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Branching Out

We've got a new website!

By the time you read this, our brand new website should be up and running! It has taken quite a bit of work and time, but we're very happy with the results. It contains a ton of information of about books, programs, and the library in general, and it also looks great! This website was specifically designed in order to make it easy for staff to contribute content, so keep an eye out for lots of staff recommendations and booklists.

Please check out the new site at www.acornlibrary.org. We're eager to hear what you think about it, so drop us a line at acorn@acornlibrary.org and let us know what you like and what you think could be improved.

New Resources for Acorn Patrons

We have added six new electronic databases that Acorn patrons can access through our website:

Chilton Library - the most-trusted source in automotive repair, contains detailed repair, maintenance, and service information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles from 1940 onward.

Gale Business Insights: Essentials - provides access to in-depth information about U.S. and international businesses, industries, and products.

Gale Student Resources in Context - contains information on an extensive range of topics for all core curriculum subjects, from Science to Social Studies to Language Arts.

Infotrac Newsstand - provides access to millions of full-text articles published from 1980 onward in over a thousand national, regional, and local newspapers throughout the U.S. and the world.

Britannica Online Library - provides users with access to over 140,000 encyclopedia articles and more than 85,000 accompanying photographs, videos, illustrations, maps, and flags. Content is organized into three categories (Level 1: Children, Level 2: Young Adults, and Level 3: Reference Center) to meet users' specific information needs.

AtoZdatabases - is an invaluable resource for creating mailing lists, performing market research and finding sales leads, employment opportunities, friends, and relatives by offering access to 30 million business & executives profiles, 220 million residents, 1.1 million healthcare professionals, 2 million new businesses, 2.3 million live job listings, interview tips, resume templates, and more.

Acorn Library has also added a design computer in its adult computer lab that cardholders 18 and older can reserve for using Adobe Creative Suite 6 (CS6), which includes such popular design programs as Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, and Indesign. Please contact the Reference Desk for more information or if you would like to reserve the design computer.

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ACORN IS NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

Acorn Movie Club – Acorn Library is pleased to announce its first ever movie discussion group! If you are 18 or older and consider yourself a movie buff or an amateur film critic—or if you just enjoy watching movies and talking about them—the Acorn Movie Club may be right for you. The group will be watching and discussing a variety of contemporary and classic films from around the world. Similar to our book discussion groups, members of the Acorn Movie Club will pick up copies of selected movies at the Reference Desk to watch and then meet to talk about them at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions or would like to join the group, contact the Reference Department.

Timeless Cinema Tuesdays: Join us for the classics: September 16 at 2 PM, *Singin' in the Rain*. October 21 at 2 PM, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. November 18 at 2 PM, *The Searchers*. December 16 at 2 PM, *West Side Story*

Monday Movie Matinees: Featured Films monthly on the first Monday at 2 PM at the Library. Movies in date order include: *Heaven is for Real*, *Winter Tales*, *Million Dollar Arm*, and *Maleficent!*

College Bound Funding Solutions - Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 PM. Topics will include maximizing college financial aid for your student, your taxes and financial aid, which schools offer the most aid, loans vs. grants and scholarships, and what your direct out-of-pocket costs may look like.

Stroke: Brain Attack - Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 PM. Learn about stroke prevention, and signs and symptoms of a stroke.

Health Care in Retirement: Thur., September 18 at 7 PM. Jim Flanagan will discuss Health Care in Retirement, Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, Medicare Supplements and Long Term Care Insurance.

Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug: Tues., September 30 at 10:30 AM. Learn more about this program.

Hip Pain: Evaluating Your Treatment Options: Thur., October 2 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 hip pain and the latest treatment options.

The Essential Edgar Allan Poe: Thur., October 9 at 7 PM. In *The Essential Edgar Allan Poe*, William Pack explores the tragic life and remarkable writings of this American genius through dramatic storytelling, and readings. His performances bring Poe's stories to life.

Cooking with Chef Michael Niksic: Thurs., November 13 at 6:30 PM. Just in time for the holidays, Chef Michael Niksic will present Traditional Holiday classics! Learn organizational tips to better plan your meals as you taste some of the classic side dishes prepared by Chef Michael.

Oak Forest High School Madrigal Singers: Thur., November 20 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 show at the high school.

Christmas Guitar with Bill the Band: Thur., December 11 at 7 PM. Come enjoy some rockin' Christmas songs with Bill the Band - a one man band.

Computer Classes: Acorn Library offers computer classes each month in our lower level computer lab. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for the class, and sign up is required in advance.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel: Thurs., September 18, 7 PM. Basic Introduction to spreadsheets. You should be comfortable using the mouse and keyboard and inputting data. Formats and Formulas will be covered.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint: Sat., September 20, 10:30 AM. Patrons should be comfortable using a keyboard and mouse.

Introduction to the Internet: Tues. September 23, 2:30 PM. Concepts to be covered: Internet Providers, Web Programs, Safety and Protection, and Activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR A PROGRAM, CONTACT CIRCULATION THE DESK AT (708)687-3700.

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" meet 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 Beggar's Pizza. For more information and book titles, contact the Reference Dept.

FICTION IN A NUTSHELL - Fiction in a Nutshell meets the last Saturday of every other month at 2:30 PM in the conference room. For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Reference Department.

