



Homer Township Public Library District

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Thank You for Your Support As We Plan For The Future

More than 3,300 residents of our community voted in favor of the expansion, even though the referendum was ultimately not successful. It was a solid number of votes cast in favor, 37%, and we know that many people in our community see the need for additional space to support programs and expanded collections.

As we did yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we will continue to provide materials, services, and programs to enrich and support you. We will continue to write grants and seek partnerships within the community. We will continue to serve every person in our community, from the youngest to the wisest, in the best way we can with the resources we have now.

The Library Board will assess the voting results and continue with their long range planning, seeking input from our residents as they have done in the past via survey and focus groups. Public feedback is vitally important as we continue to plan long-range to meet the need of our residents. If you would be interested in participating in a focus group please let us know.

We value your continued input and support. As our community grows, we know that it is a necessity that the Library grow too with expanded space to best serve you. We have a survey posted on our Web site at (www.homerlibrary.org). We welcome your suggestions and your comments on what the community would like with respect to an expanded facility. This dialogue is essential as we plan for the future. Please take a moment to give us your thoughts or call me directly at (708) 301-7908.

Sincerely,
Sheree Kozel- La Ha

Library Receives Five Grants!

We extend our appreciation to the **Illinois State Library, Illinois State Librarian Jesse White** and to **Representative Renee Kosel** for supporting libraries through grant initiatives. Homer Township Library has written successful grant applications to receive funding for five grants so far this year.

Have you noticed the many new computers in the library? You may have used the new interactive computers in the children's area, in the Internet room, for searching the library catalog, or have used the expanded Parent/Teacher collection or science collection. These were all made possible through grant monies.

Here are the grant descriptions:

Technology Grant (\$20,000)

The Library received a technology grant to support new hardware and software for use in the Library.



Kids Connect Family Resource Area (\$22,826)

This grant program funds and supports the educational advancement of local children and serves as a resource area for parents, teachers, children, caregivers and families. A designated library area is being arranged with developmentally appropriate educational toys and activities including 8 computers loaded with interactive software for parent/child use. In addition educational and professional materials to support families and child professionals will be provided through an enhanced Parent/Teacher collection.

Expanding the Library's Reach with Assistive Technology (\$2,500)

An assistive equipment area will be used by blind and low vision

patrons as well as the patrons with physical disabilities who make up part of our service area. Patrons will have the availability of general collection reading, and more. Assistive devices include zoom text software, a companion CCTV, JAWS software (or similar) and Adapt a book devices.

Collection Connection (\$1,000)

These grant funds were used to update the library's medical collection of materials.

A Network for the Future Today LAN Upgrade (\$34,726)

The enhanced network will allow staff to communicate faster, and in more effective ways; schedule the facility and personnel within; make our services more seamless to our patrons and provide an enhanced capability for current staff to troubleshoot and support the LAN. This new network provides a solid foundation for providing Internet and Intranet services for patrons and staff.

What's next?

The Homer Township Public Library strives to continually meet the public's needs and has a strong commitment to providing the most efficient, excellent service possible.

Library staff is currently undertaking the writing of several more grant applications to help support additional programs and services for our residents.

We'll keep you posted!

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Great Programs

At the

Homer Township Library



**June 1, 8,
15, 22, 29**
Friday
10:30 a.m. -
11:30 a.m.
CHILDREN

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC CAMP

The Kindermusik program continues with Miss Jill, and a fun ocean theme. This pre-school music camp will include a small craft and snack. Limit of 15. The cost is \$25.00.

June 5
Tuesday
7:00 p.m.
ADULT

LONG TERM CARE

If you needed long term care, how would you pay for it? Planning now for long term care may be the best way to help protect your family. Presented by Leo Bigus. Call (630) 904-9229 ext. 7124 for reservations. Free

June 12
Tuesday
7:00 p.m. -
9:00 p.m.
ADULT

MEDITATION SEMINAR

Folum Gong Exercise Instruction. Relieves stress, improves health and enhances energy circulation. Please wear comfortable clothing.

**June 13,
20 & 27**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m. -
11:30 a.m.
CHILDREN

KIDS MINI WRITING CLASS

WANTED: creative kids! Join us for this 3 week fun writing class just for Young Adults. The class will include finishing a story, changing a story and creating a story. Ages 8-13. Limit of 25.

June 19
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.
ADULT

GEMSTONES - ALL THAT GLITTERS

Marti Tracey introduces you to the world of colored gemstones. She will share her expertise about the technical as well as the frivolous aspect of gemology. She will also answer questions about the care and purchasing of fine jewelry. Free

June 21
Thursday
11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.
CHILDREN

SCIENCE CLUB- Erupting Volcano

Children will discover the world of volcanoes. Using clay and washable dye they will construct their own volcanoes and watch them erupt. Limited to 15. Cost \$5.00.

