

Library “Soft Opening” Set for February 1 Full Closure Scheduled for Week of January 25

Work on the Library’s refurbishing project is approximately 50% complete, with construction now continuing on the Adult Services side of the Library. The Library has scheduled a “soft opening” for Monday, February 1. All collections will be available for use and staff members will be ready to serve, yet Library users and staff alike will be operating in a dry run type of fashion and it may take a week or two for all to acclimate to the new environment. Stay tuned for a more formal reopening celebration or open house to take place a month or so later. Library staff as well as the Board of Trustees are already excited about opening our doors to the community.

To accommodate work that has been planned for the Library’s lower-level Meeting Room, the Library will fully close to the public during the week of January 25—31. There will be no services at all offered that week.

Please continue to refer to the Library’s website at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info for the latest information related to the refurbishing project as well as for sneak peek pictures of the newly refurbished facility.

Overdues?

The Library will continue to relax due dates and forgive overdues for Brookfield items until Monday, March 1.

A Special Thank You to the Riverside Public Library

A special thank you goes to the staff and Board of Trustees of the Riverside Public Library for graciously agreeing to be the service point for Brookfield residents during our refurbishing project.

A Move Toward Self-Service

Users will notice a reshaping of a few of the Library’s most popular services when our doors open again on Monday, February 1. Our exceedingly popular laptop lending program, which sees a circulation of nearly 1,000 laptops in some months, will turn self-serve with laptops relocated to a charging cabinet located on the Library’s public floor. Library users will check out a special key at the Library’s Checkout Desk with their regular card and proceed to the laptop cabinet to unlock the laptop themselves. After using the laptop in-house, simply return the machine to the assigned drawer and the key to a staff member at the Checkout Desk and it will be checked back in. Laptops will still run the tracking software that allows staff to identify the location of the machines at all times and prevents their removal from the building.

Have you ever placed books or other materials on hold via SWAN or by requesting a title from a staff member? A new “Hold Shelf” will be located across from the Library’s Checkout Desk that will enable users to pick up materials placed on hold. To protect a Library user’s privacy, holds ready for pick up will have spines covered. Items will be shelved by the four letters of your last name and the first three letters of your first name. For example: SMIT JOH

Super Couponing 2: Saving on Everything!

Thursday, January 28

7:00 p.m.

Brookfield Village Hall



Due to the enormous popularity of last spring’s Super Couponing program with Coupon Queen Jill Cataldo, the Library is happy to be hosting the program’s sequel: Super-Couponing 2 - Saving on Everything.

Super Couponing 2 builds on the money saving techniques featured in the first workshop. You’ll learn to combine multiple discounts, store promotions and coupons to maximize grocery savings. Jill will also teach attendees how to apply Super-Couponing principles to clothing, toys, housewares and many other items, saving up to 90% off regular prices.

To accommodate a larger crowd, this program will be held at the Brookfield Village Hall. Please register for this program by phone or email:

708-485-6917 x 127

or

reference@brookfieldpubliclibrary.info

To sign up online go to:

www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info.

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Adult Programs & Events

Register in person, by phone, 708/485-6917, or online @ www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/calendar

Space is limited and registration is ongoing until programs fill.

Adult Winter Reading Program: Chill Out and Read

Discover all the Library has to offer during the Brookfield Public Library's Adult Winter Reading Program, Chill Out and Read. Pick up a bingo game card at the Information Desk to play for fun and prizes. Patrons will earn tokens for tasks such as reading books, checking out movies, and using the self-check machine. Chill Out and Read this Winter with the Brookfield Public Library.

Jan. 28 Super Couponing 2 7:00 p.m.

Coupon Queen Jill Cataldo is back to discuss using coupons to save on everything— food, clothes, housewares & even toys! To accommodate a larger crowd, this program is being held at the Brookfield Village Hall.

Feb. 27 Movie Matinee: *Transsiberian* 1:00 p.m.

A Trans-Siberian train journey from China to Moscow becomes a thrilling chase of deception and murder when an American couple encounters a mysterious pair of fellow travelers.

AARP Offers Free Tax Assistance

Need Help with your taxes? Our AARP volunteers will return to the Library to provide free tax assistance. Appointments are available on Friday afternoons at 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 from Feb. 5 through April 9. Sign up today to reserve a time; slots fill up quickly! Call 708/485-6917 x127 or register in person at the Library.

