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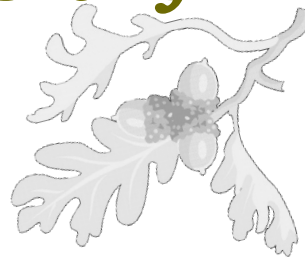
From Small Beginnings, Great Happenings.

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Fall 2013

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From the Director's desk...

Summer is winding down, and that mean another year's Summer Reading is behind us. We had a record number of participants in our programs for both children and adults, and we were amazed at everyone's enthusiasm for reading! Thousands and thousands of great books were read, and dozens and dozens of programs were enjoyed. So a big, heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and we hope to see you back again next year! With school starting up, we'd also like to encourage parents and students to remember that a library card is one of the most important educational resources available. September is *National Library Card Sign-up Month*, so it's a perfect time to come in and investigate what your Library has to offer.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants of our recently completed community survey. We received over 230 responses, and the results will be invaluable as we attempt to complete our strategic plan and forge a vision for the Library's future.



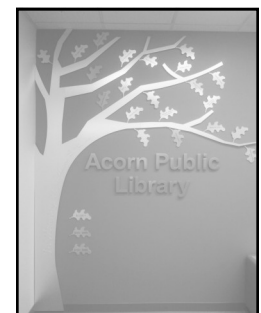
Read, Ride and Return Program

Looking for something to do on the train ride to work? Did you know that the Library provides books that you can pick up at the Oak Forest train station? We have a wide variety of titles that you can take, read and then return either to the train station or to the library!

AND OUR TREE CONTINUES TO GROW...

Thank you to all of our patrons and local business supporters who have donated to the Library! Because of your generosity, Acorn Library has been able to purchase additional furniture and equipment for our library.

If anyone is interested in supporting the Library in this way, envelopes are available near the donation tree and a leaf will be placed on the tree to recognize our donors.



The Lyceum: Freethinking Conversations

Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2:30 PM

Join us for our inaugural meeting of Acorn's philosophy club. You don't need to be a philosophy expert or have any experience in philosophical debate to attend. Anyone who wants to discuss ethical or logical ideas and how they relate to our society is welcome. Coffee and tea will be served.

High Conflict Parents Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 PM

Learn some strategies for effective communication and negotiation for families experiencing divorce. Our High Conflict Diversion Program/Workshop requires that only one parent understand and implement the strategies we teach. Even with changes incorporated by one parent, the conflict can be stopped. It should be noted that when substance abuse, personality disorders or other issues of this nature (such as a spouse who can't or won't "disconnect") are involved, special and more individualized strategies are required. These are all incorporated into the curriculum and are a major focus of the High Conflict Diversion Program.

Oh, Just Bury Me in the Backyard

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 2 PM

Loretta Downs' father opened and closed any opportunity to talk about death with just one comment, "Oh, just bury me in the backyard!" Ms. Downs tells stories and uses humor to talk about dying and death in positive terms.

Hip Pain: Evaluating Your Treatment Options

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 PM

Dr. Harun Durudogan, a Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon and member of the Bone & Joint Institute at Advocate Christ Medical Center will discuss the facts about today's hip replacements and the latest treatment options.

Ray Kamalay's Musical Flea Market

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2 PM

Whether it's Delta blues or J. S. Bach, ragtime or Renaissance, Irish or Brazilian, Ray has built an amazing repertoire of music that is familiar, intriguing and fun.

Chicago's Haunt Detective

Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 PM

Former criminal investigator, author and local historian Ray Johnson sheds light on some of Chicago's favorite haunted locations and legends.

Stress Management Seminar

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 PM

This seminar is for those who seek to understand and more effectively manage their stress level, while maintaining or improving their physical and mental well-being.

Own Your Business Without Starting It

Thursday, Nov. 14th at 7 PM

Learn about the benefits of acquiring a business from a representative from the local private equity firm Novant Capital Group.

Oak Forest High School Madrigal Singers

Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 PM

Join the King and Queen and their court for music and entertainment. This is a special one hour preview of the full-length dinner show at the high school.

Guitar Christmas with Bill the Band

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 PM

Rockin' Christmas songs with Bill the Band - a one man band.

OTHER LIBRARY SPONSORED PROGRAMS

MUSE - Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 PM. Interested in writing a book? This is your group.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Our "Tuesday Night Bookies" meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. For more details and to reserve a book for this group, contact the Circulation Desk.

QUILT GROUP - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Bring your project and swap great ideas for quilting.

MORAIN VALLEY ADULTS TEACHING ADULTS - Meets every Wednesday at 6 PM. For more information, stop by the Library on Wednesday nights.

