

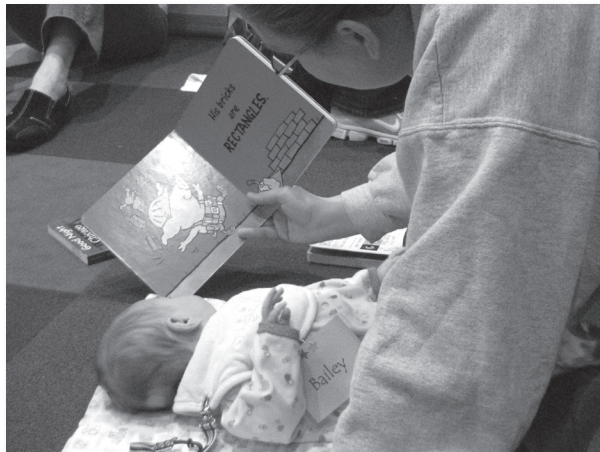
Babies Need Books

From the moment your baby's eyes open, he or she is learning. Just by talking to, playing with, and caring for your baby every day, you are helping your baby develop important life skills. And one of the key building blocks for *all* learning is language.

Fortunately, babies are born ready to acquire language and produce sounds. At just two days old they can tell the difference between the language they heard in the womb and a foreign language. Newborns can also distinguish their mother's voice from a stranger's. You can help stimulate lots of language development from the beginning, using books as tools for talking, singing, and playing with your baby. Reading may be one way you can feel comfortable interacting with your baby. Moreover, books can inspire ways for the two of you to enjoy spending time together.

Talking

Scientists have concluded that motherese—the way parents naturally speak to their children—is especially adapted to helping babies pick up language. Good books for babies reflect the attributes of motherese by using many basic-level words, names for objects, short sentences, and lots of repetition. Not only that, but they give you topics to talk about. Think of a book as a conversation starter or a script. Talk animatedly about the pictures, imitate the animal sounds, and give your voice inflection.



Bailey's mom reads to her at one of our storytimes.

Your baby's response will be worth it. He or she may coo, growl, gurgle, babble, or, possibly, cry; all are important first steps toward speech. Encourage attempts to mimic you. The more your baby practices making sounds, the clearer he or she will become.

Singing

Songs are a natural way to learn about language. Singing develops listening skills, slows down language so children can hear different sounds in the words, and introduces new vocabulary. Many books for babies are illustrated versions of popular children's songs and rhymes, such as *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* by Annie Kubler, *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Iza Trapani, and *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe: A Counting Nursery Rhyme* by Salina Yoon. Or you may find a new favorite song in one of Sandra Boynton's dynamic books.

Repeat the rhymes you remember from your childhood. Many can be played anytime,

anywhere—in line at the store, in the car, or while you are feeding your little one. Nursery rhymes and songs are rich with interesting words that are not used in everyday conversation. Engaging in action rhymes and fingerplays involves two of your baby's favorite things—your face and voice. This is one reason why virtually all children find patty-cake and peek-a-boo absolutely delightful. To make these classic games more interesting for you, try a book on the topic—there are many.

Playing

Children learn a lot about language through different kinds of play. Books are great for prompting imaginative play and can also serve as toys themselves. Make sure books are easy for your baby to see and reach so as to explore them with all five senses. Babies will naturally put objects in their mouths; this is how they learn about their environment. Books made of sturdy cardboard, cloth, or soft plastic are easier for baby to handle and more durable. Multisensory books tell a story with textures, flaps, mirrors, and other novelty surprises. Books with bright and bold or high-contrast illustrations will capture babies' attention and are easier for them to see. Karen Katz has written a multitude of titles with colorful, baby-friendly illustrations on topics baby (and you) will love, like *Where Is Baby's Belly Button?: A Lift-the-Flap Book*. Or try one of these black and white books: *Art for Baby: High-Contrast Images by Eleven Contemporary Artists to Explore With Your Child* or *Black & White* by Tana Hoban. Although it can be challenging to read to a baby who is constantly grabbing at the book, this just indicates that he or she is very interested!

