

June - July - August

## Summer 2012 ~ Verano 2012

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 9:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

### Summer Closings

Sundays: Closed for the Summer • Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4



### Girl Scouts Beautify the Library

Deb Beasley, Children's Manager, and Tamela Martin, Troop Leader, pose with young landscapers in front of the Library. On Saturday, May 12, volunteers with the Girl Scouts planted flowers, pulled weeds and spread mulch to spruce up the grounds. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for all their hard work.

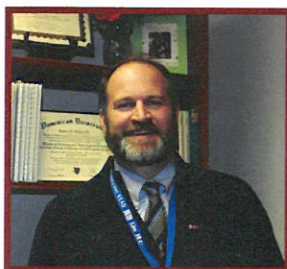


### Trains of Blue Island

Blue Island has a rich history which dates back to 1830's. One of the important aspects of Blue Island's history includes both freight and commuter trains.

The Tech Annex will implement a new interactive model train in the History Museum. The N-scale replica of the Rock Island Metra Commuter train will simulate the travel from Joliet, through Blue Island, to downtown Chicago. The project will be documented with video recordings to preserve how the exhibit was put together.

If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Darren Thompson at [dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org](mailto:dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org).



### Letter from the Director

With a heavy heart, I am leaving the Blue Island Public Library. I recently accepted the position of Director of the Oak Lawn Public Library and I will start there on June 18. It has been a pleasure

to serve the people of the Blue Island and work alongside the dedicated staff of both the Library and the City. I take comfort knowing that the staff will continue the tradition of service, access, and outreach that I have seen over the last four years. I am happy with the many projects the Library accomplished during my tenure and I know I will hear more about the offerings of the Tech Annex, the wealth of programming at the Library, and the outreach to the Spanish-speaking population.

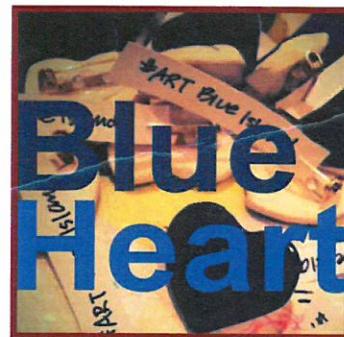
Thank you to community members, staff, and the Library Board of Trustees for your support and commitment.

Yours truly, Jim Deiters

### Blue Heart: An Ongoing, Community Art

The initial "Blue Heart" exhibit will be displayed at the Blue Island Public Library starting Monday, July 9th. All are invited to view the "Blue Heart" with friends and family on Wednesday, July 18 at 5:00pm

and celebrate the Arts at the Library with a reception following the guided tour of the Library's Hal Foster Comic Book Art Exhibit at 5:30pm that same afternoon.



### Board Meetings

The Board Meets on the third Wednesday of the month:  
June 20, July 18 and August 15 @ 7:00pm  
The public is always welcome.



# Adult Programs

## Adult Summer Reading for Fun and Prizes!

Begins on Memorial Day Weekend! Signing up is easy! The more you read, the better your odds of winning a \$50.00 Gift Card!

## Book of the Month Club

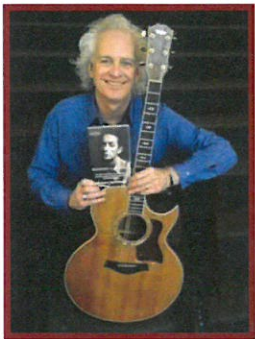
Book Club is on Summer hiatus. Fall sessions begin, Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00pm. New members are always welcome and joining is easy. Talk to Dan Carroll for more information.

## Sing-a-round

The first Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00pm For pickers, grinders and folkies! For complete information, contact [annastange@yahoo.com](mailto:annastange@yahoo.com).

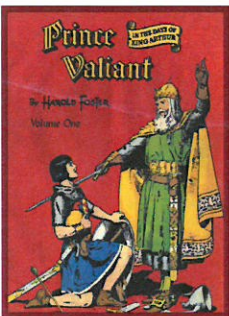
## Freedom Fest 2012!

Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3



July 2, at 7:00pm, bring your lawn chair to the Library's parking lot for some classic American Folk Music when Bucky Halter performs "The Woody Guthrie Songbook", his critically acclaimed tribute to an American Folk Music Legend. Halter appears courtesy of an Illinois Humanities Council grant. In case of rain, the performance moves inside Christ Memorial Church, 2440 York.

July 3, from 10:30am - 2:30pm, the Chicago Tribune/McCormick Foundation Freedom Express, a touring exhibit of the Foundational Documents of American Democracy visits the Library. Founding Father, Ben Franklin will be on hand to greet guests and offer his unique insight on Freedom Express exhibits.



## The Comic Book Art of Hal Foster:

Exhibit in the Main Reading Room. July 16 - August 31  
Hal Foster is a Chicago artist who created the Trillion Dollar Super Hero Industry in the 1930's. Collector Sid Weiskirch shares his display of vintage Foster Comic Book Art with Library guests all Summer long.

## Special Events

Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00pm "The Artists"  
Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30pm Collector Sid Weiskirch conducts tour of the exhibit.  
Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00pm Steve Frenzel of Marquee Movie Presentations offers a video retrospective on "Superheroes in the Movies".

## Heartland Blood Centers: Blood Drive

Thursday, July 26 from 3:00pm - 7:00pm  
Please bring a valid picture ID with you to donate. Donors will receive a gift card for Oberweiss Ice Cream. Register online at Heartland's website or at the Library's circulation desk.

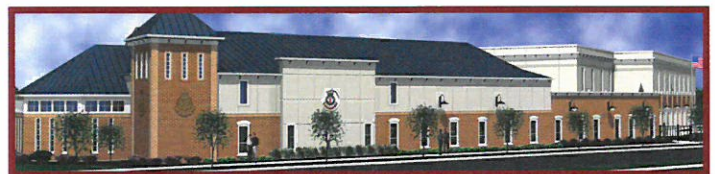


## National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 7, Time and place to be determined.

## Annual Art Bell High Strangeness Summer Series: Come, If You Dare!

Tue, July 24 at 7:00pm- Richard Crowe: "Ghosts I've Met"  
Tue, July 31 at 7:00pm- Chris McBrien analyzes handwriting.  
Tue, August 14 at 7:00pm- Mike Kett can read your mind!  
Tue, August 21 at 7:00pm- Does Bigfoot Roam the South Suburbs?



## Salvation Army Book Presentation

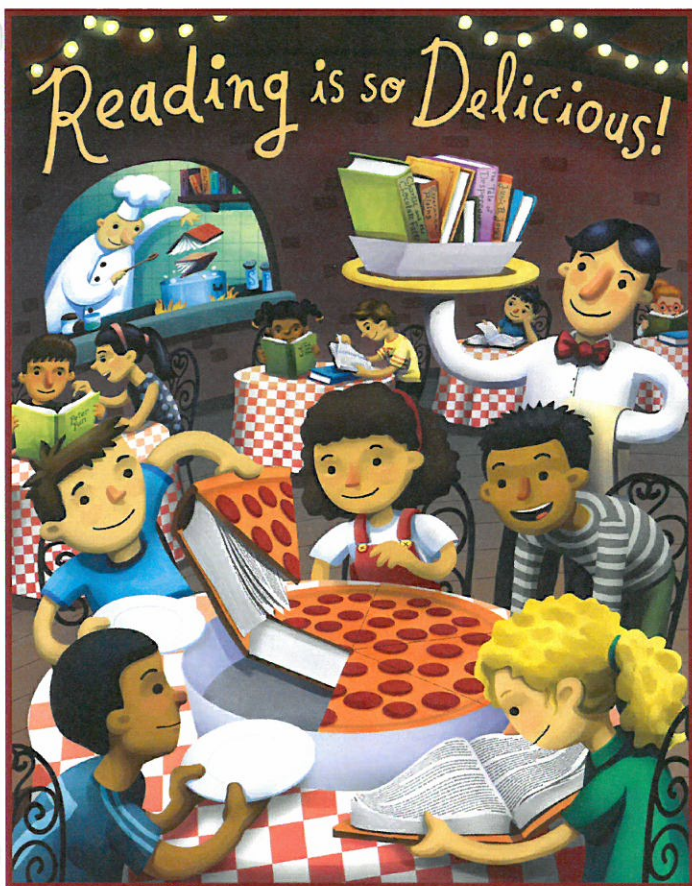
Thursdays at 11:00am, June 21, July 19 and August 16  
Reference Librarians, Skye Lavin and Necia Craft will be at the Salvation Army Center to promote interesting reads.

