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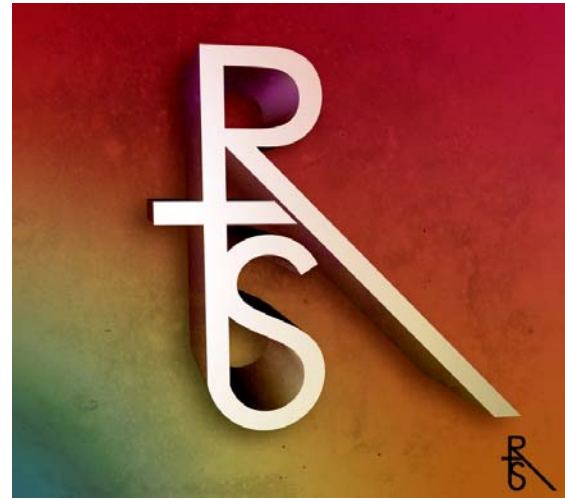
featured events



Rock the Stacks 2011

Saturday, May 21st from 12pm - 12am
Fourth Floor Auditorium

With its third annual Rock the Stacks, Kankakee Public Library continues its celebration of the rich and imaginative music scene within the Kankakee Valley. Featuring scores of acts from the Kankakee area, RtS promises to bring a healthy dose of musical shock-and-awe to concertgoers of all ages. This all-day musical extravaganza will feature not only live music, but also food, local vendors and all kinds of great interactive entertainment.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday
9am - 6pm

Saturday
9am - 5pm

Sunday
1 - 5pm

September - May

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Good Friday
Friday, April 22nd
Closed at noon

Easter
Sunday, April 24th

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8th

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th

Closed Sundays
beginning May 29th

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The 2011 Rock the Stacks band lineup includes:

- Chris James
- Taylor DeVos
- At Rifts End
- Lupe Carroll
- Prairie Fires
- Pony Boy
- The Committee
- Sneaky Gene
- Prairie State
- The Good Tangerines
- Chris Elam
- Hooptopia Performance
- One Ate Hundred
- Halcyon
- Iniquity of Symmetry
- The Emily Shrine
- Poundcake

2011 Rock the Stacks vendors:

- DarlingClandestine
- All Over Corpus & Mrs. Johnson's Henna
- Feed Art Center / Spill Forward
- Hooptopia / The Paisley Tree
- Lace D. Art
- Mantra-Made Soaps
- Franny Pack
- Christina Lorraine Art
- Uncle Paul's Art
- Emily & Amanda Crafts



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Kankakee Fantasy Con

Saturday, June 4th from 10am - 5pm

Fourth Floor Auditorium

Kankakee area comic book fans have a new reason to rejoice this year. KPL is proud to introduce its own convention for lovers of comics, sci-fi and all things fantastic. The first-ever Kankakee Fantasy Con features comic book artists, authors and aficionados, as well as paranormal investigators, comic book vendors and gaming experts. Meet the artists, listen to lectures by the finest minds in the field, play games and take part in one of the biggest events of the summer!



Creators:

Charlie Adlard (via skype)	Daron Jensen
Tony Akins	Doug Klauba
Mike Babinski	J. Anthony Kosar
Art Baltazar	Don Kramer
Ryan Browne	Tony Maldonado
Stephen Bryant	Chris Mitten
Steve Bryant	Paul Mounts
Chris Burnham	Rafael Nieves
Dan Dougherty	Nate Powell
Josh Elder	Eric Rampson
John Everson	Tim Seeley
Franchesco	Aaron Shaps
Jenny Frison	Paul Storrie
Tom Gianni	Gregory Thompson
Gene Ha	Ryan Schrodtt

Paranormal:

Tony Hubert - Illinois Paranormal Society
Logan Pence - Kankakee Paranormal Research Society
Ron Fabiani - Paranormal Cops on A&E
Mike Kleen - Legends and Lore of Illinois

Speakers:

How to Draw with Gene Ha - 11:00am
Amber Turner - Lolita Clothing - 11:30am
Creating Comics Panel Discussion with
Joe Gentile, Paul Mounts, and Doug Klauba - 12:00pm
A Live Reading with John Everson - 1:00pm
Legends and Lore of Illinois with Mike Kleen - 1:00pm
History of Marvel Comics with Daron Jensen - 1:30pm
Walking Dead Artist Charlie Adlard (via Skype) - 2:30pm
Chicago Jedi Lightsaber Demonstration - 3:30
A&E *Paranormal Cops* Star Ron Fabiani - 4:00pm

Exhibitors:

Amazing Fantasy - Comic and Gaming Shop
Moonstone Books - Joe Gentile and Dave Ulanski -
Publishers of comics and illustrated fiction
Gamezilla - Video Game Resellers
Dragon's Refuge - Southland Gamers
Hooptopia - Custom hula hoops
DarlingClandestine - wrapped-wire jewelry
Comic Book Dealer - Roger Webb
Horrorbles - Horror and Sci Fi Movie Memorabilia
Be My Full Moon (Lolita Clothing) - Amber Turner

Gaming & Fun:

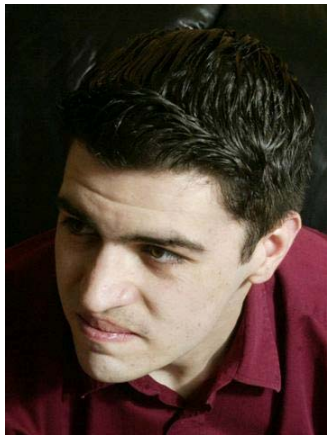
Table Top Gaming
Nintendo Wii
Xbox 360
Magic the Gathering Tournament
Yu Gi Oh!
Costume Contest
Giveaways
And much more!



