

## From the community: Lisle Kiwanis Donate Sensory Toys to Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / December 15, 2017**

The Lisle Library District has received a donation of new children's sensory toys from the Kiwanis Club of Lisle. The toys will be used during the Library's Baby storytimes, and are specially designed to help with early childhood development. Since the Library hosts several storytimes for over a hundred young children every week, the new sensory toys are a much-needed replacement for older toys.

Kiwanis International is a community organization with more than 600,000 members in more than 80 countries, whose goal is to empower members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children through local service projects and fundraising. Kiwanis International hosts nearly 150,000 service projects each year.



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## From the community: Friends of the Lisle Library District Honor Member with Donation



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / December 15, 2017**

During a special presentation at the Lisle Library District Board of Trustees meeting, the Friends of the Lisle Public Library District donated a new rocking chair to the Library in memory of longtime member Robin Sprietsma. Robin served on the Board of the Lisle Library District soon after its founding, from 1968 - 1971, and again from 1974 - 1975. She became the Library's first head of Youth Services in 1976, and retired from the Library in 1989. After retirement, she continued to serve as a member of the Friends of the Library, and was involved in the Library's book discussion groups.

The rocking chair donated in her honor will serve as the centerpoint of many of the Library's storytimes for children, and will replace a much-loved older chair that was in need of repair. During the presentation, current members of the Friends remembered Robin fondly, and explained that the chair exemplified both her passion for the Library and the children of the community.

The Friends of the Lisle Public Library District is a community organization that strives to create public support for Library events, sponsor programs that add to the cultural life of the community, and encourage gifts, endowments and memorials to the Library.



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From the community: Lisle Library District's Gallery 777  
December Reception



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / December 14, 2017**

**Artist Kasia Szczesniewski presents "Beyond the White Gardens", on display at the Lisle Library District through January.**

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** **SUN**

From the community: The Winter Read Has Begun at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / December 1, 2017**

The Lisle Library District's annual Winter Reading Program has officially begun! The program starts today, December 1st, and runs through January 7th.

During the program, Adults, Teens, and Kids can participate by reading their favorite books and completing reading goals. Adults and Teens can read two (or more) books to complete their challenge and receive a special cocoa mug for cold weather drinks. Kids can complete special Winter Reading challenges and receive special Winter Read badges and a snowman mini-plushie.



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From the community: A Winter Party with Music at the Lisle Library District



**WINTER PARTY  
AT THE LISLE LIBRARY**



**SATURDAY, DEC. 2**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / November 27, 2017**

This Saturday, December 2nd, the Lisle Library District will celebrate the beginning of their Winter Reading program with a Winter Party from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

As part of the festivities, the Library will provide hot chocolate and treats, as well as host musician Fruteland Jackson. Fruteland Jackson is a three-time Blues Music Award Nominee, a recipient of the Blues Foundation's Keeping the Blues Alive award, and creator of the award-winning Blues in the School programs. During his time at the Library, Fruteland will perform holiday standards and other favorites in his unforgettable style. Come in from the cold and enjoy music at the Library! More details can be found at [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org).

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Bats Visit the Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / November 9, 2017**

Daniel Peterson of Incredible Bats gave attendees a close-up look at two fruit bats during a special presentation at the Lisle Library District's Pokémon Club this Wednesday. The presentation explored the many myths and fascinating facts surrounding bats, culminating in an opportunity to see the animals at arm's length. The Pokémon Club is a popular biweekly Library program centered on the beloved monster-battling franchise. The group uses Pokémon as a connecting point to explore science topics. Past programs have used Pokémon to teach about pollution, archaeology, and buoyancy, to name a few. Attendees learned about some of the real-life animals that Pokémon are based on, including fruit bats and a very well-behaved skunk. The Pokémon Club is for grades K-5, and meets every other Wednesday at the Lisle Library District from 4:30 - 5:30. More details, and information about the Pokémon Club Reading Program, can be found at [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org).



# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Halloween Parade at Lisle Library District



Community Contributor Josh Hepler / October 31, 2017

**Costumed kids take a trick-or-treat tour through the Library after attending a special Halloween storytime.**

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From the community: Llama Llama Visits Lisle Library District



Community Contributor Josh Hepler / October 26, 2017

**Lisle Library District hosts a special storytime with Llama, the popular children's book character created by Anna Dewdney.**



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From the community: The Force Is Strong With Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / October 11, 2017**

**Library patrons pose with Darth Vader as part of Star Wars Reads Day at the Lisle Library District.**

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Star Wars Reads Comes to Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / September 28, 2017**

On Saturday, October 7th, the Lisle Library District is celebrating Star Wars Reads Day! This annual event combines Star Wars-themed fun with a celebration of books and reading. The event runs from 12:00 - 3:00 PM. It will feature crafts for adults and kids, face painting, Star Wars trivia, a showing of *The Force Awakens* (starting at 2:00 PM), and a huge variety of Star Wars books and other materials to check out. There will also be an Intergalactic Photobooth, so costumes are enthusiastically encouraged. The event is designed to be drop-in friendly, so Library-goers can stay for the whole event, or just a little while.



# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

## From the community: Lisle Library District Launches 'Book Club in a Bag'



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / September 12, 2017**

Book discussion groups have been a long-standing fixture at many libraries, and the Lisle Library District is no exception. Five groups meet at the Lisle Library every month to discuss a variety of genres and titles, from the Nonfiction group “Just the Facts” to the Mystery group “Murder Among Friends.” But what about Library patrons who want to create their own Book Clubs? What if they’d like meet on their own schedules, or meet in their homes or favorite coffee shops? With this in mind, Lisle Library District is launching Book Club in a Bag, starting in September.

Each Book Club in a Bag is a ready-made kit that readers and book club leaders can use to make their next meeting easier. Each kit contains ten copies of a fiction or nonfiction title, specifically selected by Librarians as a great discussion-starter. The kit also includes a reading guide with discussion questions, reviews, read-alike book suggestions, author information, and book club tips. For more information, interested patrons can visit the Library’s Connection Desk or call for more information at (630) 971-1675.

## From the community: Lisle Library District Presents 'Ready Set Go!'



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / September 5, 2017**

The first day of Fall is just around the corner. Kids are returning to school, adults are revitalizing their careers, and young adults are returning to college and internships. To help everyone prepare, "Ready, Set, Go!" is returning to the Lisle Library District on September 9th. Whether you're heading to school, college, or work, this all-ages event is designed to give patrons the momentum they need to get back into the swing of things!

**Youth!** Visit the Library Meeting Rooms from 10:00-12:00 for back-to-school events: a special storytime and craft (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), Educational Lego Boost engineering, and a chance to make your own Lego mini-figure (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)!

**Adults!** Visit the Meeting Rooms from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM for programs to jump-start your professional life: attend a career-building presentation, create a stress ball or note-book craft, and meet and network with fellow residents, students, and professionals!

During each session, the Library will also hold a drawing for gift certificates donated by local businesses. Please note that patrons must be present to receive a gift certificate.

For more information on using Library resources to enhance your professional or academic life, stop by the Library, call (630) 971-1675, or visit [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org). age of 18 need to have a parent or guardian present when registering.



# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

## From the community: Lisle Library District Celebrates National Library Card Sign-Up Month



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / September 1, 2017**

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and Lisle Library District is celebrating by partnering with local businesses for the “I Love My Lisle Library Card” campaign. The program, now in its ninth year, allows Lisle Library District cardholders to present their Library cards at local businesses and non-profits to receive discounts on goods and services. Over thirty businesses are participating in the partnership. Patrons can visit [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org) and click the ‘I Love My Lisle Library Card’ link under the ‘Programs’ tab for a complete list of businesses and discounts.

In addition, patrons that register or renew a card in September will be eligible to enter a drawing for a gift package from local businesses. If patrons bring a friend to register, both the patron and their friend will receive two entries for the drawing. The drawing will be held on October 2nd.

To register for a card, residents need to bring a photo ID (such as a driver’s license or state ID) and proof of residence (such as a utility bill or a checkbook). Children under the age of 18 need to have a parent or guardian present when registering.

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## Eclipse-viewing events in the Chicago suburbs, city

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Colton Hammer tries out his eclipse glasses in preparation for the eclipse.  
Associated Press

### Daily Herald staff report

**Adler Planetarium:** A free Chicago Eclipse Fest will run from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday on the planetarium grounds and in the adjacent parking lot. Guests can enjoy live entertainment, hands-on science for all ages, local programming and food trucks. Free solar viewing glasses for first 30,000. Admission to the planetarium also will be free, including the Chasing Eclipses exhibit. See [AdlerPlanetarium.org](http://AdlerPlanetarium.org).

