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CLOSINGS

September 7
Labor Day
November 11
Veterans Day
November 26
Thanksgiving
December 24
Christmas Eve
December 25
Christmas Day
December 31
New Years Eve
January 1
New Years Day

WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES

Two new members have joined our experienced trustee team: Brian Smith & Phyllis Levine. Brian works as a Library Service Coordinator for the Prairie Area Library System, an agency that serves more than 375 libraries in Illinois and Iowa. Phyllis owns Functional Therapy and Rehabilitation in Homer Glen and is an active library user and advocate. Welcome to both new trustees! Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, and we welcome public visitors.

NEW TEEN AREA

With lots of teen input, financial assistance from the Library Friend group, and a grant, we have created a unique space for teens. We have a active group of library teens (65+) who donated more than 700 hours this summer as volunteer assistants. The new teen area features cool wall colors and teen art (coming soon!), a draped fabric ceiling, and fun and comfortable furniture, which surrounds the re-located young adult collection. The Teen Area is located behind the Adult Help Desk. Help us celebrate the new teen area at a launch party on September 30th. More details to follow. Come in and check it out!

TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

Homer Library has joined the social networking site Twitter and has a Facebook presence.

Facebook - Users can obtain a free account and interact with each other through posts, surveys, and games. If you are a Facebook user you can become a library "fan" and connect with others. The library's pages contain information about upcoming programs, book discussion lists, and photographs.

Twitter - Twitter is a social networking tool that allows users to connect and communicate with each other through short messages know as "tweets". Library staff has created a twitter presence for teens and adults. If you are a Twitter user you can become a library "follower" to hear the latest and greatest plans we have, including our newest events, informative websites, and details about new books as they come in.

These are communication tools to help us continue a dialogue with our users. We want to increase awareness of the library's many events and great resources in a manner that's convenient and most comfortable for you. Please let us know if you have any questions!

CARSON COMMUNITY DAY

Carson's Community Day, Saturday, November 14th. Purchase a \$5 Carson coupon booklet @ Homer Library to help raise programming funds! Each booklet contains a \$10 coupon good on almost any merchandise item (customers spend \$5 for the booklet and get \$10 back on their first purchase!), eight coupons for up to 20% off, plus offers for two great bonus items available on Community Day only. Every booklet you purchase provides the library with \$5 that has been designated to help support future programs and events. With a tax-capped budget the library continues to offer fundraisers of value - it's Win - Win for community members and for the library!

Fright Night @ Your Library

Most Haunted Locations of Illinois

Oct. 5 @ 7 pm

Chad Lewis, co-author of the Illinois Road Guide to Haunted Locations will take you on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in Illinois! From phantom creatures prowling the woods to graveyard apparitions located in your own backyard, no place in Illinois is without its own haunting.

Creepy Classics

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Join us for dramatic readings of the best of 200 years of spooky writing, from classic to horror to modern suspense--stories of ghosts and gunmen, monsters and madmen, and deals with the devil. Stories include: "The Monkey's Paw," "The Tell-Tale Heart," "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge," and more.

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Reverse Mortgage Seminar

Sept. 23 @ 7 pm

Gene Mundt, a certified Reverse Mortgage Specialist, will discuss the benefits and negatives of reverse mortgages. The program is open to seniors, their children, and other adults interested in learning more about this type of loan.

College Planning

Oct. 6 @ 7 pm

College Funding Strategies will host a free college planning workshop for parents of high school students who have not saved enough money for college. This session concentrates on helping your high school student pick the right college while causing the least impact on your family's finances.

Author Fair

Oct. 19 @ 7 pm

Fourth Annual Author Fair! Here's your opportunity to meet the people behind the books! This program is a must attend for all readers and writers! A listing of the night's authors will be available in October.

Clicker Canines

Oct. 24 @ 2 pm

Interested in training your dog? Patricia Calderone will provide a seminar on clicker training. She'll cover eliminating unwanted behavior and building puppy perfect behavior. This event is for humans only, no dogs allowed.

COOKING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Healthy Eating

Sept. 29 @ 7 pm

Interested in living a healthier lifestyle? Start by learning how to improve your diet with El Chef Michael Niksic's Healthy Eating presentation. This program covers a wide range of ideas and methods to improve your diet and eating habits in a reasonable and straightforward manner.

Chocolate

Oct. 14 @ 7 pm

Bring your sweetheart to the Homer Library and celebrate Sweetest Day a few days early with our Chocolate program. This is a great opportunity to indulge in one of life's real treats!

International Cheese

Nov. 17 @ 7 pm

Come and check out domestic & Imported, familiar & new. Their various serving styles, uses, storage, & handling will be touched on.

Jellies and Jams

Dec. 8 @ 7 pm

El Chef will show interesting and tasty ways to use fine jams and jellies. You may be surprised to learn that jam and jellies are not just for toast!

CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Prairie Smoke Writers

Meets the second Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Chick Lit Book Discussion

Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Mystery Book Discussion

Meets the second Monday of the month @ 7 pm.

Adult Book Discussion

Meets the third Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm.

