Please pardon our dust!

Thanks to the support of the Riverside community, we have raised enough money to start construction of our new Early Learners area!

To date, we have raised more than $190,000 in private donations and from the proceeds of two Reading Between the Wines events. We are immensely grateful to every donor and supporter.

Before we get too excited and think our work is done, however, let's remember the total cost of the lower level renovation is approximately $1.3 million. That means we need you to dig deep so we can keep rolling out improvements.

We are open to all fundraising ideas. As a reminder, we have not sought additional capital funds from the community for 35 years. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have a large item that we could raffle off or if you would like to discuss naming rights for a section.

Now back to summer construction. In the coming weeks, our architect/design partner, Studio GC will begin seeking bids for the new Early Learners room. We anticipate construction will start in August and last about 12 weeks. The library will remain open and operational during construction.

Located in the southwest corner of the lower level and contained by two walls (rather than current open area), the new Early Learners will maximize views of the Des Plaines River and minimize sound traveling into the atrium. The space for children up to age 5 will feature a play area, dedicated computers and bin shelving.

The Friends of the Riverside Public Library has raised money to purchase new furnishings. The Early Learners room is just one portion of one phase of the project. The renovation calls for new carpeting, painting, shelving and energy-efficient lighting. To better serve our 800+ young patrons each month, we also have plans for a new Teen Room, bigger juvenile section, enlarged public meeting room and much more. All of the details can be found at riversidelibrary.org/renovationproject.html.

The library is Riverside's landmark #1 and the heart of the community. We firmly believe we can move this project forward to benefit generations to come with your continued support.

Riverside Library Board of Trustees

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Summer Reading Donors

As of this printing, the following businesses and organizations have donated either prizes or money to support our Summer Reading Program this year:

The Annoyance Theater & Bar, Blissful Owl, Corner Bakery Cafe, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Chili’s Grill & Bar, Classic Cinemas, Friends of the Library, First American Bank, iO Theater, Kane County Cougars, Lunes y Lattes, Max Aquatics, Music Together, Santa’s Village, Shedd Aquarium, Zanies Comedy Night Club.

We thank them for their generous support of our program and the readers of Riverside!

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2019 Summer Reading...

This summer we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Olmsted’s plan for Riverside and the nature all around us! Starting on Wednesday, June 5, visit our website to register OR stop by the Library and get going in person! If you are travelling on your own adventure this summer, use our internet portal and take summer reading with you. Join us at our kickoff party from 6-8 pm. Everyone who signs up can enjoy a custom ice cream sundae. Summer Reading will run through August 2.
**ADULT PROGRAMS**

Knitting and Needlework Drop In  
Mondays, June 3-24, 7 pm, QRR  
Bring your needles, crochet hooks or any other yarned project. Share ideas, techniques, and conversation alongside other needle crafters. Lessons are not available but everyone is welcome to help each other through a challenging pattern or project! Children under 12 welcome with an adult.

Introduction to Excel  
Monday, June 17 at 10 am, PMR  
This presentation will focus on how to get started with Microsoft Excel. The presenter will talk about how to navigate spreadsheets, organize information, and use pivot tables. Registration Required.

Medicare Information Seminar  
Thursday, June 6, & Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 pm, PMR  
This program is especially important to those approaching age 65, or those over age 65. Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best Medicare Supplement Plan and Part D Drug Plan, how to avoid making a mistake in selecting a Plan, and about the lowest-cost Medicare Plan.  
Presented by Bill Scanlon & Courtney Erb of Access Benefit Plan Consultants, LLC.

Stay Safe Online  
Monday, June 10, 10 am, PMR  
Practical tips for passwords, avoiding identity theft, what to avoid while browsing, and avoiding malware. Registration Suggested.

Magic: The Gathering Meet-Up  
Tuesday, June 11 & 25, 4 pm, QRR  
Gather together in our reading room to meet with other players for a game of Magic: The Gathering. Bring your deck, dice, and play! Ages 14+.

Embracing Retirement  
Wednesday, June 12, 7 pm, PMR  
The Embracing Retirement workshop will help retirees and soon-to-be retirees, examine the seven components as they define their “Retirement Way.” The workshop will present relevant research and trends, include personal experience from the presenters, and offer tips and self-awareness exercises for participants. Workshop Presenters - Russ Fahrner & Bruce Bohrer. Registration suggested.

