National Library Card Sign Up Month
Throughout September
September is National Library Card Sign Up Month! Whether you’re new to the area or a long time resident, we want you to come see what we have to offer and get a card. While you’re here, we invite you to “suit up” as a superhero or villain and take some pics in our selfie booth. For the total superhero experience, leave your costume on and ask the desk if they have received any villainous calling cards. Then search for additional criminal activity around the Library!

New Staff Members!
Next time you’re in, say hello to some of our new staff members:

Meghan Geraghty and Maddy Javier, Shelvers
Brittany Hinkle, Community Engagement & Publicity Coordinator
Jen Horan, Library Assistant

Join us for Voter Registration Day
The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area and the Lake Bluff Public Library are observing National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 26. Residents who need to update their voter registration or want to register for the first time are invited to stop by the Library. A deputy registrar will be able to help and answer questions. Voter registration is being held all over the county on the same day to build awareness and encourage people to register.

Sunday Hours Resume
Don’t forget: the Library will be open on Sundays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm beginning Sunday, September 10.

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Learn About Putin’s Russia
Friend, foe, or something else? In November, a history professor from the College of DuPage will present on this fascinating topic. Turn to page 5 to learn more.

Get Your Game On!
International Games Week is coming and we have games for adults, teens, and children! Turn to page 3 for more information.

Ballet Bonanza!
Check out pages 6 and 7 to learn about some fun ballet programs we have planned for children this Fall!
The Great Geese Gift
by Eric Bailey, Library Director

Many people have asked, both of our current and former logo, “Why geese?” The reason is an iconic piece of Lake Bluff art.

In 1975, the Lake Bluff Garden Club wanted to provide a lasting gift to the Library to celebrate the opening of its new facilities on Scranton Avenue. The Garden Club donated a bronze statue of two geese created by noted Lake Forest sculptor Sylvia Shaw Judson. Ms. Shaw Judson became nationally famous for her garden sculptures, with her work featured in locations such as Brookgreen Gardens, SC and the White House Rose Garden. She is perhaps best known for her statue Bird Girl in Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, GA, which was featured on the cover of John Berendt’s 1993 best-seller Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.

We are fortunate to have a sculpture by such a noteworthy local artist. For 42 years, the geese have kept watch over the Library, served as a symbol for the Library itself, and been ridden by generations of young patrons! The geese will be moving to a location by the new entrance in the near future. The next time you are at the Library, take a moment to admire this iconic sculpture!

Friends of the Library

Spectacular Slatwall

Have you seen our spectacular slatwall displays? Thank the Friends of the Library! Below are just some of the recent improvements funded by the Friends:

- Aluminum slatwall displays and slatwall accessories for the Adult Services department (see above for the before and after shots of this space!)
- Copies of popular books and movies to start our Trending Titles collection.
- Slatwall accessories for the end panels on the Juvenile Fiction and Juvenile Non-Fiction shelves. You’ll be able to see these displays after Summer Reading Club concludes in August.
FALL FUN

**Trick-or-Treat @ the Library**
**Tuesday, 10/31 from 10:00am to 9:00pm**
Children, teens, and adults can stop by the Library on Halloween to trick-or-treat. All you need to do is say “trick-or-treat” to the friendly staff at our front desk and you’ll take home the sweet treat of a $5 fine voucher or Halloween candy. Costume optional but enthusiastically encouraged!

**International Games Week @ the Library**
**Sunday, 10/29 to Saturday, 11/4**
Visit www.lakeblufflibrary.org/igw.html and vote for the games that you would like to play! Voting will end October 1 and we’ll announce the schedule on October 15. We’ll also have a scavenger hunt activity you can work on at any time during the week. (Psst... teens: we have a special teen session of Keep Talking and No One Explodes. Turn to page 7 for more information!)

**It's a Wonderful Life in Lake Bluff**
**Saturday, 12/2**
Our Winter newsletter usually arrives in Lake Bluff homes on December 1 and we wanted to be sure to let you know that we’ll have some fun holiday activities planned for It’s a Wonderful Life in Lake Bluff on December 2!

**Back-to-School Programs for Parents/Caregivers**

**Common Core: Parents, What You Need to Know**
**Thursday, 9/7 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm**
Do you know what’s expected of your elementary school child this year? It may surprise you. Parents, get the lowdown on Common Core Standards in terms you can understand. Parents attend parent-teacher conferences and have no idea what questions to ask. Find out what to ask your child’s teacher for your upcoming parent-teacher conference!

