The Big Read Is Back

The popular community reading event, The Big Read, returns with Dave Eggers’ Zeitoun as the featured book for 2011.

A Chicago native, Eggers tells the true story of a Syrian-born businessman who lived in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. He paddled through his town in a canoe offering help to his neighbors, until the day he abruptly disappeared and was imprisoned as a suspected terrorist.

This is the seventh year that area libraries are offering The Big Read, which encourages patrons at the Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lisle, Thomas Ford, Westmont, and Woodridge public libraries to read the same book with the goal of promoting reading, sparking discussion, and building community.

Take part in The Big Read by visiting one of the ten participating libraries to borrow a copy of Zeitoun. You can also purchase the book for a discounted price at Anderson’s Bookshops in Downers Grove or Naperville, Frugal Muse in Darien, or Barbara’s Bookstore in Burr Ridge. Make the book part of your book club experience by reserving a “Book Club in a Bag,” sponsored by the Friends of the Downers Grove Public Library.

In addition to providing copies of Zeitoun, participating libraries are offering book discussions and related programming for all area patrons. These events begin in March.

Hear more about The Big Read news, programs, and resources when you follow The Big Read on Twitter @bigread2011 or “like” the event on Facebook. The Big Read website, at www.thebigread.org, and the printed resource guide also offer complete information about this community event. Pick up a resource guide in the library beginning February 1.

Expert Tutors Just Clicks Away with Brainfuse HelpNow

The library now offers Brainfuse HelpNow, a tutoring service available to Downers Grove Public Library cardholders from home as well as from the library for a variety of homework and academic needs. You can ask a live tutor any questions you have with just a few clicks. Students from 1st grade through college will find the service helpful.

With Brainfuse HelpNow, you can receive immediate, one-on-one assistance for a specific homework problem or improve an academic skill, such as long division, with online lessons. You can also receive constructive feedback within 24 hours on all written papers through the Writing Lab. In addition to homework help, Brainfuse HelpNow offers practice standardized tests (GED and U.S. Citizenship), assistance with Microsoft Office, tips for writing résumés, and even the ability to study a foreign language with the help of fluent tutors.

HelpNow tutors are certified by Brainfuse, have a four-year degree, and have prior teaching or tutoring experience.

Live tutors are available seven days a week, from 2:00–11:00 p.m. There are no session limits and you can use Brainfuse HelpNow as often as you like. Access Brainfuse HelpNow from any computer in the library or from home through the library’s homepage. All you need is your library card number!

Your Sponsorship Makes a Hole-in-One!

The Downers Grove Public Library Foundation Mini Golf event returns on Sunday, April 10, so get ready for a ‘hole’ lot of fun!

Local businesses, organizations, and individuals can support this annual fundraiser by sponsoring a hole, tee, or green. Other sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsors will be publicized in local and library media. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for being the first generous sponsor of this event which raises money to enhance the quality and range of library services to the community. The Foundation has provided wireless Internet access, a meeting room projection system, programs, and more. Without local support, the contributions of the Foundation would not be possible. Contact Melissa Doornbos at mdoornbos@downersgrovelibrary.org or (630) 960–1200 for more information.

Bring your family and friends on April 10 to putt the 18-hole course while helping the Foundation enhance library services.

A Look Inside

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New Magazines
Compiled by Keith Barlog, Reference Librarian

Library staff have reviewed available periodicals and selected new offerings. Check out the latest additions to our collection.

• **Art Jewelry Magazine**: Focuses on teaching beginning, intermediate, and advanced artisans with step-by-step instructions for a range of projects working with metal, wire, stone, polymer clay, and complementary materials.

• **Bust**: A magazine dealing with issues pertaining to female empowerment. Articles are written with conviction and humor by independent women who will engage and discuss the female experience and perspective.

• **Camping Life (Woodall’s)**: Read about interesting destinations, new products, and exciting activities like day-hiking, fishing, bicycling, canoeing, and kayaking to enhance your outdoor experience.

• **Clean Eating**: A magazine designed to guide your eating lifestyle and food preparation with flavorful, nutritious, and low-fat meals.

• **Entertaining (Cook’s Illustrated)**: Offers recipe selections from *Cook’s Illustrated* archives to help you find dishes and menus that fit the season.

• **Experience Life**: A magazine that promises realistic, no-nonsense information on healthy living for your mind and body through fitness, nutrition, and self-knowledge.

• **Get Married**: A new glossy wedding magazine for the “savvy” bride to help plan every facet of the celebration.

