Teen/Adult Summer Reading Challenge:
June 1 – August 3
Mission: POSSIBLE
Beginning June 1, adults and teens (grades 7 and up) are invited to sign up for the 2007 MGPL summer reading challenge. At registration, you'll receive missions with instructions (that won't self-destruct) and the schedule of drawings for many prizes. In cooperation with Ravinia Music Festival, lawn passes to selected concerts will be distributed to Reading Challenge participants: Morton Grove residents will have priority for concert selection until June 8; after which passes will be distributed to all participants as long as supplies last.

Mission Read
Launching June 9 for eight weeks through August 4, children through grade 6 will read at warp speed to earn prizes and have weekly fun. Each child who registers will receive a Mission Read T-shirt featuring an original design by our contest winner, Laura Coplon, grade 4, from Park View School. Prizes this year include coupons from over 25 sponsors in the Big Ticket and a pool party! Babies and toddlers will be included in a special program designed just for them!

Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at 847-929-5102 for more information.

The Adventures of Betty Booklover, Space Librarian!
Sat., June 9, 2 pm
Can Space Librarian Betty Booklover stop the evil Dr. ImaginOT-o? Will the evil doctor steal all the imagination in the universe by destroying books and the creative powers they contain? Not if Space Librarian and our readers have anything to do about it! Kicking off our Summer Reading Program, this original play will amuse the whole family while showing how reading and imagination always triumph.

Mothers Day Concert:
Spider Saloff
Sun., May 13, 2 pm
Join us in celebrating Mother's Day with wonderful music performed by the renowned vocalist Spider Saloff, accompanied by pianist Dennis Luxion.

Nightclub in the Afternoon
Sun., May 20, 2 pm
Mary Anne Riehl and her ensemble (bassist Jim Cox, drummer Rusty Jones, and pianist Ben Lewis) bring to the Library the nightclub experience in daylight hours. You'll hear a diverse and lively repertoire of old standards, jazz, and popular songs.

Senior Prom at the Morton Grove Senior Center
Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Public Library
Sun., June 10, 1-3 pm
Put on your dancing shoes and your party clothes for an afternoon of dancing to the music of Bob Duda and the Highland Park Pops at the Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140 Dempster St. Beginning May 1, Morton Grove residents age 55 and over and non-residents who are members of the Senior Center are invited to pick up tickets (limit of 2 per person) at the Senior Center (Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm). Light refreshments will be served.
Computer Classes

Digital Photography Workflow
Sat., May 5, 10-11:30 am
Professional photographer Paul Berg will discuss capturing, downloading, archiving, and outputting digital images. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Web Design Using Word
Mon., May 7, 7 pm
Cheryl Brown, Adjunct Professor of Computer Technology at Oakton Community College, will show you how to create your own web page. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Desktop Publishing
Mon., May 21, 7 pm
Learn tips and tricks for creating professional-looking, printer-ready brochures, postcards, and flyers using desktop publishing tools in MS Word, from Cheryl Brown, Adjunct Professor of Computer Technology at Oakton Community College. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Survey of MS PowerPoint, Excel and Word
Three Saturdays:
June 16, 23, and 30
10 am
Harold Ogg, Associate Professor of Library Services, Computer Technologies and Information Sciences at Oakton Community College, will present a lecture/demonstration of three Microsoft programs – PowerPoint, Excel, and Word – in this three-part seminar. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

Note: These are not hands-on classes. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops.

Movies, Munchies and More!
The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments, every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Join us for travelogs, films, concerts, live presentations, and more. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and munchies. Call 847-929-5101 for details. Upcoming special events include:

IDENTITY THEFT
Tues., May 1, 11:30
ID theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation today. A representative from Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis’ Financial Education Division will present information on identity theft and financial fraud: what identity theft is, how to help prevent it, and what to do if one becomes a victim.

FACES AND FIGURES IN WATERCOLOR AND PHOTOGRAPHY
Tues., May 8, 11:30
Alan Friedlander, a painter, and his daughter Laura, a photographer, will discuss their work on exhibit in the Baxter Room May 2-31. A reception for the artists will be held Thurs., May 3, at 5-7 pm, in the Baxter Room.

WOMEN OF NOTE
Tues., May 15, 11:30 am
Join us for a concert of tight vocal harmony as the Women of Note perform an upbeat show of musical standards from the 30s, 40s, and 50s, such as Satin Doll, Java Jive, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, and many more.

