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Please visit the Library or our website for updates to program information.

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## Tax Time!

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### Tax Forms Are Here!

We have limited copies of selected Federal and Illinois Income tax forms available on the table on the upper level, near the stairs. The Reference Department also has master copies of less commonly used forms, and forms from other years. Copies are 10¢ per page. We also have current tax guide books available for checkout, or in-library use. You can also follow the links on our web page <http://www.lansing.lib.il.us/taxes.htm> to print your own forms at home.



## Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball

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The Lansing Chamber of Commerce Krewe invites you and your krewe to the Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball on February 9, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. until Midnight! The ball will be held at Villa de Bruno located at 19825 Stony Island in Lynwood, IL.

Cost is \$60 per person. **Purchase your tickets from the Chamber of Commerce by January 26, 2007.** Masquerade costumes and masks strongly encouraged. Cocktails 6:30, Dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Lansing Chamber of Commerce at 3403 Lake Street, Lansing, IL. (708) 474-4170. People are still talking about last year's speakeasy, you don't want to miss this party!  
*Let the good times roll!*

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## Dedication

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### Book Sale Room Dedication

The dedication ceremony of the Winifred "Winnie" Edwards-Gaetze Book Sale Room will take place in the foyer of the Lansing Historical Society on Wednesday evening, February 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

### Closed

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We will be closed Friday, March 30, 2007 for staff training.

### IM us!

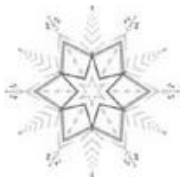
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(youth & teen desk)

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## Adult Programs & Services



A warm welcome to the library's **Winter Reading Program** for adults, January 16

through March 12. Win prizes just by reading books! The more time you spend reading, the more chances you have to win! Fill out an entry form for every book you read or audiobook you listen to. Each week there will be a drawing for prizes. All entries are eligible for the grand prize drawing on March 12. **The first 50 patrons to sign up receive a gift!**



Rebecca Hunter will discuss **Sears Houses & Mail Order Homes**

February 1 at 6:30 p.m. Learn about the history of mail order homes in the US from 1906-1945, how to authenticate mail order homes and more!

*Sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council.*

In 1888 in London's East End there were a series of unsolved murders, and the identity of Jack the Ripper has remained a mystery.



**Linda Putnam** will discuss **Jack the Ripper**, from a CSI point of view Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Local author and historian Cynthia L. Ogorek is fascinated by the stories of Midwestern women who've made it to the White House. This is the first in a four-part series that showcases all fourteen First Ladies from the Midwest. Join us March 8 at 6:30 p.m. for Part One: Lou Henry Hoover, Bess Truman and Mary Todd Lincoln!



Join us for **free movies** in the Community Room!



February 9 at 10:30 a.m.  
***Romantic Mexico: Acapulco & Puerto Vallarta***

50 minutes. Join us as we visit Acapulco, the Riviera of the West and the charming fishing village of Puerto Vallarta.

February 23 at 10:30 a.m.

***In Love With Paris***

50 minutes. Join us on our journey of the famous sites of Paris.

March 9 at 10:30 a.m.

***Canada By Rail***

84 minutes. All aboard! Our train adventure begins in Toronto, then we travel to Winnipeg, Edmonton, and ends in Vancouver and the Pacific Ocean.

March 23 at 10:30 a.m.

***The Rockies By Rail***

55 minutes. Climb aboard the American Orient Express for an unforgettable train adventure through the heart of the West.

### Save the date!

Don Lundquist will read poetry from his book *At Least He Shuts Up When He Writes* April 19 at 6:30 p.m.



