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Experience jazz in March and April, live @ your library

April is Jazz Appreciation Month and the Bloomington Public Library has several ways to explore this type of music. The library owns more than 700 jazz CDs and nearly 50 films and documentaries about jazz music. Books about jazz and jazz musicians are also available at the library.

During March and April the library will host a series of programs featuring live music, rare film clips and an open discussion on various jazz topics. "Looking At: Jazz" explores the cultural and social history of jazz as it developed as an art form in the United States.

Jazz is an art form invented in early 20th century America. It has evolved into an enduring expression of creativity and innovation. The history of jazz is much more than the history of an extraordinary musical genre – it is also the story of central social, political and cultural issues of the 20th century that continue to play a part in our fledgling 21st century.

Programs will be held on Thursday evenings in March and April. See the inset box for topics and dates. Dr. Bill Koehler, Professor of Music at Illinois State University, will lead discussions about jazz following each film.

Dr. Koehler teaches applied double bass, string techniques, string pedagogy, improvisation/composition, and graduate courses in music education, including psychology of music. A native of New York, Dr. Koehler has performed in England, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Russia and Belorussia, Puerto Rico, and throughout the United States.

Each program will feature live music from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the film and discussion from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All programs will take place in the Community Room at the Bloomington Public Library.

Registration is required. You can register in person at the Adult Services Information Desk or by phone at 828-6091, ext. 244.

Ella Fitzgerald is one of the jazz legends featured in "Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form."

The library has biographies

on Ella's life: *Ella: the life and times of Ella Fitzgerald* by Sid Colin, and *Ella Fitzgerald: a biography of the First Lady of Jazz* by Stuart Nicholson.

In the jazz section of the library's music collection the following CDs will allow you to hear Ella's amazing voice: *Ella Fitzgerald Sings Sweet Songs for Swingers*, *Ella Fitzgerald Live: lady be good, Pure Ella*, and *Ella in Rome: the birthday concert*.

If you would prefer to see Ella belt out tunes, be sure to check out on of these documentaries: *Forever Ella*, *Ella Fitzgerald: something to live for*, or *Ella Fitzgerald: live in '57 and '63*.

"Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form" is organized by Re:New Media in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Program Dates & Topics

- March 15 – New Orleans and the Origins of Jazz
- March 22 – The Jazz Age and Harlem as a Center for Jazz
- March 29 – The Jazz Vocalists and the Swing Era
- April 12 – Jazz Innovators: from Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool and more
- April 19 – Latin Jazz and Jazz as an International Music
- April 29 – Modern Influences

Friends of the Library provide matching gift to library

In celebration of the library's renovation project, the Friends of the Bloomington Library gave \$100,000 to the library.

The gift is being used as a challenge to those who also wish to give to the library in order to name a room, and to provide for the "extras" not included in the renovation and expansion. For example, all the end panels of the library's book stacks now have slatwall on them; but the library did not have funds to purchase any of the holders and trays to display books.

Other items purchased with the gift include four new mobile display units, a rug and new DVD shelving for the Children's department, three directional arrows, and a new disc check machine.

The money for the gift came from years of saving funds from the quarterly Friends of the Library Book Sales. The Friends also continue to support library programs such as the Summer Reading Program, and special speakers and performances.

The gift also provided matching funds to name the Children's Computer Center in honor of long time Library Board Trustee

Bill Wetzel. Matching funds are still available to name the Audiovisual Area, the Illinois Area, and the Teen Zone.

If you are interested in donating to the library, please contact Georgia Bouda, Library Director, at 828-6091 x203.



New items purchased with the gift include DVD shelving (left), and children's play rug (below). photos by Alissa Williams.



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Online

From the library's home page, click on My Account. This takes you to the new catalog, where you can select "My Account" and log in to the library's catalog using your library card number and PIN.

By Phone

Call 828-6091 and select option 2 at the prompt. Be ready to give your library card number and ask us to renew all items that are due.

@ the library

Simply bring you library card to the Check-Out Desk.

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- Mon-Thur 9am-9pm
- Fri & Sat 9am-5pm
- Sunday 1pm-5pm

Contact Us

(309) 828-6091
www.bloomingtonlibrary.org

Out & About

Hear the library talk books on WJBC at 10 a.m. March 5, 19, April 10, 16, 30.

