

# Acorn Public Library

*From Small Beginnings, Great Happenings.*

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**Fall 2015**



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## Branching Out

### From the Director's Desk

I am very excited to serve as Acorn Public Library District's new Library Director, and I want to use this opportunity to share with you a little bit about my background and philosophy of libraries. Public library management and administration has long been a passion of mine, so much so that it was one of my primary focus areas while I was earning my Master of Library and Information Studies degree from Dominican University. I envision libraries as being third places for their communities: hubs dedicated to meeting their patrons' diverse educational, recreational, cultural, informational, and technological needs and interests. Since communities' demands and wants are ever changing, libraries must resist complacency and consciously place themselves in a position to ask, "What more can we do for our patrons?" In this way, there are limitless possibilities for libraries to grow, expand, and serve as a third place. This patron-oriented, community-centered approach to librarianship is something that I carry with me as a guide for leading Acorn Public Library District into the future.

I also want to use this opportunity to highlight several changes to Acorn Library that have happened over the last several months. The first—and perhaps the most noticeable—change is that we replaced our old exterior sign in August. The new sign is perpendicular with Central Avenue to increase visibility for those traveling down the street and includes an LED electronic message, which means we are no longer restricted to just five rows of announcements.

The second change I want to mention is that we recently painted some of the walls and soffits in the Library's lower level, which not only adds color to the Youth Services Department but also helps to define spaces for young adults and children. We also added shelving that extends the entire length of the east wall in the children's section and freed up space that will soon become a small play area for young children.

Last, but not least, you may have noticed some new faces at Acorn. Please help me welcome them to Acorn!

-Zach Musil

### Congratulate Andrea Malquist, Acorn's New Adult Services Manager!

Andrea Malquist, Acorn Public Library District's new Adult Services Manager, is an avid reader with a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois. As an undergraduate, she attended the University of Illinois in Chicago where she majored in Art History. Before coming to Acorn, Andrea previously worked as an Adult & Teen Services Assistant at Fountaindale Public Library District in Bolingbrook and as an Adult Services Assistant at both Brookfield Public Library and the Romeoville branch of White Oak Library District. She also worked as the Reference Librarian and Programming Coordinator at Acorn before her promotion. She is very happy to serve the community and encourage a love of reading to our patrons while promoting other library services, such as our online resources and various programs.

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**ACORN IS NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS**

**UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF YOUR FAMILY TREE** - Saturday, September 12 at 12 PM  
 Discover the foundation and methodology behind successful genealogical research and learn how to start tracing your family history using documents and keepsakes you have in your attic and around your house!

**When Football Was Football:** Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 PM. Join author Joe Ziemba for a humorous look at the wacky early days of professional football, focusing on the NFL's oldest franchise, the Chicago (now Arizona) Cardinals. Relive the rowdy, formative years of football through audience interaction, archival photos, and surprising insight into local historical figures such as Red Grange, Jim Thorpe, George Halas and Al Capone.

**How Rum Changed the World:** Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 PM - Food historian Cynthia Clampitt shares the reason rum arose where it did and when it did, how pirates got involved, and who really said "yo ho ho." Also see how it played a major role in early America!

**Senior Fraud Protection:** Thursday, September 10 at 6 PM. Learn how to protect yourself and loved ones with valuable information provided by Home Instead Senior Care.

**I-CASH:** Saturday, September 26, from 11 AM to 3 PM. One in eight Illinois residents have assets or valuables to be claimed in I-Cash. An I CASH representative will be located on the upper level of the library near the circulation desk.

**Sisters in Crime: Lee Williams:** Saturday, September 26 at 11 AM. Join us as forensic accountant and author Lee Williams talks about a real case that inspired his novel *In His Blood*.

**History of Bachelor's Grove:** Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM. Local author and historian Ursula Bielski will share intriguing stories about the abandoned cemetery that is well known for its haunted reputation and supposed ghost sightings!

**First Time Home Buyer Workshop:** Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 PM. Standard Bank and Trust Company will present a workshop for first time homebuyers. Topics will include credit scores, low down payment programs, and more.

**Below Stairs:** Saturday, December 19 at 2 PM. Leslie Goddard portrays Margaret Powell, a kitchen maid and cook who worked in several stately English homes in the 1920s. Powell's best-selling memoir *Below Stairs* was a key inspiration for the television programs *Downton Abbey* and *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

**Computer Classes:** Acorn Library offers computer classes each month in our lower level computer lab for a \$5 non-refundable fee, and advanced registration is required. Check the website at [www.acornlibrary.org](http://www.acornlibrary.org) or stop in to find a class that is right for you.

