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Focus on the Friends of the Library

The Friends are here for the library, and wish they could drive the cold winter away! If you are not currently a member of the Friends, please join us. Our sponsoring efforts in 2008 included the annual summer reading program, our biennial book sale, the purchase of a die-cutting machine and several new bookshelves for the library, and the provision of the *BookPage*, a monthly book review publication available for free to patrons.

This year we were saddened by the death of Fay Devine, long time former President of the Friends, as well as two former library staff members, Maggie Coggeshall of Childrens Services and Hella Westbrook of the Circulation Department. We are grateful to our Director Sophia Anastos and the staff and trustees for their help and concern in keeping our Library a warm and welcoming place in this community. Happy New Year!

Friends of the Library Membership Form

Please return this portion with your \$5.00 annual dues to:
Friends of the Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

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Library Hours & Information

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	Phone: 708-366-5205
Friday and Saturday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Fax: 708-366-8699
Sunday (Sep.-May)	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Website: www.riverforestlibrary.org

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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.

From the Director

Dear patrons and friends,

It has been two years since an issue of the BookPlate was last published and delivered to your homes. There was an interruption in 2007, when our previous library director and other staff left to pursue career opportunities. Dee Brennan, and our own previous Children's librarian, Sarah Hampson managed the library in the interim. We are grateful for their leadership and support.

In the ten months that I have been here serving as the new Director, I have immersed myself in exploring the knowledge, work, and memories of staff, directors, trustees, Friends of the Library, and patrons. I have discovered that our library is a place rich with the values of caring, connection, creativity, and service. These values have served as my guide in rebuilding our library team. Going forward, as we deepen our relationships with you our patrons, and with each other as library staff, we will strive to learn and to respond to your needs and wishes for resources and services here at the River Forest Public Library.

Today, whether a book is leather bound or a complex piece of technology such as a Kindle, we know that we can count on the format and the delivery of information to change. While we welcome this change and will do our best to be at the forefront of new technology, the heart of what our library is will remain the same.

Trustees and staff alike will always strive to make our library a place of caring beyond mere courtesy; a place that can be counted on to serendipitously light the creative spark that helps us to discover ourselves and the world around us. A place where discovery is encouraged along with the passion that engenders sharing it with others. It is in the warm embrace of this sharing and connection that we all find the confidence to serve in a world which now more than ever is in need of service.

We very much look forward to getting to know you, and in making your library an essential element of your life. Happy New Year!

Sophia Penelope Anastos
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Tech Talk

Kindles and iPods come to the Library

In 2008 the River Forest Public Library purchased several Kindles and iPods for patron use. The Kindle is a portable electronic book reader, developed by Amazon.com. Each Kindle comes pre-loaded with digital books in several different genres. Library iPods can be loaded with an audiobook of your choice from our iTunes library, or you may bring in your own iPod from home (PC formatted) and we will download one of our audiobooks for you.

You can check out a Kindle or an iPod for three weeks at a time, like a traditional book. We have had a great time exploring the new technology with our patrons over the last few months. If you haven't used a Kindle or an iPod before, why not try one out for free at the library? If you have questions about the Kindles or iPods, contact Samantha Cresswell, Head of Circulation, at samantha.cresswell@riverforestlibrary.org, or at 708-366-5205 ex. 306.



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Are you looking for a good book? The River Forest Public Library staff have got you covered. Visit us at www.rfplreads.wordpress.com to see what we're reading each month. Find book reviews, helpful websites, and more. Comment on our selections and let us know what you're reading as well.

Or, check out the Children's services blog at www.rfplkids.blogspot.com. Visit us here for updates on upcoming programs, book and movie reviews, and fun pictures of recent events. Tell us what you thought of a book or program, and make suggestions! We hope to see you there.

Databases at the River Forest Public Library

We have much more than just books! Did you know that we have a wide variety of online resources you can access through the River Forest Public Library website?

Are you a history buff? Check out American History Online, Modern World History Online, Ancient History Online, and Medieval History Online. Jam-packed with information (including full-text articles, videos, and primary source materials), these resources would be helpful to students, teachers, and history-lovers alike.

Searching for a good book? Use the databases Novelist or Booklist to find recent reviews, recommended lists, read-a-likes, award lists and more. For Children's and Teen books, try Novelist K-8.

Researching your family's history? The database Heritage Quest provides access to census records from 1790-1930, as well as revolutionary war records and genealogical books.



