



Homer Township Public Library District

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SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING CONTINUES!

Opening the Library mail these days brings good news. Six additional LSTA grants submitted this fall to the Illinois State Library have been funded! The Homer Township Public Library has submitted 22 grant applications over the past year. Eleven of them have been funded and four grants are still pending notification. We are grateful to the Illinois State Library and Illinois State Librarian Jesse White, for providing grant opportunities which help the Library to continue providing the best for its patrons!

Technology Position (\$49,485) The first grant will fund a technology position, which will be shared by three libraries; Homer Public Library, New Lenox, and Wilmington. When writing the grant, Homer sought other libraries for a unique partnership.

Focus on the Community-We're Listening (\$4,900) The Library is planning a spring 2002 referendum and is eager to solicit resident input for future long-range planning that includes adding space to already cramped library areas. A professional consultant will direct the process to learn how residents view the Library, including what they need and want. This will target and bring in various user groups to gather as wide and varied a feedback response as possible.

Diversity Training (\$4,900) The third grant will provide diversity training for library staff.

Crisis Management and Safety Planning (\$4,900) The fourth grant is for crisis management and safety planning at the Library, an especially current and meaningful topic.

Personnel Development in Key Areas (\$4,900) The fifth grant is for personnel development and growth in key areas, particularly important as more staff is hired to provide enhanced patron service.

Bringing Heritage Alive (\$6,600) A sixth grant established a core genealogy collection, including a computer and software at the Library. The Library included School District 33-C as a partner, and this successful grant funded several quality Library programs brought to Junior High Students.

With a tax-capped Library budget, grant opportunities are very important. These awards (more than \$157,000 this past year!) help us create stronger connections between the Library and community organizations, schools, and our residents, benefiting all. Plans to initiate new services, purchase needed equipment, test pilot projects, fulfill library community dreams, and support the needs of our patrons are underway with several more grants being written.

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REFERENDUM NEWS

The Library Board has determined that in order to continue serving our community well and continue to have space for new materials, we will need to add an addition onto the existing library. With several years of planning behind us, we will pose an 8¢ bond question to the voters in March 2002, to support adding more space. We continue to make positive changes to our departments, collections, and programs in order to give our community the best in information services and materials.

As our community grows, it is important that the Library adds space for quiet areas, to support collection growth, and to have a defined program room. The Library will hold community referendum meetings on February 11th at 7 p.m., February 23rd at 11 a.m. and March 6th at 7 p.m. Learn about our space limitations and the impact on services that we are facing. Call (708) 301-7908 to register to attend a meeting, learn about the Library, and help get the word out. Questions welcome! More information is available on the Web at www.homerlibrary.org. **VOTE MARCH 19th**

TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

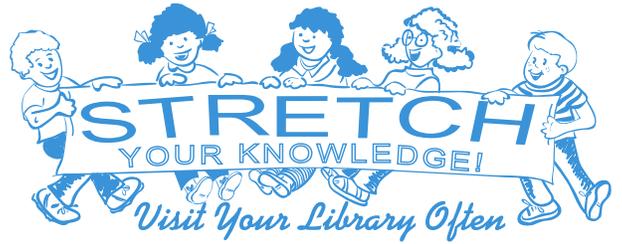
The Homer Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Board President Barry Levine has been named Trustee of the Year 2001 by the Illinois Library Association (ILA).

This award recognizes a trustee's distinguished service, achievement, leadership, and commitment to libraries at the national, state, and local levels. The citation is given to those who are instrumental in raising library standards and services in the State through outstanding service to public libraries.

Barry recently received his award in Springfield while attending Trustee Day during the ILA Conference. Honored by his colleagues, Barry is quick to share credit with fellow board members and library employees for their vision and effort. Active in the community, Barry and his wife, Phyllis, recently opened Functional Therapy and Rehabilitation, an outpatient therapy clinic in Homer Glen.

With Barry's support the Library has established homebound delivery services, implemented assistive computer software and other devices such as a large print reader, and we continue to investigate other tools to fully support all of our community of users. Congratulations, Barry!

Great Programs At the Homer Township Library



JAN. 12
Saturday
10:00 a.m. -
Noon

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

Please join Paula Borst, Creative Memories, LTD, in creating a memory book using family photographs. Registration is required. Funding provided by the Illinois State Library, a division of the Secretary of State using Federal LSTA funding.

