



Branching Out

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GRANTS, GRANTS AND MORE GRANTS!

Institute for Museums and Library Services: Representative Bobby Rush has provided this grant for all libraries in his district. With these funds Acorn Library is starting a PlayaWay Collection, beginning with foreign languages and then expanding into adult fiction and non-fiction, and some children's materials as well. PlayaWays are small electronic books that could fit in your pocket. We have ear buds for sale to use with them, or you may use your own headset. Another addition to the library from these funds are the LCD thin screens; one on each level. These screens will display upcoming programs, but can be switched to cable for weather and news alerts as needed. Finally, we have purchased laptops for use with literacy software which will be available to our patrons in the library.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation: Acorn Library is one of 34 libraries to receive this grant for literacy software programs. Three copies of software were purchased including English language, math, science and typing. Two copies will be placed on the laptops purchased with grant monies from above, and will be available to our patrons for use in the library. The third copy will be available to patrons for checkout at home. Moraine Valley and South Suburban Community Colleges will be using this software as well for their literacy classes that are held at the library. Dollar General is a partner with the American Library Association's campaign for American Libraries, a multi-year education project to clearly proclaim the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st Century.

Big Read Grant: Several Public libraries including Acorn, Midlothian, Markham, Glenwood-Lynwood, and Matteson as well as Oak Forest High School have teamed up to receive this grant through Midwest Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts to promote reading. We will promote the book and movie "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan. The Big Read will start the week of January 26th, Chinese New Year, and end on April 25th with a trip to China Town. (See page 3 for more details) A list of programs will be available through the libraries for residents if they would like to participate in programs through other communities. For more information, stop in the library or check our website at www.acornlibrary.org.

Children's Programs

HALLOWEEN PARTY **Saturday, October 25th** **@ 2 pm**

Ages 3-8 with parent.

Get dressed up in your favorite costume for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts and treats!

Registration is required.

HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS** **AND** **THE SHOEMAKER AND THE ELVES**

Saturday, December 20th @ 2 pm

Celebrate the holidays with a family puppet show, presented by Meliken Puppets! Registration is required.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT **Tuesdays, September 23** **and October 28,** **7-8 PM,**

ALL AGES

Lets get together for a night of fun like Bingo, Checker and board games! Registration is required.

STORY TIME - FALL SESSION: Thursdays, **September 11th - November 13th**

Lapsit (Infants—2 yrs old) 9:30 - 9:50 am or 10 - 10:20 am
3-5 year-olds 11 - 11:30 am

Registration is required. You must choose either the 9:30 am or 10 am session of Lapsit.



BEDTIME STORY TIME

Wednesdays - September 3rd, October 1st,
November 5th and December 3rd @ 7 pm

All Ages. Wear your PJ's for a fun night of stories, songs, and a craft! Registration is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR PROGRAMS, CALL THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT (708) 687-3700.

AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS
Tuesdays, September 16,
October 14, November 11, and
December 16 - 4 pm

Come on in and make a fun craft after school. Registration is required.

Eager Readers Book Club for Kids,
Mondays -September 15, October 20,
November 17, and December 8
3:30 - 4:15 pm, Grades 1-4

Each month read a book that you choose, and you'll get a chance to tell everyone how good it was! After, we'll make a craft. Registration is required.

YuGiOh Afternoons,
1st Thursday of each
month starting
September 4th
3:30 - 4:30 pm.
Ages 6 and up.
No trading permitted.

REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS START TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND END WHEN THE SESSION IS FULL.



TEEN SPOT...

GAMING NIGHTS:

- * **Dance Dance Revolution** - Saturday, September 20th @ 2 pm. Ages 10 and up. Show off your skills, compete against others for a prize, registration is required - snacks will be served.
- * **Guitar Hero** - Saturday, October 11th @ 2 pm. Ages 10 and up. Show off your skills, registration is required - snack will be served.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP—TAG: Thursdays, September 25, October 23, November 20, and December 18 @ 7 pm. - Grades 6 and up - TAG is a group of teens who are interested in volunteering, organizing activities for teens, and having fun! Registration required.

TEEN DEBATES - GRADES 6 AND UP

Wednesdays, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10 @ 3:30 pm. We'll be discussing issues that are important to you! Registration required.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION, Fridays, September 12, October 10, November 7, and December 5 @ 3:30 pm, Grades 5 and 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.

Adult Programs

BOGIE FEST Humphrey Bogart Film Marathon



Saturday, September 13th
For film titles and times, please
contact the reference desk for
more details.

"Learning and Attention Problems?" Find out More! Thursday, September 18th @ 7 pm

Information and helpful strategies
provided by Dr. Michelle
Delehant.

CAREGIVERS Education, Tools & Support Saturday, September 27th 2 pm

Hosted by Molly Hofer of the
U of I Extension

BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 27TH - OCTOBER 4TH, 2008

Look for films, exhibit,
and handouts

"THE WALL THAT HEALS"

(Smaller replica of the
Vietnam War Memorial)
Hosted at the City of Oak Forest
October 2nd through 5th

Sponsored by the Oak Forest Rotary Club

"To Heal a Nation"

Film Presentation
Tuesday, September 30th
7 pm
A true story of Jan Scruggs - a
prime mover in the creation of
the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

CHINA PAINTING DEMONSTRATION: Saturday, October 4th @ 2 pm - Join Sheila Hanley as she shows us how to turn our plain dishes and glassware into something exquisite!



VINTAGE COOKBOOKS, MODERN COOKS (The Acorn Library Friends Open House Program) - Saturday, November 8th @ 1 pm - Join Penelope Bingham for this interesting program about cooking and the American food scene.

All adult programs are FREE. To R.S.V.P or for more information, please contact the reference desk @ (708) 687-3700



Ghosts of
Christmas Past
Thursday,
December 11th @ 7 pm

Explore supernatural
Chicago with renowned ghost
hunter Richard Crowe



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH Meet Mark Twain & Will Rogers



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1st**

Films about Mark Twain
and Will Rogers Films.
Check Library for Times.

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15th @ 2pm**

A Humorous Encounter: An
Afternoon with Mark Twain
and Will Rogers - A Living
History Presentation.

Christmas Open House! Saturday, December 13th

Come and enjoy our Christmas
Open House with live music, great
food, and maybe...
Santa!



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 just a small portion of your time, and have exciting ideas on how the group can help raise funds for library needs, please contact the Library Director, Mary Tuytschaevs, at (708) 687-3700

COMPUTER CLASSES: Acorn continues to offer ongoing computer classes at many levels. The fee is \$5 per class. To sign up for classes or for more information, please stop by the Circulation Desk .

Book Discussion: An adult book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm here at the library. Readers share their insights into different books. Once a title is selected the library gathers copies for the members to read. New members are always welcome.

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 7:00 pm. Events include guest writers and contests.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

POSTAL CUSTOMER
OAK FOREST, IL 60452

**Are you passionate about your library?
Would you like to be instrumental in
decisions that happen in the library?
Then we need you!**

**Petitions will be available starting in
November for nominations to be on our
Board of Trustees. Please watch the
newspaper for our press release or call
the library for more information.**

FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
9 AM - 3 PM
GREAT DEALS ON BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS,
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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