvement Updates from the Director**

In June 2005 the Village of River Forest granted the River Forest Public Library \$457,000 to be spent on a variety of much needed capital improvement projects to the library building, grounds and infrastructure over the course of the following three years. These improvements can be classified into the following seven categories:

- Roof repairs
- Building repairs
- Landscaping upgrades
- First and second floor renovations
- Circulation modernization
- Telephone and voicemail system replacement
- Heating and Air conditioning system repairs

The Ad-Hoc Capital Improvements Committee met to prioritize which of these areas should be completed in the first phase of these improvements and the decision was made to proceed with roof repairs, building repairs, HVAC repairs, telephone system replacement, circulation modernization and landscaping. Thus far \$28,000 has been spent to repair active leaks in the slate, flat and asphalt roof surfaces to stop water from penetrating the building. Almost \$18,000 has been spent on a variety of building repairs including electrical, plumbing, and chimney repairs and replacement of the front door. Recently, an irrigation system was installed and a landscape drawing is underway to continue the work started by the Garden Club, Friends of the Library and Jeff and Frances Kraft to beautify the landscape in the front of the library and create a public, educational garden at a cost of \$9,600. Many new improvements have occurred under "circulation modernization": a computer print and time management system, as well as a people counter, and soon the self-checkout machine will be deployed. These improvements total just under \$38,000. The telephone system and voicemail system have been replaced, adding phones so that employees have access to a telephone in their workspaces and replacing the poorly functioning voicemail system with a functional system, including an automated attendant at a cost of just over \$17,500. The HVAC system has had the VAV boxes and thermostats inspected and repaired, temperature sensors added and a new fan installed on the chiller for just under \$8,700. With these projects nearing completion, it is time to move to Phase II of our Capital Improvements.

Phase II will be an exercise in space analysis. The first step in the process was having a current set of record drawings and a plat of survey created, which was completed during the Spring of 2006 and cost just under \$16,000. The next step of this project will begin in September, during which the first floor, second floor and front lawn will all be examined to determine the best way to use the space we have. The level of lighting on both floors will be investigated, as will the efficiency of the mechanical systems. A series of meetings will be held to obtain input from staff, trustees, village leaders and the community at large. Then we will determine what interior and exterior renovations can be accomplished with the remaining capital improvement dollars. Thank you for your continued support and patience as the staff and trustees of the River Forest Public Library continue to work to meet the needs of the community.

~Dawn Bussey

**In the Spotlight**

Have you read all of John Grisham and want more? Waiting for the next Patricia Cornwell but need something in the meantime? On the search for something new to read? Then check out our collection of bookmarks, produced right here by our own Adult Services staff! You'll find lists of titles and authors in all sorts of categories, from mystery to chick lit to gentle reads.

You'll find bookmarks on the second floor in the fiction section. There are new ones constantly being added, so check in often!

**Say Cheese!**



If you or your child attend any River Forest Public Library program, your picture may be taken for library publicity and may be published in the library's newsletter, local newspapers, or on the library's website (look at our online photo albums). If you do not wish your picture to be published, please notify library staff before or immediately after the program. Thank you.

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## YOUR LIBRARY ONLINE!

We are happy to announce a new subscription to an online database for language learning. The new resource is called **Rosetta Stone** and users can learn a new language or polish existing skills in Spanish (Latin American and Classic), French, Italian, German, English (UK and American) and Russian. **Rosetta Stone Online** can be accessed in the library or at home. You will need your RF library card number to register the first time. **Rosetta Stone** will be listed with our Reference Databases under Electronic Resources.

### Database Training

Looking for a better way to research? Google not quite getting you what you need? Beginning in September, the Adult Services department will be offering Database Training. River Forest Library subscribes to 31 databases and numerous electronic books, and we'd like to showcase them for you! On September 12th, we will be offering an overview of all of our databases at 2pm and 7pm, repeating on October 12th at 2pm and 7pm. Based on your feedback, we will also offer more in-depth demonstrations on individual databases throughout the year.

Take a new look at our website, [www.riverforestlibrary.org](http://www.riverforestlibrary.org)! It's chock-full of resources you can access from home, including the Tumblebooks Library! Tumblebooks features stories, games, puzzles, and even language learning! It's a great alternative to computer games for young children, and has books for kids through 6th grade in an electronic format. We'd love to hear what you think! Little ones can listen to a wide variety of animated picture books or read along at their own speed. Check out the language learning section for books in other languages, too.



