

**DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** President Wendee Greene called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** Members present: Trustee Ed Earl, Trustee Susan Eblen, Trustee David Humphreys, Trustee Art Jaros, Trustee Thomas Read, President Wendee Greene.

Also present: Interim Co-Director Sue O'Brien, Interim Co-Director Bonnie Reid, Public Relations Manager Melissa Doornbos, Friends of the Library President Joann Hansen, and resident Ed Pawlak. Humphreys arrived at 7:42.

3. **Welcome to visitors.** President Greene welcomed visitors and thanked them for their interest in the work of the Library.
4. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. Approval of Minutes, Regular Monthly Meeting, March 23, 2016. It was moved by Jaros and seconded by Earl THAT the Minutes of the March 23, 2016 Monthly Meeting be approved as drafted. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: Eblen.
 - b. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting, Including Executive Session, April 5, 2016. It was moved by Read and seconded by Jaros THAT the Minutes of the April 5, 2016 Special Meeting, Including Executive Session be approved as drafted. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
 - c. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting, Including Executive Session, April 20, 2016. It was moved by Eblen and seconded by Earl THAT the Minutes of the April 20, 2016 Special Meeting, Including Executive Session be approved as drafted. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
 - d. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting, Including Executive Session, April 21, 2016. It was moved by Earl and seconded by Eblen THAT the Minutes of the April 21, 2016 Special Meeting, Including Executive Session be approved as drafted. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
5. **Financial Matters.**
 - a. March Financial Report. Reid/O'Brien presented the report and responded to questions.

- b. Approval of April 2016 Invoices. It was moved by Read and seconded by Eblen THAT April operating invoices totaling \$127,311.95 and credit memos totaling \$2,741.59 be approved, and that March 2016 payrolls totaling \$215,523.92 be recognized. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** President Greene invited comments. There were none.
7. **Public Comment on Other Library Business.** President Greene invited comments. There were none.
8. **Unfinished Business.**
 - a. Change order from Shales McNutt. Requested action: approval. O'Brien presented the change order for the addition of new acoustic panels for the Quiet Study Room to the upcoming construction project. Since the original project came in costing less than expected, there is money in the budget to pay for the addition. It was moved by Jaros and seconded by Earl THAT the change order for the addition of new acoustic panels for the Quiet Study Room be added to the project. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
9. **New Business.**
 - a. Change authorized names on U.S. Bank safe deposit box. Requested action: approval. Since Rick Ashton and Kathy Di Cola are no longer affiliated with the library, O'Brien asked that the Board approve removing their names as authorized signers for the safe deposit box at U.S. Bank and add Wendee Greene, Sue O'Brien, and Bonnie Reid as authorized signers until the new Director begins work. It was moved by Jaros and seconded by Eblen THAT Rick Ashton and Kathy DiCola be removed as authorized signers from the U.S. Bank safe deposit box and Wendee Greene, Sue O'Brien, and Bonnie Reid be added as authorized signers. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
10. **Report of the Director.** O'Brien/Reid presented their report (attached).
11. **Trustee comments and requests for information.**
 - Earl asked about the process for applying for grants.
 - Humphreys saw an article in *The Patch* that the Library's View from the Director's Chair led one student to an internship in Berlin, and he is proud we are enabling students.
 - Jaros asked how often toys are cleaned in the Kids Room. Bonnie will check and report back.
 - Jaros asked why Kathleen DiCola's name was cc'd in the per capita grant letter from the Secretary of State.
12. **Adjournment.** President Greene adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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**REPORT OF THE INTERIM CO-DIRECTORS
AGENDA ITEM 10**

- a. Harry Potter week. The Library hosted Harry Potter week during Spring Break. All eight Harry Potter movies were shown on the big screen, and well-attended programs included Hidden Harry Potter, Harry Potter Trivia for Teens, and Defense Against the Dark Arts. The Platform 9 ¾ Photobooth was extremely popular, too.
- b. Per Capita Grant. The Library received a letter from the Secretary of State (attached) saying the Library's FY2016 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant will be \$37,935.84, a rate of \$0.77085 per resident which is a reduction due to state budget cuts. The letter also stated that payment of the funds may be significantly delayed due to the state budget impasse.
- c. PLA. Seven staff members attend the Public Library Association Conference in Denver, CO, in early April. Each attendee will write a report to share ideas he or she would like to try at the Downers Grove Library. Teen Librarian Lynette Pitrak and Information Technology Manager Dale Galiniak presented a well-received program at the conference, "View from the Director's Chair: Filmmaking for Teens."
- d. Book Genie article in ILA Reporter. Children's Services Librarian-Reference & Technology Coordinator Sharon Hrycewicz and Adult & Teen Services Manager Nicole Wilhelms published an article in the April 2016 issue of the *ILA* (Illinois Library Association) *Reporter*, entitled "Book Genie Grants Your Reading Wishes." (attached).
- e. Recent Library Statistics. March 2016 statistics attached.
- f. Recent Media Coverage. Attached.