*this list is subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information, including current projects of our creators, visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kankakeefantasycon





Josh Elder

Josh Elder: Reading with Pictures

Thursday, April 21st at 7pm

Fourth Floor Auditorium

Award-winning cartoonist and nationally recognized comic advocate Josh Elder will be in the library's fourth-floor auditorium on Thursday, April 21st at 7pm to discuss his educational nonprofit organization Reading with Pictures. Reading with Pictures advocates the use of comics in classrooms to promote literacy and improve educational outcomes for all students. This organization works with academics to cultivate groundbreaking research into the proper role of comics in education and collaborates with cartoonists to produce exceptional graphic novel content for scholastic use. It also

partners with educators to develop a system of best practices for integrating comics into their curriculum. Teachers will receive a CPDU for attending. For more information on Reading with Pictures, visit the website at www.readingwithpictures.org.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 25th from 3 - 7pm

Fourth Floor Auditorium

The Kankakee Public Library will host a Red Cross blood drive in the fourth floor auditorium. Sign up either by calling the library at 815.939.4564, or call the Red Cross at 1.800.RED.CROSS. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is recommended for faster service. For information on blood donation procedures and eligibility requirements, please visit www.redcross.org.

Guitar Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm

Fourth Floor Gallery

April 25th May 4th May 9th May 11th May 16th

Join library staff members for fun, interactive lessons on playing the guitar. These free, open sessions will help build the foundation for basic guitar techniques, including proper positions, forming chords and playing songs. *Please call the library to pre-register for these classes.*

Participants must bring their own guitar.



Hoop Jam

Tuesday evenings in May from 6:30 - 8pm

Fourth Floor Auditorium

May 3rd May 10th May 17th May 24th May 31st

Come sharpen your hula hooping skills in a relaxed group setting. Hooping professional Dezeray Lopez hosts these free sessions that are open to all ages. Bring your hoop and get ready for the most fun you ever had while exercising!



Genealogy Corner

A Gift that Money Can't Buy

Presented by Jeffrey Bockman

Saturday, June 4th at 1pm

Third Floor Meeting Room

This program encourages you to record and save your family's history and stories. Mr. Bockman is a genealogy lecturer and is the author of *Give Your Family a Gift that Money Can't Buy*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly. [This program is sponsored by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society and is open to the public.](#)

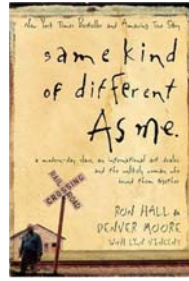
Soul Collections Book Discussion

Same Kind of Different as Me

By Ron Hall

Thursday, April 28th at 7pm

Third Floor Meeting Room



A drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery, an upscale art dealer, a gutsy woman with a dream, and a story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it.

It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana, at an East Texas honky-tonk, and, without a doubt, in the heart of God. It unfolds in a Hollywood hacienda, a New York art gallery, a downtown dumpster, and a Texas ranch. Gritty with pain, betrayal and brutality, this true story also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love.

friends of the library



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Ann Keethers,
Connie Walker

Friends Board Meetings

Friends of the Library Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5pm in the third floor meeting room.

Wednesday, May 18th

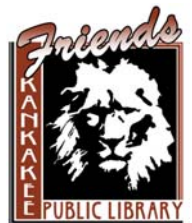
Wednesday, June 15th

Message from Burma Mathews, President of the Friends of the Library:

Book Donations Needed

The Friends of the Kankakee Public Library raise funds for author visits by memberships and book sales. We appreciate donated books from library patrons and friends. We are especially interested in new or used books (fiction from the last few years and non-fiction from the past five years).

Children's books of any year are most welcome. We have found that text books, Reader's Digest Condensed books, and magazines do not sell well. We will have a truck for receiving book donations in front of the library **Saturday, May 21st from 9am - 12pm** for your convenience. If you are unable to donate books at that time, you may call Burma Mathews at 815.937.4128 or Hal Berg at 815.802.1237 to make other arrangements.



