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## CLOSINGS

**January 1**

New Years Day

**January 21**

Martin Luther King Day

**February 18**

President's Day

**March 21**

Good Friday

**March 23**

Easter Sunday

**May 26**

Memorial Day

### Character Counts and Safety on the Streets

"Funding for these programs is brought to you as part of a grant that was awarded to the Homer Township Public Library by the Illinois State Library (ILS), a Division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)."

## WE'RE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

### *Excellence in Services to a growing community*

Your public library has evolved dramatically over the years. As we celebrate our 25th year of service we encourage you to ASK @ Your Library for what you need to enhance our value to you. The Library strives to be user-centered and essential to you. This means encouraging your participation and dialogue, reaching out to users in new ways, and supporting a vibrant community. We need your communication to ensure the library remains vital. As our management team and trustees undertake long range planning we continue to ask: What do you want to see here? How can we make the library a destination point for you? How can we assist you better in the area of remote access? What programs, collections, services, etc. would your family benefit from? Help keep the user at the heart of library services - your input is essential for this to happen.

### *ASK @ Your Library*

More than ever the library continues to be a gathering place and a safe haven where information can be accessed by every person in our community. We urge you in 2008 to take advantage of everything we have to offer @ the Homer Township Public Library! Our commitment continues to provide excellent programs, diverse materials and essential services that enrich the quality of your life. We'll see you at the Library!

**Sign up for all programs begins on  
Monday, January 14th!**

## Your "GO TO" Place

2007 has been an energizing and successful year at Homer Library. Statistics showcase increasing library usage both physical and online. 2007 statistics:

- 600 library visitors daily
- 15,000 monthly website visitors or 488 to the domain each day
- 864 items circulate daily; an increase of 44%
- 459 programs, averaging more than one per day
- 67% of our residents have library cards, above the state average of 52%
- 137,828 items in the library collection (books, CDs, etc.)
- 40 questions are answered daily at the help desk (13,572 annually)
- 929 new library cardholders, which is 3 new customers each day

## PROGRAMS

### International Cheese Tasting

January 22nd @ 7 pm

### Basic First Aid

January 26th @ 1-3 pm

### Fire Safety: protect your family & home

February 10th @ 6:30 pm

### How to Pick the Best Colleges

February 12th @ 7 pm

### Chocolate! Chocolate!

February 13th @ 7 pm

### CPR Certification

February 23rd @ 1 - 4 pm

Limited to 10

### Women's Personal Safety

March 4th @ 7 pm

### Out With the Bad, In With the Good

March 5th @ 7 pm

### Get a Kit, Get a Plan, Get Ready

March 17th @ 7 pm

### Stamping

March 19th @ 7 pm

Fee \$10

### First Aid Certification

March 29th @ 1-3 pm

Limited to 10

### Born Colored

April 1st @ 7 pm

### Jane Austin

April 2nd @ 7 pm

### Fight Like a Girl :

women's self defense

April 8th @ 7 pm

## KNITTING CLUB

Don't know how to knit? Join our monthly knitting club. It will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm.

Have Yarn, Will Travel will teach beginners the basics on Jan. 15th and Feb. 19th.

Beginners without supplies can purchase needles and yarn from Have Yarn, Will Travel for \$15.

## PARENTING PROGRAMS

### Social & Emotional Learning

February 4th @ 7 pm

### Parent Internet Safety for Kids

February 11th @ 7 pm

### Bullying Prevention

May 20th @ 7 pm

### A Child's Garden

June 5th @ 7 pm

### Battling Body Image

June 10th @ 7 pm

### Getting Your Child Ready for School & Life

6-12 Months

March 10th @ 7 pm

1-2 Years

April 23rd @ 7 pm

2-4 Years

May 7th @ 7 pm



## Explore the World @ the Homer Township Library

Jeff and Michelle Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc., will lead you on an adventure to ancient and current cultures around the world. Travel back in time to Machu Picchu and Pompeii or explore current day Africa. Refreshments will be provided.

### Natural Wonders of Namibia

February 15th @ 11:30 am

Tour the apricot dunes of the Namibia desert, the fascinating landscape of Damaraland, and game drives in Etosha National Park.

### Lost City of the Incas

March 14th @ 11:30 am

Travel back in time to visit the Incas. Discover Inca buildings, royal traditions and religious rites.



