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From the Director's Desk

I would like to make you all aware that the political wrangling going on in Springfield is having immediate consequences on the operation of your library. As I'm sure you've noticed, the Cook County tax bills have not been mailed. The Assessor's office says they cannot calculate tax bills until the legislature decides whether they are going to extend the 7% tax cap on residential property in Cook County. Legislators will tell you that the Assessor's office is choosing not to send the bills. What really matters is that this important process is being held hostage while our elected officials fight amongst themselves.

The renewal of this bill (HB664) was included in the budget finally submitted to the governor on August 23rd. The governor used his amendatory veto powers and vetoed 463 million dollars in expenditures including the renewal of this bill. The Governor has proposed his own version that would make the tax cut permanent. The House has overridden his veto on October 2nd and now the matter goes to the State Senate.

In the meantime tax bills have not been sent and no operating money is going to your library or your Village to carry on our day-to-day operations. Simply stated, we are not receiving the dollars to which we are entitled.

What does this all mean? It means the library will probably have to borrow money so we can keep our doors open. We cannot wait until our legislators stop fighting and focus on serving the people of this State. In all likelihood we will have to expend funds earmarked for other things to pay interest on money we should not have to borrow.

We will only be purchasing minimal materials and cutting programming not already paid for until we receive our tax funds. We apologize for any inconvenience and we will try to get materials for you from other libraries. Be aware that many other libraries, school districts and municipal governments in Cook County may be facing the same issue.

If you would like to express your opinion to your State legislators and the Governor, here is the link that will give you contact information. www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/AddressSearch.aspx
Or stop at any one of our service desks and we will be happy to help you with this information.

We look forward to serving you with all your library needs. We thank you for your support of your library.
Debbie Albrecht, Director

Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving Holiday:
Closing at 5 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 21, 2007.
Closed Thursday,
November 22, 2007

Christmas Holidays:
Closed Monday,
Dec. 24 & Tuesday,
Dec. 25, 2007.

New Year's Holidays:
Closing at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 31, 2007.
Closed Tuesday,
January 1, 2008.

Martin Luther King Day: Closed
Monday, Jan. 21, 2008
for M. L. King Jr. Day.

Hours

Library Hours:

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

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Adult Programs & Services

Book Discussions

November 6 (10:30 a.m.) and

November 7 (6:30 p.m.) —

The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean

It is 1941. The Nazis are about to lay siege to Leningrad, and the city's residents take refuge in the Hermitage museum. There we meet Marina, a young museum worker whose story moves between Russia in World War II and the present, where she is about to attend her granddaughter's wedding in Seattle. The modern-day Marina has Alzheimer's disease and is lost in the memories of her past.

November 20 — *The Virgin of Small Plains*
by Nancy Pickard 11:00 a.m.

Seventeen years ago the body of a teenage murder victim was found in a pasture in Small Plains, Kansas and Mitch Newquist, who mysteriously left town the day after the body was found, has returned to Small Plains threatening to bring old secrets to light.

December 4 (10:30 a.m.) and

December 5 (6:30 p.m.) —

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin.

Sixteen interesting and bizarre characters, who live in a mysterious apartment building, compete to become heir to the Westing millions.

December 17 — No Mystery discussion in December, pick up the selection for January.

January 7 — No Avid Reads discussion in January, pick up the selection for Feb. 5 & 6.

January 15 — *The Unbidden Truth*
by Kate Wilhelm 11:00 a.m.

Attorney, Barbara Holloway, is asked to defend Carol Fredricks, a young pianist, who stands accused of murdering the manager of a piano bar. Carol can't remember a huge part of her past and ruthless foes will stop at nothing to keep the past buried. Barbara is determined to get at the truth and keep her client safe.

**Discussions are always open to new members!
Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.**

It's Movie Time!



Friday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Flags of Our Fathers 132 minutes.

Lansing Public Library presents a movie about the five Marines and one Navy corpsman who raised the American flag at the battle of Iwo Jima.

Friday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Washington, D.C. 60 minutes.

Discover the past, present, and future of our great nation!

Friday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.

A Christmas Story 95 minutes.

Lansing Public Library presents a comedy about a young boy (Ralphie) who tries to convince his concerned parents to buy him a Red Ryder Air Rifle for Christmas.

Friday, December 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Cape Cod and the Islands 45 minutes.

Join us as we visit Cape Cod, the Islands of Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket.

Friday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m.

The Copper Canyon 54 minutes.

