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From the Director's Desk

The mission of the Lansing Public Library is to provide access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library materials and services in a variety of formats and technologies; to be responsive to the public library needs of the community and to uphold the public's freedom of access to information.

September is a busy time for many of us. A new school year begins and life is busy with many activities. The library looks forward to welcoming back the many students who visit us after school. We want this to be a good time for everyone who uses the library.

Parents and students, we ask that you help the library staff to make the library a great place for everyone in town. We expect the same respectful behavior from all of our patrons young and old. The library is usually a quiet place. Some things enable everyone to enjoy this space: voices kept low, cell phones on vibrate (you may talk on the phone in either entry area), and babies taken home when they are fussy.

The staff is here to assist you in any way we can. We are happy to help you find books, movies or music, answer a question, tell you about a program or provide access to the Internet. We ask that you help us maintain the library as a place that everyone in town looks forward to visiting.

Thank you all for helping us make the library the best place it can be!
Debbie Albrecht, Director

Friends of Lansing Library

Book Sales

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

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

Saturday, September 1
Saturday, October 6
Sales are cash only.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 10
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 or join as a new member for \$5

Special Friend

Mr. Tarvis Iversen, a very active member of Friends of Lansing Library, learned of the Prudential CARES Grant program through their newsletter and completed the application. Thanks to his efforts, the Friends received \$250 in recognition of his volunteer service!

Fish Friend

A very special thank you to Steve Kasper who donated new fish for the pond in our atrium.

Thank you!

Coming Soon!

We just signed a contract to add **genealogy research** tools Ancestry.com (in library use only) and Heritage Quest (available from home).

Our redesigned library website is coming this September as well!

Closed

Closing at 3 p.m. Sat., Sept. 1, 2007 for carpet cleaning. We will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 for Labor Day and Friday, Oct. 26, 2007 for staff training.

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



Chicago's Passenger Railroads

Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Greg Stout is the author of six books on the history of American railroads, with emphasis on passenger trains of the post-World War II era. His presentation, entitled "Chicago's Passenger Railroads" provides an historic and nostalgic look at some of the great trains that called Chicago home prior to the creation of Amtrak in 1971, as well as insights on why these trains no longer exist.

Enjoy the Sounds of the dulcimer! Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society will perform at the library.



Banned Book Week, Sept. 23-30.

Enter to win a Banned Book! Entry forms are available at the Adult Services Desk. Winners announced Oct. 1.

Homeschooling Huddle

Sept. 26. See pg. 5 for details.

Relive the fun of the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's!

Sept. 27 at 6:00 p.m. Reminisce with Steve Cooper as he presents Rare Videos & Films! Join us for a 90-minute program of rare videos and films of the finest singers and big bands from the late 1940's, 50's and 60's.



India: The Resplendent Sub-Continent

Oct 4 at 6:30 p.m. Freelance photographer/educator Paul Berg will present a lecture on his five-week journey to the Indian sub-continent. The presentation will feature Mr. Berg's gorgeous photos and will cover historic sites and cities including: Agra (The Taj Mahal), the colorful cities of Rajasthan (Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Pushkar) as well as Calcutta, Darjeeling and the remote Andaman Islands. Paul has been taking photos professionally for over 20 years, and lectures and teaches photography and related topics throughout Chicagoland. Visit his website: www.paulbergphotography.com



Walking from Madrid to Kiev
Oct 11 at 6:30 p.m. Lee Kazimir presents a slide presentation.

Town Hall Talks for Parents and Teens Oct. 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. *This tactful, informative and sensitive forum for local parents and teens is sponsored by New Leaf Resources, Inc.* Sessions are educational and supportive in nature. They are conducted by Stephen Lanterman, MSW, LCSW, ICAC II, CSAT, JD, a Christian psychotherapist with over thirty years experience working with families in the area of trauma, addictions, and mental health concerns. He will be joined by other professional

colleagues of New Leaf Resources, a Lansing based Christian Counseling Resource. Featured topic: The Internet and Online Pornography. Are parents too late to worry about how and when to tell kids about sex? Light refreshments served.

