

# The Ford Connection

## THE THOMAS FORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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FALL  
2014

### September Means Back-to-School and National Library Card Sign-up Month

The best school supply is a library card, and there is no better time to get one than during National Library Card Sign-up Month. Sign-up is fast and easy: Bring a photo ID and two proofs of Western Springs residency. Our staff will make your card on the spot.

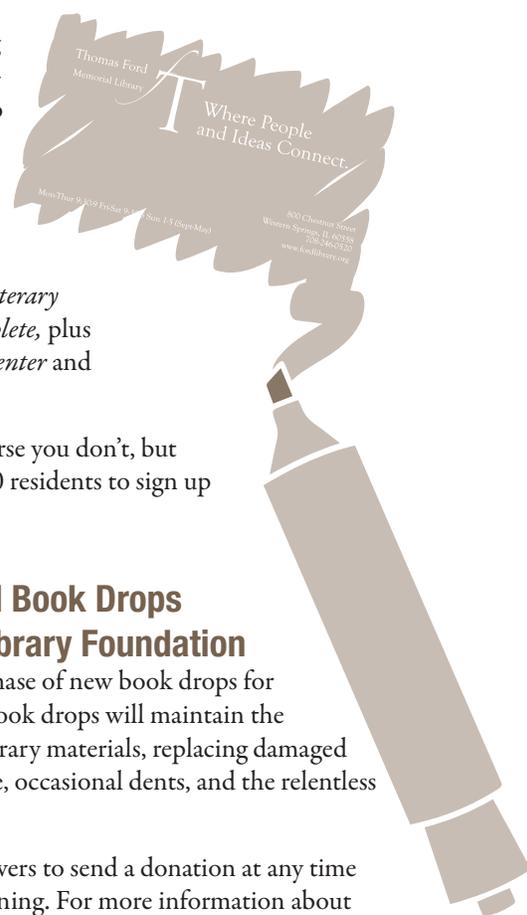
Your library card will give you access to books, music, movies, and all our premium online resources, including the brand new *Literary Reference Center* and *Consumer Health Complete*, plus works-cited favorites like *Science Reference Center* and *Biography in Context*.

Need any more reasons to get a card? Of course you don't, but we're giving away highlighters to the first 100 residents to sign up this September anyway.

### Look for Our New and Improved Book Drops Courtesy of the Thomas Ford Library Foundation

The Library Foundation is funding the purchase of new book drops for immediate delivery and installation. These book drops will maintain the convenience of curbside return for many Library materials, replacing damaged units that have survived 20 years of heavy use, occasional dents, and the relentless Western Springs weather.

The Foundation encourages fellow library lovers to send a donation at any time and to include the Foundation in estate planning. For more information about planned giving and/or membership in the Oak Leaf Society, please phone Anne Kozak at (708) 246-0520.



Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.  
Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

## Foods of the Fall Season

Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.

Fall has arrived and with it comes a taste for the wonderful foods that the season offers. Come join Chef Mary Gail Bennett for a demonstration and sampling of delicious, easy to prepare recipes sure to inspire and motivate you. She will show you how to make a delicious Maple Butternut Squash Bisque along with a comforting Warm Chocolate Bread Pudding.

## Arm Knitting

Tuesday, September 23, 7 p.m.

Learn to make a scarf in an hour or an afghan in an afternoon with this fun and quirky knitting technique. Bring a skein of chunky yarn, or choose from our offerings.

## Healthcare in Retirement

Wednesday, September 24, 7 p.m.

Retirement advisor Jim Flanagan explains Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, as well as Medicare supplemental insurance and long-term care insurance.

## Borrow eBooks with eRead Illinois

Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.

Librarian Rick Roche will introduce Thomas Ford cardholders to the growing collection of eBooks that may be downloaded to tablets, smartphones, or PCs by using eRead Illinois.

