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January/February 2014

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Warm Hearts Give Warm Hands

For the month of February, donate mittens, hats, scarves and gently used winter coats to those in need. Circulation Services on the lower level will be accepting items all throughout February, which will go directly to the People's Resource Center of DuPage County.

A Message from the Board President

Compliments of the holidays! 2013 has been very productive for Lisle Library District. The Board bid fond farewells to trustees Mary Ellen Durbin and Jun Yu, and welcomed newcomers Thomas Hummel and Rick Adrian. Incumbents John Huff, Colleen Sehy and Maureen Rieck won four-year terms in last April's consolidated elections.

Two new ad-hoc committees were formed in 2013: Financial Goals, to study the long-term financial effects of such practices such as IMRF contributions and fundraising; and Information Stewardship, which makes recommendations on best practices in record-keeping and official document access.

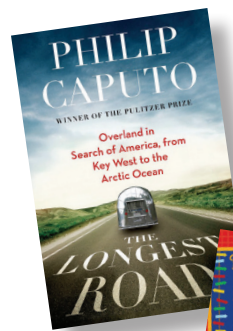
At the end of August, the Library purchased the property and lot at 4931 Kingston, adjacent to our former south border. This acquisition allows us valuable options as we rethink how

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Help Make Big Read 2014 the Largest One Yet

Philip Caputo's *The Longest Road* is the selected book for Big Read 2014, a collaborative reading event taking place across nine communities. Hundreds across the western suburbs will read and discuss one book with the following libraries participating: Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Thomas Ford, Woodridge and Lisle. Programs and discussions will be announced in February and will take place in March and April.



In *The Longest Road*, Caputo takes an epic road trip across America, from the southernmost point to the northernmost, asking everyday Americans what unites and divides us. For youth, the 2014 Kids Read title is *Go, Go America* by Dan Yaccarino, a story of one family's rollicking road trip from state to state and the curious facts they learn.

Pick up copies of each title at the Adult Reference Desk and in Youth Services. For more information visit: TheBigRead.org.

Ho'olu komo la kuaa | Please Join Us!

Library Luau Open House January 24

When the holiday rush calms, winter, for better or worse, will still be here and we know you'll have cabin fever. Join us from **6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, January 24** for a warm and sunny open house – Luau Style! Ring in 2014 with some tropical-themed music, activities and crafts, plus a Library tour. Wear your craziest Hawaiian Shirt for a chance to win a prize. Welcome to a New Year of Library services and come celebrate with us. *Mahalo!*



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Library Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Holiday closings are posted on lislelibrary.org.

Library Board of Trustees

Richard Flint, *President*
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Colleen Sehy, *Treasurer*
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Maureen Rieck, *Trustee*

Board of Trustees meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month and are open to the public.

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If you are in need of an accommodation for a disability for a program or event, please contact us.

• DIRECTOR'S CORNER •

A New Year, A New Site

by Shannon Halikias

Happy New Year! As part of our ongoing progress in meeting the goals of our five-year Strategic Plan, we are thrilled to launch your new and improved lislelibrary.org in early 2014. In a fast-paced 21st century world of digital news, information and media, we have realized that we, too, must change and evolve like everyone else. It is our hope that our site will be a digital extension of our library, strengthening the ongoing *connections* to information, the collection and to staff.

The homepage will feature a rotating slideshow highlighting the main happenings at Lisle Library. Expect direct, easy access to our wealth of databases, calendar of events and catalog, the most popular links on our site. The new site will also keep you posted on the great titles making their way onto our shelves, as well as an information section, so you can find important announcements easily online, anytime. To promote library information stewardship, look for a section about our audits, budgets and other essential documents.

The new lislelibrary.org will hopefully become part of the information ecosystem of the community, and an important part of your Library experience. Stay updated on our progress via our social media channels on Facebook and Twitter, and feel free to let us know what you think!

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to reconfigure our space to provide the best service to patrons. Looking forward, we are pleased to announce a temporary, partial parking lot redesign for spring 2014. Until a complete project can be started, the Board has decided to take steps to make the existing lot safer now. Wishing you all the joy of the holiday season. Many thanks for all your support, Richard Flint, President, Board of Trustees

Health, Tax and Career Programs

Beating The Sugar Blues

Thursday, January 23, 7 to 8 p.m. | Meeting Rooms A/B

Board Certified Holistic Health Practitioner Nicole Lazar returns to teach you about sugar. Understand cravings, its effect on the body and the pros and cons of sugar alternatives. Get resources on natural sweeteners and recipe ideas.