Tour Historical Chicago's Crime Scene

Oct 25 at 7:00 p.m. Chicago historian and author Richard Lindberg takes you on a tour of some of Chicago's most infamous crime locations, dating back to the days of the old South Side Levee, and recalls in visceral detail some of the noted fiends and rogues of that age; H.H. Holmes, the "Devil in the White City," his apprentice, the bigamist Johann Hoch and many others right up through contemporary times, closing with a discussion about his latest book, *Sense of Innocence: the 1955 Murders of Three Chicago Children*.



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!**

Fridays 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
September 7 & September 21
October 5 & October 19

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
September 12 & September 26
October 10 & October 24

Adult Programs & Services

Book Discussions

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

September 5 (6:30 p.m.) —

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Giver is written from the point of view of Jonas, an eleven-year-old boy living in a futuristic society that has eliminated all pain, fear, war and hatred.

September 18 — *Whispers and Lies*

by Joy Fielding 11:00 a.m. *New time!*

Terry Painter, forty, single, and a nurse, lives a quiet life in Delray, Florida. That tranquil life changes when she meets young, vibrant Alison Simms who brings her friendship and excitement. But, as Terry slowly begins to learn about Alison's mysterious past, she becomes trapped in her world of whispers & lies.

October 2 (10:30 a.m.) and

October 3 (6:30 p.m.) —

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver.

Meet Marietta Greer, clear-eyed and spirited, she grew up poor in rural Kentucky with two goals: to avoid pregnancy and to get away. She succeeds on both counts when she buys a '55 Volkswagen and embarks on a personal journey of self-discovery, leaving everything behind, including her name. When her car runs out of gas in Taylorville, Illinois, she decides that her new name will be Taylor.

October 16 — *The Grave Tattoo*

by Val McDermid 11:00 a.m.

A tattooed body found in a bog is thought to be Fletcher Christian, of the HMS Bounty, who was a good friend of William Wordsworth. Wordsworth scholar, Jane Gresham, has discovered the existence of a secret poem written by Wordsworth about what happened on the Bounty from Christian's viewpoint and must compete with sinister forces to retrieve the valuable papers.

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

It's Movie Time!



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

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

The Adirondack (Rail Journey) 54 minutes.

All aboard! Our 400 mile train adventure begins in New York City, travels through the Hudson River Valley, the Adirondacks, and ends in Montreal.

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

The Queen 103 minutes.

Helen Mirren stars in this film about the royal family's strained reaction to the death of Princess Diana and the agreement they reached regarding their private and public display of mourning.

Friday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.

New England 55 minutes.

Join us as we tour New England landmarks, explore autumn forests, and view majestic lighthouses.

Reminder for Parents

Lansing Public Library Policy

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver over the age of 16.

The child and the caregiver must remain together during the visit.

Use of the library as an after school child-care facility is not permitted. Staff who notice an obvious pattern indicating this occurring will notify the department head in charge.

Parents are reminded this is not an acceptable use of the library. The police will be called to care for children left at the library when we close.

Please remember that the library, although an enjoyable place to be, is a busy public facility, and all public places do present hazards for unsupervised children.



Computer News

Join us in the Community Room Saturday, Sept. 22 at 10:00 a.m. for a **demonstration of the new library website!** Learn how to search for items, renew online, check when your items are due, view upcoming events, and much more! **Registration is encouraged.** Register on our website or call the Adult Services Dept. *No deposit required.*

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.

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.

Friday, Sept. 28 @ 1:30 p.m.
*The Saturday, Sept. 8, 10:00 a.m.
CLASS HAS BEEN FILLED

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, Oct. 20 @ 2:00 p.m.
*The Friday, Sept. 21, 1:30 p.m.
CLASS HAS BEEN FILLED

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, Sept. 28 @ 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 17 @ 10:00 a.m.

Microsoft Word 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, Sept. 14 @ 9:30 a.m.
* The Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.
CLASS HAS BEEN FILLED

Microsoft Excel 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, Sept. 14 @ 9:30 a.m.
* The Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.
CLASS HAS BEEN FILLED



Teen Scene (6th-12th Grades)

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

Avatar deadline: Sept. 20
TAB Meeting: Sept. 20 at 4 p.m.

