

Step Up to the Plate @ your library



The Brookfield Public Library joins the American Library Association and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in their annual trivia contest, Step Up to the Plate. All ages are encouraged to use the print and electronic resources available at the library to answer a series of trivia questions designed for their age group: 10 and under, 11-13, 14-17, and 18+. Entries with all four correct answers will be entered to win prizes; the grand prize is a family membership to the Baseball Hall of Fame and a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y. to attend the Hall of Fame's World Series Gala in October.

Find your Playbook online or pick up a copy at the Information Desk. The deadline for entries is September 1, 2011.



**The Color of Water:
Rain Barrel Painting Program**

Local artist Victor Hinojosa will teach children ages 7 and up how to paint rain barrels on Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 17 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.



Kids can add their artistic stamp to two rain barrels to be auctioned off at the Taste of Brookfield @ your Library fundraiser in October. Please register for each day separately—in person, by phone or online. This program is inspired by the Language of Conservation.



**Woolly Bully
Photography Contest**

Whether you're vacationing far away or enjoying summer in Brookfield, bring our mascot, Woolly Bully, along with you. Take a picture with Flat Woolly Bully and enter it in the Library photography contest. The contest is open to all ages, from age 2 through adults.



Prizes will be awarded for multiple categories, including Most Creative, Most Literary, and Funniest Location.

Pick up an entry form and your own Woolly Bully at the Information Desk. Deadline for entries is August 20.

**Library to Offer Computer
Equipment to Brookfield Businesses**

The Brookfield Public Library is one of more than 60 Illinois public libraries selected to receive a "Business and Libraries Working Together" grant from Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White. The grant will provide "business packages" that include \$4,000 in equipment (laptop computers, DVD players, projectors, video cameras), software (planning and office functions) and training videos (office safety, sexual harassment, hostile workplace) to be loaned to Brookfield businesses.



Funding for the business packages was obtained by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) through a \$300,000 appropriation to the Small Business Administration (SBA). "Small businesses are key to our economic recovery," Senator Durbin said. "This funding will allow public libraries to offer information and assistance to small business owners in communities across Illinois."

Local businesses and entrepreneurs interested in working with the library on the initiative should contact Library Director Kimberly Litland at 708-485-6917 x121 or klitland@brookfieldpubliclibrary.info.

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Adult Programs and Events

Register in person, by phone, (708) 485-6917, or online @ www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/calendar
Space is limited and registration is ongoing until programs fill.

NOVEL *Destinations*



Summer Reading continues through July 23, so it's not too late to register and receive prizes for participation, book reviews, and reading 3 books.

Participants who complete the reading goal by July 23 are entered into our prize drawing for entry to these great Illinois novel destinations:

- Anderson Japanese Gardens
- Chanute Air Museum
- Chicago History Museum
- Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio
- Illinois Railway Museum
- Morton Arboretum
- Shedd Aquarium

1st place gets 5 passes, 2nd place gets 3, and 3rd place gets one pass to one of our summer reading sponsors.

Get in the swing this summer with our full range of baseball programs!

Wrigley Field's Last World Series: The Wartime Chicago Cubs and the 1945 Pennant **Monday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.**



The 1945 Chicago Cubs hold a special place in Cubs history as being the last Cubs team to play in a World Series. Local author and baseball historian Charles Billington presents a look at baseball in Chicago during the World War II years as well as rare film footage of 1940's Cubs baseball, including the 1945 World Series.

Book Discussion: *Wrigley Field's Last World Series: The Wartime Chicago Cubs and the 1945 Pennant* **Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

After Billington's lecture on July 11, come discuss your own thoughts on the book and the Chicago Cubs.

Step Up to the Plate Trivia Contest

Test your research skills and baseball trivia by entering Step Up to the Plate! The playbook of questions can be found in the Library or on our website.

Knitting Club Knit-Along

Wednesday, July 6 & 20; August 3 & 17 at 7:00 p.m.



Knitting Club is collecting 9x9 inch squares to assemble into children's blankets. Squares can be knit or crocheted in any color or pattern, and should be acrylic and machine washable. Squares are a great beginner project, a good way to try a new stitch pattern, or an easy way to use up scraps. Completing a square will enter you in a prize drawing. Sixteen squares will complete each blanket, which will be donated to Project Linus.

Vintage Cookies and Candy

Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.

When were brownies invented? What flavors of fudge were popular in the 1950's? Amy Alessio presents cookies & candy from years past. Audience members will enjoy hearing about and sampling cookie and candy trends from past decades. All will leave with recipes.

What to Expect From Your Pet

Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Animals can be our dearest companions, but how do you decide what pet is right for you and your family? The Hinsdale Humane Society presents a session on choosing a pet that is the best fit for your lifestyle. They will discuss their Meet Your Match program, go over rules for basic pet care, and talk about how to get the kids involved. Children are welcome to attend.



