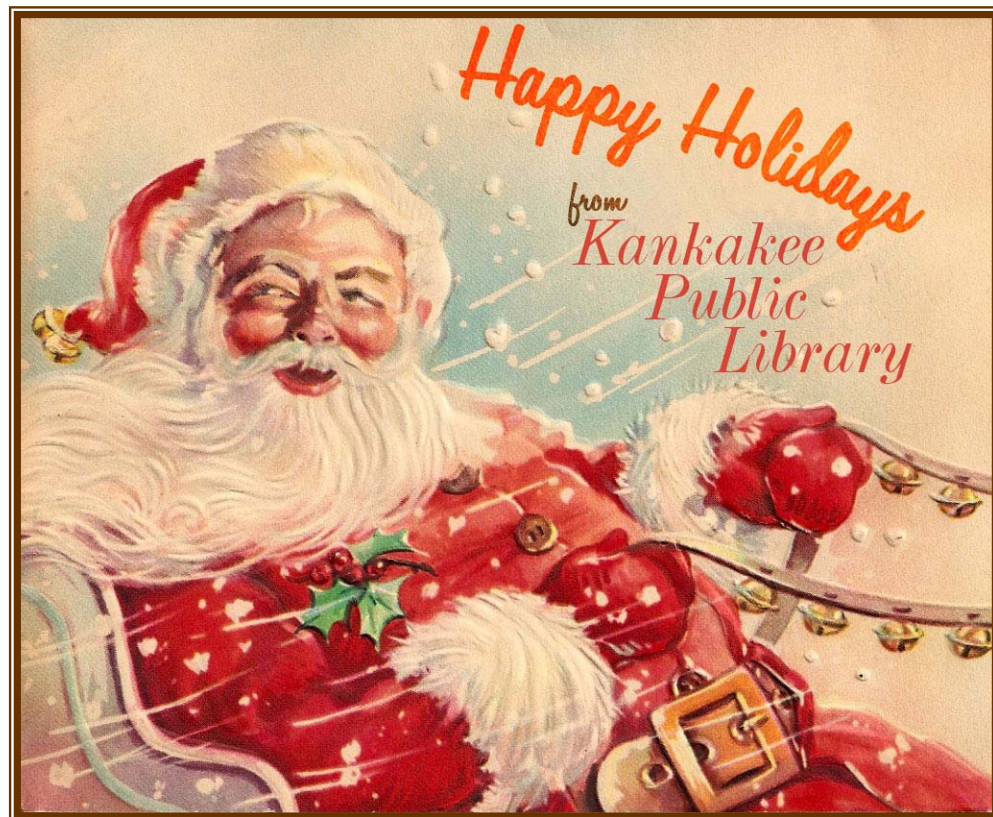


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Director's Column

You may have noticed over the past few weeks that new carpeting has arrived in our library. You'll be pleased to know that we are replacing the worn carpet with extra durable carpet tiles that are easily replaced when damaged. Though everyone wants our library to look in tip-top condition, some have wondered how the city and the library can afford to pay for such a pricey project. With all the news of lawsuits and budget crises in the paper, that is a reasonable concern. The answer is fairly simple. Both the city and the library have several separate budgetary lines. One is a general fund that is used to pay day-to-day expenses such as payroll and other costs to keep the city or library operating. Another line is a capital improvements fund. That money must, by law, be used to buy or repair buildings, streets or other infrastructure. Capital improvements money can not be used to relieve the shortfalls in the general fund. The Mayor and City Council have been generous enough to pay for 50% of the carpet project out of the city's capital improvements fund and the library is paying the other half out of ours. If you have any concerns about this or any other budgetary issue facing the library, feel free to call me at 815-939-4564 and I'll be happy to provide any information I can.

Stephen Bertrand
Kankakee Public Library Director



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featured events

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday
9am - 6pm

Saturday
9am - 5pm

Sunday
1 - 5pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving Eve

Wed, November 23rd
Closed at 5pm

Thanksgiving Day

Thu, November 24th

Christmas Eve

Sat, December 24th

Christmas Day

Sun, December 25th

New Years' Eve

Sat, December 31st
Closed at noon

New Years' Day

Sun, January 1st

Mon, January 2nd

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Fourth Annual Lion Wreathing and City Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 1st at 5:30pm

Help the City of Kankakee kick off the holiday season by wreathing the library's lions. After the mayor has chosen children to adorn our lions, the crowd will march with a drum line to the historic train depot for the lighting of the city's magnificent tree.

Free Holiday Movie: Prancer

Saturday, December 10th at 10am

Paramount Theatre

Join us for a free showing of the modern holiday classic *Prancer*. The film tells the tale of a young girl who finds an injured reindeer that she believes could be Santa's own Prancer and nurses it back to health.

Kankakee Holiday Trolley Tour & Library Holiday Mart

Saturday, December 10th, 11am - 2pm

Travel to downtown Kankakee's holiday hotspots for only two dollars with the Holiday Trolley. Stops will include the Winter Farmers' Market at the Majestic Centre, Aquinas Catholic Academy's Cookie Walk, the Bradley House, the Kankakee County Museum's Gallery of Trees, and the library's own Green Christmas Holiday Mart, which features local arts and crafts by Kankakee's finest.

Canadian National Railway's Holiday Special Santa Train

Sunday, December 11th, 4 - 6pm

At the Historic Train Depot, 199 S. East Ave.

Meet Santa as he rolls into town on the Santa Train! Join the crowd at the depot for a free ticket to meet Santa and stay for the cocoa, cookies and crafts!

ongoing programming

Zumba

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and 6pm

Thursdays at 10am in the fourth floor auditorium

New Times! Zumba is expanding its times while shrinking your waist. Join our certified Zumba instructor for new sessions of this exciting, dynamic workout that is fun for the whole family. Call the library now to reserve a space at 815.937.6960.

Soul Collections

A Quiet Storm by Rachel Howzell Hall

Thursday, December 29th at 7pm in the third floor meeting room

Stacy has always been overshadowed by her sister Rikki's seemingly perfect life. When Rikki's husband suddenly disappears, however, everything changes and the family's façade comes crashing down.

Afro-Centric Film Series

Title TBA

Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the fourth floor auditorium

Join us each month for stimulating, insightful films that center on African and African-American issues. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the fourth floor auditorium.

Carpeting Schedule

Please excuse our mess! The library is in the process of replacing carpeting on the first three floors of the building. During that time, some materials and services may be unavailable. Please visit our website (lions-online.org) or our Facebook page (facebook.com/kankakeepubliclibrary) to see updates on the progress.

Holiday Movie

The Muppet Christmas Carol

December 20th at 6pm in the fourth floor auditorium and gallery

Join us for a showing of the quirky Muppet take on a classic Christmas tale. Jim Henson's famous puppets bring the story of Ebenezer Scrooge to life in this modern classic. Come for the film and stay for refreshments! Kids will also get their own take-home treat.