

The Friends' Forum

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President's Letter

Books have always been recycled. Think about it. Way back when books were first being printed they were scarce and so they were lent from person to person. And today, even though books are omnipresent, I would bet each of you has lent a book or two to someone. And so, it continues with our Book sale! We want people to be able to get their hands on any book they want and we want to fund community programs so what better way to 'kill two birds with one stone'? A HUGE Book sale! Our books are being recycled from one person to the next. Book sales could be the least expensive way to recycle anything! So, do your part by coming to our annual Book sale and be green in your reading!

-Carol Snyder

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

The much-anticipated FOL annual book sale will begin with a **Members Only Night** on Thursday, July 27, from 4:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Membership annual dues remain \$5.00 for you and your immediate household. The annual book sale is a great opportunity to renew your "Friends" membership or for those who wish to become new members to pay their dues. Renew your membership or become a new member and immediately enjoy the benefits of Members Only Night!

Sales to the **general public** will be Friday, July 28, from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. and The Bag Sale will be Saturday, July 29, from 9:00 a.m.

till 1:00 p.m. Buy an orange Friends of the Library tote bag for \$5.00 and fill it with all the books that fit. Bring your previously purchased orange tote bag and fill it for only \$3.00!

Book donations for the annual sale will be accepted through Tuesday, July 25. Books may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. Sorry, but we cannot accept the following items: VHS tapes, encyclopedias, textbooks, or magazines. See you at the book sale!!

Don't forget to renew your membership at the Book Sale!!

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Encourage imagination through the love of books!

Membership



It's that time of year again— **MEMBERS ONLY NIGHT** at the

Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library Annual Book Sale on July 27 from 4:30-8:00 pm. If you usually renew your membership on this night, that's great! If you can't make it, don't despair. We have a rolling membership so you may join at any time throughout the year and receive a full year of membership. Membership envelope forms are available at the Friends display in the library's lobby or ask at the Circulation Desk. Fill in your information--include your tax-deductible contribution in the envelope—and, either drop in it in the Friends box in the lobby OR attach a stamp and mail.

Thank you for your continuing support as it has *enabled us to accomplish so much this year.*

Karen Kujawa—Membership Chair

Book Review by Harriet Hopkins

MY ITALIAN BULLDOZER, Alexander McCall SMITH

If you can't sneak off to Tuscany this summer, try imagining Alexander McCall Smith NOT in Africa or Scotland, but Italy! His new character, Paul Stuart, is a well-published food author. He has a broken heart and writer's block, so his editor, Gloria, packs him off on an all-arranged relaxing trip to Tuscany. On the plane, ready to spend time reading, he finds himself next to a pleasant, but talkative, Italian Professor Rossi. Rossi hopes they will meet again and gives him his card. So much for a few quiet hours.

At the Pisa airport Paul learns that his rental car is not available, and confusion erupts.

Even his fluent Italian can't right things. Professor Rossi to the rescue!

Finally, on his way to Montalcino, Paul concentrates on forgetting Becky who has left him for her personal trainer. His small hotel offers solitude and a view of the Tuscany countryside close (of course) to great food and wine. The arrival of a charming American art historian may seem to put this book on the romance novel shelf, but fear not. This is McCall at his best. His characters as always, are solid, engaging and eager to share their views on life, love and politics.

The many twists and turns in Paul's next few weeks almost equal those on the road from Pisa to Montalcino. It's a really good ride!



Mark Your Calendars for The Wonderful World of Bees

Come see what all the “buzz” is about when the Friends of the Bourbonnais Library present “The Wonderful World of Bees” on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30, in the White Oak Room at the Bourbonnais Public Library.

Beekeeper, Julie Larsen, from Nisse Farm in Manteno, will discuss the three types of bees, their jobs and lifecycle, plus her job as a beekeeper. She will also discuss the many challenges facing bees and what that means to us, the consumer.

This program is funded by proceeds from the annual Friends of the Library book sale. A mini book sale will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. with books priced at 50-cents and \$1. For more information call 815-933-1727 or visit www.bourbonnaislibrary.org.

Hope you will “bee”
able to join us!



