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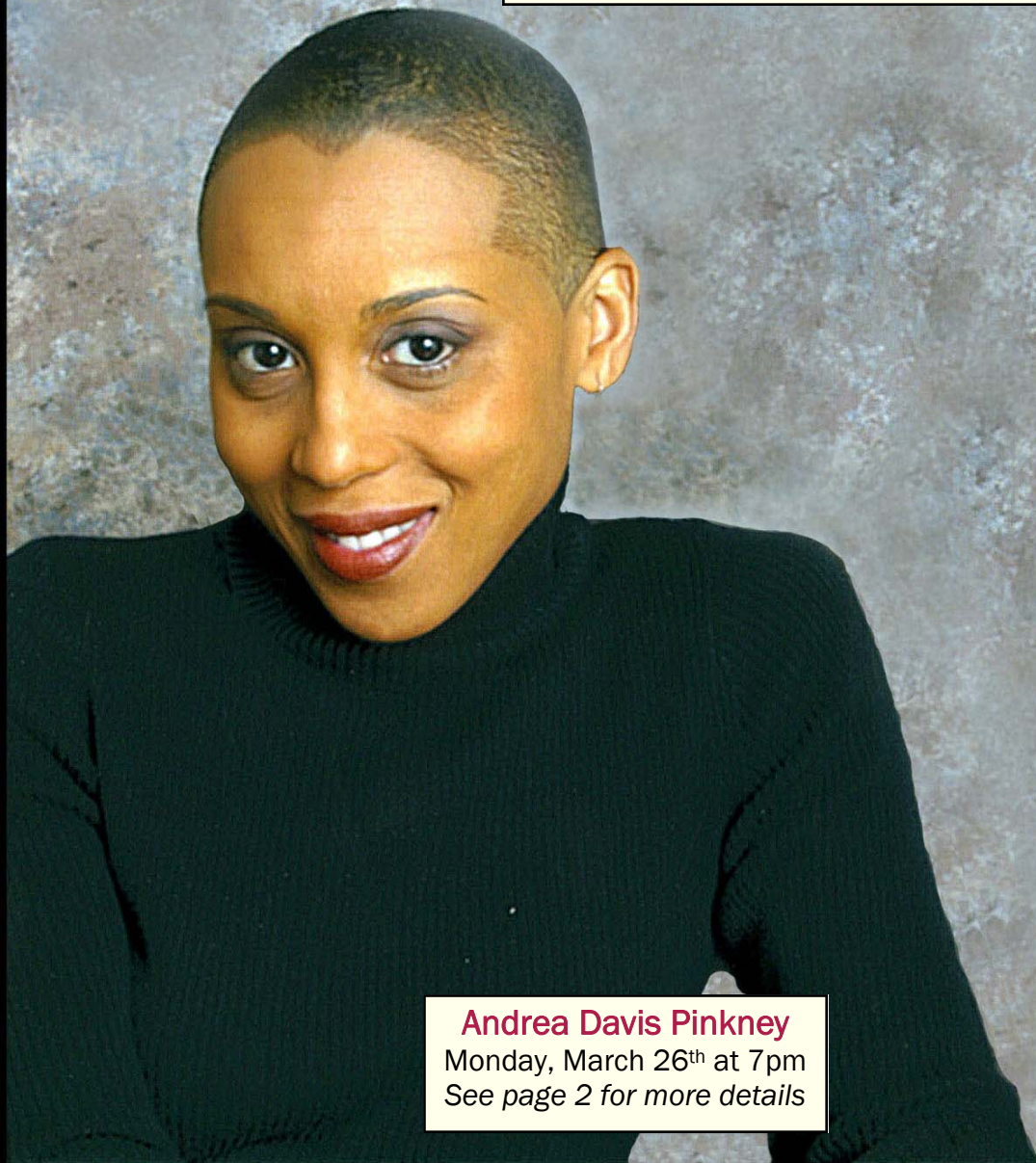
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Andrea Davis Pinkney

