

March - April - May

Spring 2012 ~ Primavera 2012

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 9:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Spring Closings

Staff In-Service: Friday, March 30

Memorial Day: Monday, May 28

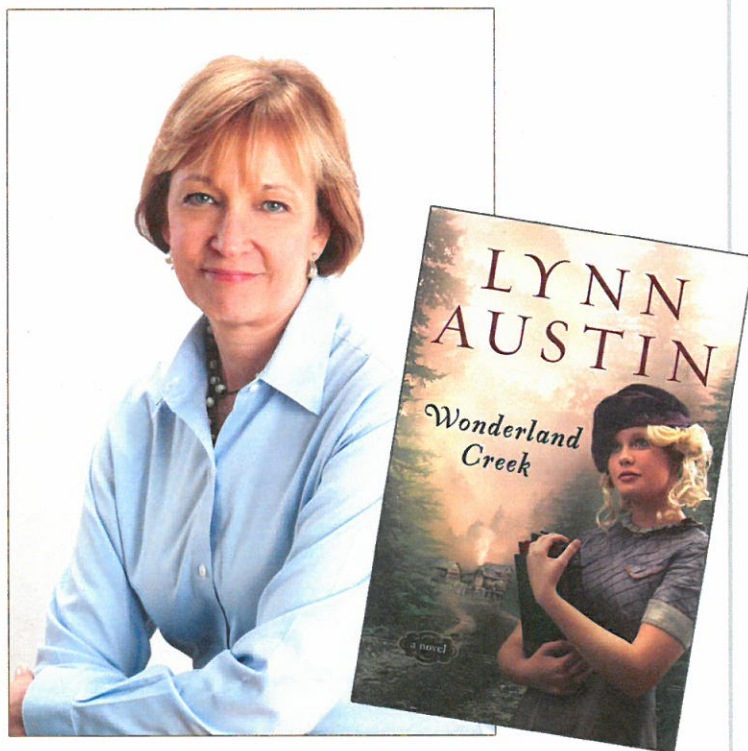


Reference Associate
Sophia's review of
Wonderland Creek
by Lynn Austin.

The story of *Wonderland Creek* follows Alice Grace, a nose in the book, dreamy Blue Island girl who experiences heartbreak: laid off from the Depression-era Blue Island Public Library and dumped by her boyfriend for putting books before people. Seeking solace, she boldly sets off on a humanitarian mission, delivering donations to a library in Kentucky. What Alice Grace thought was a just an act of good will would turn out to be the adventure of her lifetime. It is a rude awakening; however, she embraces all escapades with courage and resilience, becoming a packhorse librarian in the mountains of Kentucky. This book has it all from "murder" and suspense to humor and love. The story even has its own Mrs. Beasley. Wow, how appropriate is this book for the Blue Island Public Library's collection!

Lynn Austin gives a wonderful perspective of what life was like in Kentucky during the Great Depression. In those times libraries were (as they continue to be) cheap entertainment for the entire family. I'm fond of this novel because it provides sweet, funny, family-friendly entertainment. It is a book that can be shared and enjoyed by both my 13 year-old daughter and my 75 year-old mother.

Check out other staff suggestions at the Reference blog or browse our new Staff Suggestions Cart, either in the library or online at www.goodreads.com. Sign-up and befriend us at BIPL Reads.



Meet Lynn Austin

Thursday, April 12th @ 7:00pm

Lynn Austin, a former teacher who now writes and speaks full time, has won seven Christy Awards for her historical fiction. One of those novels, *Hidden Places*, has also been made into a Hallmark Channel movie. Her latest inspirational novel, *Wonderland Creek*, features Depression-era Blue Island and the candid and charming struggles of an idealistic young librarian. A perfect way to celebrate Library Week 2012! Mrs. Austin will read from her novel and answer questions about how she got to know Blue Island so well.



Library Anywhere App

Library Anywhere takes a library catalog and makes it mobile, so you can do things like search the catalog on the bus, place a hold, renew your books, see when story time is, and more!

Board Meetings

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month:
March 21, April 18 and May 16 @ 7:00pm



Digital Magazines for Libraries.
Look for this new product in May.

