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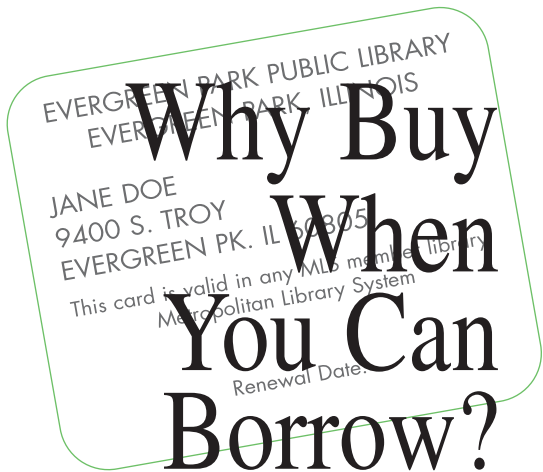
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Mar./Apr./May 2009

Spring—A Time for Renewal & New Beginnings!



Evergreen Park Library users checked out 14,719 items during the month of January — that's 491 items each day the library was open! 96 new library cards were issued, and 125 were renewed. 429 people attended a variety of programs for children, teens, and adults. And the Internet computers at the library were used 3,061 times!

These numbers confirm that in tough financial times, our residents turn to their public library. We are here

to help! With books, movies, music, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, online research databases, public computers and laptops, wifi, computer software, professional assistance, after school homework help, and programs of interest to people of all ages.

Do you have a library card? You have already paid for it! You cannot afford to throw your hard-earned money away in this economy. Our library thrives on less than 2% of your total property tax payment, and returns the investment to you many times over. There is something here for everyone!

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<i>Shift</i> Book Discussion	May 27
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Writers Group	May 28

Register early for this event:

Harry Potter: The Exhibition July 10



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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES


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STORY TIME

Registration for all story times begins **Saturday, Mar. 7 at 9:00 am** and continues until filled.

 **Baby Bookworms**
Fridays, Mar. 27-May 1, 9:30 am
Ages birth through 17 months

Join Ms. Laura for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun for you and your baby.

 **Toddler Time!**
Mar. 24 thru Apr. 30
Ages 18-36 months

Toddler Time is an interactive story time program for children and their adult caregivers. Please choose one of the following sessions:

- Tuesdays *or* Wednesdays, 10:30 am
- Thursdays, 10:30 am *or* 5:30 pm

 **Preschool Story Time**
Mar. 24 thru Apr. 30
Ages 3-5

Preschool Story Time combines stories, songs, and crafts. Please choose one of the following sessions:

- Tuesdays *or* Wednesdays, 9:30 am
- Thursdays, 6:30 pm

 **Curiosity Club**
Wednesdays, Mar. 25-Apr. 29, 3:30 pm
Grades K-2

Curious kids are invited to join us after school for stories, crafts, and games.

School's Out Movie Matinees
All ages; Showtime is 1:30 pm

Enjoy your time off school by watching a movie on our big screen. BYOS (Bring your own snack).

Mon., Mar. 2: *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat* (PG)

Tues., Mar. 17: *Darby O'Gill and the Little People* (G)

Tues., Apr. 7: *Bolt* (PG)

Tues., Apr. 14: *High School Musical 3* (G)

Tues., May 5: *The Wizard of Oz* (NR)

Craft Table

Fridays, Feb. 27 through Mar. 27
All ages

Drop in anytime to make a craft, a different one each week!

 **March Craft Madness**
Thursdays, Mar. 5-Mar. 26, 3:30-4:30 pm
Grades K-5

Limit 24 children per session. Celebrate National Craft Month by making a cool craft each week. Mar. 5: Birds; Mar. 19: St.

Patrick's Day; Mar. 29: Surprise Crafts!;
Mar. 26: Spiders

 **Lucky Leprechauns**
Mon., Mar. 16, 3:30-4:30 pm
Grades 3-5

Leap over to the library to learn leprechaun lore and more!

Master-Peeps Contest!
Entries due Thurs., Apr. 2
All ages

You create the masterpiece-using marshmallow peeps! Work alone, or in a group, and bring your entry to the Children's Services desk by Thurs., Apr. 2. Entries can be any size, and should have a title. Winners will be announced at our **Egg Hunt on Sat., Apr. 4, at 10:30 am.** Winner need not be present. All peep projects will be displayed in the library through Easter.