Discover

Teens

Check out our Teen Website!

www.homerlibrary.org/teens.asp

Teen Events - News

www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp

Teen Book Reviews

Post book summaries and reviews on the books you've read.

www.homerlibrary.org/teenreviews.asp

Check the Teen Events Blog for more information on programs and events
www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp.

We are now on *Twitter* and *Facebook!*



TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Books available at the Help Desk

Teen Book Discussion

First Tuesday of the month
@ 7 pm.

Teen Manga

Third Thursday of the month
@ 7 pm.

Talk about manga with other teens, participate in skits and trivia games, or share your manga-inspired artwork or fanfiction! For teens in 6th grade and up.

Teen Techies

Teen Techies work on teen technology projects. The group will meet on Sept. 22, Oct. 20, & Dec. 15 @ 4:30-5:30 pm. For more information contact Alex at 708 301-7908.

TABs

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) a new group for High School students. Members will have the opportunity to influence the Homer Township Public Library's teen services. The meetings will include discussions on books, programming, and other library topics. TAB will meet on Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10 @ 7 pm. For more information contact Heather @ 708 301-7908.

Teen Drop In Crafts

Stop by anytime between 4-5:30 pm. All projects not finished by 5:30 can be taken home or completed at the next teen craft day.

Marble Magnets

Sept. 15

Make some funky magnets for the fridge or your locker.

Juice Box Purses

Oct. 15

Recycle those juice boxes and Capri Sun pouches into a cute purse. Sewing is required.

Cell Phone Charms

Oct. 21

Personalize your cell phone with your homemade cell phone charms.

Paper Bead Jewelry

Nov. 10

Make your own beads with paper, magazines, and/or newspapers.

New Moon Party

Nov. 5 @ 7 pm

Get ready for the release of the New Moon movie in theaters! Celebrate Bella's 18th birthday with cake, trivia, and a craft. Registration required.

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Teen Movies

Come to the library to watch movies and munch on popcorn! The library will be hosting movies on Oct. 20 and Dec. 3 @ 7 pm. Stop by the Adult Services Desk and tell us what movies you'd like to see!

Enjoy

Kids

Please call the Youth Services Department at 708 301-7908 with any questions.

Homemade Halloween Costumes

Sept. 27 @ 5 pm

- Need a costume? Join Holly Cleeland, author of "Glue and Go Costumes for Kids" and learn how to use things laying around your house to make that special costume! A costume will be raffled off to someone in the audience.



Judy Moody Program

Oct. 1 @ 6-7 pm
Grades 2-4

Enjoy making a Judy Moody inspired craft, snacks and character book discussion. Reading a Judy Moody book is suggested before program date. Contact Kitty @ 708 3017908.

Event limited to 20

Art Club

Sept. 26, @ 10:30-Noon
Nov. 12 & Dec.7 @ 6-7:30 pm

You will learn facts about some of the world's greatest artists and use your imagination to create your own masterpiece to display in the library. Join us for all three sessions! **3rd to 6th Graders.** Contact Kathy for more information @ 708 301-7908.

Event limited to 20



CULTURE CLUB Grades 2-5

Calling all kids! Travel to faraway lands and explore foods and customs from other countries around the world! Travel

to Greece and experience its many charms architecture and landscape. Take a journey to the bottom of the world as we visit Antarctica. Culture Club will meet on Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Registration required. Space is limited to 20. For more information, call Kathy in Youth Services @ 708 301-7908.

October 10 - Greece • November 7 -Antarctica

CRAFTS Fee: \$3.00 for all classes

Halloween
Oct. 20 @ 4:30 pm

Thanksgiving
Nov. 17 @ 4:30 pm

Christmas
Dec. 8 @ 4:30 pm

Drop In Crafts

Dec. 16 & 17 @ 4:30 - 6 pm

Children and caregivers are invited to make a holiday craft. A variety of materials will be available.

YACs

Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18 & Dec. 16
@ 4:30 pm

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a young adult group that meets monthly. This fun group often undertakes community projects and volunteer for community events. YAC's meet at the Library on the last Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Kitty @ 708 301-7908.

STARLIGHT STORY TIME

Sept. 21 or Nov. 16 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Enjoy a "Starry" story, craft and snack! Ages 4-7 only.

Event is limited to 20 children.

STORY TIME

Sept. 21- Dec. 10

Stories and crafts help children to develop better listening skills and prepare them for structured activities. **Children must be 3 years of age at the time of sign-up for all story times.**

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
9:30 am & 1 pm

POLISH STORY TIME

Polish-English story time.

Thursdays 1 pm

WIGGLES & GIGGLES

An interactive program for children ages 3 and under along with their caregivers. These half hour sessions include stories, finger plays and songs. *Join in the fun!*

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am

**No Storytime or Wiggles & Giggles
Nov. 2-6**

Imagine

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

New Bookmobile Schedule...

For new times and new stops beginning Sept. 1, pick up a schedule on the bookmobile, at the library or view it on the library website @ www.homerlibrary.org.

Magic On Board

A little magic is coming your way Aug. 31-Sept. 9. Amaze and amuse your friends after you learn a new card or coin trick. Enter the magical prize drawing.