Richard Lindberg, #1 White Sox Fan presents **Total White Sox: A Look Back and a Preview of the Season Ahead.**

Richard Lindberg is a lifelong Chicagoan, an author, journalist and research historian who has written and published eleven books dealing with aspects of city history, politics, criminal justice, sports and ethnicity. April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

*Register for Adult Programs at the Adult Services Desk, call 474-2447, ext. 122.*

*email [adult@lansing.lib.il.us](mailto:adult@lansing.lib.il.us) or IM AskLPLRead*



### Wanted!

Do you have an interesting collection of an educational, recreational, civic, or cultural nature? Would you like to show your collection in our display cases? Contact the Adult Services Dept. to schedule your display!  
(708) 474-2447 ext. 122.

# Adult Programs & Services

## Book Discussions

**Feb. 6** (10:30 a.m.) and

**Feb. 7** (6:30 p.m.) —

*Evening Class* by Maeve Binchy.

Students from all walks of life come together in an “Introduction to Italian” class. Latin teacher Aidan Dunne, bank clerk Bill, streetwise Lou, teenage Kathy, and mousy Fiona all come together under Signora’s instruction to learn a little about Italian and learn a lot more about themselves.

**Feb. 27** — *Dreaming of the Bones*

by Deborah Crombie 11:30 a.m.

Scotland Yard Superintendent Duncan Kincaid’s ex-wife has asked him to investigate the possible murder of a 1960’s poet. While doing so, he uncovers layers of secrets, lies, and murders spanning decades.

**March 6** (10:30 a.m.) and

**March 7** (6:30 p.m.) —

*Losing Julia* by Jonathon Hull.

From the battlefields of World War I to a present day nursing home, Patrick Delaney describes his longtime love for Julia, the wife of his best friend, Daniel, as he meets her as a young widow at a memorial service at Verdun, France, through their brief time together, to their ultimate separation and its impact on his life.

**March 27** — *The Celtic Riddle*

by Lyn Hamilton 11:30 a.m.

Toronto antiques dealer and amateur sleuth, Laura McClinton, accompanies a co-worker to Ireland for the reading of a will of an eccentric businessman, who gives his family clues from an ancient Celtic poem that will lead to great treasure. The treasure hunt turns deadly and Lara can’t resist the opportunity to try and catch the killer.

**Discussions are always open to new members!**

**Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.**



The popular knitting & crochet circle “**Purls of Wisdom**” meets in the Community Room.

Bring your own supplies.

Anyone age 10 or older is welcome to attend!

**Beginners are welcome**

and the group will be happy to teach you how to knit, crochet, or how to read a pattern.

Need help?

We’ll be happy to answer your questions!

**Fridays**

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

February 2

February 16

March 2

March 16

**Wednesdays**

**6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

February 14

(in the Conference Room)

February 28

(in the Conference Room)

March 14

March 28



## Are you ready for March 11?

Visit our website for important information on updating your computer for the upcoming changes in Daylight Savings Time. Update your computer before March 11 to be ready!

<http://lansinglibraryweb.blogspot.com/2006/12/2007-brings-changes-in-daylight.html>

## Computer Classes

\$5 refundable deposit required. Register at the Adult Services Desk. Walk-ins are welcome on day of class if space permits. Limit 6 students per class.

**Classes with less than 3 people registered will be cancelled.**

Open to adults of any age, senior citizens welcome!

Each class is hands-on, register for individual topics that interest **you!** Topics are repeated approx. every 6-12 weeks.

## Mouse

Learn the basics of using the mouse. Perfect for the beginner or those who need more mouse practice. Mouse skills are required for all other classes. Friday, Feb. 2 @ 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 @ 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 16 @ 9:30 a.m.

## Microsoft Word

Learn the basics of getting started with Microsoft Word. We will edit a document, use spell-check, create a new document, learn how to change

our type style and sizes, add page numbers, try some cool shortcuts, and preview our finished product!

Mouse skills required.

Friday, Feb. 9 @ 9:30 a.m.

## Internet I: Search Engines

Learn the basics of using search engines like Google, Yahoo, Ask, and Dogpile to locate information on the World Wide Web. Learn how to evaluate the quality of the information you find on the Internet too!

Mouse skills required.

Friday, Feb. 16 @ 9:30 a.m.