### Check out our new resources for school!

Just in time for school, the library has added four ABC-CLIO databases to our collection of electronic resources:

- United States at War
- World History: Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History: Modern
- World Geography



Search for primary and secondary source material, topical essays, photos and maps, eBooks and more! Explore these powerful tools, along with the rest of the library's online resources at: <http://www.riverforestlibrary.org/databases.html>.

Teen Read Week is October 15-21, 2006. This year's theme is Get Active @ Your Library! Look for displays and suggestions in the Teen department. Check out the nominations for the 2006 Teens' Top Ten Books and be sure to vote online for your favorite during Teen Read Week at [www.ala.org/teenstopten/](http://www.ala.org/teenstopten/).

## Teen Updates

Keep checking the website for upcoming programs and new additions to the teen collection. Have a suggestion for a book, movie or program? Contact the Teen Services Librarian, Magan Szwerek at 708.366.5205 x 317 or [magan.szwerek@riverforestlibrary.org](mailto:magan.szwerek@riverforestlibrary.org).

### Friends of the Library Membership Form



#### Join the Friends of the Library

Please return this portion with your Friends dues to:  
Friends of the Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual dues \$5 per person.

## Children's Spot



Our **Voyage to Book Island** summer reading program began last May when librarian pirates Long John Silverware and Captain Book invaded local schools with an invitation to join them on their literary journey. Over 450 children completed weekly challenges, read a wide variety of books about pirates, trips, and sea creatures, and won prizes and paperback books for their efforts. Each week's activities at the library included games and puzzles, contests, movies, craft projects, and lunchtime storytimes. We were especially pleased to have the police and fire departments as honored storytime guest presenters!



Our Voyage concluded with a **Library Luau** on the lawn on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Despite torrid temperatures, a hearty crowd gathered to enjoy the inflatable slide, face painting and balloon animals, a concert by performer Dave Rudolph, games and relay races. The water balloons were a favorite, considering the heat!

We would like to thank the Friends of the Library for contributing prize books, and all of our teen volunteers both during the program and at the Luau. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank parents and caregivers who took the time to bring in their children each week for their books and prizes. Reading during the summer months ensures that your children do not lose the skills gained during the school year. Come in any time and check out all of our new books and our suggested reading lists for every grade level.

### Focus on the Friends of the Library

The Friends Book Sale, June 23, 24, & 25th was a successful community endeavor, co-chaired by Bob Hamper and Micki Caldbeck. We had great book donations from the Library residents of our village and neighboring 'burbs. More than 50 volunteers made it happen - setting up, sorting, selling and cleaning up.

Having our sale in the multi-purpose room of Roosevelt Middle School was a plus, being a much larger space than our Meeting Room and accessible to the parking lot. Dawn Bussey, our Director, and Joanne Trahanas, Principal at Roosevelt, made that happen. A very helpful staff at the school provided us with tables, chairs, signs, other equipment and services. The generous donation of plastic bags by Whole Foods Market and Tulipia Floral Design served our sale well. The remaining books were donated to deserving benevolent organizations. An appreciation pizza party was given for our Book Sale volunteers on July 18th.

Don't miss the new plantings surrounding the hawthorn trees near the entrance of the Library. The Friends have recently given support along with the OPRF Garden Club to this civic beautification project. Further design and more plantings to come.

The Friends are here for the Library. Consider a membership or a gift membership for only \$5 annually.

*Mary C. Liebner*  
President, Friends of the Library



### River Forest Public Library Community Garden

The River Forest Public Library, in collaboration with other community organizations, is developing a Community Garden at the Library. This new garden will not only bring beauty to the Library, but will also provide educational opportunities to the community. Upon its completion, the Community Garden will have a wide variety of plant life, as well as plaques to identify the plant materials.

Our Community Garden will flourish with the help of the community. Lists will be made available of plant materials and other materials that can be used for our project. We would greatly appreciate any donations that you would be willing to make and encourage residents to donate some of their own plant material based on our need. Monetary contributions are also welcome.

We look forward to the opportunity to enrich our community and increase community involvement by establishing the Community Garden.

### Fall events for children and their families at the library include:

- Storytimes for all ages beginning the week of September 10th
- Our brand new **After School Kids (ASK)** program for middle school kids
- Science in the Stacks for grades 1-5, beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>
- A family concert by musician/magician Joel Frankel on September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Trick-or-treat Storytimes on October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Our Second Annual Family Fireside Halloween on October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Legos @ the Library on November 11th

*Check our website and program brochures for more information about these and other events.*