This rail journey in restored passenger cars of the 1940's and 50's takes us through Mexico's extraordinary landscape with the Copper Canyon, 4 times the size of the Grand Canyon, as the highlight of the trip.

Friday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Experience Utah 60 minutes.

Travel through snow capped mountains, desert canyons, historical sites, and 13 National Parks and monuments.

Historical Society Trees

View over 30 trees decorated to represent nations from all over the world! For info (708) 474-6160 The exhibit will be open selected hours November 26 through Dec. 29. To schedule a group tour, contact Therese at 895-0707.

Exhibit Hours:

Mondays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursdays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.





Join us in the Community Room Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2:00 p.m. for a **demonstration of Ancestry and Heritage Quest!** Learn how to search for genealogy records! **Registration is encouraged.** Register on our website or call the Adult Services Dept. (708) 474-2447 ext. 122
No deposit required.

Lansing Public Library is pleased to announce that they have added access to *Ancestry Library Edition* and *Heritage Quest* for library users. *Ancestry* can only be used in the library while *Heritage Quest* can be used in the library and through the library website at <http://www.lansing.lib.il.us/genealogy.html> A valid Lansing public library card is required for remote access.

 **ancestry** library edition

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

These online resources are used to research your family tree and genealogy. **Ancestry** accesses thousands of databases including the US Census through 1930, historic newspapers, directories, membership lists, birth and death records, and many other government files of historic interest.

Many of the searches will lead you to original historic documents that can be printed.

Who will you find?

Heritage Quest is a companion product that has some overlap with census coverage, but includes texts of family histories, periodical articles, Revolutionary War records, the Freedman's Bank (serving African American researchers) and other legal documents.

The library has prepared a booklet listing the various genealogical handbooks and resources at the library, as well as how to contact other agencies in the area that specialize in genealogy research. Ask for your copy at the Reference Desk!

Stop in and try these new genealogy tools, and come to the demonstration to learn the tips and tricks for using them effectively!

Treasured Titles

Lansing Public Library would like to recognize recent donations to the library collection. Thank you!

Donated in memory of John Southard

Donated by Howard E. and Dorothy M. McConathy and Patricia L. De Wier: *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones, *Songs Without Words* by Ann Packer;
Donated by Desiree A. and Kurt P. Christopher: *Classic Cowboy Stories*, *Family Acts* by Louise Shaffer;
Donated by Richard M. and Carolyn Teibel: *Away* by Amy Bloom, *Best Stories of the American West*, *Lone Star Rising* by Elmer Kelton, *Stealing Lumby* by Gail Fraser;

Donated by Mary Max: *Big Bamboo* (large print) by Tim Dorsey, *Hurricane Punch* (large print) by Tim Dorsey;
Donated by Alpha Construction Company: *Bone Garden* (large print) by Tess Gerritsen, *Deeper Sleep* (large print) by Dana Stabenow, *Force of Nature* (large print) by Suzanne Brockmann, *Magic City* (large print) by James W. Hall, *Playing for Pizza* (large print) by John Grisham, *Wheel of Darkness* (large print) by Douglas J. Preston.

Donated in memory of John Southard & Ted P. Nimie

Donated by Mary N. Kelley: *Good Guy* (large print) by Dean Koontz, *Obsession* (large print) by Jonathon

Kellerman, *Slipknot* (large print) by Linda Greenlaw, *Wedding Officer* (large print) by Anthony Capella.

Donated by Lansing Woman's Club: *Backstage with Julia* by Nancy Verde Barr, *The Book as Art* by Krystyna Wasserman, *The Magic of Monet's Garden* by Derek Fell, *Midwest Home Landscaping* by Roger Holmes, *Parklands of the Midwest* by Dan Kaercher

If you would like to make a donation to the library, please contact the Adult Services Dept. or call 474-2447, ext. 122



Registration for the Winter computer workshops begins Saturday, December 1, 2007. Workshops will be offered again in the spring too. Registration for the Spring computer workshops will begin Friday, February 1, 2008. Workshops fill quickly, so be sure to register early!

Computer Workshops & Labs
\$5 refundable deposit required for each workshop or lab. Register at the Adult Services Desk. Limit 6 students per workshop.
Workshops with less than 3 people registered will be cancelled. Open to adults of any age, senior citizens welcome! Each workshop is hands-on, and designed for beginners.

Which Workshop Should I Take?
We recommend these workshops in order. **All workshops are for beginners.** For intermediate or advanced topics, please check with the local community college.

