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SINCERE THANKS

To our Friends

Thank you for all of your generosity to the Library this fall and winter. The library has received graphics software that can be used for all of our publications. The Friends also purchased die cuts for the Children's Department to cut out images for crafts and displays.

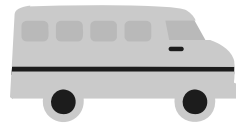
To Blue Max Coffee

Thank you for your support of our family program, Donuts for Dads. Blue Max Coffee will again provide coffee and pastries for our Saturday program. The library appreciates this greatly and so do the patrons!

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 \$42,080. Your continued support helps the library thrive.

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



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.

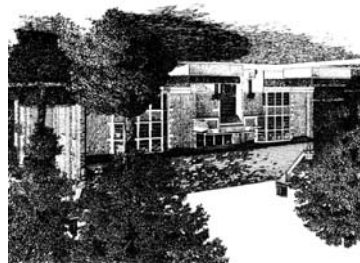
Library Hours & Information

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)

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A Publication of the River Forest Public Library

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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

Phase II of our Capital Improvements is underway. Phase II is a space analysis. A Request for Qualifications was distributed and advertised looking for an architectural firm to guide us through the process of analyzing our existing space and determining the best way to use all 14,400 square feet of the building. Seven firms submitted proposals. Three firms made presentations to the Board of Trustees. Holabird & Root of Chicago was selected, a contract negotiated and the analysis has begun.

During the month of October, the project Steering Committee met to discuss the project objectives and develop a timeline. In November, the committee held six listening sessions that were attended by seventy two people representing a broad and diverse cross section of the River Forest Community. The goal of these meetings was to discuss current and future use of the Library. Much information was shared and some patterns arose. For more details regarding these sessions, please see the RFPL Capital Improvements blog available at www.riverforestlibrary.org.

After these sessions the Holabird & Root team and Library staff spent the morning of Friday, December 1, 2006, reviewing the data gathered, and discussing the micro and macro issues. Then, in the afternoon, the group split into three teams to develop possible designs for the space that would allow staff to better serve the needs of the villagers.

Then Holabird & Root took all of the information from the listening sessions and the December 1 exercise and went to work. At the December 19, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, four design schemes were presented. These design schemes are currently under review by the Board of Trustees and staff. Check the website at www.riverforestlibrary.org under Capital Improvements for future updates as this project progresses.

~ Dawn Bussey

Join us March 5th at 2 PM

The city of Berlin has had a long history of triumphs and disasters. We begin this program with the divided city of the 1980's. Using photos taken by Al and Gail Popowits at that time, we will travel along the Wall seeing the ruins, the communist watch towers, and even catch glimpses of the dreadful no-mans-land. To be sure the old is still to be seen, but so is the new Reichstag, the Sony Center, the newest, largest, most technologically advanced train station in Europe and much more. For the past twenty-five years, Al and Gail Popowits have made annual trips to Europe as students, tour guides, tourists and members of a large extended Austrian family. They have taught travel courses and for the past nine years have been giving slide programs throughout Chicagoland. Their images are a compilation of what they have seen and experienced on their travels. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



**In the
Spotlight**

Every month, new adult fiction and non-fiction lists are available for patrons on the website. The lists contain full publication information about each book as well as a picture of the book. A full description of plot is available. These lists link to the library catalog so patrons can easily find or reserve books. Go to the library website and click on

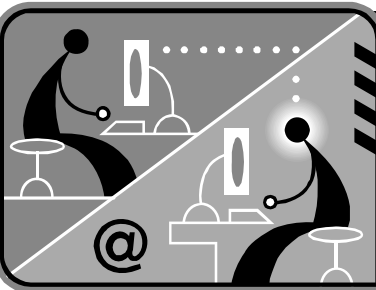
the *Click Here* link on the homepage. Specialized lists are being created each month.

**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 on the Children's Services page of our website at www.riverforestlibrary.org). If you do not wish for your picture to be published, please notify library staff before or immediately after the program. Thank you.

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Genealogy for Beginners

February 21st, 7 PM

“Using HeritageQuest: Genealogy for Beginners” Are you interested in starting to search for your family history? Perhaps you have started but now need to learn the ins and outs of the HeritageQuest database? Robert Brubaker, MLS, will show you how to research your ancestors using HeritageQuest, a subscription database provided by the library. This session will be an hour and a half, and Mr. Brubaker will give a full presentation of the many features of the database, including real-time searches. Bring your questions!

Have You Heard About Starfall?