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March 28, 2016

Dr. Rick Ashton, Director
Downers Grove Public Library
1050 Curtiss Street
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-4606

Dear Dr. Ashton:

I am pleased to award the Downers Grove Public Library a FY2016 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$37,935.84. Over \$9.4 million is being awarded this year to Illinois public libraries serving nearly 11.5 million patrons at a rate of \$0.77085 per resident, a reduction due to state budget cuts.

Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants help ensure that public libraries have the resources to address patron and community needs. I know that libraries count on these grants for important expenses such as paying for materials, programming and technology.

Please be aware that due to the state budget impasse, payment of these funds may be significantly delayed. As in previous years, the library may use these funds until the end of the following fiscal year; in this case, until June 30, 2017. All expenditures must have concluded by that date.

Our public libraries are truly the cornerstones of our communities. In these hard economic times, they are a lifesaver for those who need help to better their lives and are the best and most reliable resource Illinois citizens have to obtain information.

I am extremely proud of the outstanding service you and all Illinois public libraries provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

JESSE WHITE, Secretary of State
and State Librarian

cc: Kathleen DiCola, Board President
FY2016 Downers Grove Public Library Per Capita File

JW:isl

Book Genie Grants Your Reading Wishes

HOW BOOK GENIE CAME TO BE

In the fall of 2013, the Downers Grove Public Library embarked on the challenge of updating our library website. We were also working toward fulfilling a major strategy of our 2012–2014 Strategic Plan, “to maintain a focus on books and reading.” As a result, we transitioned from a lengthy online readers’ advisory form that saw minimal use to an interactive process that provides customers with instant suggestions. We developed Book Genie, a readers’ advisory quiz for kids, teens, and adults. You will find it at www.dglibrary.org/genie.

Launched in February 2014, Book Genie provides advice to readers in a flexible web format. Resembling an online quiz, it helps construct individualized reading recommendations. As the reader clicks through a series of book covers, Book Genie generates instant suggestions responding to the reader’s expressed interests and preferences. These suggestions link directly to the library’s catalog, providing what every good genie aspires to—immediate wish-fulfillment! Staff librarians choose all Book Genie books, and organize them in comprehensive categories, beginning with children, teens, and adults. Visitors who do not find something interesting among the Book Genie suggestions can fill out a form that librarians respond to via e-mail with further reading ideas.

RELEASING THE GENIE

To introduce this exciting new service, Book Genie was heavily publicized as part of the new website launch. In addition to social media, library staff actively promoted Book Genie at school visits, teacher in-service trainings, farmers’ markets, and in-house. On Book Genie’s first birthday, we did a library-wide, month-long promotional push. We purchased three custom Book Genie cardboard standees for display throughout the library, gave away mints branded with the Book Genie logo, and featured Book Genie on the library’s homepage, newsletter, and social media outlets.

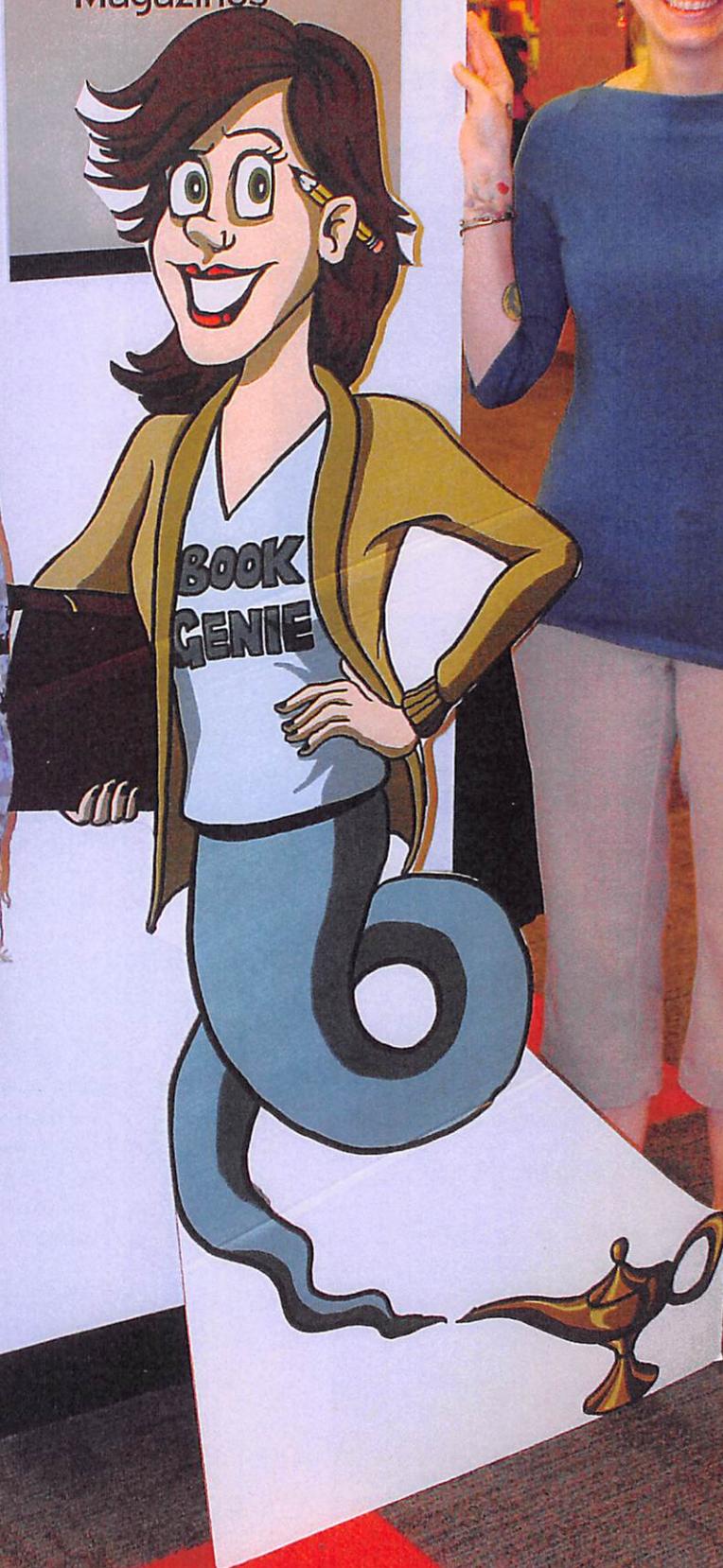
Service desks also handed out evaluation forms asking a few simple questions about Book Genie. Survey responses ran the gamut from patrons responding that they had not heard of Book Genie to patrons who loved it and wanted to see more categories. These responses helped readers discover the new tool, informed future updates to Book Genie, and allowed staff to assess the impact of an interactive digital readers’ advisory service. We found that the majority of our customers enjoyed this fun approach. As one library user wrote, “It’s a great start to finding new books. Brings up suggestions I would never have seen!”