Bonding

Babies can be soothed by comforting words; this demonstrates that feelings are a part of language acquisition. For example, a lullaby can make your baby associate particular sounds with a feeling of calm. When you hold your baby close and look at a book together, he or she enjoys snuggling with you, hearing your voice, and feeling safe as much as the story. Routines are also comforting for baby. Make reading part of your daily routines, such as before naps and bedtime.

Choosing books you love means you are more likely to give a dramatic, enthusiastic reading, which will help your little one associate books with positive, joyful feelings. Over time, you and your baby will both develop favorite stories, which you will read over and over again. For more book suggestions, contact the Youth Services department.

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Coming Together for Energy Efficiency

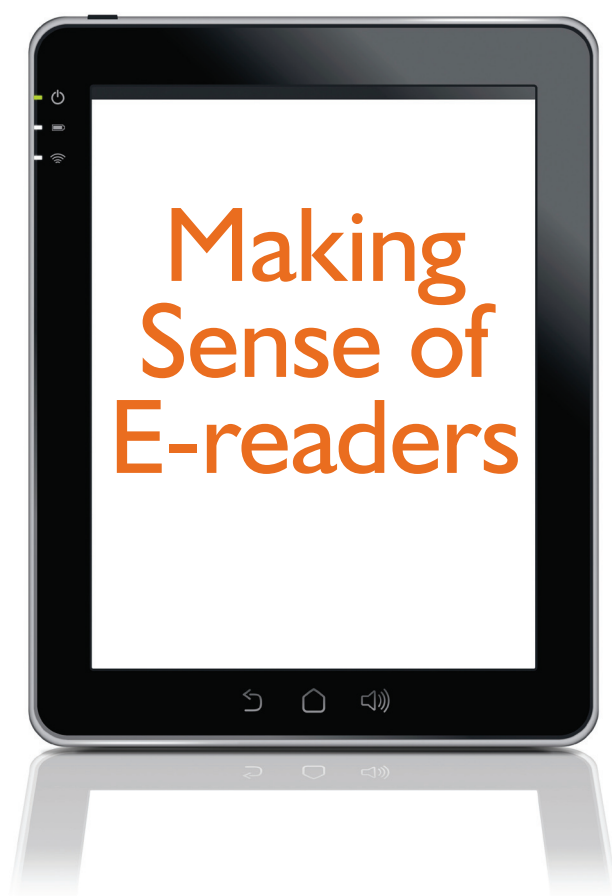
In 2009 the Village of Mount Prospect was awarded the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG.) This federal grant program is intended to assist U.S. cities, counties, states, and territories to implement and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs designed to reduce fossil fuel emissions, energy use, and improve energy efficiency in transportation, building, and other sectors.

In order to carry out the education component of the strategy, the Village sought a community partner with experience and resources to help deliver educational programming about sustainability to the community. The Village reached out to the Mount Prospect Public Library and formalized the partnership in 2011 with an intergovernmental agreement. The partnership's goal is to develop a series of public programs/workshops, educational opportunities, and informational venues on the general topic of energy efficiency and sustainability.

Prior to this grant program, the Library had been responding to the community's interest in energy conservation, recycling, and sustainability by collecting batteries, cell phones, and eye glasses as well as hosting programs on composting, rain barrels, and gardening. This grant and resulting partnership adds depth to the type of educational programs available to the community. Topics chosen will educate residents on methods to reduce energy consumption either directly, e.g., techniques for driving that use less gasoline,

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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION
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What's all the fuss about? Whether it is news reports of the changing publishing industry or the enthusiastic endorsement of your sister-in-law, everyone seems to be talking about E-readers. Perhaps you are ready to consider one of these high-tech gadgets, but you don't know what to expect. Let us help you make sense of what you need to know.

An E-reader is a portable device that displays the text of a book. What excites so many users is the compact

nature of the E-reader. In other words, instead of holding a 694-page volume of George R.R. Martin's *A Game of Thrones*, you could be holding a slim book-sized computer screen and still enjoy every word of the story. One E-reader can store hundreds of books, so imagine how valuable this might be when packing for a vacation or even a daily commute. Voracious readers no longer need to find shelf space for each book they buy; the files are simply stored on the device for convenient access.