Book and Film Discussions, Computer Classes

Register in person, by phone, (708) 485-6917, or online @ www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/calendar
Space is limited and registration is ongoing until programs fill.

Book Discussions

*Stop by the Hold Shelf to pick up a copy of Book Club books.
New participants are always welcome!*

Special Summer Book Discussion

July 28 (Thur.), 7:00 p.m.

***Wrigley Field's Last World Series: The Wartime Chicago Cubs and the 1945 Pennant* by Charles Billington**

After Billington's lecture on July 11, come discuss your own thoughts on the book and the Chicago Cubs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

July 5 (Tues.), 7:00 p.m.

***Y: The Last Man* by Brian K. Vaughan**

The story of Yorick Brown, an amateur escape artist, the son of a U.S. congresswoman, and the only man left on earth.

Wye Valley Afternoon Book Club

Meets at the Wye Valley Apartments, British Home

July 11 (Mon.), 2:30 p.m.

***The Lost Painting* by Jonathan Harr**

Recounts the search for a long-lost masterpiece by Italian Baroque master Michelangelo Caravaggio.

August 8 (Mon.) 2:30 p.m.

***I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron**

A collection of essays offers a humorous look at the ups and downs of being a woman of a certain age.

Girls' Night Out

Meets at the Salt Creek Wine Bar

July 18 (Mon.), 7:00 p.m.

***Driving Sideways* by Jess Riley**

When new personality traits appear after her recent kidney transplant, Leigh sets off on an Unfinished Business road trip.

Movie Matinees

***Breathless* (France)**

Saturday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

A young car thief kills a policeman and tries to persuade a girl to hide in Italy with him.

***Potiche* (France)**

Saturday, August 27 at 2:00 p.m.

When her husband is taken hostage by his striking employees, a trophy wife takes the reins of the family business and proves to be a remarkably effective leader.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics:

Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW! Introduction to Windows 7:

Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet:

Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word:

Saturday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel:

Saturday, July 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m.

Registration, with a 24-hour cancellation policy, is required for all computer classes.

Film Discussions

***Illegal* (Belgium, Luxembourg, France)**

Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.



Tania is a former teacher from Russia, living illegally in Belgium with her son, Ivan. Threatened with imminent deportation and fearful for her son's fate, Tania embarks on a harrowing journey.

***A Screaming Man* (Chad, France, Belgium)**

Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m.



Adam, a former swimming champion in his sixties, is a pool attendant at a hotel in Chad. When the hotel gets taken over by new Chinese owners, he is forced to give up his job. Meanwhile the country is in the throes of a civil war.

Children's Programs & Events

Register in person, by phone at (708) 485-6917, extension 140,
or online @ www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/calendar



One World, Many Stories

Youth Services Summer Reading Program

The last day to log your books is Saturday, July 23



PROGRAMS REQUIRING REGISTRATION

Book Babies Storytime

Ages 6-23 months with adult
Wednesdays through July 20—11:30 a.m.-Noon or
Thursdays through July 21—11:30 a.m.-Noon

Terrific 2s & 3s Storytime

Ages 2-3 years with adult
Tuesdays through July 19—11:15-11:45 a.m. or
Wednesdays through July 20—10:30-11 a.m.

Fantastic 4s & 5s Storytime

Ages 4-5 years; adult waits in library
Thursdays through July 21—10:30-11 a.m.

Around the World with Young Woolly Bully Storytime

Grades K-1; adult waits in library
Mondays through July 18—1:30-2:15 p.m.

Evening Family Storytime

All ages with adult
Wednesdays through July 20—6:45-7:30 p.m.

Beginning Quiltmakers

Ages 9 and up; adults are welcome
Mondays through July 18— 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Learn the art of quilting. All quilts are given to Project Linus.

Worldwide Trickster Tales

Ages 7-12
Wednesdays through July 20—4:30-5:30 p.m.
Meet the "trickster"- the little guy who uses his wits to outsmart others (or sometimes even himself!) Come explore trickster tales with stories, crafts and activities.

Global Geeks

Ages 7-12—Please register every week for this program
Thursdays through July 21— 1:30-2:30 p.m.
The Geek Lab goes global with some weird science.

PROGRAMS REQUIRING REGISTRATION

Advanced Quiltmakers

Ages 9 and up; instructor consent required
Thursdays through July 21—6:30-8:30 p.m.
Take your art to new heights. All quilts are donated to Project Linus.

Reading Patch Book Club

Grades 3-6
Saturday, July 23—10:30-11:00 a.m.
Read a genre book and earn a cool embroidered patch.
In July, we explore tales from many lands.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Attendance is limited to 30
Tickets given out 1/2 hour before program

Skittles® Bingo

All ages; under 8 with adult
Mondays, July 11 & July 18—1:30-2:30 p.m.