1. Introduction to Mouse Lab
2. Internet 1:
Introduction to the Internet
3. Internet 2:
Using Search Engines
4. Microsoft Word Lab
5. Microsoft Excel Lab

Introduction to Mouse Lab
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.** Work at your own pace. The tutorial takes most new users between 1 and 1.5 hours.

Mouse Lab (description cont'd)
Hands-on tutorial will include:

- Learning how to use a mouse
- Hands-on mouse practice
- Staff to answer questions encountered during the tutorial.

Registration begins Dec. 1st.
Saturday, Dec. 22 @ 10:00 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 25 @ 9:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 29 @ 1:30 p.m.

**Internet 1:
Introduction to the Internet**
Learn time saving tricks to find quality information on the web!
Prerequisite: Mouse Skills.
Class is approx. 1.5-2 hours.

Hand-on workshop will include:

- Introduction to the Internet
- Exploring trusted websites
- Finding full text of articles from magazines and journals such as *Consumer Reports*... for free!
- Finding old *Chicago Tribune* newspaper headlines.

Saturday, Jan. 5 @ 10:00 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 18 @ 9:30 a.m.
Registration begins Dec. 1st.

**Internet 2:
Using Search Engines**
Learn how to surf the web!
Prerequisite: Mouse Skills.
Class is approx. 1.5-2 hours.

Hand-on workshop will include:

- How to use search engines to find information on the Internet
- Internet searching techniques
- How to evaluate the quality of information on the Internet
- Library resources vs. Internet

Friday, Feb. 1 @ 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 9 @ 10:00 a.m.
Registration begins Dec. 1st.

Microsoft Word 2000 Lab
Learn to use Microsoft Word to do basic word processing tasks such as writing a report or letter.
Prerequisite: Mouse Skills.
Work at your own pace. Room is scheduled for 90 minutes.

Lab will include:

- Work at your own pace using the "Creating Résumés, Letters, Business Cards & Flyers in Word" workbook.
- Beginning users start at the beginning of the workbook with the basics of Word. Intermediate users can skip ahead in the workbook to new topics.
- Staff to answer basic Microsoft Word questions

Friday, Dec. 28 @ 9:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 15 @ 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23 @ 10:00 a.m.
Registration begins Dec. 1st.

Microsoft Excel 2000 Lab
Learn to use Microsoft Excel to do basic spreadsheets and charts.
Prerequisite: Mouse Skills.
Work at your own pace. Room is scheduled for 90 minutes.

Lab will include:

- Work at your own pace using the "Creating Spreadsheets and Charts in Excel" workbook.
- Beginning users start at the beginning of the workbook with the basics of Excel. Intermediate users can skip ahead in the workbook to new topics.
- Staff to answer basic Microsoft Excel questions

Friday, Jan. 11 @ 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23 @ 1:30 p.m.
Registration begins Dec. 1st.

Teen **Teen Scene** (6th-12th Grades)

Ongoing Events:

Avatar deadlines: Nov. 20, Jan. 19

TAB Meetings: Thursdays: Nov. 15, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17 at 4 p.m.



Homework Help

[through grade 8]

If you need some help with your homework, this is the place!

Homework Help is available from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays when school is in session. Our tutor is a student at Fox College who is donating her time for this program. Thanks Miss Bethany!



Winter Reading Program

[through grade 8] Program runs from Oct. 29 to January 31, 2008. During our winter reading program you can win great prizes donated by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team and by the DePaul Blue Demons Basketball Teams! Sign up for our winter reading program at the Youth Reference Desk.



Knitting Knots

[Grades 5-9]

Wednesday, November 7 through Wednesday,

December 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you need help with a knitting project, come to a Knitting Knots afternoon! Bring your yarn and needles and Miss Patti will help you get your knotty knitting all straightened out!

Science Project Strategies

Tues., November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to find ideas for projects, how to research using library materials, ways the Internet can help with your project, and much, much more! Both parents and students are welcome to attend.

Registration is encouraged.

Register on our website or call the Youth & Teen Services Dept.



Teen Photo Contest

[Grades 6-12]

Enter your best photo in our Teen Photo Contest! You could win a \$30 gift card to Best Buy. The photo must be one you personally have taken; submit it to the Teen Desk between Dec. 1st and January 5th. The photos will be hung in the library and posted online for public voting January 14th through January 31st. Ask for complete rules and details at the Teen Desk.



Great Games!

