



# Homer Township Public Library District

*Celebrating 22 Years of Community Service*

Winter 2004

<http://www.homerlibrary.org>

## BOARD REQUESTS VOTER APPROVAL MARCH 16

The Library's proposal on the March 16th ballot asks voters to approve an 8-cent increase from .15-cents to .23-cents.

We are asking for this small increase in the tax rate (just 8-cents) so that we can continue to be open, staffed and available to meet your needs, and to have materials and services available to you for recreation and information with adequate space to use them.

Homer residents are active users. The Library has 600 visitors daily who take out more than 750 items each day. This is an increase of 34% in the past year. There is no other community organization that reaches every citizen for so little in cost. We know money is tight, so we are asking for the minimum increase necessary to support our growing community. We have not had a tax increase since we were established 22 years ago, and currently account for only 2% of your tax bill.

We appreciate the input of focus group participants as well as other members of our community. Our commitment to provide the best to our patrons continues and we need your VOTE on MARCH 16th. We need your support, input and ongoing patronage.

The attached referendum insert has been prepared to provide accurate information. Visit the Library web page ([www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org)) for additional facts. Don't hesitate to call Sheree Kozel-La Ha, the Library Director, if you have any questions or attend an informational meeting on March 2nd at 7 p.m. or March 13th at 10 a.m.

## FREE HEALTH FAIR

A FREE Senior Health Fair is scheduled for March 16th, to be held at the Library from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Seniors and adults are urged to attend to get accurate and helpful information. The Fair includes vision tests, blood pressure checks, blood sugar testing, bone density testing, allergy screening, hearing screening, and more. A dietician, chiropractor, therapist and massage specialist will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues pertinent to you.

## IN MEMORIAM

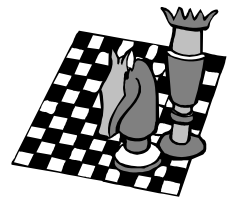
William (Bill) Stachnik, our Library Trustee, passed away on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be greatly missed.

As a trustee, Mr. Stachnik was a loyal library supporter who was highly respected for his honest and thoughtful insights. His leadership and guidance lit the path for others to follow. Bill touched many lives and will be remembered for his accomplishments, wit, and friendliness.

Our staff and Board of Trustees will warmly remember Bill for these past four years of dedicated service.

## DROP-IN CHESS

The second Thursday 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. All ages are welcome. Mark your calendar with these dates:



February 12 ♦ March 11 ♦ April 8 ♦ May 6

## YES, WE ARE WIRELESS

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. Come in and take advantage of our many free computer classes. Call us @ (708) 301-7908 for information about the newest schedule of classes.



# Great Programs At the Homer Twp. Library

## FEB. 7 DECODING DaVINCI

Saturday 1:00 p.m. **FREE**  
Dan Brown's suspenseful novel, "The DaVinci Code," has renewed people's interest in the Renaissance artist's life and work. Jeff Mishur presents a slide lecture, which examines Leonardo's artistic innovations and how they broke with traditions of Italian painting. Registration required.

## FEB. 9 INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Monday 2:00 p.m. **FREE**  
The Will County Sheriff's Office gives parents practical advice about computer placement, software for monitoring children's computer use, and other safety issues. Registration required.

## FEB. 13 RESUME WORKSHOP

Friday 2:00 p.m. **FREE**  
Presented by Jan Moeller, Joliet Junior College Office of Career Services. Bring a sample of your resume. Career Series #1. Registration required.

## FEB. 19 PHOTO TINTING

Thursday 7:00 p.m. **\$7.00**  
Take ordinary black and white photographs to something extraordinary. Using transparent oil paints, learn to handcolor a black and white photo transforming it into your own unique masterpiece. Instructor will provide you with a practice palette and a 5x7 photograph to color, or bring your own. Simply make (2) black and white copies of your picture on your home computer using a scanner and printed onto HIGH GLOSS PHOTO PAPER, or use a Kodak Photo Printer found at any drugstore near the photo department. Class size limited to 15. Registration required.

## FEB. 20 JOB INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

Friday 2:00 p.m. **FREE**  
Presented by Jan Moeller. Career Series #2.

## FEB. 21 BEGINNING SCRAPBOOKING

Saturday 10:00 a.m. **\$4.00**  
Paula Borst, from Creative Memories, presents the basics of creating memory pages. Bring 5 -10 photographs. Registration required.

## FEB. 24 BEGINNING STENCILING

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **\$3.00**  
Janelle Tague, owner of Stencil and Sponge Creative Paint Concepts in New Lenox, will demonstrate stenciling with emphasis on shading, multiple overlays, and embossing. Registration required.

## FEB. 26 DECORATIVE STAMPING

Thursday 7:00 p.m. **\$4.00**  
Tammy Hayes teaches stamp techniques for decorating greeting cards and gift items. Registration required.

## FEB. 28 DECORATIVE STAMPING

Saturday 10:00 a.m. **\$4.00**  
Same as February 26th class.

## MAR. 4 JOB HUNTING WHILE EMPLOYED

Thursday 7:30 p.m. **FREE**  
Presented by Jan Moeller. Career Series #3.

## MAR. 8 50 GREAT WEB SITES

Monday 7:30 p.m. **FREE**  
Librarian Brian Smith shows off a handful of his favorite sites: the useful, the entertaining, the bizarre. Registration required.

## MAR. 11 NETWORKING, LETTER WRITING

Thursday 2:00 p.m. **FREE**  
Presented by Jan Moeller. Career Series #4.