• **Preservation**: An award-winning magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that explores the mystery and meaning of our most beloved places through in-depth features, personal essays, and vibrant photography.

• **Skeptic**: Since 1992, *Skeptic* has been one of the leaders in skeptical inquiry providing articles, debates, and essays from experts in various fields to explore topics such as pseudo-medicine, evolutionary ethics, conspiracy theories, and science and society.

• **Venus Zine**: Focuses on women in music, film, art, entertainment, literature, fashion, indie culture, and DIY culture, including interviews with artists, musicians, designers, writers, actresses, and entrepreneurs.

• **Well Being Journal**: Published since 1992, this alternative medicine journal focuses on the role of good nutrition, nutritional supplements, and traditional medicines in treating and maintaining wellbeing.

Children’s

• **ChopChop**: A food magazine for kids aged 5–12 and their families to educate kids to cook and be nutritionally literate to support better eating habits and prevent childhood obesity.

• **Disney Tinker Bell**: One stop source for all things Tinker Bell, including puzzles, posters, and coloring fun.

• **Know**: A science magazine with fascinating, age-appropriate articles, colorful imagery, and fun, hands-on experiments to help spark the interest of any young scientist.

Young Adult

• **M Magazine**: Popular young adult magazine for celebrity news.

• **Teen Vogue**: Modeled after the popular adult fashion magazine, this is the teen version that displays a world of fashion dominated by beauty, style, and celebrity.

Listen at Your Leisure
By Nicole Wilhelms, Literature and Audio Services Librarian

Want to take a book with you on your run or your commute, or to keep you company while you work? Audiobooks are the perfect way to take a book on the go, and are also a wonderful way to experience artfully executed spoken word performances. The library offers a variety of formats to satisfy both those looking for portability and those who relish the art of storytelling.

The largest audiobook collections at the library are CD and cassette, encompassing both nonfiction and fiction titles, including radio shows, biographies, and mysteries. Listen to author David Sedaris read hilarious stories about his childhood in *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* or to narrator C.J. Critt bring Janet Evanovich’s Stephanie Plum to life in *One for the Money*. Bookmarks to get you started include *Ear Catching Audiobooks* and *Audiobooks Take You Where You Want to Go*.

Playaways, ultra-portable MP3 players, come with a pre-loaded book and easily slip in your pocket to go where you do. All you need to do is press “play.” Rediscover a classic such as *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams or *Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray.

Can’t make a trip to the library to browse the audio collections? You can access audiobooks from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through our virtual branch, eMediaLibrary, which is linked from the library’s homepage. Titles can be downloaded at home to your own PC or Mac computer or transferred to a portable device such as an MP3 player or iPod. There are currently almost 3,000 eAudiobook titles and 700 eBook titles with more than 120 new titles being added every month. Many of these titles are bestselling fiction and nonfiction titles and include choices for children, teens, and adults.

Library cardholders also have access to additional eAudiobook and eBook titles available exclusively for them through OverDrive Advantage, including copies of popular and new titles. You will need to be logged in to the eMediaLibrary website to view these extra titles. OverDrive Advantage titles are noted with a yellow checkmark within an orange circle.

Audiobooks are a great way to broaden how you experience reading. Please stop at the Literature Desk for booklists or suggestions on what to listen to next. Happy listening!
More eMediaLibrary Seminars
Learn to download eAudiobooks and eBooks through eMediaLibrary during two demonstration seminars. Librarians will be teaching patrons how to download titles to their own computer, MP3 player, or eReader on January 11 at 3:00 p.m. and on January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

After a brief introduction to eMediaLibrary, librarians will guide patrons through the downloading process and demonstrate an example download. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

Seating is limited to 20 patrons per program. Sign up online, in person, or by phone at (630) 960–1200.

The new eMediaLibrary service offers access to more than 2,900 eAudiobooks and 700 eBooks, with more than 120 new titles being added every month.

Access eMediaLibrary from the library's website homepage or call the library for more information.

Learn a Language with Mango Languages!
Mango Languages, the library’s newest database addition, allows users to learn 22 languages, including Spanish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Brazilian Portuguese, as well as Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Korean, Pashto, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese. Just click on “Start Learning” to begin.

Foreign speakers, including those who speak Spanish, Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, can use Mango for lessons on learning English.

Downers Grove Public Library cardholders can access Mango at home from the library’s website under Research Databases A–Z.

In the Gallery
The library gallery showcases works by area artists in month-long exhibits. Located in the central lobby, the attractive gallery provides a casual and easily accessible venue for our patrons.

