Summer Reading
Is So Delicious!

Get ready to dig in to reading! Registration begins June 2 for summer reading programs for all ages.

Everyone ages 2 and up can sign up for “Reading Is So Delicious!” and enjoy reading great books and attending fun programs at the Library. If you can’t make it into the Library, don’t worry—you can sign up and log books online. You can even log on from your mobile phone. Kids ages 2-Grade 5 who reach their reading goals will be entered in the Grand Prize Raffle. Teens and young adults in Grades 6-9 who reach their goals are invited to their own private pizza party!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Family Friday Night with Grammy-nominated kids musician Dave Rudolf, June 22, 6:30 p.m.

Board Approves Church Purchase as Part of Library Improvement Plan

As part of its Long-Range Strategic Plan, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved at its March 28 meeting the purchase of the Methodist Church property located just north of the current Library at 3541 Park Avenue. The purchase of the property is one further step in the Library’s plan to improve its facilities and services.

The Library Board will hold community meetings regarding the purchase this month. Information to be shared at the meetings includes the Board’s plans for accommodating the large increases in Library usage by residents, general drawings for a future building, and financing information. Residents will have the opportunity to select features they would like to see in their future public library in addition to providing feedback and having questions answered. Community meetings will be held on the following dates.

Wednesday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

This Year Alone, Brookfield Residents...

Banked
9,139 Library computer sessions and borrowed
178 home laptops

Attended
52 Adult Programs with a total of
502 in attendance

Paid 39,508 visits to the Library and
65,708 visits to the Library’s website

Utilized the Meeting Rooms
185 times

Downloaded 962 e-books and e-audiobooks

Asked 6,314 Reference Questions

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Adult Programs and Events

Register in person, by phone, (708) 485-6917, or online @ www.brookfieldpublicLibrary.info/calendar
Space is limited and registration is ongoing until programs fill.

Summer Reading 2012: Reading Is So Delicious

Registration begins on June 2 for our 2012 Summer Reading Program, Reading is So Delicious! Prizes are awarded for participation, submitting book reviews, and completing your reading goal. Plus, check out the many delicious programs we’ll be offering this summer.

It’s All About the Cupcake
Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m.
Professional candy-maker and cake decorator Sue Peltzer from Delicious Creations will join us for a cupcake decorating demonstration. All attendees will leave with a cupcake! Registration is required.

Look for more delicious programs in July, including:
- **Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.**: Terra Brockman, author of The Seasons on Henry’s Farm, will talk about sustainable food.
- **Monday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.**: Andrew Comens returns for BBQ & Grilling

Explore the Beauty of Brookfield

Bird & Wildflower Walk
Saturday, May 12, 8:30 a.m.
Join the Brookfield Conservation Commission and the Brookfield Public Library on a guided tour of Brookfield's Oak Savannah. Learn to spot the birds and wildflowers that are native to this area. Binoculars are recommended. The tour begins at the Kiwanis Park Pavilion at 8:30 a.m.

Naturally Brookfield Photography Contest
May 17 - July 31
Take pictures of Brookfield's native wildlife and enter them to win a canvas print of your winning photograph.

Nature Photography 101
Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.
Join the Salt Creek Camera Club as they share tips and tricks for photographing nature. Picture takers of all ages are invited. No prior knowledge is needed. The Camera Club will discuss how to use any type of camera including iPhones. This one-hour presentation will also service as the beginning of our “Naturally Brookfield” photography contest.

Adventures in Nature Photojournalism
Monday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.
When photographer Jerry Tomaselli retired from the Chicago Tribune, he became a nature photographer, capturing wonderful birding photos that are the envy of Audubon societies and birding enthusiasts. Jerry’s i-Photo Birding Show is full of many wild birds from across this nation that will inspire you to capture your own great shots for Naturally Brookfield.

May is Older Americans Month

AARP Driver’s Safety Workshop
Monday, May 7 & Tuesday, May 8
10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
The AARP Driver Safety Program meets for two days to teach older adults about safe driving. There is a fee for the program, $14 ($12 AARP members). Participants will receive a workbook and a certificate upon completion worth a deduction in auto insurance premiums.
*Registration required.

Social Security: More than Meets the Eye
Wednesday May 9, 7:00 p.m.
Learn how Social Security could impact your retirement plans. Jim Flanagan from Bentron Financial Group presents this informational seminar.

Drop in Programs

Knitting Club
Wednesdays, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 27, 7:00 p.m.
Knitters and crocheters of all skills are welcome.

FOL Writers' Workshop
Mondays, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, 7:00 p.m.
If you write poetry or prose, join the Friends of the Library Writer's Workshop on the first and third Mondays of every month. New participants are always welcome.

