

Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Vol. 38 No. 2 Summer 2022

Closing the Book after 25 years – Thank you, Miss Joyce!

This year, the end of Summer will be bittersweet for us. Joyce Evans, our longest serving staff member in the history of our Library, will retire. While we are so grateful for all that Miss Joyce has given to our Library over the years, we will miss her friendship, creativity, laughter, silly voices and above all, her passion for literacy, especially for our youth. Joyce started at our Library in our circulation department in 1997, soon after our building was erected in its current place. She moved to the children's department in 2005, where she focused on children's programming and library collections. Most importantly, Miss Joyce made sure that every child knew that reading is fun. In the Children's department, she has hosted 884 Family Evening Storytimes, planned and conducted 17 Summer Reading and Book Camp Programs, provided countless programs throughout the school years and touched the lives of countless families in our community. We will miss seeing Miss Joyce every day, but we know that she's out there somewhere, wearing a silly hat or costume, just for old time's sake. In all seriousness, we know that she will continue to share the passion she has for reading with everyone she meets. Thank you for your incredible service to our Library and our community, Joyce!



Our Book Bike is Ready to Roll!



Bikelangelo, our book bike*, will be officially rolling out this summer. We are so excited to bring our library to you by setting up at popular locations around Chatham. What can you expect from the book bike? At most locations, we will have children's books, adult books, and DVDs available for checkout. Don't have a library card? No worries! If you're in our Library District, we can register you to get a library card at our book bike, just bring an ID with your current address. If you already have a library card, but it's expired, we can fix that too! We hope **Bikelangelo** will help our Library reach Chatham in ways it never could before. You'll see us at the Sweet Corn Festival, in the Homecoming Parade, in the parks and at local businesses this summer! For a full event schedule, check out our website.

A huge thank you to the Friends of the Library who generously funded the book bike and Wheel Fast for putting it together.

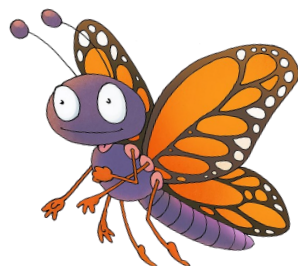
Children's Programs

Summer Reading Kick-Off Activity – Butterfly Encounter*

All ages

Thursday, June 9 anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Get up close and personal with – Butterflies! Study the amazing life cycle of the butterfly with hands-on interactive props then step into a feeding tent and use a hand held butterfly feeder to feed live butterflies. A thrilling up-close opportunity to say hello to these amazing creatures.



Also, stop by our own butterfly garden to learn more about pollinators that support our local butterflies from Karla Frank, Master Gardener. Thanks also for her help in planning and maintaining our butterfly garden.

Butterfly Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Week June 2 – 8

We were so impressed by your scavenger hunt abilities during National Pig Day, we decided to do it again. In the week leading up to our butterfly encounter program, see if you can “collect” the butterflies hiding around the Children’s side of the library.

Tween/Teen Craft Drop-Ins

Ages 12 - 18

Fridays: June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5
2:00 p.m.

Anyone registered for our Tween/Teen Summer Reading program is eligible to join us at the above times to do a fun “camp” themed craft such as tie-dye, painted rock owls, god’s eyes, macramé bracelets and more. Supplies for these crafts will be provided and are limited.

Summer Reading Sign-up Continues through July

June and July

Ages 4 years old through High School

There is still time to participate in Summer Reading with challenges for every age group: **(For children aged 8 or 12 ,choose the one challenge that best suits your child.)**



Here are the quick facts about Summer Reading 2022:

- ◆ Sign up on **Beanstack**, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app. (chathamlib.beanstack.org) There is a simple **Beanstack** tutorial on the right side of our website.
- ◆ **There are challenges for every age group:**
 - **Rubber Ducky Club** for birth through age 3: Read 30 books together and receive a rubber ducky
 - **Summer Reading for ages 4-8:** Receive prizes after each 100 minutes read.
 - **Summer Reading for ages 8-12:** Receive prizes after each 150 minutes read.
 - **Tween/Teen Summer Reading for ages 12-18*:** Receive a virtual ticket to enter a raffle for a gift card of your choice after every book read, and be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing.
- ◆ Read and redeem prizes between **June 1 and July 31.**

Summer Reading ends Saturday, July 31.

Movies in the Library

All Ages

Tuesdays: June 7, July 5, and August 2
2:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Same unlimited popcorn from our new popcorn maker*, and lemonade and friendly faces, all new movies to enjoy together at the library.

June – Encanto, July – Luca,

August – voter’s choice (vote in the library for your favorite) If desired, bring a lawn chair, blanket, pillow, favorite stuffy etc. to make yourself comfortable!



