

The Friends' Forum

Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library



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President's Letter

Another great year has already flown by. This past year has seen a lot of our traditional activities continue but we have also seen many new and exciting things start! We have been able to continue with our tradition of sponsoring community programs every other month. Over the past year, these programs have included a speaker on the Pullman neighborhood, our gift-wrapping guru, and painting with Kathi Eastman. For fundraising, we have continued our monthly mini-sales and of course, our huge annual sale in July which netted us over \$2600! Our new

projects included participation in the community 'Cheep Housing' program by designing and donating a birdhouse for auction at the Frank Lloyd Wright home. And, we won the People's Choice Award! Also, new to us was our participation in the Chocolate Walk in Bourbonnais. We donated the sweet treat as our part of the joint effort with library staff. Almost 300 people came through that day! And we have been able to continue to support the library and its programs financially. We have used some of our funds to purchase three tablecloths with library and the Friends logos, the little library which is at the Exploration Station and the train table and foam table mat for the children's department. And, as is tradition, we financially supported the TAG program. Maybe our biggest change is our moving toward a digital newsletter! Yes, we are working toward the 21st century technology! As we start another year, I believe we will continue to keep what is working and good and still strive to be innovative and creative!
Carol Snyder

Annual Book Sale
July 27-29, 2017
Members Only: July 27

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Once again, the Friends of the Bourbonnais Library will be having its annual book sale which helps to fund special projects and programs for the library. Dates for the book sale are July 27-29. Cost will be \$1.00 for hardcover books, 50 cents for paperback books, and some priced as marked. FOL would like to say a big "Thank You" for previously donated books and remind everyone that donations for this year's sale will be July

5-25. Sorry, but we cannot accept the following items: VHS (videotapes), encyclopedias, textbooks, and magazines. Watch for more details in our summer newsletter.

Have you checked out the large print section or tried e-books? Or is there a section of the Library you use or like the most? Let us know what you think.

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Adult Programs:

Chicago by Design: Architectural Vistas for a Visitor's Eyes:

On Monday, June 12th at 6:30pm, come hear Windy City Road Warrior, David Clark speak about the classic architecture of Chicago. This program will highlight the builders who created the architectural vistas seen by millions of visitors to Chicago throughout the city's history. He will concentrate on the structures seen along Jackson Boulevard from its time as a central thoroughfare for railroad era travelers through its designation as Route 66.

Pembroke: A Rural, Black Community on the Illinois Dunes Presentation:

Kankakee native, Dave Baron will speak at the library on Tuesday, June 27th at 7pm about his book about the nearby township of Pembroke. Dave Baron first traveled to Pembroke on a church service trip at age fifteen and saw real poverty firsthand, but he also discovered a community possessing grace and purpose.

Adult Summer Reading Program:

This summer BPL will be hosting its first Adult Summer Reading Program for Bourbonnais patrons! This year's theme is Reading by Design, designed to unleash each person's unique creativity. Stop by the Circulation beginning in June to grab your reading log and tote bag and start reading! Every book you read and review earns you one ticket to be entered in a drawing for one of our wonderful prizes, including a Kindle Fire HD 8 Tablet, Movie baskets, and gift cards! Earn additional tickets by attending programs at the library between June 5th until July 15th. Raffle winners will be draw on Monday, July 17th.

Read Between the Lines Book Club:

Read Between the Lines is a fiction book club for adults that meets the second Tuesday of the month from 10-11am. This book club is open to adults who are interested in great books and engaging conversation. The Winter book selections are:

May 9th-*Persuasion* by Jane Austen
June 13th-*The Life She Wants* by Robyn Carr
July 11th-*Fool Me Once* by Harlan Coben

50+ Book Club:

This book club, specifically for seniors, will meet from 10-11am on the third Tuesday of the month. Share your love of reading and join in a great discussion with other seniors.

May 16th-*Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain
June 20th-*The Darkest Secret* by Alex Marwood
July 18th-*Where'd You Go Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

Moby-Dick Book Club:

The Kankakee Area Library Association (KALA) is uniting to participate in The Big Book Project. Libraries from this association will be leading book discussions about the legendary novel *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville. The next session and final session will be on May 24th at 2pm and we will be discussing chapters 98-135. Contact Cassidy Jacobson in Adult Services at 815-933-1727 or by email cjacobson@bourbonnaislibrary.org for further information.

