



# Book Chat

## Lake Bluff Public Library

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*What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library*

*Catherine Thompson - Library Director*

*Fall 2008*

www.lakeblufflibrary.org

### *A Letter from the Library Director*

**Greetings to all Lake Bluff Residents and the Library Community:**

### **Highlights: Autumn News, Summer memories, New shelving & More**

This newsletter brings wishes for a wonderful autumn to all. Think of us for your reading, listening, and viewing needs. We have some great programs lined up for both adults and children. We have materials in multiple media for all ages, and lots of new books!

Summer has seen lots of interest in our reading clubs, programs and book groups. We are so appreciative to the community for cheering us on with our award-winning parade entry "Where the Wild Things Read". It was fun for all involved!

By the time this letter reaches you, we hope to have installed new shelving for the DVDs, CDs, and newspapers on the main and mezzanine levels. These shelves are designed for better display of and easier access to the available choices. The Children's DVDs and videos have been moved downstairs with the rest of the youth collection. The Friends of the Library group were the kind purchasers of these new shelving units, and we are grateful. Let us know your responses to the new shelves!

The library staff is here to help you to find what you seek and to enjoy your library visits. Please let us know how we may assist you. As always, we're open seven days a week, including Sundays between 1 and 5 p.m. from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

Sincerely,

Cath Thompson, *Library Director*

### **Library Hours:**

Monday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Tuesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
(September - May)

### **Library Closures**

#### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 1, 2008

#### **Veteran's Day**

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday, November 27, 2008

### **Library Board of Trustees**

Jill Rosa, *President*  
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Ruth Schnell, *Secretary*  
Carole Stroh, *Treasurer*  
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### **Library Board Meetings**

September 9th, October 14th,  
November 4th & December 9th

Library Board meetings are at  
7:00 pm in the Henry C. Spruth  
Meeting Room.

Meetings are open to the public.

### **The Friends of the Library Board of Directors**

Tamara Mannelly, *President*  
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### **Voter Registration**

Saturday, September 13 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Saturday, October 4 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



The Lake Bluff/Lake Forest League of Women Voters will provide easy access to voter registration at the library. Come prepared! To be eligible, you must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old by the date of the next election, and a resident of Lake County for 30 days prior to the election. Two forms of identification are required, one must be a government photo I.D. and one must show a current address such as a driver's license or utility bill.

**National Library Card Sign-up Month:  
September**

Drop by the library today and get a library card. It will be the smartest card in your wallet and the most important school supply of all. You can access books, the Internet, music, movies, audiobooks, homework help and more! It's all @ your library. Lost your card? A replacement costs \$2.00.



**Wool Gatherers**

Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm\*\*  
Monday, October 20 at 7:00pm  
Monday, November 17 at 7:00pm

Bring your bag filled with unfinished projects and join us for an evening of needle arts and conversation. Make new friends with women who love yarn! No registration is required- just show up!!

**\*\*Knitting Resources: The Online Community!**

Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm

Sit back and enjoy as our library's own Eliza Toser shares online knitting resources interesting to both the beginner and the pro! The websites range from commercial sites featuring a spectrum of yarns to specialized artisan sites offering hand-dyed and hand-spun yarns. Eliza will show where to peruse for patterns or how to check-out what other lovers of knitting are saying in blogs and chat rooms!

**New Service for our Library Users!**

If you would like to receive notices of upcoming library events through your email, please stop by the circulation desk or call the library and sign up! Your contact information will remain confidential and you may remove your name from the list at any time.

**4 Easy Ways to Support the Friends of the Library:**

1. Join our group! We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the library. We'd love to see you!
2. Recycle your used toner and ink jet cartridges, cell phones, ipods, and laptop computers at the library. Look for the green recycling box by the circulation desk! The library will receive money for every item recycled.
3. Register your Dominick's Savings card at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and the Friends will earn a percentage of your sales at all Dominick's grocery stores. Simply follow the directions on the website and select 'Friends of the Lake Bluff Library' as the group you support.
4. **Shop and Share** at Jewel-Osco...November 17, 18, & 19. Pick up a coupon at the library or cut it from our newsletter. Bring the coupon to any Jewel-Osco on these dates and give it to the cashier upon checkout. The Friends will receive 5% of your total sales.

