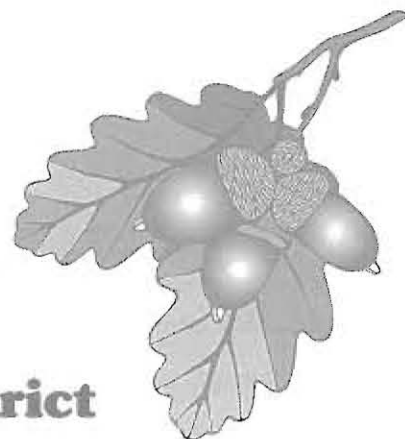


Branching Out



facebook

twitter

From Small Beginnings, Great Happenings.

Acorn Public Library District

(708)687-3700 (708)687-3712 Fax

DIRECTOR: Paul D. Mills

Spring 2011 Vol. 16 Issue 1

PRESIDENT
James Richmond
TREASURER
Kimberly Duffy

SECRETARY:
Jacqueline Muscarella
TRUSTEES:
Martin Durbin
Eradley Duff-Fudkins

Sheryl Halwax
Susan Vicorita

WELCOME PAUL D. MILLS, OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR!

Here's a letter from your new Director:

Hello,

I'm the new library director of the Acorn Public Library. I started at the library in January, and it's been busy! I've gotten to know our great, helpful, wonderful staff and am learning more about the library every day. Our addition and renovation project is very exciting and is keeping us all hopping!

I have been a librarian for 15 years. I have worked in several public libraries, a community college library, and for a regional library system. I love libraries and all that they do – information and help, early literacy programs for children, access to technology, and entertainment. I hope that you find that we're providing you with great service. If you ever have any comments, suggestions, or questions regarding the library, please feel free to let me know. I have an open door, and I'm always excited to talk to our patrons. You can call me at 708-687-3700, e-mail me at pmills@acornlibrary.org, or just stop in to see me. I look forward to meeting you.



GET READY FOR OVERDRIVE!

Beginning in early June, Acorn Public Library will offer eBooks and more from OverDrive! This collection of over 3,000 titles includes bestselling eBooks and audiobooks, as well as films and music.

OverDrive is compatible with most PC's, Macs, eReaders, and smartphones; including the Barnes & Noble Nook, Borders Kobo, Sony Reader, Apple iPad and iPhone, and Motorola Droid. Due to Amazon's restrictions, you will not be able to download eBooks onto your Kindle with this service. For more details, please contact the Reference Department.



ATTENTION PATRONS!



This is our **LAST** paper edition of our newsletter.
Please see page 3 of this newsletter to find out how to stay
connected....

From the Front Lines of the Library Construction:

Our addition and renovation project began on December 20th, and we (and hopefully you) have seen lots of activity here at the library!. You may be wondering what all the changes will be, and here is a quick rundown of the highlights:

- * New storytime room (where the old brick garden was) on the lower level
- * Expanded public computing area on the upper level
- * Moving the circ desk to our new entrance on the upper level
- * Main entrance on Central Avenue will be moved to the South parking lot -- making it easier to get into the library from the parking lot
- * New meeting room on the upper level, creating more public space on the upper level
- * Expanded computer lab on the lower level
- * Five study rooms! (3 downstairs and 2 upstairs)

The majority of the work that has been done since construction started is on the expansion area (where the new storytime room on the Youth Services Floor and the new meeting room on the Adult Services Floor will be). The Study rooms are up on both floors and the new Adult Reading area (complete with fireplace!) is coming along as well.

We estimate that the project will take up most of this year. For the latest updates, please be sure to follow the Director's blog here:

<http://acorndirector.blogspot.com/>

Follow us on FaceBook as well!

Book Reviews:

The Officers' Club by Ralph Peters

The story starts with Lt. Roy Banks learning of the death of one of his fellow officers. As we step back in time to learn how his fellow officer died, we meet a cast of characters, including Banks, who make mistakes in the rough and hard world they find themselves in. I found myself caring very much about Banks' friends, enemies, and acquaintances, and found myself puzzling over the mystery til the end.

By Paul, Director

Countdown by Deborah Wiles (Young Adult Fiction)

This memoir chronicles in the 1960's from 11-year-old Franny's perspective. What makes this historical fiction novel stand out from the rest are the excerpts of popular songs, noteworthy speeches and advertisements for common retro items interspersed throughout the text. *By Jen, YS*

Grandville by Bryan Talbot (Adult Fiction)

A murder mystery set in a steampunk world where Britain lost the Napoleonic Wars and where everyone is talking animal. Talbot, a master of the graphic novel, has created an immensely entertaining example of the form. *By Eric, Ref.*

One World Vegetarian Cookbook by Troth Wells (Adult Nonfiction) This is the perfect cookbook for those looking for nutritious, inexpensive, and simple-yet-adventurous fare. The recipes are so delicious and easy, even staunch carnivores won't mind that they're vegetarian. *By Megan, Ref.*

It Wasn't My Fault by Helen Lester (Juv. Fiction)

Things didn't go well for Murdley Gurdson, but whose fault was it? You will enjoy the ups and downs that this young boy encounters to get to the bottom of this silly mystery!