June 28
Thursday
11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.
CHILDREN

SCIENCE CLUB- Flower Splendor

Learn about the life cycle of a flower and how worms help your garden grow. You will be able to make a craft with pressed flowers or a Wormory. Please indicate your choice at the time of sign up. Limited to 15. Cost \$5.00

July 5
Thursday
11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.
CHILDREN

SCIENCE CLUB - Sharks

We will explore the world of sharks and make a shark tooth fossil. Limited to 15. Cost \$5.00.

July 6
Friday
10:00 a.m.
FAMILY

T-REX TIME

Visit the dinosaurs, ride an old Western Railroad, see the birth of Jazz and help prevent a Martian invasion. Join us for a musical adventure with T-Rex and the "Monsters of Harmony." Following the show there will be an "Instrument Demo and Petting Zoo." Program will take place at Schilling School Gym.

July 17
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.
ADULT

DIAMONDS - A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

Marti Tracey traces a diamond from it's fiery beginning to fine jewelry. Marti will also give useful advice about the importance of cut, color, and clarity when purchasing a diamond. Free

July 12
Thursday
11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.
CHILDREN

SCIENCE CLUB - Pirate Treasure

Pirates hunt for treasures with an actual map. When the treasure is found, the pirates will get a "booty bag" of gems (mineral rocks) and a genuine arrowhead to take home. Limited to 15. Cost \$5.00.

July 19
Thursday
6:00 p.m.
YOUNG
ADULT

SPOOKY TALES & PIZZA

Join Goodings Groove teacher Cathy Meyers Drinka as she tells some "really creepy" stories. Not recommended for pre-school children. Sign up is necessary. Free

Aug 3
Friday
10:00 a.m.
FAMILY

SUMMER READING FINALE

Feed your need to read finale with the Time Step Players. Take a trip to Africa where we meet the lovable Oogle and Ogle. In China, watch a Ribbon Dance and then to Spain to see Miranda the Sword Fighter. Program will be held at the Schilling School Gym.

CRAFTY KIDS



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June 21

Thursday
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00

JOURNAL MAKING

Record all of your exciting memories in this special journal.

June 22

Friday
1:00 p.m.
\$3.50

DRESS THE BARE BEAR

Parent will help tots put the finishing touches on this bear that is fun and educational! Works fine motor skills along with lacing, velcro work, tying, and learning left and right. Please specify boy or girl colors.

June 27

Wednesday
3:00 p.m.
\$3.00

4th OF JULY DOOR HANGER

You will be letting everyone know that you love the red, white, and blue when you hang this on your doorknob.

June 28

Thursday
7:00 p.m.
\$3.50

LADY LIBERTY

Lady Liberty wants to stand proud in your home! Children 8 & older.

June 30

Saturday
10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
\$3.00

4th OF JULY TEE SHIRT

Paint your own shirt to show your American pride! Bring in your own washed and dried T-shirt, no fabric softener. Limit 15.

July 2

Monday
11:00 a.m.
\$3.50

SUMMER CROW

You'll have something to "crow" about when you finish making this little bird.

July 10

Tuesday
7:00 p.m.
\$3.50

BEE JAR CRAFT

This cute little bee will remind you to "Bee Happy" whenever you see him.

July 11

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.
\$2.50

MR. FROG

Hop on in and make this frog! It is sure to make you smile. Hop to it.

July 12

Thursday
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
\$3.50

PET PICTURE FRAME

Use one of these for your pet or for yourself! Choose either cat or dog.

July 16

Monday
7:00 p.m.
\$4.00

PAINTED BOX

Create your own design on this box - You pick the shapes and colors. Perfect to store your summer treasures! Ages 7 and older.

July 18

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.
\$2.50

MONKEY HANGER

Are you a little monkey or do you know one? Make this cute monkey head to hang on your door or wall.

July 20

Friday
10:30 a.m.
\$3.50

FROG AND BABY

Cute little baby with it's mom (or dad) sitting in a pot with their hats on.

July 25

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.
\$3.50

FISHING GAME

The little ones will love to make and play this game. Includes pole, line and three fish of different colors.

July 26

Thursday
7:00 p.m.
\$4.50

FISHING DUCKS

There are three ducks in a tub fishing! Some painting involved.

July 30

Monday
7:00 p.m.
\$3.50

ANIMAL TIC-TAC-TOE

Make this soft animal tic tac toe game, great for travel. Many animal heads to choose from.