Registrants will need to bring previous tax returns and any applicable forms and statements with them to the appointment.

Search Like a Pro with Research Pro

The Brookfield Public Library is now offering access to Research Pro, a group of databases that can be searched simultaneously, including the Library's catalog. There's now no need to search our databases one at a time! Log in to Research Pro using your Library card, narrow or broaden the databases to include in your search, and enter your search terms. The link to Research Pro is on the Library's Database page: www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/databases

Film Discussions

Feb. 9 Somers Town (UK) 6:30 p.m.

Two teenagers, both newcomers to London, forge an unlikely friendship over the course of a hot summer as they work odd jobs for an eccentric neighbor and compete for the attention of Maria, a beautiful young French waitress whom they are both infatuated with.

Computer Classes

Introduction to Computers

Monday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet

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

Saturday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word (2003)

Friday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (2003)

Friday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required for computer classes.

Book Discussions

Fiction Book Club

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month @ the Library

Feb. 16 *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* 7:00 p.m.

by David Wroblewski

NEW! Chick Lit Book Club

Meets 4th Monday, every other month @ Salt Creek Wine Bar

Feb. 22 *Sweet Love* 7:00 p.m.

by Sarah Strohmeyer

Non-Fiction Book Club

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month @ the Library

March 2 *Unfinished Business* 7:00 p.m.

by James van Praagh

NEW! Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Meets 2nd Monday, every other month @ the Library

March 8 *I, Robot* 7:00 p.m.

by Isaac Asimov

Stop by the Reference Desk to request a copy of the book.
New Participants are Always Welcome!

Children's Programs & Events



The weather outside is frightful, but the newly refurbished Library is delightful!

Registration begins Monday, February 1 for our Winter/Spring Reading Program, ***Get Fired Up for Reading***.

To register for all programs, please stop by or call the Youth Services Department at 485-6917, ext. 140,

or use our online calendar at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/calendar. Kids ages 2 through 9th grade can set their own reading goals and win weekly prizes. **Reporting begins Monday, February 8.**

Come in from the cold and join us for some fun.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES—REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Join us for storytime fun. We'll read books, sing songs & make a lot of noise. Children will develop early literacy skills, make new friends, and enjoy wonderful books from our collection. Morning storytimes last for about 30 minutes. Evening Storytime lasts for about 45 minutes. Programs run for 10 weeks.

- **Book Babies (ages 6-23 months with caregiver)**—Starting Wednesday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. or ***NEW*** Thursday, February 11 at 11:30 a.m.
- **Terrific 2's & 3's (ages 24 months-3 years with caregiver)**—***NEW*** Starting Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Fantastic 4s & 5's (ages 4-5 without caregiver)**—***NEW TIME*** Starting Wednesday, February 10 at 1:15 p.m. or Thursday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Evening Family Storytime (all ages with caregiver, includes a craft)**—Starting Wednesday, February 10 at 6:45 p.m.

MONTHLY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

- **Eager Readers** (Grades K-2)—Thursday, February 4 from 4 to 5 p.m.—A book club for our youngest readers. Together, we'll read and talk about a book & do some fun crafts. In February, we'll read about some crazy chickens.
- **We Play Wii** (Grades 1-5)—Thursday, February 11 from 4 to 5 p.m.—Get your game on! Come play MarioKart, Wii Sports & other fun games...and enjoy some snacks, of course.
- ***NEW* FRIDAY FILM FESTIVAL** (Grades 1-5)*—Friday, February 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.—Hang out & watch a movie (rated G or PG) with us. (*Younger children may attend if caregivers watch the movie too!)
- **Computer Kids** (Grades 1-5)—Thursday, February 18 from 4 to 5 p.m.—High-tech arts & crafts! Use computer applications and the web and make amazing creations to take home.
- **Geek Lab** (Grades 3-5)—Thursday, February 25 from 4 to 5 p.m.—Amazing science! Come to the Geek Lab and do wild experiments with us.