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**Lake County Forest Preserve District:** 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. viewing party at Ryerson Woods Welcome Center, 21950 North Riverwoods Road, Riverwoods. Activities, crafts and light refreshments during the eclipse with totality viewing at 1:19 p.m. The viewing will be indirect projection viewing and there will be supplies to make your own viewer. See [www.lcfd.org/events/solar-eclipse-viewing-party20170821/](http://www.lcfd.org/events/solar-eclipse-viewing-party20170821/)

**Lisle Library District:** Starting at 9:30 a.m., the library's Connection Desk will provide free solar eclipse glasses to patrons (one per person). First-come, first-served basis with Lisle Library District residents given preference. A viewing party begins at 11:53 a.m. and continues until the end of the eclipse at 2:42 p.m. The first 50 individuals present also will receive complimentary viewing glasses. The viewing party will be on the reading patio in the south parking lot at the library, 777 Front St., Lisle. Call (630) 971-1675.

**Morton Arboretum:** Take part in drop-in activities from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at the Visitor Center, 4100 Route 53, Lisle. Learn about how and why an eclipse happens, and view the event with eclipse glasses. To learn more, visit [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org).

**Mundelein:** 12:30 to 2 p.m. Monday at Keith Mione Park/Sports Complex, 1461 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein. There will be games, crafts and eclipse tracking with viewing glasses (limited supplies available on site). There is no charge and registration is not needed. The event is co-hosted by the Mundelein Park and Recreation District and Fremont Public Library, which will be offering a program on Saturday, Aug. 19 regarding the lore, legend and science of eclipses past and present. Contact Kelly Bagatti at [kbagatti@mundeleinparks.org](mailto:kbagatti@mundeleinparks.org) or (847) 566-0650.

### What Do You Think?

Do you think athletes should be allowed to sell their awards and trophies (like rings, jackets, and medals) without a penalty from sports authorities or organizations?

- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No opinion

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Many suburban retailers have sold out of eclipse viewing



### Police: Men rob teen, lead cops on high-speed chase in Naperville

Police searching for two men accused of an armed robbery of a 14-year-old teen in Naperville early Monday morning.

### See those hipsters outside that new restaurant?





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From the community: Storytime in the Park with Lisle Library District

