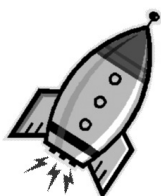




**New in 2012! Great Products and
Services for Brookfield Residents**



**B.L.A.S.T. —
Brookfield Library After School Time**

Kids in grades 1 through 5 can have a blast at B.L.A.S.T.— the Library's new after school program. Work on homework, read, play board, video or computer games, or just hang out under adult supervision.

The program is open to Brookfield residents only and will run from 3-6 p.m. on weekdays during the school year. The program is free, but parents must register their child in person at the Information Desk. Registration begins Monday, January 2; the program starts on Monday, January 16.

For more information, please call the Youth Services Desk at 708-485-6917, extension 140.

**Get Your Game On @
Your Library with the
Nintendo DSi™**



It's here @ your Library! Experience a world of fun with the Nintendo DSi™ gaming system.

Use your own games or games you check out from the Library. You can play with photos, sound, and a huge collection of games starring your favorite gaming icons. Connect online to download games and apps, share photos taken with the DSi camera on Facebook and much more. You can even play with sound using the built-in microphone, or play with your favorite AAC music files.

The Young Adult Department has three Nintendo DSi™ consoles for checkout *inside the library only*. Patrons under the age of 18 will need a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian to use the DSi™.

Scanning Station

The Brookfield Public Library has a new scanning station to meet all of your scanning needs. From this station you can save to your USB drive, save to Google Docs (requires a Gmail account), email yourself, or print. You can save scanned documents as graphic files, PDFs, or Word documents. Stop in and try it today.

Website

Look for a freshly redesigned website in 2012, including mobile compatibility and applications. We'll place a link on our current homepage for patron feedback and testing before we launch the new interface.

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Adult Programs and 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:

Snow Many Books!



Discover all the Library has to offer during the Library's Adult Winter Reading Program, Snow Many Books! Bingo cards, where patrons can cross off squares for reading books, checking out movies, and attending programs, are available at the Information Desk. Return your completed Bingo card by Saturday, March 24 to be entered into our prize drawing.

2012 Oscar Challenge



Think you know who will win the Oscar this year? Enter our 3rd annual Oscar Challenge. The person with the most correct answers will win a copy of this year's Best Picture. The last day to enter is February 25, and the link for entry will be on the Library's homepage when the nominations are announced on January 24, 2011.

FOL Writers' Workshop

Monday, Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 6 & 20 at 7:00 p.m.

If you write poetry or prose, join the Friends of the Library Writer's Workshop on the first and third Mondays of every month. New members are always welcome.

Knitting Club

Wednesday, Jan. 4 & 18, Feb. 1 & 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Knitters and crocheters of all skills are welcome.



Kiddieland Memories and Chicagoland's Amusement Parks of the Past

Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Join local photographer and historian Edward Kwiatkowski as he presents photos and discusses the history of Chicago's beloved theme parks.

Business Brown Bag: Legal Resources for Business

Monday, January 30 at Noon

Learn about legal resources at the library that can help with your business. Coffee and cookies will be served.



Chicago's Sweet Candy History

Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

For most of its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy. Leslie Goddard presents a look at Chicago as the "Candy Capital of America" by exploring the city's famous tasty treats and the companies that made them. Delicious!

AARP Tax Assistance

Fridays, February 17 - April 13

Need Help with your taxes? AARP volunteers will be at the Library to provide free tax assistance on Fridays, February 17 through April 13. Appointments are available at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 or 1:00. Sign up today to reserve a time; slots fill up quickly! Call 708/485-6917 x130 or register in person at the Library.

It's After Christmas - Do you Know Where Your Discarded Electronics Went?

Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

We Americans sure love our electronics, and we really love replacing them with the latest and greatest gadgets. But what happens to the tech toys we get rid of? Depending on the choices you make, the answers might surprise (and distress) you. Come join the Brookfield Cool Village Coalition for two short films produced by the Basel Action Network - "Exporting Harm: The High-Tech Trashing of Asia" and "The Digital Dump: Exporting Re-use and Abuse to Africa" - followed by a discussion. Suitable for adults and children ages 10 and older, this promises to be a thought-provoking evening.

Book and Film Discussions, Computer Classes

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

Space is limited and registration is ongoing until programs fill.

Computer Classes *Registration, with a 24-hour cancellation policy, is required for all computer classes.*

Computer Basics:

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet:

Thursday, January 12 at 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Email:

If you need a free email account, please arrive 30 minutes early.

Thursday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Windows 7:

Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word:

Monday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel:

Monday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint:

Monday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Film Discussions



Karen Cries on the Bus (Colombia)

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Karen leaves a 10-year marriage and learns to live independently.