City of Blue Island Special Events & Theater-Hikes present productions of *The Wind in the Willows*, *Streeterville*, and *The Werewolf's Curse* around town this summer and fall.





# Youth Programs



## Children's Summer Reading Program

"Reading is so Delicious", begins in June and is open to all children in Grades 1 to 8. Participants can win prizes! The Library will sponsor special events at the following TGIF Picnics to promote "Reading is so Delicious"

June 15- the Bilingual Clowns, Bubbles/Burbujita and Nougat/Turro entertain!

June 29- Anna Stange sings about making good food choices! She'll get you up, moving and celebrating with a snap in your step and a party in your tummy!

July 13- Craig Sjogerman is 'Dr. Gesundheit'. The show features physical comedy, eccentric dance, juggling, jokes, acrobatics, and audience participation!

July 27- 'Spirit of the Eagle, Native American Storytelling'. Jon Jordan draws on Native Americans traditions to explain why bears have short tails, why porcupines can't throw their quills and much, much more.

## Spanish Language Book Reception

Monday, June 4 from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Vocalist Oscar Castaneda entertains and light refreshments are served as new Spanish-language materials from the Guadalajara International Book Fair are unveiled at the library!

Contact Mrs. Rodriguez, 1-708-388-1078 x 22

## Lapsit Stories

Mondays, June 11 - July 30 from 10:00 - 11:00am

For children, birth to 3 years old. Finger plays, songs, learning games and stories to help prepare little ones to be life-time learners. Offered in collaboration with School District 130's "Families First Staff".

## Pre-school Stories

Mondays, June 11 - July 30 from 11:30am - 12:00 noon

For children, 3 years old and over. Stories, simple crafts and short films based on children's picture books.

## Spanish Storytime

Tuesdays, 11:00am - 12:00 noon,

June 1 & 19 and again from July 10 - 31

For children, 3 years old and over. Stories, songs and movies. Contact Mrs. Rodriguez, 1-708-388-1078 x 22

## Teddy Bear Sleepover (For Toys Only!)

Tuesday, July 10 to Wednesday, July 11

Bring your teddy bear (or other stuffed friend) to sleep-over at the library on Tuesday, July 10 to be watched over by "Li-bear-ian, Mrs. Bruin". There'll be stories and snacks. Each child receives a keepsake picture book of all the fun. Pick your bear up on Wednesday, July 11 and find out what goes on in the library when the lights go out!

## Craft Programs

Children, 6 to 12 years old. Limit, 20 participants.

Pre-registration required.

Monday, June 11 and July 9, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Make "Hand Painted Flower Pots" for posies or herbs!

Bring your creation home and see what comes up!

Thursday, June 14 from 2:30 - 4:30pm

Make "Hand Painted Birdhouses" to decorate your room or hang it outside for feathered friend

Wednesday, July 18 from 2:00 - 3:30pm Make "Painted Butterflies", Colors, patterns are up to you!



## Wii Family Game Nights

Tuesdays, June 5 - 19 and

July 3 - 31 from 6 - 8pm

Families compete in Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, Deal or No Deal and Jeopardy!

## Survival French with Mahari Abdul

Wednesdays & Fridays from 4:00 - 5:00pm, twice weekly, beginning June 20 until July 27

Learn enough French to survive on a fantasy, one-week trip to Paris. Students are required to bring a notebook, handouts will be provided. Class size is limited to 20 participants, so call to reserve your spot.