Taxes are Everyone's Business

Tuesday, January 28, 7 to 8 p.m. | Meeting Rooms A/B

Tax expert Judi Strauss reviews key elements of the tax code effective for 2013 as well as possible extensions of tax breaks. Other topics: Deductions, IRA withdrawals, Roth conversions and taxable Social Security.

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Register for all programs and classes online through the Calendar at lislelibrary.org or by calling 630-971-1675.

NEW: One-on-One Tech Tutoring

Jan. 28, 2 to 4 p.m. | Meeting Room B

Sign up for a 30-minute basic computer help session held Jan. 28. 630-971-1675 ext. 1504 or 1506. Learn: MS Word, email attachments, photo uploads, Google Maps and more.

Internet 101

Tuesday, January 7, 2 p.m. | Meeting Room B

Would you like to feel more comfortable accessing the internet and searching for information? This class is strictly for beginners who want to learn how to search the world wide web.

Internet 201

Tuesday, January 14, 2 p.m. | Meeting Room B

Familiar with Google, but want to know more? This class is Part 2 of a series to teach you how to better navigate search engines and other credible sites. Recommended after taking Internet 101 or for those with general knowledge.

Job & Career Accelerator

Thursday, January 30, 7 p.m. | Meeting Room B

Deciding which careers best match your skills and interests? Struggling with a professional-looking resume and cover letter? Need practice with interviewing or help updating computer skills? Learn how to use our Job and Career Accelerator online career resource.

Email Basics

Tuesday, February 4, 2 p.m. | Meeting Room B

Everyone seems to use email, but are you? This class is strictly for beginners to learn how to set up a free account, as well as send emails and attachments.

Resumes and Cover Letters: Best Practices

Thursday, February 6, 7 p.m. | Meeting Room B

In today's job market, your resume and cover letter must stand out. Learn how to craft both with Microsoft Word, and discover job search tips.

English Learning Classes

Come to the Library on Saturday mornings and Monday nights to learn or improve your English skills in speaking, reading or writing. All levels of English language welcome. No registration needed. Contact Jean Demas at Ext. 1002 for details. Dates:

Saturdays from 10 a.m.–noon, Jan. 4 and 18; Feb. 8 and 15
Mondays from 6:30–8:30 p.m., Jan. 6 and 20; Feb. 3 and 17
Location: Group Study Room

Book Groups

Titles available at Reference Desk.

Booked for the Day

📖 bookedfortheday.wordpress.com

Covering fiction, nonfiction and classics.

Mondays, 11 a.m., Meeting Room B

January 6: *Razor's Edge* by Somerset W. Maugham

February 3: *Joy for Beginners* by Erica Bauermeister

Fixed on Fiction 📖 fixedonfiction.wordpress.com

Contemporary, historical, classic, you name it, fiction.

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Group Study Room

January 9: *Calling Invisible Women* by Marie Semple

February 13: *The Longest Road* by Philip Caputo

Just the Facts Nonfiction

📖 justthefactsbookgroup.wordpress.com

Discuss nonfiction, including history and memoirs.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Group Study Room

January 22: *Visiting Tom* by Michael Perry

February 12: *The Great Pearl Heist*

by Molly Caldwell Crosby

Murder Among Friends Mystery

📖 murderamongfriends.wordpress.com

Expect author call-ins and appearances.

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Meeting Room B

January 16: *The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore

February 20: *The Wrong Girl* by Hank Phillippi Ryan

(7 p.m. discussion, 7:30 p.m. author call-in)

Science Fiction/Fantasy

📖 lisesffbookgroup.wordpress.com

SciFi plus fantasy equals a very lively group.

Wednesday nights, Meeting Room B

January 29, 6:30 p.m.: *Redshirts* by John Scalzi

February 26, 7 p.m.: *Kraken* by China Mieville

Just Between Frames Film Group

📖 justbetweenframes.wordpress.com

Current and classic movies for film lovers 17 and up.