Movie Matinee: *Midnight in Paris*

Saturday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m.
When a couple visits Paris, the fiancé finds a crack in time that brings him to the 1920s.



Protektor (Czech Republic)

Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.
The marriage of a radio reporter and a Jewish actress strains under the Nazis.



Movie Matinee: *The Help*

Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m.
A writer tells the story of "the help" in 1960s Mississippi.

Book Discussions

Stop by the Hold Shelf to pick up a copy of Book Club books. New participants are always welcome!

Girls' Night Out

Meets at the Salt Creek Wine Bar

January 9 (Mon.), 7:00 p.m.

***Skipping a Beat* by Sarah Pekkanen**

After a heart attack, a husband makes big changes.

February 13 (Mon.), 7:00 p.m.

***Attachments* by Rainbow Rowell**

An internet security officer falls for a woman whose emails he's responsible for monitoring.

Book Discussion

January 17 (Tues.), 7:00 p.m.

***Faith* by Jennifer Haigh**

When an unspeakable scandal threatens her brother's livelihood, Sheila seeks the truth about his private life and other family secrets.

February 21 (Tues.), 7:00 p.m.

***The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh**

For former foster child Victoria, the only bright spot in her difficult and troubled life is her love of flowers and their meanings.

Wye Valley Afternoon Book Club

Meets at the Wye Valley Apartments, British Home

January 9 (Mon.), 2:30 p.m.

***The City of Falling Angels* by John Berendt**

John Berendt investigates the 1996 Venice opera house fire by interviewing local figures & exploring the region's culture.

February 13 (Mon.), 2:30 p.m.

***The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein**

Enzo, an aging dog with a philosopher's soul, tries to bring together a family pulled apart by custody battles.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

January 14 (Sat.), 4:00 p.m.

***Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline**

In the dystopic 2045, Wade Watts has the opportunity to own the largest company in the world. All he has to do is win a worldwide video game competition and not get killed. Join us as we talk about 80s Geek Culture, 8-bit gaming, and Easter Eggs, along with other books we've read recently.

Children's Programs & Events

Register in person, by phone at (708) 485-6917, extension 140,
or online @ www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/calendar



Youth Services Winter Reading Program

Be a Smart Cookie – Read!

Registration begins January 2, 2012 for our Winter Reading Program.
Kids ages 2-5th grade can set their own weekly goals and win prizes for reading.
Sign up January 2 for storytimes and other programs, too.



STORYTIMES—REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Brookfield residents have priority for all programs
Please register for only one session per child

Book Babies Storytime Ages 6-23 months with adult
Wednesdays, Jan. 18-March 21—11:30 a.m.-Noon or
Thursdays, Jan. 19-March 22—11:30 a.m.-Noon

Terrific 2s & 3s Storytime Ages 2-3 years with adult
Tuesdays, Jan.17-March 20— 10:30-11:00 a.m. or
Tuesdays, Jan.17-March 20— 11:15-11:45 a.m. or
Wednesdays, Jan. 18-March 21—10:30-11 a.m.

Fantastic 4s & 5s Storytime Ages 4-5 years
Adult caregiver waits in library
Wednesdays, Jan. 18-March 21—1:15-1:45 p.m. or
Thursdays, Jan. 19-March 22—10:30-11 a.m.

Evening Family Storytime All ages with adult
Wednesdays, Jan. 18 & 25, and
Feb. 1, 15, 22 & 29—6:45-7:30 p.m.
Bring the whole family for stories, songs and a craft.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Creative Kids Crafts All ages
All day—Fri.-Sun., Jan. 6-8 & Feb. 3-5
Budding artists can stop by the Information Desk for our
popular do-it-yourself crafts.

Book Fiesta All ages with adult
Saturday, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4, 10:30-11 a.m.

Storytime in English and Spanish! Songs, stories and a
craft. La hora de cuentos en ingles y en español incluye
la lectura, rimas, y canciones. El programa dura 30
minutos y no se necesita registrar anteriormente.

Family Storytime All ages with adult
Saturday, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11, 10:30-11 a.m.
Stories, songs and a simple craft equal family fun.

Legomania Grades K and up
Saturday, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
If you build it, you'll have fun. Bring your friends & make
amazing creations. This winter, we'll display your Lego®
constructions for a month in the Library. If you have used
Legos® to donate, we'd love to have them.

WE LOVE READING!

READ TO THE DOGS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For readers in Grade 1 and up
Wednesday, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.—15-minute time slots

Improve your reading confidence by sharing stories with
a new furry friend. Dogs and their handlers are insured
for liability and trained for animal-assisted therapy and
reading education.

Parents MUST sign a permission slip before the child can
participate and are asked to wait in the library while their
child is reading to the dog.

Limited to 8 participants per session.