### Pompeii

from ashes to archaeology

April 19th @ 11:30 am

Visit Pompeii before and after Mount Vesuvius erupted, covering the city with volcanic ash.

### Livingston, Zambia

gateway to Victoria Falls

May 16th @ 11:30 am

Your adventure to Livingston, Zambia will include an elephant-back safari, Zambezi river rafting, game drives, and flight seeing in a vintage bi-plane.

## WRITERS & READERS

### Prairie Smoke Writers Club

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 pm.

# Discover

# Teens

## PROGRAMS

### **The Journey Starts Now**

*January 30th @ 7 pm*

### **Yes, You Can**

*February 27th @ 7 pm*

### **Choices**

*March 3rd @ 7 pm*

### **Voice**

*March 11th @ 7 pm*

### **Creative Problem Solving**

*March 26th @ 7 pm*

### **Born Colored**

*April 1st @ 7 pm*

### **Dear Lisa**

*April 21st @ 11 am*

### **Money, Banking, Credit**

*April 22nd @ 7 pm*

### **Dining Skills**

*April 26th @ 7pm*

*Limited seating*

### **Entrepreneurial Mentorship**

*April 30th @ 7 pm*

### **Listening Communication Skills**

*May 13th @ 7 pm*

### **Financial Fitness for Life**

*May 28th @ 7 pm*



*Check the Teen Events Blog for more information on programs and events  
[www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp](http://www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp)*

## TEEN ENERGY: Teen Leadership Academy

The academy creates youth leaders that will assume leadership roles throughout the community. Teens will gain skills that can be utilized throughout life and will have fun doing so! Participation in this academy will look impressive on college applications and resumes. For more information, check out the teen events blog @ <http://homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp> or call Alex @ 708 301-7908.

## YACs

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a young adult group that meets monthly, which often undertakes community projects. 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.



## TEEN TECHIES

Teen Techies help update the teen website and work on teen technology projects. This group meets the last Tuesday of the month. For more information contact Alex at 708 301-7908

## Check out our Teen Website!

[www.homerlibrary.org/teens.asp](http://www.homerlibrary.org/teens.asp)

## Teen Events

Keep informed on teen events and library news.

[www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp](http://www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp)

## Teen Book Reviews

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

[www.homerlibrary.org/teenreviews.asp](http://www.homerlibrary.org/teenreviews.asp)

## TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

*Books available at the Help Desk*

### **Teen Manga**

Meets the third Thursday of the month  
@ 7 pm.

### **Teen Book Discussion**

Meets the first Tuesday of the month  
@ 7 pm.

# Enjoy

# Kids

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### PROGRAMS

#### Stranger Danger

March 1st @ 11 am & 1 pm  
grades K-2nd

#### We Care:

child awareness - rapid escape  
March 8th @ 10 am  
ages 5 and up

**Fire Safety:** for kids and parents  
March 30th @ 6:30 pm

#### Child ID

April 5th @ 11 am

#### Baseball for Kids

April 6th @ 4:30 pm  
ages 7-10

#### Car Seat Safety Checks

May 3rd @ 11 am

#### 1 Man Big Band Orchestra

January 13th @ 4:30 pm

#### It's a Jungle Out There

February 24th @ 4:30 pm

#### Teach the Mind

March 2nd @ 4:30 pm

#### Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble

March 9th @ 4:30 pm

#### Very Funny Magic

March 25th @ 11 am

#### Family Music with Miss Anna

April 13th @ 4:30 pm

### CRAFTS

Fee: \$3.00 for all classes

Jan. 31	4:30 pm	Just Chillin Door Hanger
Feb 7	4:30 pm	Valentine Bear Wind Swinger
Feb 21	4:30 pm	Leap Year Craft
Mar 10	4:30 pm	Top Hat Bunny Hanger
Mar 20	4:30 pm	Welcome Bunnies
Apr 7	7 pm	Spring Chicks
Apr 14	7 pm	Cool Bunny
May 5	7 pm	Tulips for Mom
May 12	7 pm	Animal Magnets

### 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.

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am



### STORY TIME

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.