HISTORY OF MORTON GROVE: FRED HUSCHER
Tues., May 22, 11:30 am
Lifelong Morton Grove resident Fred Huscher will share his extensive historical perspective of Morton Grove, and will discuss the shops, businesses and taverns along Dempster Street; the river; and the Forest Preserve.

BIOGRAPHY OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG
Tues., May 29, 11:30 am
“Satchmo” is considered by many to be the greatest jazz musician of all time. Jack Diamond presents a detailed biography of legendary performer Louis Armstrong.

CHICAGO AS SEEN FROM THE RIVER
Tues., June 12, 11:30 am
Cruise down the Chicago River via a slide presentation with Hy Speck, architecture docent, as he discusses master works such as the Tribune Tower, the Wrigley Building, the Trump Tower, Marina Towers, and the Sears Tower.

STAGED READINGS BY OPEN DOOR ENSEMBLE
Tues., June 19, 11:30 am
Open Door Ensemble is a performance troupe based at Northlight Theatre. Their performance of staged readings of original, short plays ranges from humorous to serious views and topics related to aging in today’s world.
Beginning Beading
Sat., May 5, 2-4 pm
Bead a bracelet for Mom . . . or for yourself! Just in time for Mother’s Day, Jay Johnson, owner of Adelia’s Closet, will offer a beginning bead class. Bring your mom, sister, or friend, and join us to make a beaded bracelet or necklace using Czech glass or Japanese seed beads. Participants must be in grade 5 and up. Registration is required.

For What It’s Worth: Antiques Appraisal
Sun., May 6, 2-3:30 pm
Appraiser Karl Gates will present an historical introduction to antiques and collectibles, criteria for evaluating pieces, and current trends in the antique world. Each registered participant may bring one hand-carried item or a photograph of a large item for appraisal. (Please: no firearms, stamps, or coins.) Registration is limited; Morton Grove residents have priority. Call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to register.

Container Gardening: Do’s and Don’ts
Sat., May 12, 10-11 am
Master Gardener Colleen Graudins from the University of Illinois Extension will present suggestions for choosing and caring for planters, soil and water considerations, sun and shade exposure, as well as selection of bulbs, annuals, and vegetables. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Starting A Small Business
Wed., May 16, 7 pm
Bonnie Richter, from the Small Business Development Center Network, will walk you through the fundamentals of starting a small business and how to write a business plan. Registration is required; please call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Starbound & Spotlight Morton Grove Park
District Dancers
Sat., June 23, 2-2:45 pm
The Starbound and Spotlight dancers have performed at the Illinois State Fair and for many community organizations. Join us for an entertaining and lively afternoon of dance.

Let’s Talk About It
Health Care Decision Making: Power of Attorney & Living Wills
Wed., May 23, 2 pm
Robyn O’Neill, Regional Ombudsman for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, will walk you through the steps of establishing Power of Attorney and setting up a living will. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Writing from Life
Wed., June 27, 7-8:30 pm
Author Leslie Levine believes that we can turn the lives we’re living into the lives we want . . . at work, at home, and in-between, and that by writing from life, we can share experiences and the lessons of life. Join us for an inspirational workshop on the practical aspects of writing and getting published. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

C A L E N D A R
May
1 Tu. 11:30 am Identity Theft
3 Th. 5 pm Artists Reception
5 Su. 10 am Digital Photography Workflow: reg. req.
7 Sa. 2 pm Beginning Beading: reg. req.
9 Su. 2 pm Antiques Appraisal: reg. req.
11 Su. 3 pm At Starbucks: Book Discussion
13 Mo. 7 pm Web Design: reg. req.
15 Tu. 11:30 am Faces and Figures in Watercolor and Photography
17 Th. 7:30 pm Library Board Meeting
19 Sa. 10 am Container Gardening Do’s and Don’ts: reg. req.
21 Su. 2 pm Film
23 Tu. 11:30 pm History of Morton Grove
25 We. 7 pm Book Discussion
27 We. 2 pm Health Care Decision Making: reg. req.
29 Fr. 2 pm Film
31 Sa. 10 am Paper Quilling: reg. req.
31 Tu. 11:30 am Louis Armstrong