Thank you for Supporting the Friends!  
Email: [friends@lakeblufflibrary.org](mailto:friends@lakeblufflibrary.org)



**SHOP & SHARE IDENTIFICATION SLIP**

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GROUP: **Friends of the Lake Bluff Library**

YOUR SHOP & SHARE DAYS: **11/17/2008, 11/18/2008, 11/19/2008**

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PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP.  
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## Saturday Morning Series for Parents!



Dr. Ilham Algayed is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She has been practicing pediatrics for over 12 years as a Senior Attending Physician at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, and is the parent of two.

### Vaccines

*Saturday, September 13 at 10:30am*

How safe are they? Dr. Algayed talks about the many vaccines children receive these days, why they need them, and the controversy surrounding them (including autism).

### Nutrition

*Saturday, October 18 at 10:30am*

How to make sure your child is eating right. Dr. Algayed discusses the new food pyramid guidelines and how to incorporate these into family meal planning (including how to deal with picky eaters and eating on the run/fast food).

### Electronic Media and Children

*Saturday, November 15 at 10:30am*

Pros and cons? Dr. Algayed looks at how kids are "wired" these days and what parents need to know.

### Advocating for Your Child at School

*Saturday, December 6 at 10:30am*

Dr. Algayed shares a parent's guide to what school/learning based resources are available for children and how parents can access the information.

## Popular New Fiction Releases

### September

- 9/01 *Angel's Tip* by Alafair Burke  
9/01 *The Laughter of Dead Kings* by Elizabeth Peters  
9/09 *The Keepsake* by Tess Gerritsen  
9/16 *The Other Queen* by Philippa Gregory  
9/23 *Heat Lightning* by John Sandford  
9/23 *Comforts of a Muddy Saturday*  
by Alexander McCall Smith  
9/23 *Hot Mahogany* by Stuart Woods  
9/30 *The Catch* by Archer Mayor  
9/30 *The Letters* by Luann Rice  
9/30 *The Lucky One* by Nicholas Sparks

### October

- 10/01 *The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane  
10/07 *Scarpetta* by Patricia Cornwell  
10/07 *A Most Wanted Man* by John LeCarre  
10/14 *The Brass Verdict* by Michael Connelly  
10/14 *Dark Summer* by Iris Johansen  
10/21 *Rough Weather* by Robert Parker  
10/28 *The Gate House* by Nelson DeMille  
10/28 *Bones* by Jonathan Kellerman  
10/28 *A Good Woman* by Danielle Steel  
10/28 *The Widows of Eastwick* by John Updike

### \*Book Talk on Best Adult Books of 2007 & 2008

Not sure what to read next? Stop by October 9th at 7 pm for a book talk introducing some of the best adult books of 2007 and 2008! In addition to information on really hot books, refreshments will be offered. This gathering is scheduled in place of the October book club discussion. Selections for the 2009 book club will be made at the end of the meeting. Please contact Eric Bailey for further information.

## Book Clubs at the Library

### The Library's Evening Book Club

*7:00 pm - 8:30 pm*

*Second Thursday of the Month*

Our evening book club meets on the second Thursday of the month. We are open to everyone interested in reading and discussing a variety of books! The books are available each month for check-out in print and in audio at the circulation desk.

The meeting dates and titles are as follows:

#### **Thursday, September 11th:**

*A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah

#### **Thursday, October 9th:**

Book Talk on Best of 2007 and 2008  
Selection of Books for Next Year!\*

#### **Thursday, November 13th:**

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

#### **Thursday, December 11th:**

*The Welsh Girl* by Peter Ho Davies

Contact Eric Bailey at the Lake Bluff Library for any questions about the club or suggestions on future selections.

### Take Me Away:

### An Afternoon Book Club for Women

*1:00 pm - 2:00 pm*

*Third Tuesday of the Month*



The afternoon book club is growing. Please join us as we discuss books that cover issues facing women throughout their lives. The one hour discussions will be facilitated by Carol Carter. The books are available each month for check-out, in print and as audiobooks. Ask at the circulation desk!