January: Nature Artists’ Guild of the Morton Arboretum
February: Downers Grove Artists’ Guild

What’s New in Teen Central?

Practice ACT & SAT tests
Fri., Feb. 4, 5:00 p.m. – ACT
Sat., Feb. 5, 12:30 p.m. – ACT
Sat., Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m. – SAT

The library is offering more ACT and SAT practice tests. High school students with Downers Grove library cards can take free, proctored practice tests. Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions will return scores with analyzed results. Seating is limited to 24 students per test and registration is online only beginning December 30. Bring multiple #2 sharpened pencils, an approved calculator, and a healthy snack. Contact Lynette at (630) 960–1200 with questions.

Exam Cram Study Hours
Sun., Jan. 9
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 10
4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Drop in to the library’s Meeting Room to study for exams. Laptop computers, reference materials, and snacks will be available.

Hot Books
Find these new titles in Teen Central, located on the second floor of the library. You can also place a reserve on these books through our website.

• Confessions of the Sullivan Sisters by Natalie Standiford
  Three beautiful but misunderstood daughters of a Baltimore high-society family are forced to write apology letters to their rich grandmother, who is threatening to cut the Sullivans from her will.

• The Deathday Letter by Shaun David Hutchinson
  What if everyone received a notification letter 24 hours before they were going to die? Ollie hasn’t even turned sixteen, and now he’ll have to pack a lifetime into one day.

• Fallout by Ellen Hopkins
  Kristina, the meth-addicted teenager from Crank and Glass, now has five children by four different men. The heartbreaking stories of the oldest three are described in this gritty conclusion to the trilogy.

• The Genius Wars by Catherine Jinks
  Cadel Piggot is trying to leave behind a life of identity theft and illegal hacking until the people he loves are targeted by his arch-nemesis, Prosper English.

• Payback Time by Carl Deuker
  Daniel True, an overweight, senior outcast who aspires to become an investigative reporter, finds himself facing extreme consequences while trying to uncover the sordid background of the new star football player.

• Z by Michael Thomas Ford
  Josh is one of the top-ranked players in a virtual zombie-hunting game. When he is invited to join prestigious hunters in an underground gaming league, he is ecstatic—until the game becomes disturbingly real.

• The Last Full Measure by Ann Rinaldi
  While her father and two brothers are fighting in the Civil War, Tacy and her crippled brother David are left to run the family home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

• Virals by Kathy Reichs
  Temperance Brennan has a niece who is also crazy about science and sleuthing. Tory Brennan and her “sci-fi geek” friends follow a possible murder lead to an illegal research lab, where they are infected with a mutant strain of a virus that typically only affects dogs.

Compiled by Lynette Pitrak, Literature and Audio Services Librarian
Adult and Teen Programs
All adult programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.
*Please register in advance online or at the Circulation Desk.

Christian Israel with Bill Helmuth
Tues., Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m.*
Bill Helmuth’s next remarkable journey takes you to the Christian Holy Land following the footsteps of Jesus from Nazareth to Bethlehem and finally to Jerusalem, where he died and Christianity was born. You will visit all of the significant sites that define the Christian religion, a faith that today numbers over two billion worldwide.

Marc Chagall: Paintings, Mosaics, Stained Glass
Tues., Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m.*
The famous “Chagall Windows” returned to the Art Institute of Chicago after a five-year absence. Art historian and professor Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur discusses Chagall’s distinctive style and his major themes. Going beyond the “Windows,” Dr. Paluch-Mishur presents many important paintings and projects Chagall completed including another Chicago favorite—the Four Seasons Mosaic.

Teen Exam Cram Study Hours
Sun., Jan. 9, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 10, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Need space to study? Study with friends or on your own in the library’s Meeting Room. See page 3 for details.

Improv Commandos
Tues., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m.*
Share the excitement of a live, unscripted performance created entirely from audience suggestions. The show will feature improv games similar to those seen on Whose Line Is It Anyway? You can even volunteer to join the Improv Commandos onstage! This show is best suited for ages 13 and up.

Vitamin D Across Your Lifespan
Thurs., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.*
Note special time!
Join cardiologist, Diane Wallis, M.D., for a cutting edge discussion as she addresses our bodies’ needs for Vitamin D, including how a lack of it may have a connection to many chronic illnesses such as heart disease.