Wednesday, December 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

[Grades 1 and up]

Come play DDR, Super Smash Brothers, or some classic board games at our open gaming afternoon!

Movie Matinee

Thursday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m.

All ages. Join us for a showing of *Mary Poppins!*



Visit our blog for all the latest news and more! <http://lansinglibraryteen.blogspot.com>

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

Caudill Book Group

[Grades 4-8 welcome.]
Monday, January 7, 2008
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan, first in the Ranger's Apprentice Series and a Caudill Nominee! **Sign up for this program begins December 10; register and pick up the book at the Teen Desk.**



Teen Book Group

[Grades 9-12 welcome.]

Thursday, January 10, 2008

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



We're talking about *The Body of Christopher Creed* by Carol Plum-Ucci, a Read For A Lifetime title. **Sign up for this program begins December 10; register and pick up the book at the Teen Desk.**



Teen Photo Contest Voting!

January 14 to January 31, 2008

View entries in our teen photo contest online or in the library and place your vote for the winner!

All ages welcome to vote!

Did You Know...? Highlights of Library Services



Just the Fax!

Do you need to send a fax?

Lansing Public Library will provide outgoing fax service to our patrons. We are unable to handle incoming faxes.

The patron at their expense must do any copying of materials to be faxed (i.e., 2 sided documents must be converted to one-sided documents).

The library will provide a free cover sheet that must be used with all faxes. The first 5 pages of materials will be faxed at no charge (the cover sheet does not count). 6 or more pages of material will be faxed at the total cost of \$1.00

Lansing Public Library is not responsible for content, or failure of fax arrival. Patrons are advised to check with the intended recipient to verify receipt of information.

Borrower Records & Notices

Did you know you can renew your items online? It's easy! All the information is available on our website at <http://www.lansing.lib.il.us/renew.html>



Did you know you can place your own requests for items online? We've got a tutorial posted on our website at <http://tinyurl.com/37uym2> You can place requests on books, music, movies and more!

Addicted to your e-mail? Sign-up to receive your hold and overdue notices in your e-mail! Watch the tutorial to learn how! <http://tinyurl.com/2mrnqt>



Need a reminder BEFORE those items are due? You can sign-up for Library Elf! Library Elf is a third-party company you can register with to receive e-mail notices before your items are due.

Visit <http://www.libraryelf.com/> to learn more, or visit <http://tinyurl.com/338dgm> to sign up for free.



InterLibrary Loan (ILL)

Do you need an item we do not own?

As a full member of the Metropolitan Library System (MLS) the Lansing Public Library cooperates with the other libraries in the area, allowing us to borrow items from other libraries to fulfill your requests.

Reference staff will be happy to order the items you wish to borrow from another library.

How does this work?

- Items will be delivered to Lansing Public Library.
- You will be notified by phone when the item is available for pickup.
- Requested items can only be checked out by the requesting borrower.
- Standard overdue fees apply.
- Patrons return items to Lansing Public Library and we arrange for it to return to the owning library.

Requesting Items in SWAN

Lansing cardholders cannot place their own requests in SWAN. Reference Staff will be happy to assist you! Contact the Reference Desk (in person, by phone (708) 474-2447 ext. 109, email or Instant Message) We will need your name, phone number, library card barcode, and information about the item: author, title, ISBN and format (book, large print book, audiobook cassette, audiobook CD, DVD, etc.)

You will be contacted by phone when the item has arrived. Requested items can only be checked out by the requesting borrower.

It may be flu season, but this kind of "ILL" is a wonderful thing!

Movies, Movies, Movies & TV!

Have you checked out one of our DVDs?