Adult Programs



Calling all artists!
Phone Jim Deiters @ x14

Adult Winter Reading for Fun and Prizes

The contest ends March 31. Signing-up is easy! The more you read, the better your odds of winning the \$50.00 gift card just in time to buy a new Easter bonnet.

Monthly Events

Sing-a-Round

Mondays: March 5, April 2 and May 7 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

For pickers, gridders and folkies! For more information, email Anna Stange at annastange@yahoo.com.

Blue Island Bookworms

Tuesdays: March 6, April 3 and May 1 @ 7:00pm

Book club members meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Readers discuss the book and munch on tasty treats.

Monthly Meeting of the Illinois Mutual UFO Network

Tuesdays: March 27, April 24 and May 22 @ 7:00pm

Blue Island Chapter UFO enthusiasts meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Sam Maranto at 708.645.6146. New members welcome

Celebrate Pulaski Day with Polka Legend Eddie Korosa

Monday, March 5 @ 1:00pm at the Salvation Army Center

Enjoy lunch beginning at 11:00 am and at 1:00 pm, dance the 'Baby Doll Polka' with Chicago Polka Legend Eddie Korosa, the # 1 Boy from Illinois. Sponsored by the Library and the Blue Island Senior Office. Save a spot by calling Rita Pacyga at 708.388.5735.

St. Patrick's Day Special! "Houli", Harps and Soda Bread

Wednesday, March 14 @ 7:00pm at Christ Memorial Church

Featuring Actor, Writer and Humorist, Mike "Houli" Houlihan; World Class Celtic Harpist, Aislinn; and the winner of the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce's Irish Soda Bread Contest will be announced. Admission by Ticket or Reservation only. Free Tickets are available at the Library's Main Desk. Sponsored by the Library, Christ Memorial Church and Blue Island's Chamber of Commerce. Rules for the Soda Bread Contest are at the Library.

Book Lover's Swap at the Salvation Army

Thursdays @ 12:00pm: March 15, April 19 and May 17

What are you going to read next? Join in a conversation about all your current favorite books. Skye and Necia will offer interesting introductions to a variety of titles chosen to satisfy even the most devoted book lover. We'll discuss great books in every category from mystery westerns and romance to historical fiction, classics and a range of non-fiction. If any of discussed titles seem too good to pass up, you can check the book out right there at the Salvation Army with your library card. Bring your own latest four-star recommendation to share, also. At the Salvation Army-Cross Generations in Blue Island.

The '59 Go-Go Sox

Wednesday, April 4 @ 7:00pm at the Library

Baseball historian Chuck Billington recalls Little Looie, Foxie, Big Klu and the night Mayor Daley turned on the air raid sirens. Billington debuts his newest book on the pennant winning 1959 "GO-GO" White Sox. Copies will be available for purchase at the event. Free tickets available at the Main Desk.

Rules of the Road Class: Monday, April 9 @ 1:30pm

Get a refresher on the written part of the driver's license test.

Never Forget!: A Special Holocaust Memorial Week Event

Wednesday, April 18 @ 7:00pm at Christ Memorial Church

Actress Betsey Means portrays Holocaust survivor, Alicia Appleman-Jurman. She was a courageous Jewish girl in Nazi occupied Poland who faced a violent world while retaining her faith in God, humanity, and her people. Free tickets will be available at the Main Desk.

The Civil War: Session Five - The Civil War on the Waves

Thursday, April 26 @ 7:00pm at Blue Island Historical Society

Edward Finch becomes Captain Silas Terry, a Federal Navy officer during the Civil War. This program was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council and is sponsored by the Library, Blue Island's Historical Society, the Civil War Roundtable and Chicago's Ridge Historical Society.

Devil in the White City Day

Sunday, April 29 @ 2:00pm - a special two-part event

- Part I: The Chicago Architecture Foundation gives the slide presentation of their most popular tour, *Devil in the White City*.
- Part II: Chicago's most popular paranormal expert and author Ursula Bielski explores the "The Holmes Curse" and reports of the paranormal at the *Devil in the White City* sites.

By ticket only! Free tickets will be available at the Main Desk.