JAN. 22
Tuesday
7:00 p.m.
ADULT

CLEOPATRA

The Field Museum is hosting the *Cleopatra of Egypt: from history to myth* exhibit Oct. 20 to March 3, 2002. Local art professor Jeff Mishur will take you on a tour of the priceless artwork gathered together for the first time. Please call the Library to register. Free

FEB 16
Saturday
9:30 a.m. -
3:30 p.m.
YOUNG
ADULT

BE A STAR BABYSITTER

This Red Cross certified class is designed to give participants the tools to become a confident and trustworthy babysitter. Basic first aid and valuable childcare information will be taught. Please bring your lunch and a cold drink. Fee is \$10.00. Ages 10 & up. **Class will repeat on March 16th**

FEB 23
Saturday
1:00 p.m. -
2:00 p.m.
CHILDREN

SCIENCE CLUB with Mariel Rimkus--Our Feathered Friends

Come and see a real peach-faced Love Bird! Learn about our native Midwestern birds and their habits. We will create a cute birdhouse for the children to take home. \$5.00 Fee

FEB. 28
Thursday
7:00 p.m.
ADULT

INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS

Do you often wake up and wonder what your dreams mean? Keep a dream journal and Sharon Stankus will help you interpret your dreams at this workshop. Registration required. Free

MARCH 23
Saturday
1:00 p.m. -
2:00 p.m.
Children

SCIENCE CLUB with Mariel Rimkus--Butterflies Are Beautiful

Discover the nature of butterflies, including their stages of development and amazing migration patterns. The children will receive a LIVE caterpillar and make a Butterfly house to bring it home in. Children under 6 will need a parent present. \$5.00 fee

Check Out The Free Computer Classes

DATE	DAY	TIME	CLASS
1/18	Friday	10:00 am	Intro to Excel
1/22	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Intro to Computers & Windows
1/25	Friday	10:00 am	Intermediate Excel
1/28	Monday	6:30 pm	Intro to Access
1/29	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Intro to Word
1/30	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Desktop Publishing tips
2/4	Monday	6:30 pm	Intro to the Internet & World Wide Web
2/5	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Intermediate Word
2/9	Saturday	10:00 am	Intro to Computers & Windows
2/11	Monday	6:30 pm	Advanced Internet & World Wide Web
2/13	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Intro to Excel
2/15	Friday	10:00 am	Intro to Computers & Windows
2/20	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Intermediate Excel
2/22	Friday	10:00 am	Intro to Email
2/23	Saturday	10:00 am	Intro to Word
3/1	Friday	10:00 am	Intro to the Internet & World Wide Web
3/6	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Intro to PowerPoint
3/8	Friday	10:00 am	Advanced Internet



Each session runs approximately two hours. Basic mouse skills are necessary for all sessions. Registration required.



JAN. 21

Monday
2:30 p.m.
\$4.00

CUPCAKE BIRTHDAY BANNER

Celebrate the birthdays in your home with this cute cupcake banner. Will include a heart for up to 6 family members.

JAN. 24

Thursday
4:30 p.m.
\$5.00

SNOWMAN WINDSOCK

Cute snowman standing in falling snowflakes to make and hang in your home.

JAN. 25

Friday
9:30 a.m. &
1:00 p.m.
\$3.00

SNOWMAN WINDSOCK*

Smaller version of above.

FEB. 1

Friday
9:30 a.m. &
1:00 p.m.
\$2.50

VALENTINE MONKEY*

Let's hang out! That is what this monkey is telling you as he hangs on your doorknob!

FEB. 5

Tuesday
4:30 p.m.
\$4.50

CUPID HAT

Cupid will be hanging on your door with ribbons of hearts! Made from a straw hat.

FEB. 7

Thursday
4:30 p.m.
\$3.50

HEART TREE

Children will make this chenille stem tree and then add hearts with their own messages written on them. **Ages 7 and up.**

FEB. 19

Tuesday
4:30 p.m.
\$3.50

HAPPY EVERYTHING POT

Cute table decoration! Change design each month. At this session you will make designs for Feb., March, April, & May.

FEB. 22

Friday
9:30 a.m. &
1:00 p.m.
\$2.50

SHAMROCK POT OF GOLD*

Shamrocks and a pot of gold to display for St. Paddy's Day!

FEB. 26

Tuesday
4:30 p.m.
\$3.50

SHAMROCK WINDSOCK

Small windsock to hang for St. Patrick's Day.

MAR. 4

Monday
2:30 p.m.
\$3.50

CHICKS IN HAT

Keep the kids busy on this school holiday! Bring them in to make these cute chicks peeping out of this flower center made from a straw hat!

