



THANK YOU TO ALL PATRONS THAT DONATED OR PURCHASED ITEMS AT THE BAKE SALE! The new book cart for the children's department is on it way. All library staff are grateful for your continued support.

Story Time Schedule

Spring Story Time
March 22-April 28

Tiny Tales (ages 1-3)

Wednesdays 10-10:30 am
Thursdays 10-10:30 am

Preschool (ages 3-5)

Tuesdays 10-10:30 am or
6:15-6:45 pm

School Age (ages 6-11)

Wednesdays 3:30 -4:30 pm
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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Mon-Thu 9am-7pm
Fri-Sat 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 10-16**



***Visit your library,
Support library funding!
Wednesday,
April 13, 2011***

At a time when library usage is at its highest ever, Illinois Libraries are being asked to face tomorrow's needs with yesterday's resources. Grant funding is vital to help libraries continue to provide new programs and services, purchase new materials, and support the delivery of materials from other libraries, yet our grant fund-

ing has been drastically cut.

On Wednesday, April 13, libraries across Illinois are participating in *Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Your Library* by col-

lecting information, comments, and photographs from events in a typical library day. The results will offer indisputable proof that libraries consistently provide invaluable services to our community.

Pontiac Public Library is proud to participate in Snapshot Day and hope you will help us make our participation a success.

All we need from you is a visit to the library on Wednesday, April 13. Please stop in to check out a book or visit with your favorite library staff member.

BOOK RAFFLE

Stop in during National Library Week and enter our book raffle! As a gesture of thanks for your continued support, patrons will have the chance to win 1 book in

4 different categories: adult, young adult, child, and beginning reader. Simply check out materials between April 6 and April 13, and you can enter your name in the

drawing. As a special thank you for supporting us, if you visit during Snapshot Day, you can enter twice! Winners will be announced on **Wednesday April 13!**

CHECK IT OUT:
New Items for Children

EASY READERS

Hero Dad by
Melinda Hardin

Me, Frida by
Amy Novesky

Fiesta Babies by
Carmen Tafolla

FICTION

Redwall by
Brian Jacques

Moon Over Manifest
by Clare Vanderpool

NONFICTION

Ace Your Internet
Research by A. Gaines

Waterfowl Hunting
by S. MacRae

Lafayette and the
American Revolution
by Russell Freedman

AUDIOBOOKS

Cam Jansen & the
Wedding Cake
Mystery by
David Adler

Closer by
Roderick Gordon

NATIONAL TV TURN-OFF WEEK

APRIL 17-23

TV-Free America is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of the negative effects of watching extreme amounts of television. Their goal is to inspire people to turn "on" their lives. People nationwide are challenged to turn off the television for one entire week and get active! Are you up for challenge?

Try some of these activities to get you started:

Listen to the radio
Read a book
Visit the library
Go jogging
Volunteer at a nursing home
Ride your bike

Play cards
Read a story to your younger brother or sister
Learn to cook
Go for a walk
Go bowling
Go fishing
Plan a sleepover
Take a nature hike
Learn to crochet
Paint a picture
Plant a garden

Television Fun Facts:

- Number of 30-second commercials seen in a year by an average child: 20,000
- Number of minutes per week that parents spend in meaningful conversation with their children: 38.5

- Number of minutes per week that the average child watches television: 1,680
- Percentage of children ages 6-17 who have TV's in their bedrooms: 50
- Percentage of day care centers that use TV during a typical day: 70
- Hours per year the average American youth spends in school: 900 hours
- Hours per year the average American youth watches television: 1500
- Percentage of Americans that regularly watch television while eating dinner: 66

ANNOUNCING: ADOPT-A-BOOK PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Pontiac Public Library's *Adopt-a-Book* program is a special way to combine a love of reading with a desire to contribute to the library's development of materials. Patrons may choose from a preselected set of well-loved books to purchase on behalf of the Library. The books selected to be replaced have

been chosen due to their popularity and thus are beginning to wear out. *Adopt-a-Book's* goal is to provide new copies of old favorites for all children to enjoy for years to come. *Adopt-a-Book* books range in age levels from children, juvenile, and young adult materials.