Visit the children's librarians at the Books Alive! event at Western Avenue Community Center from 5:30-7:30 April 13.

I can do what?! Access books at other libraries

The library's collection of materials reflects new trends and interests along with past stories and issues. On occasion though, you may be looking for an item not owned by the library. If this happens, a process known as interlibrary loan could get you the materials you want. Interlibrary loan (ILL) is a process where a library requests materials from, or supplies materials to, another library. This service is available to all Bloomington library card holders.

The next time you can't find an item you want in the library catalog, ask a librarian at one of our service desks about ILL. The librarian will fill out a form to request your item from the lending library. Materials usually arrive within three weeks of the request. Items owned by Illinois libraries may arrive sooner. We will notify you when the item arrives and it will be waiting at the Check Out Desk for you. In general, ILL materials check out for two weeks.

Books and books on tape or CD requested via ILL must be older than one year. Other items you may request are: music on CD older than two years, photocopies of magazine articles, microfilm, and films on VHS.

Tax form information

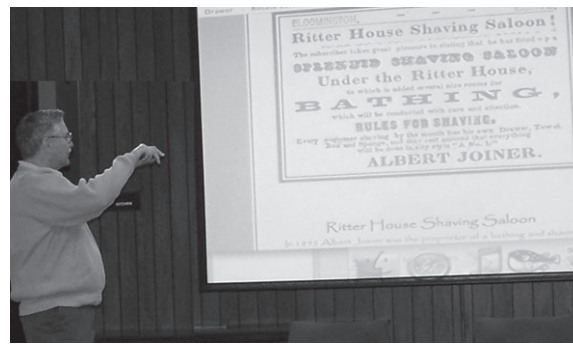
The cheapest and easiest method to receive paper copies of tax forms and instructions is to call the IRS and have them mailed directly to your home. Call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

The library will have limited paper copies of tax forms available in the lobby. Forms are available online at www.irs.gov (federal forms), and www.revenue.state.il.us (Illinois state tax forms).

Please remember librarians cannot legally assist you with filling out tax forms.

January Quiz Answers

Charles Richard Drew, Blood Bank; Garrett Augustus Morgan, Traffic Signal and Gas Mask; Frederick M. Jones, Truck Refrigeration; Thomas L. Jennings, Dry Cleaning Process; Benjamin Banneker, Clock; Sarah E. Goode, Folding Cabinet Bed; Granville T. Woods, Railroad Telegraph; James Forten, Sail Raising Device; Achibald Alexander, Whitehurst Freeway, Washington, D.C.; Norbert Rillieux, Sugar Refiner



Seen at the library...

Jack Muirhead presented "Black Pride and Presence on the Prairie" on Jan. 15. This informative program highlighted contributions by African Americans in McLean County from 1837-2007. *photo by Karen Moen.*

Poet uses strange and wonderful wordplay

Jack Prelutsky has been named as the initial recipient of the Poetry Foundation's Children's Poet Laureate. Prelutsky is loved by children and adults for his inventive poems. His award-winning books include *Tyrannosaurus Was a Beast*, *The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*, *The Random House Book of Poetry for Children*, and *The Beauty of the Beast*.

Recently, Jack's genius has created 17 new poems combining use of an inanimate object and an animal's behavior in his new title, *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant*. The "uh-larm-uh-Dill-owes", the pronunciation found within the design of Carin Berger's ringing display, shows the alarming frenzy of this creation. This menagerie of silly, fun and witty puns will delight the reader.

Puns are not Prelutsky's only form of poetry. He sets the stage for animal riddles in first-person Haiku style in *If Not For The Cat...*

We are we are we
Are we are we are we are
Many in our hill.

A legion of ants swarming around the Haiku is brilliantly stamped across a two-page spread by illustrator Ted Rand. *If Not For The Cat* is an enjoyable read-a-loud and will spark the interest of any animal lover.

Come check out Prelutsky's poems at the Bloomington Public Library, and see for yourself why he is the U.S. Children's Poet Laureate. For more information, visit www.poetryfoundation.org.

