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A Newsletter by and for the Friends Of The Oakmont Library

(affectionately known by the acronym "FOOLS")

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If you are reading this message, chances are you are a current or past contributing member of the Friends of the Oakmont Library. Or, you have picked up this newsletter inside the Oakmont Library, which makes you a patron of one of the most beautiful libraries in Allegheny County. Either way, 2006 was a special year for the library and for you. As you may know, the beautiful library that you attend had its re-dedication this past December. This signaled the completion of the construction and the success of the pledge campaign. With reconstruction attention given to accessibility, technology and preservation of design, the 2007 version of our library welcomes you, and generations to come. However, what you may not know was that last year your Friends of the Oakmont Library were nominated for, and chosen to be the Friends Group of the Year 2006 by the Allegheny County Library Association. I am proud to say that out of 45 Library Friends groups in the county, the FOOL's are reigning as the best. I would like to thank all members, past and current, for your annual financial support which, as you know, allows the library to make purchases and provide programs that would not be possible if left to the library's budget. You made it happen. Congratulations, we're number 1!!

A Message from Joe Schweinberg, President of the FOOL's

After over a century, the library begins a new era in the wonderful new facility built with the generosity of many and the support of the people of Oakmont and Borough Council with the bond issue approval. Much credit is due to previous Library Board members for their leadership: Terry Griffin, past President, for all of his work fundraising and supervising construction; Jan Beiber for her leadership and management of the library during construction; and, the FOOLs for all of their support.

A new era of another 100 years begins with an almost totally new Board (they just wore out!) and our new Director, Shannon Dunn. I am pleased to rejoin the new Board (I wore out after the last Restoration in the '80's) – especially as the new President. I'm counting on the steady guidance of Board veterans Fran Saxon and Cheryl Zentgraf, the efforts of our new members, Eileen Colianni, Chuck Erdeljac, Mary McIntyre and my fellow rookie Ron Scott to help the library develop the potential of our wonderful new facility. Of course, we'll all be looking to the FOOLs for their help and support. Like our veterans, you have a history of contributing, loving the library, and knowing what the library means to Oakmont.

It's up to all of us to realize the promise of the new facility, to make it an even bigger part of the community life, and to enrich the lives of people. Please continue your efforts to better the library. We all have a big job to define the role of the new library and to get it there.

A Message from George Coulter, President of the Library Board

We have made every effort to present the list of donors as accurately and completely as possible.
 If any errors have occurred, we apologize most sincerely.





Exactly What Is

The **Access PA Power Library**, a database supplied through Oakmont Carnegie Library and the State Library, allows you to access full text periodical articles, newspapers, a major encyclopedia, plus photographs, pictures, charts, maps, reference materials and more. You will find materials in most subject areas for all age groups. One of the best things about **Access PA Power Library** is that you can access the database from home by using your library card. **What is in this database?** You will find a comprehensive periodical and reference system named EBSCO that contains:

AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive – 500,000+ current and historical photographs and graphics updated daily.

Biography Reference Bank – links to over 470,000 articles.

Contemporary Authors – a guide to current authors of fiction, nonfiction etc.. It also includes their biographies.

Brodart Dartclix – 18,000 high-quality quality websites.

Grove's Art and Music Online – provides access to the complete text of both the art and music texts.

LitFinder – contains primary literature including poems, essays speeches and plays. Most are full text versions.

netLibrary - full text searchable fiction and non fiction books.

Reference Online – offers a variety of reference materials including dictionaries, books and visual aids.

SIRS Discoverer – This is an excellent student resource with full text articles and images from 1600 periodical and newspapers.

Streamed – this provides medical information and videos for a patient.

EBSCO Host – a comprehensive database including information on animals, car repair, business, pharmacology, book reviews, history, school age materials, newspapers and much more.

Power Library is one source that you must try. The wealth of information is overwhelming. Most questions that you have can be answered through these sites. The best part of it, you do not have to be at the library to use it, it is available for use from the comfort of your own home.

To use this source from home go to the Oakmont Carnegie Library web site: www.oakmontlibrary.org Look down the right hand side for the icon for Power Library, click and follow the directions.

What Is New with Pennsylvania Libraries?

Questions on any topic:

Research Help:



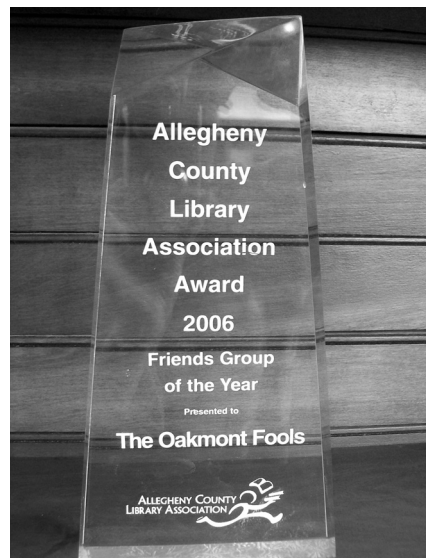
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Inter-Library Loan (ILL)

Don't forget, if you want a book that you cannot find in the Oakmont Library, talk to the librarian and you will be able to complete an Inter-Library Loan from one of the many libraries in the state.

Congratulations to the FOOL's



The Allegheny County Library Association has named the FOOLs (Friends of the Oakmont Library) has the Friends Group of the Year. Shannon Dunn, Director, nominated our group for this award because of the outstanding support you have given to the Oakmont Library.

