Acorn Public Library District has a new Director! Congratulations to Zach Musil.

Zach is delighted and honored to serve Acorn Public Library District’s patrons and community in his new position as Library Director. Zach has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Dominican University and a Master of Arts degree in English from Loyola University of Chicago. As an undergraduate, he attended Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he double majored in English and Religious Studies and minored in Philosophy. Zach first started at Acorn in 2013 as the Reference Librarian & Programming Coordinator and soon after became the Head of the Adult Services Department. Before coming to Acorn, he previously worked at Fountaindale Public Library District in Bolingbrook and as a Grant Writer for over nine years at a well-established Chicago social services agency.

The New Catalog is Here!

The Acorn Public Library District, along with the other 80 member libraries in the SWAN consortium, migrated to a new software system and catalog on April 14. As you can imagine, changing over to a new system comes along with its own challenges, frustrations, and technological hiccups, especially near the beginning of making such a shift or shortly thereafter. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work toward resolving these issues and improving your experience. As you may have noticed, some services on the catalog are experiencing intermittent issues as SWAN continues to optimize the new system. Be assured that librarian and IT professionals are working diligently to correct any issues that arise. If you experience any problems, need assistance accessing your account, or want help with navigating through the new catalog, please do not hesitate to contact us at 708-687-3700. Questions can also be directed to acorn@acornlibrary.org.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding during this time of transition, and apologize for any inconvenience that you may experience.
Arthritis of the Hand and Wrist: Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 PM. Dr. Anton Fakhouri, a Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon will discuss the facts about arthritis of the hand and wrist.

Chicago’s Mayor Richard J. Daley: The Man, His Times, and the City He Loved: Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 PM. Historian Jim Gibbons will present the life of the man referred to as “Hizzoner”.

Dominate Your Barbeque Grill: Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 PM. Chef Michael Niksic returns to talk about back yard BBQ’s!

College Bound Funding Solutions: Tuesday, July 28 at 7 PM. If your student is a junior or senior in high school, this program is for you! Topics include maximizing financial aid, taxes, and loans vs. grants.

Learn about Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD): Wednesday, August 12 at 10:30 AM. Medicare has a plan that will cover hospital, medical insurance, and prescription drugs. This plan is called Medicare Advantage, also known as Medicare Part C. Learn how Medicare Advantage Plans work and what to look for when choosing a plan.

Al Capone and the Route 66 Connection: Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM. Join Dave Clark as he gives a lively presentation on the connections between Al Capone, Prohibition, and Route 66.

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

OTHER LIBRARY SPONSORED PROGRAMS
ACORN MOVIE CLUB - 18+. Watch a variety of movies, then discuss them. Contact Reference for more information.

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.

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.

SOUTHLAND SCRIBES - Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. If you’re a writer either published or close to publishing, and would like to share your creative ideas, this group is for you! Contact starlydd@att.net for more information.
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2015**

**“Every Hero Has a Story”**

**Children’s Program—Ages Birth-10**

The Summer Reading Programs are open to children ages birth through 17! Registration for the reading portion of the program starts June 6, and you may register at any time throughout the program, ending on August 1. By reaching reading goals, children will earn prizes and strengthen literacy skills over the summer. Teens will earn raffle tickets for great prizes including a variety of gift certificates.

**Young Adult—Ages 11-17**

**Local Hero Story Time**: All Ages. Learn more about heroic members of our community! Our featured hero will tell us about their courageous occupations and read stories.

- Wed. Jun. 10 - Police Officer Jill Jeziorski @ 7 PM.
- Wed. June 24 - ER Nurse Jeff Redican @ 7 PM.

**Kids Programs:**

- **Hero Science Program**: Thursday, June 18 @ 11 AM Ages 7-10 Learn about the science of Superheroes!
- **Outdoor Kids Concert**: Monday June 22 @ 11 AM All Ages Great music by Jeannie B.
- **Super Hero Meet & Greet - Spider Man & Batman**: Saturday, June 27 @ 2 PM All Ages.
- **Captain Planet Science Program**: Thursday, July 9 @ 11 AM Ages 5-10 Learn how to be a Planeteer.
- **Petting Zoo**: Saturday, July 18 from 11 AM - 1 PM
- **Family Tie-Dying**: Monday, July 20 @ 6:30 PM All Ages Bring a clean white t-shirt to dye. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Planet Circus Show**: Saturday, July 25 @ 2 PM All Ages
- **Amazing Magic Show**: Friday, July 31 @ 2 PM All Ages
- **Summer Reading Pool Party**: Saturday, Aug. 8, 10 AM-12 PM Alsip Aquatic Center, 12521 S. Kostner Ave., Alsip - Participants should arrive at 9:45 AM to hear pool rules All ages-must be accompanied by an adult.

More details are available in the Summer Reading Packet.

**Monthly Programs:**

- **LEGO Club**: Saturdays, Jun. 13, & July 11, 2015 @ 10:30 AM. Ages 6-12. Each meeting we will create from a different theme
- **Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls**: Saturdays, Jun 20, & July 18, 2015 @10 AM. Parent & baby/toddler play group.
- **Kids Crafts**: Tues. June 9 @ 4 PM, Wed. June 24 @ 2:30 PM, and Tues. July 21 @ 11 AM. Ages 6-10
- **Young Adult Craft**: Thursdays, Jun 11 & July 9 @ 2:30 PM. Get creative and make crafts at the library! Ages 11+

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

**Teen Programs:**

- **Minute to Win it**: Wednesday, June 17 @ 4 PM. Ages 11-17. Teens will compete to complete tasks in 60 seconds.
- **Teen Advisory Group- TAG**: Thursdays, Jun 18, and July 16, 2015 @ 7 PM Ages 11-17
- **Wii Tournaments**: Ages 11-17 Tuesday, June 23 @ 5:30 PM Thursday, July 2 @ 5:30 PM Mario Kart, Call of Duty, and Super Smash Bros.
- **Heroes Unmasked Jeopardy**: Monday, June 15 @ 12:30 PM. Ages 11-17 Test your superhero trivia against others!
- **Babysitting Class**: Monday, June 29 1:30 - 4 PM Ages 11-17. Learn how to become a better babysitter! Each participant needs to bring a small doll to class and will receive a certificate of completion.
- **Obstacle Course 2015**: Wednesday, July 1 @ 3:30 PM Ages 11-17. Compete against other teens!
- **Athlete Party**: Monday, July 13 @ 12:30 PM Ages 11-17 Celebrate our athletic heroes in this mock Olympic games!
- **Battle of the Books**: Thursday, July 23 @ 6 PM Ages 11-17 Answer trivia questions from some famous fiction books!

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**Youth Services**
Friends of the Library:

Come Join Us!
Friends of the Library Open House
Saturday, June 13: 11 am - 1 pm

The Friends of the library will be holding a membership open house on Saturday June 13, 2015 in the lower level meeting room from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Anyone attending the open house will be entered into a drawing for an autographed copy of a local author’s newest novel. Please join us and bring a friend.