

Between the Lines

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Do you have a library card?

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Stop by the Carol Stream Public Library today to sign up for the smartest card of all—a library card.

If you are signing up for a library card for the first time or renewing your library card, you have the option of choosing a combination wallet/keytag style card or a keytag style card alone. Current wallet style cardholders may switch to one of these other style options in advance of their expiration date for a replacement fee of \$1 per card.

Don't let your card expire! Adult library cards are valid for three years from their date of issue. Juvenile library cards are valid for three years or until the child turns 18 and is eligible for an adult card. If your card expires, you will not be able to check out items, make a reservation for an Internet computer, or use any of the premium databases from outside the library. There is no cost to renew an expired library card.

Lost your card? If you lose your Carol Stream Public Library card, please report it to the Library as soon as possible. The replacement fee is \$1 per card.

All library cardholders are asked to have their card available in order to complete any library transaction. Your library card also serves as a means of identification. For this reason, the Library recommends that you never share your library card with anyone else.

Did you know that two-thirds of Americans have library cards? So what's stopping you? Drop by the library today and get a library card. It'll be the smartest card in your wallet. ♦



What can you do with a library card?

- Research new job opportunities.
- Check out a graphic novel.
- Take home a movie on DVD.
- Look up health information.
- Finish your homework.
- Reserve a computer.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Check out a new band on CD.
- Trek to another planet in a sci-fi novel.
- Do research for your term paper.
- Borrow the latest romance paperback.
- Download an audiobook.
- Match wits with your favorite mystery writer.
- Take out the latest fashion magazine.
- Trace your family tree.
- Check out a legal question or issue.
- Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
- Borrow some sheet music.

Library named one of "Chicago's 101 Best & Brightest"

On August 6, the Carol Stream Public Library was honored at an awards luncheon as one of "Chicago's 101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work For" for 2007. This is the second year in a row that the Library has been named to the list.

The Carol Stream Public Library was the only library to receive this honor in Chicago again this year. The award is sponsored by the National Association of Business Resources. More information and a complete list of winners can be found at www.101bestandbrightest.com.

The Library supports outreach activities such as Christmas Sharing, Relay for Life, and Food for Fines for the local food bank, and serves as a meeting place for local clubs and organizations. By going beyond serving the traditional library role in the community, the Library is not only a great place to work, but a valued organization to have in your community. ♦



The Library will be **closed Friday, August 31** for installation of automatic door openers. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

YOUTH SERVICES

To sign up 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 website at www.cslibrary.org.

Fall preschool series

Five-week sessions begin the week of September 17
Sign up begins Thursday, September 6

Children five years of age and under may participate in story programs tailored to their age group. Children must meet the minimum age requirement for the appropriate series before the program begins. Additional sessions may be added if there is enough interest.

Little Listeners

Tuesdays, September 18 through October 16
10:00–10:30 a.m.

Children 12–24 months and a parent are invited to “Little Listeners.” The group will share various activities to stimulate learning and start children on a path of literature appreciation.

Tales for Twos & Threes

Fridays, September 21 through October 19
10:00–10:30 a.m. or 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Two- and three-year-olds enrolled in this program will experience simple picture books and short stories in a more traditional story time setting. Caregivers remain with their children for the half-hour sessions.

Story Time

Thursdays, September 20 through October 18
10:00–10:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:00 p.m.

“Story Time” is for children ages three to five. Unlike the above programs, parents and caregivers are encouraged to browse in the main library, allowing children more opportunity to interact with the Librarian and other children. Picture books on weekly themes are combined with stories shared through puppets, filmstrips, flannelboards, and action rhymes. ♦

Show us your card!

Do you carry your library card with you? Show your card at the Youth Services Desk during the month of September to receive a small gift. ♦

Reading Patch Club

School-aged children are encouraged to join the Club and earn colorful patches for their tote bag, jacket, or backpack. Each month a different genre is featured. Children who complete five books in that genre receive the corresponding patch. The featured patch for September is “School Stories.” Alternate patches and book suggestions are also available. For book suggestions online, go to the Library's website and click on the “Book News” icon. Or, for more information, click on “Children's Resources,” then “Reading Patch Club.” ♦

KidSquare at Stratford Square Mall

Wednesday, September 5, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

On alternating Wednesdays, local librarians share stories and activities for preschoolers at the Stratford Square Mall. On September 5, Carol Stream librarians will be telling the tales on the KidSquare stage located in the storefront next to Carson's on the second floor. ♦

Patriot Day Recognition

Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11

Children are invited to stop by for a “make and take” patriotic craft activity. ♦

Baby & Me

Wednesday, September 12, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Parents are invited to drop in with their children from birth to one year for rhymes, stories, and gentle play. No siblings, please. ♦

Paws for Reading: an animal-assisted reading experience

Wednesdays, September 12, September 19, or
September 26, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

For grades K–4

Sign up begins Saturday, August 25; registration is limited

Young students can boost their reading skills with a special canine friend. During this animal-assisted reading experience, children will be given the chance to read to a certified therapy assistance dog. Each child will have fifteen minutes to sit and read with an animal. ♦

Saturday Chess for Kids

Saturday, September 15, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Sign up begins Saturday, September 1

Saturday Chess returns for another year of exciting matches with other players. Children ages eight and up will meet together the third Saturday of each month. Players should have some knowledge of the game. ♦

Check It Out

Friday, September 21, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

For grades 6–8

Sign up begins Saturday, September 1

At each monthly meeting, participants will get a preview of some of the Library's newest books and have the opportunity to share their opinions on what they are currently reading. This month, students can take a break from all the new homework and share a few laughs with reviews of some side-splitting comedies. Refreshments will be served and featured titles will be available for check-out after the program. ♦

ADULT SERVICES

Live Homework Help

Live Homework Help is a service that provides free, online tutoring for students in grades four through 12 and in introductory college courses. Sessions last up to 20 minutes and are available in math, science, social studies, and English. The service is available from 4:00–10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Spanish language tutors are also available.