The Leviathan by Paul Stack  
Thursday, July 18, 7 pm, PMR  
A book bought for a quarter from Riverside Library’s discarded book bin, a carved shell purchased from an antique dealer in Australia, and over 15 years of research in the U.S. and U.K. These are the ingredients of a new book, The Leviathan, about a previously unreported attempt by the Confederacy to use a giant iron ship to break the Union blockade and thereby bring about an early and calamitous end to the Civil War. Author, Paul Stack, a long-time Riverside resident.

Kiddieland Remembered  
Friday, July 19, 3 pm, PMR  
Historian Cheryl Brown takes a through the 80-year history of Kiddieland park with vintage pictures, memorabilia, and video.

Heroes on the Air with Steve Darnall  
Thursday, July 25, 7 pm, PMR  
Before they made their way to movies, television and the Broadway stage, characters like Superman, Dick Tracy and Little Orphan Annie were stars of the comics page—and the first step out of that world was radio. This program uses a CD of sound clips and Powerpoint presentation to examine those heroes who made their way from comic strips and comic books to radio in the 1930s—and some legendary heroes who began in radio and went on to conquer the world.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Books to Art Club  
Thursdays, June 20 and July 11 & 25, 2 – 3 pm  
Calling all Artists...Enjoy a story and then create works of art based on the book. Grades 1 and up.  
Registration suggested.

Science Adventures  
Tuesdays, June 25 and July 16 & 30, 2 - 3 pm  
Join us for some STEAM! Grades 3 and up. Supplies limited. Registration suggested.

Jr. Science Adventures  
Tuesdays, June 25 and July 16 & 30, 2 - 3 pm  
Independent science exploration drop in. All ages. Adult supervision required for young children.

Reader’s Theatre  
Mo Willems’ Elephant and Piggie: A Big Guy Stole my Ball and Jon Scieszka’s The Three Little Pigs  
Wednesday, July 31, 7 pm  
Can Elephant get Piggie’s ball back from the “Big Guy”? Will the Three Little Pigs survive? Find out at this live double-feature of two great tales performed by our teen volunteers. Great for the whole family.

Library Lock In  
Friday, August 2, 5 – 7:30 pm  
The Library will be closed, but you get to hang out with your friends after hours. We’ll have snacks, games and all sorts of running around that you definitely aren’t allowed to do when the Library is open! Grade 4 - 6. Registration is required.

Carnival Week  
August 12 – 16, all day  
Carnival games and fun every day.

Drop-in Fun  
All day, every day  
Construction Zone – No hard hat needed in our summer construction zone. Legos, Lincoln Logs and more. Crafts – There will always be craft supplies out so you can make something wonderful…. PLUS board games and puzzles!

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**TEENS**

Teen Only Legopolooza  
June 22, all day  
You are never too old to play with Legos! We have bins full of all the pieces you need to make something extraordinary.

John Hughes Film Festival  
Saturdays, July 13, 20 & 27, 12:30 pm  
You can’t graduate high school before you watch these three classic films… Sixteen Candles (PG), Pretty in Pink (PG-13) and The Breakfast Club (R). They are totally tubular, and totally ‘80s. Bring your lunch: we’ll make the popcorn. Grades 9 and up. The Breakfast Club is rated R. Under 17, you must have a permission slip on file. Visit our website for our online permission slip.

Ask an RB Student  
Tuesday, August 6, 7 pm  
Are you starting at RB this year or next? Do you have any questions about what it will be like? We will have a panel of current RB students ready to tell you all about how it works – from finding clubs you love to getting changed for gym class. Get the real scoop from the people who really know. For students entering 8th or 9th grade.

Super Smash Brothers  
Saturday, August 10, 1 pm  
Battle for dominance!

Branch Out and Read Fest  
Friday, August 9, 3-7 PM  
Forest Preserves of Cook County invites you to celebrate your summer reading success with fun activities such as archery, animal encounters, stories, and exciting book-themed surprises.

This program will be held at Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest.
**Children & Youth Programs**

**Storytimes and Play**

All Ages Storytime and Little Hands Activity Time  
**Fridays, June 21 - August 9**  
Storytime, 10 am  
Drop in for stories, songs and fun for the whole family.  
All ages.  
**Little Hands Activity Time, 10:30 am – 12 pm**  
Children and caregivers can stop by for hands-on creative play.  
All ages: best for kids 1 to 4 years old.  
**Saturday Pop In Family Playtime**  
Saturdays, June 1, July 6 and August 3, 10 – 11:30 am  
We’ll have our toys out for this family playtime. Get out of the house and enjoy not having to clean up.

