

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Your Resource "Data Base"

To keep pace with technology, many information sources are changing to electronic databases. Instead of consulting a book, the information that you need is often a mouse click away.

Start Your Search Here

Our library has more than 376 databases available to Oak Lawn residents of all ages that assist with research and study. Many are even accessible from home with your Oak Lawn library card!

Are you working on a term paper? Use **Research Pro**. Trying to develop a contact list for your company? Access **Reference USA**. Tracing your genealogy? Search **HeritageQuest Online**. Maybe you're helping a young student to conquer math or reading. Go to **Learning Express Library**.

Visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and click on the red "Research" box. You'll be taken to a drop-down menu that lets you select "all indexes" or a specific category, such as arts and music, automotive, business, career and employment, encyclopedias and almanacs, law, literature, magazines and journal indexes, medicine and science.

For additional assistance, stop by or call the Reference Services Desk, 708-422-4990.

Become a "Research Pro"

Use the power of your library card to unlock a wealth of information! Our library recently added a family of databases to greatly expand our research offerings. **Research Pro** provides popular, educational and professional sources covering business, health and medicine, news, auto repair, literature, student research tools, hobbies and crafts, insurance and science -- Right down to military intelligence! This group of databases allows you to search a topic in a single database or simultaneously in multiple databases, which is known as "federated searching." Oak Lawn residents have remote access to these resources with their library card. Visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and click on the red "Research" box. Then, select "Research Pro" from the drop down menu. On the next page, you will see a description of each database that is available to you.

With Your Health in Mind (In 4 Languages!)

Part of the Research Pro group, **EBSCOHost Consumer Health Complete** offers the everyday consumer access to health and medical information. You can search and browse within medical encyclopedias, popular reference books and magazine articles. Our library recently added similar **Consumer Health Information** databases with articles translated into Arabic, Polish and Spanish. These resources are available to Oak Lawn residents via our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) with their library card number.

Ask a Librarian! The Ultimate "Search Engine"



If you're not ready to search a database alone, please feel free to call or come in for one-on-one assistance from a librarian.

A New Extended Loan Period!

7 Day Rentals

For DVDs, VHS tapes and Kid's Video Games. No renewals.

Looking for Business Information? Need to Find a Person?

Reference USA is a directory-type database with modules for business and residential listings. The business module presents detailed company information on 14 million companies, including contact information via mail, phone or Internet. The value of Reference USA is the ability to create lists of companies based on a variety of criteria. The residential database contains 102 million US residents representing 3,900 white page directories. Reference USA is available to Oak Lawn residents via our web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org) with their library card number.

How to Be Better Prepared for Taking Tests

Oak Lawn residents may access **Learning Express Library** for online practice tests for both professional exams and academic readiness. This resource is available via our web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org) with an Oak Lawn library card. You can take a test, or a part of it, and return to complete it later. Practice tests for professional exams include civil service, ASVAB, firefighter, real estate, nursing and health careers and teacher certification. Students in middle school and high school may take practice tests for academic readiness, including high school entrance exams, AP, SAT, GED and graduate school entrance exams. There are also math and reading skill-building courses offered for elementary students.

Library Card Policy Change for 16 & 17 year-olds

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees just made it easier for high school students ages 16 and 17 to get a library card -- It is no longer necessary to have a parent present. Applicants must present proper identification. You may visit our web site to find out what is acceptable (www.oaklawlibrary.org/librarycards.shtml). After a quick application process, older high school students can walk away with their own "Smartest Card," ready for immediate use. Until young adults are 18 years-old, they still must abide by the checkout rules for juvenile patrons.

Oak Lawn Public Library

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Web site:

www.oaklawlibrary.org

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.*

* Closed Sundays mid-May through mid-Sept.

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WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Oak Lawn Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you plan to attend a program and need special accommodations, call the Administration Office 708-422-4990 during regular business hours at least seven days prior to the event.

Have You Heard of "Urban Fiction"?

Stop by to view this new collection! "Urban Fiction" is a genre of literature for adults set in an urban or city landscape. Its tone is usually dark and it focuses on the grittier side of life and may include mature themes. Urban fiction is also known as "street lit" or "ghetto lit," and these days, it is hot! Some well-known authors are: Mark Anthony, Eric Jerome Dickey, E. Lynn Harris, Shannon Holmes, LaJill Hunt, Brenda Jackson, K'wan, Daaimah S. Poole, Sister Souljah, Nikki Turner, Omar Tyree, KaShamba Williams, Teri Woods and Zane. Look for books by these authors and more, now on display. All urban fiction titles will eventually be filed in our general fiction section and can be easily recognized by the "Urban Fiction" sticker.