## Author Talk: Elizabeth Blackwell

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Elizabeth Blackwell is a former magazine editor and freelance writer whose novel *While Beauty Slept* is a historical-fiction reimagining of the Sleeping Beauty legend. A resident of the northern Chicago suburbs, she will talk about her own long road to publication and discuss the pros and cons of traditional publishing versus self-publishing. All aspiring writers are welcome!

## Tending Grandma's Teacups

Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

We all have inherited belongings from previous generations that tell our family's history, whether they're pictures from the 1880s, certificates from the Masons, or a Cougars' foul ball that hit a family member. Join us for an evening of show and tell, exploring how to keep objects in good condition, and some out-of-the-box thinking for dealing with our unique heirlooms.

## Pumpkin Mosaic Craft

Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m.

Lisa Tolbert, a local mosaic artist, will coach attendees as each creates a charming three-dimensional pumpkin. Attendees are encouraged to bring any of their own "quirky" additions to add to their mosaic such as old jewelry, buttons or even china. This is a 3 hour class. \$45 fee per person. Cash or checks due at time of registration.

## European Art During the Great War

Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.

One hundred years ago, at the beginning of World War I, artists in France, Italy, and Germany were competing for leadership in the modernist art movement. Displaying great diversity and creativity, Picasso, Kandinsky, Duchamp, Boccioni and others came out on top, establishing paths their successors would follow for a century. Jeff Mishur will speak about the art that made history during this tumultuous second decade of the 20th century.

## Author Talk: Joanne Zienty

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

Join the Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project winner Joanne Zienty in exploring the vital role that libraries play in the lives of their communities. Joanne will present a light-hearted look at libraries she has known and loved, and will discuss her award-winning debut novel *The Things We Save*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

## FRIDAY at the FORD

*We open our doors at 7 p.m. for our free concerts sponsored by the Western Springs Library Friends. No registration. Come early to get a good seat.*

## Mark Dvorak

Friday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago-area folksinger Mark Dvorak returns to Friday at the Ford with a collection of classic songs and original compositions.

## Celeste Martino

Friday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

Popular Westchester soprano Celeste Martino promises an evening of beautiful music as she sings lullabies she has collected from around the world.

## Painted Velvet Scarves

Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Carolyn Thomas Davidoff is back and brings her expertise in silk scarf painting. This fall she will teach a technique for painting on velvet. Each participant will paint a scarf, which can be taken home the day after the program. \$8 materials fee.

## Christmas Music in the Movies

Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.

Join us for Steven Frenzel's wonderfully wintry presentation of your favorite holiday music in the movies, featuring stars like Jack Benny, Judy Garland, and Bing Crosby.

## News from Our Neighbors

### LaGrange Public Library

(708) 352-0576

*lagrangelibrary.org*

### Lonesome Eagle Returns!

Sunday, September 14, 3 p.m.

Lonesome Eagle specializes in contemporary and traditional folk music performed with rich three- and four-part harmony and accompanied by traditional folk instruments.

## JOIN A GROUP

*These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend; no registration required.*

### Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday 1 p.m.

September 11, 25, October 9, 23,

November 6, 20, & December 11

Join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

### Investment

#### Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays 7:15 p.m.

September 9, October 14, November 11, & December 9

Local amateur investors discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

## BOOK CLUBS

*Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.*

### Book Discussion Group

*We Are All Completely*

*Beside Ourselves*

by Karen Joy Fowler

Wednesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.

A compelling and droll narrator comes to understand how her unusual sibling's disappearance has strained family relationships.

*Claire of the Sea Light*

by Edwidge Danticat

Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.

Danticat's luminous prose reveals the interconnected secrets of a coastal Haitian town, centering on a young girl and her widowed fisherman father.

*In the Sanctuary of Outcasts: A Memoir*

by Neil White

Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.

A white-collar criminal, sentenced to time in a Louisiana prison housing a leper colony, befriends the inmates and offers a tender and humorous glimpse into this hidden community.

**NEW!**

### Western Springs Writers Society

Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers Society (WSWS) is forming—you might say from scratch—and is welcoming writers and would-be writers from the community. Whether this is your career or hobby, writers of all levels and genres are invited. Come and learn more about WSWS at this introductory meeting. Questions in advance? Contact Marie Gerken at [marie@gerken.org](mailto:marie@gerken.org) or Jim Swinehart at [jswinehart@clausen.com](mailto:jswinehart@clausen.com).