Book Ahead

Traveling this summer? Take advantage of our Book Ahead service to get on the list for next month’s hottest book releases. Pick up a copy of the list, check out titles you want, return it to the Information Desk, and we’ll alert you when your copy is ready for you.
Girls’ Night Out Book Club
Meets at the Salt Creek Wine Bar
May 14 (Mon.), 7:00 p.m.
The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady by Elizabeth Stuckey-French. A woman plots revenge against the doctor who slipped her a radioactive cocktail 50 years earlier.

June 11 (Mon.), 7:00 p.m.
Love Walked In by Marisa de los Santos
Café manager Cornelia Brown’s life is turned upside down when she meets the debonair Martin Grace.

Wye Valley Afternoon Book Club
Meets at the Wye Valley Apartments, British Home
May 14 (Mon.), 2:30 p.m.
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
A look at how Henrietta Lacks’ cells have been used, without her family’s knowledge, for scientific research.

June 11 (Mon.), 2:30 p.m.
Julie & Julia by Julie Powell
“How one girl risked her marriage, her job and her sanity to master the art of living.”

Third Tuesday Book Club
Meets at the Library
May 15 (Tues.), 7:00 p.m.
The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
For former foster child Victoria, the only bright spot in her difficult and troubled life is her love of flowers and their meanings.

June 19 (Tues.), 7:00 p.m.
Tender at the Bone by Ruth Reichl
Noted restaurant critic Reichl reminisces about her early food successes and disasters in this laugh-out-loud memoir.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club
Meets at the Library
June 9 (Sat.), 4:00 p.m.
The City & the City by China Mieville
When a murdered woman is found in the city of Beszel, it looks to be a routine case for Inspector Tyador Borlu of the Extreme Crime Squad. But as he investigates, the evidence points to conspiracies far stranger and more deadly than anything he could have imagined.
Join our mini May Reading Program *My Garden of Books*. Read what you enjoy all month long! Every time you stop by the library, add a flower to our garden & pick out a prize. Open to kids ages 2 and up.

### May Wednesday Storytimes
**Registration Required**

- **Little Buds**
  - Ages 6 months-3 years with adult
  - Wednesdays in May, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

- **Bloomin’ 4s & 5s**
  - Ages 4-5 years
  - Wednesdays in May, 1:15-1:45 p.m.

- **Flowering Families**
  - All ages with adult
  - Wednesday, May 2, 16, 23 & 30, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

### Book Clubs
**Registration Required**

- **Wooly Bully Book Club**
  - Grades K-2
  - Thursday, May 10, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
  - Read a picture book at home with Mom & Dad, then join Wooly Bully as he explores it further through crafts and fun. Book available at registration; pre-readers welcome.

- **Reading Patch Book Club — NEW TIME**
  - Grades 3-6
  - Tuesday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday, June 26, 4:30 p.m.
  - Read a book from our monthly list and join us to earn a cool collectible patch.

### Ms. Clara’s Mini Musicians
**Registration Required**

- Ages 2-3 years with adult
- **Monday, May 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
  - Join early childhood music specialist Clara D’Onofrio for a morning of music.

### READ to the Dogs
**Registration Required**

- For readers in Grade 1 and up
- **Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
  - Tuesday, June 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
  - Practice reading with a new furry friend. Parents must sign a permission slip and are asked to wait in the library while their child is reading to the dog. All dogs and handlers are insured and trained.

### Prairie Patch Planting
**Registration Required**

- All ages with adult
- **Tuesday, May 15, 10:30-Noon**
  - Come plant your gym shoe gardens at Brookfield Zoo! Please register so we can tell the folks at the Zoo that you’re coming.

### Drop In Programs
**No registration necessary**

- **Creative Kids**
  - All ages
  - Friday, May 4 - Sunday, May 6
  - Springtime DIY projects for crafty kids—free!

- **Book Fiesta**
  - All ages with adult
  - Saturday, May 5 & June 2, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
  - Come for storytime in both English and Spanish! Sing songs, read stories and learn new rhymes. La hora de cuentos en ingles y en espanol incluye la lectura, rimas, y canciones. El programa dura 30 minutos y no se necesita registrar anteriormemte.

- **Family Storytime**
  - All ages with adult
  - Saturday, May 12 & June 9, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
  - Stories & an easy craft for families.

- **Lego®Mania**
  - All ages; under 8 with adult
  - **Saturday, May 19, 10:30-Noon**
  - Come build your dreams and show them off in the library!
Children’s Programs & Events

Youth Services Summer Reading Program

Register online, in person, or by phone for the Summer Reading Program and all other summer programs starting Monday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Kids ages 2-Grade 5 can win prizes every week for reading what they enjoy.

Get ready to dig in because Reading is Sooooooooooooooooo Delicous!