**Summer Reading “Riverside 150: Be Part of the Plan, Read!” Kickoff**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 6 – 8 pm**  
Summer Reading starts today! Come to our party and enjoy an ice cream sundae. If you can’t make the party, sign-up starts at 9 am online or in person.

Reading Buddies  
**Mondays, June 10 – July 29, 6 - 7 pm**  
OR 7 - 8 pm  
Have fun reading with a Riverside teen every week. Reading during the summer makes going back to school much easier come fall. Sign up for each week separately – you don’t need to come every week to participate. For K-3rd graders only.  
**Registration begins May 27.**

**Robotics Workshop with the RBHS Robotics Team**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2 - 4 pm**  
Join the RBHS FIRST Tech Robotics team for this hands-on introduction to robot building and programming. For Grades 4 – 8. Space is limited.  
**Registration is required.**

**Wednesday Lunchtime Movies**  
**Wednesdays, June 12 - August 7, 12 pm**  
Bring your lunch and watch a movie while you eat.

**Books & Bites Cooking Club**  
**Thursday, June 13 & 27 and July 18, 2 – 3 pm**  
Hungry? Enjoy a story and then make your own nut-free snack based on the book. Pre-K and up.  
**Registration suggested.**

**Pokémon Club**  
**Fridays, June 14 & 28 and July 12 & 26, 3-4 pm**  
Play or trade at our summer Pokémon club. You must bring your own cards.  
Grades 3 and up.

**Who Was…? Book Club**  
**Mondays, June 17 & 24, 2 – 2:45 pm**  
Join other fans of the Who Was…? series to talk about your favorite biographies. There isn’t a specific book you have to read for each meeting. We’ll do activities to celebrate famous people throughout history!

**Crafternoon**  
**Tuesdays, June 18 and July 9 & 23, 12 – 4 pm**  
If you’re hoping to unleash your creative spirit, look no further. Drop in any time. Decoupage, tin foil textured art, and more are on the schedule. Grades 4 and up.

**Registration Suggested Note**  
Some projects may have limited supplies. If you are coming to a “registration suggested” program, please sign up and reserve your space. It really helps us plan! You can drop in without signing up but supply priority will be given to registrants. If a program has multiple sessions, you don’t have to commit to all of them! Sign up for the dates you need.

**Walk and Talk with the Illinois Botanist**  
**Saturday, August 10, 3 pm, GR**  
Join “The Illinois botanist,” Chris Benda for a walk among the wildflowers and Riverside’s Arboretum on August 10. Chris will point out native plants in Riverside, which can be grown in your own garden. Afterword, join Chris for a lecture in the library.

**Long Term Care Planning – Obtaining good care without going broke!**  
**Thursday, August 29, 7 pm, PMR**  
Finding the best solution for the care of our loved ones is on everyone’s mind. The importance of making good decisions regarding their care is of the utmost importance. Delaney Delaney & Voorn, Ltd. is committed to offering legal seminars to local community groups and non-profit organizations, in order to provide access to legal information for those who would not otherwise have the luxury of legal representation.

**Fine Free Fridays – Find the Lucky Fred for Free Fines Friday**  
Come in on Fridays and pick the lucky Frederick Law Olmsted card from the deck to win a little FINE FORGIVENESS! You may get 50% or 100% off of existing fines, or fines on materials returned that day. Check out material during Summer Reading and if you get a red star on your receipt you get to pick something from our basket of fun!

**Have a Backyard Movie Night This Summer and Let Us Help!**  
Our Movie Theater Package can be checked out for 1 week. It includes a portable projector, sound system, and a 120-inch portable screen. If you need it for a specific date please call the Patron Services department so that we can place the appropriate reserves on the material.

**Riverside Reads Book Discussions**

**Less: A Novel by Andrew Sean Greer**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 2 pm, QRR**  
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 2018  
Who says you can’t run away from your problems? You are a failed novelist about to turn fifty. A wedding invitation arrives in the mail: your boyfriend of the past nine years is engaged to someone else. You can’t say yes—it would be too awkward—and you can’t say no—it would look like defeat. On your desk are a series of invitations to half-baked literary events around the world.

