

Pontiac Public Library is thrilled to announce the return of the **young adult book club!** Join us **Monday, October 24 at 6 pm** to discuss upcoming programs you would like to attend and pick up a copy of our first book, *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Call (815) 844-7229 or send a message to mharms@pontiacpubliclibrary.org.

STORYTIME SCHEDULE

October 24-November 23

Tiny Tales (ages 1-3)
Wed & Thurs 10 am

Preschool (ages 3-5)
Tues 10 am & 6:15 pm

School Age (ages 6-11)
Wed & Thurs 3:30 pm

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

DESPERADOES: EARLY ILLINOIS OUTLAWS



Join John Hallwas for an exciting lecture and slide presentation that delves into the dark side of Illinois history, from the frontier killers at Cave-in-Rock to later horse thieves, bandits, and murderers, on **Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 pm** in the main reading room. Groups such as the Brown Gang, the Johnson Gang, and the Berry Gang - and outlaws like Joe Brice, Ed Maxwell, and Frank Rande - will be discussed, and then slides, based on litho-

graphs and historic photographs, will depict some of the outlaws and the locations associated with their nefarious activities. The lecture will also include comments on the early lawmen and vigilantes who tracked down the desperadoes.

John Hallwas holds a PhD from the University of Florida and recently retired from Western Illinois University. He has received a number of teaching and service awards, has written more than a dozen books and scores of articles on Illinois history and literature, and is also the President of the Macomb Area LIFE Adult-Education Program. Dr. Hallwas received the Society of Midland Authors Award in the category of biography, 2009, and a Superior Achievement Award from the Illinois Historical Society for his 2009 book *Dime Novel Desperadoes: The Notorious Maxwell Brothers*, published by the University of Illinois Press.

This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.

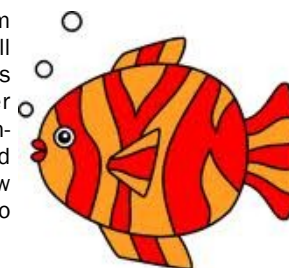
Please register for this **free** lecture and presentation by calling the library at (815) 844-7229, visiting the circulation desk, or sending a message to director@pontiacpubliclibrary.org.



Art Show: A Fish Out of Anything But Water

Pontiac Public Library is the site for a show "like a fish out of anything but water" by local artist Joan E. S. Lipinski, that opens **Monday, October 10th, 2011 at 9 a.m.** The show will feature more than 30 pieces in mediums both familiar and new to the artist. All items will be available for purchase through "silent auction" bidding that will continue until the show closes on Friday, November 4 at 5 pm.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the library's microfilm reader fund. Light refreshments will be served at the art show opening. We hope to see you there!



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Youth Services

A message to you from the new youth services librarian: My name is Michael Harms and I am very excited to be the youth services librarian here in Pontiac! I am going to continue the great story times for kids and am hoping to add some new teen programs. A little about myself: I was born and raised just a few miles from here in Fairbury. I have a degree in Liberal Arts and am pursuing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. I absolutely love to read. My favorite book is a tie between *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving and *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

Join us for a special Saturday storytime in observance of Fire Prevention Week!

At 10 am on Saturday, October 15, Pontiac Firefighter Matt Christensen will present a read aloud, and we will walk to the Pontiac firehouse for a tour at 11 am. Please register for this free program by calling (815) 844-7229 or sending a message to mharms@pontiacpubliclibrary.org.