Story Time Fall Session: Thursdays, September 18- November 6, 2014

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 4 continuing until session is 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.

Story Time at Panera Bread: Wednesdays, Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, 2014 @ 10 AM. No Registration Required, 15845 Harlem Ave., Orland Park. Join us for stories, songs and cookies! Each child in attendance will receive a free cookie and milk, courtesy of Panera.

Bedtime Story Time: Wednesdays, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10, 2014 @ 7 PM. Up to Age 7. Wear your PJ's for a fun night of stories, songs and a craft!

Story Time Fun: Tuesdays, Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, 2014 @ 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.

Party Corner:

Healthy Eating Party: Saturday, Sep. 6 @ 2:30 PM

Gr. 1-4. Come hear some stories about healthy eating! Get some tips on yummy, healthy snacks!

Preschool Dance Party: Thursday, Sep. 11, 2014 @ 10 AM To Age 6. Dance the morning away with your favorite preschooler.

Friends, Friends and More Friends Party: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 @ 2:30 PM Gr. 1-4 Bring a friend and come to this program celebrating friendships around the world! We'll do games, crafts, and fun stories!

Halloween Party: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 @ 11AM Children 3-7 with parent. Get dressed up in your costume for a fun party of games, crafts and treats!

All About the Library Party: Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014 @ 2:30 PM. Gr. 1-4 Each story we read in this program will have a person or animal doing something in a library! We'll make a craft and play games. Ask the librarian a question you have always wanted to ask!

Reading Programs:

Haunted Reading Program: October 1-31, 2014.

All Ages Register at the Youth Services Desk to get your haunted reading log. Once completed, turn in at the YS Desk before Halloween for a small prize.

Young Adult Book Discussion Group: Fridays, Sep. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 2014 @ 3:30PM. Gr. 6-12.

Join our book discussion group. Members pick what we'll read. Snacks served, copies of the book are at the YS Desk.

Read to a Therapy Dog: Wednesdays, Oct. 29 and Nov.

12 @ 4 PM. Ages 7+ Our regular therapy pups are going to be at the library and they are ready to hear some stories!

Read to Succeed Reading Program with the Chicago Wolves: December, January and February All Ages Register for the reading program and set your own reading goals. If you reach your goal by the end of the month you are entered in a raffle for Wolves prizes! See the YS Desk for more details.

LEGO Club: Saturdays, Sep. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 13, 2014 @ 10:30 AM. Ages 6+ Each meeting we will create around a different theme.

After School Crafts: Tuesdays, Sep. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 2014 @ 4 PM. Ages 6+

Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls: Saturdays, Sep. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, 2014 @10 AM. 3 and Under with an adult.

Saturday Craft Club-Latch Hook Kits: Saturdays, Sep. 20, Nov. 15 and Dec. 27, 2014 @ 11 AM. Ages 6+ Cost: \$5.00 (non-refundable) Latch Hook is fun! We'll provide the kits at \$5.00 per child, and we'll work on them each time we meet.

Also, each session will start off with a book exchange! You bring a book, you pick a book.

Family Bingo: Saturdays, Sep. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, 2014 @ 2:30 PM All Ages Bring the family for an afternoon of fun games, prizes, and snacks!

Teen Advisory Group- TAG: Thursdays, Sep. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 2014 @ 7 PM Gr. 6 - 12

World Wide Wonders Club: Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 2:30 PM Gr. 1-4 Magic Tree House kids Jack and Annie travel all over the world! Go on an adventure to Africa with us. Please read Magic Tree House book 11 ahead of time.

Creative Expressions Art Club: Wednesdays, Sep. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 26, 2014 @ 4 PM Ages 11-17

Are you an artist? Do you love to be creative? This is for you!

Comic-Con: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 @2:30 PM. Ages 11-17 Acorn's very own Comic-Con! There will be a drawing contest, costume contest, candy sushi, zombie face paint, retro videos games, and displays with popular graphic novels, comics, and manga. Sign up to have your own table in our Artist's Alley!

Halo Xbox Tournament: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 @ 5 PM Age 11-17. Join our Halo Tournament! Because Halo is rated M, a signed parent permission slip must be filled out in order to participate. Registration starts two weeks prior, ending when full.

Board Game Fun: Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014 @ 4 PM. Ages 11-17. Play a variety of board games.

Visit with Santa: Saturday, December 20, 2014 @ 10 AM All Ages

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library, ready to hear what is on your wish list! Registration starts Dec. 6.

Holiday Puppet Show: Saturday, December 20, 2014 @ 2:30 PM. All Ages

Join us for "The Christmas Cookie Caper" presented by puppeteer Mark Nichols. Registration starts Dec. 6, ending when full.

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Friends of the Library:



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.

Be sure to check out the Library's new book stand located at the Metra Station in Oak Forest. This books stand was funded by the Friends of the Library and is part of the Library's "Read, Ride and Return" program. Need a book? Take one to read and return it to the stand or the Acorn Library when finished.

The Friends also funded a new Spruce which is located by the south entrance and will make a charming Holiday tree this upcoming season!

If you have creative ideas and a little time to offer, please consider volunteering to help out Acorn Library through the Friends! Membership is open to everyone. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, 2014.