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Focus on the Friends of the Library

I appreciate all of the support that the Friends Board, Friends members, Library staff and patrons have given me this past year. The Friends of the Library was organized in 1975 and has supported the Summer Reading Program and other Library needs since that time. In 2009, we sponsored five programs and contributed to the Edgar Allan Poe Big Read. Additional Friends support includes paying for the Bookplate postage which is mailed three times a year to 4,500 local residences, and providing the BookPage publication to library patrons. At the suggestion of Friends Board member Bob Hamper, the Friends recently purchased a new electronic die cut machine for the library, to be used for creating more elaborate displays and decorations. The Friends Book Sale will be held this June, with more information to follow in the coming months. Your memberships, donations (both monetary and books) and volunteer support make it all happen.

Gratefully,
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.
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday (Sep.-May) 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Phone: 708-366-5205
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Website: www.riverforestlibrary.org



The Bookplate

A publication of the River Forest Public Library

Check out the world from here

Winter 2010

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

In a nutshell:

Without exception, focus group members expressed a deep affection for the library building. Whether providing a setting for the Fireside Chats, Lyric Opera lectures, Summer Reading or the All Heads in Helmets campaign, our library has become the community living room. Our patrons expressed a desire to see the library optimize the use of interior space, improve lighting, paint, update the furniture, and complete the landscaping. In the years to come, our jewel will be cleaned, polished, and reset.

Attendees repeatedly praised the responsive and personalized attention that is a part of any interaction with our staff.

Our residents notice and really appreciate the intimate, professional service we provide. Innovative, high-touch services will be a priority as we grow our connections, enhance our relevance, and deepen our understanding of the community that we serve.

Many participants were surprised to learn that we already offer services and products that they mentioned. We were surprised to learn this. We need to increase your awareness of all that your library has to offer. We will accomplish this by stepping outside the library building and connecting with our community of seniors, families, teens, reading groups, business leaders, artists, commuters, schools,

village, government, and civic organizations. We will develop and plan our products, programs, and services together.

A heartfelt thank you to our patrons and our friends for giving so generously of their time and energy, our trustees who demonstrated their commitment by attending every event, our staff whose hard work sparked the spark, and our coordinator Gretel Stock-Kupperman who helped to forge a focused, powerful, live document that will orient us for years to come.

-Sophia Penelope Anastos

*Winston Churchill

*We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us. **

Happy New Year!

Our 2010-2015 Strategic Plan is in place. During the summer and fall of 2009, we held eight focus groups. Well over 100 participants contributed to this vision for our future. The full report is on our website, www.riverforestlibrary.org, under the "About the Library" tab. You may also request a copy from the Reference Department.

Free Computer Classes at RFPL



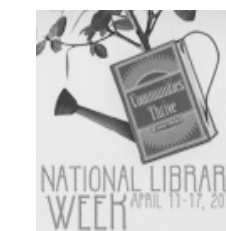
Patrons enjoyed the Photo Story class held in December.

Need a technology refresher? The River Forest Public Library is here to help. Free

computer classes are offered for River Forest residents throughout the year. Past offerings include Computer Basics, Microsoft Word, Internet Searching, Microsoft Photo Story, and classes on Facebook and blogging. Classes are

held in single sessions, and are offered in the morning, afternoon and evening. View the complete list of computer classes online, by visiting our website and clicking on Programs for Adults.

Communities Thrive @ Your Library



April 11-17, 2010 is National Library Week, and this year's theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library". Here

at RFPL, we'll be celebrating all year long. Look for programs with the "Communities Thrive" theme throughout 2010, and check back in April to see the fun library events we'll have planned. Highlights include a

visit from author Jeffrey Zaslow (*The Girls from Ames*), a program from The OPRF Historical Society, a "sock hop" with the Park District, and an event with local bike safety group All Heads in Helmets. Check back soon for more information!

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Upcoming Library Programs

For the most current programs, including the full schedule of computer classes, book discussions, and storytimes for children, or to register for a program, call us at 708-366-5205 or visit our website, at www.riverforestlibrary.org.

1/16/10, 3/14/10
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Donuts for Dads

1/16/10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
All Ages Gaming Day

1/18/10, 1:00 p.m.
Meet the Authors of "Suburban Promised Land: The Emerging Black Community in Oak Park 1880-1980"

1/23/10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Teen Rock Band Tournament

1/25/10, 2:00 -4:00 p.m.
Teen Crafting Program

1/30/10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
"The Lightning Thief" Movie Release Party

*2/15/10, 2:00 p.m.
ShawChicago presents: "Village Wooing" (one act play)

2/17/10, 7:00 p.m.
Lyric Opera Lecture, "The Damnation of Faust"

2/21/10, 2:00 p.m.
Film Screening and Discussion, "Rosenstrasse"

*3/1/10, 2:00 p.m.
Chicago's History Detective: Victor Giustino

4/23/10, 1:00 p.m.
Meet the Author Jeffrey Zaslow

* *Presented by the Friends of the River Forest Library*

We'll Miss You, Joy



Joy Donahue with current and former RFPL staff, celebrating her retirement on 12/29/09

You may already be aware that the incredible Joy Donahue retired at the end of December 2009. Joy gave the River Forest Public Library over 21 years of dedicated service, and we will miss her dearly.

Joy served as the Head of Technical Services

for the River Forest Public Library. She was responsible for managing many aspects of the library's collection, including the selection of audiovisual materials and large print books, as well as the processing of almost every new item that entered the library.