Find Upcoming Popular Fiction

Our popular "Coming Soon" Fiction Book List is now available on the library's web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org). The printed version, which is posted at the first floor Help Desk, lists fiction scheduled for publication in the next two months. Our web posting allows you to check what will be coming out in the next three months. You can click on the cover of the book and be directly connected to the computer catalog, where you may place a hold on that title immediately. It's so easy! Just visit the library's web site, go to the "Quick Links" drop down menu and choose "Upcoming Popular Books."



Free Health Screening Program

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings and other health-related offerings on the second Wednesday of most months from 10-11 a.m. in our lower level meeting room. Next screenings: January 13 and February 10 (with free glaucoma tests and free hearing tests).



✓ Adult Programs

Our library hosts lectures, workshops and entertainment offerings for a variety of interests. Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday With Friends: Ragtime Piano

Sunday, January 10 at 2-3 p.m.

Pianist Sue Keller will perform popular pieces from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Win the Job Interview Before it Begins & Take Control Of Your Career

Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m.

Dan Burns, author of the book "The First 60 Seconds" will discuss tools and techniques to help job seekers make a great first impression and differentiate themselves from the competition. Burns will also outline a sixty-day plan for getting hired. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

The Path to On the Job: Murder, Reflection and Where TV Cop Shows Fail

Monday, January 18 at 7 p.m.

Author and journalist Daniel P. Smith will share insights into the closed-door society that is the Chicago Police Department, as described in his compelling debut work, "On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department." Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Soup's On! Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, January 20 at 7 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and fee required

Chef Kate Bradley will show you how to create great tasting, nutritious soups without spending all day in the kitchen. Registered participants will enjoy yummy samples and receive copies of her recipes. The in-person registration begins: Saturday, January 2 at the Reception Booth. Fee: \$5 for food samples. Limit: 60.



Open Mic Readings

Saturday, January 23 at 1 p.m.

Local writers are invited to share their original poetry and short stories. Five minute time limit. Light refreshments.

Salzburg, Austria Travelogue

Part of the "Spotlight on Mozart" Series

Tuesday, February 2 at 7 p.m.

Al Popowitz will take armchair travelers on a journey to where Mozart spent his childhood. See the cathedral and organ where he played as a court musician, the burial place of the Mozart family and much more. Other sights include the Hohensalzburg fortress, the narrow streets of Salzburg and locations associated with the film "The Sound of Music."

Sunday With Friends: The Alba Quartet

Part of the "Spotlight on Mozart" Series

Sunday, February 7 from 2-3 p.m.

An afternoon of classical music, with some selections composed by Mozart, performed on flute, violin, viola and cello. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

FAFSA Seminar: How to Become More Eligible for College Financial Aid

Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

Not mastering the FAFSA process may put you in debt for the rest of your life. Gerald Knight, CPA, MBA, MSA of Tax Busters will show you how to save thousands of dollars by understanding the expected family contribution (ECU) formula and making yourself more eligible for financial aid.

The Mozart Myths

Part of the "Spotlight on Mozart" Series

Monday, February 15 at 7 p.m.

Many myths began soon after Mozart died more than 200 years ago, but few have any basis in fact. Our speaker, author Helmut Stefan, was a participant in the National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar "Mozart: the Man, his Music and his Vienna."



Speed Reading Workshop

Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to read faster and process more information. This class focuses on basic speed reading drills and exercises that reveal how fast you currently read, as well as ways to improve your reading speed and comprehension.

Lost Your MOJO? Find Your Get Up & Go

Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

Does it seem like your motivation has disappeared? Molly Hofer from the University of Illinois Extension will share ideas for what might explain this change and give tips for how to re-energize your "git it done" self.

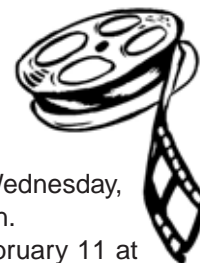
Movie Screenings

✓ **Eight Below** (2006) -- Tuesday, January 12 at 10 a.m. PG. 120 min.

