

Off the Shelf

January-February 2013

Look for Your Library Survey

During January, a survey will arrive in your home mailbox. The survey results will help the Library create its strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. Please fill out your survey and return it as soon as possible.

Holiday Closings & Openings

The Library will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1.

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The Library will also be closed on Friday, February 22 for staff training.

"A Literary Miracle" Coming to Wilmette

See back page for the One Book, Everybody Reads selection for 2013.

Greet the New Year with Jazz at the Library

Friday, December 28, 7:00



Welcome 2013—albeit a little early—with the Terra Jazz Project, two talented, young musicians, Matvey Kostukovsky, on clarinet and Paul Goldman, at the piano. Hear the duo's interpretation of old favorites, as well as a variety of newer tunes. End the evening with a sparkling toast to the year ahead.

Tom Krol Presents: Guitar and Vocal

Sunday, January 13, 2:00



Wilmette resident Tom Krol, composer, arranger, musician and vocalist, returns to the Library for a mellow Sunday afternoon concert. His selections include music from eight countries played on a classical guitar that was made by luthier Richard Bruné, also a Wilmette resident.

Friday Night Folk Music with The Berrymans

Friday, February 1, 7:00



Lou and Peter Berryman's unique blend of musical comedy, cabaret and folk music comes to the Auditorium on February 1. The Madison-based duo, known for their original, funny and satirical songs, has delighted nationwide audiences for nearly 20 years.

See page 3 for the Irish Heritage Singers on February 24.

Thanks to Friends of the Library for funding the programs above.

Heroin: An Increasing Problem in Wilmette

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00



The Wilmette Police Department, in partnership with the Library, is hosting an open forum on the increased use of heroin in our community. According to Police Chief Brian King, "Heroin is more available and cheaper than it's been in several decades."

Chief King will review the indicators of heroin use, and a police staff person will discuss heroin's effects. In addition, the parents of a juvenile heroin user will provide tips on the warning signs that were overlooked as their child slipped into addiction. The police social worker will provide information on referral services, followed by time for questions.

The Shakespeare Project

Saturdays, January 19 & February 23, 1:45 pre-show discussion; 2:00 performance

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago, a troupe that performs theatrical readings of great playwrights' plays, has performed regularly at the Library since 2003.

A Woman Killed With Kindness by Thomas Heywood
The Shakespeare Project explores one of the Bard's contemporaries with this January presentation about a newly married wife who makes a life-changing choice with devastating repercussions.

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare
Music, mistaken identity, lovers and clowns reign on February 23. Playgoers of all ages will relish this heart-warming comedy in the depths of Chicago's winter. Jeff Christian directs an all-Equity cast.

The Shakespeare Project is funded by Friends of the Library.

TeenTalk

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Sundays, January 13 & February 10, 7:00-8:00, Teen Room

TAB meets once a month to plan programs. New members welcome. For information contact Stephen Koebel, 847-256-6953.

Animeniacs

Saturdays, January 12 & February 9, 10:30-1:00, Auditorium

Open to kids in grade 6 and up. Anime screenings and discussions, trivia contests, plus Fanart (drawing) and Manga workshops are all part of the fun.

Pizza Study Break

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00, Auditorium

High school students are invited to take a study break for pizza and snacks. The Auditorium and Small Meeting Room will be available from 4:30 on for group study.

As Said By You: Poetry Night

Sunday, January 20, 7:00, Teen Room

Join fellow teens for a night of poetry performance. Participants are invited to bring either personal pieces or favorite poems to exchange and read. Refreshments served.

CREATeens

Tuesdays, January 22 & February 19, 4:00-5:00, Teen Room

Get those creative juices flowing with this DIY series. In January, make stained glass votive candle holders, and in February it's recycled book cover postcards. Register by phone at 847-256-6930 or at www.wilmettelibrary.info.

The Affordable Care Act: How Will It Work?

Thursday, January 24, 7:00

Julie Hamos, Director of the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services, explores how the Affordable Care Act will affect Illinois residents. The Wilmette League of Women Voters and the Library co-sponsor the discussion.

Art, Opera, Crafts & Film

Accessing Creativity Within
Saturdays, January 5 & 26, 10:00

The Wilmette Arts Guild and the Library co-sponsor these talks focusing on the creative process—whether for poets, painters, writers, knitters or anyone else. Silvia Rios, who calls herself a transformational coach, facilitates the sessions.