Mondays, 6 p.m., Meeting Room B

January 27: *Being John Malkovich*

February 24: *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*

Early Childhood Fair

Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meeting Room A/B

Come to our Early Childhood Fair for all things baby, toddler and preschooler! Meet representatives from local schools, learn about family services and see what your community has to offer you and your little ones from infants to age 5. No registration necessary.



Storytimes & Events for Young Children

*The Winter Storytime session runs from **January 7-February 13**. Registration required. Space is limited.*

Little Movers & Shakers

Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. | YS Activity Room

Babies who are crawling and walking are now starting to notice the wide world around them. Let's sing, dance and talk about it! Enjoy this interactive storytime with your little mover and shaker. For babies 6 to 24 months.

Toddler Storytime

Tues, Wed, Th, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Toddlers ages 2 to 4 interact with engaging books, music and games that build on their growing love for language during our toddler storytime. Each storytime ends with an enriching art project to let your toddler's imaginations run wild!

Preschool Storytime

Tues, Wed, Th, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. | YS Activity Room

Have fun while building literacy skills in our preschool storytime! Children ages 3 to 6 are engaged with books, stories, and songs, plus enriching art projects.

Monday Fundays & The Kids Read

Starting in February, read the 2014 Kids Read, *Go, Go America* with your family, complete a Trivia Sheet available in Youth Services and get a goody bag full of fun things to keep track of your own travels. We aim to have 100 families read this funny, off the beaten path book. And then every Monday in February, check out the programs dedicated to Dan Yaccarino's book, which explore all things American from art, food, science and technology. Until then, enjoy January's Monday Funday programs!



Football Favorites

Monday, January 6, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Are you ready for some football? We'll make some gridiron favorites for the big game that will be sure to score you some extra points with your friends. The game plan includes Super Bowl Nachos and Goalpost Guacamole. Since we will be eating our creations, please let a staff member know if your child has food allergies. Grades K-5.

Collage Creations!

Monday, January 13, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Collages are cool! Using paper, magazine images, scissors, glue and a lot of imagination we will create self-portrait collages. Registration begins January 2. Grades K-5.

The Lost History of African American Inventors

Monday, January 20, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Learn about some African American inventors and the invention process. Invent your own ball shooter. For grades K-5. Registration begins January 2.

iPad Madness

Monday, January 27, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Learn about and test some of the coolest new apps for kids in elementary school, and then vote for your favorite one! For grades K-5. Registration begins January 2.

Road Food Warriors

Monday, February 3, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

What's a road trip without snacks? You be the judge as we sample some tried and true treats from across America to determine our favorites. We'll even throw in a few healthy choices as well! Please let a staff member know if your child has food allergies. For grades K-5. Registration begins January 2.

Make Mt. Rushmore

Monday February 10, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Test your sculpting skills and create your own clay version of one of America's most iconic landmarks, Mt. Rushmore. For grades K-5. Registration begins January 2.

Sink and Float with Abraham Lincoln

Monday, February 17, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was the only U.S. President to be granted a patent for his invention? Learn about what makes things sink and float and discover how his invention worked. Grades K-5. Registration begins January 2.

America on an iPad

Monday, February 24, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

We will utilize iPads and some awesome geography apps to travel around America without leaving the library! For grades K-5. Registration begins January 2.

Special Programs

Science Saturday: Planet Earth

Saturday, January 4, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Meeting Room B

Earth Science is a study of all the different parts of our world. Some scientists study the oceans, and others may study rocks or the atmosphere. These experiments will help us understand more about our planet and how it has evolved over time. For grades 3-6.

Science Saturday: Wind and Wild Weather

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Meeting Room B

Wind direction can help forecast the weather, and for this program, we'll all play meteorologists as we construct our own mini weather stations. For grades 3-6. Registration begins January 2.

Mario Kart Tournament

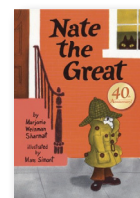
Friday, January 17 and Friday, February 21, 4:30 to 6 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Think you've got what it takes to be Lisle's best Mario Kart Racer? Enter and compete for the title. This game is rated E. Ending times for this event may vary by up to 15 minutes. For grades 2-6. Registration begins January 2.