### Science Fiction Book Club

*The Sparrow*

by Mary Doria Russell

Monday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

A moving, controversial novel about first contact and religion. Winner of the British Science Fiction and the Arthur C. Clarke awards for best novel.

**NEW!**

### Thommy Ford's Crime Club

*The Crime Club is our newest book group. Once a season we'll sit down to discuss a crime story, be it a golden age classic or a contemporary thriller.*

*River of Darkness*

by Rennie Airth

Monday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

Still haunted by the trenches of WWI, detective John Madden must deal with a violent killer whose psychological scars might be very close to his own. Nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, and Macavity awards.

## FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

*We open the doors at 6:45 p.m. for these after hours film discussions. They are drop-in events; no registration necessary.*

### Museum Hours

Friday, September 12, 7 p.m.

When a Vienna museum guard befriends an enigmatic visitor, the grand Kunsthistorisches Art Museum becomes a mysterious crossroads that sparks explorations of their lives, the city, and the ways artworks reflect and shape the world.

### Spellbound

Friday, September 26, 7 p.m.

Follow eight teenagers on their quest to win the 1999 National Spelling Bee.

### The Sapphires

Friday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Four Aboriginal women learn about love, friendship, and war when their girl group The Sapphires goes to Vietnam to entertain US troops.

### Wadjda

Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.

An enterprising Saudi girl signs on for her school's Koran recitation competition as a way to raise the remaining funds she needs in order to buy the green bicycle that has captured her interest.

### Finding Vivian Maier

Friday, November 14, 7 p.m.

A documentary on the late Vivian Maier, a nanny whose previously unknown cache of 100,000 photographs earned her a posthumous reputation as one of the most accomplished street photographers.

# YOUTH

Registration opens Wednesday, September 3, and is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.



## Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, 10-10:30 a.m. OR

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. (NEW)

3-23 months w/adult (choose Mondays OR Tuesdays)

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this lapsit program and introduce him or her to a lifetime of reading fun. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby. The adults are encouraged to follow along and do the activities with their baby.

## Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. (NEW)

OR Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

2-3 years w/adult (choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays)

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes. Early literacy practices help build the foundation of reading. This program works best if there is one adult with one toddler. Adults are encouraged to participate and repeat the activities with their toddler at home.

## Storytime Pals

Mondays, 1:30-2 p.m. OR

Wednesdays, 10:45-11:15 a.m. (NEW)

3-5 years (choose Mondays OR Wednesdays)

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends. Storytimes highlight early literacy skills that children need to learn before they can read.

## R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library

Tuesdays, September 9, October 14, November 11, & December 9, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning program because it's pressure-free! Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone.

## Music Time with Miss Gretchen

Monday, September 15, 10-10:45 a.m.

2-6 years w/caregiver

Come to the Library and experience an enriching and age-appropriate music program. There will be lots of singing, guitar playing, rhythm activities, songs in Japanese, Spanish, French, German, Russian, and Italian, and a take-home craft. Miss Gretchen is a local musician, teacher, and preschool music specialist.

## Crafty Kids

Thursdays, September 11, October 16, December 11, 4:30-5 p.m.

(attend one or all) Grades 1-3

Do you love craft projects? Come to the Library to make some cool crafts.

September 11: Dazzling Suncatcher;

October 16: Paper Bag Fall Tree;

December 11: Paper Wreath

## Lego Play

Wednesday, September 17 and Tuesday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All ages; drop in

Come and build with our Legos and Duplos. Your creations will be displayed for your friends and family to see.

## Grandparent-Child Storytime

Saturday, September 20, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

All ages

Bring your grandparents—or "grandfriends" if your grandparents don't live nearby—to the Library for a special storytime. We'll read stories that feature the child/grand relationship and then we'll do a fun craft and enjoy juice and donut holes.

## Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 25, October 23, November 13, 6:45-7:30 p.m. All ages

Hear stories, sing songs, and make an art project in this special evening storytime for families.

## Dave Herzog's Marionettes

Wednesday, October 8, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Families welcome

Be dazzled by Dave Herzog and his marionettes as they proudly present *The Pumpkin Patch Review*. Every fall Billy Bob and his sister Judy Berry Brown just love playing in the Pumpkin Patch, but every time their mother calls them into supper the strangest things happen.

## Magic Tree House Explorers

Mondays, October 13, 20, 27

4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 1-3

Come join us as we spin to different time periods and explore faraway lands just like Jack and Annie from The Magic Tree House series. October 13: *Dinosaurs after Dark*; October 20: *The Knight at Dawn*; October 27: *Mummies in the Morning*.

## Pinecone Turkey Decoration

Saturday, November 1, 1-1:45 p.m.

4 years & up

Gobble! Gobble! You and your child will learn how to make a whimsical turkey decoration from a pinecone. Parent or guardian must accompany young children and are welcome to participate.

## Lego Club

Tuesdays, November 18 & December 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 2+

Join the Lego Club and be challenged! At each meeting you will be given a different secret building challenge. After building for 45 minutes, we'll stop and write descriptions of our creations, which will be displayed in Youth Services.

## Trivia for Muggles

Monday, November 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5

How much do you know about the magical world of Harry Potter? Test your knowledge of the entire series using our tricky trivia challenges. Prizes will be awarded.

## Llama Llama at the Library

Saturday, December 6, 2-4 p.m.

Families welcome; drop in

Visit the Library during the Western Springs Christmas Walk and meet Llama Llama, star of Anna Dewdney's picture book *Llama Llama Red Pajama*. Drop in for photo opportunities and family friendly crafts. The Thomas Ford Library Foundation will provide light refreshments.

## Baby Play

Wednesday, December 10, 10-11 a.m.

0-2 years; drop in

Meet other babies and adults in this social play group. Guided activities will be provided to show adults how playing, singing, reading, writing, and talking puts their child on the road to reading success!

## Super Stolie Concert

Monday, December 15, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Families welcome

A Super Stolie show is a music-centered exploration of the uniqueness and silliness in all of us! This music show also encourages children to pause the electronics and press play on imagination!

## Thank you, summer reading sponsors!

The Western Springs Library Friends  
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DuPage Children's Museum

Findaway World

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Legoland Discovery Center

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Lou Malnati's

Morton Arboretum

Museum of Science + Industry

Raging Waves Waterpark

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# TEEN

Teen programs are open to those in grades 6-12. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Register early to ensure program minimums are met!

## Improv Skills Workshop

Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m.

You don't need to have your sights on SNL to benefit from improv skills! Come learn the basics of improv and how to use it to shine at forensics, class presentations, and everyday life from a Second City trained instructor.

## Book Jars

Thursday, September 18, 4 p.m.

Come ready to share your favorite books, get some great suggestions, AND discover a fun way to choose your next book: a personalized jar full of reading ideas.

## Sugar Skull Decorating

Thursday, October 23, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Decorate a colorful "calavera" in the traditional Mexican style for Day of the Dead and learn about this vibrant holiday.

## Extreme Gingerbread Challenge

Thursday, December 4, 7-8:45 p.m.

It's back for the 5th year in a row! Come be a part of the holiday tradition. Display your creation for voting during the Christmas Walk, or take it home that night. Bring a cookie sheet, large plate, or other surface on which to build your masterpiece.

## Exam Cram

December 16-18, 6-10 p.m.

Snacks, study space, and extended hours are provided for high school students studying for exams. No registration required.

## Coding Club

Alternating Wednesdays, 3:45 p.m.

September 3, 17; October 1, 15,

November 12, December 10

Meet other teens interested in technology, play with some cool tech toys, talk Minecraft, and learn basic programming with Snap and the Finch and Hummingbird robots.

