



Homer Township Public Library District

Celebrating 21 Years of Community Service

SUMMER 2004

<http://www.homerlibrary.org>



Wanted : Kids & Adults

**JOIN THE
SUMMER READING CLUB !**



★ **DID YOU KNOW...**more children participate in Library Summer Reading Clubs (est. 700,000) than play Little League baseball?

DIGITAL AUDIOBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Through a cooperative project called ListenIllinois, we are now offering our cardholders a large collection of digital audiobooks, which may be checked out on a digital audio player.

To see which books are available, search or browse the ListenIllinois site at www.listenillinois.org. This collection has more than 2000 titles available and approximately 50 new titles are added each month!



For more information, visit the ListenIllinois site or contact the Library at (708) 301-7908.

WELCOME NEW TRUSTEE MIKE BUDDE

We extend a warm welcome to Mike Budde, our newly appointed trustee. Mike is President of Budde Marketing Systems, Inc., a local firm specializing in sales, marketing, and commission reporting for the electronic components industry. Mike currently serves in another community role, as President of the Homer Township Chamber of Commerce. Married for 27 years to Kathy, they have three children; Breanna, 24; Mike, 20; and Brittany 17.

MEET DR. RITA WOODS, Author, Trustee

Author of the newly published, *Color of Clouds*, Dr. Woods is an Internist with a practice in nearby Tinley Park. Rita has served on the Homer Library Board since 2000. A parent of two boys, Logan and Jonathan, she has resided with husband Kenneth in Homer Township for the past 5 years. Rita has served on several other boards, including Well Spring Ministries, Claretian Medical Center, and the Guild Book Complex. A dedicated writer, Rita has published several short stories and is currently at work on her second novel. She and her family are avid readers and visit the Library regularly. Hear directly from Rita on family, work, and the art of writing...

"People in Homer Glen mostly know me as Logan and Jonathan's mom and actually, I'm quite alright with that.

I used to write anytime, anywhere, but since having the boys, it has been a real struggle. Usually it is late at night, i.e. between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., and lately it's between buses in the morning. If I focus, I can get one kid off to school at seven before I have to get the other out of bed at 8:15. Occasionally I take a day off work so that I can have a large chunk of time with no one except the dog around.

People would be surprised to find out that I used to be a competitive body builder (especially when they look at me now!!!)

I would give up the practice of medicine in a heartbeat and

KIDS CORNER



CRAFTY KIDS

Come into the Library to see full description and samples.

JUNE 17	TOOTH FAIRY PILLOW	
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	2.50
JUNE 18	PATRIOTIC BEAR	
Friday	10 a.m.	2.00
JUNE 21	SUMMER JOURNAL	
Monday	1:30 p.m.	3.50
JUNE 22	U. S. A. BLOCKS	
Tuesday	7 p.m.	3.00
JUNE 24	STICK HORSE	
Thursday	7 p.m.	6.00
JUNE 28	STAR HANGER	
Monday	1:30 p.m.	1.50
JUNE 29	PICTURE FRAME	
Tuesday	7 p.m.	3.50
JUNE 30	KID'S PILLOW CRAFT	
Wednesday	7 p.m.	3.00
JULY 1	CONCHO BACKPACK HANGER	
Thursday	10 a.m.	3.00
JULY 6	LEATHER-LIKE BRACELET	
Tuesday	10 a.m.	1.50
JULY 8	HONEY BEAR SPIRIT RING	
Thursday	7 p.m.	4.00
JULY 9	FELT ANIMAL MINI TOTE	
Friday	10 a.m.	2.50
JULY 13	CAT STAR PICTURE FRAME	
Tuesday	10 a.m.	2.50
JULY 13	DOG STAR PICTURE FRAME	
Tuesday	11 a.m.	2.50

Kits for craft classes cannot be purchased separately.
Registration ends 24 hours prior to class.

JULY 15	SPIRAL MOBILE	
Thursday	7 p.m.	3.00
JULY 16	BIRTHDAY DOOR HANGER	
Friday	10 a.m.	2.50
JULY 22	FUNKY FLOWERS	
Thursday	7 p.m.	3.50
JULY 23	RAINBOW TREASURE BOX	
Friday	10 a.m.	3.00

CELEBRATE NATURE WITH MARIEL

June 22	SHARKS
Tuesday 1 p.m.	Children will love to hear how a shark finds its' next meal. Each child will make their own model shark to take home. \$5
June 24	SEA HORSES
Thursday 1 p.m.	Learn about the habitat of these mysterious creatures and make your own Seahorse necklace. \$5
July 6	BUGS
Tuesday 1 p.m.	Children are encouraged to bring in a box containing their latest catch to show the class. All participants will make a unique insect craft. \$5
July 8	BIRDS
Thursday 1 p.m.	Discover the habitat of the Rainforest birds and create a pair of feathered glasses. A live bird will be on display. \$5
July 13	HERB GARDEN
Tuesday 1 p.m.	Create your own mini-herb garden. Bring in an 8-inch (or larger) clay pot. Mariel will provide paints to decorate your pot and materials to make your very own Garden Fairy. \$5
July 15	FAIRY TEA PARTY
Thursday 1 p.m.	Don't miss the Fairy Fest! Come dressed in your favorite outfit, wings optional! Hear a magical fairy story, make your own fairy wand and headpiece, and enjoy a delicious Fairy Tea Party. \$5