✓ **Little Miss Sunshine** (2006) -- Wednesday, January 27 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. R. 101 min.

✓ **Amadeus** (1984) -- Thursday, February 11 at 10 a.m. R. 180 min. Snacks at intermission.

✓ **The Time Traveler's Wife** (2009) -- Monday, February 22 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. PG-13. 107 min.



Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Learn about the plot, composer and hear musical selections on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

✓ **The Elixir of Love** -- January 24

✓ **The Damnation of Faust** -- February 14

✓ **The Marriage of Figaro** -- February 21

✓ Children's Programs

These free activities are offered for children ages six months to fourteen years, their parents and other caregivers. Registration for many of these programs begins Saturday, January 2, unless otherwise noted. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. Each child's library card must be presented at the time of registration. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents. Children who reside in other communities will be placed on a waiting list until it can be determined whether they can be accommodated. The complete rules and restrictions for all activities and events are listed in a program booklet that you may pick up at the library or view on our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Storytimes for 6 months thru Grade 2

The winter series runs January 18 through February 26. Children may register for one storytime program per series. Limited enrollment, so be sure to register early!



✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months) -- Choose one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m. -- A first-time group experience for babies and their caregivers, to introduce rhythm and language to the young child. Advance registration.

✓ **Toddler Time** (24-36 months) -- Choose one: Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m. -- Stories, songs, games, fingerplays, flannel boards and puppets introduce literature to the young child through interaction with a caregiver and children of the same age. Advance registration.

✓ **Family Storytime** (6 months-7 years) Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. -- Designed for families with children of various ages who wish to have one storytime that all of their children can attend together. Advance registration.

✓ **Preschool Storytime** (3-5 years) Choose one: Mondays from 9:30-10 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. -- Sessions for children ready for a social activity on their own for a short period of time. Advance registration.

✓ **After School Storytime** (Grades K-2) Wednesdays from 4-4:45 p.m. -- Stories, read-alouds, songs and games for young students. Advance registration.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar** -- Registration for the spring series of storytimes begins Saturday, February 27.

Drop-In Stories (3-8 years & their families)

Saturdays, January 2 and February 6 from 11-11:30 a.m.

On the first Saturday of most months, the library offers a half-hour program of stories, songs, action rhymes and more for busy, on-the-go families. No advance registration. Parents are welcome to attend.

Monthly Contests (Pre-school-Grade 8)

Enter to win a prize! A new contest is offered each month. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for details.

✓ **January** -- How Many Clocks?

✓ **February** -- President's Day Quiz

Monthly Drop-In Craft (All ages)

These holiday-themed crafts will be offered for the entire month.

✓ **January** -- Chinese New Year

✓ **February** -- Valentine's Day



Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturdays, January 16 and/or February 13
15 minute period during 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Young readers and special needs children read aloud to a registered therapy dog from the Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy of Chicago. Advance registration for a 15 minute time slot is required. Sign up for each month separately.

Exploring Nature (Grades K-2)

Thursdays, January 21 and/or February 25 from 4-5 p.m.

Join Emily Kenny of Multidisciplinary Education for the Environment (ME4E) as she leads monthly scientific explorations with fun activities. Advance registration required. Sign up for each month separately. Limit: 30.

✓ **January** -- Just Look Up! (Constellations)

✓ **February** -- Who Was Here? (Animal tracks)

Cooking for Kids (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, January 19 and/or February 16 from 4-5 p.m.

Join professional Chef Eileen Turner and her cooking partner Jackie Stover in exploring interesting and fun aspects of cooking. Participants will take home their creations. Advance registration required. Sign up for each month separately. Pay the \$5 non-refundable fee for each session at registration. Limit: 30.

✓ **January** -- Winter Pleasures

✓ **February** -- Love is in the Air

The Write Stuff (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, January 26 and/or February 23 from 4-5 p.m.

Young writers will flex their creative muscles with a series of exercises that they can complete during each program session. Advance registration required. Sign up for each month separately. Limit: 20.

✓ **January** -- Games Writers Play (Game activities)

✓ **February** -- Once Upon a... What? (Fairytales)

Trading Card Game Club (Grades 3 & up)

Thursdays, January 14 and/or February 11 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your trading cards to play with others. Staff will be on hand to supervise. No advance registration.

Chess Club (Grades 3-10)

Wednesdays, January 20 through February 24 from 4-5 p.m.