**College Financial Aid**
**Monday, 10/2 at 7:00pm**
The financial aid system, which includes scholarships, grants, student loans, and tax saving opportunities, is designed to help relieve the expenses of college. This program presented by Joe Orsolini introduces three key areas to reduce the overall cost of a college education including strategies to maximize need-based financial aid, merit-based aid, and how to exploit tax-saving opportunities. Mr. Orsolini is a Certified College Planning Specialist and Financial Planner.

**College Illinois! 529 Prepaid Tuition Plan**
**Thursday, 11/16 at 7:00pm**
More than 30,000 students have gone to college using College Illinois! benefits. Parents and grandparents can take advantage of tax benefits, flexible plan options, and enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing no matter how high tuition climbs your child’s tuition and fees are covered at qualified colleges across the country. Join a representative from College Illinois! for a brief PowerPoint and for answers to your questions and concerns.

**ADULTS**

**Decorate the Library!**
Details for this fun DIY event for adults will be announced in November.

**Holiday Storytime with the Library Elf**
**11:00am to 1:00pm**
Stop in the children's department and listen to holiday stories read by our own Library Elf. Crafts and treats will be available as well.
Trivia Night @ LB Brewing Co.
Mondays, 9/25 and 11/13 at 7:00pm
Join us for Trivia Night at the Lake Bluff Brewing Company! Register your team of up to six people and get your thinking caps ready. All participants must be 21 and older. Registration for the fall sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 5.

Detox Your House
Thursday, 9/28 at 7:00pm
Many products we use every day contain toxic chemicals. Join us as we teach you how to rid your homes of these “dirty” ingredients. Discover ways to clean your home without any exposure to toxic ingredients and to introduce personal care products that are clean and healthy. Learn simple solutions to replace toxic household items with certified pure therapeutic grade essential oil products and everyday ingredients. This program is presented by local residents Kimberly Snodgrass, Megan Vignocchi and Tamar Mannelly.

Hamilton’s Women
Friday, 9/29 at 1:30pm
Meet the real women in Alexander Hamilton’s life: his wife, Elizabeth Hamilton and her two sisters, Angelica Schuyler Church and Peggy Schuyler van Rensselaer. This living history program is performed by Leslie Goddard. You don’t need to have seen the smash hit musical Hamilton to enjoy this program! Patrons who are registered will be seated first.

Complicated Conception:
A Couple Shares Their Story of Family-Building Despite Infertility
Thursday, 10/5 at 7:00pm
Nadine Kenney Johnstone discusses her memoir, Of This Much I’m Sure, about her near death experience after an IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) procedure. One in every eight couples struggles to have a baby, yet few couples openly discuss their infertility. Nadine and her husband Jamie detail their conception challenges and the hopeful words that healed them. Come learn about the story behind the book and raise awareness about an important issue.

Fall Adult Crafts: Design & De-Stress with Crafts!
Tuesdays, 9/12, 10/10, and 11/14 at 1:30pm
Join Liliana this fall to relax and unwind at Adult Crafts! Please note crafts have moved to the second Tuesday of the month, not Wednesday. All materials are provided, please register at least one week in advance.

September: We’ll pound away our stress with hammers to make beautiful leaf print stationery.
October: Make cinnamon pumpkin bath bombs for your own aromatherapy or to give a frazzled friend.
November: Make a cozy comforting craft by upcycling a glove into an adorable squirrel.

Knitwits
Thursdays, 9/14, 10/12, and 11/9 at 7:00pm
Join Martha and Liliana for Knitwits, a group for beginning knitters. We’ll meet on the second Thursday of each month to knit, chat, and learn new techniques. Bring your knitting and your questions!
Cookbook Book Club
Selected cookbooks will be on display at the Library at least two weeks prior to the club meeting. Come browse and pick a recipe to make. Bring your finished dish to Book Club, and sample everyone’s delicious foods while discussing the topic.

Cook Like a Celebrity! | Wednesday, 9/13 at 7:00pm
We all watch our favorite celebrity chefs on TV, so now it’s time to try out one of their recipes for yourself! This month you’ll choose a dish from Ina Garten, Mario Batali, Martha Stewart, and many more. Be a star in your own kitchen and bring your show-stopping dish to share with the group!

Spiced or Spicy? | Wednesday, 11/8 at 7:00pm
Time to get creative in the kitchen this Fall! This month we’ll choose recipes that feature fragrant spices, in both sweet and savory dishes. Spice doesn’t need to mean heat, so have fun creating a warm and cozy dish for this chilly day!
Halloween at the Library

Halloween Drop In Craft | Monday, 10/23 to 10/31
Drop in during the week before Halloween and whip up a spooky or sweet craft! Small children may require assistance from a parent or caregiver.