Great Programs

At the

Homer Township Library



JUNE 23
Wednesday
10 a.m.
FAMILY

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

Join an imaginary safari adventure as we explore caves, scale trees and swim oceans to discover animals you might think are scary. Your safari guide will take a good look at animals that frighten people...nature's living monsters...to see how dangerous they really are. **LIVE ANIMALS ARE FOUND ON OUR HUNT. Due to space constraints this program will be held at Schilling School. FREE**

JUNE 25
Friday
11 a.m. to
3 p.m.
FAMILY

CHILD ID

This program provides parents with a quick way to give police the necessary information needed when searching for a lost or missing child. Provided by the Will County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit. **FREE**

JULY 7
Wednesday
7 p.m.
ADULT

PHOTO TINTING

Create a unique work of art from your own black & white photos. Bring a black & white picture to class - all other supplies are provided (5 x7's work best). Color photos can be reproduced and printed in black & white onto HIGH GLOSS photo paper for use in class. **Registration required. \$8**

JULY 10
Saturday
10 a.m.
ADULT

SEURAT AND "LA GRANDE JATTE"

Jeff Mishur previews the Art Institute's special exhibit of Georges Seurat's "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" in a fascinating slide lecture. Seurat's artistic process, the historical context for "La Grande Jatte," and other examples of Neo-Impressionist paintings will be discussed. **FREE**

JULY 14
Wednesday
7 p.m.
ADULT

JEWELRY MAKING

Learn the basics of jewelry design by making your choice of a bracelet or watch. Pick up your supply list from the Library's front desk with your payment for the class. Supplies can be purchased at local craft stores. The cost will range from \$8 to \$20 depending on your selection of beads. **Registration required. \$4**

JULY 19
& 20
Monday &
Tuesday
1 - 5 p.m.
ADULTS 55
& OLDER

"55 ALIVE" DRIVING CLASS

AARP representative Larry Beaudin teaches this 2-day safety course for seniors. People who complete this class may qualify for a discount on automobile insurance. **Registration required. \$10.**

JULY 20
Tuesday
10 a.m.
FAMILY

WESTWARD HO! MAGIC SHOW

Through interactive magic, storytelling, and humorous puppetry, children will be exposed to what it was like to be an explorer during the time of Lewis and Clark. **Due to space constraints this program will be held at Schilling School. FREE**

JULY 21
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.
ADULT

PAINTED GLASSWARE

Design your own glassware using decorative paints that are food-safe & dishwasher-safe. You will create one painted plate or glass (that you supply) in class. No painting experience is necessary. Plates or glasses can be purchased at local stores (such as Target) for less than \$2 each. **Registration required. \$6.**

JULY 28
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.
Adult

ADVANCED STENCILING

Janelle Tague, owner of Stencil and Sponge Creative Paint Concepts in New Lenox, will offer advanced stenciling techniques. **Registration required. \$6.**

AUG. 3
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.
ALL AGES

COAL SWAMPS, CORAL REEFS

What can we learn about a billion years of changing landscapes -- and seascapes -- from the rocks and soil under us? Scientist, teacher and author (Geology Underfoot in Illinois) Raymond Wiggers takes us on a tour of eons of Illinois geology in this informative and entertaining slide lecture.

DROP IN CHESS

During the summer, the third Monday of each month is the night to stop by to find a chess match, help a new player learn, or pick up the moves from a more experienced player. The Library has a limited number of chess sets, so players might consider bringing boards and pieces. The fun starts at 7 p.m. and all ages are welcome.

JUNE 21

JULY 19

AUGUST 16

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Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Web Site: www.homerlibrary.org
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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; skozel@homerlibrary.org at least seven working days prior to the event.

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become a full-time writer if I could support myself. If I couldn't write, I think I would still do something that combined creativity with environmental consciousness, like landscape design or forestry management.

The most important thing my parents taught me was that there was absolutely nothing that was out of my reach and that achievement was primarily willpower.

The two experiences that had the biggest impact on my life are my struggle with infertility and the slow agonizing death of my father. Those two experiences made me doubt what my parents had taught me for the first time in my life, that achievement was primarily will power and that nothing was out of my reach.

There is no one that I have a great desire to meet. I have been blessed with fabulous, loving parents, great friends and amazing siblings. Who could compete with that?

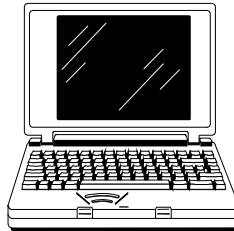
My philosophy of life? Life is not fair. Get over it. Get on with it. There are no do overs."

Rita D. Woods

CHAT WITH A LIBRARIAN

Type in a question to Librarian Live!, and a staff member from one of the participating libraries will work on getting you an answer or guiding you to a useful site in a real-time online chat session. Librarian Live! is available 3:00-9:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 3:00-5:00 p.m. Friday. This cooperative service is part of the Illinois State Library's Ask-Us! Illinois project. To chat with a librarian, visit our home page and click on the Librarian Live! logo.

WIRELESS IS HERE



We now offer you the convenience of bringing your laptop into the Library and connecting to the Internet via our wireless network. Access the Internet from anywhere in the adult section of the Library or new book area. The Library also offers a computer room with 8 computers with print capability and a variety of software programs. Call us @ (708) 301-7908 for information.

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