We Play Wii

All ages; under 8 with adult
Tuesdays, July 5-July 19—1:30-2:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Movies

All ages; under 8 with adult
Fridays, July 1-July 22—Noon-2 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT—REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Animals Around the World

All ages; under 8 with adult
Tuesday, July 12— 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Amazing Animals by Samantha returns to the library. Learn fascinating facts, fun stories and meet real animals like Callie Coatimundi, pictured here.

Children's Programs & Events



The Dog Days of Summer

Hot? Bored? Nothing to do?

Never fear, your Library is here. Join us in August for lots of fun.



PROGRAMS REQUIRING REGISTRATION

Monday, August 8

Double Dog Dare: Double Feature Movies

1:30 to about 4:30 p.m.—All ages; under 8 with adult
We'll watch two fun movies and enjoy popcorn & lemonade. Bring a pillow and chill out.

Tuesday, August 9

Doggie Diner: Make Your Own Dog Treats

1:30-2:15 p.m.—All ages; under 8 with adult
Our own Miss Kate will teach you how to make treats for your furry friend. They're so tasty you might be tempted to try them yourself. Woof!



Wednesday, August 10

Pint-Sized Picassos

10:30-11:15 a.m.—Ages 2-5 with adult
Come for a special art-based storytime with stories, songs, and an art project. Make sure your artist is dressed for mess and ready to have fun!



Diggin' Dogs

1:30-2:15 p.m.—All ages; under 8 with adult
Come make your own watering can out of recycled materials and plant some lettuce seeds perfect for September harvest. This program is inspired by the Language of Conservation.

Thursday, August 11

Dog Days Duets: Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians

- 10:30-11:00 a.m.—Ages 6-23 months with adult
- 11:00-11:30 a.m.—Ages 2-3 years with adult
- 11:30 a.m.-Noon—Ages 4-5 years with adult

Kids and their grown-ups are invited to join early childhood music specialist Clara D'Onofrio to make music together.

Friday, August 12

Double Dog Dare: Double Feature Movies

1:30 to about 4:30 p.m.—All ages; under 8 with adult
We'll watch two fun movies and enjoy popcorn & lemonade. Bring a pillow and chill out.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Bilingual English/Spanish Storytime

All ages with adult

Saturday, August 6—10:30-11:00 a.m.

Stories, songs and rhymes in both Spanish and English. La hora de cuentos en ingles y en espanol incluye la lectura, rimas, y canciones. El programa dura 30 minutos y no se necesita registrar anteriormente.



WANTED! READING VOLUNTEERS



Kids in 6th grade or older who need volunteer hours for school or confirmation are invited to help start a new program called *Book Buddies*.

Volunteer readers will work one-on-one with a special needs child to share the joy of reading. No training is required—just patience, friendliness and a love of reading. Potential volunteers and parents of special needs children who wish to participate can call the Youth Services Department at (708) 485-6917 extension 140 and sign up to be a Book Buddy.

Do you have a new baby?

Are you new to Brookfield?

We want to welcome you and your baby to the library with a "Born to Read" gift pack. Each gift pack contains a "Born to Read" bib, a board book, and information about early literacy and our library programs. The gift packs are available in English or Spanish. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for your baby's gift. This program is funded by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library.



Mark your calendars!

Registration for *Kick It Up—Read!* begins on Tuesday, September 6 at 10 a.m.

Set your own reading goals and sign up for storytimes and other programs.

Young Adult Programs

Call the Youth Services Department at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140, or check out the website at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/youngadults/blog for more information.

Summer Reading Continues!

The last day to report your pages and bingo challenges for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program is Saturday, July 23rd.

If you reach your goal of 1,200 pages or 6 bingo challenges, your name will be entered into our grand prize drawing and you'll be given a ticket for our Young Adult Pizza Party on Tuesday, July 26.



Red Cross Babysitting with CPR

Tuesday, August 2—Wednesday, August 3
12:00 - 5:30 p.m. — for ages 11-15

Develop your job skills with our **Red Cross Babysitting Training with CPR** class! The 11-hour program is taught by certified instructor Becky Huebler. A \$45 fee (payable when you sign up) covers Red Cross certification and all equipment. Please register in person at the Youth Services desk. We need six students to hold the class, so please register *early*. Registration ends July 20th or when the class is full.

Brookfield Library Young Adult Art Exhibit



Bust out your creative side and submit a piece of artwork for the Brookfield Library YA Art Exhibit! We'll be accepting submissions up until July 23rd, and the exhibit will begin on July 25. A contest will also be held, and prizes will be awarded. The exhibit is open to ages 10-16.