Access Live Homework Help from any of the Databases computers in the Library, or go to www.cslibrary.org and click on the Live Homework Help link on the gold bar under the Library's logo. ♦

Have a question? Need an answer?

AskAway is a statewide cooperative reference service of Illinois libraries which can help you get a reliable answer from a professional librarian—anytime, day or night—right on the Internet.



Click on the Connect to AskAway button on the Library's homepage and your questions will be answered by librarians at the Carol Stream Public Library or by any librarian participating in our worldwide network of reference librarians. This reference service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. ♦

Get notified about upcoming books



Have you heard about BookNews? It's an online service from the Carol Stream Public Library that gives readers access to free electronic newsletters about a wide variety of books. BookNews newsletters are created by your librarians and delivered directly to your email inbox!

Newsletters include reviews, descriptions, and author commentaries. Links within the newsletters take subscribers directly to the Library's catalog to check availability or place a hold. To sign up, go to the Library's website, www.cslibrary.org, and click on BookNews.

For more information, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123. ♦

Take time to craft

Saturday, September 29

Drop in anytime between 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and older

Take time for yourself and work on your hobbies and crafts. Adults and teens are welcome to drop in anytime during "Craft Time" and stay as long as you'd like. This is an opportunity to share your work, discuss problems, trade tips, and enjoy each other's company. Refreshments will be available. ♦

Research from home

As the school year starts, don't forget about the online resources available through the Library that can help you with research projects throughout the year:

CultureGrams—explores the cultures of 190 countries and territories in reports that include maps, statistics, and in-depth information on 25 categories.

Issues and Controversies—in-depth analyses and facts on hundreds of controversial topics.

Literature Resource Center—biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline.

General Reference Center Gold (Infotrac)—full-text articles from approximately 3500 different newspapers, reference books, and magazines.

Newsbank—full-text articles from the Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, RedEye, Daily Herald, Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News and World Report. Special features include Hot Topics and Special Reports.

Today's Science—topics such as health, the environment, technology, life science, physical science, earth and space science, and science and society.

World Book Online—an online, multimedia version of the popular World Book Encyclopedia that includes articles, printable maps, and pictures.

These are just a few of the many databases we make available to you both from within the Library and from the comfort of your own home. Please visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org and click on the Research a Topic link to see the complete list. Please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123 with any questions. ♦

Internet station upgrades

On August 31, the seven Adult Services Internet computers were replaced. The new computers do not have internal floppy disc drives, but an external USB floppy drive is available upon request. The Library has a supply of 512 MB USB flash drives available for purchase for \$7 each. Remember that other than approved storage devices, users are not allowed to physically or electronically attach anything to Library equipment. This includes MP3 players and digital cameras.

You may reserve an Internet station up to seven days in advance by calling ahead or by using the Internet Reservation Station at the Adult Services Desk. The Internet stations are booked in 30 minute time slots. A maximum of four hours may be reserved per week (Sunday through Saturday). Time slots not claimed within five minutes of the reserved time will be automatically cancelled. There is no charge for the use of an Internet station. Printouts are 10 cents per page. ♦

YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

Donations and memorials

A donation made to the Library for a memorial or honor book is a great way to acknowledge a relative or friend. The Teacher Honor Book program is a lasting way of saying "Thank You" to a special teacher and showing the community of Carol Stream how much you value that teacher. An Adult or Youth Services Department Librarian can help you select a title in a given subject and/or price range. A letter of acknowledgement is sent to the honoree or the family of the deceased.

The following were purchased with recent donations:

Donated by Judy and Dan Boyer as a memorial for Paco Baggio—*Chihuahuas* by Susan Heinrichs Gray

Donated by Jacob Christopherson in honor of teacher Cindi Borczak—*The Creature in Ogopogo Lake* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Donated by Best Buddies MWF PM Class June 2007 in honor of teacher Mrs. Cordina—*Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin

Donated by Becca Christopherson in honor of teachers Dawn Janke & Judy Koschmann—*Wag a Tail* by Lois Ehlert

Donated by Best Buddies MWF PM Class June 2007 in honor of teacher Mrs. Mroz—*Hello, Red Fox* by Eric Carle

Donated by Sharon Giovingo in honor of teacher Paige Pontrelli—*Whose Chick Are You?* by Nancy Tafuri

Donated by Pam Galligan in honor of teacher Linda Resser—*"Manners for the Real World: Basic Social Skills"* DVD

Donated by Emily Giovingo in honor of teacher Linda Sieloff—*Pish and Posh Wish for Fairy Wings* by Barbara Bottner ♦

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:
September 19
7:30 p.m.

Held in the Library's Conference 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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Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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