Another feature is the ability to change the size of the text. If your eyes are tired and you need the words to appear bigger, you can make that happen with the press of a button. This is especially an advantage for books that aren't available in a large-print edition. Do you like to highlight ideas, bookmark passages, or take notes as you read? Many E-reader models will allow you to do this on the electronic pages of the book.

The most popular devices are the Amazon Kindle, the Barnes & Noble NOOK, and the Sony Reader. The iPad is also compatible with e-books, and most smartphones will support an e-book reading app. Because the market for E-readers is increasingly competitive, prices on the devices are dropping. Simple, compact models are available for almost half of what they cost only a year ago. Of course, devices with added features will cost you more. Internet access, touch screens, and color displays will enhance the functionality of your E-reader, but they will also enhance the price.

Choosing the right reader for you depends on what you expect from it. Do you want it to be small

enough to fit in your purse, or do you prefer a larger screen for viewing? Do you mind transferring books from your home computer, or would you like the ease of downloading directly from the Internet? Will you be listening to audiobooks, or is this simply for reading?

One factor to consider is whether you plan to borrow e-books from the library. Both the Sony Reader and the Barnes & Noble NOOK are compatible with library downloads. Users of the Amazon Kindle have been assured that they, too, will soon be able to use library e-books, but at the time of this writing the exact date is unknown.

E-readers were designed to display text in a manner that is easier on the eyes than traditional computer or iPad screen viewing. Called 'e-ink', it replicates the way words appear in newsprint and has no built-in lighting. This means that it is easily viewable even in sunlight, but you'll need a reading lamp at night. Newer models are experimenting with back-lit LCD screens, which are significantly brighter indoors but which won't work as well in daylight. Knowing when and where you anticipate using the device may help you decide.

As with any technology, new and improved models are constantly in development. It can be difficult to determine which questions to ask, but be sure to decide based on what will provide the reading experience you desire. Many stores have sample E-readers on display, so walk in and try one out. Before you go, stop by the Library for consumer reviews and comparison charts. We'll help you focus your questions and prepare you to be an informed customer.

Smartphones as E-readers

Now that you have an iPhone or Android phone, aren't you amazed at how much you use it, not to mention all that you use it for?

How about we add one more use? E-reader or, better yet, a way to have access to your digital library when you don't have your E-reader!

You guessed it; there's an app for that.

For almost all smartphone models there are E-reader applications that can turn your phone into an E-reader so you are never without your current eBook.

Here are some questions to ask yourself to see if these apps are for you:

Can I read on a smaller screen?

Do I want to be able to access titles on my various devices?

Do I want to be able to "check out" eBooks from the Library?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, here are some apps to try.



Kindle

iPhone and Android

The Kindle app gives you the ability to read Kindle books on your smartphone. With your Kindle account you will have access to over 950,000* eBooks in the Kindle Store, including best sellers and new releases, and Amazon's Whispersync automatically syncs your last page read, bookmarks, and more with your phone.

The best thing about the Kindle app is that you can read the same title on your Kindle or your phone.

**Coming soon! Kindle Lending Library—Amazon has announced that you will soon be able to use your Kindle or Kindle app with the Library's MyMediaMall to check out eBooks!*

NOOK

iPhone and Android

The NOOK app and your BN.com account lets you access over two million eBooks directly from your smartphone. You can sync your books across any of your devices: for example, your NOOK, NOOK Color, iPad, iPhone, Android, or PC.

Kobo

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The Kobo app allows you to browse, search, buy, and read your favorite eBooks and download them directly to your phone at any time.

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If you don't want to buy an eBook, you can always download the OverDrive Media Console app. Then you can access all the great eBooks and audiobooks in MPPL's MyMediaMall library. You will be able to read the eBook or listen to the audiobook for 2 weeks on your smartphone. The title automatically expires in the app at the end of the lending period, so there's never a late fee. There's even a countdown clock built into the app so you know how long you have to read or listen before the title expires. Better yet, these titles will download directly to your phone from the app. No transfer is necessary from a PC.

Other apps to try are Bluefire or Stanza for the iPhone and Aldiko for an Android phone. These apps aren't tied to any eBook subscription services like Kindle or NOOK and offer titles from many different eBook retailers.

Most of these apps help you create a custom reading experience by changing text size, text style, or your choice of background color.

