

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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These days, so much can be done via the Internet. It's not always necessary to go to the library to get what you want. Visit our web site and find out!

Online Research 24/7

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Visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and click on the red "Research" button. The following resources are available for use at home, as well as in the library:

- ✓ [Chicagoland Information Service](#) for researching property sales, foreclosures, bankruptcies and new businesses

- ✓ [Gale Products](#) for a range of topics including biography, business, criminal justice, education, gardening, health, history, home repair, law, literature, nursing, psychology, opposing viewpoints, science and more

- ✓ [Heritage Quest](#) for genealogy research
- ✓ [Learning Express Library](#) for taking practice tests and creating resumes and cover letters
- ✓ [NewsBank](#) to search the Chicago Tribune back to the 1800s, the Sun Times, Southtown Star and other national newspapers

- ✓ [Reference USA](#) for information on 14 million U.S. businesses, plus a residential directory



Just a Click Away

From the convenience of your home, office or wi-fi connection, you can access these free library services via our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

- ✓ [My Account](#) -- With your library card and a PIN number, you can access a list of the material that you have checked out, renew items (when possible), see the titles that you have on request, as well as review your fines and pay them by credit card.

- ✓ [Media On Demand](#) -- Oak Lawn residents can download digital audio books and eBooks free of charge with an Oak Lawn Library Card. You are able to listen to titles on your computer, transfer them to supported MP3 and iPod devices or burn them to a CD.

- ✓ [Useful Links](#) -- Don't waste time sorting through thousands of links at a search engine! Our librarians have researched and amassed lists of reliable and trustworthy links in more than 100 categories, including consumer information, employment and careers, genealogy, history, hoaxes, investing, law, medical (by topic) and science.

- ✓ [Speakers Bureau Service](#) -- Are you a speaker? Do you need a speaker? View a list with a wide variety of topics for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. All arrangements and financial agreements must be made between the speaker and the hiring group.

New Self-Checkout

It's fast, easy and more private!



All you need is your library card, books and PIN number! Please note that all movies and items in security cases will still need to go through the regular checkout lane.

Join Us for Patron Appreciation Day

Celebrate the first day that we reopen for Sunday hours!
September 19 from 1-5 p.m.

- ✓ Live music and tasty treats will be provided for your enjoyment in the library's lobby from 1-3 p.m.
- ✓ Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog from 1-3 p.m.
- ✓ Enter a prize drawing to win a \$5 gift card for The BookEnds Café, located inside the library.

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

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Canceling Requested Items

Do you no longer need or want an item that you requested? At the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org), select "My Account," log-on to your record and view your items on request. To cancel all holds, click on the "Cancel All" button. You can also check off individual titles that you wish to cancel, and then click on the "Cancel Selected" button. After any holds are canceled, the screen will refresh, removing the canceled hold(s). Once a hold is canceled, there is no way to retrieve it.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to help us conserve library staff time and save on costly delivery services.

If you have any questions, please contact the Help Desk.



Make a Reading History

You can now keep track of all the items that you've checked out on your library card. It's so easy to get started! Go to the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and select "My Account" from the column on the left-hand side of the home page. Then, log into your account. On the right side of the screen you'll see several buttons. Choose the button that says, "Reading History." At the next screen, choose the button that says, "Start History" in the bottom left. Voila! From that moment on, you can keep track of what materials you've checked out, even interlibrary loan items. Please note that if you are already tracking your history, the only button you'll see is a "Stop/Delete History," which, if clicked, will delete your history.

For assistance, please contact the Help Desk.

Authors to Read After Dark

Do you revel in stories about vampires, werewolves, witches or supernatural events? These novels are for grownups who enjoy the thrills and chills of a good spine-tingling tale. Try one of these -- or stop by the Help Desk for other recommendations.