Adult Programs

Home Energy Savings Workshop

Join us on Monday, August 14th at 6:30pm for a workshop about home energy savings. An expert from the Citizens Utility Board will present on the latest utility programs and policies, and how they'll impact your bottom line. You'll learn about: Free programs designed to help cut your utility bills, year-round, how to decode your electric and gas bills and avoid scams, and how basic energy efficiency can boost your home's comfort while saving you money.

Fall Movies

Movies are held in the White Oak Conference Room. They are free events and registration is not necessary.

Saturday, 8/19 at 1pm-Kong: Skull Island (PG-13)

Monday, 8/21 at 6pm-The Zookeeper's Wife (PG-13)

Monday, 9/11 at 6pm-Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13)

Thursday, 10/5 at 6pm-Pride and Prejudice 2005 (PG)

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:

August 8th-*The Opposite of Everyone* by Joshilyn Jackson

September 12th-*To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey

October 10th-*Commonwealth* by Ann Pratchett

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.
August 15th-*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson
September 19th-*The Wonder* by Emma Donoghue
October 17th-*Nutshell* by Ian McEwan

Computer Classes

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

August

8/10 at 10am-PC Basics

8/17 at 10am-Internet Fundamentals

8/24 at 10am-Intro to Microsoft Word

September

9/7 at 10am-PC Basics

9/14 at 10am-Internet Fundamentals

9/21 at 10am-Into to Gmail

Medicare Basics for Seniors

Join us on Monday, September 18th at 6:30pm for an informational session about the ins and outs of Medicare. Hear from licensed professionals the difference between Medicare plans and where to go to find more information. This is a free event and will be held in the White Oak Conference Room.

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

Thank you, Friends!

Thank you for generosity in funding the BPL Youth Services Summer Reading Kick-off show. The Mad Science Fire & Ice show was educational and entertaining. The show encouraged the children to test their knowledge of science and sparked their imaginations to brainstorm cause and effect. The show was attended by 110 youth and adults.

Julie & Deb

Youth Services Department

These pictures show how much fun this program was for all involved.



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Young Adult/Teen Programs:

August:

Join us on Tuesday August 1 for a showing of Monster Trucks! Popcorn will be provided.

Join us on Tuesday August 8 for a showing of Smurfs: The Lost Village! Popcorn will be provided.

Join us on Tuesday August 15 for a showing of Goosebumps! Popcorn will be provided.

Join us Wednesday August 23 for a "Welcome Back" party in the Teen office from 2:45 to 4:00pm.

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.

*Be sure to submit your applications for the Teen Advisory Group to Samantha in Teen Services! *

September:

Join us Wednesday September 20 at 11:00am; the movie is to be decided. Popcorn will be provided.

The Teen Advisory Group will begin again this month, the fourth Wednesday of the month. T.A.G. meetings will be from 4:00 - 5:00pm once a month.

T.A.G. will meet on Wednesday September 27 at 4:00pm.

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October:

Join us for a movie Monday October 9 at 1:00pm; the movie is to be decided. Popcorn will be provided.

Join us for a movie on Friday October 27 at 1:30pm; the movie is to be decided. Popcorn will be provided.

T.A.G. will meet on Wednesday October 25 at 4:00pm.

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Please keep checking the Bourbonnais Library's Facebook page for additional programming!

Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Samantha as soon as possible with any volunteering requests!

If you have any questions please contact Samantha in Teen Services at 815-933-1727, or by email at syoung@bourbonnaislibrary.org

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Weekly Youth Programs
September 5 - November 22
Julie - Youth Services Supervisor
Deb - Youth Program Coordinator
No Registration is Required

TINY TOTS LAPTINE 0-18 months

MONDAYS 9:30-10am

Laptime is designed to enhance the parent/child relationship through the shared enjoyment of play. The child's growth and development is encouraged through movement, rhythm, and short stories.

READY READERS STORYTIME 3-5 years
TUESDAYS 10-11am

Ready Readers Storytime includes stories, music, and movement. Listening skills and participation are encouraged. An adult-assisted craft/activity is included in the session.

WALKERS & TALKERS 18-36 months
WEDNESDAYS 9:15-10 & 10:30-11:15am

The Walkers & Talkers experience short stories, music, movement and hands-on play with social interaction. The 45-minute sessions encourage age appropriate play with the assistance & participation of parents & caregivers.