Play chess with others! Instruction and supervision are provided. Advance registration required.



Family Winter Bingo (All ages)

Saturday, February 20 from 1-2 p.m.

Get out of the cold and warm yourselves up with a fun hour of Bingo, crafts and snacks. A parent or caregiver must accompany children under age 8. No advance registration.

Movies @ the Library (All ages)

Free family films are offered on select school holidays. No advance registration.

✓ **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (2009) -- Monday, January 18 at 2 p.m. -- PG. 90 min.

✓ **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian** (2009) -- Monday, February 15 at 2 p.m. -- PG. 105 min.

Fun-filled Family Activities

Programs perfect for the whole family! Free admission. No advance registration. Lower level meeting room.



Big Run Wolf Ranch (Age 5 & up)

Sunday, January 31 from 3-4 p.m.

Big Run Wolf Ranch is a non-profit, federally licensed educational program specializing in conservation of North American wildlife. John Basile will bring a sampling of his ranch residents: a wolf, a coyote, a woodchuck and a skunk.

Northern IL LEGO® Train Club (All ages)

Saturday, February 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 28 from 1-4 p.m.

Watch LEGO® trains zoom through cities, villages and creations from popular movies like Indiana Jones, Star Wars and Harry Potter -- All made out of LEGO®! The Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club will have a huge train display on exhibit all weekend.



Kids "Read to Succeed" with the Chicago Wolves

The Youth Services Department has partnered with the Chicago Wolves hockey team to offer a reading incentive program for readers through eighth grade. Registration begins Saturday, January 2. Participants are asked to read three library books by January 31 to receive a prize. One prize per child.

Chicago Wolves Hockey Player to Appear

Tuesday, February 2 from 4-4:45 p.m.



Chicago Wolves Left Wing Andrew Kozek will give a talk about ice hockey, answer questions, sign autographs and dress an audience member in his hockey gear. No advance registration.

✓ Teen Programs

These activities are offered for Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools in sixth through tenth grade.

Teen Movie Nights (Grades 6-10)

Free films for teen audiences. No advance registration.

✓ **Star Trek** (2009) -- Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. PG-13. 127 min.

✓ **Simpsons Marathon** -- Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. A selection of television episodes. 120 min.

Teen Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, January 13 and/or February 10 at 7-8:30 p.m.

Teens will compete and play various games, including Guitar Hero, Wii games and Xbox360 games. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, January 20 and/or February 17 from 7-8 p.m.

Oak Lawn students meet monthly to advise the library on how it can better serve teens. Participation in this activity may apply toward required service hour credits. Snacks are provided. No advance registration.

Teen Craft Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, January 27 and/or February 24 at 7-8 p.m.

Teens can express their creative side at this monthly craft offering. No advance registration.

✓ **January** -- Mardi Gras Masks

✓ **February** -- Shrinky Dinks

Junior Friends of the Library (Grades 6-10)

January 11 through March 20

Orientation: Monday, January 11 from 4-4:30 p.m.

Volunteers work for one hour a week assisting with displays, programs and other special projects in the Youth Services Department for job experience and required service hour credits. Advance registration required. Limit: 10.

Visit our Teen Blog @ www.oaklawnlibrary.org

In Memoriam -- Judith McMahon



Former Youth Services Department Head Judith McMahon died in December 2009. During the 19 years that she was here, Judith took part in effecting many changes which enriched the services offered by our library. In 1994, her stature among children's librarians of the south suburbs was recognized with a Rita A. Bert Award. Judith retired in February 2005.

✓ Computer Center

The library's adult Computer Center has 30 computers for public use. It is located on the second floor, in the east end of the Reference Services Department. Each computer has access to the Microsoft Office Suite (Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Word), as well as the Internet. Printing costs 10¢ per page for black & white copies and \$1 per page for color. Use of the computers is free to Oak Lawn residents who present a valid library card. Non-residents must pay \$1 to log-on for a one hour session. There is a limit of one session per day, but time may be reset when no one is waiting and enough computers are available.



Just Getting Started?



If you are new to computers, there are many skills that you will need to learn before you will feel comfortable. To use a computer you must be able to use a mouse. Laptop computers, or notebooks, use a built-in mouse called a "touchpad." With a little practice, you will learn to click and navigate around the screen. Before you sign up for any of our classes, please spend some time using a mouse. You will need this skill to get the most out of the class. The Computer Center can help you with mouse skills. Just ask our staff and they will help you get started.