Mother Nature Visit
Sat., Mar. 21, 10:30-11:10 am
Grade 1, and under

Spring is here! Mother Nature visits the library for a fun, interactive story telling program.

 **Houdini's Homemade Magic Trick Workshop**
Tues., Mar. 24, 3:30-4:15 pm
Grades 1-5


Celebrate Harry Houdini's birthday by making magic tricks from common household items. Amaze your friends!

Billions of Beans
Mar. 23 through Apr. 3

Guess the number of jellybeans in the jar in the Children's Services department. Whoever guesses the closest wins the jellybeans! Mmmm!

Pat the Bunny Egg Hunt
Sat., Apr. 4, 10:30 am
All ages

Meet *Pat the Bunny* from the classic books by Dorothy Kunhardt and listen to bunny tales. We will announce the winners from the Master-Peeps contest, and then hunt eggs in the library! Bring a camera to take a picture with Pat.

 **Spring Fever**
Mon., Apr. 13, 3:30-4:30 pm
Grades 3-5

Spring into the season with crafts, stories, and fun!

Silly Stories Family Story Time
Sat., Apr. 18, 11:00 am
All ages

Laugh it up at the library! Our super silly story time will have you rolling in the aisles.

 **Pretzel Chemistry**
Tues., Apr. 28, 3:30 pm
Grades 3-5

Learn about chemistry in a delicious way! We will learn how to follow a recipe and make take-and-bake pretzel dough.

Marcia Guitierrez, Bilingual Storyteller
Thurs., Apr. 30, at 6:30 pm
All ages

Celebrate El Dia de los Ninos and El Dia de los Libros with bilingual storyteller, Marcia Guitierrez. Sra. Guitierrez tells folktales from the Americas and around the world in English and Spanish.

Wizard of Oz Fest
Sat., May 9, 3:00 pm; All ages

Put on your ruby slippers and follow us down the yellow brick road. You can dress as your favorite character, if you choose, and travel over the rainbow for contests, crafts, and fun.



Party with the Pig Pancake Breakfast

Sat., May 16
9:30-11:30 am

Adults \$5, Children \$3

Advance Ticket Purchase Requested

If you give a pig a pig a pancake, she'll want some syrup to go with it...

What fun you'll have eating pancakes with the pig made famous in the series by Laura Numeroff! Start with a hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Don't forget to bring your camera, because you know the pig will want you to take her picture (more than one, to send to each of her friends).

The Party with the Pig! begins at 11:00 for children of all ages.

 **Author, Illustrator Laurie Keller**
Fri., May 22, 3:30 pm; All ages

Children's author and illustrator Laurie Keller has created so many fun and entertaining books including *The Scrambled States of America*, *Open Wide*, and *Do Unto Otters*. She visits our library to talk about her artwork and her books, where her book ideas come from and what her writing/illustrating process is like. She will do drawings of characters from her books and an interactive drawing with the audience. Copies of Laurie Keller's books will be available for purchase (\$12) and autographing after the presentation.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS (Grades 6 and up)

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Tell Us What You Think!

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is meeting on **Mar. 12, Apr. 2, and May 7** from 7:30-8:30 pm. Share your ideas! We will discuss books, music, movies, future programs, and much more!

Press Play @ Your Library Teen Tech Week, March 8-14

Soundtracks for Books

Do you have a song that you think would match a book perfectly? Pick up an entry form from **Mar. 9 thru Mar. 13** and submit your pick any time during Teen Tech Week. The book titles and matching song lyrics will be displayed the following week.

☎ Make an Electronic Device Cover

Wed., Mar. 11, 7:00-8:30 pm

Bring your cell phone, MP3 player, Nintendo DS, PSP, or other portable electronic device, and make a cover to protect it. All materials will be provided.

☎ Chicago Neighborhoods Through Foods

How lucky we are to live in such a diverse culinary city! Chef Kate Bradley gives you a guided tour of three different Chicago Neighborhoods through a sampling of their foods. All sessions are from **6:30-7:30 pm**.