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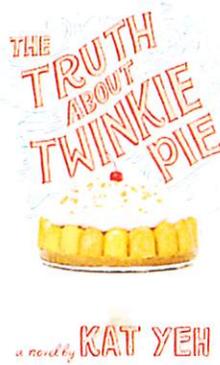
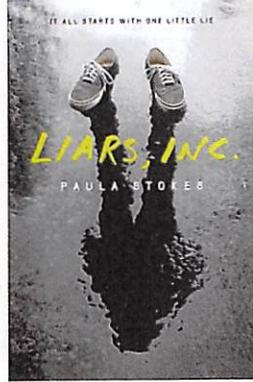
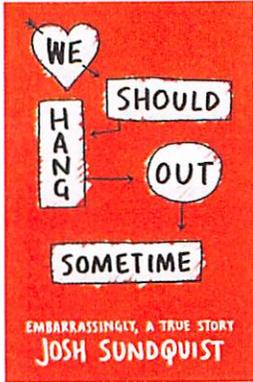
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Book Genie Grants Your Reading Wishes

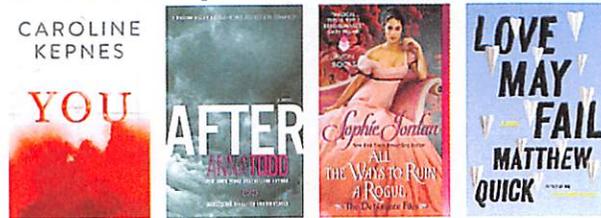
Not sure what to read next? Book Genie can help! Start by telling Genie which type of book you want to read by selecting a cover below. [Take me right to the recommendation form!](#)



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Your Email *

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- Kids
- Teens
- Adult



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IT'S NOT ALL MAGIC

Book Genie is a custom Drupal module developed by web developer Sean Fitzpatrick of Proof Studio, in conjunction with our digital librarian. Built using Drupal's taxonomy structure, genres and titles are organized in a hierarchical tree. The templates render each taxonomy term to display the associated cover image and title. To keep its content fresh, Book Genie categories and titles are updated at least three times a year. Children's titles are listed by genre and arranged by grade level, including picture books, easy chapter books, and chapter books. Children's staff select titles throughout the year. As new book carts come to the department, staff identify books that fit into nine Book Genie categories, keeping track in a Google doc. When the deadline for new titles looms, we look at the doc and decide what areas need attention and assign staff to fill in any holes. By making Book Genie an on-going assignment using a working document, staff have integrated Book Genie into their weekly workflow.

Teen and adult titles are delineated by fiction and nonfiction, breaking out into genres and subjects. Adult and Teen Services (ATS) staff spend three weeks compiling titles into a Google doc. We started by assigning a team of three to four staff to complete each Book Genie update, but recently we have included all ATS staff to assist in each update. Once titles are selected, PR and IT staff spend an additional two weeks updating the website with new selections.