Go to the Children’s Services page at www.riverforestlibrary.org. Listed under “Great Kids’ Links” is Starfall, a free reading tool available for children. If your child is just learning to read or has had difficulty learning to read with different programs, Starfall is a wonderful alternative. Starting with your ABCs, Starfall takes children through the steps of learning to read. Starfall offers Art, Music and Poetry to make learning to read entertaining for kids. For older readers there are diverse genres like comics and folktales. Check out this wonderful resource on our website!



Learn More about Our Resources!

Literary Reference Center is a comprehensive literary reference database, which provides users with a broad spectrum of reference information from antiquity to the present day. LRC is a completely full-text database that combines information from over 1,000 books and monographs, major literary encyclopedias and reference works, hundreds of literary journals, and unique sources not available anywhere else. LRC contains detailed information on the most studied authors and their works.

Physicians’ Desk Reference

This database, funded by the Illinois State Library, contains the PDR Library (Physicians’ Desk Reference, PDR for Nonprescription Drugs and Dietary Supplements and PDR for Ophthalmology), Stedman’s Medical Dictionary, and the PDR for Herbal Medicines.

Science Reference Center is a comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full text science-oriented content. This database contains full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, and other sources. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

Teen online art gallery! Artists wanted. Submit your original artwork for publication on the teen page of the River Forest Public Library website. While you’re there check out our blog, *RFS Teenspeak*, for program information and new books or join the Teen Library Council.

Teen Updates

Have a suggestion for a book, movie or program? Contact the Teen Services Librarian, Magan Szwarek at 708.366.5205 x 316 or magan.szwarek@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 _____

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Dues _____ Donation _____

Annual dues \$5 per person.

Children’s Spot



Storytimes @ River Forest Public Library

We are happy to begin our new session of storytimes on January 15th. Please note a few changes from our old storytime schedule. *Mother Goose Time*, on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., is for our very littlest patrons, from birth through 18 months. Activities are appropriate for infants and very young toddlers, and their caregivers. *Toddler Time*, on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m., is for children age 18 months through 2 ½. We will continue to have our *Multilingual Mondays* for age 3 and up, our *Busy Bees* on Thursdays for ages 2 ½ through 4, and our *Family Storytime* for all ages on Fridays.



Storytimes are fun for children, caregivers, and our staff! You are strongly encouraged to bring your child to the storytime most appropriate for his or her age and developmental level. Although siblings are always welcome, we ask that you please refrain from attending storytimes that are above or below your child’s capabilities or attention span. If you need help determining the best storytime for you and your child, please ask our staff. We want to provide a comfortable and stimulating learning environment for everyone!

Winter events for children and their families at the library include:

- Multilingual Monday Storytime beginning Jan. 15th
 - Toddler Time Storytime beginning Jan. 16th
 - Mother Goose Storytime beginning Jan. 16th
- Busy Bees Storytime beginning Jan. 18th
- Family Storytime beginning Jan. 19th
- **After School Kids (ASK)** program for middle school kids
- PJ Storytimes the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM
- Donuts with Dads every Saturday morning from 9:30 AM - 12 PM until March 24th
- A Royal Gathering on March 17th

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

Focus on the Friends of the Library

Winter is here and described in a poem by British author Walter de la Mare:
Clouded with snow
The bleak winds blow
And shrill on leafless bough
The robin with its burning breast
Alone sings now.

The Library is also here, a quiet and welcoming place for everyone. However in the quiet of Sunday, December 17th, beautiful voices of the Oak Park River Forest Children’s Chorus could be heard. The Chorus was again sponsored by the Friends. If you have an interest and would like more information about the Chorus, see www.oprfcc.com or call 383.1971.

Upcoming programs sponsored by the FOL will be the Norridge - Those Were the Days - Radio Players on Monday, February 19th at 2 PM. FOL member Miriam Montavon will be performing with the group. On Monday, March 5th at 2 PM, Al Popowits, another active FOL member, will give a slideshow/talk on his recent visit to Berlin. On Thursday, March 29th at 2 PM, Bill Helmut will take us “Around the World in 60 Minutes” in his informative and visually stimulating program of Sacred Places and Natural Wonders. Our FOL Dinner will be on Friday, April 27th. More details later. Parking should be available since we try to schedule on School Holidays. Join us for these programs and the many fine ones sponsored by our Library. Sign up sheets are again available on the first floor near Circulation.

While you are in the Library, pick up a copy of *The Book Page, America’s Best Review*. It’s a monthly publication free to patrons, courtesy of the FOL.

We appreciate your support through your membership, donations and presence at programs.

Mary C. Liebner
President, Friends of the Library

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT ONE OF OUR NEW BAGS?

We have just gotten brand new River Forest Public Library canvas bags for transporting all of your library checkouts. The new bags check out for three weeks and can be renewed once. Equipped with sturdy straps and a zipper across the top, these bags can accommodate all of the library materials you want to take home. Come into the library to check out one of our new bags!