Learning to Look
Tuesdays, January 8 & 15, 3:00

Wilmette resident and art educator Lindy Rubin hosts these illustrated talks focusing on "small" museums. Rubin has written on the importance of developing visual literacy from looking at works of art. Among the featured museums is the Frick Collection on New York's Fifth Avenue.

Lyric Opera Lectures
Wednesdays, January 9 & February 13, 10:00

Members of the Lyric Opera lecture corps present hour-long lectures accompanied by recorded music. *La Bohème* by Puccini will be featured on January 9. The February program is on Richard Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*.

Foreign Film Screenings
Thursdays, January 24 & February 21; 9:00 coffee; 9:30 film

The January film, *Corpo Celeste*, an Italian film, is the story of 13 year-old Marta who struggles to understand
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Classes are an hour long. Sessions marked with an asterisk have a prerequisite; see below.

eBook Round-Up

Tuesday, January 8: Nooks & Sony

Wednesday, January 9: Kindles

Thursday, January 10: iPads & iPhones

Friday, January 11: Mobile Devices and Audiobooks

Learn how to to acquire eBooks and eAudiobooks on your new devices. The sessions above begin at 10:00.

Downloading From a Digital Camera
Tuesday, January 8, 1:00

*Creating Workbooks in Excel
Wednesdays, January 16 & 23, 7:00

Technology User Group
Wednesdays, January 23 & February 27, 10:00

Whether you're a technology expert or novice, join us for this hour-long informal roundtable to ask questions, share your expertise and even learn something new. Refreshments served.

*Introduction to Excel
Wednesday, February 6, 7:00

*Introduction to PowerPoint
Wednesday, February 20, 7:00

eBooks and eAudiobooks from the Library

Monday, February 25, 7:00

Learn how to download library eBooks and eAudiobooks to your computer, iPod, eReader or mobile device. Take a tour of MyMediaMall and One Click Digital and walk through a download.

*Prerequisite: Some knowledge of Microsoft Office Software.

Greener Choices

Hotter Summers, Stronger Storms = Climate Change?
Thursday, January 10, 7:00

Drought in the Midwest, Superstorm Sandy—does this mean extreme weather is here to stay? Join us for this important presentation sponsored by The Climate Reality Project.

Navigating the Green Road to Your Dream Home
Saturday, January 26, 1:00

Architect Scott Krone will tell you how to effectively use green technology and materials when remodeling your home.

Film Screening: *Genetic Roulette*
Wednesday, February 13, 1:00 and 7:00

This documentary discusses the possible link between GMOs and deteriorating health and offers ways to protect the food chain.

Corn Chowder, Black Bean and Sweet Pea
Wednesday, January 23, 7:00



What could be more satisfying than a bowl of hot soup on a cold January night?

Dave Esau, chef and owner of Dave's Specialty Foods, will demonstrate these healthy, nutritious soups, let everyone have a taste and share the recipes as well.

Go to www.wilmettelibrary.info and register under Upcoming Events. That way we'll be sure to have enough soup for everyone.

Northlight Theatre Presents: *The Whipping Man*
Wednesday, February 6, 3:30



Family and faith are tested in the aftermath of the Civil War in Northlight Theatre's production of *The Whipping Man* by Matthew Lopez. The play runs January 18-February 24.

Kristin Leahey, a member of the troupe, will lead a discussion on issues raised in the play, including race, religion and responsibility. There will also be a drawing for two tickets to a performance.

Early St. Patrick's Day: Irish Heritage Singers
*Sunday, February 24, 2:30**

Welcome some thirty members of Chicago's Irish Heritage Singers for a performance of traditional Irish and Irish-American music including songs as well as music by contemporary Irish choral composers.

*Please note the later-than-usual start time.

Youth Services

Dream Big: Read

Read or listen to at least 3 books to receive a free book, enter into our grand prize drawing and attend our end-of-club celebration.



Look for more information on the back page.

Informational Meeting: Pages Across Ages

**Thursday, January 24, 7:00-7:45,
Youth Program Room**

For independent readers through 8th grade. How would you like to make a new friend—someone who reads the same books you do? Interested students will be paired with a local senior citizen to share one letter per month about a book that you choose. Letters will be distributed by WPL librarians. **R** January 10; Wilmette and Kenilworth residents only.