July—August Schedule

Our Young Adult programs are open to kids ages 11—16 unless otherwise noted; Friday night programs are for ages 12—16. Registration is not necessary, except for Create Your World, but let us know if you'd like a reminder call before each program.

AniManga Club—Like Pocky? Like Anime and Manga? Join the AniManga Club twice a month for a new Anime movie or series and Japanese snacks! Call us or check the blog to find out what's showing next.

Mondays, July 18, August 1 & 15 4-5:30 p.m.



Young Adult Movie Night—Movies you like, shown big and turned up loud, and don't forget the cheesy popcorn!
Mondays, July 25 & August 22 6:30—8:30 p.m.

After Hours—After the library closes it's time for our monthly young adult night of fun. Come for an evening of Internet, DJ Hero & Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers Brawl tournament play, & lots of snacks.
Ages 12—16
Friday July 22 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Create Your World—Learn how to create your own masterpiece with art teacher Gina DeVeno and help make a mural for the library. This program is limited to 15 participants, so please register *early*. You must register for each session separately.

Ages 10—16
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, & 19 2:30—4:00 p.m.

YA Summer Reading Pizza Party—Did you finish the summer reading program? Were you a Youth Services summer volunteer? Are you going to be in grades 6-9? Come to our Summer Reading Pizza Party! We'll be eating lots of pizza and bringing out the Wii. You'll get your ticket at the Information desk when you complete the summer reading program.

Tuesday, July 26 2:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Taste of Brookfield @ your Library – Friday, October 7

The Taste Planning group works year round, but it is especially busy in the next few months. This annual event provides a wonderful opportunity to get involved with the Friends of the Library. There are a myriad of tasks, some time limited, some ongoing, some organizational, some grunt work and manpower! You are invited to look for a volunteer opportunity that fits your competency and time availability.



- Sending out letters of request (July)
- Seeking food donations (August - September)
- Organizing raffle (September - October)
- Organizing silent auction (September - October)
- Collecting food donations (October 7)
- Serving Food (October 7)
- Setting up the appetizers (October 7)
- Cleanup (October 7)
- Sending thank you notes (October - November)

Come to the next Taste Planning meeting on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. for more information and to volunteer.

Meet FOL First Patron Member

Geri Hletko, a steadfast member of the Friends of the Library has become our first Patron member of the organization. Geri moved to Brookfield in 1990 after she retired from 35+ years of teaching elementary school in the Chicago Public School System. When asked what prompted her to become a Patron Member of the Friends she had to think for a moment and then spritely answered: "I won a cash raffle and thought the Friends of the Library was a good cause!" FOL Geri is most often seen helping with FOL Book Sales.

Last year the FOL decided to upgrade its membership fees adding two categories: Lifetime and Patron. Memberships run from January 1st to the end of December, but you can join anytime. Watch for our new brochure with a membership application form inside. Brochures will be available in the Book Nook in the foyer of the Library, in the brochure rack at the front entrance, and at the Check-out Desk.



Busy Time of the Year for FOL Treasurer



The FOL fiscal Year ends the last day of May. FOL Treasurer Robert Akbarally is busy pulling together an end-of-the-year report, preparing for an annual audit, required by our By-Laws. Robert is also responsible for filing the IRS 990 – N e-postcard and AG990 – IL form with the Illinois Charity Bureau to maintain our 501(c)3 status.

Part of the mission of the Friends of the Library is to support the Library financially. This year the Friends' income totaled \$20,000 thanks to the hard work of volunteers, staff and community support. Some of our major purchases for the Library in the 2010-2011 fiscal year include the Message Board (Monitor), the Marilyn Fay memorial Fish Tank and maintenance, and the Red Cross CPR mannequins.

Book Nook Vacation Specials

A wide variety of pocket books and paperback trade books will be available in the Book Nook throughout the month of July. Look for a good read to take to the beach, on a trip, or those kick back hours at home this summer. Watch for August Book Nook Special, topic TBA! Book Nook selections are often determined by Book Sorters overstock in one subject or another.

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Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m. between
Labor Day & Memorial Day

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Program Registration

Please note that priority registration for Library programs is given to Brookfield residents.

Universal Class

The Brookfield Public Library now offers access to over 540 online courses with real instructors guiding the learning. You'll receive graded lesson tests with certificates of achievement and Continuing Education Units available for selected courses. Work within your schedule to attain your personal and professional goals!

Universal Class offers courses in:

- Exercise and Fitness
- Arts and Music
- Home and Garden Care
- Cooking
- Computers and Technology
- Homeschooling
- Job Assistance
- Law and Legal
- Parenting and Family
- Pet and Animal Care...plus 100's more.



Library Closings

The library will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Just a reminder: The library is closed on Sundays during the summer until after Labor Day.