

Prairie Trails Public Library District

DECEMBER 2008

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Library Board Meetings

The Library Board
meets on the second
Thursday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.



Library Hours

Monday through
Thursday 9 a.m.
to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Library Closed

Library In-Service Day

Friday, Dec 5th

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, Dec 24th

Christmas Day
Thursday, Dec 25th

New Years Eve
Wednesday, Dec 31st

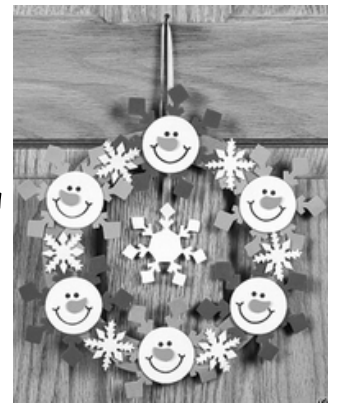
New Years Day
Thursday, Jan 1st

Patrons with
disabilities who plan
to attend library
programs and require
certain accommodations are
asked to contact the library
at (708) 430-3688

Dan Kloepper

HOLIDAY FAMILY EVENT

Tuesday, December 2nd
at 7:00 p.m.



This parent/child event allows you to - make a craft - trim the library's tree - and join us for punch and cookies! At 7 p.m., we will begin the event by creating your chosen craft project, then attendees are invited to use the library's non-breakable ornaments to decorate the traditional holiday tree.

This will be immediately followed by a treat of cookies and punch.

The craft for this year is a Snowman Wreath

Since we need to order the selected craft for the participants :

ONLY REGISTERED ATTENDEES WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

Register at the library or by calling (708)430-3688.

A parent (adult guardian) **MUST** be present during the entire event.

A sample wreath will be on display at the library circulation desk.

The wreaths will make a great holiday gift with that personal touch or serve as a lasting memory of a family moment.



The library is sponsoring
our 19th annual
Mitten Tree.

Donations of new mittens, gloves and scarves will be given to the non-profit organization, **Together We Cope**, which aids the homeless as well as those in need of emergency help.

We will begin collecting items the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 28).

Children's Programming



Globe-trotters

Wednesday, November 12th
at 4 - 5 p.m.
Monday, December 8th
at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Children in grades 2 - 5
Ever wonder about the world we live in? Join us as we celebrate the culture, crafts, stories, sports and more from different countries around the world.
Registration required.

Girls' Night Out



Monday, December 1st
at 7 - 8 p.m.
Grade 5 - 8
Does December stress you out? If so, come to the library for an evening of girl crafts, games and lots of fun.
Registration required.

Drama Club



Thursday, December 4th
at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, December 11th
at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, December 18th
at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Grades 3 - 5
Do you love to act out? Come out to the library and practice your dramatic skills. No experience necessary but silliness is mandatory!
Registration required.



Holiday Family Event

Tuesday, December 2nd
At 7 p.m.
All Ages
Make a craft - trim the library's tree - and join us for punch and cookies! This parent/child event will begin with a craft. Immediately following the craft project, attendees will be able to decorate the library's traditional holiday tree followed by a treat of cookies and punch.



Toddler Story Time

Tuesday, December 9th
at 10 a.m.
Birth - 3 years
Bring the babies out for a winter story time. Parents must accompany children.
Registration required.

Teen Programs



Grades 6-12
Tuesday, December 9th, 7-8 p.m.
Show off your inner rock star and come out to the library for an evening of Guitar Hero.

Mother - Daughter Book Club



Tuesday, December 16th
at 7 p.m.
Ages 14+
Mark your calendars for our Mother-Daughter book club. This month's book we'll be reading is Siobhan Dowd's **Bog Child**.

Participants should be 14 years or older. Registration required.



Holiday Extravaganza for Teens

Monday, December 15th
at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12
Celebrate the holiday season with your friends! We'll be making gingerbread houses while we watch the greatest Christmas movie ever: *A Christmas Story*. Red Rider Bee-Bee guns should be left at home.
Registration required.

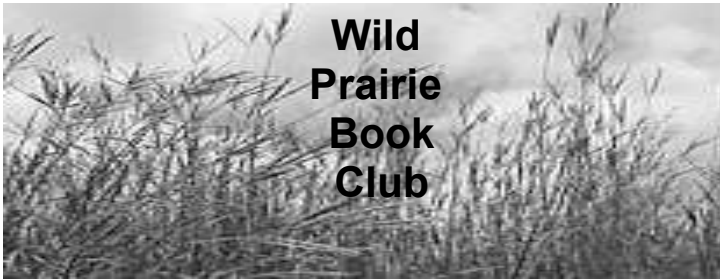


NO CELLPHONE USE IN THE LIBRARY



Patrons are expected to set their phones to mute (SILENT), so others are not disturbed by the ringing of cell phones.

If you need to use your phone or receive a call you may do so in the library foyer or outside the library building. We have benches in the parking lot path where conversations may be conducted as well.



Wild Prairie Book Club

Thursday, December 18th at 7 p.m.