Tues., Mar 10, Irish (\$3 Tasting Fee per participant): Get into the spirit for St. Patrick's Day! Make an Irish Soda Bread that you can take home and bake. Enjoy yummy samples while you learn the recipe.

Tues., Apr. 15, Chinese: Learn how to make delicious egg drop soup and tasty almond cookies.

Tues., May 5: Feliz Cinco de Mayo! Learn the background of this famous holiday while enjoying Mexican specialties.

☎ Rock the Library with Guitar Hero

Unleash your inner rock star in competition with your friends. Guitar Hero dates are: **Mar. 17, 2:00-4:00; Apr. 7, 2:00-4:00, and May 13, 6:00-8:00.**

☎ Paper Art

Wed., Mar. 18, 7:00-8:00 pm

Bring a book that needs protecting and learn the art of paper folding! We will make book covers and some origami animals.

Bonechiller Book Discussion

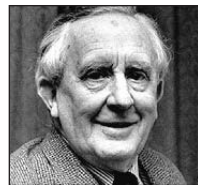
Tues., Mar. 24, 7:00-8:00 pm

Danny's dad takes a job as caretaker at a marina in Canada's Big Empty, and it's the worst winter in years. One night, running in the dark, Danny is attacked by a strange and terrifying creature. Then he learns about Native American legends of a monster that's haunted the lake for a thousand years. Every generation, in the coldest winters, kids have disappeared into the night. People think they ran away. But Danny knows better. Because now the beast is after him. Copies of the book are available one month prior to the discussion.

Tolkien Reading Day

Wed., Mar. 25, 7:00-8:30 pm

All ages



J.R.R. Tolkien

participate in a Hobbit riddles contest.

We are celebrating the inhabitants of Middle Earth, and the man who created them! Join in a community-wide discussion of *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*, and

☎ Community Library Scrapbook

Sat., Mar. 28, 2:00-4:00 pm

We are creating a scrapbook of the library. You can bring pictures of library events, if you have them, or you can use some of ours.

☎ Poetry Read Out

Wed., Apr. 8, 7:00-8:00 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month by reading your favorite poem.

Looks Book Discussion

Tues., Apr. 14, 7:00-8:00 pm

Meghan and Aimee are invisible at school because of their weight; one too large, the other too small. When these two very different-looking girls join together to get revenge on the one person who hurt them both, something changes for each of them. Copies of the book are available one month prior to the discussion.



☎ Earth Day Recycled Crafts

Wed., Apr. 22, 7:00-8:00 pm

You'll be surprised at what you can make from things you find around your house!

☎ Wire Jewelry

Wed., May 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

Wire jewelry-making is about putting different components together in a beautiful way. Learn a new craft, and leave with a cool piece of jewelry.

Shift Book Discussion

Wed., May 27, 7:00-8:00 pm

Enter an alternate world where Homestate rules every aspect of society. They say that the end of the world (SHIFT) is coming. But Adrian Havoc chooses not to accept things the way they are. Does he dare disturb the universe? Books are available one month prior to the discussion.

Harry Potter: The Exhibition

Museum of Science and Industry

Fri., Jul. 10 Bus leaves at 8:30 am

\$20 per person, payable upon registration - limit 40 participants

View the artistry and craftsmanship that went into creating the props and costumes that appeared throughout the Harry Potter™ films. These authentic artifacts will be displayed in elaborate settings inspired by locations from Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry including the Gryffindor™ common room, Hagrid's hut and the Great Hall.

Participants will return to the library by 1:00 pm. There is no lunch stop.



TEACHER IN THE LIBRARY

After School Homework Help

Mon.-Thurs. 3:30-6:30 pm

The school year is in the home stretch! Does your child need help completing homework assignments and end-of-year projects? Certified teachers from District 124 staff a **free, drop-in homework center** in the library after school. This is not a tutoring program, but an opportunity for students of all ages to receive assistance with day-to-day homework. Bilingual help (English/Spanish) is offered two days per week.

The Teacher in the Library program is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. The grant was facilitated by State Senator Edward Maloney, District 18.

