

THE MANE EVENT

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ELIZABETH BERG

Thursday, February 22nd

7:00 pm

First Floor

Elizabeth Berg, popular writer of 17 works of fiction, including several *New York Times* bestsellers and an Oprah's Book Club selection (*Open House*) in 2000, will read from some of her most recent work and also selections requested by local book club members. In particular, they include *Talk Before Sleep*, *The Art of Mending*, and *The Year of Pleasures*. Her latest, *The Handmaid and the Carpenter*, a Christmas Story, is due out November 7, 2006, and she also has a new novel due in May of 2007, *Dream When You're Feeling Blue*. Berg publishes almost a book a year and has received two American Library Association Best Book of the Year awards, a short listing for the American Bookseller's Book of the Year, an AMC Cancer Research Center Illuminator award, a New England Booksellers Association Award, and honors from the Boston and Chicago Public Libraries. Members of the audience may ask questions about any of her books, and a book signing will follow her presentation. This Friends of the Library program is free and open to the public.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9am—9pm

Friday

9am—6pm

Saturday

9am - 5pm

Sunday

(September 10th-May 27th)

1pm-5pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, December 8th
LIBRARY INSERVICE DAY

Sunday, December 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 31st
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, January 1st
CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, January 15th
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
DAY

Monday, February 19th
PRESIDENTS' DAY



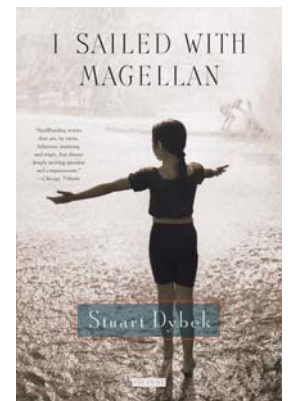
STUART DYBEK

Thursday,
January 18th

7:00 pm

First Floor

In April of 2004 Stuart Dybek's *The Coast of Chicago* was named by Mayor Richard J. Daley as his selection for the citywide book club, "One Book, One Chicago." His first book was a collection of poetry, *Brass Knuckles* (1979). A collection of short stories, *Childhood and Other Neighborhoods*, followed in 1980, and then came *The Coast of Chicago* (1990). *I Sailed with Magellan* (2003) portrays the Chicago escapades of Perry Katzek in 11 stories. It has been adapted for the stage by Claudia Allen, and its World Premiere will be June 18, 2007 at the new Victory Gardens Theater now located at the restored Biograph Theater. His most recent publication is a collection of poems, *Streets in Their Own Ink* (2004). Mr. Dybek's characters are the product of his love for the expression of ethnicity, and many of them appear in more than one book or story. He is currently serving as a visiting professor at Northwestern University the first semester of this academic year and will return to Western Michigan University for spring semester. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is free and open to the public.



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

All are welcome to attend.

Meet Your PC

Tuesday, January 9th 10am—noon
 Tuesday, March 6th 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, January 10th 10am—noon
 Wednesday, March 7th 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, January 17th 10am—noon
 Wednesday, March 14th 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, January 31st 10am—noon
 Wednesday, March 28th 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

Wednesday, February 14th 10am—noon

Protecting your computer from viruses and spyware are 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.

ADVANCED CLASSES

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

Basic Photo Editing

Tuesday, February 6th 10am—noon

The Picasa photo editing program will be used to demonstrate the basics on how to simply edit your digital photos. Cropping and getting rid of red-eye will be among the topics being covered. **Pre-requisite— see above.*

Advanced Photo Editing

Wednesday, February 7th 10am—noon

In this hands on class, you will be introduced to the free graphics editor Paint Shop Pro. We will discuss how to fix common color and contrast problems, repair imperfections, and resize your images for emailing, web posting or printing. **Pre-requisite— see above.*



Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, January 23rd 10am—noon
 Tuesday, March 20th 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. **Pre-requisite— see above.*

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Wednesday, January 24th 10am—noon
 Wednesday, March 21st 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. **Pre-requisite— see above.*

Introduction Microsoft PowerPoint

Wednesday, February 21st 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. **Pre-requisite— see above.*



Have a reference question? Email us at ref@lions-online.org for reference and genealogy questions.



Open Computer Lab

Wednesday, January 17th 1—3pm
 Wednesday, February 14th 1—3pm
 Wednesday, March 14th 1—3pm

Take this open computer lab time to come in and practice your computer skills. A staff member will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have. Practice your mousing or typing skills. Ask follow up questions about the internet, email, or any other classes that we offer.

NEW!

GENEALOGY CLASSES @ KPL

These two-hour classes are held in the Library's third floor meeting room. Everyone is welcome, but **pre-registration is required.**

Call the friendly staff at the Kankakee Public Library at 815-939-4564 to register or for more information.

Beginning Genealogy
Saturday, February 3rd

1–3 pm

Genealogy – the study of your 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. This session will cover how to start, charts and forms, organization skills, interviewing skills, census records, cemetery records, books, library resources, genealogy resources, genealogy societies, newspapers, obtaining certificates and much more.