EVALUATING BOOK GENIE

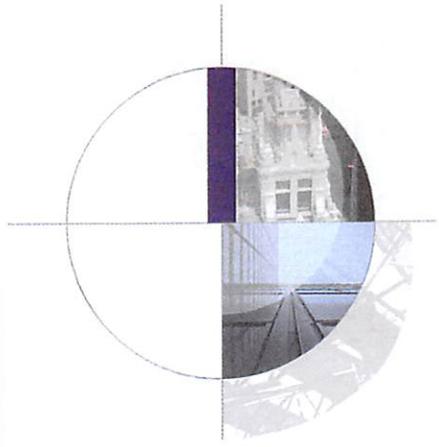
Now in its third year, Book Genie continues to be popular, with over 7,800 page views in 2015! Library staff utilize Google Analytics to understand how patrons are using Book Genie and to adapt to meet patron interests by reviewing category popularity. Before each Book Genie update, staff review which categories to remove and select ones to feature. Popular topics include historical fiction, book club favorites, memoirs and biographies, teen dystopian, kids fantasy, and librarian picks. Over the last two years, staff have adjusted the quiz structure and added more read-alike categories such as "If you liked NPR's *Serial*..." During Academy Awards season, we developed a spin-off called Movie Genie, and to support our "League of Super Heroes" summer reading club theme, a Super Genie option was offered. Both proved popular with customers.

Since its inception, Book Genie has granted over 3,500 book wishes. Not only does Book Genie provide instant book suggestions to patrons, but it also enhances a reading-focused strategic plan. Staff enjoy selecting titles and patrons are able to interact with an engaging book service.

May all your reading wishes be granted! 

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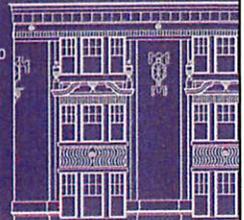


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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Circulation	MAR 16	%	MAR 15	%	MAR 14	%
2	Checkouts						
3	Selfchecks	51,908	77%	53,609	76%	43,903	64%
4	Staff desk	15,615	23%	16,676	24%	24,562	36%
5	Total checkouts	67,523		70,285		68,465	
6							
7	Renewals						
8	Selfchecks	1,802		661		429	
9	Staff desk (incl. phone)	2,877		2,525		4,213	
10	Patron self-renewals on website	11,123		4,410		4,990	
11	Patron self-renewals on BookMyne	63					
12	Total renewals	15,865		7,596		9,632	
13							
14	Total item checkout and renewals	83,388		77,881		78,097	
15	Ebooks - Overdrive	4,199		4,026		3,638	
16	Ebooks - 3M Cloud Library	2,169		1,386		1,039	
17	Emagazines - Zinio	629		797		969	
18	Hoopla	438					
19	Total Circulation	90,823		84,090		83,743	
20							
21	Reference Questions (Info Desk)	178		154			
22							
23	Reserves Processed						
24	Received from ILL	8,474		6,499		6,175	
25	ILL sent	4,708		5,841		5,856	
26	OCLC requests processed	971		986		899	
27							
28	Gate Count						
29	North	30,103		28,755		30,307	
30	South	16,128		15,023		14,527	
31	Total	46,231		43,778		44,834	
32							
33	Registrations						
34	New resident library cards	169		157		191	
35	New fee cards	13		6		10	
36							
37	Current borrowers	31,248		29,561		29,188	
38	Active fee cards	123		127		142	
39	Revenue:	Cash	Online	Credit Cards	Credit	Total	
40			Payment	at Desk	Cards at		
41					Selfchecks		
42	4410 Sale of Materials	\$905.25		\$73.00		\$978.25	
43	4502 Charges for Services	\$1,311.06		\$257.60		\$1,568.66	
44	4509 Fees for Non-Residents	\$560.00		\$1,400.00		\$1,960.00	
45	4571 Meeting Room	\$260.00		\$140.00		\$400.00	
46	4581 Fines	\$2,342.87	\$688.39	\$1,462.29	\$2,617.13	\$7,110.68	
47	4590 Cost Recovered for Svcs.	\$381.98	\$67.00	\$356.00	\$137.00	\$941.98	
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49		\$5,761.16	\$755.39	\$3,688.89	\$2,754.13	\$12,959.57	