Adopt-a-Book is also a perfect chance to honor, celebrate or memorialize the special people in our lives. When a book is chosen, we will place a bookplate inside noting the person honored. The Library will also send acknowledgement letters to those who have made the contribution.

INTRODUCING: STAFF PICKS

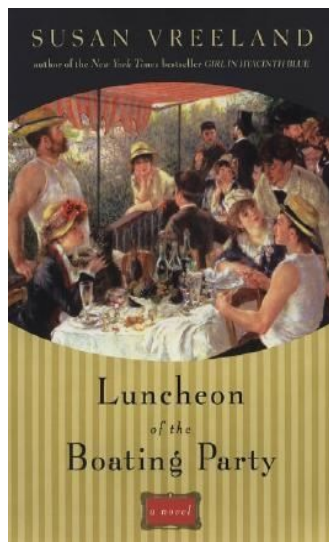
Ever wondered what your favorite library staff member does when they are not helping you check out materials? They read, watch movies, and listen to music, just like you!

Every month, we will feature top selections from our friendly and helpful library staff. Rediscover an old favorite, or find a new author or musician to check out. For our first column, we are featuring the pick of circulation clerk Pat. Pat recently read Susan Vreeland's novel *Luncheon of the Boating Party*. Author Vreeland uses Renior's painting of the same name to ex-

plore art history, Impressionism, and 19th century France.

Vreeland vividly describes the colors, the choice of the characters for the models, other artists and art supporters of the time, and the process of creating the painting itself. She knows art technique and looks into the artist's mind and imagination.

After reading this book, Pat wanted to know more about Renoir, so she checked out a book about him and another about Impressionism.



CHECK IT OUT:
New Items for Adults

FICTION

The Union Quilters
by
Jennifer Chiaverini

The Sherlockian
by Graham Moore

Treachery in Death
by J.D. Robb

NONFICTION

100 Simple Things
You Can Do To Pre-
vent Alzheimer's
and Age-Related
Memory Loss by
Jean Carper

Consumer Reports
Used Car Buying
Guide 2010

Ask Click and Clack
by T. Magliozzi

Toward the Setting
Sun
by Brian Hicks

AUDIOBOOKS
Devil's Food Cake
Murder
by Joanne Fluke

Private Life
by Jane Smiley

MONEY SMART WEEK APRIL 4-8

Need help getting a grip on your finances? Register for a free class on budgeting basics, balancing your checkbook, and managing your credit held at Pontiac Public Library from April 4 to April 8. The class schedule is listed on the back page of this month's newsletter.

Trina Keller of Woodforest

Bank will be offering this free class at a variety of times in order to accommodate the busy schedules of today's working adults. All participants will leave with a set of handouts and new skills and strategies to get their finances under control.

All classes are free and open to adults of all ages. If you

would like to register or need more information, please call the library at 844-7229 or email Library Director Layla Johnston at director@pontiacpubliclibrary.org.

This free program is brought to you courtesy of the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 MSW class 10 am, 4 pm Adult book club	5 Preschool 10 or 6:15	6 MSW 1 or 5 pm	7 Tiny Tales 10 School Age 3:30	8 MSW 10 am, 3:30 pm	9 ISPS meeting 1-4:30
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Sign up for **Money Smart Week @ Your Library, April 2-9.** Pontiac Public Library, in conjunction with the American Library Association and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, will offer free

classes for adults of all ages on budgeting basics, balancing a check book, and credit card management. For more information or to register for classes, call 844-7229.

Money Smart Week

Class Schedule

All classes are free
and will be held in the program room.

Please register by calling 844-7229.

Monday April 4: 10 am or 4 pm
Wednesday April 6: 1 pm or 5 pm
Friday April 8: 10 am or 3:30 pm