Using Ancestry.com
Saturday, February, 17th

1–3 pm

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

Genealogy Internet Resources
Saturday, March 3rd

1–3pm

This class will tour as many of the available internet genealogy sites as time permits. They will include, but not limited to: IL Sec. Of State Archives, Rootsweb.com, Family Search (LDS archives), HeritageQuest, findagrave.com as well as a tutorial on the Family Tree Maker program.



Gravestone Conservation & Preservation

Saturday, January 13th 1:00pm

This KVGS program is presented by John Sanders. Sanders is a resident of Morris, Illinois and owns his own business Stonesetter, Gravestone Conservation. He belongs to the Association of Gravestone Studies. Sanders has worked with a number of gravestone conservators and specializes in veterans' markers. He will give advice on the proper care of a family's gravestones.

LDS Family History Center
Saturday, February 10th 1:00pm

This Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society program is presented by Harold Bush and James Anderson. Messrs. Bush and Anderson are with the Latter Day Saints Family History Center in Bourbonnais and will give an overview of resources available at the Center and how to use those resources with your family research.

Faces from the Past
Saturday, March 10th 1:00pm

This KVGS program is presented by Marge Rice. Rice, who resides in Joliet, has turned a hobby of purchasing old photos in antique shops and at garage sales into an ongoing crusade to reunite orphaned photos with their rightful families. In addition to discussing how she researches these old photographs, Rice will give tips on how to preserve and protect your family photos. She will have with her a collection of old photos that she is currently working on. Who knows? – You may find your ancestor among them!

PROGRAMS

Walt Harrington

Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm

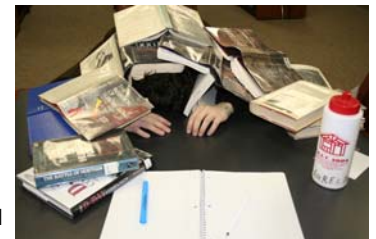
“Literary Journalism: Writing About Somebodies and Nobodies Who Matter” Walt Harrington, professor of journalism and head of the department at the University of Illinois, Urbana, speaks regularly to professional journalist groups and in news-rooms on the reporting and writing techniques of literary journalism. The former staff writer of 15 years for *The Washington Post Magazine*, is the author of *American Profiles*, *At the Heart of It: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives*; *Intimate Journalism: The Art and Craft of Reporting Everyday Life*; *The Everlasting Stream: A True Story of Rabbits, Guns, Friendship, and Family*, and *Crossings: A White Man's Journey Into Black America*. There will be a book signing following the program. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is free and open to the public.



Organize It!

Thursday January 25th at 7pm

Was getting organized part of your New Year's Resolution? Do you need help getting organized in your home or office? In this day and age of busy schedules and fast food meals it is hard to find time to clean, de-clutter and organize your life. Karen McGregor of Organize It! has the solution to your problems. She runs a professional organizing service and will be giving pointers on how to organize your rooms, pantries, closets, paperwork, offices and more.



Local Author Fair

Save the Date: Saturday, April 14th at 10:00am

Kankakee Public Library will kick off **National Library Week** (4/15-4/21) with a celebration of local literature! Meet and greet local authors who will have copies of their books for sale. This is a free event and is open to the public. If you are a local author and would like to participate, contact Allison Beasley at 815-939-4564 or abeasley@lions-online.org

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

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

January 4th—[I Sailed With Magellan](#)

by Stuart Dybek

February 1st—[Art of Mending](#)

by Elizabeth Berg

March 1st—[Pride and Prejudice](#)

by Jane Austen

April 5th—[Time Traveler's Wife](#)

by Audrey Niffenegger

"Soul Collections" Book Discussions

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

January 23rd—[Ain't Nobody's Business if I Do](#)

by Valerie W. Wesley

February 27th—[Finding Fish: A Memoir](#)

by Antwone Q. Fisher

March 27th—[Blues Dancing](#)

by Diane McKinney-Whetstone

April 24th—[Can't Get Enough](#)

by Connie Briscoe

Non-Fiction Book Discussions

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

February 15th—[Hurricane: The Miraculous Journey of Rubin Carter](#)

by James Hirsch

March 15th—[Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight](#)

by Alexandra Fuller

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

by Matthew Battles



BLACK HISTORY MOVIES @KPL



To celebrate Black History Month the Kankakee Public Library is featuring a Denzel Washington film each Sunday during the month of February. Two-time Academy Award winner (*Glory* and *Training Day*), Washington has starred in more than 30 films and in the year 2000 added the role of director (*Antwone Fisher*) to his extraordinary resume. He is the second African American male actor to have won an Academy Award for Best Leading Role (Sidney Poitier is the first and Jamie Foxx is the third) and has the most acting nominations (five) of any African American individual. Celebrate Black History Month with us at the Library as we honor this groundbreaking performer.

All movies are shown in the third floor meeting room and will begin at 1:15pm.