Storytimes

All Storytimes take place in the Youth Program Room.

We have a variety of weekly drop-in storytimes for ages birth to 6. The winter session begins Monday, January 14. Check www.wilmettelibrary.info or stop by the Youth Services Department for a complete schedule.

**Hugs and Kisses Family Storytime
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30-7:00**

Ages 3 and up. Stories and songs about family, followed by a craft just perfect for giving to someone you love.

Rs and Ts: Registration and Tickets

Programs marked with an **R** require registration. The sign-up dates listed following each program description are for Wilmette and Kenilworth residents; nonresidents may register 7 days later unless otherwise specified. Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at 847-256-6945 to register.

Programs marked with a **T** require a free ticket. Tickets are available in the Youth Services Department on the day of the program on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit 8 tickets per family.

Winter Break Events

Lego Club: Grades K-4

Wednesday, January 2, 1:00-2:00, Youth Program Room



Enjoy this special winter break edition of the Lego Club. **R** December 19.

Scratch Digital Media Design: Grades 5-9

Friday, January 4, 10:00-12:30, Small Meeting Room

Make a computer game inspired by *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. You'll also get a CD with your own copy of Scratch. You'll be on your way to learning the basics of computer programming, media design and creating your own games, animations and digital stories. Please bring a flash drive. **R** December 21.

Musikgarten: Birth to 5

Friday, January 4, 10:30-11:15, Youth Program Room

Join special guest Wendy Morgan for singing, dancing and fun with musical instruments. Each child must be with a parent or caregiver. **R** December 21.

Smarty Pants Big Balloon Circus Show

**Saturday, January 5, 11:00-12:00 OR 1:30-2:30,
Auditorium**



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages, step right up for this entertaining balloon show! Stay after for pictures with Smarty and the Big Balloons. Children 3 and under must be seated with an adult. Doors open at showtime. **T**

Special Programs

Scratch Digital Media Design for Grades 5-9

Saturday, January 19, 10:00-12:00, Small Meeting Room

Make a digital Mad Lib! You'll create a silly animated story while you learn the basics of computer programming and media design. You'll also get a CD with your own copy of Scratch. Please bring a flash drive. **R** January 5.

School's Out Movie: *Thunderstruck*

Monday, January 21, 2:00-3:30, Auditorium

When Brian, a hopelessly uncoordinated young fan, magically switches talents with his hero (Kevin Durant, playing himself), he becomes the star of his high school team...while Kevin Durant suddenly can't make a shot to save his life. Rated PG.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Stories and Service

Monday, January 21, 4:00-5:00, Youth Program Room

Grades K-5. Participate in the King Day of Service with a picture book celebration of Dr. King's life, followed by a service project.

Get Ready for Groundhog Day!

Friday, February 1, 4:30-5:15, Youth Program Room

Grades 1-4. Hear how a fuzzy little rodent became America's most famous weatherman. Play groundhog games, and make a craft to celebrate this odd but endearing holiday. **R** January 18.

The Yuckiest, Stinkiest, Best Valentine Ever

Thursday, February 7, 4:00-5:00, Youth Program Room

Grades K-3. Join author Brenda Ferber to celebrate her new book with Valentine games, treats and crafts. **R** January 24.

The Doctor is IN: The All Dr. Seuss Show

Saturday, February 16, 11:00-11:45, Auditorium

All ages. Join ventriloquist Sandi Sylver and her soft-faced puppets in a Seussian celebration of stories and songs! **T**

School's Out Movie: *Curious George*

Monday, February 18, 2:00-3:30, Auditorium

The Man in the Yellow Hat travels to Africa, where he accidentally adopts an adorable chimpanzee named George. Rated G.

Stop-Motion Animation for Grades 6-8

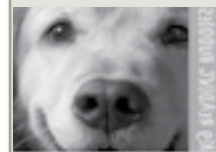
Monday, February 18, 2:30-4:30, Youth Program Room

Make your own animated movie! Participants will create a story, photograph it, and then computer-animate it. Please bring a flash drive. **R** February 4.