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - The "Barcodes" meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Oliver's Bar & Grill. For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Reference Dept.

STORY TIMES - Fall Session:

Thursdays, September 19- November 7, 2013
 Lapsit (Infants-2-years-old): 9:30-9:50 AM
 OR 10-10:20 AM
 3-5-year-old Story Time: 11- 11:30 AM

Registration is required, beginning September 5, for the Fall Session, continuing until full. You must choose either the 9:30 am or the 10 AM session of Lapsit. All registrants should plan on regular attendance of all meetings in order to register.



MORE STORYTIME PROGRAMS...

Story Time at Panera Bread - Wednesdays, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 2013 -10 AM. No Registration.

Family Story Time—Saturdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 14, 2013—10:30 AM Up to Age 7
 Start your weekend with stories, songs and a creative craft!

Bedtime Story Time - Wednesdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 2013 - 7:00 PM Up to Age 7
 Wear your PJ's for a fun night of stories, songs and a craft!

Story Time Fun - Tuesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, 2013 - 6:30 PM Up to age 7
 Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft.

Registration for all Programs starts two weeks prior to program and ends when full.

Check it Out!

Instant Photo Booth: Mid-September throughout Fall

Spruce up your Instagram or Facebook photo using Acorn's DIY photo booth. Bring props to use with our backgrounds.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS...

Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls: Saturdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 7, 2013 @ 10 AM, 3 and Under w/ a Caregiver.
 Start your weekend off right with our open play group for babies and toddlers!

After School Crafts: Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 17, 2013 @ 4 PM Ages 6 and Up
 Come to the library to make a fun craft after school!

LEGO Club: Saturdays, Sept. 21, Nov. 30, Dec. 28, 2013 10:30-11:30 AM Ages 6-12
 Each meeting we will create around a different theme.

Family Bingo: Saturdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, 2013 2:30 PM, All Ages Try your luck at our Family Bingo!

Young Adult Book Discussion Group: Fridays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 13, 2013 @ 3:30 PM, Ages 11 and Up.
 Join our book discussion group. Members pick the books we'll read. Snacks will be served, and copies of the book are available at the YS Desk.

Teen Advisory Group- TAG: Thursdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Dec. 19, 2013 @ 7 PM. (Nov. 21 @ 6 PM) Grades 6 and Up.
 TAG is a group of teens who are interested in volunteering, organizing activities for teens at the library, and having fun!

Doodle Drawing Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, 2013 @ 4 PM, Ages 11 and Up.
 Create original works of art! We will give the drawing platform or theme, then let your imagination and the "pencil" do the work.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS...

Preschool Dance Party: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 @ 10 AM, Up to age 6 - Get ready to dance the morning away with your favorite preschooler!

Retro Game Night: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 5-8 PM
 Ages 11-17 - Take turns playing a variety of retro video games on Acorn's fantastic NES system!

Haunted Reading Program: October 1-31, 2013 - All Ages
 Get your reading log at the YS Desk. Once completed, turn in at the YS Desk before Halloween for a small prize.

Halloween Party: Saturday, October 19, 2013 @ 11AM
 Children ages 3-7 with parent - Get dressed up in your costume for a fun party of games, crafts and treats!

Day of the Dead: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013 @ 7 PM
 Ages 11-17, Celebrate the Mexican holiday Dia de Muertos with a quick intro on the history behind the day and by painting your own skull.

Anime-nia: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013 @5-8 PM, Ages 11-17
 Meet other fans of Japanese animation with a screening of movies and television shows from Japan.

Visit with Santa: Sat., December 21, 2013 @ 10 AM, All Ages.
 Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library, ready to hear what is on your wish list! Registration starts Nov. 23.

Finals Week: December 16-19, 2013. Study for final exams with your friends at the library! The Acorn Library will provide pizza and snacks for all high school students throughout the week.

Holiday Puppet Show-Christmas Cookie Caper: Sat., December 21, 2013 @2:30 PM. All Ages— Come and enjoy an enchanting holiday puppet show by Puppeteer Mark Nichols.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Friends of the Library:



A HUGE 'THANK YOU'!

The Friends of the Library would like to thank the patrons of our library who have donated and purchased so many books over the years. Through your generosity, the Friends have been able to fund various programs, activities and materials for the Library.

Be sure to stop by our “Friends of the Library” reading room, which was fully furnished from Friends of the Library funds.

If you have creative ideas and a little time to offer, please consider volunteering to help out your library through the *Friends!* Membership is open to everyone. Contact the Library for more details at (708) 687-3700.