The Legacy Girls present The Andrews Sisters

Thursday, May 24 @ 1:00pm at the Salvation Army Center

Enjoy lunch beginning at 11:00 am and then, at 1:00 pm, it's a nostalgic 1940's afternoon at the USO. The Legacy Girls will perform the WWII songs of the Andrews Sisters. Sponsored by the Library and the Blue Island Senior Office. Please reserve your place by calling Rita Pacyga at 708.388.5735.

Conversational English/ Charlando en English

Fridays, April 6 through May 11 @ 10:00am

Join us weekly to practice English conversation skills, learn vocabulary and perfect pronunciation.

Acompañenos cada semana para practicar conversacion en Ingles. Mejorar su pronunciacion y vocabulario, tambien. Niveles intermedio y avanzados. Se requiere registro al Escritorio de la Referencia, pero no obligatorio.

For more information, contact Dan Carroll at 708.388.1078 x30

Youth Programs

After School Tutoring by Eisenhower Students

Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30pm

Students in grades 1-8 are improving their grades with the help of the brilliant tutors from Eisenhower. The help is free.

Storytime and Crafts with Eisenhower Cheerleaders and the Bilingual Club

Tuesdays: March 20, April 17, and May 8 from 7:00 - 8:00pm

Children ages 3-8 years old are welcome.

March 20 - Baseball: Wear your favorite team's shirt or cap! Read stories and make a baseball-themed craft.

April 17 - Think Spring through books and art projects.

May 8 - Celebrate Mom through stories and art.

Lap-Sit Baby Time & Pre-School Stories

Mondays, March 19 to May 7 from 10:00 - 11:00am

In collaboration with District 130's Families First Program, lapsit entertains and educates our littlest patrons, babies to age 3, with songs, stories and activities. At 11:00am, children from 3 to 5 can join us for regular Storytime with stories, a simple craft and a book-related, short film.

A Visit from the Principal

Thursdays, March 22, April 26 and May 24
from 7:00 - 8:30pm

Lincoln School Principal Sam Berrios is here to help you with your schoolwork, or even read a story with you. The principal is IN and he's waiting to help.

Wii Play Program

Tuesdays, March 30, April 3 & 10, May 1 & 15
from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Just Dance 3 to Mario Tennis are just two of the Wii games that we may play. The choice is yours and the entire family is invited to play together. There will be a special Wii Play on Friday, March 23 from 2:30 - 4:30pm where we'll be testing new games. Join us and tell us what you think.

ESL, Level 1 (8 weeks)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: April 3 to May 23
from 9:30 - 11:00am

Entry level for English non-speakers. You must register in advance: class size is limited to 25 participants.

Clases de Inglés, Nivel 1

De 3 de Abril a 23 de Mayo

9:30 a 11:00 am (Martes y Miércoles)

Nivel de entrada para los no hablantes de Inglés

Knitting with Yolanda Serrano

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: April 3 to May 16, 12:00 to 2:00pm

Learn how to knit gloves, hats and scarves

Clases de Tejer con Yolanda Serrano

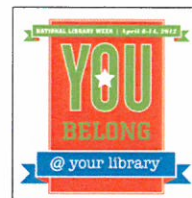
Martes y Miércoles: De 3 de Abril a 16 de Mayo 12:00 a 2:00pm

Aprenda a tejer guantes, gorras y bufandas

National Library Week

April 8 - 14, 2012

You Belong @ Your Library



Chicago White Sox Mascot, Southpaw

Tuesday April 10 @ 3:00pm

Meet Southpaw and play games with the White Sox mascot.

The Wizard's Apprentice: National Library Week Event

Wednesday, April 11 @ 6:00pm

This family play is the story of a young wizard's apprentice named Harriet Peabody, who learns much more than feats of wizardry. As she is guided by Willard the Wizard of Wisdom, Harriet discovers that the greatest secret to life is education.

Second Annual Children's Day Celebration

Saturday, April 28 from 1:00 to 4:00pm

Join us in the Children's department for a Bilingual Clown Show, and the play: Cri Cri, the Singing Cricket. There will also be face painting, games, treats and surprises for the kids.