Monday, March 26th at 7pm

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featured events

Former Secret Service Agent Tim McCarthy

Thursday, January 19th at 7pm

Fourth floor auditorium

Join us for an enthralling talk with a man who was there when history was made. Tim McCarty, former Secret Service agent for President Ronald Reagan, was wounded by one of John Hinckley Jr.'s .22 caliber bullets in the 1981 assassination attempt. McCarty tells the riveting story of a life-changing experience in this fantastic all-ages event. He is the current chief of police in Orland Park. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library.*



Chief Tim McCarthy

A Soldier's Story: Black History Program

Thursday, February 2nd at 6pm

Fourth floor auditorium

A Civil War soldier's story is brought to life in this dynamic program. Born into slavery in Kentucky and raised in Missouri, Andrew Lewis was able to escape to the North and become a soldier in the Illinois 29th Infantry. Bringing his tale to the stage is retired Fiscal Officer Robert Davis, a former teacher at University of Illinois. Davis has served on the Abraham Lincoln Association Board of Directors, the Sangamon County Historical Society, and the Looking For Lincoln Heritage Coalition.

Eyes on the Sky

Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm

Fourth floor auditorium

Join David Fuller, host of *Eyes on the Sky* on YouTube and a member of the Kankakee Area Stargazers, for a fun-filled and informative discussion about the night sky. Includes humorous mythology videos highlighting prominent constellations, a practical discussion on how to find them easily in the night sky, plus tips for finding brighter galaxies, nebula and star clusters with binoculars or small telescopes. Perfect for anyone age 14 and up interested in learning how to see more in the sky.



David Fuller



Andrea Pinkney

Author Andrea Davis Pinkney -

Mary Jo Johnston Memorial Spring Program

Monday, March 26th at 7pm

Fourth floor auditorium

Andrea Pinkney, author of over 20 children's books, shares her work with the library. Join us as she discusses her life, her stories, and her books, which include *Alvin Ailey*, *Dear Benjamin Banneker*, and the award-winning *Let it Shine*. She is a graduate of Syracuse University, and is married to Caldecott Award winning illustrator Brian Pinkney. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library, Kankakee School District 111, and Olivet Nazarene University.*

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday
9am - 6pm

Saturday
9am - 5pm

Sunday
1pm - 5pm
September - May

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, January 16th
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

Monday, February 20th
President's Day

Friday, April 6th
Good Friday
Closed at Noon

Sunday, April 8th
Easter Sunday

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featured events

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Open House

Saturday, January 14th from 12 - 4pm

Fourth floor auditorium

Celebrate the life and work of Dr. King at this open event. Drop in for refreshments, a film screening and guest readings. There will also be puzzles, prizes and coloring for children. Special guest Marcus Strother will discuss and read from his book, *The Magical Teachings of Mr. Majestic*.



Genealogy Corner

Beginning Genealogy On the Internet

Saturday, February 4th at 1pm

Fourth floor computer lab

Mary Schatz is an experienced local genealogist, having worked on her own family tree for 40 plus years. A limited number of computers will be available for hands-on participation. Attendees are welcome to bring in their own laptops. Reservations are not required. This program is sponsored by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society and is free and open to the public.

Social Networking for Genealogy: Family Trees, Facebook, Blogs and More

Saturday, April 7th at 1pm

Third floor meeting room

Caron Primas Brenner has been researching her family history since a 6th grade school project got her interested. She belongs to several genealogy groups and is the webmaster and newsletter publisher for Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. This program is sponsored by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society and is free and open to the public.

Need Help with Your Research?

Tuesdays from 1 - 5pm

Every Tuesday the Kankakee Public Library's genealogy room is staffed with an experienced volunteer to assist you with your research. Bring your materials with you (your laptop too, if you want) and get the assistance you've been looking for. The genealogy room is open to the public whenever the library is open.



Save the Date



Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement

Saturday, April 14th at 2pm

Through years of research, author Suzi Parron examines the history of the Barn Quilt Movement. Though it began as a lone woman's project to honor her mother, the Barn Quilt and American Quilt Trail have grown to include thousands of quilt squares all across the United States.