### Art Jam

Thursdays, June 2, July 7 and August 4  
 This monthly event invites artists to create and share arts and crafts of all kinds in a social environment.

### Drum Circle

Thursdays, June 7, July 5, and August 2  
 from 5:00 - 7:00pm  
 Join the monthly drum circle for all ages. Available instruments include a full drum set, djembe, cajon, maracas, triangle, wood block, cowbell, and more.

### How to Use the Tech Annex to Benefit You

Monday, June 11 from 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 Find out how you can use the equipment in the Tech Annex, including mixers, midi devices, video cameras and musical instruments.

### Open Mic Night

Thursdays, June 11, July 19, and August 23  
 From 5:00 - 7:00pm  
 Spoken word, poetry and music acts can sign-up to perform at our monthly venue. Amps, mics, a drum set and guitars are available for use in the Annex.

### FL Studio Workshop

Tuesday, June 19, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 Learn how to generate electronic music with Fruity Loops software.

### Movies in the System

Weekly Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 Come watch great movies and documentaries that are available in your library system.

### Adobe Elements Workshops

Thursdays, June 21 and August 30  
**Photoshop Elements** 10:00am-12:00pm  
**Premiere Elements** 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 In this two-part workshop, visitors will learn techniques and usage of Adobe Photoshop Elements for image editing, and then Premiere Elements for video editing.

### Pro Tools Workshop

Monday, July 2 from 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 Watch a live recording using ProTools and learn industry standards for mixing and mastering.

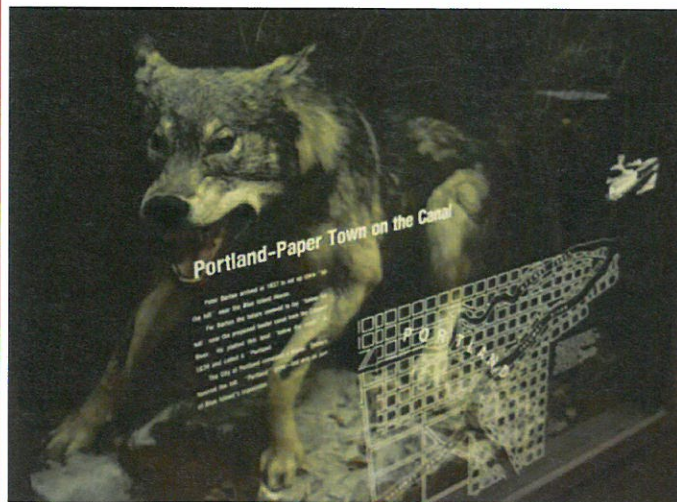
### Intro to Photography

Wednesday, July 11 and August 22 from 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 Get the most out of your digital camera by learning basic photography techniques in these two classes.



Contact Darren Thompson to schedule an appointment to record audio or video.

## The Wolf Comes Alive!



This summer, staff will be working on the wolf exhibit in the museum to renovate and add interactive experiences. The upgrades will include a mural, sound, and video.

### Intermediate Photography

Monday, July 16 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 George Poulos will teach advanced techniques on how to take quality photos.

### Space and Astronomy

Wednesday, July 25 from 1:00 - 3:00pm  
 Explore the universe visually on a 12ft big screen. This program uses Celestia, Stellarium, and Google Moon.

### SAT, ACT & College Admissions

Monday, July 26 from 4:30 - 6:30pm  
 What parents and students need to know.

### History on the Hill 2.0: Preserve Your History

This will be ongoing throughout the summer.  
 Make an appointment with us to use the audio/visual resources in the Tech Annex to preserve your history.

### Where in Blue Island Am I?

Time and date to be determined.  
 Join the team to travel to three unique spots in Blue Island and record sounds in those locations. Afterwards, we will produce a YouTube video to document the event.

For videos, audio recordings and more,  
 Check out the Tech Annex website:  
[www.blueislandlibrary.org/techannex/](http://www.blueislandlibrary.org/techannex/)

