

WAUCONDA AREA LIBRARY



FOCUS

Wauconda Area Public Library District Newsletter Fall 1992

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the first issue of the Wauconda Area Library newsletter. We look forward to publishing *FOCUS* three times per year to keep you informed about new materials, services, and programs available at the Library.

This premiere issue lists and describes many important new materials and services which I strongly encourage you to check out for yourself. If you have not visited the library recently, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see the valuable resource your library has become.

In order to better accommodate your specific needs, please fill out our new Users Survey during your next visit.

I'd like to thank the many people who have made me feel so welcome since I became the Library Director in April. I hope to return your warmth and hospitality by making the Wauconda Area Library a place where you can always expect to go for pleasure, enlightenment, and reliable information.

WE NOW HAVE INFOTRAC!

InfoTrac (Magazine Index/Plus) is a comprehensive computerized index to over 430 of the most popular and widely read magazines. In addition, the database provides current cover-to-cover indexing of The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

The complete text of approximately 300 of these 430+ journals is available in our new **MAGAZINE COLLECTION** – a user-friendly microfilm collection

which offers instant access and coverage back to 1989. By subscribing to this service, we instantly added 100 magazine titles to our periodicals list.

Some of the subjects covered by this system include:

- Consumer information
- Current affairs
- Business
- Book & film reviews
- Health and fitness
- Arts and entertainment
- Travel
- Biographies
- Computers

WHAT'S NEW?

Here are some of the many recent improvements in the library's services and resources:

- ▣ **New Online Card Catalog**
- ▣ **Improved Business Information Collection**
- ▣ **Job and Career Information Center**
- ▣ **Computerized Magazine Index**
- ▣ **Automated journal article retrieval system**
- ▣ **More magazines and newspapers**
- ▣ **More health, medical, and parenting materials**
- ▣ **More popular cassettes, CDs and videos**
- ▣ **More bestsellers, mysteries, & romances**
- ▣ **More readers advisory resources**
- ▣ **More consumer information**
- ▣ **More in-house programs**
- ▣ **Another PC for public use**
- ▣ **New Library Newsletter!**

2 THUMBS UP ON VIDEO DEAL

The library recently received an offer it could not refuse – 84 videos at a bargain price – many are current releases, and each has received either "2 Thumbs Up" or equivalent acclaim. Titles include: **Paradise • Boyz in the Hood • Deceived • Madonna Truth or Dare • Father of the Bride • Homicide • Object of Beauty • Curly Sue • My Own Private Idaho • Russia House**

REFERENCE UPGRADE

We are upgrading our reference service and collection. The search for a full-time professional reference librarian will begin in October. In addition to answering reference questions, this librarian will assist in outreach to the schools and to the business community.

We have already added many useful reference tools covering business, consumer information,

literary criticism, medicine, science and more. Major new *business* acquisitions include:

- **American Wholesalers & Distributors Directory**
- **Chicago Area Business Directory**
- **Dun's Regional Business Directory – Chicago and Suburbs**
- **Street Address Directory – Northwest Suburban**
- **Ward's Sales Prospector**

JOBS & CAREERS

New information Center

Looking for a job? Getting prepared for an interview? Investigating career options? Wauconda Area Library's new Job and Career Information Center may be the best place to begin.

The library has upgraded its job and career resources and has centralized them to make job-searching and other employment-related information more accessible. In addition to local, regional, and national job listings, job-seekers will find books, videos, and cassettes which will be useful in developing resumes, interview skills, and career strategies. These resources, along with the library's InfoTrac computer and online searching service may turn up hard-to-find company and industry information which might give job applicants the edge they need when they go for their interviews.

Job listings include:

- **Chicago Trib JOBS section**
- **Federal Jobs Digest**
- **Jobs Magazine (Chicago area)**
- **Jobs Now!! (local)**
- **Job Opportunities (local)**
- **National Business Employment Weekly (National)**

ADULT / FAMILY PROGRAMS

Please call us at 526-6225 to register or inquire

OCTOBER

- 19 JOB-LINK SERIES : Where Do I Begin? The Library**
Library Director Tom Kern shows you how to use the library in finding the job you want, getting the job, and keeping the job.
- 21 ARTISTIC COLOR : Beauty, Make-Up and Wardrobe Clinic**
A polished appearance is a valuable tool for success. Experience the magic of your individual colors.
- 27 JOB-LINK SERIES : Get the Job You Want!**
Take advantage of your skills and strengths in planning your career or in searching for the job that's right for you.

