

Between the Lines

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Newsletter of the Carol Stream Public Library

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Carol Stream Christmas Sharing program

The Library is once again serving as a collection point for the annual Carol Stream Christmas Sharing drive. Food and toys will be gathered and distributed to needy Carol Stream residents during the holiday season. Non-perishable food items and personal care products will also be accepted.

Donated toys must be new, in their original packaging, and not gift wrapped. Toys are needed for children of all ages, including older children and

teens. Clothing and used toys will not be accepted.

A collection box for donations will be located across from the Circulation Desk. The Library will collect items from Monday, November 15 to Tuesday, December 7.

While you're doing your holiday shopping, please think of those in need and buy an extra item or two for the collection box. It will help a less fortunate Carol Stream family have an enjoyable holiday season.



Give a gift that will last a lifetime

The Carol Stream Public Library Buy-a-Brick program is the perfect way to give a unique and lasting gift to someone this holiday season and help the Library at the same time. Bricks are available in three sizes:

- Large: Five lines (8" x 16"), \$150
- Medium: Four lines (8" x 7"), \$100
- Small: Three lines (8" x 4"), \$50

The bricks will be placed on the walkway leading up to the main entrance. Acknowledgement letters will be sent out to all gift brick recipients. Buy-a-Brick order forms are available in the Library and can be downloaded from the Library's website. For more information contact Pam Leffler, assistant library director, at 630-653-0755.

The Polar Express in 3D

December 21, 7:00-8:45 p.m.

Late on Christmas Eve, a boy who is beginning to doubt that Santa Claus is real is invited aboard the Polar Express, a magical train that transports children to the North Pole to see Santa's village, workshop, and even St. Nick himself! 3D glasses and popcorn will be provided by the Library. Moviegoers may bring covered drinks. 100 minutes, rated G.



Library Meeting Rooms now open to local businesses

In keeping with its commitment to finding alternate revenue sources, the Board unanimously agreed to open up the use of the Library meeting rooms to Carol Stream businesses for a fee of \$25/hour or a fraction thereof, effective December 1. The charge for the use will be based upon by the type of entity requesting the use, not the purpose of the use. Carol Stream businesses may reserve rooms up to six weeks in advance. Reservations will not be finalized until the Library has received the usage fee payment and a signed statement of responsibility.

Library closings

- Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
- Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
- Friday, December 31, close at 5 p.m. (New Year's Eve)
- Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day)



Best wishes for a happy holiday season from the Carol Stream Public Library staff and Board of Trustees!

YOUTH SERVICES

To register for a program or for more information, please stop by the Youth Services Desk, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127, or visit the Library's Web site at www.cslibrary.org.

Decorate the Children's Tree

Wednesday, December 1-Thursday, December 23

Decorating the Youth Services Department tree has become a library holiday tradition. Children are invited to make an ornament at home and bring it to the Youth Services Desk. In return, children will receive a small thank you gift. Get in the spirit of giving and sharing this holiday season by making our tree festive!

Holiday Tot Time

Tuesday, December 14, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

For ages 3 and younger, with parent. Registration begins Monday, November 29.

Tots three and under and a parent are invited to share short seasonal stories and participate in a variety of movement and musical activities.

Gingerbread Holiday Tales with Mrs. Claus

Thursday, December 16,
10:00-10:30 a.m.

For ages 5 and younger, with parent. Registration begins Monday, November 29.

Get in the holiday spirit with Mrs. Claus and her gingerbread story time. Children their parents will feast on stories, rhymes, and songs that celebrate the season.



Wrapping Workshop

Monday, December 20, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
and 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For ages 8-14

Need help getting those presents for your friends and family ready this holiday? During Wrapping Workshop hours, the Library will have gift wrap and supplies available and volunteers on hand to offer assistance. There will even be a special holiday craft to make. No registration is required.

New Year's hat craft

Thursday, December 30, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

For all ages.



Get ready to ring in 2011 with your own New Year's hat! Come to the Youth Services Department where you will find all the materials you need to create a festive holiday topping for your head. Happy New Year!

Feliz Navidad Josefina: An American Girl® Program

Saturday, December 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Registration begins Saturday, November 27.



Celebrate the holidays just like American Girl® Josefina Montoya. Young ladies, ages 8 and up, will learn about Josefina and enjoy the same kind of festivities that she would have back in the 1820s. Stories will be shared, along with other seasonal activities, and participants will make a simple craft to take home. Refreshments will be served and American Girl® dolls are welcome to attend.