WEEKEND PROGRAMS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

- **Quiltmakers** (Kids ages 9+; adults welcome)—Learn quilting & make your own masterpiece in fabric. Saturdays, February 13 and 20— **Beginning Quilters** from 1-3 p.m.— **Advanced Quilters** from 3-5 p.m. *****Quiltmakers Workshop**—Kids accompanied by an adult caregiver may continue working on their quilts on Sundays, February 14 & 21, from 1-5 p.m.
- **Legomania!** (Grades 1-6)—Saturday, February 20 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Join your fellow Legomaniacs and make amazing creations! Do you have used Legos to donate? Drop them off in Youth Services. Thanks.
- **NEW! Reading Patch Book Club** (Grades 3-6)—Saturday, February 27 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.—Read a different genre every month, talk about it & earn a cool embroidered patch. This month, we'll read a fantasy book about dragons. Choose your book at the Youth Services desk when you register. We will have a broad selection all ready for you.

WEEKEND DROP-IN PROGRAMS—NO NEED TO REGISTER!

- **Bi-lingual English/Spanish Drop-In Family Storytime** (all ages; kids under 3 with caregiver)—Saturday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. Stories will be presented in both Spanish and English. La hora de cuentos en inglés y en español incluye la lectura, rimas, y canciones. El programa dura 30 minutos y no se necesita registrar anteriormente.
- **Family Drop-In Storytime** (all ages; kids under 3 with caregiver)—Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs & simple crafts.
- **Creative Kids Drop-In Crafts** (All ages)—All day Friday through Sunday, February 26-28. Budding artists can stop by Youth Services and pick up our popular do-it-yourself craft kits!

Young Adult Programs

Call the Youth Services Department at 708-485-6917 x140, or check out the website at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/youngadults/blog for more information or to register.

February Schedule

Our Young Adult programs are open to kids ages 11 and up; Friday night programs are for ages 12 and up. Registration is not necessary, but let us know if you'd like a reminder call before each program.

AniManga Club – Like Pocky? Like Anime and Manga? Join the AniManga Club twice a month for a new Anime movie or series and Japanese snacks! Call us or check the blog to find out what's showing next.

Monday, February 15

4-5:30 p.m.

Beyond Reality—Indulge your tech side! Find out how to make your own games & electronic art & play some Wii.

Monday, February 8

4-5 p.m.

After Hours – After the Library closes it's time for our monthly young adult night of fun. Come for an evening of movies, Internet, Rock Band, Wii, and some Super Smash Brothers tournament play. Snacks will be provided. Ages 12 and up.

Friday, February 26

6:30-9 p.m.

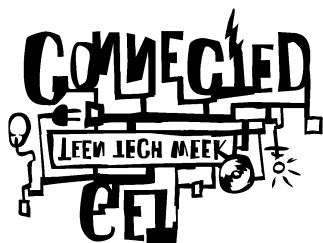
New Books!

Check out these new books on the young adult bookshelf:

Flash Burnout (L.K. Madigan): For Blake, there's really only three things he's interested in right now: keeping up his status as the class clown, his girlfriend Shannon, and his photography. But when he unknowingly snaps a shot of fellow photography classmate Marissa's missing mom, will he be able to stay out of the picture?

Ice (Sarah Beth Durst): Cassie no longer believes her grandmother's version of her mother's disappearance— that she was taken away by the Polar Bear King. But on her eighteenth birthday, the King appears and tells her she can save her mother, but only if she agrees to go away with him and be his bride.

Witch and Wizard (James Patterson): The lives of 15-year old brother and sister Whit and Wisty are turned upside down the night they are taken from their home and thrown into prison. There appears to be no way out. The question is, why were they taken into custody in the first place?



Learn Create Share: Teen Tech Week, March 7-13, 2010

Teen Tech Week is sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and is a celebration of all the technology resources available at the Library. We'll be celebrating Teen Tech Week all throughout March, so stay tuned for details!

Friends of the Library Newsletter

The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to create an awareness of the facilities & services of the Library and to give physical & financial support.

FOL meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

2010 Meetings:

Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14



WATCH FOR FOL BOOKSALES COMING

Important Dates!