Friends of the Library
FOL Says Thank You!
Thanks to all who contributed to the Friends of the Library Used Travel and Cookbook Sale “Bon Appétit and Bon Voyage” held October 22 and 23. We appreciate those who donated books, purchased books, and helped at the sale to make this event such a success. Proceeds exceeded $800 and will fund projects supported by the FOL.

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group
Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:50 p.m.
Jan. 25; Feb. 8, 22
Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
Contact: Nancy Peraino at (630) 968–8706

Improv Library Seminars
Tues., Jan. 11, 3:00 p.m.*
Learn to download eAudiobooks and eBooks through eMediaLibrary. Librarians will teach how to download titles to your own computer, MP3 player, or eReader. After a brief introduction to eMediaLibrary, librarians will guide patrons through the downloading process and demonstrate an example download. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Limit: 20 patrons per program.

Taxes Are Everyone’s Business
Thurs., Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m.*
Judi Strauss, owner of Strauss Tax Service, will review the key elements of prior tax acts as well as the tax law extensions from the end of 2010. She will discuss important deductions and common tax problems, including sales of stocks and mutual funds, IRA withdrawals, Roth conversions, and taxable Social Security. She will focus on the new IL tax on the IL 1040 as well as what to expect in 2011 for both Income and Estate taxes.

Teens: Practice ACT & SAT Tests
Fri., Feb. 4, 5:00 p.m. – ACT*
Sat., Feb. 5, 12:30 p.m. – ACT*
Sat., Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m. – SAT*
Improve your test score with more practice tests! Register online only beginning December 30. See page 3 for details. Look for Spring dates in the next issue of Discoveries.

Library Closings
The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31 for New Year’s Eve and will be closed New Year’s Day, Saturday, January 1. The library will also be closed Friday, January 14 for a staff inservice day.

Individuals with disabilities can call the library three days in advance to discuss possible accommodations.
Book Discussion Groups
We have a book discussion for you! Books are available one month before each discussion.

Fiction Book Discussion Group
Second floor Conference Room
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
There is no discussion in January.
Feb. 3, Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín
Eilis Lacey, a young woman from small-town Ireland making her way in 1950s America, gains employment and falls in love. When she receives distressing news from home, she finds herself caught between two worlds.

GenLit Book Discussion Group
Join us and Indian Prairie Public Library at a discussion for 20- to 30-somethings. Visit GenLit's Facebook page, or call Nicole or Lynette at (630) 960–1200 for more information.
Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant 510 Village Center Drive, Burr Ridge Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Henrietta Lacks, a young African American mother of five who worked on various tobacco farms in Virginia, died in 1951 from cancer. A sample from her cancerous tissue was taken by the John Hopkins Hospital without her consent and became one of the greatest breakthroughs in biological research. However, her family received no compensation.
February 15, Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris
Described as The Office meets Kafka, this satirical novel examines a Chicago advertising agency undergoing massive layoffs due to the fall of the dot-com industry in the late 1990s.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group
Second floor Conference Room
Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
There is no discussion in January.
Feb. 7, Crazy for the Storm: A Memoir of Survival by Norman Ollestad
Eleven-year-old Ollestad was the only survivor of a small plane crash that killed his father and the two other adults. How did he manage the treacherous descent down the mountain on his own in a blizzard? His riveting narrative recounts his upbringing by a wild, competitive, and sports-loving father that ultimately prepared Norman to survive his ordeal.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series
The Downers Grove Public Library and the Lisle Library District present the Lyric Opera of Chicago lecture series. Downers Grove residents are invited to Lisle programs at 777 Front Street, and Lisle patrons can attend Downers Grove programs. Call (630) 960–1200 to register for lectures held at Downers Grove. Call (630) 971–1675 to register for lectures held at Lisle.

Hercules
Thurs., Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m. (DG)
Hercules’ wife, Dejanira, goes mad after living a life of disappointment and jealousy.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series
The library brings you a new season of Sunday Afternoon Concerts, featuring a diverse array of styles and talents.

Sueños Latin-Jazz Quartet
Sun., Jan. 23, 2:00 p.m.*
Virtuoso jazz featuring rhythms of Afro-Cuban, Caribbean, and Brazilian traditions.

Midway Ramblers Cajun Band
Sun., Feb. 20, 2:00 p.m.*
Be entertained with true Cajun, hot Zydeco, swamp pop, and Louisiana blues! Band members have lived and studied in Louisiana with legends of Cajun music.
Junior Room Programs
All Junior Room programs and storytimes will be held in the Junior Room’s Program Room unless otherwise noted.