**The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden**  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2 pm, QRR**  
Katherine Arden’s bestselling debut novel spins an irresistible spell as it announces the arrival of a singular talent with a gorgeous voice. *The Bear and the Nightingale* is not merely a spellbinding murder case and courtroom drama but also, in the words of The New Republic, “a social document of rare importance.”

**Helter Skelter: The True Story of the Manson Murders by Vincent Bugliosi with Curt Gentry**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2 pm, QRR**  
In the summer of 1969, Vincent Bugliosi was the prosecuting attorney in the Manson trial, and this book is his enthralling account of how he built his case from what a defense attorney dismissed as only ‘two fingerprints and Vince Bugliosi.’ *Helter Skelter* is not merely a spellbinding murder case and courtroom drama but also, in the words of The New Republic, “a social document of rare importance.”
IN RECOGNITION OF A LIFE

January – April 2019

In Recognition of the Life of Glenna Linder
Bing Crosby Swinging on a Star: The War Years 1940-1946 by Gary Giddins

In Recognition of the Life of Mary L. Bartik
A Future of Faith: The Path of Change in Politics and Society by Pope Francis with Dominique Wolton

In Recognition of the Life of Gustav Baumgart
The Escape Artists: A Band of Daredevil Pilots and Society by Carl Amari

In Recognition of the Life of Beverly Howard
Betty Ford: First Lady, Women’s Advocate, Survivor, Trailblazer by Lisa McCubbin

In Recognition of the Life of Carol Nelson
All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson by Gary Giddins

In Recognition of the Life of Imelda Terrazino
Rediscovering Travel: A Guide for the Globally Curious by Seth Kugel

In Recognition of the Life of Paul B. Robbins
A History in 50 Objects: Apollo to the Moon by John A. Dimaggio

In Recognition of the Life of Betty Ford
How to Build Massive Wealth and Human Creativity Begins with Deep Thinking: Where Machine Intelligence Ends by Paul Stack

In Recognition of the Life of Imelda Terrazino
Microfilm/form Reader Printer

Allons Maria Mucha (known in English and French as Alphonse Mucha), was a Czech painter, illustrator and graphic artist living in Paris during the Art Nouveau period. He produced illustrations, advertisements, decorative panels, and designs, which became among the best-known images of the period. During the month of June, the Library will have framed copies of Mucha prints on display in the Great Room which will be available for purchase. They will range in price from $5 - $30. All proceeds from the sale of these prints will go towards the Lower Level Renovation Project of the Library where the CSAGSI/Paul Nemeczek Genealogy Collection is housed.

We are starting a new genealogy club for those interested in learning about family history and genealogy. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm. At this meeting, we will discuss what members would like to see offered at the meetings. There will always be free time to do family research and ask assistance from those who have more experience, so newbies are always welcome! For more information contact Janice Foley at the Library: janicefoley@riversidelibrary.org or 708-442-6366.

The CSAGSI/Paul M. Nemeczek Genealogy Collection at the Riverside Public Library, with over 1200 volumes, provides an anchor for comprehensive genealogy research dealing with immigrant families who lived in, or passed through, Chicago. The collection is the finest repository in the U.S. for historical information about Czech and Slovak society in Chicago. The collection is heavily oriented toward Czech and Slovak ethnic heritage and community, but the collection also includes material about other ethnic groups such as Irish, German and Scandinavian.

CSAGSI volunteers staff the Genealogy Collection Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - 2 pm; 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 10 am - 2 pm. Other times are available by appointment.

The Riverside Public Library and CSAGSI (the Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois) combined resources and purchased a new Microfilm/Microfiche Reader Printer for use by all Library patrons needing to access microfilm/form records. The UScan and HD Microform reader/printer is a state of the art machine which will make using microform products easier. The prints from the machine will have greater clarity as well. The unit is housed on the Lower Level in the Genealogy area of the Library. We are happy to provide instructions for use.

GENEALOGY NEWS

Mucha Print Copies on Sale During June

We are happy to provide instructions for use.

The Library will be closed on Sundays beginning May 26 through September 1.

We will be closed the following holidays: Memorial Day, May 26 & 27; Fourth of July, July 3 & 4; and Labor Day, September 1 & 2.

Look for the Library in the Annual Fourth of July Parade!