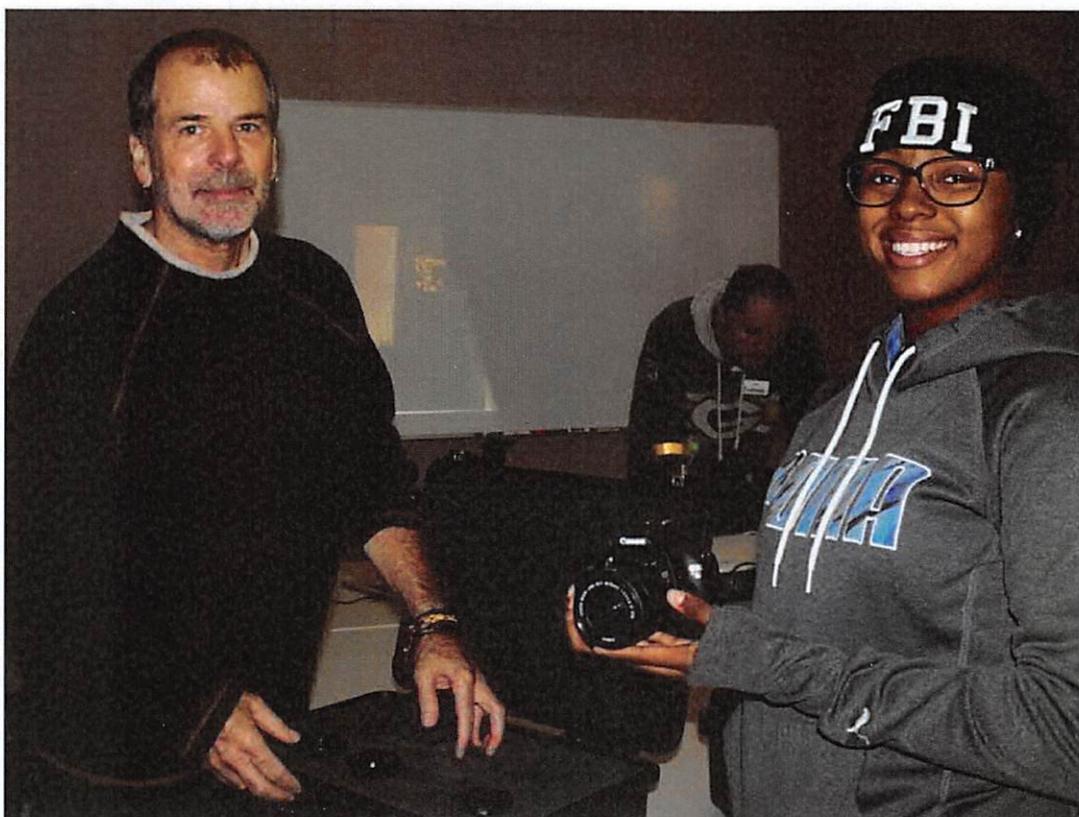
Teens Apply Skills Learned at Downers Grove Library

Library staff are hard at work planning the next round of technology curriculum.

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By MORGAN SEARLES (Patch Staff) - March 22, 2016 6:52 pm ET



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After two
successful rounds
of hands-on
camera training,
Downers Grove
Public Library
Teen Services
Coordinator

Lynette Pitrak is
thrilled to see
teens putting

what they learned to use outside of the library.

DGPL received a \$5,000 Best Buy Foundation Community Grant in 2014, and invited high schoolers to create their own documentary during an

eight-week training program, View From the Director's Chair. The curriculum was led by independent film producer Laura Zinger and took participants from the beginning pre-production stages all the way to a public film screening of their work at the Tivoli Theatre.

Structured after the View From the Director's Chair filmmaking course, a photography follow up was offered in 2015. Taught by College of DuPage photography professor Michael Taylor, View From Behind the Lens curriculum covered camera basics, lighting techniques, and the editing software Lightroom.

Now, after both programs have wrapped, teens are actively using what they learned.

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Lynette was approached by Amelia Cosmas, the parent of a student who needed professional headshots to apply for a college theater program. Amelia got quotes from businesses. "The photos needed for my daughter to apply would have cost \$175 or more." Lynette put them in touch with Niara Briggs, 18, who completed both the filmmaking and photography programs offered by the library. Niara used equipment loaned from DGPL, and her sharpened

skills, to take the headshots.

In addition to the cost benefit, both Amelia and her daughter were pleased with the finished products. "Niara did great work. She was flexible with scheduling, responsive, and sent the edited photos quickly." It was a win-win.

Jasmine Smith, 19, always knew she wanted to go into film, so applying for an entertainment-based internship in Berlin, Germany was a no brainer. Because of her previous participation in View From the Director's Chair, Jasmine knew just who to ask when she needed a letter of recommendation - film producer and curriculum instructor Laura Zinger. "I learned so much from Ms. Z. Most importantly that your content must captivate your audience."

Jasmine was accepted into the weeklong internship where she worked behind the scenes for the Berlinale Film Festival in Berlin. Odin's Eye Entertainment company was so impressed with her performance that she has been invited back to prepare for the Cannes Film Festival in May. Jasmine is also using her knowledge locally. "I've filmed weddings and birthday parties. I understand the equipment and the editing process better because of the library program. We covered a lot in a small amount of time."

These programs were planned to show teens how to use some of the equipment and software that is available through the library. Also, "We hoped to support participants' passion for the creative arts," Teen Services Coordinator Lynette explained. "But knowing they can use, and are using, these skills outside of the library setting is more than we

expected. I'm incredibly proud of them. And I'm proud of programs like this."

Library staff are hard at work planning the next round of technology curriculum. See dglibrary.org for information on services provided by the Downers Grove Public Library.

Image1 - Niara Briggs, 18, with View from Behind the Lens photography instructor Mike Taylor.

