

# THE MANE EVENT

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## Author Visit: Barbara D'Amato

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9am—9pm

Friday

9am—6pm

Saturday

9am - 5pm

Sunday

(September 10<sup>th</sup>-May 27<sup>th</sup>)

1pm-5pm

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
LABOR DAY

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
THANKSGIVING

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm on the First Floor (Free)

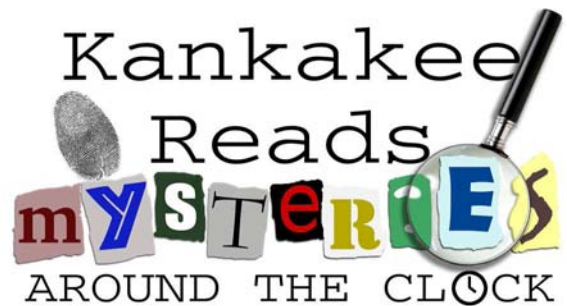


Mystery lovers will revel in this evening with Chicago mystery writer Barbara D'Amato. D'Amato - playwright, novelist, and crime researcher - is the author of 18 books, mostly mystery novels. Her books include the popular Cat Marsala series and a gritty Chicago Police series. D'Amato is a past president of Mystery Writers of America and also a past president of Sisters in Crime International. She has been a columnist for the Sisters in Crime newsletter and *Mystery Scene* magazine. A native of Michigan, D'Amato has been a resident of Chicago for many years. Join us for what is sure to be a compelling look at the world of mystery writing. Arrive early for a good seat.

## Kankakee Reads!

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for this around-the-clock reading marathon on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>! We are encouraging everyone to help us make history by participating in our first citywide day of reading. Groups, classrooms, businesses, and/or individuals can sign-up for a half hour timeslot at the Library. On the 18<sup>th</sup> take a photo of your group reading and complete a brief form. Like a puzzle, the photos will be put together in a multimedia slideshow which will help everyone to determine "who dun-it." If you need clues on what to read that day, the Library staff has created a bibliography of our favorite mysteries. Our list includes titles for pre-readers to adults, fiction and non-fiction. For more information on this event, contact the Kankakee Public Library at 815-939-4564.



## KING TUT



## Return of Tut

Art & Archaeology from the Time of the New Kingdom

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the First Floor (Free)

The [Friends of the Library](#) present Professor Jeff Mishur, Chicago Art Historian, for this new *Art Excursions* slide lecture. It will feature explanations of some of the major objects excavated from King Tut's tomb, including his royal diadem, as well as a discussion of new evidence about the famous pharaoh. Arrive early for a good seat.

# COMPUTER CLASSES @ KPL

**Pre registration is required for all classes. Please call 815-939-4564 to reserve a spot - space is limited.**

All classes are held in the Third Floor Meeting Room and are free.

Sign up sheets are located at the Third Floor Reference Desk.

### Mouse & Keyboard

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**  
**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-12pm**

This hands-on class will include basic computer terminology and patrons will be shown proper keyboarding and mouse techniques. This class is geared for the first-time computer user.

### Internet Basics

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**  
**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**

This class is for the first-time Internet user. We will cover web terminology, getting connected to internet, basic searching, using web pages, determining trustworthy websites, and avoiding web dangers and viruses.

### Email Basics

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**  
**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

This class will cover how to send/receive email, how email works, email security, downloading and sending attachments, and address/contact lists. We will also look at Hotmail and Yahoo email.

### Library Online Catalog

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 10-11am**

Learn how to use the Kankakee Public Library's online catalog. We will cover searching, placing holds, renewing materials, and PIN changes.

### Troubleshooting Basics

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**  
**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**

This class will cover how to make window style-changes (changing wallpaper), diagnose problems (hardware vs. software), replace computer components, and basic do's and don'ts.