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

*The Year of Magical Thinking*  
by Joan Didion 227 pages, nonfiction, 2005

#### **Tuesday, October 21**

*The Madness of Mary Lincoln*  
by Jason Emerson 255 pages, nonfiction, 2007

#### **Tuesday, November 18**

*Dreaming Water*  
by Gail Tsukiyama 288 pages, fiction, 2002

## Adult Programs @ Lake Bluff Public Library

All programs are free and last about one hour. Please register by calling the library at 847-234-2540 or in person at the circulation desk. Bring a friend!

**Mark your calendars! We have a busy fall!**

### Conquering Clutter -- Organizing A, B, C's

*Monday, September 8 at 7:00pm*

Greater success in school and life can be achieved by being better prepared. Developing these skills early in life will lead to increased productivity, less stress and frustration, and the ability to have more control of your time and your stuff. Join Randy Wickstrom, a Professional Organizer, as he gives tips and techniques for getting and staying organized!

### The History of the Printed Book

*Thursday, September 18 at 7:00pm*

Edward Valauskas is Curator of Rare Books at the Chicago Botanic Garden and an instructor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in River Forest, IL. Join Professor Valauskas as he narrates a slide show on the early books and manuscripts collected and preserved in the Lenhardt Library at CBG.

### eBay Selling Basics

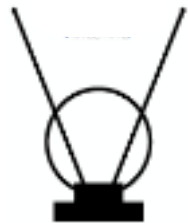
*Saturday, September 20 10:30am-12:30pm*

Ready to make some \$\$ selling on eBay?

Plan to attend this informative & fun "eBay Selling 101" program by eBay University Instructor, Jack Waddick. Sit back and let our speaker walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This lively 2-hour session will include real time demonstrations on eBay.com and plenty of time for questions.

### All-Digital Broadcast TV Stations?

*Monday, September 22 at 7:00pm*



At midnight on February 17, 2009, federal law requires that all full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital. John Duzma from the Federal Communications Commission will explain why television signals are going digital, how the transition will affect TV viewers, and what is necessary to continue to receive TV signals after the transition.

### Help! Homework Strategies...

*Wednesday, September 24 at 11:00 am*

An experienced teacher, Bhavi Len from High-5 Tutoring, offers quick tips and easy teaching strategies that parents can use to help their children with homework. All parents of students in grades K-12 are invited to join this one hour seminar. Please

let us know your child's grade level when you sign-up so that Ms Len can provide you with a packet of strategies that will help you the most.



### Don't Pay the College Sticker Price

*Monday, October 6 at 7:00pm*

The college financial aid system includes scholarships, grants, student loans, and tax-saving opportunities. It is designed to help relieve the expensive burden of college for all parents - not just low or moderate income families. Joe Orsolini, a Certified College Planning Specialist (CCPS), returns to our library to share the ins and outs of the system.



### Mortgages:

#### How Did We Get Where We Are Today?

*Saturday, October 11 at 10:30am*

Ronald M. Lapins discusses the current state of the mortgage lending business, including different types of loans and how we got to our country's present situation. He earned a B.S. in Finance from the University of Illinois and has been a certified mortgage planning specialist in residential lending in northern Illinois for 32 years. Mr. Lapins will also discuss how credit scores are determined and how the score affects your ability to obtain a mortgage.

### The Civil War in General

*Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm*



In a 60 minute presentation, Jim Weren highlights the strengths and weaknesses of Civil War generals through intriguing anecdotes, historical fact, and detailed pencil portraits. As a devoted Civil War aficionado and talented portrait artist, Mr. Weren makes the ordinary men who were Civil War generals come alive.

### Local Author, Peter Ferry

*Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm*

*Travel Writing* is the debut novel of retired Lake Forest High School English teacher, Peter Ferry. Mr. Ferry will read from his book and share his experience of the writing process. *Library Journal* critiques the book as "Imaginative...For readers interested in experimental fiction and psychological puzzles."

### Statement of programming content at the library:

Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

# Fall Programs for Children

Donna Williams  
Children's Librarian

September 2008 - November 2008

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## Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays for 6 consecutive weeks beginning September 16th, we will have stories, songs and crafts for young children.