ADULT CRAFTS

July 9

Monday
7:00 p.m.
\$7.00

CAKE DECORATING

Did you ever want to decorate a cake like a professional? Robin Amundsen will show you how to make that special cake!

July 24

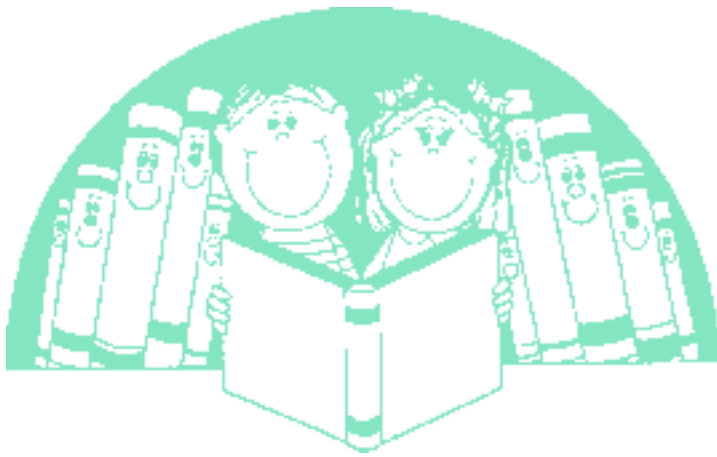
Tuesday
7:00 p.m.
\$7.00

FLOWER ICING

Robin Amundsen will teach you the art of making flowers out of icing. All materials will be provided.

Kits for craft classes cannot be purchased seperately.

For craft projects an adult must accompany any child under the age of 6



pick Your Own

FEED YOUR NEED TO READ

Did you know that more children participate in Library summer reading programs (est. 700,000) than play Little League baseball? The Library is a very special place for children!

Join the hungry reading team, at Homer Township Public Library District this summer. The Youth Services Department is ready to sign-on the best group of reading team members ever!

The Library's annual Summer Reading Program kicks off Saturday, June 9th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Preschoolers through young adults are invited to come to register and enjoy refreshments.

"*Feed Your Need to Read*," is this year's summer reading theme. This statewide program encourages young children to keep skills sharp this summer voracious readers have a chance to participate in games, crafts, trivia contests, jar guesses and a variety of other activities, ending in a tremendous finale program and recognition ceremony.

"Summer reading is not only a great way to fill up those long June and July days," says Kitty Mitchell, Youth Services Librarian, "it's also a chance to keep up and improve reading skills, so when it's time to hit the books again in the fall, kids can go back prepared to do better."

Stop by the Youth Services Department and pick up your Feed Your Need to Read program booklet. Join the reading FUN!

KIDS CORNER

ESSAY CONTEST

The Kids Essay Contest received many wonderful essays! Denise Byrne, the Sun newspaper columnist and College of DuPage writing instructor selected the following standout writer's as our contest winners:

Grade 1	Teddy Francis	Goodings Grove School, Teacher Mrs. Nichele
Grade 2	Lora Niemann	Walsh School, Teacher Mrs. Peterson
Grade 3	Kristen Bochenek	Goodings Grove School, Teacher Mrs. Detloff
Grade 4	Elizabeth White	Goodings Grove School, Teacher Mrs. Calozzo
Grade 5	John Niemann	Reed School, Teacher Mrs. Kelley
Grade 6	Rachel Stensath	Schilling School, Teacher Mrs. Startz

Each winner will receive a \$50 savings bond, generously donated by Palos Bank, Homer Branch. In addition each successful student won a \$20 gift certificate for their teacher, kindly donated by the Learning Express store in the Town Square shopping center on 143rd and Bell Road. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors and contest participants! Watch for the winning entries to be posted on the library Web page at: www.homerlibrary.org.

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

We have lots of creative kids in the community and received over 90 bookmark entries! Three entries from each grade level were selected and will be printed on heavy card stock and used throughout the summer as library bookmarks. Here are the names of the creative artists:

KINDERGARTEN	Mitchell Murphy Kimmy Nakutis Jordan Wirtz	4 th GRADE	Aimee Lorang Michael Murphy Joey Schuh
1 st GRADE	Anna Bryniarski Teddy Francis Tiffany Snal	5 th GRADE	Isra Hamad Caitlin Houlihan Alex Moroz
2 nd GRADE	Britney Finke Brook Marie Kovanda Ryan Nakutis	6 th GRADE	Samantha Derbigny John O'Connell Michelle Murphy
3 rd GRADE	Brittany Obermeyer Tommy O'Callaghan Alex Mazza		

LARGE TYPE BOOKS



It is estimated that over 14 million Americans have some form of vision impairment, often caused by the normal process of aging. Some readers find it difficult to read conventional size print found in most books.