## TFML Junior Board

Want to spend your volunteer time and efforts in a place where you can really have an impact? High school students are encouraged to join our newly formed, 100% student-run library advisory board! Contact Heather for more information.

## Career Conversations

Join the Library's Junior Board and local professionals for refreshments and informal conversation about the realities of work in a variety of careers. No registration required.

**Nonprofit and Charitable Organization Work: Monday, September 8, 7 p.m.**

**Computer Science and Engineering Work: Monday, November 10, 7 p.m.**

## Thank you, teen volunteers!

The Library is grateful for the dedicated crew of 62 teen volunteers who helped in Youth Services this summer. Their help was deeply appreciated.

## First Tuesdays are MakerDays

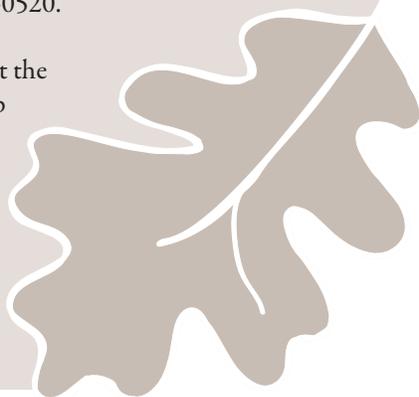
September 2, October 7,  
November 4, December 2, 7 p.m.

Each month gives you a new opportunity to get your hands on new gadgets. This fall, you can try controlling a robot, making a keyboard out of bananas, experimenting with snap-together circuits, and more! See the website for more information and to register. This is a teen only event for the first hour, but tech-curious adults are welcome to join the fun after 8 p.m.

## Meet Your Trustees

The Board of Trustees is composed of seven members who are elected to four-year terms. To serve, candidates must live in the village of Western Springs and be of voting age. Their responsibilities include selecting and hiring a qualified Library Director; ensuring that the Library has funds and a budget; developing (with the Library Director) written policies, long- and short-range plans, and wage classifications; and attending monthly Board meetings and other events. Board meetings, usually held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, are open to the public. To inquire about becoming a member of the Board of Trustees, contact Library Director Anne Kozak at (708) 246-0520.

Want to know more? Meet the dedicated people who help your Library achieve its goals. Contact Trustees directly by email or through the Library if you want to ask questions or express your concerns.



### **Brigitta Denning, Treasurer**

*Committees: Finance; Technology (Chair); Personnel; Volunteers*  
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Gitta has been married for 18 years with “three wonderful kids,” 15, 13 and 10. She is a middle school library director who enjoys golf and tennis and loves “traveling and exploring the world with the added bonus of the curious minds of my kids!” She says

she enjoys “almost all genres of literature and spend most of my time reading middle grade/YA literature, which I love!”

“The time I spent at Thomas Ford with my kids when they were little was a big part of what motivated me to return to school for my degree in Library and Information Science.” Gitta says she was motivated to join our Library Board because she “wanted to support and learn more about our great Library.” Of particular importance to her is “making sure we keep the Library vital for the people of Western Springs for many more years to come” and she advises residents to “check in frequently to see what amazing things your librarians are doing. They are flexible, innovative, and forward-thinking, and you will be continuously and pleasantly surprised when you stop by to check things out!”



### **John Ericson, President**

*Committees: Finance (Chair); Goals, PR & Marketing; Technology*  
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John is married to Lisa Den Besten and is a 27-year resident of Western Springs. He is the Hoffman Estates Branch Coordinator of the Schaumburg Township District Library. His interests include walking

with his wife and two dogs and listening to audiobooks; he has been a judge for the Audio Publishers Association’s Audie Awards for the past five years. He likes to read Charles Stross and Bill Bryson. Science fiction and travel narratives are his favorite genres; both explore new worlds and ideas.

What prompted him to serve on the Board and what issues are particularly important to him? “Western Springs has a long tradition of community volunteerism. I thought this was a good way to contribute to our great community. It is a continuing challenge for our Library to keep up with ever-changing technology. We want to ensure that our members have the best resources at their disposal.”