Feature films are only \$1.00 for 3 days! Bonus: check one out on Thursday, and it's not due back until Monday! We also have television series on DVD, so you can stay in on a cold winter day and catch up on *Grey's Anatomy*, *24*, *Lost*, *Monk*, *Heroes* and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Oct 29 Youth & Teen Winter Reading Begins	Oct 30	Oct 31	1 Know Your Mortgage 6:30	2 Knit/Crochet 10:30	3 Book Sale 9-1
4	5 Storytimes begin (regist. required) Autism 10:00	6 Book Discussion 10:30	7 Knitting Knots 4:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Book Disc. 6:30	8 12 Stages of Healthy Courtship 6:30	9 Movie: Flags of Our Fathers 10:30	10
11 Children's Book Week	12 Friends Meet 6:30	13 Science Project Strategies 6:30	14 Knitting Knots 4:00 Celebrate Children's Book Week 7:00	TAB 4:00 15 Value of College & Reality of Paying For It 6:30	16 Knit/Crochet 10:30	17 <i>Internet 2 10:00</i>
18	19 Autism Support Group 10:00	20 Homeschooling Huddle 9:00 Book Disc. 11:00 Avatar Deadline	21 Open 9:00-5:00	22 Library Closed	23 Knit/Crochet 10:30 Family Fun 1-3	24
25	26 Historical Society Tree Display Opens 6:30	27	28 Knitting Knots 4:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00	29	30 Movie: Washington, D.C. 10:30	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Please check the newsletter for ages and registration requirements.				Register for Winter computer workshops begins, Dec 1st	1 Book Sale 9-1 Genealogy Demo 2:00	
2	3 Autism Support Group 10:00	4 Book Discussion 10:30	5 Knitting Knots 4:00 Book Discussion 6:30	6	7 Knit/Crochet 10:30	8 Writers SIG 10:00	
9	10	11 Homeschooling Huddle 9:00	12 Knitting Knots 4:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00	13 Storytimes end	14 Movie: A Christmas Story 10:30	15	
16	17 Pick up Book for Jan. Discussion	18	19 Knitting Knots 4:00	20 TAB 4:00	21 Knit/Crochet 10:30	22 <i>Mouse 10:00</i>	
23	24 Library Closed	25 Library Closed	26 Great Games 1-4 Knit/Crochet 6:00	27 Movie: Mary Poppins 1:00	28 Word 9:30 Movie: Cape Cod 10:30	29 Historical Society Trees-Last Day!	
30	31 Open 9:00-1:00	Please check the newsletter for ages and registration requirements.					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Library Closed	2 Snow much fun storytime 11:00	3 Take the cake 1-2:30	4 Knit/Crochet 10:30	5 \$5 fill a bag Book Sale 9-1 <i>Internet 1 10:00</i> Writers SIG 10:00
6	7 Pick up Feb. Book Discussion Caudill Book Group 6:00	8	9 Knit/Crochet 6:00	10 Teen Book Group 6:00	11 <i>Excel 9:30</i> Movie: Copper Canyon 10:30	12 Aunt Flossie's Hats 1:00
13 Teen Photo Contest Voting Begins this week!	14 Storytime sign-up Autism 10:00 Friends Meet 6:30	15 Book Discussion 11:00	16	17 TAB 4:00	18 <i>Internet 1 9:30</i> Knit/Crochet 10:30	19 Avatar Deadline
20	21 Library Closed	22 Homeschooling Huddle 9:00	23 Knit/Crochet 6:00	24	25 <i>Mouse 9:30</i> Movie: Experience Utah 10:30	26
27	28 Storytimes begin (registration required)	29	30	31 Youth & Teen Winter Reading Ends	Feb 1 Knit/Crochet 10:30 Computer Sign-up	Feb 2 Book Sale 9-1

Homebound Delivery

This is a service for adult homebound Lansing residents with a temporary hardship due to a major illness, or an ongoing need due to physical handicap or long-term illness.

You shouldn't have to sacrifice your love of reading! Items are available in regular print, large print or audiobook!

Weekly pick-ups and deliveries are also made to Buford Walker Housing.

Please contact the Adult Services Department 708-474-2447, ext. 122 for further information.

Friends of Lansing Library

Book Sales

Members Only
9 a.m.-10 a.m.

General Public
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3
Saturday, December 1

Saturday, January 5, 2008
\$5 fill-a-bag sale!
Sales are cash only.

Friends Meetings

Monday, November 12
Monday, January 14
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Friends Raffle Baskets

In November stop by the Adult Services desk and buy a \$1.00 chance to win the Holiday Raffle Basket of goodies! Super Bowl Raffle Basket to follow!

We need your help!

Show your appreciation for the library and volunteer with Friends!

Renew your Friends membership or join as a new member for \$5

Friends volunteer Tarvis Iversen will be recognized at "An Evening Of Thanks" at the Lansing Country Club on November 9, 2007. Mr. Iversen goes beyond the call of duty as a volunteer for the Friends of Lansing Public Library organization. For two straight years he has secured Prudential CARES Volunteer grants for our organization. He works many hours in our book sale room sorting and shelving donated books and other materials. His outreach to other organizations in the community promotes awareness of our group's purpose and the need for contributions, furthering our mission of supporting the Lansing Library.