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or indirectly, e.g., water conservation that leads to less energy expended in the water treatment plant, planting a vegetable garden that results in less energy expended to transport vegetables to the local market, etc. Folded into this effort is the second annual Green Fair, scheduled for September 24. Morning sessions will be devoted to specific topics relating to energy efficiency, and the afternoon “fair” will feature exhibitors available to discuss one-on-one strategies for reducing one’s “carbon footprint” personally and in the community.

Plans are also in the works for a website, “Green Mount Prospect,” that will highlight ongoing public programs as well as providing current information on green events in the area and specific instructions on household recycling and how to pursue a greener lifestyle. Furthermore, a family-oriented “Green Zone” is being planned for the Youth Services area. The Green Zone will have dedicated computers, games, books, and other resources to educate and promote a green lifestyle for local families.

The grant runs through August 2012, and educational programs will be held approximately once a month. Check the Library’s website or call 847/253-5675 for specific dates and topics.

Where to Take Recyclables

Paper, cardboard, and plastic can be recycled using your blue wheeled recycling cart, but what do you do with items that don’t fit these categories and also cannot be put in the green refuse cart? Here are some local options:

Abt Electronics

1200 N. Milwaukee, Glenview

Batteries, Wood pallets, Old electronics, Styrofoam (White Only)

Mount Prospect Public Works

1700 W. Central Road

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Batteries, Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs or CFLs (unbroken and in a zip-top bag), Four-foot fluorescents, Pharmaceuticals

Home Depot at Randhurst

Ikea in Schaumburg

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Mount Prospect Public Library

Small household batteries, Cell phones

Glenview Transfer Station

1151 N. River Road, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Computers—PCs and Laptops, Computer Monitors, DVD Players, DVR/Cable Boxes, Fax Machines, Mobile Phones, MP3 Players, PDAs, Peripherals (Mice, Keyboards, Drives), Printers, Scanners, TVs, VHS Players, Video Game Consoles

Reflections on Randhurst

By Greg T. Peerbolte

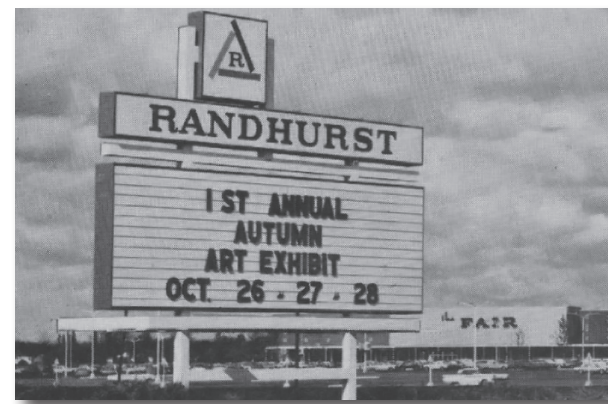
Mount Prospect Historical Society

For almost the first century of its existence, the community of Mount Prospect was identified as a rural burg, dominated by farms, in proximity to the city of Chicago. By 1958 Mount Prospect was among the leading communities in Chicagoland, ripe and ready for growth.

Randhurst Shopping Center was conceptualized as early as 1958 by John T. Pirie Jr. of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. This “grand experiment,” as it was once labeled by Randhurst’s first General Manager George M. O’Neill, captured the imagination of the entire Chicagoland area and set the trend, for better or worse, for the gargantuan, lavish malls of our own time. Randhurst didn’t open the floodgate; Randhurst was the floodgate.

The Randhurst venture represented the first time three competing department stores would operate within yards of each other under one roof. By 1960, Carson Pirie Scott & Co. was joined by Chicago powerhouses Montgomery Ward (under “The Fair Store” banner) and Wieboldt’s to form a joint corporation, and construction of the center began officially on December 5, 1960. The center was designed by the firm of superstar retail architect Victor Gruen, and construction was announced to the world through a raucous and irreverent “barn-burning” ceremony, signaling the demise of some of Mount Prospect’s last remaining farmland.

In 1962, on a sultry August morning, Randhurst opened its doors to the public, commanding the full attention of the Chicago media and attracting over one million visitors from across the Midwest within its first month of operation. The “big pinwheel on the prairie,” as it was dubbed, captured national attention for its unique design. Architect Gruen went so far as to declare it as different from any other established building type in the world and a true “introverted” building.