Monthly Events

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

**Wednesdays, January 9 &
February 13, 6:00-7:00, Youth
Program Room**



Grades 1-5. Read some of your favorite stories to a trained therapy dog. K-9 Reading Buddies of

the North Shore is a Therapy Dogs International Children Reading to Dogs Program. Sign up for one 15-minute slot for January OR February.

R December 26.

Hands-On Science: Optics

**Thursdays, January 10 for
grades 2-5; February 14 for
grades K-1, 4:00-4:45, Youth
Program Room**

Explore your sense of sight through optical illusions and other fun demos and hands-on activities.

R Grades 2-5, December 27.

R Grades K-1, January 31.

Youth Chess Drop-In

Sundays, January 13 & February 10, 4:30-6:00, Youth Program Room

Want to play chess with other kids who love the game? Drop by for informal, fun competition supervised by parent volunteers. Bring chess sets and pieces, if possible. All players are welcome. Prior knowledge of the pieces and how they move is helpful. *Space is limited to the first 24 players.*

Family Lego Drop-In

**Sunday, February 3, 1:30-4:30,
Youth Program Room**

Ages 4 and up. Drop in to build together in this new monthly family program. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Lego Club: Grades K-4

**Wednesday, February 6, 4:00-5:00,
Youth Program Room**

Your imagination is the limit as you build alone or with a friend.

R January 23.

Senior Book Talks

Mallinckrodt Center: Fridays, January 4 & February 1, 10:30

Mather Place: Fridays, January 11 & February 8, 10:30

Join librarian Amy Barrow for an hour of book reviews and readings from books of current interest.

Classics and Contemporary Book Group

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Tuesday, January 8, 10:30

Written by the 18 year-old Mary Shelley on a dare, this novel confronts the consequences of scientific intervention in human life. Shelley's novel became an instant classic, combining elements of gothic, romance and science fiction.

Doc by Mary Doria Russell

Tuesday, February 12, 10:30

Nineteenth century Dodge City comes alive in this vivid reimagining of the life of "Doc" Holliday and other Wild West characters. Doc and the fearless Wyatt Earp become friends, long before their names became part of frontier mythology.

Rock 'n' Reads: Rock House Book Discussions

Second Mondays, 7:00-8:00

January 14: *Life* by Keith Richards

February 11: *Girl Singer* by Rosemary Clooney

March 11: *Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir* by Cyndi Lauper

Explore these biographies of musical artists at Wilmette's Rock House, 1150 Central Avenue. Talk about the book, listen to the writer's music and enjoy a coffee or tea. To reserve copies of the books, register at www.wilmettelibrary.info or phone 847-256-6930.

Politics and Power Book Discussions

Last Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11:00

January 30: *Revolution 2.0: The Power of the People Is Greater Than the People in Power: A Memoir* by Wael Ghonim

February 27: *The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin

The Wilmette League of Women Voters and the Library have joined forces for Wednesday morning book talks facilitated by LWV members. Join in for a cup of coffee and to share your views. Reserve copies of the books at www.wilmettelibrary.info.

Lali Watt will be leading the discussion on *Revolution 2.0*, and Gail Thomason will lead the Toobin book discussion.

Future sessions take place on March 20 and April 24.



Small Business Counseling

Schedule a free, one-on-one, hour-long session with Mark Lieberman, a SCORE mentor and Kellogg MBA, who has started four small businesses.

Go to www.scorechicago.org and click on "Make An Appointment" to sign up for Wilmette Library sessions.

This service is offered under the auspices of SCORE, a free consulting service of the Small Business Administration.

Support Groups

ADHD Support Group

Wednesdays, January 2 & February 6, 7:00

Learn and share strategies and resources at this informal forum on ADHD. The facilitator, Wilmette resident Dale Davison, is an ADHD coach and consultant.

Diabetes Support Group

Wednesdays, January 9 & February 13, 7:00

This support group is for adults with Type 1 diabetes. Program details are at www.type1diabeteslounge.org.

Caregivers of Children with Mental Illness Support Group

Fridays, January 18 & February 15, 9:30

This support group is for caregivers of children with mental illnesses, diagnosed or undiagnosed. The sessions are facilitated by a volunteer from NAMI, the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Mondays, January 28 & February 25, 7:00

Families who have a loved-one with Alzheimer's disease are invited to attend this group. Mike Denesha, the group's facilitator, holds a Master's degree in family caregiving.