Book Buddies Program



The Book Buddies Program pairs youth
volunteers with kids who want reading
practice. Book Buddies can set their own
mutually agreeable schedules once a
month or more often.

Potential youth volunteers in grade 6
and older and parents of children who wish to
participate can call the Youth Services
Department at (708) 485-6917, extension 140, and sign
up to be a Book Buddy. It's a great way to earn service
hours for school or church!

Pictured here are Book Buddies Shawn and John—come
join the fun!

Children's Programs & Events

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

I ♥ Woolly Bully Book Club

Grades K-2

Book Club Thursday, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9—4:30-5:15 p.m.

Read a picture book at home with Mom & Dad, then join Woolly Bully as he explores it further through crafts and fun. Book available at registration; pre-readers welcome.

Reading Patch Book Club

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28—4:30-5:15 p.m.

Read a book from our monthly list and join us to earn a collectible patch.

We Play Wii

Grades 1-5

Tuesday, Jan. 10 & Feb. 14—4-4:45 p.m.

Game on! Play some MarioKart and enjoy a snack.

Pokémonia

Grades 2-5

Thursday, Jan. 19 & Feb. 16—4-4:45 p.m.

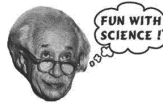
Study Pokémon® on the library laptops. Bring your cards & do some trading if you like. Come "catch 'em all!"

Geek Lab

Grades 2-5

Thursday, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23—4-4:45 p.m.

Join us for some experimental fun.



Monday Movie Madness

Grades 1-5

Monday, Jan. 23 & Feb. 27—4-5:30 p.m.

Relax with popcorn and a movie (G or PG). Younger kids are welcome to attend with an adult. Call the Youth Services Desk to find out what's playing.

QUILTMAKERS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn the art of quilting and make a masterpiece in fabric. All quilts are donated to Project Linus, which provides care and support for kids.

Beginning —Ages 9 and up (8 years old with adult); adults are welcome, too!

Saturday, Jan. 14 & 28 and Feb. 11 & 25—1-3 p.m.

Advanced —Instructor consent required

Saturday, Jan. 14 & 28 and Feb. 11 & 25—3-5 p.m.

Quiltmakers Workshop—Kids with adult

Sunday, Jan. 15 & 29 and Feb. 12 & 26—1-5 p.m.



SPECIAL EVENTS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians

Friday, January 6

- 2s & 3s with parent—10:30-11 a.m.
- Babies with parent —11:15-11:45 a.m.
- 4s & 5s with parent—12:30-1:00 p.m.

Early child music specialist Clara D'Onofrio returns to the Library with her popular programs. Kids and parents are invited to escape the winter chill and have fun making music.



Valentine Pop-Up Card Workshop

Friday, February 10—4-4:45 p.m.

Grade 1 and up

3-D isn't just for the movies! Come make a 3-D pop-up card for Valentine's Day. We'll provide all the supplies you need. Participants should be comfortable using scissors.

Be Mine: A Valentine's Day Event

Monday, February 13—4-4:45 p.m.

All ages with adult

Join Youth Services for this special inter-generational Valentine's Day celebration at the Library.

Come hear some Valentine stories and decorate some sweet treats to share with visitors from the British Home.



Born to Read Gift Packs



If you have a new baby or are new to Brookfield, we would like to welcome you and your baby to the library with a *Born to Read* gift pack.

Each gift pack contains a *Born to Read* bib from the American Library Association, a board book, and information about early literacy. The gift packs are available in English or Spanish.

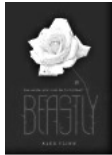
Please ask for your gift at the Information Desk. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Teen & Young Adult Programs

Call the Youth Services Department at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140, or check out the website at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info/youngadults/blog for more information.

Books to Movies

What's your favorite movie adaptation? Check out the young adult bookshelf for these titles that have recently been made into movies:



***Beastly* by Alex Flinn**

Kyle Kingsbury doesn't realize he's bullied the wrong person when he asks Kendra to the dance, intending to humiliate her when she shows up. But Kendra has powers Kyle thought only existed in fairy tales, and soon she turns him into a beast. The only thing that will break the spell is if someone falls in love with Kyle, but Kyle knows no one could ever love him now.



***Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen**

When Bryce Loski moves across the street from Julianna Baker, Juli is convinced it's love at first sight. Bryce is certain that it's not, however, and spends the next several years doing his best to avoid Juli. It seems like the stalemate will go on forever, until Bryce and Juli reach eighth grade and discover some important truths about each other that will change everything.



***I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore**

There were just nine children who survived the assault on the planet Lorien by the Mogadorians and managed to escape to Earth. But the Mogadorians have followed the nine and their teachers and are killing them off—in order. Number three and his teacher have just been killed, and John is number four.