### Microsoft Word Basics

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 10-12pm**  
**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**

Learn basic skills for entering, correcting and revising text on a computer. Learn how to select and format text, set margins, align paragraphs, and use cut and paste. *\*Pre-requisite: Basic understanding of use of computer/mousing and keyboarding.*

### Microsoft Word Advanced

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**  
**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm**

Learn how to format sections, insert section breaks, and set up headers and footers. Also, learn how to use table cells to organize information in rows and columns, and insert images. *\*Pre-requisite: Basic understanding of use of computer/mousing and keyboarding and basic use of Microsoft Word.*

### Photo Editing

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4pm**

In this hands on class, you will be introduced to the free graphics editor Photo-plus 6. We will discuss how to fix common color and contrast problems, repair imperfections, and resize your images for emailing, web posting or printing.

### Introduction Microsoft PowerPoint

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 6 - 8pm**

PowerPoint is the premier presentation program used in professional settings. In this hands on session, you will be introduced to techniques for creating attractive presentations. Included will be: making text slides, making picture slides, adding animations, choosing transitions and attaching sounds. Now is the time to add this in-demand skill to your resume.

### Ask the Computer Expert

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4pm**  
**First Floor**

Do you have computer questions? We have answers! City of Kankakee's technology expert Pete Schiel and library staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have about your computer, software, hardware, internet or email.



### Ebay the Smart Way

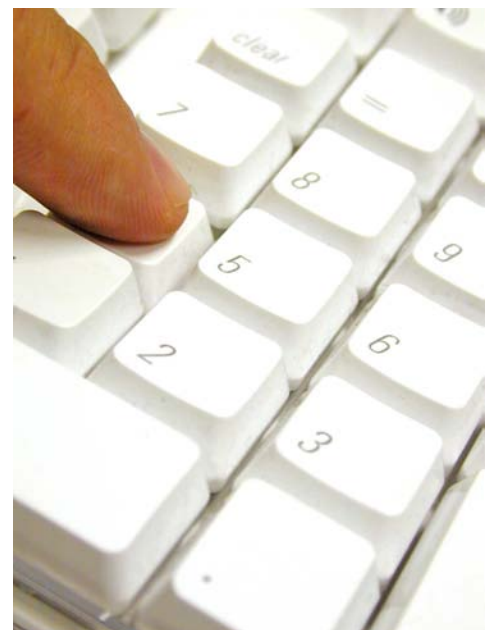
**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 10 - 12pm**

For the person who has some experience on eBay. Get tips on item searches, bidding techniques, and how to get started selling those unwanted items in your attic. This will be a classroom tutorial with time for Q&A. *\*Pre-requisite: Must be computer savvy; suggest you already have an ebay account set up.*

### Getting to Know Ebay

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

For the BEGINNER! Learn how to navigate through ebay and how to set up an ebay account to buy. This will be a classroom tutorial with time for Q&A. Selling will not be covered in this session. No pre-requisite for attendance.



# GENEALOGY CLASSES @ KPL

All genealogy classes are free and taught tutorial style. **Space is limited and pre registration is required please call 815-939-4564 to reserve a spot.** All classes are held in the Third Floor Meeting Room.

## Beginning Genealogy

**Session 1 Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-8pm**  
**Session 2 Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**  
**Session 3 Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7-8pm**

Genealogy - the study of family history - is fun, fascinating and fulfilling. Discovering your family's history is much like solving a puzzle. You will take the clues you have, add information from the many resources available and create a document for future generations. Learn how to begin unraveling the puzzles and documenting your facts. Sessions 1-3 will cover how to start, charts and forms, organization skills, interviewing skills, census records, cemetery research, books, library resources, genealogy societies, newspapers, obtaining certificates, and much, much more.

## Using Ancestry.com

**Session 4 Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**

This class will be a hands-on experience with the service, including navigating the databases and performing searches to get the best information. Max 10 people.

## Using Family Tree Maker

**Session 5 Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**

This class will be tutorial in nature (participants wouldn't want to enter their info to the library server). We will cover how to enter information, reports, and making corrections to data. Family Tree Maker program is by Encore as recommended by ancestry.com. Max 10 people.