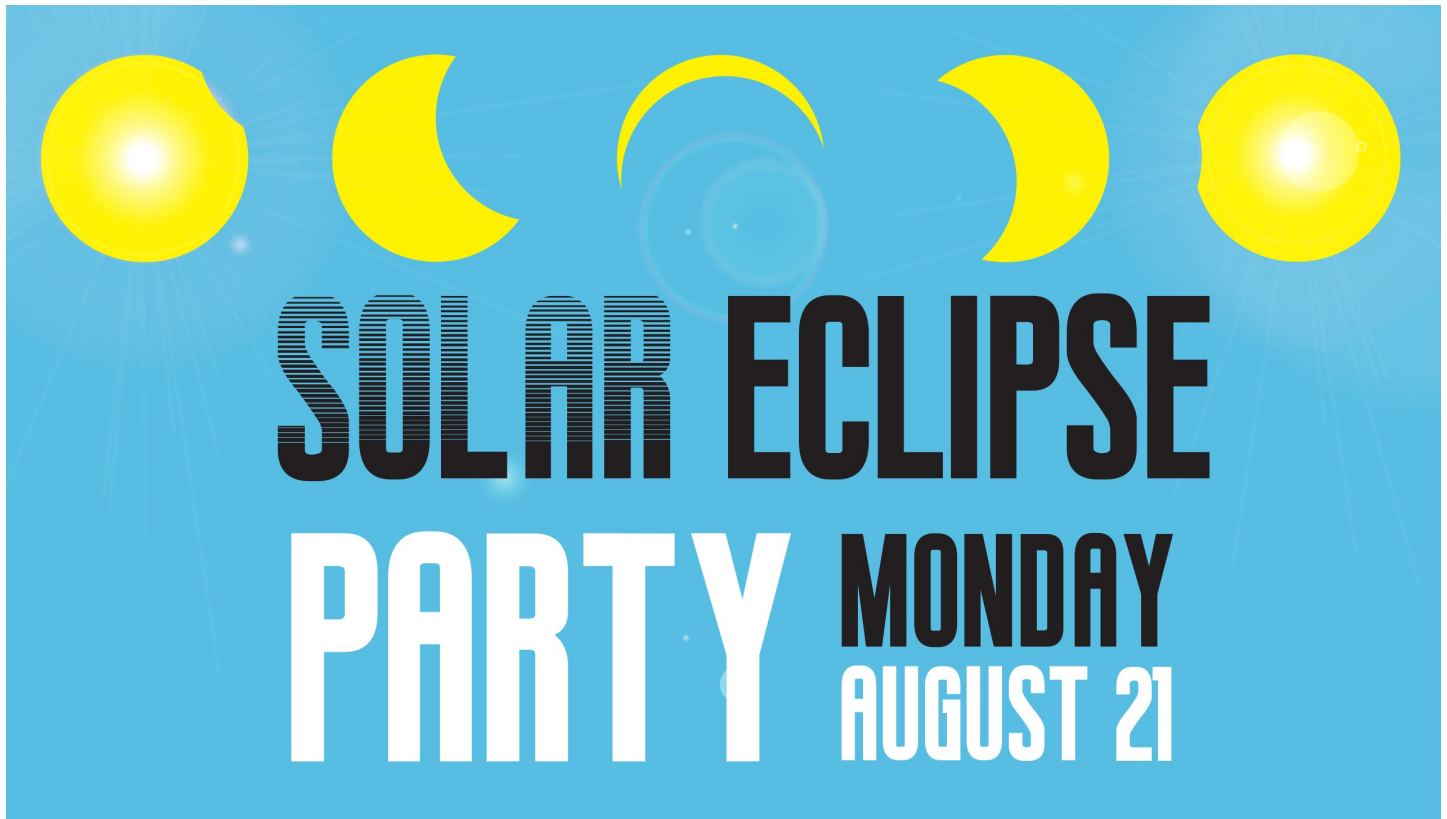


**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / August 21, 2017**

**Will Savage, Director of Youth Services at Lisle Library District, leads a special outdoor storytime at Dragonfly Landing in Lisle.**

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** **SUN**

From the community: Lisle Library District to Hold Solar Eclipse Viewing Party



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**August 9, 2017**

The Lisle Library District will be holding a special program on Monday, August 21, 2017 to celebrate the rare solar eclipse that will be visible from North America during that time.

Starting at 9:30 AM on the morning of the 21st, the Library's Connection Desk will be providing a complimentary pair of solar eclipse glasses to patrons (one per person). Only a limited quantity will be available - first come, first served.

Patrons can also join a viewing party after the eclipse begins at 11:53 AM until the end of the eclipse at 2:42 PM. The first fifty individuals present will also receive complimentary viewing glasses. The viewing party will be held in the Library's south parking lot on the reading patio. The partial solar eclipse will occur at 1:19 PM. The Library is excited to give residents an opportunity to take advantage of this rare celestial event, since the next solar eclipse won't take place until 2024.



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From the community: Lisle Library District's Gallery 777  
July Reception



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler / July 25, 2017**

**Featured artist Vicki Frasco with her paintings at the latest Gallery 777 show, on display at the Library through August.**

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** **SUN**

From the community: Susan M. Boyer to Visit Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**July 17, 2017**

Susan M. Boyer, the author of the bestselling Liz Talbot mystery series, is visiting the Lisle Library District this week. Susan will join the Murder Among Friends book group as they discuss the second book in the series, *Lowcountry Bombshell*, July 20th from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Susan's novels have received the Agatha Award, Macavity nominations, and the Daphne du Maurier Award. The event is open to everyone, and no registration is required.



# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Theater and Wordplay at Lisle Library District



Community Contributor Josh Hepler / June 28, 2017

College of DuPage Theater's 'Play on Words' presented at the Lisle Library District. (pictured ensemble: Leo Aiello, Max Campbell, Philip Laricchia, Aaron Ostrowski, Brandon Torres, and Page Weaver)

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**July 12, 2017**

On Saturday, June 29th, the Lisle Library District is celebrating the close of their annual Summer Reading program. From 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, the Library will be holding a Wrap-Up Party to encourage community and congratulate patrons on their reading goals. This library-wide event will feature a food truck, DIY gardening crafts, live music, face painting, and a variety of activities for all ages. If sending your favorite librarian into the water sounds like fun, there will also be dunk tank featuring some of the braver Library staff. The event is designed to be drop-in friendly, so Library-goers can stay for the whole event, or just a little while.



## Lisle Library District Welcomes Visiting Mystery Authors



### Josh Hepler July 12, 2017

Lisle Library's mystery book group, *Murder Among Friends*, has been discussing mystery titles amongst themselves for a long time. Lately, the group has been able to discuss those novels directly with their source: the authors. The group, which meets monthly to share their thoughts on a wide variety of books in the mystery genre (and sub-genres), has added the input of two authors during their June and July meetings.

In June, the Library hosted celebrated journalist and best-selling author Hank Phillippi Ryan (pictured). She discussed her latest novel, *Say No More*, as well her extensive career as an investigative reporter. The author took questions from attendees and discussed a variety of topics, from how her professional experiences influence her writing to a reporter's difficult duty to question people who are at a low point in their lives.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Library will host the author of the Liz Talbot 'Lowcountry' series, Susan M. Boyer. The series features a modern-southern-belle sleuth and small-town life, which stands in sharp contrast to Ryan's urban Boston locales. But according to Librarian Patricia Ruocco, who runs the Library's discussion group, this variety is what keeps things interesting and fun for readers and attendees.