## MAR. 13 ADVANCED SCRAPBOOKING

Saturday 10:00 a.m. **\$4.00**  
See description of February 4th class.

## MAR. 15 FRAMED ART

Monday 7:00 p.m. **\$5.00**  
Why just put a picture into a boring frame? Make it a work of art. This class will show you how to enhance and decorate your photos to create a customized, personal framed keepsake worthy of hanging on your wall. Class will consist of two projects to be completed during class time. If you can cut paper, you can take this class! Project 1 - Bring 5 or 6 copies of one photo. Project 2 - Bring one 4x6 picture. Class size limited to 15. Registration required.

## MAR. 25 HOW TO FIND ANYTHING ON THE WEB

Thursday 7:30 p.m. **FREE**  
Brian Smith demonstrates some of the tips and tricks he's learned in a decade of using the Internet. Registration required.

## MAR. 27 HOW TO FIND ANYTHING ON THE WEB

Saturday 10:00 a.m. **FREE**  
See description of March 25th class.

## MAR. 30 ADVANCED STENCILING

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **\$3.00**  
Janell Tague offers advanced stenciling techniques. Registration required.

## APRIL 15 CHILD ID

Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **FREE**  
Will County Sheriff's Department will provide parents with a photo and fingerprint ID of their child.

**NEW!**

# SHOWTIME! VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

**NEW!**

All showings are free of charge and first come, first seated. Refreshments will be served.  
Call the Library for movie titles and MPAA ratings.

**FEB. 20 FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE**  
Friday 10:00 am.  
A classic drama, musical, or comedy will be shown on the third Friday of each month.

**MARCH 1 DAY-AFTER-OSCAR NIGHT**  
Monday 7:00 p.m.  
The Academy Awards will be presented on February 29, and the Library will show one of the winning films the next evening.

**MARCH 19 FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE**  
Friday 10:00 am.

**APRIL 16 FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE**  
Friday 10:00 am.

**APRIL 22 EARTH DAY ANIME**  
Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
In observance of Earth Day, the Library will present a widely acclaimed animated feature about a war between forest spirits and humans. This beautiful and intense film was directed by master animator Hayao Miyazaki, with dubbed English dialogue written by Neil Gaiman.  
(MPAA rating: PG-13)

**APRIL 24 CAR CHASE MOVIE FEST**  
Saturday 10:00 am.

**MAY 21 FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE**  
Friday 10:00 am.

## CRAFTY KIDS

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<b>FEB. 3</b>	<b>VALENTINE DOOR SITTER</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$3.00
<b>FEB. 6</b>	<b>VALENTINE PICTURE HOLDER*</b>	
Friday	9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	\$1.50
<b>FEB. 10</b>	<b>VALENTINE BANNER</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.00
<b>FEB. 17</b>	<b>SPRING WINDSOCK</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50
<b>MAR. 2</b>	<b>BUNNY COLLECTOR</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50
<b>MAR. 9</b>	<b>ST. PAT'S HANGER</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50
<b>MAR. 12</b>	<b>HOPPY SPRING*</b>	
Friday	9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	\$2.50

<b>MAR. 16</b>	<b>BEE HAPPY</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$1.50
<b>MAR. 23</b>	<b>BUNNY POT</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50
<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>BUNNY FRAME*</b>	
Friday	9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	\$1.50
<b>APRIL 6</b>	<b>SOCK BUNNY</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50
<b>APRIL 20</b>	<b>HOME TWEET HOME</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.00
<b>MAY 4</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50
<b>MAY 7</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT*</b>	
Friday	9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	\$2.00
<b>MAY 11</b>	<b>FESTER FROG</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	\$2.50

\* 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.**

Please come into the Library to see full craft description and samples.

## Homer Township Public Library

14320 West 151st Street  
Homer Glen, IL 60491  
**Phone:** (708) 301-7908

### 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](http://www.homerlibrary.org)  
**Email:** [skozel@homerlibrary.org](mailto:skozel@homerlibrary.org)

### Board of Trustees:

Barry Levine, President  
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Library Board Meetings, are the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The Public is invited to attend.

**Library Director:** Sheree Kozel-La Ha, MLS  
**Assistant Director:** Sara McCambridge, MLIS  
**Adult Services:** Brian Smith, MLS  
**Youth Services:** Kathryn Mitchell, LTA  
**Circulation Services:** Jody Studer, BA  
**Business Manager/Newsletter Layout:**  
Carol McSweeney, BS

### 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](mailto:skozel@homerlibrary.org) at least seven working days prior to the event.

## JOB SEARCH HELP @ THE LIBRARY

ResumeMaker deluxe is available for patrons to use on two computers at the Library. This software takes users step-by-step through the process of creating a strong resume and persuasive cover letters. It also includes tools for exploring career options, preparing for interviews, and negotiating a salary.

**The Library is hosting free resume-writing and other workshops with Joliet Junior College's Office of Career Services, on Feb. 13th, 20th, March 4th and 11th. See the program schedule for details.**

Other free resources available at the Library include:

- ReferenceUSA's online directory of companies, including contact names (through the Library's Web site).
- Illinois Manufacturers Directory, Illinois Services Directory, and other business directories in print.
- Internet access to job listings, company Web sites, and career advice.
- Classified ads in local newspapers.
- Books on career planning, resume preparation, cover letters, interviewing, and other aspects of the job search.

## CELL PHONE USE IN THE LIBRARY

In respect to other Library patron's we request that you please set your cell phone to "vibrate" when you enter the Library and take any calls in the Library lobby or hallway. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

*READ MORE... In 2004!*

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