Wednesday, Feb. 10
FOL meeting

Friends meet second Wednesday of the month,
7 pm LL
Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14

Saturday, Feb. 13
Mini-Book Sale

8 AM FOL Members Preview
9 AM-3PM Open to the Public

Saturday, Mar. 6
Mini-Book Sale

8 AM FOL Members Preview
9 AM-3PM Open to the Public
No Bag Sale

Children and Young Adult

Saturday, Mar. 20
Mini-Book Sale

8 AM FOL Members Preview
9 AM-3PM Open to the Public
No Bag Sale

Gardening and

Saturday, April 24

HEY BROOKFIELD! COUNT ME IN!!

2010 CENSUS SLOGAN WINNER

Congratulations to Dominic Gongiorno who submitted the winning entry. He received a \$100 Savings Bond for his efforts.

Second Place winner was Elizabeth Lattyak for her entry: Census 2010, Where Everybody Counts. Slogan winners received \$100 and \$50 Savings Bonds respectively made available by the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce.

Census Committee Chair, Cathy Colgrass Edwards was, "surprisingly pleased with the number of students who participated."

The FOL and Library staff are working on designing bookmarks using these slogans to help get the message out to Brookfield residence regarding the importance of being counted in the 2010 Census.

TWO FOL PROJECTS HOLIDAY WINNERS

1: Village Historian Chris Stach came to the Library to tell a large crowd about the trolley line that ran in Brookfield in the early days. Thanks to the FOL a new generation has it's own trolley stories to tell..

FOL sponsored the Dec. 5th Brookfield Christmas Walk Trolley. Our own FOL Polar Express, was indeed a great success taking on 387 riders during several runs between the Village Hall and Eight Corners.

2: Again FOL sponsored Santa at the Annual Christmas Eve Family Pajama Story-time. Families enjoyed storytelling, making crafts, and delicious cookies and hot chocolate with marshmallows. Everyone had the chance to visit Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes. The evening concluded with a lively round of Christmas Carols.

FOL BOOK SALES ALWAYS TRYING SOMETHING NEW!

Watch for changes coming to our Book Sales format. Coordinator, Sandy Ronecker is excited to experiment with holding several mini book sales this winter and spring. The new approach allows the FOL to respond more efficiently to the flow of books that get donated to the Library and our limited storage space.

OUR FIRST MINI SALE

COOK BOOKS

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

If you are a "Cookbook Lover" you won't want to miss our cookbook only sale. Expect to find all kinds of cookbooks and just about any books that include recipes. You will find books on diets, nutrition, fitness, even fiction—just as long as the book has recipes.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

SATURDAY, MAR. 6

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Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m. between
Labor Day & Memorial Day

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Everyone Counts with the US Census

Starting in March 2010, every residence in Brookfield will receive a census form, mandated by the US Constitution. This form only asks a few simple questions, but the impact lasts for 10 years. Federal funds are distributed based on census data; community planning is done based on census data; and the US House of Representatives is devised based on census data.

The Census is for everyone, regardless of age, race, ethnicity and citizenship status. *The Census Bureau does not release or share information with anyone.* More information will be released as the date approaches. In the meantime, questions can be referred to Village Trustee and Census Committee Chairperson Cathy Edwards at 708-387-0437.

Staff Announcements

Congratulations to Library Director Kimberly Litland and Youth Services Assistant Becky Huebler! Kimberly and Becky are respectively celebrating five and ten years at the Library in February.

New Year, New You!

The Brookfield Public Library
is your partner in keeping
your New Year's resolutions.



- Books on diet and nutrition, located at 613.25, and exercise DVDs and Wii Games will keep you in shape.
- For getting mentally fit, try Brain Age for Nintendo DS or pick up a book on a new and fascinating subject. Need suggestions? Just ask at the Information Desk, or join one of our several book clubs.
- Tax season will be here sooner than you think. Make an appointment for an AARP Tax Assistance session and check out JK Lasser's Your Income Tax 2010. Need help with your finances? We have books to help with investing, retirement, and getting out of debt, too.
- Resolving to be more tech-savvy? Register for any of our on-going computer classes, or look into our Web Wise series in books and on DVD for self-instruction at home. The Library also provides free access to computers and the internet.
- And if you want to spend more time with family and friends, borrowing movies and videogames provide entertainment for the whole family. Our series of film discussions are an economical and thought-provoking date night. Also, our Museum Adventure Pass program gets everyone out of the house and into a local cultural institution.