Nate the Great presented by Children's Theatre of Western Springs

Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B

Join Nate the Great and his friends as they solve their neighborhood's mysteries. Even Nate's faithful dog Sludge joins in the detective work. Actors are members of the Children's Theatre of Western Springs for youth in grades 1-12.



Girl Power!

Thursday, February 6, 4 to 5 p.m. | Meeting Room A/B



Girl Power! invites girls in grades 1-5 to explore friendship, self-esteem and expression through fun games and activities. Attendees will also meet Miss Chicago Outstanding Teen Grace Etkorn. Registration begins January 2.

Pokémon Program

Saturday, February 22, 2:30 to 4 p.m. | YS Activity Room

Do you want to be the very best? Like no one ever was? Come meet your fellow trainers to trade, battle, and compare Pokédexes. Extra Pokémon-related equipment (DSes, Gameboys, cards, and personal games) needs to be provided by attendees. Games are rated E. Ending times may vary by up to 15 minutes. For grades 3-6. Registration begins January 2.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Board

Friday, January 3, Friday, January 17
Friday, February 7, Friday, February 21
7 to 8 p.m. | YS Activity Room

Our teen board, grades 6 and up, meet to discuss current issues at the Library. The Teen Advisory Board provides insight into current practices and makes recommendations on services that directly affect young adults in our library community. New teens always welcome. If you are interested in making a positive impact in your community, please feel free to stop by.

Spin a Yarn

Friday, January 10; Friday, February 7, 3:30 to 5 p.m. | YS Activity Room

Like to crochet? Looking for a new hobby? Join us for our winter crochet session as we start some new projects! For grades 6 and up. Registration begins January 2.

Create-A-Word

January 13 to 17 | Youth Services Department

Have a great idea for a new word? Ever made up your own definition to a word you have never heard before? Come by Youth Services all week to see who can come up with the best meanings for entirely new words. For grades 6 and up.

Book, Be My Valentine?

February 10 to 14

Come into Youth Services and write a valentine to the book you love.



Come get crafty for DIY Wednesdays in Youth Services

For youth in grades 6 and up. No registration necessary. All programs take place in Youth Services Department.

Abstract Tile Art

January 15, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Our staff will show you how to “upscale” a common floor tile to a frame worthy piece of art with only a few common supplies.

Hex Nut Macrame

January 22, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Got old hex nuts sitting in a jar around the house? We demonstrate how to use them to make awesome DIY jewelry.

Woven Felt Heart Baskets

February 5, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to turn two simple pieces of felt into one great woven heart basket for your valentine.

Recycled Printmaking

February 19, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Learn how common everyday materials can be reused for cool art prints good enough for any wall.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Opera novices, aficionados, music lovers converge. Learn about the stories, composers and librettists of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2014 season. Held in Meeting Room B at 2 p.m.

Barber of Seville

Thursday, January 16

Rossini's music sparkles like sunshine with one hit tune after another.

Rusalka

Thursday, February 6

Dark, swirling under-currents blend seamlessly with entrancing folk melodies.

La Clemenza di Tito

Thursday, February 27

Betrayal, sex and power are front and center in this riveting Mozart opera.

Did you know...

That we have large print books? And audio titles? Lisle Library District strives to serve our patrons with materials that best support enjoying our collection and services. Whether you require an assistive format or just want to try a different way of accessing material, we have them here for you:

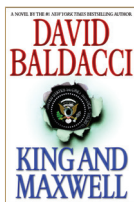
- Large Print appears in at least **16 points in size** with adequate letter and word spacing.
- In the Audio/Visual area, audio books (spoken word) can be found on CD. We carry both abridged and unabridged titles.
- Using EMediaLibrary, our online e-book platform, download best-selling digital audiobooks & e-books anytime to your own PC or mobile device at home, at work or on the go.
- Some of our e-reader devices also have a text-to-sound option, and, the option to increase text size.

• WHAT'S NEW •

A sampling of what's new at Lisle Library. To find all new titles, go to lislelibrary.org. Click on Library Catalog, then click New Titles on the left-hand side of the search page.

