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Spring/Summer 2015



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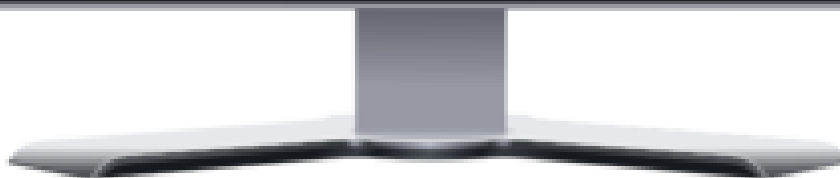
Branching Out

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](tel: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.



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ACORN IS NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

Adult Summer Reading Program 2015 June 6 - August 1

Registration for the 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program begins June 6. You will receive a reading log to record the amount of pages you have read. For every 350 pages read, you will earn a raffle ticket for one of three grand prize packages. You can choose which prize package you would like to use each raffle ticket for. Drawings will be held at the end of summer reading, and winners will be notified by Monday, August 3.

Henry Van Westrop Memorial Photography Contest: June 6 – August 1 To coincide with our 2015 Every Hero Has a Story summer reading program, the library is hosting a photography contest for adults. Submit a picture of your hero as well as a short explanation of why that person is your hero. Your photo and story will be posted online, and the contest winners will be chosen by online votes. The top three winners at the end of the voting period will receive gift cards.

JoAnn Fastoff's *Two Years of Heaven* - Book Reading & Signing Event: Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 PM. JoAnn Fastoff—author of the award-winning Howard Watson Mystery Intrigue series—will be here to talk about her new memoir, *Two Years of Heaven: Rekindled Stories of Happiness*, which asks, “What if Heaven is a place where you get to relive the best two years of your life over and over again?”

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.

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. Please check the website at www.acornlibrary.org or stop in to find a class that is right for you.

Timeless Cinema Tuesdays: Join us each month at 2 PM for the classics: Jun 16 - *Patch Adams*, Jul 21—*Forrest Gump*, Aug 18—*Roman Holiday*.

Monday Movie Matinees: Featured Films monthly on the first Monday at 2 PM at the Library. Jun 1 - *Selma*, Jul 6 - *McFarland, USA*, Aug 3 - *Insurgent*.

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

Young Adult—Ages 11-17

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.

“Heroes of History Big Balloon Show” - Summer Reading Kick-Off Event

Saturday, June 6 at 11 AM All Ages

Join us for a fun, engaging and 100% interactive family show for all ages presented by professional children’s entertainer, Smarty Pants! This show features magic, all-ages comedy, and Smarty’s completely unbelievable giant balloon props. Before or after the show, stop in the Youth Services Department to register for the Summer Reading Program!

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

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 Jeanie 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.

Reading Programs:

Read to a Therapy Dog: Thurs., June 11 @ 4:30pm Ages 7+

Young Adult Book Discussion Group: Fridays, June 12 & July 10 @ 3:30PM. Ages 11-17 Join our book discussion group. Members pick what we’ll read. Snacks served, copies of the book are at the YS Desk.

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 +

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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Friends of the Library:



Door Prizes!

Refreshments!

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.

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