## Genealogy Internet Resources

**Session 6 Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**

This class will tour as many of the available internet genealogy sites as time permits. They will include, but not limited to: IL Secr. Of State Archives, Rootsweb.com, US-GenWeb.org, Family Search (LDS archives), HeritageQuest, findagrave.com, Soldiers and Sailors search (NPS). Tutorial with handout. Max 10 people.

## Bringing Your Ancestors Back to Life

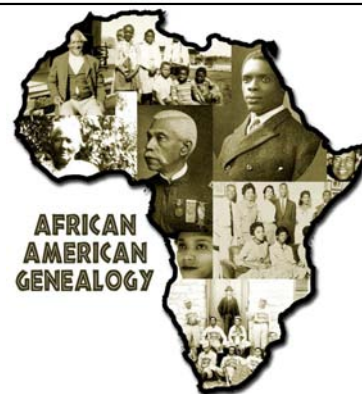
**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

Program sponsored by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society and presented by Mike Karsen of the Illinois Humanities Council. Mike Karsen has an advanced degree from Lehigh University and has been researching his family history for the past several years. He has served as speaker for several national and international genealogical conferences, including the Illinois State Genealogy Society and the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Washington, D.C., among others. He has also spoken to a wide variety of libraries, professional groups, and senior and community centers around Illinois. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Beginning and Following Through with African-American Genealogy

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

Program presented by genealogist Roma Stewart. Roma Stewart holds a B.A. degree from Fisk University and J.D. degree from Georgetown University. She became seriously interested in studying her own family history with the advent of "Roots." Stewart has traced her own family back to the colonial period, and has written several books and articles on Africans in the US and on free people of color in the South. She has presented papers at conferences of the Society for the Study of African American Life and History, the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago, and the Newberry Library. Stewart is also a past president of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago, and also on the board of the Chicago Metro History Education Center. Currently, she is engaged in the private practice of law, specializing in civil rights litigation.



HIT A ROADBLOCK ON YOUR GENEALOGICAL JOURNEY? Need some one-on-one help? Library volunteer, Nancy Arseneau is in the Genealogy Room most Monday afternoons to help you. Just come up to the Third Floor of the Library and say "I need help, Nancy!!"

## WANT TO HEAR SOME REALLY GOOD

**GENEALOGICAL SPEAKERS?** Want to see what's new in genealogical technology? Make plans to attend the Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference in Itasca, Illinois on Saturday, October 14, 2006. Numerous vendors and societies displays. Lunch included with registration. Stop at the Library's Reference Desk for a copy of the registration form.



## Local Historian, Vic Johnson, Speaks To KVGs

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**  
**Third Floor Meeting Room**

Program is sponsored by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society and is presented by Vic Johnson, former Daily Journal "Up 'Til Now" columnist, local historian and author. More details on this program will be forthcoming.

# ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All book discussions are held in the Third Floor Meeting Room from 7:00-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Adult Fiction Book Discussions (Free)

Join us for our traditional fiction book discussions for adults. This discussion group meets the first Thursday of every month.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>—[Dogs of Babel](#)

by Carolyn Parkhurst

September 7<sup>th</sup>—[Memoirs of a Geisha](#)

by Arthur Golden

October 5<sup>th</sup>—[Death of a Thousand Cuts](#)

by Barbara D'Amato

November 2<sup>nd</sup>—[Bee Season](#)

by Myla Goldberg

December 7<sup>th</sup>—[Jane Austen Book Club](#)

by Karen Joy Fowler

## "Soul Collections" Book Discussions (Free)

Join us for our "Soul Collections" book discussion for adults reading books by African American authors about African American life. This discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>—[The Autobiography of My](#)

[Mother](#) by Jamaica Kincaid

September 26<sup>th</sup>—[A Woman's Worth](#)

by Tracy Price-Thompson

October 24<sup>th</sup>—[Too Much of a Good Thing](#)

by Kimberla Lawson-Roby

November 28<sup>th</sup>—[End of Daze](#)

by Ron "Kwiet Storm" Smith

## Non-Fiction Book Discussions (Free)

Join us for our non-fiction book discussions for adults. This book group meets the third Thursday of every month.