By Regina, YS

DVD's, Movies, and Website Reviews:

I Am Love, Directed by Luca Guadagnino (DVD)

This Italian movie, which was named the best foreign film of 2010 by the New York Film Critics Online, stars Tilda Swinton as a wealthy wife who has an affair with a younger man. It is an intensely beautiful film, with a unique and striking visual style. The musical score by American composer John Adams works to heighten the emotional impact of the film. *By Eric, Reference*

To Save a Life, (DVD)

This film introduces teens embarking on a journey to living life with purpose. Can one person make a difference? This is a very inspirational film. *By Darlene, Circulation*

This movie covers so many of today's topics that plague teens: peer pressure, alcohol and drugs, teenage pregnancy, and suicide. Though tough topics are discussed, this movie provides hope for teens and offers them real life examples on how to make a difference. Excellent film for teens to watch. *By Karen, Bus. Mgr*

Sigh No More, by Mumford and Sons (CD)

This is an impressive debut album, which will especially appeal to those who are fans of British folk rock. *By Jen, YS*

The Drums, by The Drums (CD)

This debut album boasts insanely catchy surf rock with sharp, moose lyrics. Think of it as Dick Dale getting into a friendly argument with The Smiths *By Megan, Ref.*

Internet Archive (Website) www.archive.org

This website offers access to researchers, historians, scholars, people with disabilities as well as the general public to historical collections that exist in digital format. It includes texts, audio, moving images, and software. The website provides specialized services

Adult Services

Quilt Group: Are you interested in quilting? Bring your supplies and quilt with others. This is a great way to share ideas.

COMPUTER CLASSES: Acorn continues to offer ongoing computer classes at many levels. The fee is \$5 per class.

Book Discussion: An adult book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm here at the library.

NEW COMPUTER CLASSES AVAILABLE: (These classes are more advanced than our normal classes)

- Getting Started with SWAN - Saturday April 23, 9:15am - You can request items from 80 different libraries! Learn how.
- Facebook Basics - Saturday, April 9, 9:15am - Learn how to set up an account. Must have a current email address.
- Resumes and Cover Letters - Wednesday, April 13, 2:30pm - Learn how to create a professional resume using MS Word.
- Google Productivity - Tuesday, April 19, 2:30pm - It's more than just an email account, they have other free tools to offer too!

MUSE: Want to try your hand at writing? Then this is your group. They meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm. Events include guest writers and contests.

For more information or to register for our programs, please contact Adult or Youth Services at (708)687-3700.

Youth Services

Story Time at Panera Bread

Wednesday, April 6th @10am
15845 Harlem Ave, Orland Park
All Ages with a Parent, milk and cookies for kids!

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION, Fridays: April 8, and May 6 @ 3:30pm, Grades 6 & up: Do you love to read? This group is for you! Members pick which books we'll read. Copies of the books will be available at the youth services desk. Snacks will be served. Registration is required.

STORY TIMES

Spring Session, Thursdays, March 17—May 12

Lapsit (Infants—2 yrs old): 9:30 am or 10 am

3-5 year-olds: 11 am

No Registration is required.

ACORN TEEN CORP—ATC

Thursdays, March 24, April 28,
and May 26th @ 7pm Grades 6 and Up.
ACT is a group of teens who are interested in volunteering, organizing activities for teens at the library, and having fun! Registration is required.

Fill out your contact information to sign up for our new online newsletter below and you will automatically be entered into a raffle for one of four exciting prizes! Please return the portion below to the circulation desk before April 29th to be eligible for the drawing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ phone _____

Library Card Number _____

Email Address _____



Acorn

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

15624 CENTRAL AVENUE
OAK FOREST, IL 60452
www.acornlibrary.org

PRESORTED
STANDARD
NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 69
Oak Forest, IL

POSTAL CUSTOMER
OAK FOREST, IL 60452

Friends of the Library:

Our used book sale continues to go on through the construction on both levels as you enter the building.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: We are currently looking for volunteers to be in the Friends of the Library Group and on the Friends Board. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Circulation Desk at (708) 687-3700.

People You Should Know...

An Interview with Pat Kucher...

Pat Kucher, Head of Technical Services, will retire on August 1st after twenty-four years of service...

"You've worked at Acorn for 24 years. What an accomplishment! How has your job changed during that time?"

"I started before we were computerized. The computer has certainly made the biggest impact on my job. Also the types of media the library offers has really changed."

"How did you come to work at Acorn?"

"I love to read and started coming to Acorn when it was just a small A-frame building. When I decided to get back into the workforce, I thought it would be a perfect place to work..and it was."

"What is your favorite part of the job?"

"Opening the boxes of new books."

Thank You for your dedicated service to the Library, Pat! You will be greatly missed.

This Portion Intentionally Left Blank

Editor: Karen Miner