Randhurst occupied 10 acres of the original 108-acre site, with 60 acres set aside for parking. The interior of the great building contained 1.25 million square feet of space. Each department store averaged nearly 200,000 square feet. The center would not only contain retail space but also public spaces, offices, and a large community meeting room.

Unique to its time, Randhurst boasted a fallout shelter in its massive underground. The shelter, complete with bunks and showers, was said to be able to hold every resident of Mount Prospect in the event of a nuclear strike on Chicago.

Randhurst has undergone many changes over the years, reinventing itself to remain relevant. An ice arena was added, a food court was created (in another early incarnation to be introduced by Randhurst), and retailers that were not attached to the center, such as Costco, were built. However, the trend toward open-air malls, with their outward facing entrances and storefronts, would eventually spell the demise of the traditional enclosed shopping mall. Randhurst Shopping Center closed its doors to the public on September 30, 2008.

We now stand at the brink of another Randhurst milestone, one which will again see it fulfill its historic role as a retail trendsetter.

For more about the history of Randhurst, read *Randhurst: Suburban Chicago’s Grandest Shopping Center* by Gregory T. Peerbolte.

A Job Search Doesn’t Need to Be a Solo Act



Launching a job search takes intense motivation, commitment, and organization. The Library is an ideal starting point for your search. In addition to a slew of books on résumés, cover letters, interview preparation, and career guidance, we offer online resources that also cover these topics and help you build skills to guide you in your search.

But you don’t have to go it alone. There are several area organizations, valued for their professional career counseling, that can help guide you through the process. Financed by state or federal funds or self-supporting contributions, local agencies have worked hard to provide job hunters in our community with the tools they need to boost their searches.

Illinois workNet Centers host free job preparation workshops and are available to work one-on-one by appointment. Their staff will also help you apply

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for unemployment benefits online. The closest location to our Library is the Illinois workNet in Arlington Heights. Their website lists full-day PowerEmployment workshops at nearby locations, job fairs, and specialized computer classes. Illinois workNet hosts Workforce Investment Act (WIA) orientations to learn how to qualify for training and education programs offered through schools, public universities, classroom instruction, apprenticeship programs, labor unions, businesses, and community colleges.

CEDA Northwest Self-Help Center assists in job readiness and has independent counseling available by appointment. Their Resource Center serves the unemployed, underemployed, or displaced workers seeking employment. It provides computer and Internet access, printers, fax and copy machines, and telephone access for job seekers. Useful information to help with other challenges often related to unemployment is also available, including childcare and emergency food assistance.

Community Career Services at Harper College offers scheduled career counseling to the public. The Harper Career Stimulus Program plans monthly support groups tailored for workers in transition. These monthly meetings host keynote speakers and breakout sessions that address search strategies, stress management, and making the most of networking opportunities. Expert career coaching is also available.

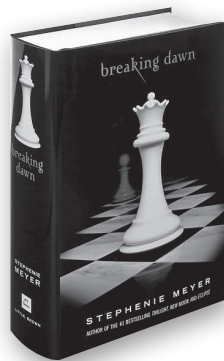
St. Hubert's Job Ministry Center has a rotation of classes in the northwest suburbs for résumé review and building workplace skills for today's job market. The group fosters camaraderie, practical job-finding methods, and techniques for overcoming obstacles in the job market. The Center also hosts networking meetings in Hoffman Estates on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Beyond securing new employment, St. Hubert's also gives attention to career advancement, creating a professional workplace image, and salary and raise negotiation, among other similar topics

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) provides nonsectarian employment and training services. JVS offers personalized service and conducts résumé reviews, mock interviews, and career counseling in their Northwest Suburban office. Workshops focus on staying motivated, applying social media tools to your search, and organizational essentials.

Some of these organizations may charge a nominal fee for some of their services, so be sure to ask.

The Library regularly works with these organizations to offer job-related programs. Stop by Reference Services for contact information for each of these groups.