Image2 - Jasmine Smith, 19, in front of the Berlin wall during her internship at the Berlinale Film Festival.

Image3 - The headshot Sonja Kudulis, 18, submitted with her application.



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View from Behind the Lens: It's a Wrap! a guest post by Lynette Pitrak

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Makerspace at your library

My previous post detailed the first half of [View from Behind the Lens](#), an eight-week advanced photography workshop for middle school and high school students. In the first few weeks of class, Downers Grove-based instructor Mike Taylor and I worked on teaching

the students camera basics, various types of photography shoots, and working with both natural and artificial lighting. We did some great walking tours through Downers Grove at all times of day, to capture full sunlight, dusk, and night scenes.



Midway through the program, we took an amazing field trip to the [Museum of Contemporary Photography](#) to take a docent-led tour. A graduate student in Columbia College's photography program showed the View from Behind the Lens students a special collection of work, and facilitated a discussion about choices in shot framing,

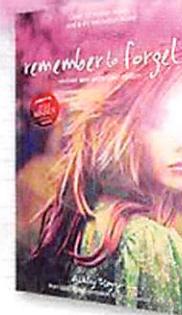
Photoshopping, and lighting. Then, the students had half an hour to explore the rest of the museum on their own. We finished the day with a fun stop to Chicago's beautiful Millennium Park, so the students could see some amazing outdoor sculptures by artists like Jaume Plensa, Magdalena Abakanowicz, and of course, Anish Kapoor, who is the artist behind [Cloud Gate](#) (aka The Bean).

For the last class sessions, we focused on photography editing using Adobe Lightroom software. The students had a great time playing with the filters, cropping, changing color photographs to black and white, and adjusting file sizes so that they were set to print most cleanly.

Students then had the opportunity to take the cameras home for one month, in order to shoot on their own. At any time, they were able to come to the library to access the Lightroom software to edit their photographs. After this month-long period, each student submitted two photographs to be hung in Downers Grove Public Library's art gallery. The beautiful show hung for the entire month of February, and attracted a lot of attention from library visitors!! The community was incredibly impressed by the professional and creative work done by these teens.

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Finally, on the last day the show was displayed, we hosted a Meet the Artists event in the library's gallery. Around one hundred members of the community came to meet the teen photographers and talk to them about their work. Over half of the photographs sold too, many being the students' first sale ever! It was a truly wonderful experience, and so exciting

for Mike and I to see the students' talent and passion come to life during the final show.

Thank you for giving Downers Grove Public Library the opportunity to share this program with other librarians and educators, and please feel free to get in touch with questions at any time.

Lynette Pitrak is the Teen Services Coordinator at the Downers Grove Public Library in Downers Grove, Illinois.

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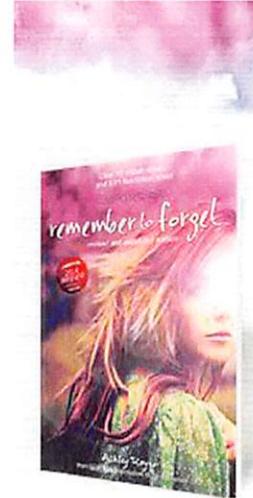
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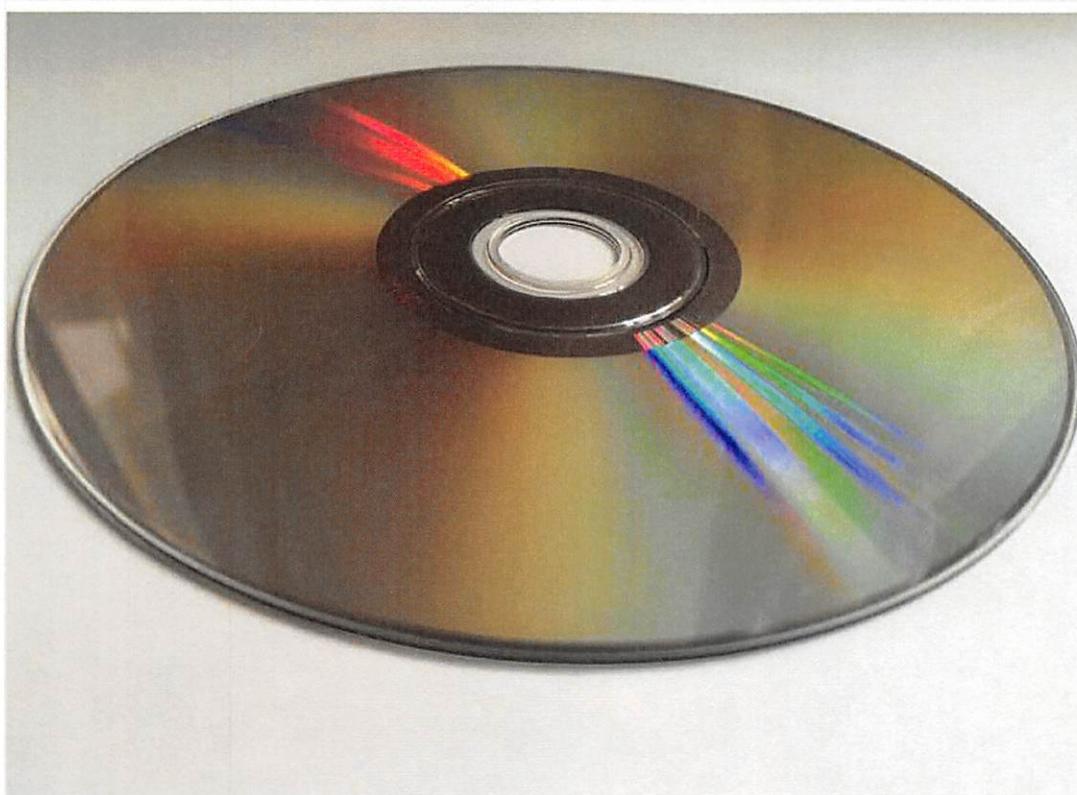
VHS to DVD Converter Available at the Downers Grove Library