Computer Classes

A variety of hands-on classes are taught in the Computer Center, usually on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. Regular class offerings include: Word Processing I & II; Introduction to the Internet; Email Basics; and Windows I (Vista). The current class schedule is listed on our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). Students must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance registration is required. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee per class. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

Special Class Offerings

✓ **Power Point Essentials** -- Saturday, January 23 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Advance in-person registration now underway. \$5 fee required* -- Learn the basic elements for creating and viewing a PowerPoint slide show, including using templates, inserting images, animation settings, printing handouts and more. Requires basic computer skills.

✓ **Working With Images** -- Saturday, February 20 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Advance in-person registration begins January 15. \$5 fee required* -- Learn the basic image terms, as well as how to edit and insert images into documents. This class will also explore sources for clip art and images. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

✓ **Genealogy With Google** -- Thursday, February 25 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- *Advance in-person registration begins January 15. \$5 fee required* -- Learn how to use Google tools to explore and find useful web sites for genealogical searches. Requires basic computer and Internet skills.

Self Training

If you cannot attend our Computer Classes, the library has other training options. For the first two options, the non-resident \$1 per hour log-on charge will apply, when using the library's computer workstations.

✓ **Online Training** -- The Computer Center has compiled a collection of online resources that you may use to learn many basic and more advanced computer skills. Learn about using Windows, the Internet and Microsoft Word by visiting the "Computer How To Help" page on our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). It is accessible via the "Quick Links" drop down menu bar.

✓ **DVD Training** -- The library's Computer Center subscribes to the Total Training Online DVD Training series for many Adobe and Microsoft software products. Students can watch the lessons and repeat what they have been taught at their own speed. Modules range from 2½ to 20 hours. This training option is available in-house only in the Computer Center. With just one computer workstation offering DVD training, it is recommended that you make an advance reservation for a specific time frame, 708-422-4990. Users will need to bring in headphones, or a set of earbuds may be purchased at the Computer Center Desk for \$1.

✓ **Check Out Books or AV Material** -- The library has a collection of books on just about any computer topic. You will find these in the Reference Services Department, second floor. The first floor Audio Visual Department offers training DVDs that you can check out and take home.

Drop-In Help

Each Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m., you can take advantage of our "Drop-In Computer Help" to get some one-on-one assistance. This is a great way to supplement what you have learned in a computer class or to get helpful tips on something that may not be covered in one of our regular classes. No advance registration required for a 15-20 minute session. First-come, first-served.

We Have a Color Scanner!

Please call ahead to reserve a one hour time slot.
For non-residents, the \$1 log-in cost will apply.

Cure Your Cabin Fever With Free Museum Passes!

Adult Oak Lawn residents can check out free passes to many local museums and cultural attractions. For both programs listed below, there is a limit of one pass per family, per loan period. Renewals are not permitted and the passes cannot be put on reserve. All inquiries for pass availability must be made in person.



✓ **Museum Adventure Pass** -- Here's your ticket to free admission to 17 exciting museums and cultural institutions throughout Chicagoland, including the Bronzeville Children's Museum, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Garden, Graue Mill and Museum, KidsWork Children's Museum, Kohl Children's Museum and Lake County Discovery Museum. Our library has four passes for each attraction that may be checked out for a seven day loan period by adult Oak Lawn residents. Each pass covers free admission for either two or four persons, free parking or some other discount, depending on the location. You may visit the official web site (www.museumadventure.org) or stop by the Circulation Desk for the full list of participating institutions. Please note that none of the major Chicago museums are included in this program. The Adventure Pass Program is made possible by a generous contribution from Macy's, in partnership with the Metropolitan Library System.

✓ **The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn** -- One year ago, the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn opened a new, larger, more elaborate facility at 5100 Museum Drive, near the commuter train station. Here's your chance to take a look at one of the Village's best treasures. Our library offers two free family passes for the children's museum that may be checked out by adult Oak Lawn residents for a three-day loan period. Each pass covers free admission for two adults and their own children or grandchildren.

✓ Local History News

As we enter the year 2010, let's look back upon a successful Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Celebration in 2009. More than 1,000 people visited two Centennial Exhibits to experience Oak Lawn's past first-hand and dozens of people attended our public programs. The library's Local History staff would like to thank all those who supported these events.