The July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with Susan M. Boyer will run from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, and is open to everyone. No registration is required.

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Juggling Fun at Lisle Library District

Community Contributor Josh Hepler  
June 28, 2017



**Mike Vondruska ("That Tall Juggler Guy") instructs young patrons and their families as part of the Lisle Library District's Summer Performer Series.**



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## From the community: Hank Phillippi Ryan to Visit Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**June 22, 2017**

Celebrated author and journalist Hank Phillippi Ryan will be visiting the Lisle Library District on Thursday, June 29th to talk about her latest novel, *Say No More*, and discuss her career as an investigative reporter.

Hank Phillippi Ryan has earned a wide variety of accolades for her journalism (including several EMMYs and Edward R. Murrow awards) and her fiction (including multiple Agathas and the prestigious Mary Higgins Clark award). She serves on the National Board of Mystery Writers of America and is a past president of national Sisters in Crime. The upcoming visit represents a unique opportunity for readers, fans, and aspiring writers in the community to interact with a bestselling author and reporter.

The event begins at 7 PM on the 29th, as part of the Murder Among Friends Discussion Group, with the author joining the discussion at 7:30 PM. There is no registration required and all are welcome to attend.

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## From the community: Balloon Art and Comedy at Lisle Library District

Community Contributor Josh Hepler  
June 19, 2017



**Balloon artist Dale Obrochta regales young patrons and families as part of the Lisle Library District's Summer Performer Series.**



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## From the community: Up Close with Wildlife at Lisle Library District

**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**June 15, 2017**



**Erin Yanz of Nature's Creatures lets kids get up close and personal with animals at a Lisle Library District Summer Program.**

# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Summer Reading Kick-Off at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**May 31, 2017**

This weekend, the Lisle Library District is celebrating the beginning of their annual Summer Read program. From 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM this Saturday, June 3rd, the Library will be holding a Kick-off Party to usher in the popular reading season. This library-wide event will feature specialty ice cream, crafts, and a variety of activities for all ages. The event is designed to be drop-in friendly, so Library-goers can stay for the whole event, or just a little while.

This year's theme is Reading by Design. Over the summer, Library patrons will be encouraged to explore all kinds of creativity, from inventing and engineering to writing and illustrating. At the Library, this exploration could take the form of special workshops (like a Memoir Writing Workshop taking place June 9th at 6:30 PM), or Youth & Family events (like specialist Erin Yanz using live animals to show nature's creativity June 7th at 2:00 PM). Whether you're a long-time regular or you have you've been meaning to get a card for a while, the Library wants you there!



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## From the community: The Authors of Lisle Library District's Lit Fest

Community Contributor Josh Hepler  
May 26, 2017



**Local authors (left to right, top row) Luisa Buehler, Mike MacDonald, Paul Ciolino, Wayne Turmel, (bottom row) Rita Chhablani, and Julie Oleszek.**

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From the community: Art & Nature at Lisle Library District

Community Contributor Josh Hepler  
May 10, 2017



**Gallery visitors discuss the painting technique trompe l'oeil at the May 5th opening of Robert Pennor's exhibit "Birds & Blooms", on display at Lisle Library District through June 2017.**



## From the community: Lisle Library District's Food for Furry Friends Drive

Community Contributor Josh Hepler  
April 28, 2017



During the month of May, the Lisle Library District will collect donations for its Food for Furry Friends drive to benefit the A.D.O.P.T. (Animals Deserving of Proper Treatment) Pet Shelter.

The Lisle Library is collecting pet food, squeaky toys, collars, leashes, and cat litter. The donations will be directly given to the A.D.O.P.T. shelter, a local Naperville non-profit organization that provides temporary care to dogs and cats in need.

Patrons are invited to drop off any of the requested items during the month of May, in the specially marked box in the Library's foyer during regular business hours.

### From the community: Lisle Library District Invites Local Authors for Upcoming Lit Fest

Community Contributor Josh Hepler

April 27, 2017

The Lisle Lit Fest is returning to the Lisle Library District! This year's event will feature a writer's panel with local authors from a variety of backgrounds and genres, followed by a Q & A session with the audience as well as a book signing. This year's featured authors include:

Paul Ciolino, author of *Dead in Six Minutes*, about the creation of the modern paramedic and EMS system.