Celebración del Día del niño, Segundo Año

Sábado 28 de Abril 1:00 a 4:00pm

Acompañemos a Celebrar el del Día del Niño con el Show de Payasos bilingües, obra de teatro Cri-Cri el Grillito Cantor, juegos, dulces y sorpresas para los niños.

Día de las Madres para las Madres Mexicanas

Mexican Mother's Day Program

Thursday, May 10 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Celebrate the woman that made you what you are! As Abraham Lincoln, a very wise man and our 16th President said of his mother, "All I am or can be I owe to my angel Mother."

Summer Reading 2012: Reading is So Delicious!

This summer promises to be juicy, mouthwatering, yummy, delectable and tasty but readers know, *Reading Is So Delicious!* There will be programs at TGIF and in the library that will excite your senses and bring you back for seconds and thirds. Reading is non-fattening but can create a lean and hungry mind - a very good thing to have in the Information Age.

Programs to Enhance Productivity & Inspire Creativity

Landscapers' Challenge

Deadline extended to April

There will be a \$50 prize for the best landscape design using the Tech Annex's Home Designer Pro software.

Let's Record It!

Every Tuesday, March to May, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Set-up an appointment to record your audio using Pro Tools or Audacity. (Subject to staff availability.)

Art Jam

Saturdays, March 3, April 21 & May 4 @ 10:00am

Whether it's doodles in a notebook or knitting, visit the monthly art jam

Open Mic Night

Thursdays, March 1, April 12 & May 24 @ 5:30pm

Spoken word, poetry and music acts can sign-up to perform at our monthly auricular venue. Amps, mics, drumset, guitars are available for use in the Annex.

Crafting

Thursday, March 8 @ 3:00pm

Come in and make a memorable piece of personal history using arts and craft supplies, or just make a nice gift for a friend or family.

Earth Day Fun

Tuesday, March 27 @ 3:00pm

Help celebrate Earth Day for two hours of electricity-free fun. Books, board games and puzzles are the family-friendly activities of the day.



Job Etiquette

Tuesday, April 17 @ 1:00 - 3:00pm

Find out the do's and don'ts when applying for a job. The presenters are Founder/President Dale S. Robertson of Connect The Dots 4u, Inc. and Nina Sinclair-Burns, Chief Executive Director Human Resources Career Academy.

www.blueislandlibrary.org/techannex/



Visit the webpage to see our resources, information on classes, and original recorded music and videos created in the Tech Annex.

Eliminate the Digital Divide Grant technology classes return this spring. Classes are free and limited to 10 students. To sign up, email Darren Thompson.

• Introduction to Audio Production

Mondays 12:00 - 2:00pm • March 5 - April 2

Learn how to record and edit your audio using mixers and Audacity. FL Studio will also be covered in this course.

• Intermediate Audio Production

Mondays 6:00 - 8:00pm • March 5 - April 2

Learn how to use ProTools to capture, edit and produce your recording sessions.

• Introduction to Digital Photography and Touch-Up

Tuesdays 12:00 - 2:00pm • March 6 - April 3

In this class, you'll learn how a manual SLR camera works and how to take pictures using advanced manual settings. Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom will be available for you to use to manipulate your pictures.

• Intermediate Digital Photography and Image Processing

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm • March 6 - April 3

Learn advanced techniques in digital photography and how to use Adobe Lightroom to customize your images.

• Visualizing Your Landscape Design

Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm • March 7 - April 4

See how you can use Home Designer Professional to visualize your landscape ideas. Entrepreneurs are encouraged to take this class.

• Introduction to Video Production

Thursdays 12:00 - 2:00pm • March 8 - April 5

Whether it's a YouTube viral video or just a home movie to show your family, learn the basics of video.

• Exploring and Creating 3D Spaces

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm • April 17 - May 15

Learn the basics of modeling in 3D, create animated fly-throughs, and explore models in Google Earth.

• Visualizing Your Home Remodeling Design

Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm • April 18 - May 16

See how you can use Home Designer Professional to visualize your Home Remodeling ideas. Entrepreneurs are encouraged to take this class.

• Intermediate Video Production

Thursdays 12:00 - 2:00pm • April 19 - May 17

Take raw video footage and learn to make a polished production with a professional look.

