

# The Friends' Forum

Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library

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## President's Letter

As most of you know, Fall is my favorite time of year - the colors, the weather, the food and the return of routine. I know that last one may sound odd, but, after the trips and fun of Summer, getting back to a more organized way of life is just fine with me. I know there is always talk about 'beach reads' and 'vacay books', but, I have always found it easier to read when I have a routine with time built in for my favorite pastime! And, our shorter days give me an excuse to cuddle up in a chair with a good book and a cup of hot tea much earlier everyday! Remember all those books you bought at our last book sale? Get them out and get reading!  
-Carol Snyder



## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library donated \$1500.00 at the September meeting towards a new digital sign for the Library. The total cost of the six foot, full-color digital sign is \$19,880. Installation is estimated to be in the next six to eight weeks.

## Things to Know in the Library

The Bourbonnais Public Library has a wealth of online resources. Everything from reader's advisory, business resources, general reference, language learning, and resume building software can be found on the Library's Online Resources Page located at <http://bourbonnaislibrary.org/online-resources/>

## Gift Wrapping Workshop

As the outside temperatures become colder, our thoughts turn to family, friends, and the approaching holiday season. The Friends of the Bourbonnais Library will once again present their annual **Holiday Gift Wrapping Workshop** by Pat Caise on **Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m.** This free program will be held in the

White Oak Room at the Bourbonnais Public Library, 250 W. John Casey Rd.

Participants are asked to bring **one boxed gift to wrap**. All other beautiful and creative wrapping supplies will be provided. **No reservations are necessary** and all ages are welcome, however, children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

A mini book sale will be held beginning at 5 p.m. with books priced at \$.50 and \$1. For more information contact the Bourbonnais Public Library at 1-815-933-1727 or visit [www.bourbonnaislibrary.org](http://www.bourbonnaislibrary.org).

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## Adult Programs

### CUB Utility Bill Clinic

Join CUB for a free one-on-one bill analysis with an expert on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm! Bring current copies of your gas, electric, and phone bill to learn how to save money. Registration is required, please call 815-933-1727 to register.

### How to Read Food Labels Part 2

Dr. Andrew Basham from the Foundation for Wellness Professionals will be teaching this free workshop on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm about how to read food labels to determine what is actually in the food we are consuming. This workshop will be held in the Cardinal Room.

### Tabletop @BPL

Join us for board game nights at the Bourbonnais Public Library. Jay, the owner of The Gaming Goat will provide several games and instruct attendees on how to play! The games are a little advanced so we suggest ages 16 and up. Snacks will be provided. Make sure to bring your friends! This event will be in the Cardinal Conference Room.

Wednesday, 11/15 at 6pm

Wednesday, 12/6 at 6pm

### One Stroke Painting with Kathi Eastman

Join us on Monday, December 11th at 6:30pm for a winter snowman paint night led by Kathi Eastman. This is a free event for adults. Seating is limited, registration is required. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

### Winter Movies

Movies are held in the White Oak Conference Room. They are free events and registration is not necessary.

Monday, 11/13 at 6pm-Kong: Wonder Woman (PG-13)

Monday, 12/4 at 6pm-Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street

### Read Between the Lines Book Club

Read Between the Lines is a fiction book club for adults that meets the **second** Tuesday of the month from 10-11am. This book club is open to adults who are interested in great books and engaging conversation. The Winter book selections are:

November 14<sup>th</sup>-*The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

December 12<sup>th</sup>- *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini

### 50+ Book Club

This book club, specifically for seniors, will meet from 10-11am on the third Tuesday of the month. Share your love of reading and join in a great discussion with other seniors. November 21<sup>st</sup>-*A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

December 19<sup>th</sup>-*My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout

For further information about adult programs at the Bourbonnais Public Library contact Cassidy Steinke in Adult Services at 815-933-1727 or visit the library's website at [www.bourbonnaislibrary.org](http://www.bourbonnaislibrary.org).



**Encourage imagination  
through the love of books!**

## Young Adult/Teen Programs:

### November:

Join us November 2 for a showing of Descendants 2 at 11:00am. Snacks will be provided!

Join us November 22 for a showing of Spark: A Space Tail at 1:00pm. Snacks will be provided!

