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**Focus on the Friends of the Library**

The Friends support the Library through your memberships, through donations, and through a corps of volunteers for the Book Sale, our primary fundraiser. The next Book Sale will be held in the summer of 2010. Some volunteers donate their time by presenting free library programs, and others provide refreshments at Friends gatherings. We continue to support children, teen and adult Summer Reading programs, along with a wind-up entertainment event. The Friends provide the BookPage (a monthly book review publication) free to patrons, and have sponsored six programs, both educational and entertaining, since September of 2008. The Friends also pay for the postage for this newsletter, which is sent to over 4,000 local homes. Join us! The library is here for everybody; the Friends are here for the Library.

-Mary Liebner, President of the Friends of the River Forest Public Library

**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**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Dues \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (May-Sep.)	Closed	Website: www.riverforestlibrary.org



# The Bookplate

Check out the world from here

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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**

*Information is a gentle rain that falls on all of our lives.\**

While visiting the library you can browse over 70,000 items including magazines, DVDs and CDs. An upcoming program might strike your interest. Perhaps you'll be reminded of a topic you've always wanted to explore before time got away... or see a familiar face... or find a quiet spot to sit and catch your breath.

**Delight. Relax. Root. Connect and Commune.**

Are you planning a trip or other endeavor that requires immediate, concerted information? Select and request from over 3,400,000 multimedia items held by our partner libraries in the SWAN catalog, available at www.riverforestlibrary.org. The material will generally be delivered to the library within days. Additional resources, such as Mango Languages and Consumer Reports among others, are now online and available for just in time use.

**Explore. Expedite. Flourish. Conserve your resources.**

Are you on a quest? Is there a topic that moves you so deeply the whole world becomes your playground? Perhaps you would like to compare translations of a beloved poem, renditions of a favorite sonata or track down an obscure movie? WorldCat is a global database with well over 1,400,000,000 items. On your own, or with the assistance of our reference staff, these works are available for your use.

**Thrive. Transcend. Blossom. Become yourself.**

Sincerely,  
Sophia Penelope Anastos

\*The New Language of Science, Hans Christian von Baeyer

**Summer Reading at the Library**



Summer Reading sign-ups will kick off this year with our lawn party on June 5th! Start your summer off right on June 5th from 1:00-4:00 p.m., with games, activities and refreshments (including ice cream!) Summer Reading is an important part of the long school break for children and teens, to encourage and maintain literacy skills while school is out of session, and it is also a fun way for teens and children to stay busy over the summer. Our Children's theme for Summer Reading this year is "Be Creative @ Your Library". Highlights of this year's program include seven weekly prize drawings starting on June 17th, Summer Reading Bingo, and we will finish out Summer Reading with a musical program featuring Dave Rudolf on July 31st, and a tie-dye T-shirt event on August 1st.

The theme of Summer Reading for Teens this year is "Express Yourself @ Your Library". Teens this summer will record the number of minutes that they read and be entered to win fabulous prizes. We'll have special Summer Reading events and activities all season for Teens, to encourage you to "Express Yourself @ Your Library".



Adults are also encouraged to participate in the Summer Reading Program! Just fill out an entry each time you read a new book during the program, and you will be entered in our prize drawing. Adult prizes will include several gift baskets with different themes to choose from, and your odds of winning are increased the more that you read. We hope your whole family will join us for Summer Reading.

Summer Reading is generously sponsored by the Friends of the River Forest Library, with additional support this year from Corus Bank, Forest Park National Bank, Starship Restaurant, Pompei Restaurant, Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest, Geppetto's Toy Box, The Language and Music School, the Lake Theater, and Buona Beef. Visit our website www.riverforestlibrary.org for additional details and information about our Summer Reading Programs for all ages.

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## Upcoming Library Programs

For the most up to date program information, including the full list of computer classes, book discussions and storytimes for children, or if you would like to register for a program, call us at 708-366-5205 or visit our library website, [www.riverforestlibrary.org](http://www.riverforestlibrary.org).

**5/11/09, 7:00 p.m.**  
Create a Resume that Works for You!  
(registration suggested)

**5/15/09**  
**LIBRARY CLOSED—**  
**staff training**

**5/16/09, 9:30 a.m.-**  
**4:00 p.m., Red Cross**  
**Babysitting Training Class**  
(registration required)

**5/17/09, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Free Hearing Screenings from**  
**Sound Care Hearing Group**

**5/18/09, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Pajama Storytime!**

**5/19/09, 10:00 a.m.,**  
**Your Library Online**  
(Computer Class—  
registration required)

**5/20/09, 7:00 p.m.,**  
**Integrated Pest Management**  
(Going, Growing, Green!  
Gardening Series)

**5/21/09, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Teen Advisory Board Meeting**

**5/29/09, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Teen Comics Club Meeting**

**6/5/09, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Summer Reading Kickoff**  
**Party!**

**6/8/09-8/1/09**  
**Summer Reading Program—**  
**“Be Creative/Express Yourself**  
**@ Your Library”**

## Tech Talk

### New Online Databases, Research Tools, Website, and Classes!

The River Forest Public Library is always looking for interesting, practical ways to help our patrons explore technology. We have recently added several online resources that we think you will enjoy, including Consumer Reports, Mango Languages, and Media On Demand.