Science Project Strategies
September 26, 2007 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 library.

Banned Book Week
October 1-6, 2007
Treasure Your Freedom to Read

Check out any banned book during Banned Book Week and enter for your chance to win a prize in our raffle!

Jokes & Punchlines Contest
October 1-20, 2007
Pick up an unfinished joke and complete it for a chance to win!

Teen Read Week
October 15-20, 2007
Read for the Fun of It

Sock Puppet Creation Class
Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Registration required.
Create a sock puppet to take home!

TAB Meeting: Oct. 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Teen Murder Mystery Night
Oct. 18 at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. **Registration required.**

DDR Tournament
Oct. 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Play to win cool prizes.
No sign-up required.

Youth & Teen Patrons!
To celebrate **National Library Card Month** September 1-29, 2007 Sign up for or renew your library card this month only and get a special gift from us! (Birth through age 18)

Youth Programs & Services (Birth-grade 5)

Homeschooling Huddle
Thursday, September 20, 2007
9:00-10:00 a.m.
This is your chance to meet with other homeschooling parents in the Lansing area to exchange ideas and information. Librarians will also showcase some new book titles that may be of interest to you! Children are welcome.
Registration is encouraged.
Register on our website or call the library. If there is an interest at this meeting the library will host meetings monthly!

Science Project Strategies
September 26, 2007 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 library.

Boats & Kids; Water & Kids
Sept. 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
For kids in grades K-5.
Coast Guard water safety presentation. **Registration required.**

Banned Book Week
October 1-6, 2007
Treasure Your Freedom to Read
Check out any banned book during Banned Book Week and enter for your chance to win a prize in our raffle!

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

Story Times
All story times began the week of Sept. 10 and are held once a week until Oct. 18, 2007.

Baby Talk
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
(Birth-12 months with caregiver)
Mondays at 11:30 a.m.
(13 to 24 months with caregiver)
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.
(13 to 24 months with caregiver)
Sign-up is required.

Toddler Time (24-36 months with caregiver)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Sign-up is required.

Pre-school Story time
No sign-up required.
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
(3, 4 and 5 year olds)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		National Library Card Month!				1 Book Sale 9-12 <i>Close early at 3:00</i>
2	3 Library Closed	4 Book Discussion 10:30	5 Book Discussion 6:30	6	7 Knit/Crochet 10:30	8 <i>Mouse 10:00</i>
9	10 Storytimes Begin	11	12 Knit/Crochet 6:00	13	14 <i>Word/Excel 9:30</i> Movie: Adirondack 10:30	15 Chicago's Passenger Railroads 10:30
16	17	18 Book Discussion 11:00	19 Dulcimer Music 6:30	20 Avatar Dead. Homeschooling Huddle 9:00 a.m. TAB 4:00	21 Knit/Crochet 10:30 <i>Internet 1 1:30</i>	22 Library Website Demonstration 10:00
23	24	25	26 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Science Project Strategies 6:30	27 Relieve music of 40's, 50's & 60's 6:00	28 <i>Internet 2 9:30</i> Movie: Queen 10:30 <i>Mouse 1:30</i>	29 Boats & kids 10:00 grades K-5
30			Please check the newsletter for ages and registration requirements.			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Banned Book Week! Teen Joke Contest Begins	2 Book Discussion 10:30	3 Book Discussion 6:30	4 India: The Resplendent Sub- Continent 6:30	5 Knit/Crochet 10:30	6 Book Sale 9-12
7	8	9	10 Knit/Crochet 6:00	11 Walking from Madrid to Kiev 6:30	12 Movie: New England 10:30	13
14 Teen Read Week!	15	16 Book Discussion 11:00 Sock Puppet Creations 6:30	17	18 TAB 4:00 Teen Murder Mystery 5:00 Town Hall Topics 6:30	19 Knit/Crochet 10:30	20 <i>Word/Excel 10:00</i> <i>Internet 1 2:00</i> DDR Tournament 2:00-4:00
21	22	23	24 Knit/Crochet 6:00	25 Chicago's Crime Scene 7:00	26 Library Closed	27
28	29	30	31			