-- Paranormal Fiction --

- ✓ Stephen King's *Carrie* is classic "psychic" paranormal fiction
- ✓ *Watchers* by Dean Koontz is "science gone wrong" paranormal fiction
- ✓ Charlaine Harris writes "southern" paranormal fiction. "The Sookie Stackhouse" series is the basis of the *True Blood* TV series. Start with *Dead Until Dark* (1 of 10)
- ✓ Kim Harrison writes "urban fantasy" paranormal fiction. Begin with *Dead Witch Walking* (1 of 8 in "The Hollows" series)

-- Horror --

- ✓ Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Gravelight* is the third in the "Light" series involving an actress and a witch in a small West Virginia town
- ✓ Max Allan Collins' *The Mummy Returns* is a novelization of the popular film
- ✓ Try Patricia Neal Elrod's *Death Masque* if you like vampire horror
- ✓ For psychological horror, read Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*, set in Bath, England in a mansion with mysterious rooms

Free Health Screening Program



The Oak Lawn Community Partnership holds free blood pressure screenings and other health-related offerings the second Wednesday of most months from 10-11 a.m. in our lower level meeting room. Next screening dates: September 8 (with free glaucoma tests) and October 13 (with free hearing tests).

✓ Adult Programs

Free admission and no advance registration required, unless otherwise noted. Lower level meeting room.

How to Get a Government Job

Thursday, September 16 at 7 p.m.

Jane Klingberg, Director of Career Services at Triton College, will show you how to navigate government web sites to find and get hired for federal job openings across the country.

Illinois Ghosts and The Afterlife

Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

Terry Fisk, co-author of The Illinois Road Guide to Haunted Locations, will share evidence of the afterlife, describe his ghost investigation experiences, examine haunted locations in Illinois, as well as share photos, case histories, eyewitness accounts and other ghost lore.



Open Mic Readings

Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m.

Share your own original poetry and short stories. Five minute time limit per reader. Light refreshments.

PC Tools & Maintenance Workshop

Monday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

Do you know what tools your Windows PC offers? Learn about updates, user accounts, firewall settings, startup repair, the Windows Security Center and Defender for Vista and Windows 7. Explore basic computer maintenance tasks and resources that will keep your computer running smoothly.

Understanding Medicare Part D

Wednesday, October 6 at 2 p.m.

Diane Adduci of Blue Cross Blue Shield will explain enrollment periods, guidelines, which drugs are covered, penalties, and also answer your questions about Medicare Part D.

50 Ways to Leave Your Lover... Dead!

Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.

From poison to pickaxes, the means mystery writers use to kill off their characters are many and varied. The Mystery Mavens will discuss unusual plot devices and methods of murder in this interactive program that encourages audience participation. The Mavens are local mystery authors Luisa Buehler, Sandra Tooley and Mary V. Welk.

Sunday With Friends Concert: The Windy City Harmonicas

Sunday, October 17 from 2-3 p.m.

This lively troupe of harmonica players will amaze you with a high energy performance of songs from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.



Cooking with Pumpkins 101

Wednesday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and fee required

They're not just for jack-o-lanterns! Chef Kate Bradley will review several pumpkin-inspired recipes and provide yummy samples. In-person registration begins: Saturday, September 18. Fee: \$5 for food samples. Limit: 60.

Oak Lawn's Historic Structures

Tuesday, October 26 at 7 p.m.

Join Local History Coordinator Kevin Korst for an in depth review of the "History Alive: Preserving the Buildings of Oak Lawn's Past" exhibit now on display in the Local History Room.

AARP Driver Safety

Thursday & Friday, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

-OR- Thursday & Friday, October 14 & 15 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advance in-person registration and fee required

Drivers age 50 and up may receive reduced insurance rates after completing this two-day course. In-person registration begins Saturday, September 4. Fee: \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. You must present a current AARP card at enrollment for the discount. Limit: 30.

College-Bound Student Series

Representatives from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Corps will present three programs to help college-bound students and their families.

- ✓ **College Jeopardy** -- Monday, September 20 at 7 p.m.
- Play an interactive game to help you prepare for college.
- ✓ **The College Application** -- Monday, October 18 at 7 p.m. -- Learn the ins and outs of the application process.
- ✓ **College 101** -- Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m. -- Discover what to expect once you get accepted.