For Preschoolers
Drop-in Winter Preschool Craft
Mon., Feb. 14, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Preschoolers are invited to stop by the Junior Room anytime with a parent or caregiver to make and decorate a simple craft. Craft will be available for the first 100 children.

Storytimes
Open Storytimes:
Weekday Open Storytimes
Mondays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥
Tuesdays, Jan. 11 – Feb 8
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥
Wednesdays, Jan. 12 – Feb. 9
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥
Picture books, songs, puppetry, and story-related activities are featured in this drop-in storytime. The program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Adult participation is an important part of this program.

Saturday Morning
Open Storytime
Saturdays, Jan. 8 – Feb 26
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ♥
Join us for this active storytime for children of all ages. There will be no Saturday Morning Storytime on January 1.

Let’s Learn Spanish Storytime
Friday, Jan. 28, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. ♥
Friday, Feb. 25, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. ♥
Join us as an instructor from Language Stars presents two storytimes introducing the Spanish language. The program is geared to preschoolers and attending children must be supervised by an adult.

Library Closings
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Registered Storytimes:
Registered Infant Lapsit Storytime
Wednesdays, Jan. 12 – Feb. 9
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ☎ ♥
Register beginning Wed., Jan. 5
Parents with babies who are not yet walking (up to approximately 12 months old) are invited to register for this first storytime experience! Songs, rhymes, stories and movement activities are selected to promote verbal acquisition and sensory development. Group limit: 15 adult/baby pairs. Only one child per adult is allowed.

Registered Early Walker Storytime
Mondays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ☎ ♥
Register beginning Mon, Jan. 3
Parents with babies up to 24 months old are invited to register for this storytime. Songs, rhymes, stories and movement activities are selected to promote verbal acquisition and sensory development. Group limit: 15 adult/baby pairs. Only one child per adult is allowed.

Registered Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays, Jan. 11 – Feb. 8
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ☎
Register beginning Tues., Jan. 4
Stories, fingerplays, puppetry, and music are included in this registered storytime. Registered children attend without their parent. Preschoolers must be at least 3½ or older to register. Group Limit: 25.

Chicago Wolves Read to Succeed Winter Reading Program
Mon. Jan 3 – Mon., Jan. 31
Each time you read a book during January, fill out an entry into a raffle drawing for a Chicago Wolves prize pack with hockey tickets and more! This program is for children reading independently up to 8th grade.

For Families
Lego™ Club
It’s time to build your own Lego™ creation. Sign up as a family. Geared for school children although children of all ages are welcome to attend. Group Limit: 20 families.

Fun Parks & Roller Coasters
Thurs., Jan. 13, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. ☎ ♥
Thurs., Jan. 27, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. ☎ ♥
Register for one session beginning Sat., Jan. 8

Castles and Knights
Thurs., Feb. 10, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. ☎ ♥
Thurs., Feb. 24, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. ☎ ♥
Register for one session beginning Sat., Jan. 29

Author Festival
Book Fair
Friday, Feb. 18
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
In conjunction with the Downers Grove Area Children’s Author Festival 2010 and Anderson’s Bookshop, the library will host a bookfair in the library’s main meeting room. Participating authors will be available to sign purchased books from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For School-Age Children
Bookmark Contest
Grades K – 8
January 10 – February 7
Enter our Bookmark Contest and design a bookmark for the library. Rules and contest entry forms will be available at the Junior Room Desk beginning Monday, January 10. One bookmark entry from each grade level will be selected and printed for use in the library throughout the year. Your entry may be one of the winning designs! This program is judged and co-sponsored by the Downers Grove Breakfast Kiwanis Club. All winners will be informed by February 28.

Children must attend with an adult.
Downers Grove library card required at time of registration.
First day walk-in registration begins at 9 a.m. and phone registration begins at 10 a.m.
Attendance is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Winter Reading Program
Junior Room Hot Reads
Ask for these titles at the Junior Room Desk.