August 17<sup>th</sup>—[Me Talk Pretty One Day](#)

by David Sedaris

September 21<sup>st</sup>—[Nickel and Dimed](#)

by Barbara Ehrenreich

October 19<sup>th</sup>—[Indiana Gothic](#)

by Pope Brock

November 16<sup>th</sup>—[The Bookseller of Kabul](#)

by Asne Seierstad

## Calling All Book Clubs!

### Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

This is a panel discussion sponsored by the Friends of the Library, with representatives from area book clubs on starting/joining a club, book selection and discussion, meeting logistics, favorite and not-so-favorite books, and audience questions. This discussion is hosted by avid reader and long-time book club member, Mary Costanza. If you are currently in a book club, would like to join one, or just a book lover—this program is for you!



# MOVIES @ THE KANKAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

All movies are shown in the Third Floor Meeting room.

## Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

"Trekies"

Rated PG

6:30pm-8:00pm

Star Trek fans unite as we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this monumental science fiction classic series. We will watch the ever-amusing fan documentary *Trekies*, hosted by *Next Generation* veteran Denise Crosby. From a TV series that barely lasted three seasons "Star Trek" has grown into a multi-billion-dollar industry. The show's legions of rabidly devoted fans, popularly known as *Trekies* demonstrate how "Star Trek" has affected and even shaped their lives.

## Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

"Memoirs of a Geisha"

Rated PG-13

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Read the book for our fiction book discussion on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Then join us as we watch the Academy Award nominated film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. Follow Chiyo's journey as she learns to become the most renowned Geisha in Gion. As WWII looms, Japan and the geisha's world are forever changed.

## Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

"Bee Season"

Rated PG-13

6:30pm-8:00pm

Read the book for our fiction book discussion on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then join us as we watch this charming film adaptation of *Bee Season*. A wife and mother begins a downward emotional spiral, as her husband avoids their collapsing marriage by immersing himself in his 11-year-old daughter's quest to become a spelling bee champion.



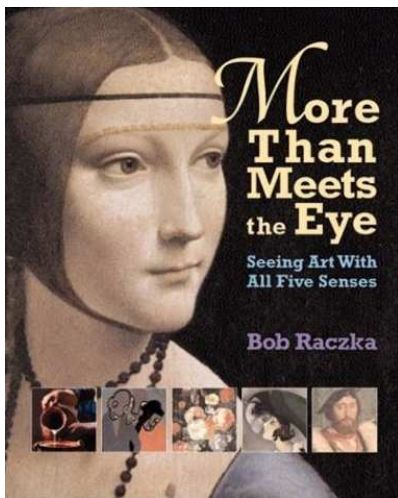
## Project Next Generation

Project Next Generation is an exciting program, sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, to give students the opportunity to try new computer technologies and enhance social values. The Kankakee Public Library offers a safe and fun environment to facilitate the technological and mentoring requirements of this grant.

Applications for participation in this program will be available on the First Floor of the Library from **August 14<sup>th</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Participants must be 15 or 16 years of age.

This program will meet **Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-5pm September 12<sup>th</sup>-October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

For more information visit [www.lions-online.org](http://www.lions-online.org) or call Roland Johnson at 815-939-4564.



### Author Visit: Bob Raczka

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the First Floor**

We have all looked at a work of art and taken pleasure in its beauty. But art can take us beyond the visual experience. Stroll through the gallery in Bob Raczka's book More Than Meets the Eye: Seeing Art with All Five Senses and learn how to feel art, to taste it, to hear it, and even to smell it! Bob Raczka's unique style of writing and teaching art to children will fascinate adults and children alike. Join us for this artistic journey on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the Library's first floor.