T.A.G. will meet Wednesday November 29 at 4:00pm.

A cookie-decorating program will take place on November 30 at 5:30pm. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required!

Every Monday is a drop-in game day! Come to the Teen office from 2:45 until 4:00 for card games, or board games!

Every Wednesday is STEAM activity day! Come to the Teen office from 2:45 until 4:00 to complete a different activity in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

### December:

Join us December 6 for a showing of Spiderman: Homecoming at 11:00am. Snacks will be provided!

Join us December 22 for a showing of Ant-Man at 1:30pm. Snacks will be provided!

Join us December 27 for a showing of Cars 3 at 1:00pm. Snacks will be provided!

T.A.G. will NOT meet this month.

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### January:

Join us for a movie (TBD) January 3 at 1:00pm. Snacks will be provided!

Join us for a movie (TBD) January 19 at 1:30pm. Snacks will be provided!

T.A.G. will meet Wednesday January 24 at 4:00pm.

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Please keep checking the Bourbonnais Library's Facebook page for additional programming!

Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Samantha as soon as possible with any volunteering requests!

If you have any questions please contact Samantha in Teen Services at 815-933-1727, or by email at [syoung@bourbonnaislibrary.org](mailto:syoung@bourbonnaislibrary.org)

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## Youth Programs

**Children's Programs** - The Youth Services Department offers weekly programs for children birth-5yrs through November 22. The Tiny Tots Laptime for children 0-18mos meets on Mondays at 9:30am, Ready Readers Storytime for 3-5yrs meets on Tuesdays at 10am, and the Walkers & Talkers for 18-36mos meets on Wednesdays at 9:15 & 10:30am. No registration is required.

**Stories with Rory!** - Join us for terrific books, song, rhymes, games and laughs. This fun program is designed for children of all ages and their caregivers! Monday evenings through November 20th from 6:30-7:15pm in the Youth Program Room. No registration is required.

**Early Dismissal Program for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Express Yourself Workshop on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-2:30pm in the Youth Program Room. This will be an expressive time of building with bricks, fun with gears and classic wood construction. Make and take straw structures and stuff-a-bear projects. No registration is required.

**Gingerbread Jamboree at the Library!** - A fun gingerbread workshop for children 3yrs-4th grade on Saturday, December 9th from 10-11:30am in the White Oak Room. Reserve your spot at the circulation desk, *(adult assistance is required for children 3-5yrs).*

**Jeanie B! Interactive Music & Fun Holiday Style!** - The Youth Services Department invites children of all ages to join Jeanie B's musical fun on Tuesday, December 19th at 10am in the White Oak Room. No registration is required.



This is Jeanie B.!



## Wonderful World of Bees



Beekeeper, Julie Larsen, from Nisse Farm in Manteno, presented "The Wonderful World of Bees" at the Bourbonnais Public Library on September 12. Julie discussed types of bees, their jobs and lifecycle, plus her job as a beekeeper. After her presentation, Julie let members of the audience view beekeeping equipment and taste test different types of honey. Pictured with Julie is Gavin Marino, of Bourbonnais, who is very interested in bees and enjoyed trying on the beekeeping gear. This free program was funded by proceeds from the annual Friends of the Library book sale.



## Membership

The **Members Only Night** at the Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library annual book sale was another great success with thirty-two members renewing their membership! In addition, fourteen new people (households) joined our Friends group and one "special" Friend became a Lifetime Member. To date, we have a membership total of 145 which breaks down as follows:

126 Paid-Annual Members  
19 Life Members

Your generous support of the Friends group makes it possible for our organization to continue providing funding for special events and programs at the library whenever there is a need.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in and generosity towards the Bourbonnais Public Library. Help us keep your library a vibrant and vital part of our community.



Reminder: \$5.00 per household annual membership is tax deductible.  
-Karen Kujawa—Membership Chair

## Save the Date:

### Route 66 on a Tank of Gas: The Mother Road in Illinois

Mark your calendars now for this upcoming program which take you on a virtual tour along 300 miles of Illinois Route 66. The Friends of the Bourbonnais Library will present Windy City Road Warrior, David Clark, on **Tuesday, January 23** (snow date January 24), at **6:30 p.m.** Watch for more details about this exciting road adventure.

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