MAR. 5

Tuesday
7:00 p.m.
\$4.00

BUNNY DOOR JINGLE

This bunny hanging onto a carrot will jingle every time your door opens!

MAR. 8

Friday
9:30 a.m. &
1:00 p.m.
\$3.50

TOP HAT BUNNY*

Cute bunny sporting a top hat to hang on your doorknob!

MAR. 12

Tuesday
4:30 p.m.
\$3.50

BUNNY DOOR HANGER

Hang this bunny in a field of flowers on your door for Easter and all during the spring!

MAR. 14

Thursday
7:00 p.m.
\$3.50

BUNNY CARROT GARLAND

Fun little garland to make with this bunny and her carrots!

MAR. 18

Monday
4:30 p.m.
\$2.00

BLOOMIN' BUNNIES

Small decoration to set around all through the spring. These bunnies are blooming out of the flowers!

MAR. 22

Friday
9:30 a.m. &
1:00 p.m.
\$2.50

DUCK POT*

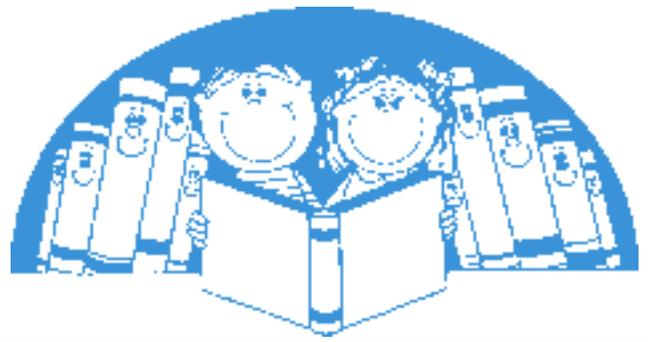
This cute pot can hold any treasure that you like or use it in the bathroom to hold toothbrushes!

* Parental assistance is necessary for this craft

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

An adult must accompany any child under the age of 6 for all craft programs.

KIDS CORNER



STORY TIME

Story Hour can help children develop better listening skills and prepare them for more structured activities. Our winter sessions will run for eight weeks each. Children must be 3 years of age at the beginning of the session. In-person registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and phone registration will begin at Noon.

STORY HOUR DAYS & TIMES

Monday	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

◆ Session 1 runs from: Jan. 21 - March 14th
Registration begins January 14th

◆ Session 2 runs from: March 25th - May 16th
Registration begins March 18th

TODDLER TIME



In relaxing weekly sessions, an Education Service Network staff member promotes parent-child interaction using books, songs, rhymes, and creative movement. **Lapsit** is designed for parents and children up to age 3. The instructor will be here on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Come and join us in promoting early learning! Registration is required.

◆ Toddler time begins Jan. 16th - Feb 27th
Registration begins Jan. 14th

NEW

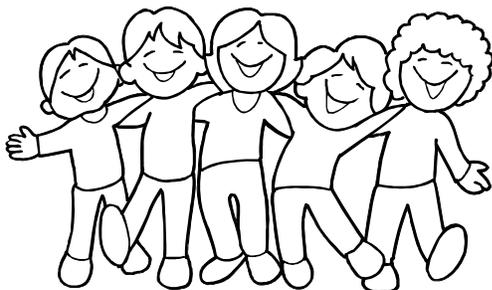
TEEN TUESDAYS

Need online computer time and tips? The Library's computer lab will be open to students in grades 7-12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a trainer available on selected Tuesdays. Learn search strategy and tips, visit some cool sites and get research assistance. The schedule is being confirmed; contact Sara, at (708) 301-7908 for details.



YAC IT UP

What programs should the Library have for teens? What books, music, and magazines would you like to see? Be a part of the Youth Advisory Committee and share your thoughts with us. Calling all students in grades 6 and up - become a part of our decision making team! Leave your name at the Circulation Desk and you will be notified of the next meeting.



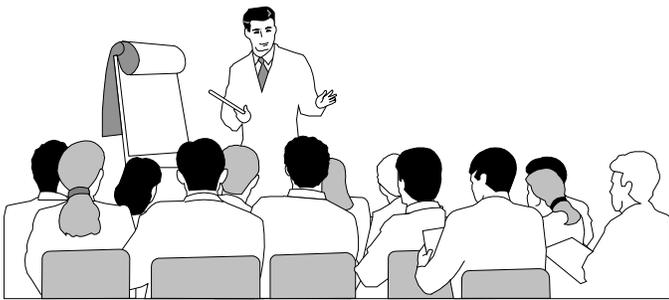
We require that all parents or care givers of STORY TIME children remain in the building during the program so they will be available if necessary for their child.

COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUPS

What do you value and want us to continue? We hope to gather this information via community focus groups this winter. There is no other institution in Homer Township that affects more lives than the Public Library. It is an important educational and essential resource for the thousands of residents in the community, including seniors, youth, business professionals, students, educators, parents, and families.

We truly have something for everyone, and we can assist you from birth through your senior years. Whether you use us to research health concerns, browse more than 250 magazines and newspapers, look up parenting information, paint or tile your home, research your family tree, enjoy the educational computers, "listen" to an audio book from our collection of 2700 titles, read a large print book, or help your child learn about responsibility... we have something for YOU.

Interested in helping us further define our direction, including space considerations for the future? We welcome your participation in our upcoming focus groups! We want to hear from YOU! Focus group sessions will be held later this winter, dates are being confirmed. If interested contact Library Director Sheree Kozel-La Ha at (708) 301-7908.



JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

A strong library is essential to the health and growth of the community. Many members of the community actively support the Library by volunteering, sponsoring events, raising funds, and community awareness of Library events, soliciting support, and generally fostering a love of reading for all. A non-profit, volunteer organization, Friends of the Homer Twp. Library (FOHTL) is your opportunity to support your library. Join today and watch your contribution have an impact in your hometown!

Benefits to you!

You'll feel great knowing your membership dues help the Library continue providing the best for its Homer Township residents. You'll also enjoy the company of people who share your love for libraries at several "Members Only" meetings during the year.

If you'd like to join the Friends of the Homer Township Public Library District, please request an application at the Circulation Desk or on the Web at :

<http://www.homerlibrary.org/forms/friends.html> and bring it into the Library. Call (708) 301-7908 for more information.

PRACTICE PALS

Young adult volunteers assist with our new program called **Practice Pals**. These volunteers peer-coach younger children with reading and math skill drills via educational games geared to each particular skill. Youth are paired together, with a Librarian overseeing the process. It's a fun way to develop leadership and self-esteem for older youth and support younger children. We will meet on selected Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon, beginning January 12th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COLLECTION

New Youth Videos - Enjoy the many new videos added to the Children's area, including Disney classics and others! Located adjacent to the cassettes and tapes on the west wall, the collection has recently been updated. All videos are free and may be checked out for 2 weeks.

General Videos - Videos in the general collection will soon be relocated...as you search the nonfiction collection please note that our videos will be sitting within the book collection. For example, as you look at a gardening book you may also find several gardening videos sitting on the shelf. And we have subject and title lists of the video collection to help you quickly and easily locate your topic!

New Magazines - Many new titles have been added! They include Bicycling, Biography, BMX, Bookbag, Budget Travel, Cooking Light, Family Tree, Gamepro, Home Education, Hot Rod, Instructor, Knitters, Mailbox, Nick Jr., School Library Journal, Taste of Home, Teacher Magazine, Teen Vogue, and Where to Retire, to name a few!

Parent/Teacher Self - These great materials are being expanded and will be relocated adjacent to the Information Desk (where the video collection used to be). As we continued to add to this collection, we found it needed more space. Please feel free to suggest your favorite resource for this area.

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Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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.

SUNDAY HOURS

After a summer hiatus our Sunday hours have resumed from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and are back in full swing! Sunday hours will continue until Memorial Day. Evening hours have been very successful, and we urge you to enjoy an evening at the Library with your family!

NEED INFORMATION?

ASK A LIBRARIAN!



- ◆ How can I adopt overseas?
- ◆ Is this Web site reliable?
- ◆ How is my new car rated for safety?
- ◆ How do I write a cover letter for my resume?
- ◆ I need to give a speech, what's a great quote to use?

We can assist you with the many questions you have. If you need business information or are curious about anything, just ask a librarian.

We are accessible in several ways...to help you!

- ✓ Call us at (708) 301-7908,
- ✓ Visit the Library at 14320 W. 151st Street,
- ✓ Email your questions to askalibrarian@homerlibrary.org, or
- ✓ Fill out our online form at:
<http://www.homerlibrary.org/forms/question.html>

LIBRARY POWER CARDS

Coming soon! The Library will be issuing new library cards in 2002. They will have an eye-catching logo and will be credit card size. The best part is that you will also receive a key chain card for ease of use. Easily attached to your keys, we hope that you will visit us more than ever in 2002! **It's all here @ HOMER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY!**

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