Movie Screenings

- ✓ **In America** (2002) -- Friday, September 17 at 10 a.m.
- A modern tale of an Irish immigrant family adjusting to life in New York City. Rated: PG-13. 105 min.
- ✓ **The Young Victoria** (2009) -- Wednesday, September 29 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. -- A dramatization of the turbulent first years of Queen Victoria's rule. Rated: PG. 100 min.
- ✓ **Babies** (2010) -- Monday, October 11 at 10 a.m. -- A documentary about the first year of four babies in Mongolia, Namibia, San Francisco and Tokyo. Rated: PG. 79 min.
- ✓ **North by Northwest** (1951) -- Thursday, October 28 at 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. -- In this Alfred Hitchcock thriller, Cary Grant plays a New York advertising executive chased by foreign spies across the country. Rated: PG. 101 min.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Learn about the plot, composer and hear musical selections. The entire list of eight lectures is now available at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

- ✓ **Macbeth** -- Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Carmen** -- Sunday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m.

✓ 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, August 28, 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 at our web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org).

Storytimes for 6 months thru Grade 2

The early fall series runs September 20 through October 22. Children may register for only one storytime program.

✓ **Baby Business** (6-23 months & caregiver) -- Choose one: Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m. -- An early group experience to introduce rhythm and language to the young child. Advance registration.



✓ **Toddler Time** (24-36 months & caregiver) -- Choose one: Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m. -- Interactive stories, songs and games introduce literature to the young child. Advance registration.

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

✓ **Family Storytime** (6 months-7 years) Choose one: Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m., Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 9:30-10 a.m. -- A storytime designed for families with children of various ages who wish to have one storytime that all of their children can attend together. 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 late fall series of storytimes begins Saturday, October 16.

NEW -- International Storytimes



Stories, songs and much more! These programs will be delivered entirely in the languages listed below. Additional dates are scheduled for November and December.

✓ **Polish** (3-6 years) -- Saturday, October 9 from 11 a.m. -12 p.m. Advance registration.

✓ **Spanish** (3-5 years) -- Saturday, October 9 from 1-2 p.m. Advance registration.

✓ **Arabic** (5-8 years) -- Saturday, October 16 from 11-11:45 a.m. Advance registration.

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

Saturdays, September 4 and October 2 from 11-11:30 a.m.

On the first Saturday of each month, 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.

✓ **September** -- Back-to-School Scavenger Hunt

✓ **October** -- Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin

Monthly Drop-In Crafts (Pre-school-Grade 8)

Each craft will be available for the entire month.

✓ **September** -- Teddy Bear Bookmark

✓ **October** -- Clothespin Bat

Read to Rover (Age 7 & up)

Saturdays, September 25 and/or October 23
15 minute period during 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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



Make Art! (Grades 1-2)

Thursday, October 21 from 4-5 p.m.

Led by certified art teacher Pam Witkus, this monthly class includes sessions on drawing, painting, mosaic, collage and sculpture. Advance registration required. Limit: 20.

Amaze Yourself with Art! (Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, October 19 from 4-5 p.m.

At this monthly class, certified art teacher Pam Witkus will help students explore art and artistic techniques, while learning about renowned artists and art movements. Advance registration required. Limit: 20.

The Write Stuff (Grades 3-5)

Tuesdays, September 14 and/or October 12 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.



Chess Club (Grades 3-10)

Wednesdays, September 22 through October 20 from 4-5 p.m.

This five-week program is open to beginners, as well as experienced players. Instruction and supervision are provided. Advance registration required.



All About Dogs!

Celebrate National Dog Week, September 19-25, with three free events honoring dogs.

Children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult. No advance registration required.

✓ **Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog** -- Sunday, September 19 from 1-3 p.m. -- Clifford will make a guest appearance at the library's annual Patron Appreciation Day.

✓ **Dog Safety** -- Tuesday, September 21 from 4-5 p.m. Should you put your face next to a dog's mouth? Should you pull a strange dog's tail? A member of the Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy organization will present an animal safety program for all ages but targets the most vulnerable group for dog bites (ages 5-9). This program will teach children how to interact safely with dogs, explain canine body language and offer techniques to use when faced with an aggressive dog.

✓ **Dog Care** -- Saturday, September 25 from 1-2 p.m. -- Are all dog breeds right for all people? How much should you feed a dog? Is it okay to give a dog candy? How often should you take a dog to the vet? Local Veterinarian, Dr. Kate McNamara, will present vital information about how to choose and care for a dog. All ages welcome!