NOVEMBER

- 2 JOB-LINK SERIES : Sharpen Your Job Interview Skills**
These skills could make all the difference in getting the job you want. Patricia Bach of SMAHRT, Inc.
- 5 Around the World in 90 Minutes**
Presented by the staff of Towne Travel Agency
- 7 The Museum of Science and Industry**
(Saturday) Price \$10.00 — Register by November 1
- 14 Effective Parenting in the 90's**
Are YOU an effective parent? Child development specialist Sissy Barman will speak.
- 18 My Favorite Things**
Diane Joseph of Heritage Appraisal talks about antiques and collectibles. Every one bring one item for an impromptu appraisal!

DECEMBER

- 9 Diving with Sharks!**
Lynda Aguirre presents videos of her scuba adventures with sharks, dolphins, ship wrecks, and more. Fascinating for adults and kids!
- 5-17 Shedd Oceanarium Travelling Exhibit**
- 10 Christmas Shopping at Water Tower Place**
(Thursday) Price \$5.00 — Register by December 3

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

It's In the Bag!

"It's in the bag" is not simply a phrase, but the name of a new set of reading kits for children. Each kit, which comes in a sturdy canvas bag, consists of a book and a reading guide, and provides related activities for parents/caregivers and kids to do together.

This new collection of kits features **Amelia Bedelia**, **Bedtime for Francis**, **Chester's Way**, **Harry the Dirty Dog**, and **Johnny Appleseed**, with more to be added.

Parents Collection Expanding

This special collection is conveniently located in the Young People's Room to encourage parents to browse through it while their kids read and play. Books are continually being added, and the collection will double in size by the end of the year.

Information on parenting, day care, child development, nutrition, activities, and education is included in this collection.

Recent additions include:

- *Child Care: A Parent's Guide*
- *Staying Home: From Full-Professional to Full-Time Parent*
- *The Complete Guide to Choosing Child Care*
- *The Single Mother's Book*
- *The Father's Guide: Raising a Healthy Child*
- *Toilet Learning: The Picture Book Technique for Children and Parents*
- *Parents Resource Network cassette series*

InfoTrac Is for Kids, Too

Our new InfoTrac Magazine Index is a great way for young people to learn how to use a computer as a *real* learning tool. Students doing homework assignments involving current

events will find this system especially helpful and FUN!

**THOMAS
THE TANK ENGINE
& FRIENDS
HAVE ARRIVED!
- BOOKS and VIDEOS -**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CALENDAR

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Fall Series (through October 21)
Holiday Series (December 1-23)

Storytime	Tuesdays	1:30 and 7:00
Lap Sit	Wednesdays	11:30
Crafts	Wednesdays	3:00

READ-ALoud (for grades Kindergarten - 2)
October 12 & 26; November 9 & 23

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS (for grades 3 and older)
October 1, 15, 29; November 12 & 19; December 3

Please call us at 526-6225 for details

SPECIAL EVENTS

- NOVEMBER** 5 - Turn in writings for KIDS Magazine
7 - Trip to Museum of Science and Industry
16 -21 - Children's Book Week
17 - Reid Miller - STORYTELLER - 7:00 p.m.
19 - Family Reading Night at home
21 - Mad Hatters
- DECEMBER** 5 - Trip to *Rumpelstiltsken*
5 -17 - Shedd Oceanarium Traveling Exhibit

Coming in January:
WINTER READING CLUB and RED CROSS BABYSITTING

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CARD CATALOG?

Progress! The library is moving quickly to catch up with technology. The card catalog is now online! More than half of the library's collection is now online – the rest is expected to be completed by January.

We moved the card catalog from its former location in order to place emphasis on the new online catalog. Why? Because we want people to use the online catalog first when looking for a book. You will find it very simple to use. In fact, you will probably begin to wonder how you ever got

by with just the card catalog.

The online catalog lets users quickly search the library catalog with an easy yet powerful searching method. Simply type in the title, author, or subject and the system leads you not only to your choice, but will indicate the availability of the item. Online help screens are a keystroke away. Of course, library staff is always available to assist you.

Once the entire online catalog is complete, the circulation system will streamline check-in and check-out with barcode scanning, and will maintain patron records and reserves without time-consuming manual recordkeeping.

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

The Wauconda Public Library District intends to comply fully with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make its services, programs, and materials equally accessible to people with disabilities. If you or someone you know with a disability will require an accommodation for a library service, or if you have any questions about the library's compliance, call the library director at 708-526-6225.

Some examples of accommodations include, but are not limited to the following:

- Home delivery service
- Front doorbell for assistance at the entrance
- Staff assistance in retrieval of materials anywhere in the library
- Talking Books for visually impaired
- Signers for hearing impaired who are attending programs (one week notice required)
- Large print collection

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The Wauconda Area Public Library District is a 24 square mile area that includes all or parts of Wauconda, Island Lake, Fox River Valley Gardens, Volo, and unincorporated Wauconda Township.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
*Sunday 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

*September through May

The library will be closed on the following upcoming dates:

November 11 – Veterans Day
November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
December 24-25 – Christmas
December 31– January 1– New Years

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