Julie Oleszek, author of *Just like Ziggy* and *The Fifth Floor*, novels focusing on family secrets and navigating complex emotions.

Luisa Beuhler, author of the Grace Marsden mystery series, including *The Station Master: A Scheduled Death*, which takes place during Lisle's own Depot Days.

Mike MacDonald, professional photographer and author of *My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago: A Celebration of Chicagoland's Startling Natural Wonders*.

Rita Chhablani, author of nonfiction title *The Joys of Yoga*, and the short story collection *Despite Odds: Tales of Choices*, which explores culture and gender in India.

Wayne Turmel, author of a series of leadership and management books, as well as *Acre's Bastard* and *The Count of the Sahara*, historical fiction novels.

The Lit Fest will take place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M., and will be followed by two connected Community Storytelling events at the Library in June. These events include:

#### **Writing Your Story: A Memoir and Creative Nonfiction Workshop**

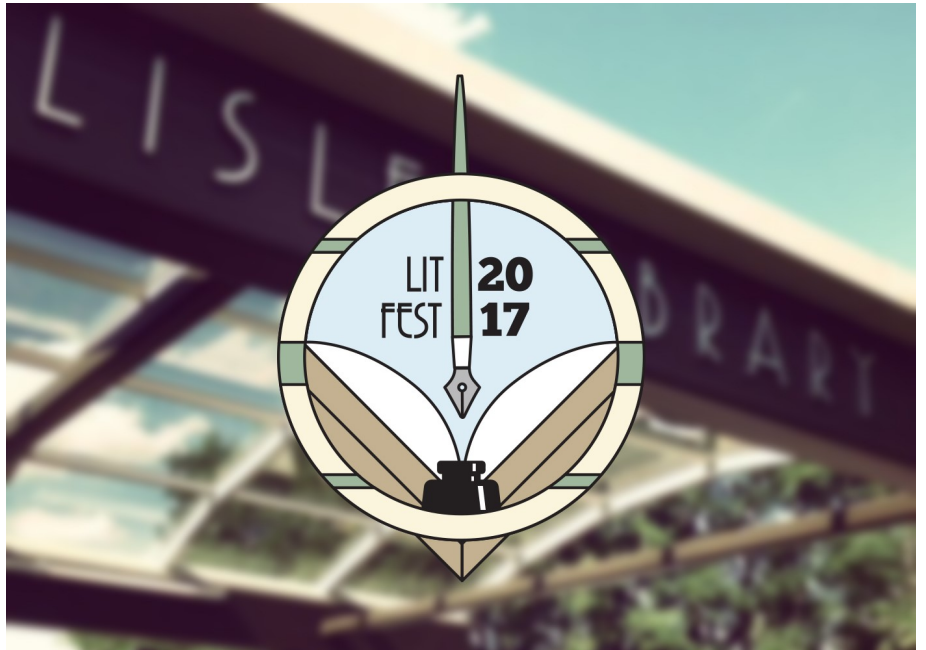
Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Maybe you have a story or experience from your life that you would like to write, but you're not sure where to begin. Join College of DuPage faculty Trina Sotirakopulos for a creative nonfiction workshop. Sotirakopulos will discuss storytelling methods and ways to make your experience come alive.

#### **Story by Design: A Community Storytelling Event**

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Join graduates of the *Writing Your Story* Workshop for a delightful evening of storytelling. Bring your friends and family as stories and creative pieces are shared from the community.





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From the community: Pete the Cat Visits Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**April 14, 2017**

**A room full of enthusiastic storytime attendees greet Pete the Cat, the popular picture book character created by James Dean and Eric Litwin. More information on storytimes at Lisle Library District can be found at [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org).**

## From the community: Canine Companionship at Lisle Library District's Family Literacy Class



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**March 30, 2017**

Murphy the dog and his handler, Bill Holaday, introduced a sense of wonder and delight to the Lisle Library District's Family Literacy class last week. Their visit helped limited English speaking parents and their preschoolers socialize and play. The Family Literacy class is held weekly at the Library In a community partnership with Ann Reid Early Childhood Center, Naperville School District #203, and Literacy DuPage.

Since 2014, the Family Literacy class at the Lisle Library District has provided English language development instruction to at-risk parents and their children. The weekly sessions include one hour of parent class while the children are supervised and develop their social and emotional skills. During the second hour, parents and children come together for combined learning experiences. Books given to the families to start their own at-home libraries are provided through a grant from the Naperville Education Foundation. The Lisle Library District serves the residents of the Naperville School District #203 in addition to the Lisle School District #202.