Consumer Reports is the online version of the popular consumer reference magazine. Compare the latest car models, or find how to choose the best cookware set. Search for reviews of coffee brands, baby strollers, even insurance companies and prescription drugs.

Mango Languages is a new online language learning tool, which you can use to learn Japanese, German, Italian or several other languages from the privacy of your home. With audio and video capability, Mango is a great way to learn a language, and it's completely free with your library card.



Looking for a new way to access audiobooks at home? The River Forest Public Library will soon be debuting a new online service called Media On Demand, which will enable both PC and Mac users to download audio selections from home. Want to

learn more? Ask a librarian or stop by the library today for more information about Media On Demand.

Do you need a technology refresher? We are now offering free computer classes for Adults! Join us for *Computer Basics*, *Email Basics*, *Intro to PowerPoint*, or *Your Library Online*. Morning and evening classes are available. Registration is required; call us for more details. And finally, we have updated our website with a new look and new features. Visit us at the same location, [www.riverforestlibrary.org](http://www.riverforestlibrary.org), and check out our online makeover. If you have questions or problems finding what you're looking for, please call us at 708-366-5205 and we will help you get acquainted with our new site.

## Meet our Staff—Blaise Dierks



Blaise Dierks,  
our Head of  
Adult Services

Meet Blaise, our Head of Adult Services. Blaise received her Masters degree in Library and Information Science from Dominican University in 2006. Blaise has worked at the River Forest Public Library for over four years. She loves working at RFPL because of the wonderful patrons and helpful staff. She enjoys getting to know patrons and visiting with “regulars”, and is always glad to see new faces and introduce them to all of the exceptional features of our library.

Blaise can't pick a favorite book, because she loves to read in all genres. Her favorite novel is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. Her favorite non-fiction book is *Isaac's Storm* by Eric Larson. Her favorite children's book is *Mr. Revere and I* by Robert Lawson. And finally, her favorite author is David Sedaris, since she has a special place in her heart for funny books.

You will often find Blaise working at the 2nd floor Reference desk. Blaise can also be reached at [blaise.dierks@riverforestlibrary.org](mailto:blaise.dierks@riverforestlibrary.org), or at 708-366-5205 ex. 318.

## Children's Spot



We had great fun at our Beach Party on February 28th!

### What's Going on in the Children's Room?

This summer, check out the Tumble Book Library, a free online tool that reads books out loud! It's available from home any time by logging in through the River Forest Public Library website. Click on the “For Kids” page and you'll see the link to the Tumble Book Library. Visit Tumble Book Library to hear stories, play games, or even for 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. Let us know what you think about Tumble Books the next time you stop by the Children's Desk.



In April, the River Forest Library celebrated National Poetry Month by displaying community poetry from local students and other residents. Roosevelt, St. Luke's, Lincoln and Willard schools all participated. Students created poems in animal shapes, haikus, limericks, and free verse. Adult residents, library staff and children who attend our after school program also submitted poems to share. Library visitors and staff enjoyed reading the work of our talented patrons all month long.



Students created poetry displays for the River Forest Public Library in April.



Kids participated in our Twister Tournament at the library last fall.

This May, the River Forest Public Library will once again welcome butterflies at the library. Visit us in early May as we release our butterfly friends to the world! We will have picnics on the library lawn, followed by storytimes and our butterfly release. Bring your lunch and have fun with library friends and the butterflies. Our tentative dates for our Butterfly programs are May 9th at 12:00 p.m., May 13th at 12:00 p.m., and our Rain date is tentatively scheduled for May 14th at 12:00 p.m. Call us at 708-366-5205 x 312 or check our website for the most current info about these special programs. We hope to see you soon at the Library.

## Teen Updates



Kevin Crowell from Monkey Design USA visited our Teen Comics Club this spring to make kooky dinosaur models.

### Stay cool at the library this summer!

Summer reading will be in full swing for teens and tweens grades 6-12 starting on June 8th. Record the number of minutes you read to receive free books and be entered to win fabulous prizes. Each Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening during summer reading, come for movie nights, game days, crafts, and more. Join the middle school or high school summer book club. Find out how you can volunteer to help make the children's summer reading program a success. We hope you will make the library a part of your summer!



Teens worked on crafts during our after school program.



Teens in our after school program participated in gaming days and DDR tournaments all year long.

Visit our website at [www.riverforestlibrary.org](http://www.riverforestlibrary.org) and click on the “For Teens” page to see a list of upcoming programs and recommended reads. 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, contact the Teen Services Librarian, Margaret Oellrich at 708-366-5205 x 317 or by sending an email to [margaret.oellrich@riverforestlibrary.org](mailto:margaret.oellrich@riverforestlibrary.org).