Rock the Stacks!

Saturday, May 19th

The library's spazztastic local music festival returns for a triumphant fourth year. It's like another *Rocky* movie, except in Kankakee... and with better music.



Kankakee FantasyCon

Saturday, June 9th

Explore the vast universe of comic book art by meeting some of the biggest stars! The second Kankakee FantasyCon features some of the finest writers, artists and vendors all in one place.



classes & tutorials

One-on-One Computer Help

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 10am - 12pm

January 31st, February 1st
February 28th, February 29th
March 27th, March 28th

By appointment only

Are you tired of being confused by your computer screen? The library can help! Get easy, concise one-on-one lessons with one of our computer guides at the Kankakee Public Library. From using the mouse to executing terminal commands, we'll help you tackle any problem. Our staff can tutor you on a wide variety of subjects, including basic mousing and keyboarding skills, Microsoft Word and the rest of the Microsoft Office Suite, email, internet and Facebook use, eReaders and eBooks, Adobe Photoshop, troubleshooting skills, and much more. Learn on one of the library's laptops or bring your own. Hour-long appointments can be scheduled on the dates listed above at either 10am or 11am.



Pre-registration is required for all
computer classes.

Please call the Adult Services desk at 815.939.4564 to reserve a spot. Space is limited. Classes are held in the fourth floor computer lab.

Traditional Computer Classes

Each session meets between 10am - 12pm.

Internet Basics

Tuesday, February 14th

Email Basics

Wednesday, February 15th

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, March 13th

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Wednesday, March 14th

Clases Básica de Computación En Español

Cada otro Sábado, comenzando el 14 de Enero,
de 10am - 12pm

En el Primer Piso (sala de computadoras para
adolescentes)

Esta clase es para Adultos y será tratada en Español.
No se requiere experiencia en computadoras.

Para registrarse llamar al (815) 937-6960

Enero 14 - *Introducción a las computadoras*

Enero 14 y 22 - *Búsqueda en la internet*

Enero 22, Febreo 4, 18 - *Microsoft Word I*

Febreo 18, 25, Marzo 3 - *Microsoft Word II*



ZUMBA
FITNESS

Zumba Fitness

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm
Thursdays at 10am

Fourth floor auditorium

Hoping to shed some of those extra pounds this year? Let our certified Zumba instructor, Amelia, lead you in this high-energy Latin dance-inspired workout that is fun for the whole family! *There is a \$2 per session, per participant fee.*

Pre-registration is required.

Guitar for Beginners (all ages)

Mondays and Thursdays at 6pm

Fourth floor gallery

February 23rd, February 27th

March 1st, March 5th

March 8th, March 12th

March 15th, March 19th

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.

To register for these classes, please call the library at 815.939.4564 or stop at the Adult Services desk. Space is limited. Participants must bring their own guitar.