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MAKE IT A MONTHLY HABIT

Weekend Quilters

Sundays, Mar. 15, Apr. 4, May 17
1:00 pm

Instructor Penny Nichols shares her knowledge of quilt design and instruction. Learn how to make various different and ongoing traditional and art quilt projects. You **do not** have to bring a sewing machine to these sessions.

☎ Biggest Loser at the Library!

Thursdays, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21,
6:30 pm

One-time \$5 registration fee

Registered dietitian Meg Moonan, L.D. guides you each month with tips and recipes to help you in your weight loss efforts. Weigh in at the beginning of each meeting, and the Biggest Loser in June 2009 wins a cash prize!

☎ Fireside Knitters

Fridays, Mar. 20 and Apr. 17, 6:00-
8:00 pm

Sit by the fireplace in our quiet reading room, enjoy a cup of tea, and knit! Carol Opronek, from *My Sister's Knits*, will be on hand to teach new skills, but knitters of all ability levels are welcome! There is a **one-time \$5 materials fee** for beginners, which includes needles, yarn, and instruction.

Book Discussions

The Kindred Spirits Book Club meets each month for a lively discussion. Copies of the books, including large print when available, can be checked out at the front desk.

Wed., Mar. 25, 7:00 pm

The Reader by Bernhard Schlink

Wed., Apr. 29, 7:00 pm

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Writers' Group

Thursdays, Mar. 26, Apr. 30, May 28,
7:00 pm

Do you like to write? Are you presently working on a writing project? Join the Evergreen Park Library Writers' Group! The format is fairly informal, yet substantial: Each writer will be asked to share a piece of writing as well as provide useful and encouraging response to other writers. The group is moderated by EP resident, Sheila Kennedy.

We can take your credit card info over the phone for program registration!

If you can't get to the library to pay a registration fee, but don't want to miss out on a hot program, we can accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover when you call the library at 422-8522 to register!

☎ Genealogy on the Web with Ancestry.com

Thurs., Mar. 5, 7:00 pm

Reference Librarian Kathy O'Leary teaches you how to research your family history using EP Library's NEW subscription to Ancestry.com, now available at no charge from computers in the library.

NEW! Ancestry.com

Available on library computers; please bring your library card with you.

Discover your ancestors with the world's largest family history website. It has unparalleled coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas. The Ancestry Library Edition collection has approximately 4,000 databases including key collections such as U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930; the Map Center containing more than 1,000 historical maps; American Genealogical Biographical Index (over 200 volumes); Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage (over 150 volumes); The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1630; Social Security Death Index (updated monthly); WWI Draft Registration Cards; Federal Slave Narratives; and a strong Civil War collection.

☎ Encore Presentation Spectacular Soups with Chef Kate Bradley

Thurs., Mar. 12,
6:30 pm

\$3 tasting fee, upon registration

For those on the waiting list for Kate's February presentation, and others who were unable to attend, we are repeating her program for making spectacular soup de jour! Samples will be provided, along with quick and easy recipes to warm your winter meals. **Limit 60 participants.**

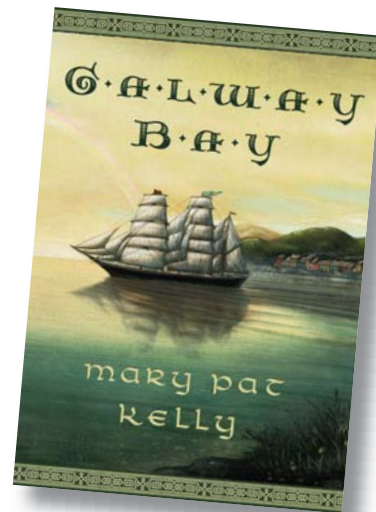


☎ Galway Bay Book Signing by Mary Pat Kelly

Tues., Mar. 24, 7:00 pm



Mary Pat Kelly and Patricia Harty, co-founder of *Irish America Magazine*, extols *Galway Bay* as a wonderful story of triumph against the odds. "It's the story of the Irish in America: what they gave and what was given, the things they lost and what was never lost—humor and faith and a strong belief that tomorrow would be a better day". You will appreciate Mary Pat Kelly's gift of storytelling and language and unforgettable characters as she shares her knowledge of 19th century Ireland and the emigrant experience in America. Copies of *Galway Bay* will be available for purchase (\$20) and autographing after the program.