Her unfailing work ethic has allowed the Library to maintain a steady flow of new materials, repair damaged materials, and make our collection easy to browse on the shelves. Her selections for the library were appreciated by patrons young and old.

Aside from the hard work, Joy's presence at the library has been a pleasure for coworkers and patrons alike. Joy was always good for a laugh or conversation with local patrons. She was very supportive of her fellow library staff and open to new ideas in library service. Librarians like Joy are what make libraries thrive. We hope Joy enjoys her retirement and visits often!

Book Discussions at the Library



Our Afternoon Book Group

Do you enjoy book discussions? The River Forest Public Library hosts two regular book groups. Our evening book group is held on the first Wednesday of each

month at 7:30 p.m., and our afternoon book group is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Check our Adult Services bulletin board on the first floor to see what books are on the roster, and pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk if you'd like to attend any of the discussions. If you belong to a book discussion group that does not meet at the library, we can help. Save money by reserving

multiple copies of your discussion book through interlibrary loan. Find suggestions for future discussion choices or sample discussion questions through our online resources on the library website. Finally, check out our Book Groups page online, which has a variety of resources specifically for members of book clubs. Happy reading!

Meet Our Staff



Samantha Cresswell has been our Head of Circulation for the past 5 years. Prior to her job in Circulation, Sam also worked in our Children's department. In addition to her current library

post, Sam works as a local realtor and is a full time mother of two. Sam graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Psychology, and has also completed one year towards a Masters in Counseling Psychology at Northwestern University. Before Sam worked at RFPL, she served as Director of the Lakeshore Teaching and Learning Center in Chicago. Sam was born in England and

speaks fluently in English and American, and of course has a great sense of humor. Her favorite authors include David Sedaris and Jane Austen, and favorite books include *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger, *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant and *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. She enjoys working here because she likes being a part of the community.

The Children's Spot



Everyone had a blast at Family Fireside Halloween on 10/21/09!

Donuts for Dads returns to the library this year from January 16-March 13. Bring the kids to the library on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for some quality family time at RFPL. Look at books, play some games, or work on crafts together. We'll have Blue Max coffee, donuts and other breakfast treats.

Teen Updates



Teens made their own masks and other crafts during our Poe Big Read event on 10/1/09

Join us this winter for our first ever Teen Winter Reading Challenge! Our Winter Reading

Challenge is open to River Forest teens in grades 6 and up and will run through February 18th.

To participate in the challenge, visit the 2nd floor Reference desk and pick up a challenge sheet. Complete the challenge and you'll receive a book of your choice, a ticket to our winter reading bash on 2/19, and be entered in a raffle to win prizes!

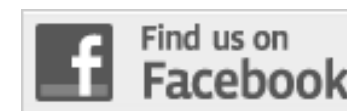
It's not too late to apply for the Teen Library Council. If you want to make a difference at the library and get valuable leadership experience, fill out an application to join the TLC. We'll meet once a month on Mondays nights to chat, have a snack, help select materials for the library and plan library events for teens. Contact Margaret for more info at teens@riverforestlibrary.org.

Visit us this April at the library for TV Tune Out Week, which will coincide with National Library Week during April 11-17, 2010. We'll have a wide range of activities planned for children and families, to encourage you to "Tune Out the TV" and join the fun at your library. This year RFPL will be partnering with Forest Park and Oak Park Public Libraries in a joint effort for the week of activities. Check back for more in the coming weeks.

In May, the River Forest Public Library will once again welcome butterflies at the library. We will have picnics on the library lawn, followed by storytimes and our annual butterfly release. Dates of the butterfly release picnics will be available in the next few months.

It seems cold now, but Summer Reading will be here before we know it! Our June kickoff party will focus on the theme of "Make a Splash- READ!". We hope to see you soon for all of our upcoming events.

Find us on Facebook and Twitter



The River Forest Public Library is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us on Twitter by visiting www.twitter.com/RiverForestPL, or by searching for RiverForestPL from your own Twitter account.

To view our Facebook page, visit www.riverforestlibrary.org. Click on the Facebook logo at the bottom right corner of our home page, and you will be taken to the library Facebook page. You can also search for our page and become a "fan" when you're signed in to Facebook, if you have a personal account.

We'll be posting daily updates to these sites, including upcoming

event information, helpful links, book recommendations, pictures, and more.

To follow us on Twitter or become a fan of our page on Facebook, you'll need to have your own account for these sites. But if you'd just like to see what's new, you can see our updates from the links on our website.

Happy New Year!

In 2009, you borrowed...

- ◆ 122,961 Books
- ◆ 5,721 CDs
- ◆ 24,469 DVD/VHS
- ◆ 7,933 Audiobooks on CD/tape
- ◆ 381 iTunes audiobooks
- ◆ 755 Kindle/iPod/Playaways
- ◆ 429 Downloadable media files
- ◆ 1,981 Periodicals
- ◆ 15,146 Interlibrary Loans

Thank you for your patronage!

Staff Favorites of the Decade

Books:

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Movies:

Return to Me
Pride and Prejudice
Death at a Funeral
Once
Elf
Mongol
Lost in Translation

Music:

The Rising by Bruce Springsteen
Alright, Still by Lily Allen
Musicforthemorningafter by Pete Yorn
Antics by Interpol
Want One by Rufus Wainwright
True Love by Toots and the Maytalls

View the rest of our list and tell us your own favorites at our blog, www.rfplreads.wordpress.com