FICTION BOOKS

King and Maxwell by David Baldacci**
Lighthouse Island by Paulette Jiles
Raven's Eye by Barry Maitland
Warlord: A Novel of Robin Hood
 by Angus Donald
Sky Manifest by Brian Panhuyzen



NON-FICTION BOOKS

Mogul, Mom & Maid by Liz O'Donnell
Leonard Bernstein Letters by Nigel Simeone
Scarf Style 2 by Ann Budd
Reversing Dyslexia by Doctor Phyllis Books
Sunny's Kitchen by Sunny Anderson



YOUTH SERVICES BOOKS

Soldier Dog by Sam Angus
If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gainsworth
Almost an Animal Alphabet by Katie Viggers
Books of Umber: the End of Time
 by PW Catanese
Ballad by Blexbolex



AUDIOBOOKS

Between Man & Beast by Monte Reel
Eye of Minds by James Dashner
Rules of Wolfe by James Carlos Blake
Smarter Than You Think by Clive Thompson
Promote Yourself by Dan Schawbel



CDs

Artpop by Lady Gaga
Bookmarks by Five for Fighting
Let's Be Still by Head and the Heart
On the Rocks: Mad Men Soundtrack
Gravity Soundtrack
Stay Trippy by Juicy J



DVDs

Archer Season 1-3
Burn Notice Season 7
*Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters****
Smurfs 2
*Wolverine****



VIDEO GAMES

Need for Speed Rivals
Adventure Time
DuckTales Remastered
Zumba Fitness World Party
Borderlands 2: Game of the Year



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Senior Spotlight



Each month, the Library features enriching and helpful programs specifically for our seniors. Suggestions and topics of interest are welcome.

Understanding Social Security

Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m. | Meeting Rooms A/B

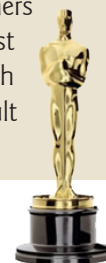
Are you or someone you know curious about Social Security and its benefits? Are you planning to collect benefits in the next 10 years? If you answered yes to either question, this program is for you. Learn about the right time to take benefits, working while receiving benefits, taxation and Social Security and spousal benefits.

Office of Rep. Sandack Hosts Mobile Office Hours at Library

Staffers of State Rep. Ron Sandack (IL-81) will be available to talk to constituents, collect questions and help residents access services from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 22 at the Library. No appointment is necessary and all residents within the 81st Legislative District are welcome. This is an opportunity for residents to speak with Rep. Sandack's staff in a convenient location.

Oscars Contest for the 86th Academy Awards

Save the Date for our annual Pick the Oscar Winners Contest starting Feb. 3 in Adult Services! Contest ends March 1 at 5 p.m. Winners notified March 10. Chance for prizes. For details, stop by Adult Services or call the Library.





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Ask an Expert Series Launches

There is so much talent, expertise and skill in our community and we want everyone to know it. Stop into our foyer for our Ask an Expert series featuring local experts who've donated their time to share their knowledge. If you or someone you know has a unique expertise, pick up an application at our Connection Desk.

Chinese Culture and Keys to Success

Saturday, January 25, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Longry Wang is the Director of Strategy and Product Planning for Navistar. Throughout her career, she headed China Strategy and Operations for Navistar in China and global business development at BP. Born in China and a graduate of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and University of Chicago (MBA), she is an expert in integrating Asian and American cultures in the global environment. She has mentored professionals and American students who are interested in working or studying abroad. Learn about Longry's perspective on Chinese culture, customs, travel advice and future trends.

Miniature Sculpture Painting

Saturday, February 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Timothy Loatman will demonstrate the art and recreation of painting miniature sculptures. Tim is an expert at sculptures ranging from 28 to 35 mm tall, a hobby that thankfully doesn't require much space.

Mixed Martial Arts

Saturday, February 22, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Grab some gloves, and try out mitts. Alex from Victory Martial Arts Academy will share his knowledge about mixed martial arts for children and adults. Learn about MMA for competition, self-defense, or fitness as Alex teaches Muay Thai, Ju-Jitsu and kickboxing.

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Edgar Allen Poe's Imagination

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 to 4 p.m.
Meeting Room A/B

Speaker Dan Haughey will present some of Edgar Allen Poe's greatest poems, short stories and a satire or two. Haughey both performs the pieces in the voice of Poe and criticizes them in the guise of a skeptical critic. This event is being produced in part by the Illinois Humanities Council's Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, a program that provides organizations with affordable, entertaining and thought-provoking humanities events for their communities.

Program TBA
Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room A

Program to be posted online. Check the Calendar at lislelibrary.org for updates.