Wish you had an encyclopedia at home? Access WorldBookOnline through the library and stop wishing! Try World Book Kids, World Book Student, World Book Advanced or even access the encyclopedia in Spanish to find information on a wide variety of topics.

To access these and our other online databases go to www.riverforestlibrary.org, and click on Electronic Resources from the Menu on the left. Click on Reference Databases, and scroll down to select the database you want to access. Once you click on the link you will be prompted to enter your library card number which can be found on the back of your library card. Enjoy your research!

Questions about our databases? Please contact Blaise Dierks, Head of Adult Services at blaise.dierks@riverforestlibrary.org or at 708-366-5205 ex. 318.

Children's Spot

Winter events for Children :

- **Mother Goose Storytime**
Tuesdays at 10
- **Preschool Storytime and Crafternoon**
Wednesdays at 10 and 1
- **Toddler Time**
Thursdays at 10
- **Family Storytime**
Fridays at 10:30
- **Pajama Storytime**
Every third Monday at 6:30 pm
- **Donuts for Dads**
Saturday mornings from 9:30am-12:00pm through Mar.21st
- **Valentine's Day Craft with Magical Minds Studio**,
February 7th, 2:00pm
- **Beach Party**
February 28th, 2:00pm

All storytimes are held during the first three weeks of each month.

Donuts for Dads

This winter marks the 7th year of the Donuts for Dads family program hosted by the River Forest Public Library. Held from **9:30-12:00** on Saturday mornings **through March 21st**, this drop-in program provides a community space for families (Moms and Grandparents too!) to gather, socialize, and engage in activities together. Coffee will be supplied by the Blue Max café, and the library will provide other beverages and breakfast treats. Information about early literacy, library programming, crafts and games, and recommended books will also be available.



In previous years, patrons have noted that the program provides a fun, relaxed atmosphere for meeting neighbors, spending time with their children, and learning about what the library has to offer. Drop in to Donuts for Dads and make visiting the library a special part of your weekend routine this season. For more information about Donuts for Dads, contact Ellen Cutter at ellen.cutter@riverforestlibrary.org, or 708-366-5205 ex. 313.

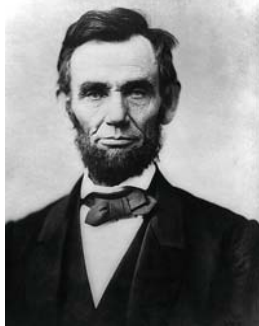
Meet our Staff- Sue Quinn, Head of Children's Services



Sue Quinn, Head of Children's Services, received her Masters of Library Science- School Library Media Specialist degree from Rosary College (now Dominican University). She worked in school libraries and as an early childhood teacher before she began her career in public libraries. One of Sue's favorite quotes is: **"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."** — Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Sue can be reached at sue.quinn@riverforestlibrary.org, or at 708-366-5205 ex. 315.

Programs Spotlight



Lincoln: A Cinematic Perspective

February 8th, 2:00

Explore the life and times of our sixteenth president, the woodcutter turned ardent abolitionist who struggled against the backdrop of the Civil War to "save the Union." With a collection of fascinating clips from films such as *Young Mr. Lincoln* and *Birth of a Nation*, which recreates his assassination, to Bob Newhart's razor sharp sketch, *Inventing Abraham Lincoln*, this presidential presentation from Steven Frenzel paints a compelling portrait of the man, the politician, and the brilliant mind behind them both.



Eco-Gardening with Dennis Paige

March 8th, 2:00-3:30

Join us as Dennis Paige, a local naturalist and native landscaper, will come speak about creating native eco-gardens on residential landscapes. Dennis will share how these techniques can be implemented with your own gardens and lawns. Visit the Adult Services page of our website, www.riverforestlibrary.org, for additional program information.

Teen Updates

Come to the library this winter for exciting teen programs and great reads!

The Library will provide a variety of programs for teens this winter including regularly scheduled meetings of our Comics Club and Teen Advisory Board, and other special events such as game and craft days. Look for special programming as we celebrate Teen Tech Week 2009: Press Play @ Your Library from March 8-14!

Visit our website at www.riverforestlibrary.org and click on the Teen Services page to see a list of upcoming programs or recommended reads. Want to receive emails about upcoming teen programs at the library? Contact the Teen Services Librarian, Margaret Oellrich at 708.366.5205 x 317 or margaret.oellrich@riverforestlibrary.org to be added to the email list. You can also get in touch with Margaret if you have a suggestion for a teen program or for a book, movie, or CD you would like to recommend for the teen collection.