• **The Babysitter’s Survival Guide** by Jill D. Chasse
  This comprehensive go-to guide includes kid-friendly recipes, activities, and ideas for dealing with tantrums, bedtime, and more. (107 p., Grades 6 – 9)

• **Big Nate Strikes Again** by Lincoln Peirce
  Nate is teamed up with Gina for intramural fleeceball and a social studies report. Can the two work together peacefully? For fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. (216 p., Grades 3 – 5)

• **Hero** by Mike Lupica
  In Lupica’s first fantasy/adventure novel, Billy finds himself with magical super powers and is pursued by shadowy bad guys after his father’s death. (289 p., Grades 6 – 9)

• **Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion** by Mo Willems
  Trixie and her stuffed Knuffle Bunny travel to Holland with her parents. When Trixie seemingly loses Knuffle Bunny forever she has to learn to live without her best friend. (unpaged, Ages 5 – 8)

• **Masters of Disaster** by Gary Paulsen
  Henry, Riley, and Reed dub themselves the Masters of Disaster as they scheme to break world records, reenact scenes from books, and other inspired ideas. (102 p., Grades 4 – 6)

• **Other Goose** by J. Otto Seibold
  These Mother Goose rhymes are presented as you haven’t seen them before. This is a fun and modern take on Mother Goose. The illustrations are wonderful. (69 p., Ages 5 – 8)

• **ZooBorns! Zoo Babies from Around the World** by Andrew Bleiman and Chris Eastland
  Meet the newest members of the zoo in this sweet picture book. (40 p., preschool – Grade 1)

Additional Lego™ Club Sessions
Lego™ Club has been so popular that we’ve opened up a second session each month so more families can participate! Check the registration dates for the January and February Lego™ Club sessions, and watch for information on the March Lego™ Club in the next Discoveries.

Here are some creations from our last Lego™ event.

Discovery Club
**Discovers… Paper Engineering**
*Thurs., Jan. 20, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.*
*Mon., Jan. 24, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.*
Register beginning Thurs., Jan. 13

Paper—it’s not just for schoolwork! Open to students in grades K–3. **Group Limit:** 22.

**Vote for your Favorite BFF**
February 1 – February 28
In the month of February, we’re counting down to our favorite BFF. Each week, you’ll be able to vote for your favorites until we end up with Downers Grove’s choice for the best BFF pair in children’s books.

Explorer’s Club
**Explore…Yoga**
*Wed., Feb. 16, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.*
Register beginning Wed., Feb. 9

Lori from Prairie Yoga will be here to teach basic yoga poses. Wear comfy clothes and be prepared to stretch. Mats will be provided. Open to students in grades 3 – 6. **Group Limit:** 20.

**No School Days at the Library: Top Trumps Drop-In**
*Mon., Jan. 17, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.*
Grades 4 – 8
Top Trumps, “The World’s Coolest Card Game™” takes the classic game of War to a whole new level! Drop in and learn to play this fun, easy card game. Children who are not yet reading must be accompanied by an adult.
Discoveries brings news of services and activities at the Downers Grove Public Library to the 48,724 residents of Downers Grove.
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Melissa Doornbos: Editor
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Library Hours
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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February
- Andre Dubus III—Townie: A Memoir
- Alice Hoffman—The Red Garden
- Michael Oher with Don Yaeger—I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness to The Blind Side and Beyond
- J.D. Robb—Treachery in Death

March
- Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas—Life, on the Line: Chasing Greatness, Facing Death, and Redefining the Way We Eat
- Maeve Binchy—Minding Frankie
- Terri Cheney—The Dark Side of Innocence: Growing Up Bipolar
- Clive Cussler and Jack Du Brul—The Jungle
- Linda Fairstein—Silent Mercy
- Alexander McCall Smith—The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party
- Suze Orman—The Money Class
- Sarah Vowell—Unfamiliar Fishes

fiction nonfiction

jumpstart your own the big read book discussion!
The Friends of the Library is sponsoring Book Club in a Bag kits for The Big Read, so family and friends can read and discuss this year’s book together. Copies of Zeitoun, background information, and book discussion questions are included in the kits. Visit the library to reserve yours now!

staff recognized for service
Twelve staff members were honored for their service to the library and the community. Books on topics of interest to each honoree were added to the collection in recognition of their dedication. Congratulations to:
- 15 years – Lisa Bobis (Technical Services), Daksha Mistry (Circulation Services)
- 10 years – Annie Jagielski, Ray Papacek (Administration), Robert Skoog (Children’s Services)
- 5 years – Jean Fenske (Circulation Services), Diane Jakosz, Barbara Mickiewicz, Mary Thomas (Children’s Services), Laura Miller, Deborah Williams (Literature and AV Services), Lor Norberg (Reference and Information Services)

welcome, trustee loftus
Daniel Loftus has joined the Downers Grove Public Library Board of Trustees. Loftus is a professional civil engineer specializing in municipal infrastructure design and construction. When not reading on his Kindle, he enjoys fixing up his house, cooking, and spending time with his wife and two young daughters.

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