☎ Quick & Easy Easter Brunch with Chef Kate Bradley

Tues., Mar. 31, 6:30 pm

\$3 tasting fee, upon registration

Impressing the family on Easter morning is a snap with Kate Bradley's Quick & Easy Brunch recipes! Samples will be provided, along with copies of her recipes. **Limit 60 participants.**

☎ Make a Natural Wreath or Centerpiece for Spring

Thurs., Apr. 2, 6:30 pm

\$12 materials fee, upon registration

Welcome spring into your home with a beautiful and natural wreath or centerpiece! Master Gardener Sue Palka helps you create a Martha Stewart-inspired wreath or centerpiece using pussy willow and other native elements and decorative items. **Limit 20 participants.** Bring gardening or work gloves to protect your hands.

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☎ How to Say It: Marketing with New Media with Alison Woo

Tues., Apr. 7,
Continental Breakfast 8:30 am
Presentation 9:00 am

Alison Woo is a business coach and new media expert for Forbes.com's premier Business and Financial Network.

Her book, *How to Say It: Marketing with New Media*, provides small business owners with the tools they need to effectively market their company to today's ever-evolving online community. Packed with power words, content templates, practical steps for getting the word out, and the essentials of speaking to the right audience, this book is the key to building a community of loyal customers online. It also offers quick tips for generating website copy, articles, podcast scripts, and blog posts months in advance, so any small business owner can start an online marketing campaign regardless of limited schedules and budgets. Copies of *How to Say It* (\$12) will be available for purchase following the program. **There is no charge for this program, but pre-registration is required.**

☎ "Green Cuisine" Chef, Laura Stec



Cool Cuisine: Taking the Bite Out of Global Warming Book Signing Tues., Apr. 7, 6:30 pm



Laura Stec is a chef and author with over 25 years of experience in the food industry. She trained at the Culinary Institute of America, the School of Natural Cookery and the Vega Macrobiotic Study

Center and worked at numerous restaurants in the San Francisco Bay Area before starting her own business, Laura Stec — Innovative Cuisine.

Laura Stec will host a mini cooking demo and lecture on "cool cuisine." A cool cuisine would reduce your overall carbon footprint by using fewer animal products, fewer processed foods, less bottled water, and less food and packaging waste and using fresher, organic, seasonal, and locally grown whole foods such as vegetables,

fruits, and whole grains. The benefits of eating this way are nothing new, but now we realize that our planet, as well as our body, is paying the price for an industrialized food system. It is time for a new perspective on a very old problem.

Copies of *Cool Cuisine* (\$16) will be available for purchase and autographing after the program.

Global Warming Traveling Exhibit Stop Talking and Do Something! Apr. 13 through Apr. 24

This exciting exhibit shows the many things we can all do to lessen our impact on the environment. Learn simple ways to reduce your eco-footprint on the earth, and transform the way you approach the wasteful things you do everyday.

☎ Hidden Truths: The Chicago City Cemetery and Lincoln Park Wed., Apr. 22, 7:00 pm

Artist and Northwestern University senior lecturer Pamela Bannos's web site, <http://hiddentruths.northwestern.edu/home.html>, reveals the hidden stories behind our contemporary understanding of the Chicago Cemetery, subsequently known as the City Cemetery, then the Old Cemetery, and finally Lincoln Park. Listen to her fascinating quest, beginning with the early days' accounts in Chicago's city records, continuing with a detailed search of historical newspaper articles, and ending with contemporary web site explorations, that exposes a fascinating layered history of this 50-acre plot of land.



Earth Day Event Sat., Apr. 25, 9 am - 2 pm Activity Ctr., 3220 W. 98th

The Environmental Commission of Evergreen Park will celebrate Mother

Earth at our second annual Earth Day event. Join us to learn about living "green." There will be environmental presentations, fun activities for kids, and vendors with appealing products

☎ Family Meal Planning Chef Kate Bradley & Organizer Colleen Klimczak

Tue., Apr. 28, 6:30 pm
\$3 tasting fee, upon registration

Spring and summer seasonal sports and other activities can make it difficult to provide healthy meals for your family. Chef Kate Bradley and Certified Professional Organizer M. Colleen

Klimczak team up to provide quick yet nutritious recipes, shopping tips, and suggestions for organizing and preparing meals that will give you "peace of mind" during this hectic time. Samples will be provided, along with copies of the recipes and organizing tips. **Limit 60 participants.**

☎ Plant a Centerpiece Bowl with Salad Greens!