June
3 Su. 3 pm At Starbucks: Book Discussion
5 Tu. 11:30 am Film
6 We. 7 pm Book Discussion
7 Th. 2 & 7 pm Feature Film
10 Su. 1 pm Senior Prom: at the MG Senior Center
11 Mo. 2 pm Film
12 Tu. 11:30 am Chicago as Seen from the River
14 Th. 7:30 pm Library Board Meeting
16 Sa. 10 am Survey of MS PowerPoint, Excel & Word: reg. req.
18 Su. 2 pm Film
19 Tu. 11:30 am Staged Readings
21 Sa. 10 am Survey of MS PowerPoint, Excel, & Word: reg. req.
23 Sa. 2 pm Starbound/Starlight Dancers
26 Tu. 11:30 am Film
27 We. 7 pm Writing from Life: reg. req.
29 Fri. 2 pm Film
30 Sa. 10 am Survey of Ms Word, Excel, PowerPoint: reg. req.
30 Sa. 2 pm Concert
May
5 Sa. 11am Musical Story Time: drop in Variety Show
8 Tu. 7 pm Kidz Kartoonz
11 Fr. 4 pm Moovin’ and Groovin’: reg. req.
12 Sa. 10 am Crafty Saturday
12 Sa. 10-4 Moovin’ and Groovin’: reg. req.
16 We. 6:30 pm Kids in Kitchen, Gr. 2-3: reg. req.
19 Sa. 2 pm Through the Eyes of Leonardo Da Vinci
24 Th. 6:30 pm Clifford the Big Red Dog

June
1 Fr. 6 pm Deadline for art contest entries
1 Fr. Reg. begins for CSI on 7/7 and 8/4
2 Sa. 10-12 Moovin’ and Groovin’: reg. req.
6 We. 7pm元件 STaR training: application required
7 Th. 4 pm STAR training: application required
8 Fr. 4 pm TEDDY BEAR INJURY CLINIC
9 Sa. 10 am Kidz Kartoonz
9 Sa. Moovin’ and Groovin’: reg. req.
9 Sa. 10-4 Crafty Saturday
9 Sa. Mission: Read begins
9 Sa. Adventures of Betty Booklover Space Librarian
13 We. 6:30 pm Kids in Kitchen, Gr. 4-6: reg. req.
21 Th. 4, 5, 6, 7 pm BlastOff!

Youth Services Classes
Summer Session runs 6/11 – 8/3/07. Registration is required for the following classes.

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 10:30 am and Thursdays, 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades K, 1, and 2
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Musical Story Time
Sat., May 5, 11 am
All ages will enjoy this interactive music-filled story time with an activity or craft. Drop-in.

Be a S.T.A.R.!
(Summer Time Assistant to Readers)
Help the Youth Services Department with the Mission Read Summer Reading Club. Those entering grades 7-12 this fall may apply. Attendance at one training session is required: Wed., June 6, at 7 pm, or Thurs., June 7, at 4 pm. Applications are available at the Youth Services Desk and must be returned by Mon., 6/4.

Second Annual MGPL Variety Show
Tues., May 8, 7 pm
Come see all of the talent in Morton Grove and surrounding communities! Talented kids of all ages will perform on stage.

Kids In The Kitchen
Gr. 2 – 3: Weds., May 16, 6:30 pm
Gr: 4 – 6: Weds., June 13, 6:30 pm
Put on your apron and grab a spoon! Join YS staff “chefs” Kara Smith and Helen Weiss in this fun cooking class just for kids! Listen to a story featuring food and then help make a fun snack to enjoy. Registration required. Limit: 12.

Kidz Kartoonz
The Sandlot 3: Heading Home (2007, PG; 96 min.)
Fri., May 11, 4 pm
The Reluctant Astronaut (1967, NR; 103 min.)
Fri., June 8, 4 pm
Strokes of Genius Presents: Through the Eyes of Leonardo Da Vinci
Sat., May 19, 2 pm
Enjoy this dramatic, humorous and authentic portrayal of the life and unique experiences of artist, inventor and scientist Leonardo Da Vinci. The audience will participate in demonstrations, view an art slide show and hear how Da Vinci looked at art and his life and times.

Clifford the Big Red Dog
Thurs., May 24, 6:30 pm
Come meet our favorite dog, Clifford, when he visits the Library. Stories, snacks and surprises await. Bring your camera! No registration required.

Teddy Bear Injury Clinic
Sat., June 2, 10 am to 12 pm
Kids, bring in your favorite stuffed animal or doll to this educational and interactive clinic. Toys will be treated for imaginary broken bones, sprains, and cuts while children learn the ABC's of emergency care from Rush North Shore Medical Center nurses. Children will even get their own finger cast while learning to be comfortable visiting the Emergency Room.