Summer Storytimes
Registration Required

| Book Babies | Ages 6-23 months with adult | Wednesday, June 20—July 18 or Thursday, June 21—July 19, 11:30 a.m.-Noon |
| Terrific 2s & 3s | Ages 2-3 years with adult | Tuesday, June 19—July 17, 10:30-11:00 a.m. or 11:15-11:45 a.m. or Wednesday, June 20—July 18, 10:30-11:00 a.m. |
| Fantastic 4s & 5s | Ages 4-5 years | Mondays, June 18—July 16 or Thursdays, June 21—July 19, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Adult caregiver waits in library. |
| Wooly Bully Storytime | Grades K-2 | Mondays, June 18—July 16, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Adult caregiver waits in library. |
| Evening Family Storytime | All ages with adult | Wednesdays, June 20—July 18, 6:45-7:15 p.m. |

Summer Programs
Registration Required

| Skittles® Bingo | Grade 1-5 (under 8 with adult) | Tuesdays, June 19—July 17, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Everybody wins when you can eat your bingo markers at the end of the game. |
| MarioKart® Extravaganza | Grade 1-5 | Wednesdays, June 20—July 18, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Race to your heart’s content & enjoy a snack or two. |
| NEW! Junior Geek Lab | Grade K-2 | Thursdays, June 21—July 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Young explorers can discover cool science. |
| Geek Lab | Grade 3-5 | Thursdays, June 21—July 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Geeks will conduct delicious experiments this summer. |
| Brown Bag Movies | Grade 1-5 (under 8 with adult) | Fridays, June 22—July 20, Noon-1:30 p.m. Bring your lunch, a blanket or pillow & chill out! |

Special Events — FREE! — Registration Required

| Family Friday Night with Dave Rudolf | Friday, June 22, 6:30-7:15 p.m. All ages with adult |
| Family Friday Night with Dave Rudolf | Dave Rudolf, Grammy-nominated kids’ musician, comes to Brookfield! His Very Tasty Show will have kids hula-hooping, doing the limbo and frolicking in the bubble machine. Come kick off Summer Reading with a rockin’ good time! |
| Great Big Faces with Paul Merklein | Monday, June 25, 7:00-8:00 p.m. All ages with adult |
| Great Big Faces with Paul Merklein | Artist and performer Paul Merklein draws Great Big Faces. It’s amazing! Come to this fun and fabulous family event. Maybe YOU will have your portrait drawn. |
| Art is So Delicious: Who Will be the Next Iron Chef? | Make a foodie sculpture out of recycled or art materials (no real food allowed). We’ll display your artwork and you might win a gift card to a local restaurant. Come pick up your entry form at the Youth Services Desk. All artwork is due by Saturday, July 14. Arise, Iron Chefs, to the art studio! |
Teens & Young Adult Programs

Call the Youth Services Department at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140, or check out the website at www.brookfieldpublicLibrary.info/youngadults/blog for more information.

It’s Almost Time for Summer Reading ...

If you’re going into 6th-9th grade, sign up for the YA Summer Reading Program! Sign-up starts June 4 and continues till June 30. Your goal is 1,200 pages, or you can play Young Adult Summer Reading Bingo! Register online at the library’s website or in person. Throughout the program, you can record your books online too.

Youth Summer Volunteers Wanted

- Must be entering 6th grade in Fall 2012 (or older).
- All volunteers must attend the REQUIRED training session on Friday, June 8, 4:00 p.m.
  You MUST contact the Youth Services Department at 708-485-6917, ext. 140 to set up a private training session if you can’t attend on June 8.
- Application deadline is Thursday, May 31.
  NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

May—June Schedule

Our Young Adult programs are open to kids ages 11—16 unless otherwise noted; Friday night programs are for ages 12—16.

NEW! The Final Countdown
Monday, May 21 & Tuesday, May 22, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Finals are almost here—are you ready? Come study at the Library where we’ll have snacks, pizza, and a quiet space to study. High school students only; must present valid school ID to attend.

AniManga Club
Mondays, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Like Pocky? Like Anime and Manga? Join the AniManga Club twice a month for a new Anime movie or series and Japanese snacks! Call us or check the blog to find out what’s showing next.

After Hours
Ages 12—16
Fridays, May 25 & June 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
After the library closes, it’s time for our monthly young adult night of fun. Come for an evening of Internet, DJ Hero & Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers Brawl tournament play, & lots of snacks.

Quiltmakers
Beginning: Monday, June 18—July 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Advanced: Thursday, June 21—July 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Make a masterpiece in fabric. All quilts are donated to Project Linus. Open to ages 9 and up; adults welcome.

The Taste of Art
Ages 10—16
Tuesday, June 19 & 26, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Create your own masterpiece with art teacher Gina DeVeno. This program is limited to 15 participants, so please register early. Please sign up each time.