Halloween Party | Tuesday, 10/24 at 4:30pm
Dress in your Halloween finest and join us for a not so spooky party! Join us for some stories and treats, no tricks!

Halloween Movie | Thursday, 10/26 at 4:00pm
Hotel Transylvania
(Rated PG, 2012, 91 minutes)

Video Games @ the Library!
Thursdays, 9/7 to 9/28 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm | Ages 8 to 11
Bring a friend and play video games!

Grandparent’s Day Tea Party
Saturday, 9/9 at 2:00pm
Please join us for a storytime tea party. Children can bring a special adult with them to this program that will celebrate those wonderful people that we call Grandma and Grandpa. Wear your party clothes! Sweet treats, iced tea, and lemonade will be served.

Citadel Theatre Workshop
Saturday, 9/16 at 11:00am
This workshop is a perfect introduction to theatre. Each session will begin with a reading of a well-known children’s book like Rainbow Fish or Are You My Mother?. Kids will use the story as a jumping off point as they take turns using characters, locations, and themes from the book to create their own original story. They will then use props and their imagination to turn their story into a play! Parents will be invited into the last five minutes of our class to attend an original play by their own mini playwrights. Let your child really dive into their imagination while learning about theatre, acting, playwriting, and performing!

Coding with Rhea
Sunday, 10/1 at 2:00pm
Want to learn how to code, but don’t know where to start? Computer Science enthusiast and local high schooler Rhea wants to spread the marvels of computer science to younger students. Rhea will be doing an introduction to coding for elementary aged kids, using beginner coding platforms such as code.org.

Princess Ballerinas
Saturday, 9/23 at 11:00am
Ages 3 to 7
Come dressed in your royal finest for this, but parents and caregivers, make sure your little royalty can move comfortably! LoMastro Performing Arts Academy will be offering a magical ballet-themed program. A little storyline, a little dance instruction, a little performance, a royally good time!

Paws for a Tale
Mondays, 10/16 to 11/20
at 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:30pm
Children in 1st - 5th grade can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog. These
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gentle dogs are non-judgmental and great listeners for children who could use some quality time reading out loud or would just enjoy reading to a good listener. Parents will need to sign a waiver form (available in the children’s department). Time slots go quickly, so sign up early for one or more 20-minute sessions!

Anti-Bullying Art Show
Throughout November
Ms. Thompsen’s Art Class will display art inspired by the Anti-Bullying Campaign in the Children’s Department throughout the month of November.

Tot Time | Tuesdays, 11/7 to 12/19
from 10:15am to 10:45am
Children ages 6 months to 3 years old can listen to books and music while they socialize and play with age appropriate toys. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times during this casual meet up.

Thanksgiving Drop In Craft
Sunday, 11/12 to Wednesday, 11/22
Drop in during the week before Thanksgiving to create a craft that shows your thankfulness! Small children may require assistance.

Nutcracker Ballet Storytime: Clara’s Dream
Saturday, 11/18 at 11:00am
Get ready for the holiday season with this magical storytime and performance of Clara’s Dream from the Nutcracker Suite with Mastro Performing Arts Academy!

TEENS

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes Game Night
Thursday, 11/2 at 7:00pm
Come test the boundaries of your communication skills in this high octane bomb defusing game.

Teen Advisory Board
Thursdays, 9/21, 10/19, and 11/16 at 7:30pm
Join this fun group and earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, find new books, and give us your two cents about teen services! Play a bookish guessing game for the chance to win a different prize every month! Snacks and drinks will be served.

Teen Book Trivia
Tuesday, 10/10 at 7:00pm
Grab some friends and team up to test your knowledge with this special teen trivia. We’ll cover teen books, obviously, but also larger pop culture. The winning team will receive a prize!

Teen Crafts: Teen Read Week Edition
Thursday, 10/12 at 7:00pm
Get crafty with old books for this special edition of Teen Crafts!

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY
School’s Out Early!
Join us on one of LBES’ early release days for an afternoon movie at the Library!

Wednesday, 9/13 at 2:15pm
The Lego Batman Movie
(Rated PG, 2017, 104 minutes)

Wednesday, 10/11 at 2:15pm
Beauty and the Beast
(Rated PG, 2017, 129 minutes)

Wednesday, 11/8 at 2:15pm
Sing
(Rated PG, 2016, 108 minutes)
LIBRARY HOURS

Monday  10:00am to 9:00pm
Tuesday  10:00am to 9:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am to 9:00pm
Thursday 10:00am to 9:00pm
Friday  10:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday*  1:00pm to 5:00pm

*  Closed all Sundays between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, 9/3
Summer Hours

Monday, 9/4
Labor Day

Thursday, 11/23
Thanksgiving Day

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