## Yahoo E-Mail

Learn the basics of setting up a free e-mail account on Yahoo, sending and receiving e-mail. No home computer needed.

Many users check their e-mail at the library! Mouse skills required.

Friday, Feb. 23 @ 9:30 a.m.

## Catalog I

Learn the basics of searching our library catalog, placing requests and renewing your own items! Mouse skills required.

Friday, March 2 @ 9:30 a.m.

## Finding Your Next Great Read with NoveList

Do you enjoy reading fiction?

We have a cool tool to help you find books you may like, based on similar authors, or topics!

NoveList is searchable by topics or you can find authors similar to one of your favorites!

Do you have a small book discussion group with friends, and struggle to find discussion questions? NoveList is loaded with discussion questions, author background information and more! Mouse skills required. Saturday, March 31 @ 10:00 a.m.

## Internet II: Trusted Websites

Are you frustrated with the overwhelming list of results you get from a search engine? How do you know which websites are good? Learn about some trusted websites with links to quality information for school, personal research, or just for fun!

Mouse skills required.

Friday, April 6 @ 9:30 a.m.

## Using the Library From Home

Designed for the patron who has a home computer & Internet connection. Learn about all the library services you can use from your home computer, 24 hours a day! *For intermediate users.*

Mouse skills & a familiarity with the Internet required.

Friday, March 9 @ 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

*Register for Computer Classes at the Adult Services Desk*

Upcoming classes in April include: *Mom & Me Catalog*, *Writing Your Résumé in Word*, *Internet III: Finding Articles* Save the date for the **slide-lecture** *Technology Trends: Web Tools & Staying Connected* Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m.



**Time to Vote!**

So, which Abe's your fave? Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to vote if they have read or listened to 4 of the Abraham Lincoln nominated titles. Vote at the Teen Desk anytime before Feb. 23. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to vote for the Caudill if they have read or listened to 3 of the nominated titles. **Ask about voting for the Caudill at your local school.**

*Homeschooled students may vote for Caudill Awards at the Youth Reference Desk before Feb. 23.*

**Winter Reading Program**

Readers in grades 6-8 can still sign up for our Chicago Wolves Winter Reading Program and win great prizes, like tickets to a Wolves hockey game! Sign up before February 24, 2007.

Come meet a **Chicago Wolves Hockey Player**

Tues., Feb. 13 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.



**Life Without Technology?!**

What would your life be like without technology—without computers, telephones, cameras and more? Tell us—or show us! Enter our Teen Tech Week (TTW) contest, “Life Without Technology” and you could win! 6-12 graders are invited to submit an entry—it can be an essay, a photo story, a comic, a video, etc. telling what they think life would be like without technology. During TTW everyone can vote for the winner through our website!

Pick up an entry form at the Teen Desk. Entries accepted February 1st-24th.

**Anti V-Day Party!**

Wed., February 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Not into Valentine's Day? Join us for our Anti V-Day party in the Community Room! We'll have snacks, a movie, great *non-romance* books and more...ask for details at the Teen Desk.

**Poetry Contest** Entries accepted March 1-31. Authors in grades 6-12 are invited to submit their original poetry for a chance to be published in LPL's poetry 'zine *Random Inklings*. You could also win some great prizes too! Pick up an entry form at the Teen Desk. Mark your calendar for the **Teen Poetry Café** on April 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Great Games!**

Join us for a morning of video games, board games and more! March 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. *No sign-up required.*



**Teen Tech Week**

March 5-10 We're celebrating Teen Tech Week for the first time, and you can help! Visit [www.lansing.lib.il.us](http://www.lansing.lib.il.us) and place your vote for the best entry in our “Life Without Technology” contest. Then check out our display of great teen reads where technology plays a critical role, whether it's gaming technology, medical technology or more!



**Guess the Lincolns** – Stop by the Teen Desk and check out our penny jar! You could win this massive jar of pennies...

read any Lincoln book and then fill out your entry at the Teen Desk! *Grades 9-12 only.* Contest runs through February 28, 2007. You can enter once for each Lincoln book read!

