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Focus on the Friends of the Library

Many made this year's Summer Reading program a success. Kudos for our enthusiastic and hardworking staff, participating patrons of all ages, and the generous support of Friends and local businesses. Mark your calendars for these Friends programs coming in the Fall. Friends Board Member Mary T. Small will share stories of internationally acclaimed author Alexander McCall Smith (*The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*) at the Library on **Monday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a bit of "gemutlichkeit" with Mike Knaut and his German band Die Musikmeisters on **Monday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m.** Die Musikmeisters will perform German favorites, polkas, waltzes, folk music, and some songs with audience participation. We hope to see you for these and other upcoming Library programs.

-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: 366-8699

Sunday (Sep.-May) 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Website: www.riverforestlibrary.org



The Bookplate

Check out the world from here

Fall 2009

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.

Letter from the Director



Our Director, Sophia Anastos

It's All About You!

This past year we have built a team and have gotten to know each other. Trustees, library staff, community groups, and Friends are engaged, energized, and focused on you, our library patrons. We are ready to take next steps in making

the library an essential element of life in River Forest. We have scheduled three planning sessions. All River Forest residents are invited to explore, discuss, and share. We would like to know what you think and how you feel about a number of things, including:

- The ideal role of the library in our community.
- Your needs and wants with respect to services and materials.
- The library building itself.

We would be delighted if you could join us on one of these dates, and we promise to share the results of our planning in our next Bookplate.

Monday, September 14th from 7-9pm.

Tuesday, September 29th from 9-11 am.

Saturday, September 26th from 10-12pm.

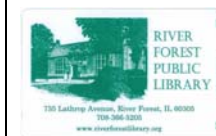
Let us know if you can attend by dropping a line at (focusgroup@riverforestlibrary.org)... or just stop by!

-Sophia Penelope Anastos

Save Money at your Library

- ◆ Copy and print prices have been reduced to 10 cents/page for black and white, and 50 cents/page for color.
- ◆ Resident Senior Citizens 65 and up may check out 2 FREE DVDs each Wednesday
- ◆ Non Fiction DVDs are now FREE to checkout for resident patrons of all ages
- ◆ Macy's Museum Pass is now available- FREE passes to 17 area museums

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month!



Your River Forest Library card

Now more than ever, people are realizing the value of their library cards. At the River Forest Public Library, you have access to over 3.5 million items in our consortium catalog, along with over 1.4

billion items via global resource sharing programs. Along with the growing number of formats and items available, the Library subscribes to numerous online resources, including consumer research tools, language learning programs, and downloadable media, that you may access from home with your library card.

The River Forest Public Library provides a range of free programming for all ages. In addition to programs and materials, you can check out the Macy's Museum Pass, Kindles, iPods, and more. There's always something new at your library. Come get a card and *check out the world from here.*

Join us for The Big Read this October



Edgar Allan Poe

The Big Read is coming! In October, the River Forest Public Library will participate in a grant-funded program called The Big

Read. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. This year, along with the Oak Park Public Library, Forest Park Public Library, Dominican University, and other area organizations, we will be celebrating the

collected works of Edgar Allan Poe. Join us for programs for all ages, and visit our blog at www.poebigread.org for the most up to date information about Big Read events. Feeling artistic? Artists can submit an entry in our Poe-ster contest! Contact us for details. Celebrate Poe with us this October.

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Upcoming Library Programs

For the most up to date information, including the full list of computer classes, book discussions, lyric opera lectures 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, at www.riverforestlibrary.org. Visit our Big Read blog at www.poebigread.org to find out about Big Read events!

9/19/09, 2:00 p.m.
Webkins Party (K-2nd grade)

9/23/09, 7:00 p.m.
Glue & Go Costumes for Kids! (For Parents and Children)

9/26/09 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Teen Wordplay

9/28/09, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Alexander McCall Smith

10/9/09, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
CSI River Forest- Forensics for Teens

10/12/09, 2:00 p.m.
Die Musikmeister: German musical entertainment

10/16/09, 7:30 p.m.
Edgar Allan Poe Reader's Theatre

10/23/09, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Family Fireside Halloween

10/28/09, 7:00 p.m.
Alfred Hitchcock: The Master of Suspense

11/8/09, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago

11/14/09, 2:00 p.m.
Teddy Bear Picnic

12/12/09, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Stories with Santa

Media On Demand is Here!



The River Forest Library has expanded online services with the addition of new downloadable audiobooks, eBooks, music and video. Library card holders can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by visiting www.mediaondemand.org.

To check out titles, users will need a valid River Forest

library card, personal computer, and Internet connection. Once downloaded, digital titles can be enjoyed on the computer or transferred to an MP3 player or iPod. eBooks may be viewed on the Sony Reader device, and many audio titles can be burned to CD. At the end of the lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the collection, which means there are never late fees.

Patrons will need to install the free OverDrive Media Console software to their home computer. Both PC and Mac systems are sup-

ported. To read eBook titles, patrons will download the reader software for Adobe and Mobipocket eBooks.