Lights Camera Blast Off
Thurs., June 21
Four 45-minute filming sessions are scheduled at: 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, and 7 pm. Drop-in anytime!
Fly through the universe on a comet, walk on the Moon, and explore Mars through the magic of movie technology. Actual NASA footage of outer space will be used along with green screen technology to create amazing special effects on film. Families are invited to learn about television and film technology while making their own movie. A film will be made featuring some of the audience. Later, the film will be available for checkout.

Creative Science Investigation (CSI)
Returns for the Summer
Sat., July 7 and August 4
Registration will begin June 1. See Library flyer for details or call the Youth Services Dept. at 847-929-5102.

Crafty Saturday
(while supplies last)
Sat., May 12, 10 am–4 pm:
Make a card for Mom.
Sat., June 9, 10 am–4 pm:
Make a July Fourth Pin Wheel!

Essay Contest Winners Announced
The winners of the 2007 MGPL National Library Week Essay contest are:
Grades K – 6: Alina Wallin
Grades 7 – 12: Madiha Khan
Adults age 18 – 65: Kathy Tamillo
Senior adults: Margaret Swiderski

This year's winning essays are posted in the Library and can be read online on the library's website www.webra.org
The Library Goes to Starbucks
Join us at Starbucks at the Prairie View Plaza on Dempster Ave. for book discussions in May and June. Starbucks will provide participants with free cookies and coffee. Books will be available on the Library's book discussion table.

The Memory Keeper's Daughter 
by Kim Edwards.
Sun., May 6, 3 pm

The Glass Castle: 
A Memoir by 
Jeanette Walls
Sun., June 3, 3 pm

Thinking Out Loud
No Country for Old Men 
by Cormac McCarthy
Tues., May 22, 7 pm
TOL will not meet in June.

All Booked Up
The Glass Castle: A Memoir 
by Jeanette Walls
Thurs., May 17, 10 am
ABU will not meet in June.

Just the Facts
JTF will not meet in May.

The Weather Makers: 
How Man Is Changing 
the Climate and 
What It Means for Life on Earth 
by Tim Flannery.
Wed., June 6, 7 pm

Baxter Room
Faces and Figures in Watercolor and Photography: A Father-Daughter Exhibit by Alan and Laura Friedlander
Exhibit: May 2 – 31
Reception: May 3, 5-7 pm
Presentation: May 8,
11:30 am–12:30 pm
2007 Children's Art Contest
June 8 – 30

Get Hooked: 
Learn the Art of 
Paper Quilling 
Sat., May 26, 
10 am
Craft expert, Anne Hampton will demonstrate techniques of paper quilling.
Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Get Hooked: To Be Announced 
Sat., June 23, 10 am

Concert: 
The Silk Road 
Sat., June 30, 
2 pm
Popular vocalist and pianist Ester Hana returns to the Library for a concert of classical and ethnic music, with songs from countries touched by the Silk Road.

From the Director  Continued from back page

space out of this building, the Local History Room has been transformed into a bright new Activity Room. (The Local History Collection is now housed in a more secure space on the other side of the Library.) Primarily the Activity Room is for programs, story times and other Youth Services events, but it can be easily reconfigured for teen and adult purposes. Photos of a recent Playtime Class can be seen on the MGPL Parents blog: http://mgplparents.blogspot.com/

Why Video Games in the Library?
We are sometimes asked why we provide video games to our younger patrons. Well, games are additional ways to tell stories and engage in learning. And because video games appeal to the traditionally under-served population of teenagers, we felt it was worthwhile to explore using them. The Dance, Dance Revolution (DDR) competitions we've offered in the past year were a big hit with teens. The Playstation 2 games, which we have recently begun to circulate, have been wildly popular, and we're looking forward to hosting Guitar Hero competitions in the near future. Youth Services has also recently added Xbox games to the collection.
MOVIES BY THE MONTH

MAY 2007

Spanglish (2005, PG-13, 131 min.)
Sat., May 12, 2 pm
Flor and her daughter, Christina, come to the United States where Flor gets a job as the maid at the home of a very successful chef, John Clasky. Despite Flor’s limited English, she does the best she can to assist the Clasky family in more than housecleaning. Cast: Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni, Cloris Leachman.