John would like to tell Western Springs residents, “Try to fit one of our Library programs into your busy schedule. The Library’s staff schedules many fine programs for patrons of all ages. An Evening at the Opera, Historic Home Ownership, and Camping 101 are some recent past events. Family Storytime and R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library are wonderful programs for younger patrons.”



### **Gloria French, Secretary**

*Committees: Goals, PR & Marketing (Chair); Buildings & Grounds; Personnel*  
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Gloria is married with two adult children. She retired from Marketing & Community Relations at Plymouth Place and also was a middle school math teacher. She enjoys watercolor painting, gardening, reading, and

being a Chicago Symphony Orchestra docent. Her favorite author is Michael Perry, especially *Population 485* and *Truck*. “His books are autobiographical; some say he’s Wisconsin’s Garrison Keillor.”

“Our family has used the Library for the 34 years we have lived in Western Springs.” Gloria joined the Board because she “thought it would be an interesting time to be involved in planning how TFML responds to the changing ways in which we gather information and access books. I want to see the Library be active in Western Springs and surrounding communities so that people know it is available for more than just books.” Closing words? “Residents should investigate what’s “new” at TFML. They may not know that eBooks are available through the Library, that several websites are available at no extra cost to our Library members, in short, that the Library is a valuable resource to residents. We are also fortunate to work with two volunteer groups: The Western Springs Library Friends and the Library Foundation, who provide funding for many of the programs and special projects of TFML.”



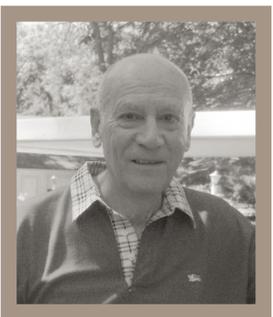
**George Letten**

*Committees: Finance; Building & Grounds; Technology*  
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About his personal life, George states he is “married to my wonderful wife Theresa Smartz; we have two sons, Geo (5) and John (4).” He works at Navistar as the Finance Manager for North America Truck and Global

Bus and also the Controller of Dealcor Operations. He enjoys all types of sports, especially football and baseball, as well as being out in nature taking walks and hikes with family or sitting outside reading a book. He enjoys reading “all types of books; my favorites are mystery/legal thrillers. However, you can never go wrong with a Dr. Seuss book.”

Asked what prompted him to serve on the Board, George explains, “We were new to Western Springs and I was interested in how our local government operated. I have always loved books and feel libraries are vital centers of knowledge, exploration, and community; so I thought this was a great way to help the community with something I use all the time.” He’d like fellow residents to know, “The Library truly has something for everyone; come in today to see for yourself. The staff is the heart and soul of the Library; they will do whatever they can to assist you in a friendly and professional manner.”



**Robert Milano**

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Bob has been married to Saranne “for 55 years and counting” with one adult son, two adult daughters, two grandsons, and three granddaughters. He is retired from a professional career that includes 35 years as a teacher,

principal, and assistant superintendent in a large high school district. He likes to golf, bowl, fish, and garden. He is partial to all books authored by Patterson and Ludlum plus those of a non-fiction, historical nature.

He was prompted to serve on the Board because, “Community service has always been of interest to both my wife and me. Serving the residents of Western Springs continues to be a rewarding experience.” Issues of particular importance to Bob: “The Thomas Ford Memorial Library is recognized as one of the most exemplary in the entire state and it is important that we maintain that reputation. As Chair of the Building & Grounds Committee, I am also particularly interested in the appearance and maintenance of our Library.” He’d like to “encourage all adults and youngsters to visit our Library. You will be impressed with the facilities and the services provided by a knowledgeable and experienced staff. I am confident that your visit will leave you well-pleased with how your tax dollars are used.”



**Laurel Schumm**

*Committees: Finance; Goals, PR & Marketing; Friends*  
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Laurel has been married for 15 years to Eric Schumm; they have three children ages 12, 9, and 7. She is currently a Senior Manager of Field Relations focused on technology, outcomes measurement, and data

management for the global organization of Ronald McDonald House Charities/McDonald’s Corporation in Oak Brook. Her interests are cooking, travel, and cheering on children during sporting events. She likes to read historical fiction.