Children's Programs

Talewise Program

"Pirates Lost at Sea"

All Ages

Thursday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

The science based storytellers at **Talewise** bring us the STEM based tale of "Pirates Lost at Sea"! Throughout the story, we'll explore the incredible science behind clouds, physical and chemical changes, air pressure, and more! Volunteers from the audience will help us conduct several hands-on science experiments that 'ARRR' sure to amaze you!

Don't miss your chance to experience this interactive nautical tale — with a refreshing splash of science!



Storytimes

We are pleased to once again offer in-person storytimes for all ages. We will continue to follow State health guidelines and make adjustments as necessary.

No registration is required.

Baby and Toddler Time

For children newborn to 3 and their parents/caregivers Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. **There will be no Baby and Toddler Storytime on June 21.**

Join Miss Julie for books, songs and fingerplays.

Family Evening Storytime

For children of all ages and their parents/caregivers Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited for stories the whole family can enjoy with a fun preschool-level craft to take home.

Preschool Storytime

For preschool children and their parents/caregivers Fridays at 10:15 a.m. **Preschool Storytime is suspended in June and July due to Book Camp. It will resume in August.**

Bring your preschoolers for a fun time of stories and a take-home craft that is just right for small hands.

Thanks to our Friends of the Library! 

Throughout this newsletter, you'll see an asterisk (*) on many of our programs. Each of these programs, as well as our Book Bike and popcorn maker were funded by our Friends.



End of Summer Splash!*

Families

Thursday, August 11

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate summer with us before it's over with two of our favorite summer pastimes: Water activities and ice cream! Meet us on the south lawn of the Library for sprinklers, water limbo, the infamous Splashinator!, lawn games and more. But that is just the beginning—this year come experience the Mega Foam Blaster! Play in a mountain of quick drying, non-staining, hypo-allergenic bubbles that are safe for kids and the environment, then cool off with a delicious dish of Scoop du Jour ice cream. You won't want to miss this!

Cinema Under the Stars!

Friday, August 19 at sunset (approx. 8:00 p.m.)

Planning on going to Meet the Titans on Friday, August 19. Keep the fun going and make it a BIG RED NIGHT with your family by coming to the Library afterward. . . to watch **Clifford the Big Red Dog** with us!



Join us on our south lawn to watch an outdoor screening of the movie. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and beverages (please no glass).

This family-friendly movie is free, and all are welcome.

LEGO DAY

All ages

Saturday, June 18, 10:00 a.m. – Noon



It's time for another awesome Lego day! Just bring yourself and your imagination (and a friend would be nice, too!) We'll provide the rest.

Adult Programs

Preserve Family Memories

All Ages

Saturday, June 11

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Help the Library capture a vital part of our community's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Chatham's cultural heritage is found in your homes. Items to be preserved could include letters, memoirs, posters, menus, brochures or artwork and so much more. Items can be from any era as far back as the American Revolution to last Saturday.

Take advantage of this free opportunity to have your items scanned and returned to you both physically and preserved digitally. All participants will receive a USB with their digitally preserved scans. The Library requests that a digital copy of any Chatham area-related items to be added to our local history archive as well.

"Let's Make Homebrew!" Series

Adults

Tuesdays: June 14 - Beer

June 21 - Cider

June 28 - Wine

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Have you always wanted to brew your own beer, cider, mead or wine at home, but don't know where to begin? This series, presented by **Natalie Meyers from Capital City Brewing Supply** and **Kirsten Davis-Franklin from the Prairie Schooners Homebrewing Club**, will show you the equipment and steps you need to know about to start brewing a great tasting craft beer, cider, and wine at home.



Tiny Art Project

All Ages

Return masterpieces by Monday June 13

Exhibit: Mid-June – August 31

Help us create a tiny art gallery here! Everyone of all ages can pick up a Tiny Art Kit at the library. Create a masterpiece of your own design! Drop off the canvas before June 13th to be in our Tiny Art Show! All art kits will include a tiny canvas, paint kit and a brush. However, you can use markers, crayons, etc.



Illinois Libraries Present: An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi

Adults

Wednesday, June 22

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom



Watch this VIRTUAL author talk with Top Chef contestant and award-winning chef Kwame Onwuachi. Onwuachi will discuss his cookbook "My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef" and share stories behind his family's recipes, and the importance of the connections between cuisine, place, and culture. Register to watch at home or come into the library for a watch party.