friends of the library

Board of Directors

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Friends Board Meetings

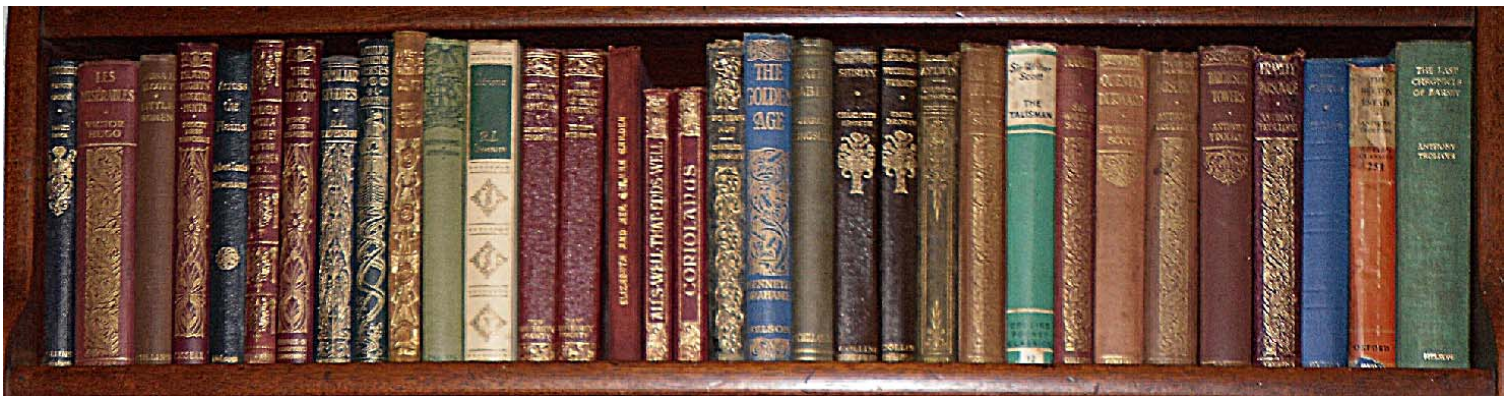
Friends of the Library Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5pm in the third floor meeting room.

Wednesday, January 18th

Wednesday, February 15th

Wednesday, March 21st

Wednesday, April 18th



The Friends of the Kankakee Public Library Recommend...

If you didn't receive enough gift books over the holidays, try these titles.

Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff

Shadow Catchers by Marianne Wiggins

Day Out of Days by Sam Shepard

The Cookbook Collectors: a Novel by Allegra Goodman

Design Sponge by Grace Bonney
(a DIY craft book, she also has a blog)

The Litigators by John Grisham

In the Garden of the Beasts by Erik Larson

Travels in Alaska by John Muir

In the Woods by Tana French

You Shall Know Our Velocity! by Dave Eggers

Ratio: The Simple Codes Behind the Craft of Everyday Cooking by Michael Ruhlman

Vivian Maier: Street Photographer by John Maloof and Geoff Dyer

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Membership

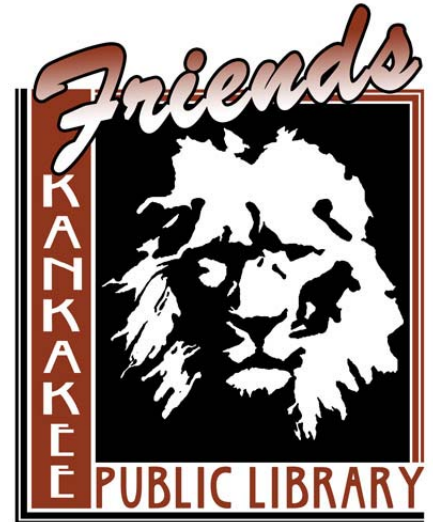
Everybody needs a friend, and that is why we're asking you to be ours. Become a friend of the Kankakee Public Library. Benefits of Friends membership include: opportunities to serve our library and city, to meet people with similar interests and to attend special Friends programs and events. Also, you 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

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

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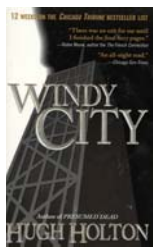
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Thank you for supporting the Friends! Your contribution is tax deductible.

book discussions

Soul Collections Book Discussions

Held in the third floor meeting room at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month.



Windy City

By Hugh Holton

Thursday, January 26th

Husband and wife Neil and Margo DeWitt have a proclivity for murder, and their trail of blood crosses the great city of Chicago. Detectives race against the clock to stop them before it's too late.

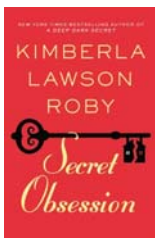


I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

By Maya Angelou

Thursday, February 23rd

Maya Angelou, the veritable voice of women in literature, presents her touching and elegant autobiographical tale. Beginning with her early childhood in Arkansas, it tells the tale of a young woman overcoming racism, abuse, and denigration to truly define herself.

