

Focus on the Friends of the Library

The Friends will be having a Book Sale in 2011! Dates have been scheduled for June 24-26. Donations will be accepted starting on June 6th at Roosevelt Middle School. The Friends of the Library Board is grateful to Micki Caldbeck and Bob Hamper for once again chairing the sale. The Friends Board has decided to set aside an annual fund for Library staff use: the Faye Devine Library Science Enrichment Program. Faye, a longtime former President of the Friends, ran many Book Sales during her tenure- often referring to the event as "my sale". She kept the prices of children's books minimal because she felt strongly about the importance of reading. Being an avid reader herself, she was one of the sale's best customers.

In the spring, the Friends look forward to presenting another travelogue by Al Popowits. This one is on Turkey, and will be held at the Library on Monday, March 28th at 2:00 p.m. Good health and happiness to everyone in the New Year.

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:

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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.

Letter from the Director



Our Director, Sophia Anastos

"There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled. There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled. You feel it, don't you?"
-Rumi

A successful library is beloved. It reaches out beyond the building and into the community, nurturing relationships, providing resources and generating experiences that are invaluable to the growth of its patrons. Above all it touches and transforms people's lives in real

ways. In this way, our great Village of River Forest is made even greater.

• Head of Adult Services Blaise Dierks is collaborating with patrons, including Joe May and Sue Gee, to provide programs that reflect the interests of our community. Find upcoming dates, titles, and times at our website: www.riverforestlibrary.org.

• Safe, healthy families reflect our priorities. Toward this end a Parent Cafe, designed to encourage conversations about the challenges of alcohol and substance abuse among teens, was hosted at the library. Library staff member Margaret Oellrich supported the Township Youth

Services staff and parent leaders. • Head of Children's Services Sue Quinn and Margaret Oellrich met with Dr. Thomas Hagerman from District 90 to lay the groundwork for stronger collaboration and better stewardship of assets by working more closely with teachers around student assignments.

One of our upcoming projects will be landscaping. Patrons and local organizations have volunteered to assist us in this endeavor, and we look forward to working with all. Patrons have brought the following items to our attention:

- curbside pick-up
- outdoor community/program space
- flowers and improved lighting
- sustainability
- improved spaces and paths

We would like to hear additional thoughts or ideas. Please drop us a note to the attention of our Trustee, Margaret Horstman.

In closing, we would like to congratulate Samantha Cresswell on her new position as Head of Circulation at the Elmhurst Public Library. Thank you, Sam, for all your hard work. You set a high standard for customer service and your efforts will be remembered. We wish you the best of luck.

Warm wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sophia Penelope Anastos

"Thoughtful Living" Series comes to RFPL this Spring



The River Forest Parks Foundation and the River Forest Public Library are pleased to present a series of monthly community

programs in 2011 centered around the theme of "Thoughtful Living". Our first program will be *Seven Surprising Ways to Save Energy*, featuring Dan and Julia Potter of Energy Audits of Chicagoland. Join us at the library on Saturday, January 22nd at 2 p.m. for this informative presentation, and receive a 10% discount on an energy audit! Future topics

in the "Thoughtful Living" series will include *Healthy and Zero Waste School Lunches*, *What to Put in Your Recycle Bin*, *Gardening and Lawn Care*, and *Eating Seasonally*. More details will be available at www.riverforestlibrary.org in the coming months. We hope you will drop in for this special series of events.

Mark Coe Honored with Trustee Award



Trustee Mark Coe at the MLS Awards, 10/22/10

Library Trustee Mark Coe was honored at the Metropolitan Library System Awards this year with the "Trustee of the Year" award. Over the past 12 years, Mr. Coe has helped to guide the River Forest Public Library

through great transition and transformation. His commitment has been evidenced in both actions and advocacy, and through his support of innovation. He has been an avid library user and community member all of his life. The "Trustee of the Year" award recognizes an MLS member library trustee for outstanding achievement as a public service official.