Dr. Seuss' birthday cause for celebration

March 2 is Dr. Seuss' birthday. Dr. Seuss' real name was Theodore Geisel. He took a pen name because he wanted to use his real name for adult novels he planned to publish. *The Cat in the Hat* was produced in response to a 1954 article in *Life* magazine deploring the banality of most children's books. *The Cat in the Hat* initiated a series of learning-to-read books that sold over 50 million copies and were translated into 20 languages.

For the sake of his chosen audience, he worked within length and vocabulary constraints that were often severe, and yet he was one of the most fluently inventive producers of neologisms (invented words). His "formula" has produced some of the most impressive sales in the juvenile publishing industry. Dr. Seuss never shied away from trying to convey moral lessons to his readers. The story of *Yurtle the Turtle* warns the reader of taking advantage of others, and *Green Eggs and Ham* informs young readers of the need to try new experiences. Geisel claimed to find no irony in the fact that he and his wife were childless. "You have 'em, I'll amuse 'em," he said on more than one occasion.

Learn more about Dr. Seuss by checking out these books from the children's department:

Dr. Seuss by Dana Meachen Rau; *The Boy on Fairfield Street* by Kathleen Krull; *Oh, the Places He Went* by Maryann N. Weidt; *Dr. Seuss* by Mae Woods; *Dr. Seuss* by Carin T. Ford; *The Seuss the Whole Seuss and Nothing but the Seuss* by Charles D. Cohen. All books mentioned are shelved in J813.52 Seu. Also, check out *Something About the Author* volumes 67 and 109, found in JR 920 SOM to learn more about Dr. Seuss. Use these books to find the answers this quiz:



1. What college did Dr. Seuss graduate from?
2. What was Dr. Seuss's first book?
3. Where did Dr. Seuss meet his wife, Helen Palmer?
4. How many words are used in *Green Eggs and Ham*?
5. What year did Dr. Seuss win a Pulitzer Prize?
6. What two Dr. Seuss films won Emmy Awards?
7. What was Dr. Seuss's last book?
8. When did Dr. Seuss use the name Theo LeSieg?
9. How did Dr. Seuss come up with LeSieg?
10. What was Dr. Seuss's real name?
11. What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book?

Can't get to the library? We bring materials to you!

Two services provide library materials to those who are unable to visit the library. Home Delivery and Books-By-Mail are free programs provided by the library's Outreach department.

Home Delivery

If you are unable to come to the library, either temporarily or permanently, you are eligible for Home Delivery. You must live in Bloomington to use this service. Examples of types of customers using Home Delivery include: a pregnant woman on bedrest, a person with a broken leg, seniors who are unable to use public transportation in the winter, homebound individuals, and persons undergoing treatment for cancer or other serious illnesses.

Home Delivery customers can receive books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, VHS tapes, and CDs. Materials are selected for customers based on their interests. Volunteers deliver items to customer's homes every other week. Sign up for this program by calling 828-6091 x 259.

Books-By-Mail

Anyone who resides in Dawson, Old Town, Dale, Arrowsmith or Bloomington Townships can participate in the Books-By-Mail program. This program is not limited to individuals unable to visit the library. Perhaps your schedule is simply too busy to allow you to visit the library in downtown Bloomington, or the Bookmobile visits your neighborhood on a night when you have other obligations.

Books-By-Mail is limited to paperback items only, but includes fiction, non-fiction, children's and teen titles. A catalog of new titles to choose from is sent ten times a year. Books are mailed directly to your home in a postage paid bag, which includes return postage, so the service is offered completely at no cost to you. Sign up for the program by calling 828-6091 x 234.

Bookmobile News

Bookmobile stops may be cancelled due to weather or mechanical problems. Listen to WJBC (1230 AM) radio station to find out if the Bookmobile is not running.

A new Bookmobile Schedule will debut in April. The schedule has been re-designed and features a new map.

The Bookmobile serves residents of Bloomington, and the Golden Priarie Public District Library, which includes Dawson, Dale, Old Town, Arrowsmith, Bloomington Townships.

The mission of the Bloomington Public Library is to provide a helpful and friendly place for people of all ages to gain access to and enjoy the world of information; to support lifelong learning; and to be a partner for coping with change.