Tee Off! Learn to Caddy
Mondays, May 7 & 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Experienced caddy and instructor Larry Regan presents a free two-evening class for prospective caddies. Learn the rules and etiquette of golf and caddying and strategies to get a summer job. Open to 7th grade-college age; limit 15.

Red Cross Babysitting With CPR
Monday & Tuesday, June 11-12, Noon-5:30 p.m.
Open your own babysitting business! Certified instructor Becky Huebler will teach you basic child care, safety, first aid, and CPR. A $55 fee, payable at registration, includes all your babysitting gear plus Red Cross certification. Please register in person at the Information Desk. We need six students to hold the class, so please register early. You must attend both sessions to be certified. Open to ages 11-15.

Learn to Draw Great Big Faces!
Monday, June 25, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Artist and performer Paul Merklein will teach teens ages 9 and up how to draw great big faces!

Teen & Young Adult Art Exhibit

Bust out your creative side and submit a piece of artwork for the Brookfield Library Teen & YA Art Exhibit! We’ll be accepting submissions throughout the Summer Reading Program, and the exhibit will begin on July 23. A contest will also be held, and prizes will be awarded. The exhibit is open to ages 10-16.
Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

**New FOL Patron Member**

A heartfelt welcome is extended to Jeanne Zasadil of Chicago, who recently became a Patron member of the Friends of Brookfield Library. Jeanne spent many hours in Brookfield taking care of family business. During that time she made good use of the Library using the Library’s computers to track down information she needed and enjoying a number of evening programs for respite.

Ms. Zasadil joins Geri Hletko as a FOL Patron, along with Lifetime members, Jenny and Bob Jarosz, Sue and Steve Berthel, and Sandy Baumgardner. FOL membership information can be found in the FOL brochures available in the Book Nook Shop located in the foyer of the Library.

**Visit us at the Farmer’s Market**

The Friends of the Library have sponsored a table at the Brookfield Farmer’s Market. Stop by every Saturday between June 2 and October 27 to learn more about the Friends of the Library as well as Library programs and services.

See you at the Farmer’s Market!

**Annual Book Sale**

- Adult Books (all categories); Children's & Young Adult Books; Books on Tape; VHSs; CDs; and DVDs. Mark your calendars for the following dates:
  - **FOL Members Only Preview Night:** Friday, June 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wine and appetizers will be served.
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  - **Fill a Bag of Books Sale:** Sunday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Open to the Public. Bags will be supplied.

The FOL are now accepting gently used books, DVDs, VHSs, CDs for the June Sale.

**Save the Date!**

The 7th Annual Taste of Brookfield will be held on **Friday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.**

**Join the Friends!**

New and renewing members are welcome to join us for any FOL event. Membership forms can be found in the FOL brochure, at our monthly FOL meetings and online. Get involved and help select projects to support and fund to benefit your community.

**Friends of the Library Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.**

The Friends of the Brookfield Library will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 9 at the Brookfield Restaurant / Nicholson’s Pub at 8900 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield.

Elections will be held during the meeting for the President and Secretary positions. All currently paid (2012) members are allowed to cast their vote.

Refreshments will be provided with a cash bar. Join us for a fun night with the FOL. Please RSVP to huber3107@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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Young Adults and Teens can stop by the Library for a FREE comic book on Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., while supplies last. Thanks to Chimera Comics of La Grange for their support.

**Naturally Brookfield: Nature Photography Contest**

Celebrate the natural beauty of Brookfield with "Naturally Brookfield," a photo contest that highlights our neighborhood wildlife. Residents of all ages are asked to share their pictures of naturally occurring plants, animals, and fungi taken within the parks, open spaces, or yards of Brookfield.

The contest runs from May 17—July 31. Brookfield residents can submit up to three photos to the Brookfield Public Library. The contest is a partnership between the Brookfield Conservation Commission, the Salt Creek Camera Club, the Friends of the Brookfield Library, and the Brookfield Public Library.

**Join Us at a White Sox Game**

Library Appreciation Night
July 24, 7:10 p.m.

Brookfield Public Library invites our patrons to join us July 24, 2012 for Library Appreciation Night at U.S. Cellular Field. In appreciation of libraries, the Chicago White Sox are offering specially-priced tickets for their 7:10 p.m. game against the Minnesota Twins. Upper reserved tickets are $11 each; Lower Reserve tickets are $18 each.

**Tickets must be ordered by Friday, June 15 at the Library.**

Payment with cash or check is due upon registration in person only. Checks may be made payable to Brookfield Public Library. For more information, call the Library at (708) 485-6917.

**Library Closings**

The library will be closed on Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. The library will remain closed on Sundays throughout the summer until after Labor Day.