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Upcoming Library Programs

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

1/12/11, 7:00 p.m.
Lyric Opera Lecture: "The Girl of the Golden West"

1/15/11 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Donuts for Dads begins (Saturdays through 3/12)

1/16/11, 2:00 p.m.
"Paris"-themed Film Screening

1/22/11, 2:00 p.m.
Seven Surprising Ways to Save Energy

1/29/11, 2-4 p.m.
All Ages Gaming Day

2/12/11, 3-4 p.m.
Paws for a Good Book (Dog storytime for children)

2/20/11, 2:00 p.m.
"Paris"-themed Film Screening

3/19/11, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party

*3/28/11, 2:00 p.m.
Travel to Turkey with Al Popowits

4/8/11, 6:00 p.m.
LibrariPALOOZA!

4/14/11, 7:00 p.m.
The Belle of Amherst: The Story of Emily Dickinson

* Presented by the Friends of the River Forest Public Library

Keep Your Resolutions at the Library



The Library offers many ways to help you keep your resolutions in 2011.

At the River Forest Public Library, we can help you keep your New Year's resolutions. Whether you would like to learn a new skill, achieve better health, or pursue a hobby, we have resources to assist you. If you are interested in learning a new language in 2011, try Mango Languages, our online language learning system that you can access from your home computer with your library card.

We also have many language learning books and audiobooks to supplement your studies. If you'd like to diet or exercise more, the library has a large selection of materials for your needs. Browse our cooking and nutrition section of the Nonfiction department, or check out an exercise DVD for free. Do you plan to travel more in 2011? Our newly updated travel section contains books to assist you in globetrotting. You can also check out a travel DVD and "visit" the foreign locale before you go. If your resolution is to improve your computer skills, consider attending one of our adult computer classes. Classes are completely free, and topics change each season to provide different options for our patrons. Single sessions last about an hour and a half, and you can practice your new techniques on our public access computers every day. Is your resolution not included here? Ask a librarian how we can help you to keep your 2011 resolutions. Happy New Year from your friends at the River Forest Public Library.

Celebrate TV Tuneout: April 3-17



The Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education and the River Forest Public Library will join forces once again for TV Tuneout in 2011. In response to feedback from the community, we will extend the program for a full two weeks

this year. From April 3-17, local businesses and organizations will partner with RFPL and the CECCE to encourage you to "Tune Out TV and Tune In to Your Community!" TV Tuneout will take place in the neighboring villages of River Forest, Forest Park and Oak Park and will include fun activities for all ages and interests. TV Tuneout also takes place in conjunction with National Library Week, which this year falls on April 10-16. At the River Forest Public Library,

look for a repeat of our successful "LibrariPALOOZA" program to kick off National Library Week on April 8th, a Froebel Workshop for children on April 3, and a WordPlay Workshop for children on April 16. Watch for further updates at www.tvtuneoutweek.wordpress.com Visit this site for information about programs taking place around the community, links to articles that note the benefits of a TV break, ideas to keep you occupied without TV, and more.

Meet Our Staff



Head of Circulation Ted Bodewes

Meet Ted Bodewes, our recently appointed Head of Circulation. Ted graduated with his MLIS from Dominican University in 2010 and has been with us at RFPL since 2009.

Prior to working in libraries, he was a field manager for Borders in Chicago, Atlanta and South Carolina. Ted has also worked as a literacy event consultant for the Illinois State Library and the Village of Highland Park. Ted enjoys interacting with the people of River Forest and developing relationships that support and enrich the library. He is a lifelong science fiction fan, and reads general and

historical fiction regularly. Ted also reads a lot of Young Adult fiction because he is interested in promoting books with strong male role models and characters that are relatable to young men. Ted is a movie buff and travel aficionado, who speaks fluent French and can cook a mean Cajun meal. Stop by the Circulation Desk to meet Ted on your next Library visit!

The Children's Spot



Children had a blast at Miss Ellen's Crazy Costume Caper

"Picturebooks are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older. The best ones leave a tantalizing gap between the pictures and the words, a gap that is filled by the reader's imagination, adding so much to the excitement of reading a book."

