

February 2012

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Changes on the Bookshelves

### Mysteries and Science Fiction in New Location



Oak Park Public Library kicked off 2012 by reorganizing some bookshelves at the Main Library. Mysteries and science fiction are now shelved alphabetically by author with the rest of the fiction collection. Browsing sections for new mysteries and science fiction titles should be in place by the end of February. On the fiction

shelves, mystery and science fiction titles can still be identified by stickers on their spines.

Changes in the publishing world have made categorizing these genres difficult. “Mystery authors are writing books that don’t include the classic elements of a mystery,” states Bleue Benton, Collection Development Manager. “So before we reorganized, mystery readers had to look in two locations for books by Michael Connelly, for example. Now when you find an author you like, you’ll only have one place to look.”

We are also considering changes on the Main Library’s third floor, including additional browsing sections for travel, exercise, or language learning.

As always, ask us for a recommendation or help finding just the right book.

## Curbside Service at Dole Keeps You Warm

Curbside pick up at the Dole Branch Library is here! Pull up by our Augusta Street book return, call 708-386-9032 with your library card number, and we’ll be right out with the materials you’ve been waiting for. Just need a stack of books for the kids or a title from our shelf? We can grab those for you, too!



There’s no need to leave your car. When the weather is bad, you’re short on time, or have the little ones all buckled in, take advantage of our curbside service. Available all hours the Dole Branch Library is open.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Monday, February 6  
1:30, Main Library  
*Billy Wilder Film Series kicks off with [Double Indemnity](#)*
- Thursday, February 9  
2 pm, Main Library  
*Explore Guatemala*
- Thursday, February 9  
7 pm, Main Library  
*Author Jennifer Olvera with [Food Lovers’ Guide to Chicago](#)*
- Wednesday, February 15  
7 pm, Main Library  
*Big Bill Broonzy:  
Words and Music*
- Sunday, February 19  
3:30 pm, Dole Branch  
*Brain Quest Challenge!  
for ages 6 to 12*
- Thursday, February 23  
7 pm, Main Library  
*Class: [Job Searching Online](#)*
- Saturday, February 25  
9 am to 5 pm, Main Library  
*Oscar Day Marathon*
- Tuesday, February 28  
6:30 pm, Maze Branch  
*Teen Improv Workshop*
- Wednesday, February 29  
7 pm, Main Library  
*Folk Music Concert with  
[Michael Smith](#)*

Find complete information about library events at [oppl.org](http://oppl.org) or pick up age-specific event listings at the library.

## Green Roof Video Tour

A crack team of our teen summer volunteers created a video tour of this environmentally-friendly feature of the Main Library building. View the video at [oppl.org/15](http://oppl.org/15).

## Dating at the Library

Take advantage of two opportunities to broaden your dating prospects:



On Saturday, February 11, Shaken & Stirred: A 20s and 30s Singles Mixer starts at 8 pm. (Registration through [genre-x.com](http://genre-x.com) required.) Then learn to craft the perfect online dating profile on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 pm with a panel discussion on digital dating. Both events are free and will be at the Main Library.

## Teen Open Mic is Back!

Poet? Musician? Comedian? More? Showcase your talent at this monthly after-hours event. Next open mic is Friday, February 17 at 7 pm at the Main Library. More teen events at [opplteen.org](http://opplteen.org).

## Download Even More Ebooks this Spring

It will soon be easier to navigate and download even more econtent. Oak Park Public Library recently signed on as an “early adopter” of 3M’s Cloud Library and we anticipate an April go live date. Although the product is still in development, when ready, 3M will interface it with the SWAN catalog. “This is exciting, a real breakthrough,” states Oak Park Public Library’s Executive Director Deirdre Brennan. “We have been asked to provide more econtent through a simpler process. This is a new way of meeting the community’s needs.”

## aMAZEing Art at the Maze Branch Library

Local art is making a strong showing at the Maze Branch Library where aMAZEing artists can sign up for a month-long exhibit of their work. “We love having rotating exhibits to warm up the building,” states project coordinator and Maze staffer Jessica Roble-Cinelli. “This really reinforces the library’s commitment to art and extends the Harrison Street art district to Gunderson Avenue.”

Artists also have the opportunity during their exhibit to present a program about their work. Tom Burtonwood, February’s aMAZEing artist, uses a hybrid of new and old technologies, mashing up the ancient craft of paper folding, advanced digital fabrication techniques, and a splash of paint for good measure. He demonstrates the methods behind his “Tessellations” exhibit on Saturday, February 18 at 3 pm.

## Smartypants Trivia Night Fundraiser

Get your team of 3 to 6 ready for the Friends of the Library’s third annual Smartypants Trivia Night on Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 pm. \$25 per person; admission includes one complimentary drink ticket.

Enjoy wine, beer, and a brainfood snack buffet while you compete in our trivia challenge to help raise funds for library programs and materials. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

Space is limited. Register your team by February 29. Registration forms at [oppl.org/trivia](http://oppl.org/trivia) or at the library.



[www.oppl.org](http://www.oppl.org)

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### Main Library

834 Lake Street

Oak Park, IL 60301

708-383-8200

Mon – Thu: 9 am – 9 pm

Fri: 9 am – 6 pm

Sat: 9 am – 5 pm

Sun: 1 pm – 6 pm

### Dole Branch

255 Augusta Street

Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-9032

Mon: Closed

Tue – Thu: 10 am – 9 pm

Fri: 10 am – 6 pm

Sat: 10 am – 5 pm

Sun: 1 pm – 6 pm

### Maze Branch

845 Gunderson Avenue

Oak Park, IL 60304

708-386-4751

Mon – Thu: 10 am – 9 pm

Fri: Closed

Sat: 10 am – 5 pm

Sun: 1 pm – 6 pm

