

THE MANE EVENT

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LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

Saturday, April 14

10am – 2pm

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday

9am–9pm

Friday

9am–6pm

Saturday

9am – 5pm

Sunday

1pm–5pm

(September–May)

Celebrate the Kick Off of National Library Week (4/15-4/21) with a celebration of local literature! Meet and greet over 45 local authors who will have copies of their books for sale that they will be delighted to sign for you! Fiction and teen authors will have tables on the Library's first floor, children's authors will be on the second floor and non-fiction authors will be on the third floor. This is a free event and open to the public. You won't want to miss this popular event! List of authors is subject to change. The following authors will be here:



Michael A. Black

Shane Black

Merri Borkowski

Dave Brozman

Dave Case

Sherry Cole

Norm Cowie

Judy Douglas Knauer

Ric Edwards

Sharon Fiffer

Libby Fischer Hellmann

Kevin Franz

Jim Graczyk

Julie Hyzy

Sandra Jewell

Vic Johnson

Ophelia Julien

Dale Kaczmarek

Lydia Anne Klima

Marsena Konkle

Gail Lukasik

Molly MacRae

Alex Matthews

Lois Meier

Gary Moore

Mary Jessie Parker

Gary Paruszkiewicz

Jim Ridings

Janet Riehecky

James Riordan

Aaron Robinson

Natalie Rompella

Greg Sarwa

Tamara Shaffer

Norm Stevens

Kimberly Osborn Sullivan

Sandi Tatara

Travis Thrasher

Sandy Tooley

Mary Welk

Dave Wischnowsky

Sarah Wisseman

Marianne Wolf

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, April 6th
Open 9am-noon
GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, April 8th
EASTER

Sunday, May 13th
MOTHER'S DAY

Sundays
May 27th thru
September 2nd

Monday, May 28th
MEMORIAL DAY

Meet Harriet Tubman, Conductor of the Underground Railroad

Thursday, April 26 at 7:00pm - 1st Floor

Kathryn M. Harris, Library Services Director at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, will present Harriet Tubman "in person." Harriet Tubman is best known for her work with the Underground Railroad, a network of people and places that helped escaping slaves to freedom. Harris' one-woman show portrays the faith, tenacity, bravery, determination, and courage of a person who was called "The Moses of her People." After her opening monologue, "Harriet" will take questions from the audience, the answers based on research that Ms. Harris has done over the years. She has worked in libraries most of her career, including the Florida International University Library in Miami, the SIU School of Medicine Library, the Springfield Public Library, and the Illinois State Library. She is a member and the Vice President of the Sangamon County Historical Society, serves on the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association and the Advisory Council for the Lincoln Legal Papers. Don't miss this opportunity to see "Harriet's" story come to life! This program is sponsored by the [Friends of the Kankakee Public Library](#). It is free and open to the public.



Kathryn M. Harris

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 Adult Services Desk.

BASIC CLASSES

Meet Your PC

Tuesday, April 10th 10am—noon
Tuesday, May 8th 10am—noon

Interested in getting rid of the "Magic Box Syndrome"? In this class, we will actually look at the inside of a computer and talk about hardware. Basic information on mousing, Windows, and computer terminology will be covered.

Mouse & Keyboard

Wednesday, April 11th 10am—noon
Wednesday, May 9th 10am—noon

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

Internet Basics

Wednesday, April 18th 10am—noon
Wednesday, May 16th 10am—noon

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

Wednesday, May 2nd 10am—noon

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

Troubleshooting Basics

Thursday, May 10th 6pm—8pm

Protecting your computer from viruses and spyware is important for good computer hygiene. Learn how to keep your computer running smoothly by using a firewall, how to add/remove programs, and other basic do's and don'ts.

Using PrairieCat—Online Card Catalog

Wednesday, May 2nd 1pm—2pm
Wednesday, May 16th 1pm—2pm

Learn how to use the new online card catalog system for the Kankakee Public Library. Searching for items, placing holds, and renewing books will be covered.

ADVANCED CLASSES

For the advanced classes it is necessary to have mastered the use of the mouse and to have good keyboarding skills.

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, April 24th 10am—noon
Tuesday, May 22nd 10am—noon

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.

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Wednesday, April 25th 10am—noon
Wednesday, May 23rd 10am—noon

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.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All book discussions are held in the third floor meeting room from 7:00-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fiction Book Discussions

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

April 5th—[Time Traveler's Wife](#)

By Audrey Niffenegger

May 3rd—[Caramelo](#)

by Sandra Cisneros

June 7th—[The Historian](#)

by Elizabeth Kostova

July 5th—[Cry the Beloved Country](#)

by Alan Paton

"Soul Collections" Book Discussions

Join us for our "Soul Collections" book discussions. Featured are books by African American authors. This discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month.