Family Movie -- Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009)

Monday, October 11 at 2 p.m.

Enjoy this animated film while schools are closed for Columbus Day. No advance registration. Rated: PG. 87 min.

Halloween Party (Ages 2-7 & caregiver)

Saturday, October 30

Choose one: 11 a.m.-noon or 1-2 p.m.

A fun, not scary, party with crafts, games and yummy treats. Participants are encouraged to come in costume. No advance registration.



See a Juggler, Be a Juggler (Ages 4 & up)

Sunday, November 7 from 3-4 p.m.

A free, family-friendly variety juggling performance with humor, juggling, balancing stunts and audience participation! After his performance, Jason Kollum will teach everyone, kids and parents alike, early-juggling and balancing skills. Children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult. No advance registration.



Youth Computer Center

The Youth Services Department has 10 computer stations that are free for use by Oak Lawn residents. Non-residents will be charged \$1 per log-on. There is a one-hour limit per patron, per day. You must present a library card. Each computer is equipped with filtered Internet access and Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access. Printing costs 10¢ per black-and-white page and \$1 per color page.

✓ Teen Programs

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

Teen Game Nights (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, September 15 and October 13 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 Movie Night (Grades 6-10)

Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a marathon of episodes from The Simpson's "Tree House of Horror" series. No advance registration.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-10)

Wednesdays, September 22 and October 20 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.

Junior Friends of the Library (Grades 6-10)

September 14 through December 4

Orientation: Monday, September 13 from 4-4:30 p.m.

Volunteers work for one hour per week assisting with displays, programs and other special projects in the Youth Services Department for job experience and required service hour credits. Advance registration is required at the Youth Services Desk with an Oak Lawn library card. Limit: 10.

Visit our Teen Blog -- www.oaklawlibrary.org
Go to "Children's Department & click on "Current Programs"

Youth Services Highlights

In addition to the traditional library services offered by a children's department, here is a small sampling of some of the special areas and services that we offer:

✓ **Kids Corner** -- A cozy space for the youngest kids, which includes four computers with educational CD games, puzzles and games for in-library use, as well as rocking chairs just right for a lap sit story with a child and caregiver.

✓ **Parenting Resources** -- A collection of books covering all aspects of being a parent or caregiver.

✓ **Homework Center** -- Current textbooks used in Oak Lawn schools on major subjects have been donated to the library on the basis of availability. Check with a librarian or visit our web site (www.oaklawlibrary.org) for a complete list.

✓ **Home Learning Center** -- Stop in to use a variety of school-related materials and other educational resources. The goal of this collection is to assist in the educational success of all children. Originally funded by an LSTA grant from the Illinois State Library.

Summer Reading Success

Summer reading made quite a splash this year, with a record number of participants! The 1,870 children who joined read a total of 22,296 hours. The attendance count for our many children's programs and activities reached 14,772. Teens and adults were equally involved, with 402 individuals reading books, listening to audio books or watching movies.

The tremendous success of this endeavor would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors.

Adler Planetarium	Jewel Food Stores
Art Institute of Chicago	Joon Lee's Tai Kwon Do
Auntie Anne's Pretzels	Jr's Hot Dogs
Beggars Pizza	Jump Zone
Beverly Arts Center	Kane County Cougars
Broadway in Chicago	McDonald's Restaurant
Brookfield Zoo	Museum of Contemporary Art
Brunswick Arena Lanes	Mystic Blue Cruises
Dr. James Casey	Nancy Koss Salon & Spa
Chicago Architecture Foundation	Nancy's Pizza
Chicago Blackhawks	New Day Spa Salon
Chicago Bulls	Oak Lawn Park District
Chicago Cubs	Oak Lawn Raiders
Chicago Shakespeare Theater	Old Country Buffet
Chicago Sky	Oriental Institute Museum
Chicago White Sox	Palermo's Pizza
Chipotle	Papa Joe's
Culver's of Bridgeview	Phil's Pizza
Cupid's Candies	RBI Sports Cards & Comics
Denny's Restaurant	Shedd Aquarium
DuPage Children's Museum	Sid's Greenhouse
Electric Beach	SportClips
Fasel & Sons Garden Center	Starbucks
Fox's Restaurant and Pub	Strands Hair Salon
The Great American Bagel	T. G. I. Friday's
Haunted Trails Amusement Park	Top Notch Beefburgers West
Hollywood Park	Vogue Hair Designs
Huck Finn Restaurant	White Castle
Jason's Deli	Windy City Thunderbolts

Calling All Writers!