Bob Raczka, author of several children's art books, was an art major at the University of Illinois. Now a creative director at a major ad agency in Chicago, he still enjoys looking at art—as well as listening to it, tasting it, smelling it, touching it, and writing about it. He lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

This program is sponsored by the [Two Rivers Reading Council](#) of Kankakee.

## History in the Movies

**With syndicated columnist Dr. Cathy Schultz**

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the First Floor**

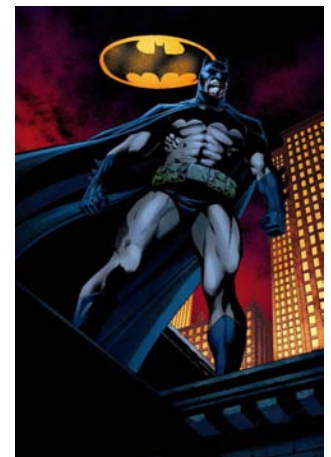
Do you love historical films: epics, biopics, period pieces, and true-life stories, but also want to know: *Did it really happen that way?* Join us for a program presented by Dr. Cathy Schultz, University of St. Francis professor and writer of the syndicated column *History in the Movies*, which runs in newspapers nationally. You'll never watch another movie the same way again. Arrive early for a good seat.

**Comic Book Artist Don Kramer presents:**

## Comic Books and Graphic Novels – An Evolving Form of Art & Literature

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the First Floor**

Acclaimed local comic-book artist Don Kramer, best known for his work on *The Justice Society of America* and *Dr. Fate*, will be joining us to discuss his work in the evolving superhero genre. At a time when superhero movie ticket sales are at an all-time high, Mr. Kramer will talk about how he got started in this highly competitive field. This program will appeal to all fans, young and old, who have loved the colorful crime-fighters populating the panels of American comics for the past 80 years. Don Kramer, who lives in Bourbonnais, was born in Seoul, South Korea and was raised in Chebanse. He went to Clifton Central High School and honed his drawing skills in the Fine Arts program at Illinois Wesleyan University.



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FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR  
 CALENDAR ON THE LIBRARY'S WEBSITE !

## Director's Column

It's no mystery.....**Kankakee Reads!** On Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> we will discover just how much. That day we are encouraging everyone to help us make history by participating in our first citywide day of reading! You are a prime suspect in this case. Groups, classrooms, businesses, and/or individuals can sign-up for a half hour timeslot at the Library. On the 18<sup>th</sup> take a photo of your group reading and complete a brief form. Like a puzzle, the photos will be put together in a multimedia slideshow which will help everyone to determine "who dun-it." If you need clues on what to read that day, the Library staff has created a bibliography of our favorite mysteries. Our list includes titles for pre-readers to adults, fiction and non-fiction.

This fall put the Library under surveillance. Find out why Kankakeeans visited KPL over 170,000 times last year. Which authors are visiting the Library? What books are being discussed? What are they teaching in those computer classes? Just who are the "Friends?" Learn the truth, solve the mystery, be empowered - visit the Library.



Happy Reading  
 Cindy Fuerst  
 Library Director

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# KIDS CORNER

This program is a unique blend of babies to preschoolers. Join us as our staff guides the children through stories, finger plays, flannel board stories, music, and crafts. So Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpas bring your little ones and have some fun! The Cubbies meet every Monday at 10:00am in the Story Pier on the second floor.

**It's Cubbie time again! Starting September 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday**      **Munchy Monday**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**    **Messy Monday**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**    **Music Monday**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday**    **Miscellaneous Monday**

If your child is in preschool in the morning there is another chance to participate. On the **third Monday of each month at 2pm** there is an additional Cubbie session.

## CUBBIES STORY TIME



The Youth Services Department, located on the Library's Second Floor, functions as a resource and children's program center, providing recreational and informational materials for children, preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Teen Zone, located on the library's First Floor, focuses on teens in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

The Youth Services Department is planning exciting events all the time. Check out our website, [www.lions-online.org](http://www.lions-online.org), or call 815-937-6960.