



The Friends' Forum

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President's Letter

I helped the librarians during the Chocolate Tour this year. Okay, really all I did was hand out our treat and try not to get in anyone's way. But what I was able to do during the 5 hours I was there was learn about Libby-a library app to get books to read on my iPad. Cassidy gave me a one-on-one explanation and now I am using it everyday! For those of you who don't know me, I am of a, shall we say, mature age and I do not easily take to the computer technology. Cassidy understands my limitations and was very patient with me and now I can get books whenever I want! Although I continue to prefer paper books with pages I can turn, I will most definitely use Libby for travel and when I just can't wait to read the book someone has just told me about. The moral of this story? New things are happening everyday at our library. Just ask!

-Carol Snyder



Motoring West the Wright Way: Frank Lloyd Wright & Route 66

Are you interested in old Route 66 lore? Are you fascinated by Frank Lloyd Wright's accomplishments? Are you game for a road trip to warmer temperatures? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, have we got the program for you!

Friends of the Bourbonnais Library will present "Motoring West the Wright Way: Frank Lloyd Wright & Route 66" by highway historian, David Clark, on **Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.** in the White Oak Room at the Bourbonnais Public Library, 250 W. John Casey Road.

Clark, the Windy City Road Warrior, will describe Wright's annual pilgrimage in his prized automobiles to Taliesin West, Wright's home and architectural school south of Scottsdale, Arizona. Attendees will also hear of the many structures designed by Wright that still exist along the route and can be enjoyed by today's travelers. This free program is open to all ages and registration is not required.

A mini book sale will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. with books priced at 50 cents and \$1. For more information call 815-933-1727 or visit bourbonnaislibrary.org

Also, while you are marking your calendars for the above event, be sure to notate April 16th, 9-12 noon for our next mini book sale.

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Adult Programs

Movies

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

Monday, 3/18 at 6 pm- First Man (PG-13)

Monday, 4/8 at 6 pm-Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (PG-13)

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 10-11 am. This book club is open to adults who are interested in great books and engaging conversation. The Winter/Spring book selections are:

March 12-*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

April 9- *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson

May 14-*The Broken Girls* by Simone St. James

Tuesdays with Books Club

This book club, specifically for seniors, will meet from 10-11 am on the third Tuesday of the month. Share your love of reading and join in a great discussion with other seniors.

March 19-*The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

April 16-*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

May 21-*The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck

Composting Classes

Holly Froning from the University of Illinois' Extension program will be teaching on how to home compost using different methods including vermiculture (worms). Registration is required at the Circulation Desk.

March 12 at 6 pm

March 13 at 10 am

Wrapping Your Head Around Mindful Eating

Join Diabetes Educators and Registered Dietitians from the Riverside Diabetes Wellness Center as they discuss tips for mindful eating; the presentation will also include demonstration of a healthy low carbohydrate recipe. This demonstration will be on March 26 at 6 pm. Registration is limited, register at the Circulation Desk.

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 bourbonnaislibrary.org

New Online Resource: Lynda.com!

The Bourbonnais Public Library now has access to a fantastic new online resource: Lynda.com! Lynda.com gives Bourbonnais Public Library patrons access to hundreds of online courses in topics like business skills and career development, computer skills, photography, marketing, song writing and so much more! Lynda is available on the Bourbonnais Public Library website. All you need is your library card to start learning today!

Chocolate Tour treats were once again chocolate salted caramel marshmallows prepared by Carol Snyder. These are not only deliciously yummy but also very popular with the "tourists."



Book Review

Since Biblical times, people have migrated to avoid oppression caused by man or nature. Over one hundred years ago, Ellis Island was the legal gate to the United States. Kline's novel "Orphan Train", examines the lives of two girls, one coming through Ellis Island, the other a native American. Both were forced to live away from their natural families, albeit in totally different ways and times.

In 2011, Molly has struggled to adjust as she "migrates" through a series of foster homes, hiding behind Goth make-up and toughness. And she reads - perhaps less for pleasure than to escape.

In 1929, Niahm, and her destitute family, has emigrated from Ireland to the fabled America, with all it has to offer. Sadly, they are not much better off in the immigrant-packed tenements of New York. After a fire, her solitary journey begins when the Children's Aid Society assigns her to an Orphan Train.

From 1854 until 1929, these trains made stops on the way west, where the orphans were presented to local residents often looking for household and farm help. Those not chosen got back on the train and the process began again at the next stop.

"Orphan Train" explores the lives of these girls, who, although they lived almost a century apart, endured similar experiences. Kline has expertly woven their lives together in a thought-provoking story.
-Harriet Hopkins



This is a picture of our Library Director, Kelly McCully, in her "Parisian" costume. Her program was "Joie de Vivre: A Parisian Travel Log." It was held on Tuesday, January 22. She shared photos, videos, and stories of her travels in Paris and the surrounding areas.

Check out the Friends of the Library page on the Bourbonnais Library website. You can also click a link to renew your membership! bourbonnaislibrary.org

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library board will be March 11, 2019, 3:30 p.m. All members of the Friends are invited to attend any of our meetings.



Youth Programs

Mondays, 9:30 am: Oh, Baby! Storytime. For ages birth through 18 months, with a caregiver. Infants and young toddlers will have a blast at this special storytime just for them. This program is designed to support baby brain development and to model how caregivers can easily start to build pre 4-literacy skills. Board books, classic rhymes, hands-on fun and lots of funny faces-oh, baby!

Mondays, 10:30 am: Preschool Pals Storytime. For ages 3 years through 6 years. Longer stories, more interactive songs, make-believe games and plenty of surprises make this storytime perfect for preschoolers. While emphasizing how awesome books are, we'll build vocabulary, comprehension skills, and classroom readiness! *Children may attend this storytime on their own when they're comfortable doing so-caregivers are always welcome to join the fun.*

Wednesday, 3:00 pm: Artsy Fartsy Club. 5th through 8th graders can join us after school for awesome crafts and art projects. Painting, collaging, sculptures, glittering, gift-making--express yourself! This program is drop-in. Find us in the Afterschool Clubhouse!



Tuesdays, 9:30 am: Toddler Town Storytime. Designed for one-on-one interactions between caregivers and their little walkers and talkers, ages 12 to 36 months. Short books are paired with songs, fingerplays, and other silliness. Everyone works together to share stories and make a positive experience for our young and restless learners!

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.: Family Jam Storytime. An energetic program designed for everyone! Picture books, pass-around props, silly songs and puppets all emphasize the importance of music, rhymes and movement in developing pre-literacy skills. Prepare to get goofy! For all ages, with a caregiver.

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