BOOKS DOWN UNDER

Monday 1-5

Tuesday 9-5, 7-8:45

Wednesday 11:30-5

Thursday 9-5, 7-8:45

Saturday 9-4:45

Sunday 1:30-4:30

The Annex, first floor, open all Library hours

Art, Opera, Crafts & Film

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God and her place in the world.

Foreign Letters, for February, a bittersweet coming-of-age film, is a love letter to the unshakeable bond between friends—a 12 year-old Israeli immigrant girl and a young Vietnamese refugee.

Fiber Arts Group

Thursdays, January 24 & February 14, 10:30

Calling all knitters and stitchers. Bring a project to the Auditorium for an informal hour of sharing your expertise and wisdom. Refreshments served.

"A Brief History of Oscar"

Sunday, February 10, 2:00

Film historian and author Michael Smith presents the history of the Academy Awards with clips from Oscar-winning films that illustrate how American movies hold up a mirror to our culture. Smith teaches film studies at Chicago-area colleges and authors a cinema blog.

After the Fast Lane

This ongoing series for retired and semi-retired adults is funded by Friends of the Library.

Making Your Nest Egg Last a Lifetime

Wednesday, January 23, 2:00

Join financial educator Karen Chan for a discussion of the "4% rule," annuities and longevity insurance.

Still Life Drawing 101

Tuesday, February 12, 1:00

Christine Thornton will show great still life paintings and then guide you in drawing real objects from observation. Register through the Library's online calendar or call 847-256-6930.

To a Healthier You!

The Foundation for Wellness Professionals presents these programs funded by the Friends of the Library.

Making Your Body a Fat Burning Machine

Saturday, January 19, 10:30



Learn how to lose weight effectively and keep it off.

What You Can Do About Stress

Thursday, February 7, 7:00

Learn how to increase your body's resistance to stress.

Current Events Roundtable

Mondays, January 7 & 21; February 4 & 18, 10:00

Current Events Roundtable is the place to enjoy your second cup of coffee along with a roundup on the leading national, international and local news of the day. The group, moderated by Deerfield resident Don Levinthal, covers all points on the political spectrum. Newcomers are always welcome.

Veterans' Roundtables

Korean/Vietnam War: Wednesdays, Jan. 2 & Feb. 6, 10:00

World War II: Wednesdays, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20, 10:00

Two veterans' groups—one from World War II and the other from the Korean War and the war in Vietnam—hold regular meetings from 10:00-11:30 at the Library. Conversations are lively, the coffee plentiful and participants rarely miss a meeting. Newcomers are welcome.

Armchair Travels

Every Thursday, 12:30 coffee; 1:00 program

Travelers to all parts of the world—whether overseas or to the next county—show their photos; presenters may use their own computer or bring their photos on a CD or flash drive. Library staff is available to assist with computer equipment.



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Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 1pm-9pm

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All Ages Winter Reading Club



Read or listen to at least 3 books by March 3 to receive a prize, enter into the grand prize drawing and attend the end-of-club celebration.

Pick up a reading log at the Youth Reference Desk or Adult Recent Arrivals Desk from January 2 through March 3.

Open to Wilmette and Kenilworth residents, and students who attend Wilmette and Kenilworth schools.



One Book Selection Called “A Literary Miracle”

The Wilmette Public Library is pleased to announce that *Beautiful Ruins*, by National Book Award finalist Jess Walter, is the 2013 selection for the annual One Book, Everybody Reads program.

Called “a literary miracle” by NPR’s Fresh Air and “a masterpiece” by Salon, this comic and inventive novel straddles between Italy in the 1960s and Hollywood and the Pacific Northwest in the present.

Author to Speak on Sunday, May 5

Jess Walter will speak about his book on May 5 in Wilmette. Information about One Book, Everybody Reads is at www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook.

Thanks to Friends of the Wilmette Library for their eighth consecutive year of funding this annual event.

Newly-Rebuilt Parking Lot Now Open

Wilmette Library patrons are enjoying a pothole-free parking lot for the first time in many years. The lot, with its new permeable pavers, will be easier to maintain and will require less snow melting salt.

A special thanks to our neighbors who provided parking spots during the construction: St. John’s Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church, International Bank of Chicago, Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home and Village of Wilmette. Thanks to everyone who borrowed materials, came to programs and put up with the inconvenience.