If you have Oak Lawn-related items for donation or loan, please contact the Local History Coordinator Kevin Korst.

2009 Centennial DVD

Remember the Village of Oak Lawn Centennial for years to come! The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now offering a commemorative 2009 Centennial DVD featuring a narrated slide show with photos and video clips of 95th Street, Oak Lawn Round-Up Days, the 1967 Tornado and much more. \$15 per DVD. On sale at the Reception Booth.



In Memoriam -- George J. Behnle



Former Library Trustee George J. Behnle, Jr. died in December 2009. He served on the Library's Board of Trustees from 1971-76, during which the library undertook a major expansion project that was completed in 1976. George (far right) poses with fellow library trustees at the ground-breaking ceremony for that construction project.

Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to raise money and ensure that our library can grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow. For more information, call 708-422-4990.



Francesca's on 95th

“Eat & Earn” Fundraiser -- Monday, February 8, 2010

Help raise funds for the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation by dining at **Francesca's on 95th** on Monday, February 8, 2010. Give this slip to your server and 15% of your dinner bill will be donated to the Library Foundation. Thank you!

Francesca's on 95th is located at 6248 W. 95th Street, one block east of Ridgeland Avenue. Visit their web site for a menu and other information (www.miafrancesca.com).

Library Use on the Rise

In this tough economy, the Oak Lawn Public Library is even busier than ever. Whether it's for schoolwork, business or pleasure, you and many of your neighbors are making good use of your local library. Here is a snapshot of some statistics from the first ten months of 2009:

✓ **Visitors** -- Our door counter totals for January through October 2009 reached nearly one million! Each door counts when someone enters and leaves the library at both the Cook and Raymond Avenue entrances. This latest figure is an increase of over 100,000 from that same period in 2008.

✓ **Patron Questions** -- During the months of January through October 2009, there were 165,324 questions asked and answered by our staff. That's an increase of over 30% from that same ten month time frame in 2008.

✓ **Oak Lawn Borrowers** -- As of October 2009, there were 34,761 Oak Lawn Library card holders. Of these, 19,781 have borrowed items during the past two years.

✓ **Circulation** -- During January through October 2009, 477,726 items were checked out, which is 9% over 2008.

✓ **Adult Programs** -- Attendance in October 2009 was 20% percent higher than October 2008.

✓ **Public Computer Sessions** -- The total number of times that patrons logged on during January through October 2009 was 63,946, an increase of 6.5% over that same period in 2008.

✓ **Interlibrary Loan Requests** -- Oak Lawn residents ordered more than 30,000 items in the first 10 months of 2009, an increase of 18% over that same time period in 2008.

✓ **Programs and Activities for Children** -- Attendance reached 1,573 in October 2009, which is 25% higher than the total for October 2008.

✓ **Incoming Phone Calls** -- By the end of October 2009, the library had nearly 3,000 more phone calls than the first ten months of 2008.

✓ **Web Site Hits** -- During January through October 2009, library patrons viewed 452,853 pages on our web site. October 2009 saw a total of 54,531 web page hits.

-- Compiled by James B. Casey, Library Director



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24 hr. Drive-up Drops

Return books and audio visual material from the comfort and warmth of your vehicle. Drive-up drops are located on the driveway north of the library, between our building and the Village Green. Please place your items in the drops one at a time and always make sure that they go down. Never leave library material sticking out of the drops or on the ground.



Friends Footnotes

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a non-profit organization of volunteers who promote use of the library, furnish equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bring opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Trip Celebrates High Culture

✓ **Sleeping Beauty Ballet** -- Sunday, March 21. This family classic will be performed by Russia's Tchaikovsky Ballet Company at the Auditorium Theatre in downtown Chicago. Dress Circle seating. Departs: 12:30 p.m. Returns: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$65 for Friends members and \$70 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, January 30.

✓ **Special Notice** -- Members must present a current membership card or receipt to receive the \$5 discount. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that trips sponsored by the Friends are not wheelchair accessible.

Monthly Discussion Groups

Two discussion groups meet September through May. Pick up a complete schedule at the library.

✓ **Short Story Group** -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.

1/13 -- "The Ransom of Red Chief" by O. Henry

2/10 -- "Have a Nice Death" by Antonia Fraser

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