Librarians at the River Forest Public Library are happy to answer questions about Media On Demand, and patrons are encouraged to try out this exciting new service. Media On Demand is completely free with your River Forest Library card.

Did you know that we also check out iPods, Kindles, iTunes audiobooks and Playaways? Ask a librarian to find the media format that is best for your interests.

Now Available: Macy's Museum Pass



Starting on September 1st, library patrons will have access to the Macy's Museum Adventure Pass. These passes will be good for free admission or

discounts to 17 Chicago area attractions— including museums, botanical gardens, cultural institutions, and the Brookfield Zoo. Just come to the library with your library card and check out a one week pass to the location of your choice. The River Forest Public Library will have 4 passes to each location, and the passes are available on a first come, first serve basis. The Macy's

Museum Adventure Pass is just one of the many perks of having a library card. Don't have a card? Getting your library card is easy. Stop by the library with two forms of identification including your photo and River Forest address, and we will be happy to get you started.

Meet Our Staff



Margaret Oellrich, our Head of Young Adult Services, truly enjoys being a teen librarian. As the young adult librarian,

Margaret selects materials and plans library programs for kids and teens in grades 5-12. She enjoys collaborating with both adult and children's departments at the library. Margaret loves working with teens and reading teen books. She is thrilled by the quality and variety of teen literature being published today. As a teen,

her favorite book was *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. Some of Margaret's recent favorite teen reads include *Graceling*, *Dairy Queen*, and *Jellicoe Road*. Margaret earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from Dominican University, and her undergraduate degree from Boston College in history and film studies.

The Children's Spot



Kids enjoyed the limbo at our Summer Reading Kickoff Party in June.

It's back-to-school time again! Stocking up on school supplies can cost a fortune, but fortunately, the most important school supply of all won't cost you a thing. It's a **library card!** With your card, you can check out books and order hard-to-find items from other libraries, do online research for papers, or download

audiovisual materials from www.mediaondemand.org. At RFPL, children of any age (babies included!) can have their own library cards— they don't even have to be able to write their name yet! Stop by today and get cards for the whole family. It will be the smartest card you own.

Starting this fall, if you have a new addition to your family, visit the library to receive a free board book for baby. Let your neighbors know about our New Baby on the Block program, too! While you're here, don't forget about our collection of children's music and Parenting books.

Fall means back to school, and it can also mean the beginning of cold and

flu season. Please help us prevent the spread of germs by not bringing a sick child to the library. But even if you can't bring your child to the library, you can bring the library to your child with our Sneezle Packs. Sneezle Packs are specially selected bags of books, movies and activities for your child to enjoy while they are under the weather. Let us know what your child's interests are, and we will hand select a package for you.

There's a lot going on for children and families at the library this fall, including Glue and Go Costume Making, Family Fireside Halloween, and a Teddy Bear Picnic. Regular storytimes will resume again during the first week of September. Hope to see you soon!

Teen Updates



Teens got crafty and made wallets from duct tape during our Summer programs.

The 2009 Teen Summer Reading Program "Express Yourself @ Your Library" was a huge

success! RFPL teens read thousands of minutes, made duct tape wallets, played wii sports, solved a mystery, discussed thought provoking books, and won fabulous prizes! Thanks to everyone who participated.

The library hosts teen programs all year long. Check our website for upcoming gaming days, craft days, comics club

meetings, movie nights, book discussions and more. Look for special programming during October 18th-24th for Teen Read Week: "Read Beyond Reality."

Kids and teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Teen Library Council (TLC). Help make the library a cooler place for teens and get valuable leadership experience. Applications will be available September 1st.

Premium Online Resources

Get ready for research at the River Forest Public Library! Did you know that we offer access to over 30 new premium online resources? For example, you can find business information in the Business and Company Resource Center, or do serious student research in Academic OneFile. Search in one of our new specialized resources such as the Hobbies and

Crafts Reference Center, Home Improvement Collection or the Biography Resource Center. Several of our online resources, such as *Kids Infobits* and *Searchasaurus*, are created especially for children. We also have new databases for History, Science and Literature. In addition to all of our new resources we also have a new way to search them.

Through *Research Pro*, you can now search several databases at once. Remember- you'll need to have your library card handy when accessing all of these great tools from home. Give us a call at 708-366-5205 if you have any questions, or stop by the library and we would be happy to get you started. View the complete list of our online resources on our website, www.riverforestlibrary.org.

Get to Know Your Catalog!

Did you Know...

- ◆ You can search the online catalog for DVDs, audiobooks, music, foreign language materials, and more
- ◆ You can place holds online with your library card
- ◆ You can renew items online
- ◆ You can pay fines online
- ◆ You can rate items in our catalog
- ◆ You can sign up for email notifications, and receive an email each time an item arrives for you
- ◆ You can set up a reading history and keep track of your favorite items
- ◆ Search the catalog at www.riverforestlibrary.org