

A Letter to a Friend

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Ride the Radio Waves -- Friends Fundraiser for the Early Learning Center

Ride the Radio Waves on Saturday, October 13th at 7:30 pm marks the Friends fundraiser for the library's Early Learning Center. Come and be treated to an evening of old time radio entertainment by the professional local group Theatre of the Mindless, an audio performance group dedicated to keeping the nearly lost art of audio drama alive. This band of talented performers utilizes period costumes and prop microphones. Become part of the radio audience when the "ON AIR" light flashes in the Ray Bradbury "studio" located in the lower level of the library, 128 North County Street. The troupe's name derives from Orson Welles' description of radio drama: Theater of the Mind. Years later comedian Steve Allen parried: "Radio is theater of the mind. Television is theater of the mindless." Tickets are \$20/person or \$30/two people or couple and \$5 for children (ages 6-16). Call 847-623-2041, ext 257 for information.



Using space adjacent to the current Children's Department, the Early Learning Center (ELC) will be designed to foster early literacy skills for the youngest members of the community. The ELC will target children ages 0-7 and their families so all children in Waukegan will be better prepared to become successful students.

Thank You for the Courtyard Concerts

A big thank you to all the Friends volunteers who helped support our successful 2007 Courtyard Concerts season by baking cookies and hosting the Friday events. Thanks to your help our revenue increased over last year while our costs were lower than anticipated. The sale of soda and cookies helps support the Courtyard Concert Series and the Elmer Stone Scholarship.

photo courtesy Waukegan Main Street





Fall Book store hours are:

Thursday 3 – 6 pm

Friday 11 am – 2 pm

Saturday 12 – 3 pm

Adult Program Events

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| Sept. | 20 th | Thursday PM Book Group, <i>Jane Eyre</i> , by Charlotte Bronte, 7-8:30 pm |
| | 25 th | Tuesday Book Group, <i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i> , by Jean Rhys, 2-3:30 pm |
| Oct. | 13 th | Ride the Radio Waves ... Old Time Radio Broadcast , performed by the Theatre of the Mindless, Saturday, 7:30 pm |
| | 16 th | Back to School Sale for Educators , Tuesday, 3-7 pm |
| | 23 rd | Tuesday Book Group, <i>Confessions of Nat Turner</i> , by William Styron, 2-3:30 pm |
| | 26 th | Literary Monsters, Ray Bradbury Storytelling Festival , Genesee Theatre, Friday, 5 pm for children, 8 pm for adults |
| | | Friends Reception , 7-8 pm |
| Nov. | 8 th -11 th | Friends Fall Used Book Sale , Thursday 5-8 pm, Friday 11 am-2 pm, Saturday 9 am-3 pm, Sunday 1-3 pm |
| | 20 th | Tuesday Book Group, <i>Fifth Business</i> , by Robertson Davies, 2-3:30 pm |

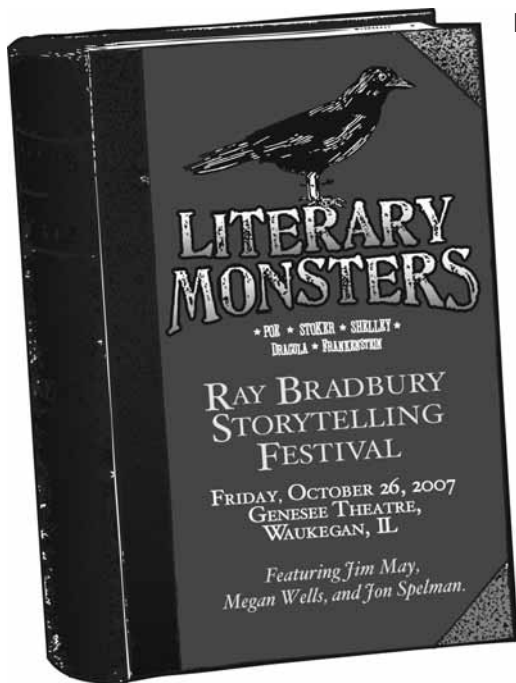
Literary Monsters -- Second Annual Ray Bradbury Storytelling Festival and friends Reception at the Genesee Theatre

On Friday, October 26th at 8 pm, Literary Monsters will be honoring Ray Bradbury's love of scary stories. Growing up in Waukegan, Ray Bradbury was mesmerized by literary monsters. So, as the harvest moon rises over the city nationally acclaimed Storytellers Jim May, Jon Spelman and Megan Wells will evoke dusky shadows for the youngest audience to the real stories of Dracula and Frankenstein as the evening progresses.