Read Beyond the Beaten Path*

Adult Summer Reading Program

Adults 18+

June 13 - July 25

Take a hike, rest in the shade, enjoy a good book by the pool... the options are endless! Join us as we embark on an adventure and Read Beyond the Beaten Path. This program will run for 6 weeks starting June 13, and the grand prize drawing will take place on July 25. Sign up on **Beanstack**, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app. (chathamlib.beanstack.org) A tutorial on how to use **Beanstack** can be found on our website. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



Local Writer's Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

June 7, July 5, August 2

If you love to write, check out this supportive, skilled group of local writers for critiques of your work, discussion and networking. For more information, please email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

Adult Programs

Computer Classes

No registration required

Combat Email Clutter

Adults

Tuesday, July 12

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Learn how to unsubscribe, mark as spam, and use filters to clean up your email. Then take the last half hour to work on your email inbox.

How to Find Information on the Internet

Adults

Tuesday, August 9

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This class will discuss what a browser is, tips on how to search Google and other search engines, and how to evaluate a website for accuracy.

Game Nights

Special Edition: Board Game Bingo

Ages 10 and Up

Wednesday, June 1, July 6, August 3

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a new twist on Game Nights - BOARD GAME BINGO! Complete your bingo card by making new friends and playing fun board games for a chance to win the ultimate board game geek prize: your face on a meeple! Ok so maybe we will just print out a picture of your face and put it on a meeple, but still fame and glory could be yours!

Leadership Book Club

Adults

Tuesday, July 26

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

OFFSITE at Scoop Du Jour

Registration Required

This book club will be a networking opportunity to share and learn about different leading styles and experiences. The quarterly book that we are reading for discussion is **"Good to Great" by Jim Collins.**



New Job Series

Microsoft Excel

Adults

Thursday, June 23

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sharpen your Excel skills and learn how to use Excel more effectively and efficiently with **Larissa Hansen** from **Targeted Marketing Resources**.



Identifying and Using Your Transferable Skills (virtual)

Adults and teens

Thursday, July 7

6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Via Zoom

Kevin Martlage from **Nextier Advisors** will talk about understanding what transferable skills are and how you can identify yours. Watch this VIRTUAL program from home or come to the library and watch with others.



Embracing Career Change

Adults

Thursday, July 14

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Martlage from **Nextier Advisors** will discuss how to embrace career changes and challenges. He will go over identifying your Holland Codes, transferable skills, and completing a personal SWOT analysis. Even if not changing careers, this class will help you think more about your career goals and plans.



Resumes

Adults

Wednesday, August 24

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ready to update your resume? This session will offer the best up to date tips and resources to improve your resume and job search skills. Templates, links, and more! This class will be taught by **Anne Godman**.

Cover Letters

Adults and teens

Wednesday, August 31

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Are cover letters necessary anymore? Learn the answer to that question as well as when to include a cover letter and what to include in it to make you stand out to employers.

Funding for these Bouncing Back grant programs was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

Adult Programs

Adult Book Clubs

No registration required – books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Hooked on Books

Second Wednesday of each month

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We discuss a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books. We always welcome new faces! Upcoming reads:

June 8 – *London's Number 1 Dog Walking Agency*

by Kate MacDougall

July 13 – *Where the Forest Meets the Stars*

by Glendy Vanderah

August 10 – *The President and the Freedom Fighter*

by Brian Kilmeade

Bite Into a Good Book

Third Wednesday of each month

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

June 15 – *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell

July 20 – *Fuzz : When Nature Breaks the Law*

by Mary Roach

August 17 – *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown

Outer Edge Book Club

Third Monday of each month

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The Outer Edge Book Club discusses science fiction and fantasy books. Upcoming reads:

June 13 (Rescheduled) – *To Sleep in a Sea of Stars*

by Christopher Paolini

July 18 – *Starship Troopers* by Robert A. Heinlein

August 15 – *The City in the Middle of the Night*

by Charlie Jane Anders

Friends of Genealogy

Saturday, July 23

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Are you interested in your family history? Join us for a Friends of Genealogy meeting where we will discuss all things genealogy and get tips and tricks on how to break the walls down.

Craft Night

Rag wreath

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, June 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will cut and tear fabric and tie it to a small wreath form to make a cute wreath.



Farmhouse wood sign

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, July 21

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will paint small wooden blocks with a cute saying.



Painted truck door hanger

Adults in high school and older

Thursday, August 18

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will paint a cardboard truck and make a door hanger.



Passport Event

Now is the perfect time to update your passport!