**Teen Book Chat**

Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Join us for our Adventure book chat!



Bring your favorite tales of adventure to share, come and hear about some new books you may have missed, or read our pick of the month *Downriver* by Will Hobbs and talk about it!

Upcoming meetings of the **Teen Advisory Board**, or TAB are on

Mondays: February 19 & March 19 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Drop in and tell us what you think about the library!



**Ongoing:**

**Avatar** deadlines: the 20th of each month. Ask for details at the Teen Desk. Essays, photos and drawings are all accepted!

**VolunTeens**

Interested in helping out at your library?



Ask for an application for our VolunTeen program at the Teen Desk!

*For more information, visit the Teen Dept., call 474-2447, ext. 119. or send an IM to AskLPLTeen*

## Youth Programs & Services (Birth-grade 5)

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### February is Voting Month!

Readers in grades K-3 are encouraged to vote for their favorite of this year's Monarch Award nominees! Students are eligible to vote for the Monarch if they have read or listened to 5 of the nominated titles.

The Rebecca Caudill Award, a student choice award for readers in grades 4-8 is about to be chosen! Students are eligible to vote for the Caudill if they have read or listened to 3 of the nominated titles. **Ask about voting for the Monarch or Caudill at your local school.**

*Homeschooled students may vote for Monarch & Caudill Awards at the Youth Reference Desk before Feb. 23.*

### Winter Reading Program

Readers in grades K-8 can still sign up for our Chicago Wolves

Winter Reading Program and win great prizes, like tickets to a Wolves hockey game! Stop by the Youth Ref. Desk to sign up before February 24, 2007.

### Chicago Wolves Hockey Player @ Lansing Library!



All Winter Reading Program participants are welcome to join us in the Community Room to meet a player from the Chicago Wolves! Autographs will follow at the end of the program. *No sign-up required.* Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **Bring your camera!**

### African Dancing, Drumming and Traditions

In honor of February being Black History Month, "African Dancing, Drumming and Traditions" is coming to Lansing Public Library!

Join Kidworks Touring Theatre Co. as they travel through the continent of Africa...come speak Swahili, dress in a headwrap, play games from the Congo, learn West African dance, do the Limbo, play the Djembe drum and act out an African Wedding Ceremony. **Space is limited for this hands-on workshop to 25 participants.** Students in grades 1-5 can **win a chance to participate** simply by stopping by the Youth Reference Desk anytime between February 1 and February 20, 2007. 25 names will be pulled in a raffle for the chance to attend the program. Good luck! Wed., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

### Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Celebrate **two** special events with us on Monday, March 5—Dr. Seuss' 104th birthday and the Cat in the Hat's 50th birthday! We'll have games, activities and lots of fun, especially designed for readers between the ages of 2 and 6! Come and go anytime March 5th between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. *No sign-up required.*

## Youth Story Times

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All story times begin the week of January 22 and are held once a week until March 1, 2007.

### Baby Talk

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

(Birth-12 months with caregiver)

Mondays at 11:15 a.m.

(13 to 24 months with caregiver)

**\*NEW!** Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.

(13 to 24 months with caregiver)

Sign-up is required; sign-up begins January 8th.

### Toddler Time (24-36 months with caregiver)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

**\*NEW!** Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

Sign-up is required; sign-up begins January 8th.

### Pre-school Story time

*No sign-up required.*

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

(3, 4 and 5 year olds)