--Anthony Browne, Children's Laureate June 2009

Don't abandon the picture books when your child begins to read independently. Reading aloud to children is one of the most beneficial

activities parents can do as it models using sophisticated language and fluent reading. A picture book is the ideal book to read aloud as it provides:

- **Rich vocabulary.** Children benefit from hearing and using complex vocabulary that comes from picture books. A picture book can introduce an unfamiliar word, concept, object or feeling.
- **Complex narratives.** Picture books can offer a richer, more nuanced narrative than a book that a child can master on his/her own.
- **Context clues.** Picture books, with their detailed illustrations, can help a child bridge the gap in understanding a different place or time.
- **Visual literacy skills.** Sophisticated picture books have contradicted verbal and visual texts, requiring a child to construct meaning from the juxtaposition of the texts.
- **Parent/child closeness.** Sharing picture books with your older child encourages intimacy and physical closeness as you examine the pages together.

The Children's Department staff is always happy to help you find the right book to share with your child.

Teen Updates



Teens created duct tape bags at RFPL

It's time for the annual Teen Winter Reading Challenge! Kids and teens in grades 6-12, complete the challenge and pick a book of your choice to keep, be entered in the Winter Reading Raffle, and attend the Winter

Reading Bash in February. Stop by the library to pick up your challenge sheet. OPRF High School students looking for a good place to study for exams this January need look no further than the RFPL. The library will have extended hours until 10 PM on Sunday, January 16th and Monday, January 17th. We'll have a fabulous hot chocolate bar, yummy snacks, quiet spaces to study independently, and a space for groups to work together. Make the library your finals

destination! The RFPL Teen Services Department always has fun programs planned including movie nights, gaming days, craft programs and more. For information about upcoming programs or to find a good read, visit the library's new teen blog: rfplteens.wordpress.com, or the teen page on the RFPL website. If you want to receive a monthly list of upcoming programs, email teens@riverforestlibrary.org and ask to be added to the teen program alert list.

New Audiovisual at RFPL



If you have visited the library for a program in the meeting room lately, you may have noticed some changes. RFPL updated the meeting room audiovisual system in 2010, and this means improved services and programs to you, our

patrons. Changes include a ceiling mounted, high definition projector, a six speaker sound system, a Blu-Ray player, and improved ease of use for staff and presenters. Stop in for a movie showing, presentation or a computer class and you will notice the difference. Our meeting room isn't the only space that has benefited from updates. You'll find new DVDs, Blu-Rays, music CDs, audiobooks, Playaways, and

more in our frequently updated audiovisual collections. Our online service, Media On Demand, has grown this year to include many new titles for your perusal. With Media On Demand, you can download audiobooks, music, and ebooks from the comfort of home— just visit www.mediaondemand.org. And don't forget about our Kindles, Sony Readers and iPods available for checkout.

Happy New Year!

In 2010, you borrowed...

- ◆ Over 125,000 Books
- ◆ Over 5,500 Music CDs
- ◆ Over 26,000 Movies
- ◆ Over 7,500 Audiobooks on CD/tape
- ◆ Over 1,000 Downloadable media titles
- ◆ Over 1,100 Kindles/iPods/Playaways/Sony Readers
- ◆ Over 2,200 Periodicals
- ◆ Over 21,500 Interlibrary Loans

In 2010, we added...

- ◆ Over 1,250 new Children's items
- ◆ Over 450 new Teen items
- ◆ Over 5,500 new Adult items

In 2010, we updated...

- ◆ **Our Children's Room**, with new paint, carpeting, and furniture
- ◆ **Our audiovisual equipment** in the Meeting Room— with an improved sound system and Blu-Ray player
- ◆ **Our patron and staff computers**, replacing outdated and malfunctioning models

In 2010, we welcomed...

- ◆ Ted Bodewes as our new Head of Circulation
- ◆ Latrice Ferguson as our new Children's Assistant
- ◆ Hector Garcia as our new Connections Coordinator
- ◆ Julia Monczunski as our new Children's Assistant
- ◆ Garrett Gotschalk as our new Reference Librarian