The Pursuit of Happyness (2006, PG-13, 117 min.)
Thurs., May 17, 2 & 7 pm
This film is based on the true story of Chris Gardner, a salesman who accepts an unpaid internship with a stock brokerage firm and struggles to support his young son. Despite many hardships, including homelessness, jail time, being abandoned by his wife, and other difficulties, Chris became a millionaire. Cast: Will Smith, Thandie Newton, Brian Howe.

Salaam Bombay (1988, NR, 116 min.)
Fri., May 25, 2 pm
Krisha, a ten-year-old boy, has been abandoned in Bombay by his mother. He and other children try to get jobs, but have to beg for money and avoid the police. Cast: Shafiq Syed, Hansa Vithal, Chandra Sharma.

JUNE 2007

Strictly Ballroom (2002, PG, 94 min.)
Sat., June 2, 2 pm
A championship ballroom dancer who is breaking all the rules of competitive dancing and his shy, ugly duckling dance partner make their dreams come true together.

My Summer Story (2006, PG, 85 min.)
Tues., June 5, 11:30 am
In this sequel to Jean Shepherd’s A Christmas Story, Ralphie is looking for a top to beat the school bully, the Old Man is fighting with the neighbors, and Mother is collecting a china set at the local movie theater. Cast: Charles Grodin, Kieran Culkin, Mary Steenburgen.

The Queen (2006, PG-13, 103 min.)
Thur., June 7, 2 & 7
This film portrays a behind-the-scenes view of the interactions between Queen Elizabeth II, the royal family, and Prime Minister Tony Blair following the death of Princess Diana, as they struggle to reach a compromise between what the family feels is a private tragedy and the public’s demand for a display of grief and mourning. Cast: Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen.

Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World (2006, PG-13, 98 min.)
Mon., June 11, 2 pm
Albert Brooks wrote, directed and starred in this hilarious story of what happens when the U.S. government sends a comedian to India and Pakistan to find out what makes the over 300 million Muslims in the region laugh.

Happy Feet (2006, PG, 109 min.)
Sat., June 16, 2 pm
Emperor penguins from Antarctica express their true love with special songs, but the misfit, Mumble, cannot sing. Instead, he has an extraordinary talent for tap dancing. However, the penguin colony’s leadership blames Mumble’s unorthodox ways for the decline in fish which threatens them all.

The Departed (2007, R, 152 min.)
Tues., June 26, 11:30 am
An undercover cop and a hardened criminal each assume double lives within the mob syndicate and the Boston police department, gathering information about the plans and counter-plans of the operations they have penetrated. Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Martin Sheen.

Night at the Museum (2006, PG, 109 min.)
Fri., June 29, 2 pm
Larry Daley is hired as a night watchman at the Museum of Natural History and quickly discovers that an ancient curse brings all the exhibits to life after the sun sets. Cast: Ben Stiller, Robin Williams, Dick Van Dyke.

Volunteers in Teaching Adults

Volunteer to be a VITA ESL/Literacy tutor at Oakton Community College, local libraries, high schools, and other area locations where classes are held. Call OCC at 847-635-1426.

See You at the Fourth of July Parade!

Joining the Morton Grove Public Library staff at the Morton Grove Fourth of July parade will be Jason Kollum, Space Ace, master of balance, juggler and stilt walker. Jason will be juggling as he walks down Dempster Street on giant stilts helping to celebrate all of the fun going on at the Library this summer.
From the Director:
Ben Schapiro

Playaway Audiobooks Come to the Library.
One of our most important goals is to make the library as accessible as possible to the greatest number of people. One challenge is that the very technology that makes it possible to distribute content easily and cheaply can be a real obstacle for some patrons. For example, while many patrons are using the MyMediaMall service to download e-books and audiobooks, if you don't have a computer or MP3 device, you can't take advantage of electronic books.

Our new Playaway Digital Audio book players could be just thing for you. Playaways are preloaded, single-title audiobook players that are simple to use: just press a button. Playaways can be checked out just like books and the only things you need to supply are a AAA battery and a set of headphones or ear buds. (If you need either of those items, you can purchase them at the Circulation Desk for a small fee.)

Our first collection includes children's, adult fiction and non-fiction and language titles. If Playaways circulate as we expect them to, we'll expand the collection. Come in and give one a try. They are easy to use, portable and free.

New Activity Room Opens
As part of the ongoing effort to squeeze every last bit of public continued on page 6

LIBRARY CLOSINGS
Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day observance
Sundays in June, July and August

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