2 year olds 11:15 am -- 11:35 am

For 1 child and 1 adult

3-5 year olds 10:30 am -- 11:00 am

For children without adult



Registration is required and begins Tuesday, September 2.

## National Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. We would like each child in Lake Bluff to have a card. Children 5 years and older can get their own library cards. A child who brings a new card down to the Children's Department will get a special holder and a special button. Can't find your card? A replacement is \$2.00.

## Winter Reading Club

Earn a reading badge (or 2 or 3 or 4) this winter. In our newly designed club, grades 3-8 can earn their badge by reading only 5 books on a theme. Grades 1-2 can earn their badges by reading only 10 books.



This program is designed for independent readers in grades 1 through 8 and runs Saturday, October 4, 2008 through Saturday, May 2, 2009.

## Parent/Child Reading Club

Boys and girls in grades 4-6 can bring a parent to our new reading group. Once a month we will meet to discuss a different book. Sign up now!!! Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.

**Monday, September 22 at 7:00 pm**

*Homework Machine*

by Dan Gutman

**Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm**

*Whittington*

by Alan Armstrong

**Monday, November 24 at 7:00 pm**

*Worth* by A. LaFaye

## Teen Read Week

Sunday, October 12 through Saturday, October 18

This is the week to celebrate all the great materials for children at the library. Children in fifth through eighth grades can participate in our Batman trivia contest. The winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Border's Books and Music!

## Writer for Batman Comics

Saturday, October 18 at 2:00 pm

Russell Lissau, writer of *The Batman Strikes* for DC comics, will do an hour long program on comic books for all teens. He will discuss how he writes, edits and develops characters for comics. Join this fun and interactive program!



## Halloween Parties

Tuesday, October 28

Start your holiday fun at the library. Wear your costume and join us for a spooky craft, chilling tales, and ghoulish treats.



Preschoolers -- 10:30 am.

School Age -- 4:30 pm

## Vote for Your Favorite Author

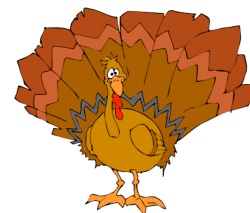
November 1 through November 6.

Middle readers and YA's can vote for their favorite author and receive a favor.

## Thanksgiving Drop-in Craft

Sun., November 16 through Sat., November 22

Stop in and make a Thanksgiving craft to take home while supplies last. Younger children will need caregiver assistance.



## Evening Storytime

Monday, November 17 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a relaxing half hour of stories and crafts. Pre-school children can wear their PJs and bring a stuffed friend, and an adult!

## Lake Bluff Public Library's Most Popular Books!

(From April 1st to June 30th 2008)

### Adult Fiction

- 1 *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini
- 2 *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller
- 3 *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult
- 4 *The Appeal* by John Grisham
- 5 *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
- 6 *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan
- 7 *Run* by Ann Patchett
- 8 *Stranger in Paradise* by Robert Parker
- 9 *7th Heaven* by James Patterson
- 10 *Killing Ground* by Jack Higgins

### Adult Non-Fiction

- 1 *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle
- 2 *The Last Princess* by Matthew Dennison
- 3 *Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt
- 4 *Retire Happy* by Richard Stim
- 5 *A Voyage Long and Strange* by Tony Horwitz
- 6 *The Exchange Artist* by Jane Kamensky
- 7 *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
- 8 *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan
- 9 *Beautiful Boy* by David Sheff
- 10 *Unhooked* by Laura Stepp

## Nights @ the Movies

All movies start promptly at 6:45 pm  
in the Spruth Room.



Monday, September 29th

*Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day*

92 minutes

Monday, October 27th

*Leatherheads*

113 minutes

Thursday, November 20th

*To Be Announced*

*Let us make the most out of  
your library experience.*

### Interlibrary Loan

If Lake Bluff Public Library does not have that item you're hunting for, we might be able to get it for you via interlibrary loan! Let the library's helpful circulation staff know what you would like, and we will attempt to borrow it for you from another library. Most items can be obtained in a week or less. New items are usually very difficult to obtain, so it is best to wait for at least four months after the publication date before placing a request.

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