**Movie Matinees:** Movies are typically shown on the first Monday and Third Tuesday of each month at 2 PM. September 14: *Woman in Gold*. September 15: *High Noon*. October 5: *Cinderella*. October 20: *Hocus Pocus*. November 2: *Max*. November 17: *Casablanca*. December 7: *Inside Out*. December 22: *It's a Wonderful Life*.

**I PAD and Android Classes**  
 Learn Basic operations and functions of using your device. Contact a librarian for class times. Advanced registration is required.

**Craft Connection:** Come to the Library to create and connect with new friends! Crafters of all skill levels are welcome to join. A new project is introduced at each monthly meeting. All materials are provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Tuesday, Sept. 15: Acorn Magnets. Thursday, Oct. 22: Autumn Candle Holder. Tuesday, Nov. 17: Coffee Filter Carnation Pens. Tuesday, December 15: Yarn Hat Ornament.

**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 Wednesday of every other month at 2 PM at Panera Bread, 15845 Harlem Ave., Orland Park. For more details or to reserve a book, contact the Reference Dept.

**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](mailto:starlydd@att.net) for more information.

**STORYTIME!**

**Fall Session:** Thursdays, September 17 - November 5, 2015

\*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 3 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.

**More Storytime Programs...**

**Story Time at Panera Bread** - Wednesdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2 at 10 AM. Stories, songs and cookies! No Registration.

**Bedtime Story Time** - Wednesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9 at 7 PM. Up to Age 7  
Wear your PJ's for a fun night of stories, songs and a craft!

**Story Time Fun** - Tuesdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 at 6:30 PM Up to age 7  
Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft.

**Spanish Family Story Time** - Tuesdays, September 29, and October 27 at 7 PM All Ages  
Ms. Angeles Bear will present a story time for the whole family! Then enjoy a craft and snack.

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

**Kids Programs:**

**Mario Kart Tournament:** Saturday, September 12 @ 2:30 PM. Ages 8 - 12.

**Halloween Party:** October 31 @ 11 AM. Ages 3 - 7 with parent. Come in your costume for a fun time of games, crafts, and treats!

**Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus:** Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 10 AM. All Ages. Santa is going to be at the library! Come to tell him what is on your wish list and take a picture with him and Mrs. Claus.

**Monthly Programs:**

**After School Craft:** Tuesdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 @ 4 PM. Ages 4 and Up. Show your creativity!

**LEGO Club:** Saturdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 28, and Dec. 26 @ 10:30 AM. Ages 6-12. A different theme each month.

**Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls:** Saturdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5 @10 AM. Ages 3 and under with caregiver.

**Science Club:** Saturdays, Sept 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26, 2015. Ages 7-10. Discover the wonders of science!

**Saturday Craft Club:** Oct. 3, and Nov. 14 @ 11 AM  
Ages 6 and up.

**Family Bingo:** Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov 21, and Dec. 19 @ 2:30 PM. All Ages BINGO, prizes and snacks.

**Creative Expressions Art Club:** Wednesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 21, Nov 11, and Dec. 9 @ 4 PM. Ages 9 and up.

**Reading Programs:**

**Read to a Therapy Dog:** Thursdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, and Dec. 3 @ 4:30pm. Ages 7 +

**Young Adult Book Discussion Group:** Fridays, Sept. 4, Oct 2, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11 @ 3:30PM. Ages 6 - 12. Join our book discussion group. Members pick what we'll read. Snacks served, copies of the book are at the YS Desk.

**Haunted Reading Program:** October 1 - 31, All ages.  
Register with YS to get your haunted reading log. Once completed, turn it in for a small prize.

**Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves:** December, January and February. All ages. Register with YS and set your own reading goals. If you reach your goal at the end of the month, you'll be entered into a raffle for Wolves prizes!

**Teen Programs:**

**Teen Advisory Group- TAG:** Thursdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 17 @ 7 PM. Grades 6 through 12.

**Call of Duty Tournament:** Tuesday, Sept. 1 @ 5:30 PM  
Ages 11 - 17

**Splattoon Tournament:** Tuesday, October 6 @ 5:30 PM  
Ages 11 - 17

**Create a Button Workshop:** Tuesday, Nov. 24 @ 6 PM  
Ages 11 - 17

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## **Friends of the Library:**



If you have a couple of hours each week to volunteer, here is your opportunity! We are looking for a few people to help with our Friends group! The Friends of the Library help raise funds for the library through used book sales.

If you are interested, please contact the library, or stop in for the next Friends meeting, Tuesday, November 3 at 11 AM.