April 24th—[Can't Get Enough](#)

by Connie Briscoe

May 22nd—[I Wish I Had a Red Dress](#)

by Pearl Cleage

June 26th—[Cinnamon Kiss](#)

by Walter Mosley

July 24th—[Million Dollar Divorce](#)

by R.M. Johnson

Non-Fiction Book Discussions

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

April 19th—[Library: An Unquiet History](#)

by Matthew Battles

May 17th—[Running with Scissors](#)

by Augusten Burroughs

June 21st—[All Over but the Shoutin'](#)

by Rick Bragg

July 19th—[City of Falling Angels](#)

by John Berendt

KIDS AND TEEN PROGRAMS



Project Next Generation

Project Next Generation, an exciting program sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, gives students the opportunity to try new computer technologies and enhance social skills. PNG students enjoy field trips, fun outings, as well as mentoring sessions and computer training. The Kankakee Public Library provides a fun and safe environment for teens to be mentored while learning useful technology. The Summer 2007 Session of this program will meet **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am- noon during the weeks of June 12-July 14, 2007.** Applications for participation in this program will be available on the first floor of the library from **May 1- May 25, 2007.** Participants must be between the ages of 12 and 15. For more information visit www.lions-online.org or call Roland B. Johnson at 815-939-4564.

**4th Annual Kankakee Public Library
TEEN POETRY SLAM
Slam Together Right Now @ KPL
Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30pm**

Come and perform your original works of poetry during our exciting poetry SLAM. Poets may compete solo or as part of a team (but not both). The SLAMS are open to any student in junior high or high school. The top three winners of the SLAM qualify to compete for the Grand Slam Prize.

All finalists will receive great prizes!

This year's theme is "Come Together @ Your Library"



Cubbies

Storytimes

Every Monday 10-11am

Ages birth - preschool

Join us for stories, finger plays, flannel board stories, music and crafts. Parents and/or grandparents, bring your little ones and have some fun!

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| 1 st Monday | Munchy Monday |
| 2 nd Monday | Messy Monday |
| 3 rd Monday | Music Monday |
| 4 th Monday | Miscellaneous Monday |

Parent Resource Night for Spanish Speakers

Every Thursday (except April 19th and May 3rd)

At 6-8pm

Our native Spanish speaking staff will be your guide as you explore the many resources the library has to offer.

Home @ Your Library Third Wednesday of every month 10:30am

All homeschooled children and parents, or parents interested in homeschooling are welcome to join us for fun, educational, hands-on activities and meet other homeschoolers in your area! All families attending will have the opportunity to preview new homeschooling materials purchased with funds from a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL). A Division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

ADULT PROGRAMS



Taming the Paper Tiger: Organize Your Home Office Thursday, April 12 at 7:00pm

Is your office buried under a mound of paperwork? If clutter and disorganization are keeping you from using your office productively, and you are so overwhelmed that you don't know where to start, help is available!

Come listen to a presentation by local Professional Organizer, Karen McGregor, and walk away with the focus, knowledge and confidence required to make your office a functional, enjoyable work space.

Disorganization is NOT a character flaw; it is simply a problem to be solved. Come learn how!

How To Ask For The Remote W/O Turning Off Your Wife Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00pm

Licensed counselor, Brent Ulrich, will be presenting this workshop on communication within a marriage. He will talk about typical beliefs about marriage, how to challenge our thoughts, and how the past can hamper our relationships and what to do about it.



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Director's Column

April is usually associated with showers, and cute little Easter bunnies. But this April think "cat"... think "PrairieCat." **PrairieCat** is our Library's new updated online catalog which provides access to more than 8 million resources located in 198 libraries across northern Illinois and eastern Iowa. **PrairieCat** is more than a library catalog. It is a powerful search engine that allows you, if you choose, to simultaneously search the library catalog and other online resources accessible at our Library. You will be able to search for magazine and encyclopedia articles, as well as books, CDs and DVDS at the same time. Our Library will be launching some new online resources in conjunction with **PrairieCat** which is scheduled to be released by the middle of April.

We are also very excited about a new virtual reference service we'll be offering called **Ask?Away**. You will now be able to chat live with a reference librarian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our Library is always striving to make our services convenient, affordable, and accessible to everyone in our community. We're here to help online and in person!



Happy Reading!
Cindy Fuerst
Library Director

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Bright Beginnings Night @ the Kankakee Public Library

Thursday, April 19 at 6:30pm

Let's Get Messy Night

We invite preschoolers and parents to join us for a fun night at the Library. All you need to bring is your imagination.

There will be library card registrations, story time, parent tours, food, and a chance to check out books for the whole family.



Montessori Night @ the Library

Thursday May 3 at 6:30pm

Out of this World Fear Factor Night

Join us for a sneak peek into our Summer Reading program.

A great night of book talks, fear factor games, and lots of fun with space and gross food books!