A Friends Reception will be held 7-8 pm in a salon at the Genesee Theatre to honor the contributions of its members. Come for the refreshments and socialize with your fellow Friends volunteers.

At 5 pm the festival begins with the family show, "Laughing at the Shadows" designed for younger children. These tales will be classic monster under the bed type stories. Doors open at 4 pm for this performance with lots of Halloween activities in the lobby. Children should feel free to wear their Halloween costumes. Tickets are \$12 for children aged 12 and younger, and \$17 for adults.

The 8 pm evening performance "Courting Darkness" will feature a video clip of Ray Bradbury talking about the influences in his writing including the literary monsters. This extraordinary story telling performance will include tales from Ray Bradbury, Edgar Allen Poe and the gothic greats; Bram Stoker and Mary Shelley.



Celebrating Our Friends



Since the onset of our new newsletter format it has been our custom to honor the service performed by past and present Friends volunteers and library staff. This issue will be no exception. It is with very deep regret, however, that now we must note the death of **David Ray Maxwell**, son of Mary Maxwell, the library's Volunteer Coordinator and liaison to the Friends Board.

For Mary the library was a family affair with her daughter Maggie and son David both working there respectively as a public relations intern and page. David's presence in the library was unmistakable, his blond Mohawk, tattoos, earrings, and piercings belying his gentle nature.

David was born December 17, 1985 in Union City, Indiana, and graduated from Waukegan High School, attended Columbia College in Chicago and the College of Lake County where he recently started studying digital media and sound recording. According to his sister Maggie in a *News-Sun* article, "He was a free-spirited artist type - really, really musical. Music was a really big part of his life." He had recently released a CD called "Locked Up" with his band, Avigalante (see <http://www.myspace.com/avigalante>). Maggie also describes David's love of the water. "He was always at the beach. He swam all the time ... he would go there and sit and think and write songs." Unfortunately it was a swimming accident at Carol Beach in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin that claimed his life on September 1, 2007.

A visitation was held Friday, September 7th at the Maxwell family's church, the First United Methodist Church of Waukegan. There the line of greeters to console Mary, Maggie, and other family members took several hours before it was over. People from the library, the church, and David's wide circle of friends were heavily represented. The next day, a Memorial service was held at the Stiner Pavilion at the Waukegan Municipal Beach. Rev. William Owen and Rev. Omar Logan both officiated, Rev Logan returning from retirement in Florida to talk about the boy who grew up across the street from him. All agreed that the service and gathering of friends afterward on a beautiful sunny day at the beach would have been something David would have enjoyed.

**Thursday Nov. 8th-
Sunday Nov. 11th**

The general public is welcome
Friday from 11 am to 2 pm,
Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm,
and Sunday from 1 to 3 pm.

Look for our exciting new
specials and come shop our
everyday low prices,
\$2 for hardcover books
\$1 for paperbacks.

Friends Fall Used Book Sale

Come take advantage of your Friends membership and see what new books we have on Thursday, Member's Night from 5-8 pm. Numerous books have been recently donated. Just ask Friends book store manager Mark Schubert and volunteers Pete Zaragoza and Glen Ferruzzi how their backs are after unloading what seemed like hundreds of boxes of books several weeks ago

***Enjoy hot soup to chase away the fall chill
along with a beverage and a sweet treat for only \$2.***

Memberships are available at the Friends Bookstore
and members always receive 10% off of their purchases.



Guess whose friends we are!

Identity of the picture in the summer newsletter: Peter Zaragoza laughing with his big sister Lisa, children of the Friends' volunteers June and Pete Zaragoza.

Everyone Needs Friends

If you're already a Friend, considering renewing your present membership or encourage your friends to join the Friends. You can do this at any of our book sales or by calling 847-623-2041 ext 257.

Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/Zip _____ Date _____

Type of membership
☐ Senior/Student \$5
☐ Individual \$10
☐ Family \$20
☐ Patron \$50
☐ Lifetime \$250

You may also drop off or mail this form to
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Back to School Sale for Educators: Tuesday, October 16th 3 pm – 7 pm

Low, low prices! Come buy curriculum support materials, including reference books, nonfiction, and audiovisual materials. Classroom reading for students of all ages available. Children's literature remains 2 books for a quarter.

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