Transfer your home movies from VHS tapes to DVD discs.

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By MORGAN SEARLES (Patch Staff) - March 28, 2016 2:36 pm ET



Downers Grove IL - The Downers Grove Public Library now has a VHS converter available for checkout, which can be used to convert home movies and other VHS tapes to DVDs.

To use the converter, library patrons need a burnable DVD disc and a TV to plug the device into, according to the library.

DGPL cardholders can check out the converter for up three weeks by searching "DVD recorder" in the catalog at dglibrary.org.

Call [\(630\) 960-1200](tel:6309601200) or visit the computer help desk on the library's second floor for more information.

Friends of the Library Give Generous Donation

These funds have been used for large-screen monitors for two group study rooms and childhood enrichment materials.

Downers Grove, IL

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By MORGAN SEARLES (Patch Staff) - March 31, 2016 9:01 am ET



Submitted by the [Downers Grove Public Library](#).

Downers Grove, IL - The Downers Grove Friends of the Library recently gave a generous donation of \$6,000 to the Downers Grove Public Library.

These funds have been used for large-screen monitors for two group study rooms and childhood enrichment materials for the Kids Room.

Using the mounted monitor, personal laptops can now be connected for group viewing of presentations, websites, or photos. The baby tub is a new favorite of the library's youngest visitors, providing a compact space for babies to play. Replacement velcro blocks give the hands-on preschool play area a refreshed look and are already being put to use.

The remaining funds will be used for the library's 2016 Summer Reading Clubs. This includes prizes for participants, printed materials, school visit supplies, and support for the Sunday, May 22 kickoff party.

The Downers Grove Friends of the Library are members of the community whose active support has provided the library with funds for various events and services. Friends of the Library members encourage use of the library and instill a love of reading in others.

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Public Library Board lays out schedule for director search

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

DOWNERS GROVE – The Downers Grove Public Library Board of Trustees will have several meetings in April and May in order to select the next director of the library.

The search firm Bradbury Associates presented the board a list of candidates to review during an April 5 special meeting.

The board will conduct interviews with semifinalists from 5 to 9 p.m. April 20 and 21 in the library's Kid's Program Room. Final interviews will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. May 4 and 5 at an off-site location to be determined.

The interviews are closed to the public, but there will be an opportunity for public comment after each interview session, as well as during the board's regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 27.

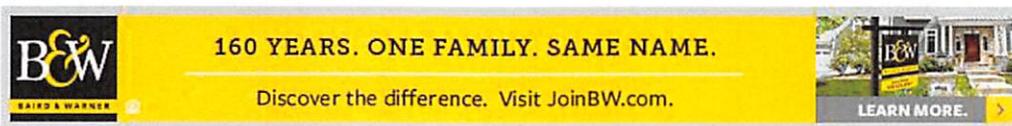
The board has not set the date it will hire the director or when the director

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will start. During a January meeting, representatives with Bradbury Associates suggested the director could be hired by May 10.

The library's previous director, Rick Ashton, retired at the end of March. Assistant directors Sue O'Brien and Bonnie Reid are serving as co-interim library directors until the new director starts.