ONE BOOK, EVERY YOUNG CHILD

This is the second annual project that uses the program of "One Book, One State", to encourage parents/guardians, family members, and the education community to realize the need for early literacy development.

**A Splendid Friend, Indeed,
Author and illustrator Suzanne Bloom**

A picture book that explores the friendship between a polar bear and a goose was written to be read aloud. It is available in all books store and libraries.

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

The Allegheny County Library Association has announced its 5th annual **One Book, One Community** book selections.

The adult book selection is:

**The Glass Castle
By Jeannette Walls**

Jeanette Walls, a contributor to MSNBC.com, wrote this memoir of growing up in difficult circumstances with nonconformist parents, and at times in homeless situations. In spite of this, Walls holds a strong love for her parents. This book was nominated for the 2006 Books for a Better Life Award.

The middle-school book selection is:

**Money Hungry
By Sharon G. Flake**

Thirteen year old Raspberry Hill struggles to earn money so that she and her mother don't have to be homeless ever again. **Publishers Weekly** states "the author candidly expresses the difficulty in breaking the cycle of poverty and leaves it up to readers to judge Raspberry's acts."

SUMMER PROGRAM-2007

Get a Clue@ your Library



The theme for the summer reading program this year is "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Super sleuths and daring detectives from preschool through teens will find a story hours, programs, and prizes at the library. Children and teens are invited to sign up beginning early in June for their section of the program: Read-to-Me, School-Age or Teens.

Much of the summer programming is generously supported by the FOOLs. Your annual contribution to the FOOLs not only provides fun and entertaining events for children and families, but also it is helping children maintain or even improve their reading skills. Multiple studies have shown that children who read over the summer months, even just recreationally, do better in reading and in other subjects when they return to school in the fall. It is going to be a great summer for reading and solving mysteries at the Oakmont Carnegie Library.

And the Winner Is...

Every year there are several new books that stand out from the rest. It might be the illustrations, the themes or social significance. Whatever the reason, The American Library Association has named these titles as winners for 2007.

Caldecott Medal-2007 Winner

The Most Distinguished Children's Book Illustrations
Flotsam is the title and is illustrated by **David Wiesner**. This colorful picture book features a young child who loves to go to the beach to collect anything that floats. When he discovers an underwater camera, a collection of unusual pictures are found.

Newberry Medal-2007 Winner

The Most Meaningful Children's Book
In *The Higher Power of Lucky*, author **Susan Patron** has penned a story about Lucky Trimble, a 10 year old aspiring scientist, seeking help from a higher power to assure that her guardian will take her back to France.

Coretta Scott King Award-2007 Award

There are two awards-Author and Illustrator.
The awards were given to author **Sharon Draper** for the book *Copper Sun* and illustrator **Kadir Nelson** for *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*

Theodore Seuss Geisel Award
Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways by author and illustrator Laura McGee Kvanosky

There are many more titles that stand out for children's reading. To find more winners, please check at the Oakmont Library

Useful Library Facts

- There are 45 public libraries with 86 locations which form Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA).
- One free card from any (ACLA) library is good at any other library. They expire every 2 years, but are renewable.
- All ACLA libraries have free public computers with high-speed Internet access (library card required) and free WiFi (wireless) Internet access.
- You can borrow videos and DVDs at no charge from any library.
- You can order materials not available at Oakmont from any ACLA library, either from the online catalog or with the help of a librarian. These items may then be picked up at Oakmont or any library you designate.

- You can return anything you borrow to any ACLA library – even if it came from a different location.
- You can renew materials three ways:
1-At the library. It is not necessary to bring in the item.
2-By phone, just give the librarian your library card number. After-hours renewals are available by calling the number on your checkout slip, 412-622-1895.
3-Online, unless the item is overdue. Click the "My Account" tab in the catalog homepage.
- Policies regarding borrowing periods, fines, and renewals are set by the owning library and may vary.
- You can access the holdings of Oakmont Library and all ACLA libraries online at <http://catalog.einetwork.net>.
- Information regarding all libraries can be found at www.einetwork.net
- The Oakmont Library offers programs and special events on a regular basis for people of all ages and interests, and most of them are free. Click on the Upcoming Events link on our home page at www.oakmontlibrary.org to see our calendar of events.



The statue "Puppy Dog Tales" by artist Bobbie Carlyle welcomes visitors to Oakmont Library

INTRODUCING OAKMONT AUTHORS

Several Oakmont related authors have released new titles.

Diagnosis of Love is the debut novel of Maggie Leffler Martin. From the publisher: This charming and accomplished novel chronicles a young doctor's journey to heal her own heart—in a tale that will resonate with every woman who has ever tried to make a new start. *Diagnosis of Love* earned a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly*.

Pittsburgh musician Bill Deasy, whose soulful lyrics and acoustic melodies have already won him fans, has also written his first novel, **Ransom Seaborn**. From the publisher: It's Dan Finbar's freshman year and he's struggling to find his proper place in Harrison College. When he finally breaks through into the world of notorious loner Ransom Seaborn, their friendship is brutally cut short, leaving Finbar with nothing but Ransom's old leather journal and his sometime girlfriend Maggie. As Finbar and Maggie investigate the journal--and Ransom's soul--their discoveries illuminate the dark depths of the human heart and they find that what glitters is indeed sometimes gold.

Oakmont residents, Dan and Dana Manges have written a memoir entitled, **Leaving Home at 72**, which chronicles their experience of selling their house in the suburbs and living in Rome, Vienna, London and Paris for almost two years while in their 70's. Join us for a program with the Manges on April 14 at 1:00 pm.