Sunday, February 4th

"Hurricane"

Rated R

This film tells the story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, an African-American man who rose above his troubled youth to become a top contender for the middle-weight boxing title. However, his dreams are shattered when he is accused of a triple murder, and is convicted to three natural-life terms. This changes when a boy and his mentors read Carter's autobiography and are convinced enough of his innocence that they work for his exoneration. (*Amazon.com*)

Sunday, February 11th

"Malcolm X"

Rated PG-13

Director Spike Lee careens from the hedonistic ebullience of Malcolm's early days to the stark despair of prison, from his life-changing conversion to Islam to his emergence as a dynamic political leader—all with an epic sweep and vitality that illuminates personal details as well as political ideology. (*Amazon.com*)

Sunday, February 18th

"Cry Freedom"

Rated PG

Donald Woods is chief editor at the liberal newspaper Daily Dispatch in South Africa. He has written several editorials critical of the views of Steve Biko. But after having met him for the first time, he changes his views. They meet several times, and this means that Woods and his family get attention from the security police. When Steve Biko dies in police custody, he writes a book about Biko. The only way to get it published is for Woods himself to illegally escape the country. (*Amazon.com*)

Sunday, February 25th

"Antwone Fisher"

Rated PG-13

A sailor prone to violent outbursts is sent to a naval psychiatrist for help. Refusing at first to open up, the young man eventually breaks down and reveals a horrific childhood. Through the guidance of his doctor, he confronts his painful past and begins a quest to find the family he never knew. (*Amazon.com*)



KIDS AND TEENS

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. 16 students participated in the Fall Session of PNG at the Kankakee Public Library. PNG provides a fun and safe environment to implement the technological and mentoring requirements of this grant.



The Winter Session of this program will meet **Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-5pm January 8th thru March 20, 2007**. Applications for participation in this program will be available on the first floor of the library from **December 8 – 22, 2006**. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18.

For more information visit www.lions-online.org or call Roland B. Johnson at 815-939-4564.

Game On!

Teen Gaming Days: Gamers will love playing Dance Dance Revolution, Playstation/Playstation 2, Xbox, and board games Battleship, Monopoly, and Clue! Networked gaming coming soon! If you enjoy music, dancing, and video games then this is the event for you!

Anime Sundays: Watch anime flicks with your friends! For dates and times call 815-937-6960.

Cubbies

Lapsits and 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 |

Cover to Cover

All Ages Book Club

Second Tuesday of every month @ 6:30pm

Group split up into 3 categories: ages 5-7; 8-11; and 12-17

You will experience a different program each month supported by the volume of books and information available at our very own library. Past events have been fun themes like "Iron Chef America" and "Fear Factor."



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! Join us for our Homeschool Open House on **January 24th from 11am-2pm** for a fun and informative day. 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).



Parent Resource Night for Spanish Speakers

Every Thursday 6-8pm

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

Noche Informativa Para Padres Hispano Hablantes

Visite La Biblioteca Publica de Kankakee todos los Jueves entre las 6pm e 8pm, 2do Piso

Explore los correderos de la biblioteca. Nuestro personal de habla hispana gustosos serán sus guías mientras descubran todo lo que la biblioteca les ofrece.

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Director's Column

Perhaps it is the crispness of the air. Perhaps it is the starkness of the trees. Perhaps it is the longer nights; but I have always thought that the stars shine just a little bit brighter in winter. I think the same can be said of our Library. There is nothing like spending some time in the cold and snow to make me appreciate indoor activities like reading a good book, or meeting new friends at a Library event. This winter we really do have some star speakers that are sure to put some sparkle in those long winter nights. Award winning authors **Stuart Dybek**, **Elizabeth Berg**, and **Walt Harrington** are among the notable guests that will be visiting our Library over the next few months. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our Friends of the Kankakee Public Library group, you can hear all of these nationally known and highly regarded authors in person for free, even if you don't live in Kankakee.

The stars shine brightly many winter nights, but sometimes we are too busy to look up and admire their beauty. As our Library enters into its fourth year in our Merchant Street home, we are shining more brilliantly than ever. Share the light; introduce a friend to our Library. This year don't miss out on the exciting and exceptional opportunities that are happening in your own home town!







Happy Reading
Cindy Fuerst
Library Director

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KANKAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2.0

What is Library 2.0? Well, in this era of computers and other technological gadgets some people think that old fashioned libraries are out of date. With information easily being accessed on the internet, pessimists predict that libraries could be obsolete. We believe that libraries need to think forward and adapt to a new way of doing things. The Kankakee Public Library is entering the cyber world by offering:

-  Flickr.com
-  Podcasts & vodcasts
-  RSS Feeds/Blogs
-  WiFi access in the Library
-  Café Press Products
-  Pocket Lion for your PDA

And more!

By offering all these features, the Kankakee Public Library is giving you the tools you need to establish yourself firmly in the 21st century. Be sure and "check out" the Library's website at www.lions-online.org for these techie tools!