## From the community: Artist Donates Stained Glass to Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**March 24, 2017**

Local artist and long-time library patron Paul Jarecki recently honored the Lisle Library District by making the library's logo the basis for a stained glass panel.

Mr. Jarecki credits his sister-in-law, who runs an art gallery, for getting him involved in stained glass. He also admits that the unique format is ideal for him, saying that he was never quite as interested in more common art mediums, like sketching or watercolors. He describes stained glass art as more of concrete "process," in which the steps, from layout and fitting to cutting and soldering, are more defined. As far as the choice of subject, he says he was attracted to the logo's geometric style and prairie motifs as ideal for a stained glass project.

Mr. Jarecki told us that he always knew he would donate the piece, saying "As long as I can go to the library and see it, that's perfect. And other people can see it too." In fact, he sees art inclusion as just one more way that libraries are evolving. "I think we're coming to realize the importance and the value of the library, not just as a book repository, but a community place, and a resource of knowledge." He recounts how influential the library has been in his family's life, and adds, "It's always been a delightful place to come."

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From the community: Lisle Library District's Gallery 777  
March Reception



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler**  
**March 8, 2017**

**Patrons read the artist's statement at the March 3rd opening of Paul DeVolpi's watercolor exhibit "Reciprocal Gradation", on display at Lisle Library District through April 2017.**



## New director plans for Lisle Library's future



Joan Broz

Eleven days after assuming her position as director of the Lisle Library District, Tatiana Weinstein is excited to lead the medium-size library into its future.

Weinstein comes well-prepared for the task, and already has weathered the first calamity.

"On the very last day of our past director, our main board switches went down that affords us internet and catalog access, and all the phone and wireless," Weinstein said. "For half a day there was a domino effect, so I had 11- and 12-hour days the first few days on the job."

The easiest thing for Weinstein during her initial days was her first internal staff meeting.

"The staff is so supportive, which is nice," Weinstein said. "We have a wonderful and highly professional staff, and are well-known for our great, helpful and friendly staff. They are so willing to go that extra mile."

Weinstein is equally proud to have been a member of the Lisle Library staff since 1998, starting as a readers advisory assistant and moving up the ranks to director of adult services and assistant director.

While working at a book store for 11 years including during her college studies, Weinstein was influenced by the store's staff librarian.

Growing up, Weinstein loved art, reading, writing and books and describes herself as a "news junkie." She thought of becoming an art teacher, and earned degrees at DePaul University and Columbia College in Chicago and then her master's in library and information science from Dominican University in River Forest. Learning more about what a librarian does convinced her that it could be her perfect career.

"Every day here is a challenge, an opportunity and different each day because we work in the public sphere," Weinstein said. "We meet new people, have other issues, problems and wonderful success stories."

In her 18 years at the Lisle Library, Weinstein has attended many conferences and diligently keeps up with all the new things happening in public libraries.

"Public libraries today are institutions for lifelong learning," Weinstein said. "A lot is not just about books; all my librarians on staff are instructors and teach many classes we offer. We can really move technology ahead. We supplement our readers' educational, professional and creative needs and interests at every stage of life -- from babies to seniors."

The Lisle Library is approximately 33,190 square feet in size and houses 160,000 items in its collection. Its extensive digital collections include e-books, audio books, music, magazines and movies with thousands of choices. Residents may access digital content through 40 databases. The library's vision statement is, "We are here to Enrich, Educate and Empower."

With the library board, Weinstein looks forward to working on the budget and evaluating the library's space. Weinstein says they first need to reach out to the community to find out what residents want from a library.

"Last year, we finished our five-year strategic plan," Weinstein said. "Our community outreach will be key to laying out a strategic plan for the next three to five years. Is it a fit for the community, or do they like us just the way we are?"

This spring, Weinstein will look to engage the Lisle community in a comprehensive survey process for the library's long-range planning. Last done in 1998-99, the library's intent is to connect with residents, to gather information, and to plan its future.

"It is premature to say what we want before reaching out to the community to see what they will like," Weinstein said. "It is not for me to decide, although I am happy to guide the process."

Weinstein's dreams for the Lisle Library are patron-driven. Her dream is for "every child in the district to have a library card; for every teen to understand how we can supplement their education here; and for every adult to know how valuable we are by coming to the library."



So part of her efforts need to be getting her message out.

"We are third place," Weinstein explained. "Home is number one; school or work is number two; and then the public library is number three."

Weinstein has some existing accomplishments she can point to with pride. In the summer of 2013, she spearheaded a new feature at the library to highlight different local artists called Gallery 777. Every two months, the rotating exhibit features creative work. Each opening begins with a welcoming reception the first Friday of the exhibit. Interested artists age 18 and older may contact the library for details.