***It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini**

Craig may have managed to get into an exclusive Manhattan high school, but ever since his life has gone straight downhill. School is completely over-the-top hard, Craig has an unrequited crush on his friend's girlfriend, and he can barely keep a meal down due to his anxiety. Checking himself in to a psychiatric hospital seems to be the best option, but will Craig find the help he needs?

January—February Schedule

Our Teen programs are open to kids ages 11—16 unless otherwise noted; Friday night programs are for ages 12—16. Registration is not necessary unless otherwise noted, 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.

Mondays, Jan. 16 & Feb. 6 & 20

4-5:30 p.m.



Teens Read—What is your current favorite book? Why do you think other teens should read it? Come talk about your latest faves, hear about new books, and have some snacks at Teens Read.

Mondays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13

4:00 p.m.



After Hours—After the library closes, it's time for our monthly young adult night of fun. Come for an evening of Internet, DJ Hero & Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers Brawl tournament play, & lots of snacks.

Ages 12—16

Fridays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Winter Reading Program

*i'd rather
be reading.*

Set your own reading goal & win weekly prizes! Registration begins January 2, and reporting begins the week of January 16.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

FOL Annual Membership Drive for 2012

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Library are members of the community who love the Library. They are folks like you and me who want to do more than use the Library. They want to give back!

Friends Meetings

The Friends meet at the Library on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M. in the lower level. All meetings are open to Friends and the public. FOL values new ideas and comments.

What do the Friends do?

The FOL is a non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide physical and financial support to the Brookfield Public Library. We do this through fund-raising and outreach activities including book sales and the Taste of Brookfield @ Your Library.

Friends Offer Many Volunteer Opportunities

Book Sales, Taste of Brookfield, Public Relations, Outreach, Community Liaison, FOL News Letter Liaison, Committee Member, and FOL Governing Board

MEMBERSHIP FORM (Please return to the Library c/o FOL)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____

E-Mail* _____ Phone _____

Membership Type – renewed annually in January (checks payable to the Friends of the Library)

Individual \$10 Family \$25 Senior \$5 Corporate \$50 Lifetime \$100 Patron \$200

*E-Mail is used only for special notices regarding FOL and Library events.

Shop Local, Shop Brookfield

Have you spread 'Holiday Cheer' in Brookfield this year? The FOL would like to thank the Brookfield Community for their support of our fundraising events in 2011. From the Book Nook to the Taste of Brookfield, we continue to feel connected with residents, businesses and local government as we work together to improve the place we live.

Your contributions of time, talent, and financial support help us to provide materials and programs at the library for all of us to enjoy. Our local businesses support the library in many ways so please remember to show them our support and *SHOP LOCAL* during and after the holidays. We have lovely shops and restaurants in town that are independently owned and add to Brookfield's charm. You save time, travel expenses, frustration in traffic and crowds, and best of all, you support local businesses who do their part to support us all year long. Check them out and spread the word to family and friends. If you are gathering this Winter, make your destination Brookfield!



Thank you! to everyone who contributed to the grand success of this year's Polar Express Trolley. The trolley has become an annual event during the Village Holiday celebration, circling the town to route attendees to all the great events of the day. This year we had a record number of riders, and a good time was had by all.

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Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m. between
Labor Day & Memorial Day

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On Display in January



The Salt Creek Quilters' Guild will exhibit their quilting masterpieces in the Library display case.

Library Closings

The library will be closed to observe the following holidays:

New Year's Day Sunday, January 1

Staff Announcements

Christy Eyre is staying with the Library but will be in a new Public Relations and Outreach position in 2012.

Kate Lagerstrom will transition to a full-time position in charge of many things, including adult programming.

Janis Stehlik-Barry will be doing double duty at the information desk as an adult and youth services librarian. We will miss her at the check out desk and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Asta Cuplinskas is joining the Youth Services Department as the new After School Assistant, in charge of the B.L.A.S.T. Program.

In Memoriam

Everyone associated with the Friends and the Library would like to acknowledge two special Brookfield community members who have recently passed. We thank both of them for their many contributions to the Library and to the Village of Brookfield.

Charlotte Wolf, 94, volunteered with the Library for nearly 30 years repairing books in the Library's Technical Services Department. Charlotte was creative in the repair of books, sometimes hand-sewing spines together, just as she was creative in her personal life, making jewelry and working as an art teacher. The Library will greatly miss her charm and spark.



Tom Kampschroeder, 66, owner of Salt Creek Wine Bar, along with his wife Linda Kampschroeder, was an advocate and a user of the Library. Additionally, Tom supported the Friends and the Library since the inception of The Taste of Brookfield @ Your Library in 2006. Hundreds of Taste attendees have enjoyed the wine donated by Tom, and we have counted ourselves lucky to have had the advice of a great wine connoisseur.