Asked what prompted her to serve on the Board, she explains, “I am passionate about giving back to the community. The Board position offers me the opportunity to share my time and skill set to the benefit of the entire community.” On issues of importance to her, she elaborates, “Libraries are essential public institutions and their role and value continues to evolve. We must continually be aware of emerging trends and best practices to ensure that the Library facilities, resources and services remain relevant to and reflect the diversity of the Western Springs community.” Laurel would like to ask residents, “Did you know that many of the much-loved and well-attended Library special events are made possible by funding from The Friends? If you and your family are not yet Friends, please consider membership today!”



**Amanda Smith**

*Committees: Goals, PR & Marketing; Personnel (Chair); Foundation*  
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Amanda is married with three daughters who are 9, 7, and 6. She is an independent marketing consultant currently working with a local medical institution, and also supports the marketing and communication efforts

at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs Preschool. Her interests include running, entertaining friends and family, and volunteering at her daughters’ school. “At the present time,” she says, “my favorite books are those that my girls enjoy reading. We read at night, and are now reading many of the classic children’s books, which has been fun for them and for me as well!”

Amanda’s service as a Trustee began when “a neighbor approached me and asked if I would be interested in serving on the Library Board. I was thrilled, and thought it would be a great way to support our community and give back to an organization that had provided so many opportunities for our young family.” Of special importance to her? “I want to make sure the Library meets the needs of all members, and that we have the financial stability to support the many programs for years to come.” She also wants residents to know, “The Library is much more than just a place to find books. It provides wonderful events and programs for every age. I encourage everyone to explore what it has to offer.”

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### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day; Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving; Friday, December 12 for staff in-service; Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for Christmas; and Wednesday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.

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## PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES

*Please join us for this exciting series that offers something for everyone! For programs with materials fees, cash or check (made out to Thomas Ford Library) are due at time of registration.*

### Glitz Halloween

**Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.**  
Ready your home for Halloween by creating a glittering centerpiece. Kathleen Oberik is back to present this hands-on workshop, helping attendees make a take-home decoration that is bright, spooky, and captures the spirit of the holiday. Teens are also welcome to attend! All materials will be provided. \$30 materials fee.

### Easy Gardening

**Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m.**  
No matter how terrible your soil, you can have the garden you want without "all the work" usually associated with gardening. Barb Ottolino of *The Cultivated Choice* will show participants how to develop garden beds and to plant without ever turning the soil. Especially useful for people short on time, or with limited mobility or strength.

### Roadside Arrangements

**Wednesday, November 19, 7 p.m.**  
Begin to see the beauty in botanicals cut from the roadside when using them to create a unique seasonal arrangement. Barb Ottolino of *The Cultivated Choice* will help you to create a Thanksgiving tabletop using what is at hand. Please bring pruning shears and a box to hold your arrangement. \$15 materials fee.

## From The Friends

### Save the Date:

The next semi-annual used book sale and bake sale will be Friday, October 3-Sunday, October 5, 2014.

You may drop off used book donations anytime in the bin by the elevators as you enter the library. Thanks so much for your support!

### Dancing with the Librarians

*featuring The Buddy Love Review*  
**Saturday, November 15, 7:30-10:30 p.m.**

Come dance along with The Buddy Love Review as they perform an eclectic mix of classic tunes from five decades of great American music—from Frank to The Fugees, Mellencamp to Meyer, Maroon 5 to Adele. Everyone over the age of 21 is welcome. There will be food, drinks, door prizes and, of course, lots of fun!

Advance ticket price is \$35 and will be \$40 at the door. Admission includes food and two drink tickets. This is a Friends-sponsored event and all proceeds will benefit programs within the Library. For ticket information, call Jim or Linda McGuire at (630) 215-9469 or email [friendsatford@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatford@gmail.com)