If you seek motivation and support from your peers, then consider joining one of the Oak Lawn Writers Groups. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises for adults high school age and up. No instruction is provided. In the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

- ✓ **General Interest** -- 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10 a.m.-noon
- ✓ **Screenwriters** -- 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1-3:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Children's Authors** -- 1st Thursday at 7 p.m.

Explore 'Great Books'

The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Group meets September through May on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30-8:30 p.m. to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. Meetings are held in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. They will start their 2010-2011 season with a discussion of "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. For more information or a reading list, call Marcia McGerty, 708-974-1673, or Jim Clauter, 708-423-3994.

Hands-On Computer Classes

A variety of classes are taught in our Computer Center. Participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard. Advance in-person registration and payment of a \$5 fee per class are required to enroll. Limit: 15 per class.

For more information, ask at the Computer Center, call 708-422-4990 or visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

-- Basic Computer Skills --

October Classes -- Registration begins September 15

Some classes have prerequisites and skill requirements.

- ✓ **Email Basics** -- Thursday, Oct. 7 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- Learn how to write, read and send email, as well as how to open and send attachments.
- ✓ **Word Processing I** -- Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 1-2:30 p.m. -- Learn how to prepare a document, make changes, save and open files, and print. Also, become familiar with basic formatting options and spell check.
- ✓ **Windows I (Vista)** -- Thursday, Oct. 14 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- An introduction to the Windows operating system and basic PC jargon.
- ✓ **Internet Intro** -- Thursday, Oct. 21 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- This class exposes the total novice to the Internet world via explanation of terms, how it works, how to navigate, what not to do, and how to use a search engine.

November Classes -- Registration begins October 15

Some classes have prerequisites and skill requirements.

- ✓ **Email Basics** -- Thursday, Nov. 4 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- Learn how to write, read and send email, as well as how to open and send attachments.
- ✓ **Windows I (Vista)** -- Thursday, Nov. 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- An introduction to the Windows operating system and basic PC jargon.

-- Advanced Applications --

October Classes -- Registration begins September 15

These classes have prerequisites and skill requirements.

- ✓ **Jing-Onscreen Video Recording** -- Saturday, Oct. 16 at 9-10:30 a.m. -- Learn how to use "Jing" (free software download from TechSmith) to capture and describe what you are doing on the screen (using an image or video with sound) and send a link for it to be viewed online.
- ✓ **Excel Basics** (4 classes) -- Tuesdays, Oct. 19 & 26, Nov. 2 & 9 from 9-10:30 a.m. -- Store and compute numeric equations in worksheets. Limit: 6. Test required to enroll.

November Classes -- Registration begins October 15

These classes have prerequisites and skill requirements.

- ✓ **Mail Merge Fundamentals** -- Sat., Nov. 13 at 9-11 a.m. -- Learn to create a database and merge that information to a document or label by utilizing sorting and filtering tools.
- ✓ **PowerPoint Essentials** -- Wed., Nov. 17 at 1-2:30 p.m. -- Create a slideshow using templates, images and animation, and learn how to make handouts.

✓ Local History News

Local History is the branch of the Oak Lawn Public Library responsible for preserving the community's history through artifact collection and preservation, oral history, exhibits, public programming and research. We strive to make as much of Oak Lawn's history available to the public as possible, while offering a location where the community can come to discover its roots. The Local History Room is located in the second floor Reference Department, on the east side of the building.

History Alive: Preserving the Buildings of Oak Lawn's Past

Stop by to view the Local History Unit's current exhibit that focuses on 19 historic structures throughout Oak Lawn, including the Auschwitz House, Keyhole House, Covington School and more. See artifacts and photographs related to the Village's many historic homes, schools and churches. This exhibit is on display in the Local History Room through early 2011. See "Adult Programs" for a free public program.