Hollywood's Latest Inspiration



It seems that Hollywood has found its latest muse—contemporary books written for teens. So far, this year has seen the adaptations of the teen novels *Beastly* by Alex Flinn and *I Am Number Four* written by authors using the pseudonym of Pittacus Lore. There was also the big

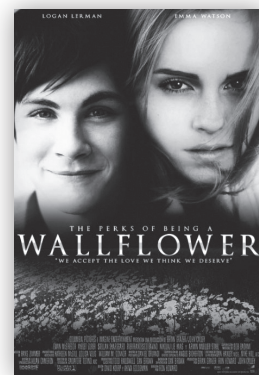
screen adaptation of the teen-friendly nonfiction read *Soul Surfer*, Bethany Hamilton's own account of her life after surviving a shark attack.

So, what else is in store? Well, of course, there's the latest installment of the *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* parts 1 and 2 (coming out in November 2011 and November 2012, respectively). There's also the movie adaptation of Suzanne Collins' blockbuster *The Hunger Games* trilogy. Filming has already started, but the online gossip sites were recently buzzing with the casting choices. The buildup for *The Hunger Games* ensures that the movie should see the same success as *Twilight*. The film is scheduled to premiere in March of 2012.

Speaking of *Twilight*, Taylor Lautner (the teen heartthrob who plays the werewolf Jacob in the films) is currently filming a movie adaptation of Catherine Fisher's *Incarceron*. Lautner will play the character of Finn. Currently, there is a lot of speculation about

what starlet will play opposite Lautner in the movie. Look for the movie adaptation for *Incarceron* in 2013.

Harry Potter star, Emma Watson, continues her career with another movie taken from the pages of a book. She has begun filming alongside Logan Lerman for the adaptation of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, the classic coming-of-age teen novel by Stephen Chbosky. The exciting news that accompanies this adaptation is something that usually doesn't happen when a book gets turned into a movie—the author is actually writing and directing the movie. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* will be in theaters in 2012.



At the Library we have seen teen book series flying off the shelf this summer. Luckily, some of these in-demand series are also being turned into movies. Cassandra Clare's *Mortal Instruments* series is a perfect example. Filming has begun for the first book in the series, *The City of Bones*, and will star Lily Collins as Clary. The movie should be coming to theaters in 2012 and was just in the news recently when Jamie Campbell Bower was cast as Jace, a shadowhunter who becomes Clary's love interest.

If you're looking to learn more about the latest news on teen books being turned into movies, check out the Teens Talk Blog on the Teen page of our website.

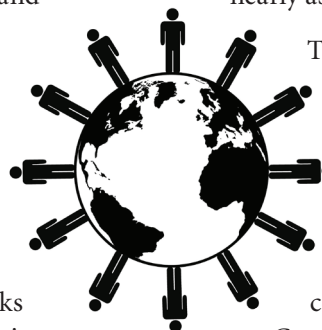
World Language Collections

Did you know that the Mount Prospect Public Library offers books and DVDs in other languages? The books and films include both fiction and nonfiction titles. Book titles represent the work of indigenous authors as well as the works of popular American authors translated into other languages. World Language DVDs include the best foreign language films from around the world.

The World Language book collection at the main Library contains over 6,500 books in 13 languages with the largest groupings in Spanish (3,000 books) and Polish (2,000 books.) Other languages include Russian, Korean, German, Chinese, French, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, and Japanese. While this is a very small percentage of items in the Library (nearly 500,000 total), the collection is heavily used. Through the first five months of this year, 6,345 checkouts were recorded – a virtual turnover of the collection. The Polish collection has the highest relative use of the World Language books.

Over 60 languages are represented in the World Languages DVD collection, from Arabic to Zulu and everything in between. Most of the World Language DVDs include English subtitles and many have

subtitles in additional languages as well. Some even include English soundtracks, and the “dubbing” isn't nearly as bad as it used to be.



The World Language book collection has been built both through Library purchases and donations from the public. “We have one friend of the Library who travels to Germany every year and picks up books for her personal use. After reading them, she donates them to the World Language collection for others to enjoy,” said Maria Garstecki who does the selecting for the World Language book collection. The Library also considers patron suggestions for titles in these collections.

The World Language book collection recently moved to a new location directly behind the Information Services Desk on the second floor and is arranged by language.

The World Language DVD collection was recently separated from the general DVD collection and is now shelved by language to make browsing the collection easier.

So check it out and broaden your horizons to get a different world view right here at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