Saturday Chess

Saturday, December 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For ages 7-18

Attention all chess players! Start your holiday break with some relaxing games of chess. Meet new players and share your skills. Since no instruction will be given, prior knowledge of the game is necessary. Drop-in players are welcome, but registration is encouraged.

Mark Nichols' Puppet Place presents Hansel and Gretel

Tuesday, December 28, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

For all ages. Tickets available Saturday, December 11.

Master Puppeteer Mark Nichols will bring the traditional folktale of Hansel and Gretel to life. Accompanied by the music of opera composer Engelbert Humperdinck, Nichols will use hand puppets to tell the story of two lost children who find a candy house in the forest. After the show, Nichols will give a behind-the-scenes demonstration of the puppet theater and answer questions. Space is limited.

Babies and Books

For ages 18 months and younger

Do you have a new addition to your family? If so, you are invited to bring your baby to the Library to sign up for Babies and Books, a service designed to introduce families to the joys of reading from the very start. Participants will receive a tour of the Youth Services Department and a bag of goodies that includes a board book for baby, helpful tips and book lists for parents, and information about the Library.

Parents may register for Babies and Books at the Youth Services Desk. There is no fee for this service, and parents must be Carol Stream library card holders to participate.

ADULT SERVICES

Advance registration for programs is requested but not required, except where noted.

Programs with no/low registration may be cancelled at the Library's discretion.

To sign up for a program or for more information, please stop by the Information Desk, contact the Library at 630-653-0755, or visit the Library's Web site at www.cslibrary.org.

If a signer or other special accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6124 at least 48 hours in advance of the program.

FunQuilts: Quilts Made Modern

Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m.



Early American quilts were born of necessity but have been transformed into a vibrant contemporary art form. Professional quilt-makers Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr will trace this transformation as it parallels changes in art, architecture, design and society. They will display their beautiful quilts, show how their designs are expressive of the era in which we live, and discuss their quilt making.

Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr are the founders of FunQuilts, a contemporary quilt design studio in Oak Park, Illinois. Featuring a modern twist to the great American quilting tradition, their work has been featured in more than forty publications including O: The Oprah Magazine, Metropolitan Home, TIME, The New York Times, American Patchwork & Quilting, Quilts and More, Interior Design, Home, and the Chicago Tribune.

Genealogy: Making Sense of the Census

Saturday, December 4, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Professional genealogist and author Jeffrey A. Bockman will teach you how to find information in the census, discuss how this information is gathered, and explain why sometimes there are inconsistencies. Bockman will also show you methods for using other historical records to help find your ancestors who may not have been listed in the census.

Help for the Holidays

During the holidays, there is so much that has to get done. The Library is here to help. We have music and movies for your parties, gatherings, or a quiet night in with family. The Library also has books and other material to help with cooking, decorating, and gift wrapping. For gift giving ideas, current magazines can help you pick out the hot gifts for this year. If you want to save money, the Library can help you find how to make or bake gifts to give.

Some of our online resources can also help with your celebrations. Research how holidays are celebrated in different countries with encyclopedias like **World Book** or **Encyclopedia Britannica**. Other resources like **Culture Grams** or **Global Road Warrior** include information on holiday traditions, gift giving, and recipes for countries around the world. To access these and other databases, go to <http://www.cslibrary.org> and click on "Research a Topic."

If you want to create new traditions or re-discover the traditions of your heritage, the Library can help you celebrate the holidays.



Access to the Library is at your fingertips

Text CSPL + [your question] to 66746

Example: cspl What time do you close tonight?

YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

Meet the Library staff

Ever wonder about the people who keep the library running? This month, meet Youth Services Associate Steve Dexheimer.



How long have you worked at the library?

Seven years

What's your average day like?

I don't think there *is* an average day at the library! I help young patrons look for books, movies, music, etc. I do a little bit of troubleshooting with the computers (which usually involves kicking them and pulling out my moustache in frustration). When I'm not helping patrons, I have a number of projects and tasks that I work on. And sometimes, if I'm lucky, I even get to read!

What's your favorite part about working at the library?

Working with kids of all ages. I learn a lot from them, and their energy and enthusiasm is infectious!

How do you spend your time when you're not at work?

Sleeping (ha ha- just kidding ... sort of). I like reading (big surprise), writing, traveling, being involved with drama, and bonding with my two guinea pigs, Pepsi and Sprite.

What do you have checked out right now?

Into the Gauntlet (39 Clues # 10) by Margaret Peterson Haddix, *Accents: A Manual for Actors* by Robert Blumenfeld, and *For Kicks* by Dick Francis.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:

December 15
7:30 p.m.

Held in the Library's Meeting Room
The public is invited to attend

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at Library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Library publicity purposes.

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HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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