Thurs., Apr. 30, 6:30 pm
\$3 materials fee, upon registration

Master Gardener Sue Palka helps you to assemble your own centerpiece bowl planted with soon-to-be delicious salad greens. Discover some great salad recipes, and Sue will share maintenance tips that will keep you harvesting fresh salads through the month of June. **Limit 20 participants.**

☎ Basic Tennis Ball Massage Thurs. May 14, 6:30 pm

\$2 materials fee, upon registration

It's tough to reach your own back to relieve those muscle knots and tension! Margie Kuchan, certified Massage Therapist will teach you an easy, effective way to massage your back using a common tennis ball, along with other simple self-massage techniques. **Limit 20 participants. Bring a blanket, towel, or yoga mat.**

Laptops for Loan

Through a grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services facilitated by U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, EP Library has purchased 6 laptops for loan to adults for use within the library building. A laptop can be checked out for 1 hour (longer, if no one is waiting to use it) for a total of 3 hours per day. The fee is \$1/hour, waived for EP residents with a valid EP Library card and a driver's license or state ID.

Tax Forms

We can help you get through this tax season. You will find do-it-yourself tax books and **TurboTax** and **H&R Block TaxCut** software available for checkout. There is a limited selection of the most requested federal and state forms in the foyer at the library entrance, and binder of reproducible tax forms at the front desk. Forms are available on a first come, first served basis. Please do not call library staff to confirm availability of a particular form.

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Alphabet Soup

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

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Gardening is ultimately a folly whose goal is to provide delight.

**Body Smart Gardening
Workshop**

Thurs., Apr. 23, 6:30 pm

The effects of gardening on our bodies can make it more of a chore than a pleasure. This lesson will help one garden “smartly” with emphasis on approved methods to reduce stress and strain on the body. This workshop is presented by University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program Organizer, Sue McCarthy.

Gardening Tips

Saturday, April 25, 9 am - 2 pm

Activity Center, 3220 W. 98th Street

Don't miss the second annual Earth Day Celebration sponsored by the Environmental Commission of Evergreen Park.

Master Gardener Help Desk

Apr. 28, May 21, & Jun 23

4:30-6:30 pm

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener (South Cook Unit) Sue Palka, will be stationed in the library lobby to answer your gardening questions! Even when Sue is not staffing the desk, the U of I Extension will provide literature on annuals and perennials, trees, lawn care, and other horticultural issues. Get help from the experts this gardening season!

New Library Teen Volunteer Program

EP Library has initiated a volunteer program open to junior high and high school students who require service hours, or would simply enjoy working at the library. There are five times during the year when interested students may sign up. The next session is during the month of May. Participants must return a registration form by April 24, signed by a parent, and attend an orientation with a volunteer coordinator.

The Teen Volunteer program is separate from the Junior Library Volunteer Program during the library's summer reading program. Information for summer volunteers will be available in the library in May, and distributed through the schools.

Evergreen Park Library Garden Walk

Sunday, July 19, 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Admission \$10,

Children free when accompanied by an adult

Sunken water gardens, a “friendship” garden, and a certified wildlife habitat are a few of the lovely and interesting stops on our first-ever Evergreen Park Garden Walk. Begin at the library, and visit a variety of gardens with a mix of sizes and descriptions.

The Sunday Quilters, under the tutelage of EP resident Penny Nichols will host a quilt show that day. There will be books on the topic of Midwest gardening for sale, as well as garden-themed raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation.

We need your help! Volunteer your garden (forms are available at the library and on our web site) or volunteer your time. The next meeting of the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation is **Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 pm.**

Please RSVP to Library Director Nicki Seidl at 708.422.8522 or seidl@hotmail.com.