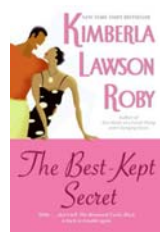


Secret Obsession

By Kimberla Lawson Roby

Thursday, March 22nd

Paige lives in her sister Camille's shadow: while Camille lives a cushy life with her husband and children, Paige languishes in an apartment she can't afford. When Paige hatches a plan to steal her sister's husband and life, things begin to fall apart.



The Best-Kept Secret

By Kimberla Lawson Roby

Thursday, April 26th

Roby returns to the tale of Reverend Curtis Black, a greedy, womanizing flimflam man. This time around, Black has started over, trying to live a good life. However, he's soon in over his head, and he returns to his old tricks.

films

Afro-Centric Film Series

The Afro-centric Film Series presents movie night at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the fourth floor auditorium. The featured films depict subject matter of the African and African-American experience.



The Help

January 17th

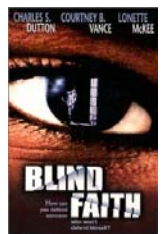
Based on the bestselling novel of the same name, *The Help* tells the story of an aspiring journalist striving to pen a book from the viewpoint of black house maids to expose the humor, heartbreak, and prejudice inherent in their situations.



The First Grader

February 14th

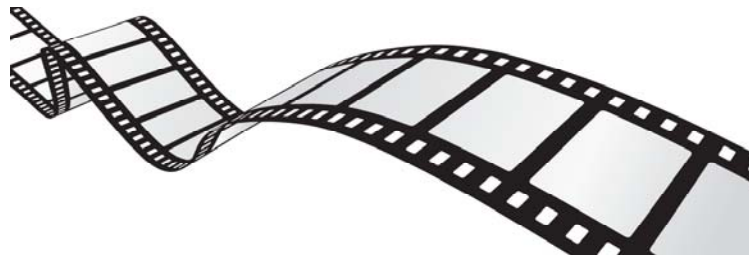
Based on the true story of a Kenyan man who enrolled in elementary education at the age of 84 after the Kenyan government announced universal and free elementary education in 2003.



Blind Faith

March 13th

In 1957, black lawyer John Williams has to defend his nephew Charlie, who is accused of strangling a white boy to death.



teen events

Make & Take Teen Craft Days

4:30 - 6:30pm

Thursday, February 9th

Focus on Black History

How many black history facts relate to teens? Find out and make & take a great piece of history at the same time.

Monday, February 13th

Be My Un-Valentine

Did cupid's arrow miss you? Join us to make a fun Anti-Valentine's day craft.

Thursday, March 8th -

Wednesday, March 14th

Teen Tech Week

YALSA invites you to Geek Out @ your library! This year's theme encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer, from services such as online homework help and digital literacy-focused programs to resources like e-books, movies, music, audiobooks, databases and more. Crafts, activities, and games will be offered throughout the week.



Show the Power of Your Words! Poetry Contest

for Kankakee Junior High School Students

Tuesday, April 17th at 6pm

Fourth floor auditorium

Kankakee Jr. High School students can register to present their original poetry based on the theme "The Power of Words". Win prizes, sound off, and have a good time!

Open to Kankakee Junior High School students only. Students may register in the library's Teen Zone on the first floor.



events for kids

Daddy/Daughter Tea Party

Thursday, February 16th at 6pm

Girls, put on your fancy hat and gloves; daddies, just escort them in for a night of picture perfect fun! Come dressed like royalty to an evening of stories, games, crafts and more for girls ages 4 - 8 with an adult guest. *Registration is Required.*



Show & Tell Night

Tuesday, January 24th

From 6 - 7pm

Kids, bring in your blanket that grandma made you or your special autographed book from an author. We want to hear about it! Show & Tell night at the library starts promptly at 6pm and is open to K - 3rd grade from 6 - 6:30pm and 4th - 6th grade from 6:30 - 7pm. Make sure your special item is not alive, wiggly, scaly, scary or yucky!

events for kids

Youth Services Winter / Spring Programs



Cubbies Story Time

Ages newborn - pre-K
Mondays at 10am
January 9th, 23rd, 30th
February 6th, 13th,
March 5th, 12th, 26th
April 2nd, 9th, 16th

Cubbies is an interactive story hour for children. Each week will have a different theme that will include a story, a craft and a snack.