Computer Classes:

The Bourbonnais Public Library will offer three computer classes in May and June. Advanced registration and a \$5 deposit are required. Call 815-933-1727 or stop by the Circulation Desk for further information.

May

5/11 at 10am-PC Basics
5/18 at 10am-Internet Fundamentals
5/25 at 10am-Intro to Email

June

6/8 at 10am-PC Basics
6/15 at 10am-Internet Fundamentals
6/22 at 10am-Intro to Facebook

For further information about adult programs at the Bourbonnais Public Library contact Cassidy Jacobson in Adult Services at 815-933-1727 or visit the library's website at www.bourbonnaislibrary.org.

Young Adult/Teen Programs:

May:

Every Monday is a drop-in game day! Come to the Teen office from 2:45 until 4:00 for card games, or board games!

Every Wednesday is STEAM activity day! Come to the Teen office from 2:45 until 4:00 to complete a different activity in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Join us May 3rd, at 11am for an early release day movie! We will be watching Trolls, and snacks will be provided to those that attend.

May 23rd is the last T.A.G. (teen advisory group) meeting for the school year! Be sure to attend our last meeting for more information about next year!

May 25th is the last day of school!! Drop into the teen office and see Samantha for a treat! You made it everyone! Congratulations!

June:

Summer reading begins June 5th!

Join us Tuesdays June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 1pm for a fun design craft.

Join us Thursday June 8th and Fridays June 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 1pm for a variety of STEM movies.

5th and 6th graders are invited to join us Thursday June 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 for a soccer clinic put on by the Chicago Fire!!! Registration is required! If interested please sign up at the circulation desk!

5th and 6th graders are invited to join Art by Design, on Thursdays June 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 5-6:30pm. Registration is required!!! If interested please sign up at the circulation desk!

5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for a giant game of Word Winder on Thursday June 29th from 10- 11:30am. No registration is required for this program!

July:

Join us Monday July 3rd, and 10th at 1pm for a fun design craft.

Join us Friday July 7th at 1pm for a STEM movie, as well as Tuesdays July 18th, and 25th. The End of Summer Reading Party will be on Wednesday July 12th at 1pm.

One Stroke Painting with Kathi Eastman

Certified One Stroke instructor, Kathi Eastman, presented "Spring Wildflowers on Tin Plaque" at the March 29 program sponsored by the Friends of the Bourbonnais Library. Here Kathi shows participants one of the many painting techniques that they would use to create their picture.



A room full of eager learners enjoyed becoming artists as Kathi Eastman guided their work. Carol Reams, of Bourbonnais, practices her painting strokes on wax paper before beginning her tin plaque.



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Summer Reading Youth Programs

Reading By Design: June 5 - July 13
 Program Designers: Ms. Deb & Ms. Julie

TINY BUILDERS: Children 6mos-2yrs, 9:15 & 10:30am

MONDAYS: June 5-July 10

Toddlers with their parent/caregiver will enjoy 45-minutes of music, rhymes, short stories, activities and the all-time favorite...*BUBBLES!*

CREATIVE CONSTRUCTORS: Children 3yrs-K, 9:15 & 10:45am

TUESDAYS: June 6-July 11


Creative Constructors is a 1-hour pre-school story-time with stories, activities & crafts!

DESIGNING READERS: Youth Entering 1st-2nd Grades 10-11:30am & 3rd-4th Grades 1-2:30pm

WEDNESDAYS: June 7-July 12

Designing Readers will enjoy stories & STEAM activities!

-Julie Ross, Youth Services Supervisor



Mad Science Fire & Ice Show!
Monday, June 5 at 1pm

The dramatic Fire & Ice Show will bring kids and science together in an unforgettable event to amaze and entertain all ages!

No Registration Required ~ White Oak Room

Membership Update

Our membership continues to grow due in part to our annual book sale's "Friends Only" night and Friends' sponsored activities throughout the year. As of April 2017, our total membership is 133. This past year, we have added 32 new members including one lifetime member.

The Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library help to promote library awareness in the community and support the Library with special events and projects. We look forward to serving the Library's special needs and thank all the members for their donations.

-Karen Kujawa, Membership Chair

Chocolate Tour



The Friends supplied the treat for the Bourbonnais Chocolate Tour with homemade chocolate covered salted caramel marshmallows. They were a big hit, and it was a great event to work with the staff of the library and see almost 300 people go through the library that day!

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