Passport agents from the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's office will process passport applications from

9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 16. Standard passport fees will apply, and applicants should receive their passports within 4 - 6 weeks. If interested in obtaining a passport, please bring the following:

- Certified copy of your birth certificate and/or expired passport (no photocopies)
- Valid photo ID
- Approved passport photo (For \$10.00, they can provide you with a passport photo)
- Certified copies of court orders for name change, custody or adoption decrees
- Two checks or money orders to pay applicable fees

For details on the fees, visit the **Circuit Clerk's website**.

If you have any questions, please visit the website or call the circuit clerk's passport office in advance at 217-747-5183.

Library News

Little Free Micro Pantry



We are thrilled to announce the newest addition to our Library! With the assistance of the Sugar Creek United Methodist Church's Mission Team, and builders, Jim and Gail Austin, the Library now has a little free micro pantry near our main doors. Thank you to the members of the Church for their

hard work and dedication on this project.

The goal of the little free micro pantry is simple: Give what you can, and take what you need. For more information, please see our website: <https://www.chathamlib.org/about-us/little-free-micro-pantry>

Friends of the Library Spotlight: Twila Clark & Kyrene Martin

You can usually find Twila Clark and Kyrene Martin working together at the Friends Café and Bookstore. The dynamic duo coordinates everything related to the book donations – sorting, organizing pop-up book sales, preparing for the Sweet Corn Book Sale and more.



Twila Clark started volunteering in 2009 in the Café. She loves meeting new people and helping them find books.

Kyrene Martin has volunteered the past six years after she retired from teaching. Her favorite section of the library and bookstore are the children's sections.

Both Kyrene and Twila agree: Volunteering here is a fun way to make new friends. "It's a good chance to meet new people as new customers come into the store. We help them find books they are looking for, suggest new authors. It's such a great chance to be helpful and to have fun doing it."

Thanks for your volunteer service, Twila and Kyrene! If you are interested in volunteering with Friends of the Chatham Library, please visit our website.

Back by popular demand: Our Little Garden Table

Last year, we started a new tradition by providing a space for community members to bring their surplus fruits and veggies from their gardens. We were so fortunate to have so many share their bounty with their neighbors that we are bringing the table back out again. Starting at the end of June and running through Labor Day, please feel free to drop off your surplus items for others to enjoy.



Legal Self Help Center

The Library is now a Legal Self-Help Center (LSHC) for Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO). The ILAO's mission is to have legal information accessible to everyone, so people can resolve their legal issues on their own. As a LSHC, anyone is welcome to use our computers to search for information and forms to help with their legal issues.



Trustee News

Board Members

President - Michael Roubitchek
Vice President - Christine Westerlund
Secretary - Leslie Ross
Treasurer- Vacant

Trustees

Dan Holden, Vanessa Ross and John Moore

At their April Meeting, the Library Board of Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of Treasurer, Eric Bolinger. The Library Board of Trustees and the staff thank Eric for his two years of service to our Library!

The Library Board will have appointed a new Trustee at their May meeting. The name of the new Trustee is not known at the time of the newsletter article deadline.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

Library Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise stated. Upcoming dates are: June 20, July 18, August 15. The public is welcome to attend all Library Board meetings.

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Monday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Holiday Closings

Juneteenth (Observed)

Monday, June 20

Independence Day

Monday, July 4

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Art Committee News

We hope you'll stop by the Library this Summer to see two outstanding local art shows and join us for their receptions!

May – Mid-July:

Christy Freeman Stark “Rooted: Images of Nature that Evoke Memories”

Reception: Friday, June 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mid-July – September:

Michelle Smith “A Pencil and a Dream”

Reception: Friday, August 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Later this Summer, we will be sharing information regarding the return of our annual **Call to Entry Art Show!**

If you would like to be considered for our Call to Entry show, please email Arts@chathamlib.org to be placed on the mailing list. Those on the list will receive the application in July. We will also share the applications in the library and on our website.

Friends of the Library Sweet Corn Book Sale

Saturday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We're back! Don't miss the Sweet Corn Book Sale before you head off to the festivities at the park. Enjoy bargain prices for a large assortment of items.

Special Perk - Friends Members are invited early for a “Power Hour” from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Not a member? You can join that morning!

Also, the **Bargain Sale opens for everyone at 2:00 p.m. for a donation of \$2.00.** What a deal! (Please note: no advance stockpiling of books allowed.)

Want to volunteer? We can always use help to set up and take down the sale. Contact friends@chathamlib.org if you or your group are interested in assisting.



FRIENDS' CAFÉ & BOOKSTORE

Our wonderful Friends of the Library volunteers are offering great reads as well as serving drinks and treats! All proceeds help support the Library's programming and services. Open Hours and Donation acceptance times (Pending Volunteer Availability) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. For more information, such as donation guidelines, see our website.