Large print books are the solution. They offer a type size of 18 point, so it is easier to see and read. Today large print books are crisp and clear and offer a wide range of current and entertaining titles, including best sellers.

The Homer Township Public Library currently owns more than 900 large print titles. Stop in, check one out, and curl up in your favorite easy chair with a large print book for a restful read.

CONGRATULATIONS CAROL & KITTY

Two of our staff members have recently finished their Library Technical Assistant (LTA) certification. Kathryn (Kitty) Mitchell and Carol McSweeney are dedicated full-time employees who have pursued this certification through the Distance Education Program called LTA Illinois. Kitty is the Youth Services Director and Carol is the Business Manager. Courses included: materials acquisition, public service, circulation services, information tools, technical services training, and a field experience element. The field experience allowed students to work for a specified number of hours at another type of library to gain a more rounded experience. Kitty undertook her field experience with Homer School District 33C and Carol worked at Heritage Trail Library System headquarters. Great job Carol & Kitty!



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR PROGRAMS, COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

PARENT TEACHER COLLECTION - Parents and teachers are invited to check out the Parent/Teacher Collection located adjacent to the information desk. Materials include: teaching and curriculum ideas; patterns for projects, flannelboards and bulletin boards; fingerplays and activities for toddlers through elementary grades; ideas on incorporating literature in the curriculum; and parenting tips. Books are available for checkout. Please feel free to recommend materials to be added to our growing collection. Browse the newest collection and use it in conjunction with the other fine materials found in the adult and youth collections.

DRIVE-UP BOOKDROP



For your convenience an outdoor drive-up bookdrop for quick drop off of materials will be completed soon. The library currently provides a walk-up drop attached to the building, which is open 24 hours a day. We know how busy our community is and hope this drive-up drop will benefit patrons. In addition outdoor benches and planters are on order to be installed this summer so there is a space for sitting and relaxing in front of the library.

LAMINATING SERVICE - We now offer laminating service! Posters or items can be laminated at the Library for a nominal charge of \$1.00 per running foot or any portion thereof. We can laminate items up to 24" wide and not smaller than 2" x 2". The lamination machine is generally run every Thursday, so we encourage you to leave your items with us earlier in the week.



PHONE RENEWAL - If it's raining, the car's in the shop or you simply can't make it in to the library, you needn't worry. Call us at (708) 301-7908 to renew your item. Materials may be renewed if not on reserve and as long as they are not overdue. Please have your library card and material available when you call.

OTHER SERVICES WE PROVIDE - Fax and Photocopy Service --- Story Hour Programs --- Notary Service Income Tax Forms --- Microfiches/Film Reader --- Internet Center --- Kids Computers --- Summer Reading Program --- Book Discussion Group --- Writer's Group & More!

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Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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Saturday *9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday **5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Summer Saturday Hours 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
**Closed Sundays Memorial Day to Labor Day*

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Library Board Meetings, to which the public is invited, are the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room.

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The Americans with Disabilities Act

The Homer Township Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Those planning to attend a program who need special accommodations or who have a question regarding Library accessibility are requested to contact the Library Director at (708) 301-7908; skoziel@homerlibrary.org at least seven working days prior to the event.

FIND OUT THE LATEST WITH OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Want the latest in news from the library, regarding programs, crafts, booklists, activities, computer classes and more? Subscribe to our new email newsletter.

Visiting the library is always a marvelous adventure. There are always surprises waiting for you around the next bookshelf (or mouse click). We have lots to read, see and explore at the Homer Township Public Library District!



But if you can't make it in, keep up-to-date with all the news that's fit to print (on your screen)...Sign up now for our bi-weekly email newsletter. To join, send an email to HomerLibraryNews-subscribe@topica.com

Every two weeks you'll get the most up-to-date library information, at your convenience and without ever leaving home! Our patrons can always reserve items online as well via a link on the library Web page: <http://www.homerlibrary.org/forms/request.html>

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Youth Services Department is looking for volunteers to help out during the busy summer months. Students in grades 6 to 9 are welcome to apply.

Youth volunteers will be asked to choose one of two volunteer schedules; either a weekly regular schedule or to be called as needed for special projects. Some jobs volunteers might be asked to do include; making copies, preparing special projects, straightening shelves, reading to and helping younger children on the library's computers, and more.

Kitty Mitchell, the Youth Services Librarian remarks, "Youth volunteers will have a good introduction to the variety of tasks in a busy library."

Youth interested in applying for a volunteer position this summer can pick up an application available at the front desk.

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