Pirates! Ahoy

Argh! Avast ye maties, come on board to create your own eye patch and then talk like a pirate if you want to choose a treasure from our pirate chest. Sept. 14-23.

Halloween Craft

Sweet spirits craft. Make your own ghostly lollipop to celebrate Halloween. Oct. 12-21.

Halloween Costume Contest

Got costumes? Dress up for the 3rd Annual Bookmobile Halloween costume contest from Oct. 19 - 31. Prizes for best, funniest, scariest and most original will be awarded.

Bookmobile at Expo

Visit the Bookmobile at the Chamber of Commerce EXPO on **Saturday, Sept. 19** at Hadley School, 15731 Bell Rd., from 9am to 2pm. Join us for a chance to win a family entertainment prize and get a terrific temporary tattoo. *(Regularly scheduled Saturday stops will be cancelled for that day)*

Family Reading Fun

Get prepared for Family Reading Night with an I Spy activity on the bookmobile. Nov. 2-14 pick up a "What we read together..." form, complete and return between Nov. 23 and Dec. 2 for a chance to win a family entertainment prize.

Thanksgiving Craft

We'll paint your hand, press it onto a pot holder, add your name and you will be ready to help out in the kitchen on feast day! Nov. 16-28.

Fall Coloring Contest

Enter the Bookmobile's Fall coloring contest for your chance to win "smencils" and puzzle erasers, Sept. 28 - Oct. 7.

Holiday Contest

Guess the number of sweets in our holiday jar. The person with the closest number without going over will be the winner! Nov. 30 - Dec. 12.

Christmas Craft

Create a beaded candy cane ornament for your tree, to twist in your hair, as a gift, or for whatever you dream up. Dec. 7-16.

There will be no Bookmobile service on the following dates:
Monday, Sept. 7 • Wednesday, Nov. 11 • Wednesday, Nov. 25 • Dec. 21 thru Jan. 2

V.I.P. DELIVERY SERVICE

Do you know someone who would like books, magazines, music, movies or other library materials but cannot physically get to the library? Homer Township Public Library offers books and more brought to your door through the V.I.P. delivery service. If you or someone you know are stuck at home with an illness or injury, even on a temporary basis, please call Jody Olivieri @708 301-7908 for delivery details.

SURVEY SAYS

We value your input! What types of books do you read and want? What programs interest you? Visit www.homerlibrary.org and take a quick 60-second library survey. This will assist us to pinpoint what library customers truly want to have @ your library.

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am – 9 pm
Friday
8:30 am – 5 pm
Saturday
8:30 am – 4 pm
Sunday (Sept. to May)
4 pm – 8 pm

Seniors

Armchair Travelers

You are invited to explore the world in the comfort of the Homer Township Public Library as an armchair traveler on monthly visits to various countries around the world. Programs are on the second Friday of each month @ 1:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.



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Sept. 11, Modern Wonders of the World - Bill Helmuth will take you on a tour of the 7 Modern Wonders of the World. From the Taj Mahal to the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, Bill has visited each of the 7 Modern Wonders and will share a unique perspective on these monumental masterpieces.

Oct. 9, Thailand - Explore the faces and places of Thailand with Bill Helmuth in this exciting program. Visit Bangkok, Phuket, Chiang Mai, and more, stopping at Buddhist temples, flower markets, and exquisite palaces along the way.

Nov. 13, Illinois - Join George J. Reuss as he travels through historic and scenic Illinois. Learn the history of Illinois by visiting its historic buildings, scenic rural landscapes, modern sculptures, and more!

Dec. 11, Alaska - Go on an Alaskan road trip with Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason. Drive the Alaska Highway, explore America's last frontier, and return by ferry through the Inside Passage.

Check out our website www.homerlibrary.org for more program information

COMPUTER CLASSES

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

Intro to Computers

Oct. 2, 9, 16, Nov. 6, 13, Dec. 4
@ 10 to 11 am.

Participants will be introduced to both Microsoft Word 2007 and Internet Explorer. This class will include a short introduction to a laptop. You will be shown how to create a word document and how to modify it, how to open Internet Explorer and how to use a search engine. *This program is appropriate for patrons with very little or no computer experience.* Program is taught on a laptop with Vista. Dates are subject to change. **Registration begins the Monday before the class date.**

Intro to Word 2007

Oct. 7, 28 @ 7 pm

Participants will be introduced to a few of the basic functions of Microsoft Word 2007. You will be shown how to create, modify and print a document. This class is appropriate for patrons with little or no experience with Word. **Registration required.**

Intro to PowerPoint 2007

Dec. 2 @ 7 pm

Participants will be introduced to a few of the basic functions of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007. You will be shown how to create a new presentation and save, open a presentation and modify, select text and modify, and print. This class is appropriate for patrons with little or no experience with PowerPoint 2007. **Registration required.**

Intro to Excel 2007

Nov. 4 @ 7 pm

Participants will be introduced to a few of the basic functions of Microsoft Excel 2007. You will be shown how to create a new workbook and spreadsheet, how to save open and modify, select text and modify, and print a spreadsheet. This class is appropriate for patrons with little or no experience with Excel. **Registration required.**