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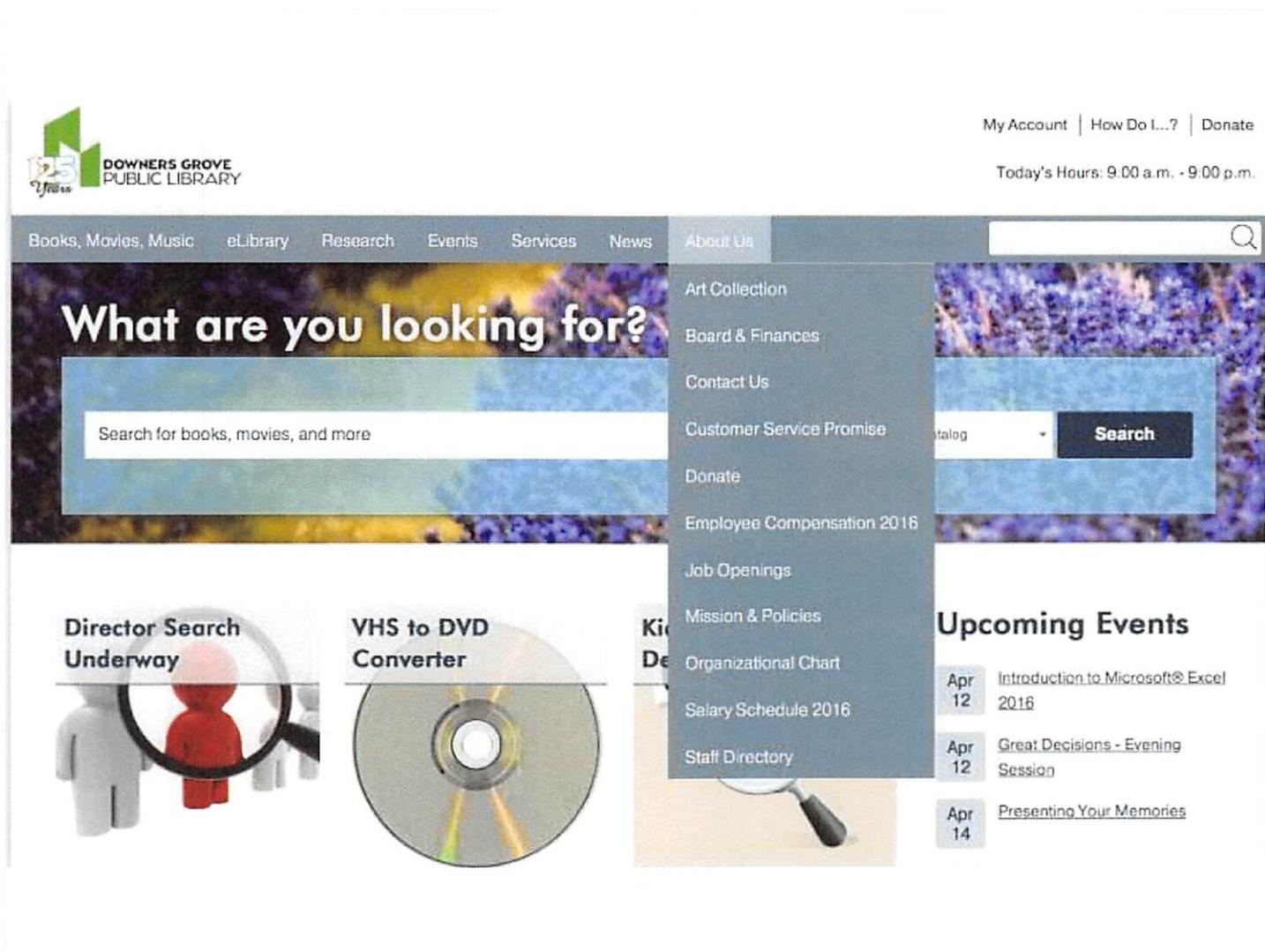
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Downers Grove, IL

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Submitted by the Downers Grove Public Library.

Downers Grove, IL - You might have noticed that some things on [dglibrary.org](http://www.dglibrary.org/) (<http://www.dglibrary.org/>) have moved since your last visit to the Downers Grove Public Library's website.

Most recently, content has been slightly reorganized throughout the main menu.

An "About Us" section contains organizational information including current and past budgets, policies, job openings, and a staff directory. A Services tab quickly directs you to some of our most-requested amenities: wireless printing, tax resources, and how to book a room or get a library card.

Find content for children in the following places:

More from Across Patch

- 2016 New York Presidential Primary Results: Voters Get A Say (<http://patch.com/illinois/downers-grove/new-york-presidential-primary-results-voters-get-a-say>)
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- Kindle Fire, Propane Grill, Portable Chargers: Monday's Top Deals (<http://patch.com/illinois/downers-grove/kindle-fire-propane-grill-portable-chargers-mondays-top-deals>)

- [books for kids under Books](http://dglibrary.org/kidsbooks) (<http://dglibrary.org/kidsbooks>)
- [Movies](http://dglibrary.org/kidsbooks) (<http://dglibrary.org/kidsbooks>)
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- [homework resources for kids under Research](http://dglibrary.org/research/all?term_node_tid_depth=180) (http://dglibrary.org/research/all?term_node_tid_depth=180)
- [storytimes and programs for kids under Events](http://dglibrary.org/events?field_event_type_tid%5B%5D=154) (http://dglibrary.org/events?field_event_type_tid%5B%5D=154).

The library is in the process of testing the reorganization that was done to determine its usability.

Visit the website at www.dglibrary.org (<http://www.dglibrary.org/>) and send feedback on your experiences to webmaster@dglibrary.org (<mailto:webmaster@dglibrary.org>). Your input is helpful in directing future improvements.

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