Sign-up for the March 19-April 26 sessions will begin Monday, March 5, 2007

**Visit our blog for all the latest news, book reviews and more!**  
<http://lansinglibraryyouth.blogspot.com/>

*For more information, visit the Youth Services Department, call 474-2447. or send an IM to AskLPLTeen*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>February 2007</i>			Voting for Monarch, Caudill & Lincoln Awards	February 1 Mail Order Houses 6:30 Teen Life Without Technology Begins	2 Knit/Crochet 10:30	3 Book Sale 9-12
4	5	6 Avid Reads 10:30	7 Avid Reads 6:30	8	9 Mardi Gras Ball Movie: Mexico & Acapulco 10:30	10
11	12	13 Chicago Wolves Player 6-7 p.m.	14 Anti V-Day 5:30 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Book Sale Room Dedication 6:30	15	16 Knit/Crochet 10:30	17
18	19 TAB 5:00	20 Avatar Deadline	21	22 Jack the Ripper & CSI 6:30	23 Voting Deadline: Youth Book Awards Movie: Paris 10:30	24 Teen "Life Without Technology" Deadline
25	26	27 Lunchtime Sleuths 11:30	28 Knit/Crochet 6:00 African Dancing, Drumming 6:30	Please check the newsletter for ages and registration requirements.		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>March 2007</i>				March 1 <b>Storytimes end Teen Poetry Contest</b>	2 Knit/Crochet 10:30	3 Book Sale 9-12
4 Teen Tech Week!	5 <b>Storytime sign-up</b> Great Games 10-1 Dr. Seuss 6-7:30	6 Avid Reads 10:30	7 Avid Reads 6:30	8 First Ladies from the Midwest, Part One 6:30	9 Movie: Canada by Rail 10:30	10
11	12 Friends Meet 6:30 <b>Adult Winter Reading Ends</b>	13	14 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Teen Adventure Book Disc. 7:00	15	16 Knit/Crochet 10:30	17
18	19 <b>Storytimes start</b> TAB 5:00	20 Avatar Deadline	21	22	23 Movie: Rockies by Rail 10:30	24
25	26	27 Lunchtime Sleuths 11:30	28 Knit/Crochet 6:00	29	30 <b>Library Closed</b>	31 <b>Teen Poetry Contest Deadline</b>

## News You Can Use!

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### Grant News

Lansing Public library is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$12,500 state grant to improve accessibility by the handicapped. A requirement of the grant is that funding is matched by the library. The Friends of Lansing Library has graciously approved about \$8000 for the project! Thank you Friends!

Funds will be used to install **automated push-button doors** making it easier for the handicapped and elderly to enter and exit the building.

Funds will also be used to provide greater accessibility in the Adult Circulation and Reference Departments. The Adult Circulation Desk will be replaced, and the Reference Desk will be remodeled to include a lower accessible section.

Work on these projects will begin this spring, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make these improvements to serve our patrons better!

This is the third grant the library has received this year from the State Library.

### English as a Second Language and Literacy Tutors

Several volunteers attended training offered by South Area Literacy Council. If you would like to work with a tutor, contact Patti Baker in the Youth Services Department and the South Area Literacy Council will make arrangements.

If you know someone who could benefit from tutoring, please tell them about this opportunity!

### Learning Express

Are you studying for a standardized test? Try our Learning Express Practice Tests available on the library computers or from home! Your library card is the key to practice tests for ASVAB, ACT, SAT, nursing, police, fire, EMT tests. Other tests also include cosmetology, teacher certification, citizenship, TOEFL, and skills practice for math, and English. See the entire list available when you login!

<http://www.lansing.lib.il.us/Learnatest.htm>

### LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Fax: 708-474-9466

Adult Services & Homebound, Ext. 122  
Reference Services & InterLibrary Loan, Ext. 109  
Teen Desk, Ext. 119  
Youth Reference, Ext. 112

*Check us out!*

Library Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

## Friends of Lansing Library

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Upcoming Meetings:  
**Election of Officers & Meeting**  
Monday, March 12

Meeting  
Monday, May 14  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

We need your help!  
Show your appreciation for the library and volunteer with Friends!

**Renew your Friends membership for \$5 in March!**

**Book Sales**  
*Members Only*  
9 a.m.-10 a.m.

General Public  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3  
Saturday, March 3  
Saturday, April 7  
Saturday, May 12

*Sales are cash only.*

[ We're on the web!  
[www.lansing.lib.il.us](http://www.lansing.lib.il.us) ]