"There is a lot of great talent in Lisle," Weinstein said. "We are about six months out in planning."

The library had a recent donation from the Lisle Lions Club of low-vision service devices for public use. Among the items are large hand-held magnifiers, a device to turn text into sound, and low-vision reader.

"We have a whole Web page devoted to low-vision support," Weinstein said.

She is grateful to the Lions for the gifts to the library; to the Friends of the Lisle Library for their continued support, first-rate programing, and twice-yearly book sales; and to the Lisle Woman's Club, which was key to forming the district more than 50 years ago and continues to support the library. She appreciates the adult home delivery volunteers who faithfully bring books and library materials to homebound patrons.

Weinstein wants to make a stronger connection to the Lisle community and increase library membership. If you are not a user, she wants to understand why.

Weinstein believes, "Whatever your life circumstance, a public library can help you grow, improve and enhance your life."





## From the community: Celebrate Black History Month at Lisle Library District

**Community Contributor Alexa Hansen**

**February 6, 2017**

February is Black History Month!

Stop into the Lisle Library District to celebrating all month-long with the following programs:

### **Monday Funday/Terrific Tuesday: Scientist Spotlight**

*Monday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 7, 4 - 5 p.m.*

Come celebrate the works of African American scientists with projects and experiments based on their work.

### **Monday Funday/Terrific Tuesday: Author/Illustrator Spotlight**

*Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14, 4 - 5 p.m.*

This week we will highlight some of the great African American authors and illustrators with crafts and projects based on their books.

### **Monday Funday/Terrific Tuesday: Engineer Spotlight**

*Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21, 4 - 5 p.m.*

We will celebrate the great works of African American engineers with projects based on their accomplishments.

### **Harriet Tubman: A Historical Portrayal**

*Thursday, February 23, 7 - 8 p.m.*

Harriet Tubman was an abolitionist, civil rights activist, and humanitarian. Now get to see her at the Lisle Library District. Join Pamela Welcome, who has performed in numerous diverse theatrical productions, as she delivers a convincing portrayal of Harriet Tubman, who led hundreds of slaves to their freedom on the Underground Railroad.

### **Monday Funday/Terrific Tuesday: Artist Spotlight**

*Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, February 28, 4 - 5 p.m.*

Come celebrate the great works of African American artists and create your own masterpiece.

To sign up for these programs go to

<http://lislelibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>



## From the community: Lisle Library District's 7th Annual Warm Hearts Give Warm Hands Clothing Drive

Community Contributor Alexa Hansen  
February 1, 2017

### Warm Hearts Give Warm Hands



During the month of February, the Lisle Library District will collect donations for its annual Warm Hearts Give Warm Hands clothing accessories drive for the People's Resource Center of Du Page County.

The Lisle Library is collecting gently used mittens, hats, and scarves. The donations will be directly given to the People's Resource Center of DuPage County, an organization focused on providing nearly 32,000 low-income DuPage residents with basic human services such as food, clothing, shelter, and resources.

Patrons are invited to drop off new or gently-used mittens/gloves, hats, and scarves in the specially marked box in the Library's foyer during regular business hours.



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## From the community: Chicago Wolves Player Visits Lisle Library District

Community Contributor Alexa Hansen

January 19, 2017



To celebrate the end of Lisle Library District's Winter Reading Program, Chicago Wolves player Conner Bleackley stopped by for a visit and talked about his career and favorite books!

## From the community: Interactive Music Presentation for Lisle Library District's Weekly Family Literacy Class

**Community Contributor Alexa Hansen**  
**January 18, 2017**

Music is the universal language understood by all who take time to hear, listen and learn!

The Lisle Library's weekly Family Literacy class for limited English speaking parents and their preschoolers from the Lisle and Naperville schools participated in music activities to improve listening and movement skills, following directions, and social/emotional development.

Nineteen families enjoyed an interactive presentation by Ms. Kathy Cathey, Community School of the Arts in Wheaton, IL, who led the group in this unique learning experience. The Family Literacy class is held every Wednesday afternoon at the Lisle Library District in partnership with the Ann Reid Early Childhood Center and Literacy DuPage.

For more information about the Lisle Library's literacy/English language development programs, contact Jean Demas, literacy outreach librarian, [literacy@lislelibrary.org](mailto:literacy@lislelibrary.org) or 930-971-1675, x1002.





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From the community: Lisle Library District's Gallery 777  
January Reception



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**Artist Nancy Savaiano Rosenberg's exhibit of The Present: Gift & Challenge showing January-February 2017, with the opening night reception on January 6th, 2017.**