Cubbies en Español

30 de enero
27 de febrero
19 de marzo
23 de abril
en el 10:00 de la mañana.

Cubbies en Español es una hora de cuento bilingue (Inglés y Español), canciones y manualidades para bebes y niños en edad pre-escolar. Para más información llamar a 815.937.6960.



Home @ Your Library

Wednesdays at 10am
February 15th, March 21st, and April 18th
Grades K - 5

Home @ Your Library is a fun-filled educational program designed for homeschoolers grades K - 5.

Family Reading Nights

Thomas Edison Family: Fun with Literacy Night
Thursday, January 19th at 6pm

Steuben Primary School: A Reading Celebration
Tuesday, February 7th at 6pm

King Middle School: Literacy Night
Thursday, March 15th at 6pm

Mark Twain Primary School: Reading Around the World
Thursday April 12th at 6pm

Taft Primary School: Reader's Theater Family Night
Thursday April 19th at 6pm

Market Day

Monday, March 12th from 11am - 12pm
(Cubbies Only)

Saturday, March 17th from 10am - 1pm
(All other ages)

Read to earn Lion Bucks to spend at the market!

Lego® @ the Library!

Thursday, March 22nd
From 11:30am - 2pm

Leave your Legos at home, but bring your imagination to the library for a day filled with Lego fun! *Open to Grades K-5. Pre-registration is required.*



Martin Luther King, Jr. Make & Take Craft Day

Saturday, January 14th
from 12:30 - 1:30pm

Stop in and honor the great Dr. King with us. Learn about Dr. King's life and legacy and celebrate with a make & take craft.



Spring Time Tea Party

Thursday, March 8th at 6pm

Join us as we celebrate the warm weather. Get ready for spring with lots of games and activities, tea, cakes, cookies and reading fun! Moms, dads and little ones are welcome. This program is open to boys and girls grades K-3. *Pre-Registration required for this program. Hurry, space is limited.*

YWCA Story & Craft Time

Wednesdays at 2pm
February 15th, March 14th, April 18th
at the YWCA

Join library staff at the YWCA for a special craft and story time.

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Director's Column

Welcome to 2012! Before I got accustomed to writing 2011 on my checks the year was over. I write this two weeks into the new year and already I find it a year of uncertainty. Though the national economy is showing some signs of life, Kankakee still faces difficult fiscal hurdles that our city leaders are working tirelessly to surmount. Meanwhile, our nation will be going to the polls this year to choose a new president or to vote to keep the incumbent. So, you may wonder, where might you find a port in the storm? I suggest you try the Kankakee Public Library! Our mission this year is to not only maintain the services you have come to expect, but also to give evidence that this institution is moving forward. The new carpet installed at the end of 2011 signals our commitment to keep KPL looking its best. We've also begun planning some aesthetic improvements in addition to the new carpet. Though I can't be specific just yet, we are working on ways to give local creators a way to show their work in their library. Let me just say that there are a lot of blank walls that could use filling. We've also been working on building relationships with local organizations to bring more local history content to our podcasts and KanWiki site, so keep an eye out for that. I wish I could guarantee that your library staff could heal all the difficulties our community, nation and world are facing. We can't. But what we can do is provide a place where Kankakeans can come together to face the future knowing our town is strong.

Stephen Bertrand
Kankakee Public Library Director

New Language Resource

Explore and learn new languages with the latest addition to our online databases, Mango Languages! Mango supports a plethora of languages in a clear, easy-to-use interface. Completely based on the web, you can use Mango anywhere you have an internet connection! Mango Languages is free to all Kankakee Public Library cardholders as well as anyone visiting the library! Also, check out the Mango Languages iPad app in the Apple® App Store!



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