Burma Mathews, President

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Membership

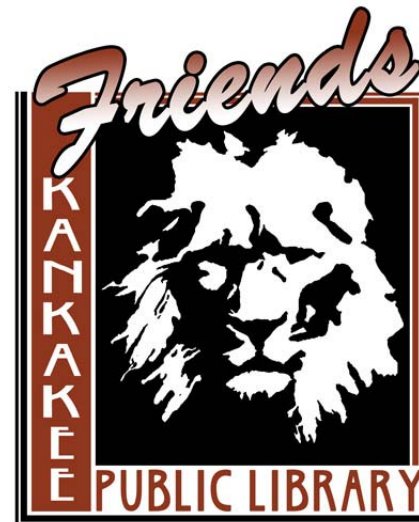
Everybody needs a friend, and that is why we're asking you to be ours. Become a friend of the Kankakee Public Library. Benefits of Friends membership include: opportunities to serve our library and city, to meet people with similar interests and to attend special Friends programs and events. Also, you will be entitled to vote on Friends issues. Help us expand opportunity in our community by helping the Library expand and enhance its programs.

The Purpose of the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library:

- Serve as hosts and hostesses for Library and Friends events
- Present programs related to individuals' hobbies and interests
- Encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the Library
- Seek financial support for the work of the Library
- Attend special Friends events
- Encourage use of the Library's resources
- Support Library legislation

Membership Dues

Reader	\$15
Bookworm	\$25
Scholar	\$50
Ex Libris Society	\$100 & over



I wish to be a Friend as indicated below. My contribution is enclosed.

Renewing Member New Member

Membership includes subscription for the library's quarterly newsletter, *The Mane Event*.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____
(provide email if you wish to receive news on upcoming events)

Amount Enclosed _____

Date _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Kankakee Public Library
Return to the Circulation Desk or mail to:
201 East Merchant Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Thank you for supporting the Friends! Your contribution is tax deductible.

kids & teens

Cubbies

Ages: 2 - preschool
Every Monday in April
at 10am

Lap-sitters

Ages: Birth - 24 mos
Every Monday in April
at 9:30am

Second Floor

Both the Cubbies and Lap-Sitters programs are entertaining, interactive story hours that have different themes each week. They include an imaginative story, fun craft and healthy snack. Each Cubbies and Lap-Sitters session provides an educational and entertaining way for young ones to interact with other kids their age, and for parents to socialize and build a parent network in the community.



SAVE THE DATE!

Family Fun Day 2011

Saturday, July 9th

Kick-Off Party at Fantasy Con

Saturday, June 4th

Registration from
May 2nd through June
11th.

This year's theme:
A Midsummer
Knight's Read

P.A.C.T. - Parents and Children Together

Monday and
Wednesday at 6pm
April 18th and 20th
Second Floor

P.A.C.T. is a seven-week workout program for the whole family which will include exercise, health tips, and more. Join us twice a week for some family fitness fun at the library with ZUMBA Fitness and other fitness workouts. This program will be held at 6pm on Monday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 20th.



Project Next Generation 2011 Summer Session

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10am, June 7th - July 11th
Studio 201, Fourth Floor

The 2011 PNG Summer Session will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm from June 7th through July 13th. This free program is for students ages 10 - 17. Applications will be available at the Kankakee Public Library from April 25th through May 25th. Enrollment will be limited to 30 students so be sure to apply early.

Studio 201 - Digital Scrapbook Design

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6pm, April 5th - April 27th
Studio 201, Fourth Floor

This session of Studio 201 will focus on creating digital scrapbooks using Hallmark Card Studio software for Mac computers. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm from April 5th through April 27th. Studio 201 is located on the 4th floor of the Kankakee Public Library. This is a free program and enrollment will be limited to 10 participants. The sign-up sheet is available at the third floor public service desk, or call 815.939.4564.



Words n' Clay

Wednesday, April
20th at 6pm
Second Floor

You will be given one word and a ball of clay. Form your own creative interpretive sculpture of that word.



Poetry Circle

Monday, April
18th at 6pm
Second Floor

Share your poetry and hear poetry by other teens.

Poster Word Art

Tuesday, April 19th at 6pm
Second Floor

Pick your favorite poem, choose one from a book, or use one of your own and then create a modern art picture out of those words. Materials will be provided.

At the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library annual meeting I was asked to talk about eReaders. eReaders are devices like the Amazon Kindle or Barnes & Noble Nook that are used to read books digitally. The comments and questions I fielded reminded me of a classic Yogi Berra quote, "The future ain't what it used to be." I got the impression that those who rejected eReaders did so based on outdated predictions about the how they would work that never came to pass. The most common criticism is, "I don't want to read a book on a computer screen." I wouldn't either, if eReader screens emitted light the way a computer monitor does. In fact they emit no light at all. Instead they use a technology called e-ink that looks very much like ink on paper and is as easy, if not easier, on the eyes. Another library friend said he preferred the ease of scanning for information from page to page in a book. He was unaware that readers can search the text for key words, making looking for characters or topics much easier than in print. You may wonder why a librarian is so excited by eBooks. After all, aren't librarians supposed to be all about books and reading? Actually, no. What librarians are all about is stories and information. As long as people are creative, you can count on your library to bring you that creativity in whatever container it is offered.

Stephen Bertrand
Kankakee Public Library Director

Hispanic Connections Computer Classes
Saturdays at 10am / Sábados en 10 de la mañana

April / Abril 16

April / Abril 30

Clases basicas de computación: Información en computadoras, operación, terminología, partes, correos, electronicos y más!