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



### CULTURE CLUB

Travel to faraway lands. Explore foods and customs from other countries around the world! Each Culture Club member will be given a passport and a sticker from each country. Once completed,

members will be world travelers! Culture Club will meet on Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 am. Grades 2-5 Registration required. Space is limited. For more information, call Kathy in Youth Services @ 708 301-7908.

January 19th	Africa	February 16th	China
March 15th	Ireland	April 12th	Poland

# Imagine

## Books On The Go!

### Bookmobile Activities & Events

#### Do You Sudoku?

Come celebrate National Puzzle Day from January 7th to January 29th with puzzles, prizes, and a Happy New Years to all!



Celebrate the “Year of the Rat” with fortune cookies, activities and a drawing for a festive prize beginning February 19th ending March 1st.

#### Guessing Jar

How many eggs fit in our “Spring Guessing Jar?” Be the closest and you’ll be a winner! Contest runs March 17th to March 29th.

#### National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. Add a leaf to our “Poetry Tree” so we may all share your favorite poem. Take a leaf beginning on March 31st and place it on the tree before April 26th.

#### Get Caught Reading

Photo contest begins April 28th and ends on May 24th. Capture your friends and family while they are cozily curled up or hanging from a tree as long as they are reading.

#### Sports Raffle

Are you a fan of football, hockey, skating, or skiing? Show your Winter Sports Spirit...then enter to win our sports raffle! Begins January 21st ends February 2nd.

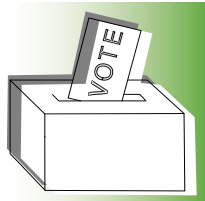


#### Pajama Party

Join our “Pajama Party” from March 3rd through March 15th. Wear your p.j.’s on board for a chance to win our bedtime raffle!

#### VOTE!

Vote for your favorite Monarch, Rebecca Caudill, or Abraham Lincoln Illinois Children’s Choice nominee from February 11th through February 23rd. Redeem your



bookmobile bucks for prizes until February 23rd.

#### Plant a Seed and Read

Take home your own little bit of Spring and nourish your mind with a good book. Begins March 31st and ends April 12th.



#### 50th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of National Library Week with balloons and a drawing for bookstore gift certificates from April 14th to the 26th!



Celebrate “Cinco de Mayo” with games and activities. Enter for a chance to win your very own piñata! The festival will run from May 5th through May 17th.

## Library Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 am – 9:00 pm  
Friday  
8:30 am – 5 pm  
Saturday  
8:30 am – 4 pm  
Sunday (Sept. to May)  
4 pm – 8 pm

## Library Director

Sheree Kozel-La Ha

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# Seniors

## FREE SENIOR TAX HELP

Free senior tax help will be available at the library on the following Wednesdays, between the hours of 9am and noon.

February 6, 20  
March 5, 19  
April 2

No sign-up is required. Bring your paperwork with you. This program is sponsored by Will County Senior Services.



## DIABETES ALERT DAY

In recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month, the Goodings Grove Lions Club is sponsoring a health screening on Wednesday, March 12th from 9 am to noon. Tests include diabetes, blood pressure and eye screening.

# ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY

## ARE YOU a VIP HOMEBOUND?

The Homer Township Public Library offers VIP services to seniors. One of our services is Homebound Delivery. If you can't come into the library, we'll bring the books to you. Please call Mary Woolley @708 301-7908 for details.

## VIDEO MAGNIFIER

Thanks to a Homer resident we now have the Optelec Spectrum Jr. Video Magnifier, this machine enlarges words, pictures and graphics. Please come in and see our new addition.

## BEHIND BARBED WIRE

Behind Barbed Wire: Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany. Germany took 95,532 U.S. men & women prisoners of war during WWII. This bus brings the story of these heroes to life. Traces Bus-eum will be at the library on March 19th from 12 - 3 pm.

*Check out our website [www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org) for more information on all our programs*

## HEALTH-E ILLINOIS

Now available for free, Health-E Illinois is an online guide to Illinois' healthcare providers, facilities, and services @ [www.medlineplus.gov/Illinois](http://www.medlineplus.gov/Illinois)

## NEW LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Devil's Bride  
Stephanie Laurens  
Double Cross  
James Patterson  
Heroic Conservatism  
Michael J Gerson  
Stone Cold  
David Baldacci  
Sweet Revenge  
Diane Mott Davidson  
Thanksgiving  
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