New Online Database

The Local History Unit recently launched a brand new collections database, which is now available on the Local History page of the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). View hundreds of Oak Lawn items including photos, maps, yearbooks, postcards, telephone books, music and much more. Check back often, as new items are added each week.

Local History Web Site

Visit our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and click on the red "Local History" button for collections searches, an interactive historic Oak Lawn map, digital exhibits, local history videos, exhibits, public programming and to learn what you can do to help and how to research your Oak Lawn home.

Local History DVDs

These three DVDs are on sale year-round at the first floor Reception Booth for \$15 each. You may pay by cash or a check made payable to: Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. The price of each DVD includes a \$10 tax-deductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation.

✓ **1967 Oak Lawn Tornado 40th Anniversary** -- Where were you when the devastating tornado ripped through Oak Lawn at 5:27 p.m. April 21st, 1967? This narrated 27-minute DVD slide show features photographs, video clips and a live sound recording of that deadly storm from the library's Local History collection. This material was originally presented to the public at a library program held in April 2007.

✓ **1967 Oak Lawn Tornado 40th Anniversary Open Mic** -- Do you remember that fateful day? This two-hour DVD features the firsthand experiences of 1967 tornado survivors. Twenty-four individuals came forth to share their memories at an open mic forum held at the Oak Lawn Public Library on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

✓ **2009 Village of Oak Lawn Centennial** -- Remember the Village of Oak Lawn Centennial for years to come! This 52-minute commemorative DVD slide show features an informative narrative with photos, sound recordings and video clips of historic figures, 95th Street, Oak Lawn Round-Up Days and the 1967 Tornado. Learn about the first 100 years of Oak Lawn's growth and development.

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, September 20, 2010

Help raise funds for the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation by dining at **Francesca's on 95th** on Monday, September 20, 2010. Give this slip to your server and 15% of your dinner bill will be donated to the Library Foundation.

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).

Bidding Fond Farewells



On June 15, Patricia Roberts retired from the Library Board after 15 years of dedicated service. Elected in 1995, Trustee Roberts held many important leadership roles on the Board, including two years as President. She was instrumental in enhancing the Library's building and grounds and in promoting such innovations as The BookEnds Café and the Public Art Gallery.

On June 29, Al Krueger retired after 30 years of serving as a guard for the library. In addition to helping maintain order among the book stacks and making sure that all patrons and staff were safe and secure, Al was quick with a smile and a playful quip. His calm presence and longterm dedication were an asset to this organization.



View a selection of upcoming popular fiction at our web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

*** Spotlight On: Playaways ***
The library has a growing collection of more than 300 playaways in the Audio Visual Department. If you enjoy listening to audio books and are looking for a compact, highly portable option, try a playaway. An entire book is contained in a small device no larger than a deck of cards. Users must provide their own headphones.

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Library Closings Notice
✓ Sunday & Monday, September 5 & 6 for the observance of Labor Day
✓ Friday & Saturday, September 10 & 11 for staff training & special projects

Sunday Hours Are Back!
Starting on September 19 from 1-5 p.m.



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.

Fabulous Fall Bus Trip

The Friends of the Library schedule and implement bus trips to local attractions throughout the year.

✓ **Italian Sweet Gold** -- Monday, October 25. This full day starts at the "Gold" exhibit at the Field Museum, which features the story behind this cherished metal. From there, enjoy a delicious lunch at Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant. Then, take a guided bus tour of Chicago's famous Gold Coast with a docent and stop at a Garrett Popcorn Shop to purchase some yummy treats. Departs: 8:45 a.m. Returns: 3:45 p.m. Cost: \$73 for Friends members and \$78 for others. In-person registration: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, September 25.

✓ **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

The Friends sponsor two discussion groups that meet September through May in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. Pick up the complete schedule in the library's lobby.

- ✓ **Short Story Group** -- 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.
Pick up at the Help Desk one month in advance
- ✓ September 8 -- **First Offense** by Evan Hunter
- ✓ October 13 -- **The Marquis and Miss Sally** by O. Henry
- ✓ **Book Group** -- 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m.
Pick up at the Circulation Desk one month in advance
- ✓ September 22 -- **Legacy** by James A. Michener
- ✓ October 27 -- **The Elephant Keeper** by C. Nicholson

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