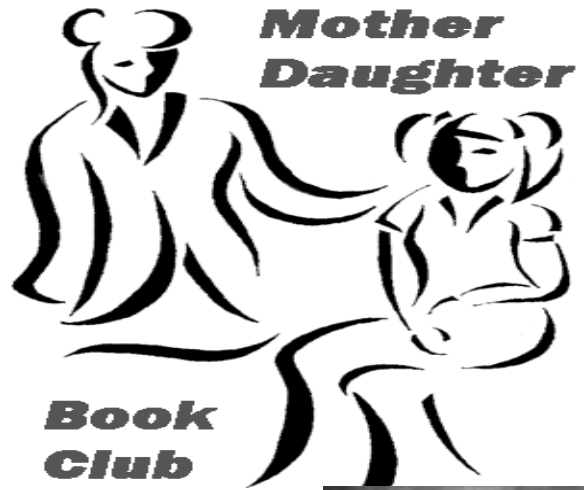
Join us for our first ever planning meeting in December and help choose the titles we'll read in 2009.

Fiction and nonfiction recommendations will be provided, but feel free to bring your own suggestions as well!

New Business Collection



Looking for background on a stock or legal information? All new reference items pertaining to these subjects are now located in the business alcove below the television. Many items are also available in the circulating collection.

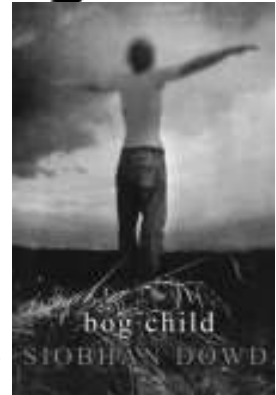


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Bog Child

by Siobhan Dowd
will be discussed.

A limited number of copies
will be available at
Circulation.



Classic Movies

Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. on November 19th
and December 3rd, 10th and 17th

11/19 – *The Man Who Never Was*
starring Clifton Webb and Gloria Graham



12/10 – *Kotch*
starring Walter Matthau and Charles Aidman



12/3 – *Harold and Maude*
starring Ruth Gordon and Bud Cort



12/17 – *If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium*
starring Suzanne Pleshette and Norman Fell



Registration is **required** for all programs unless otherwise noted.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Introduction to Computers

Monday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2nd at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

For the novice computer user, assumes the student has no working knowledge of computers.

A short introduction to the basics of the computer that introduces essential terminology and gives the student an overview of their computer and what it can do.

Classes are limited to 10 students. Attendees may not repeat classes. If needed, students may bring a translator to assist. Students must indicate that they are bringing a translator when registering for the class. A chair will be provided for the translator.



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Library Awards



Ruth E. Faklis, Director of the Prairie Trails Public Library District and State Senator Louis S. Viverito were the recipients of awards given by the Metropolitan Library System’s membership (500+ libraries).

Ms. Faklis received the *Susan K. Roberts Award*. She was nominated by her peers (library directors) representing numerous libraries including those from Oak Lawn, Flossmoor, Palos Hills/Hickory Hills, Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, etc. The criteria one must meet to receive the Roberts Award is as follows: demonstrated commitment to developing library staff through mentoring; dedication to the support of peers through networking and personal assistance; and fosters a personal connection with mentees and peers, acting as an ongoing coach and resource.

Senator Viverito was recognized as the *2008 Outstanding Government Official* for his ongoing efforts and support of libraries in Illinois. The Senator’s nomination read in part as follows: “Senator Viverito has been highly instrumental in the support of library legislation and advocacy. His open door policy is greatly appreciated as issues that directly affect Illinois libraries get heard immediately.”

The awards were presented to them at the annual membership meeting of the Metropolitan Library System on Wednesday, October 8th in Chicago.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE VACANCIES

The Prairie Trails Public Library District in Burbank, IL has three Board of Trustees positions that residents may vie for in the April 2009 election. Three six year terms are available.

Library board members are directly responsible for finances, policies and governance of the library. Trustees are called upon to be advocates for library legislation and community relations. It is key that the Board works as a team and that members are willing to attend Trustee continuing education offerings. The Prairie Trails Public Library District prides itself on being the “heart of the community” and services the residents of Burbank and Nottingham Park.

Candidate information may be located at the Illinois State Board of Elections website:
<http://www.elections.state.il.us>.

All forms must be completed and returned to the library during the week of January 19, 2009 through January 26, 2009 (9:00 p.m.) to be placed on the ballot. For further information please contact Director Ruth Faklis at 708-430-3688.

Former Trustee – Alexander Stenhouse

The library is saddened to announce the passing of Alexander Stenhouse. Mr. Stenhouse served as a former President and Treasurer of the library’s Board of Trustees. His leadership was instrumental in securing the land (8449 S. Moody) where our library is currently located. Mr. Stenhouse joined with the other library Trustees in seeing that a permanent facility was constructed and opened to the public in 1976. The original building is at the core of our current facility which has doubled in size due to the construction of three additions.

FOR SALE:

- Sylvania Supersaver Florescent light bulbs – brand new -34 watt - \$2 each
- Used wall-mounted – electric - waterfall feature - Stone/Copper-toned – approx. 28” high and 24” wide/tapers down - \$75
- Used wall mounted - drinking - water fountain - approx. 28” high, 18.5” deep and 17” wide - \$50