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PUBLIC
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your library**

WINTER 2010

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**Sign Up
Begins Tuesday,
January 19th**



**Join the Winter
Reading Club
February 1st**

CLOSINGS

January 18
Marthin Luther King Day
February 15
President's Day
April 2
Good Friday
April 4
Easter Sunday
May 31
Memorial Day



Play & Learn



Homer Library has created innovative Play Areas for our youngest learners. Play Literacy is based on the idea that children learn best through play.

Our new Early Literacy Play Areas will:

- stimulate a child's intellectual development,
- help prepare children for learning and school activities,
- promote a child's social development,
- encourage children to be comfortable at the library,
- expand opportunities for non-structured learning.

Early Literacy Play Areas include:

- ✓ **Lego Creation Table** - supports eye-hand coordination, creativity, thinking skills
- ✓ **Interactive Books** – easy to hold, promotes reading readiness and exploration
- ✓ **Puzzles** - encourages problem solving, eye-hand coordination, and thinking skills
- ✓ **Train Activity Table** - interactive, develops social and thinking skills
- ✓ **Wooden Play House** – encourages interactive, creative, and social play
- ✓ **Educational Games & Toys** – enhances school readiness and thinking skills
- ✓ **Doll House** – dolls of the world for creative play, modeling, and social skills
- ✓ **Puppets** – stimulates imagination, role playing, and creativity
- ✓ **Computers** – 38 educational games to foster reading, math, science, and more

Bring your child to the library for a great start to succeed in reading readiness through play!

Envision

Adults

All programs require registration

CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Prairie Smoke Writers

Meets the second 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
@ 7:30 pm.

Chick Lit Book Discussion

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month
@ 7 pm.

SuperCouponing

Feb. 6 @ 10 am

Learn to save BIG money with SuperCouponing. SuperCouponing combines the best techniques for following sales using newspaper and internet coupons to their fullest advantage.

Crazy About Cakes

Feb. 9 @ 7 pm

Special occasions from memory often include celebration cakes. In this hour long program, audience members will learn about the history of special cakes including red velvet, carrot cake, brand name favorites, and styles of wedding cake. Famous cakes will be featured. Come for the program and leave with recipes!

College Planning

Feb. 16 @ 7 pm

College Funding Strategies will host a free college planning workshop for parents of high school students who are looking at increasing college tuition. This session concentrates on helping your high school student pick the right college while causing the least impact on your family's finances.

Career Assistance Program

Feb. 20 @ 9 am

Negotiating the difficult job search in a current and changing economy (Resume Prep, Interviewing, Networking, and Government Employment). Presented by Eagle Rock Community Church.

Shop Smart to Make More With Less

March 1 @ 7 pm

Learn how to make many more meals with fewer trips to the store. Buy one grocery bag of ingredients and transform this into 3 large dishes. The program is based on the presenter's "70 Meals, One Trip to the Store" cookbook.

How Smart Consumers Select a Remodeling Contractor

March 15 @ 7 pm

Year after year, remodeling places in the top five among complaints to the Better Business Bureau. Learn the method for selecting the right company and enjoy a positive experience.

Credit Score 101

March 25 @ 7 pm

Daniel Adlfinger from The Private Bank will provide detailed information about credit scores and what you should know.

Overhead Throwing Injury in the Growing Athlete

March 29 @ 7 pm

Physical therapists from Functional Therapy will be discussing common shoulder and elbow injuries your child may encounter as the upcoming sport season approaches. Topics will include injury overviews, symptoms, and preventive measures.

Balance and Falls: Risk Identification and Prevention

April 16 & 30 @ 2 pm

Have you noticed a change in your balance abilities or have you or someone you know fallen lately? Licensed physical therapists from Functional Therapy & Rehabilitation will conduct a 2 part informative and interactive class covering balance and fall assessment. The first class will identify risk factors for falls and include tips to prevent falls. The second class will include an individualized balance assessment.

Computer Classes

Intro to Computers

February 26 @ 10 am

March 12 @ 10 am

March 26 @ 10 am

April 9 @ 10 am

April 23 @ 10 am

Registration required

Intro to Excel 2007

March 31 or April 1 @ 7 pm

Creating a Facebook Account

May 3 @ 3-4 pm

Intro to Word 2007

March 3 or 4 @ 7 pm

Intro to Powerpoint 2007

May 5 or 6 @ 7 pm

Intro to Excel & PowerPoint

March 23 @ 3-5 pm

March 25 @ 3-5 pm

April 13 @ 3-5 pm

April 15 @ 3-5 pm

May 11 @ 3-5 pm

Intro to Open Office

May 17 @ 3-4 pm

Did you know the library offers self-paced online computer courses through the LearningExpress database? Access the database at <http://homerlibrary.org/findit.asp>.

Discover

Teens

Check out our Teen Website!

www.homerlibrary.org/teens.asp

Teen Events - News

www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp

Teen Book Reviews

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

www.homerlibrary.org/teenreviews.asp

TAB

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group for high school students. Meetings include discussions on books, programs and other library topics. TAB meets on the second Thursday of each month. For more information contact Heather at 708 301-7908.

TEEN TECHIES

Teen Techies help update the teen website and work on teen technology projects. The group will meet on Wednesday, Feb 10, March 10, Apr. 14 & May 12 from 5 to 6 pm. For more information contact Alex at 708 301-7908.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books available at the Help Desk

Teen Book Discussion

First Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Teen Manga

Third Thursday of the month @ 7 pm.

Talk about manga with other teens, participate in skits and trivia games, or share your manga-inspired artwork or fanfiction! For teens in 6th grade and up.

Please call the Adult Services Department at 708 301-7908 with any questions

We are now on Facebook and Twitter!



Energy 2.0: Award winning program for teens

Energy: A Teen Leadership Academy is back! Contact Alex or Heather for more information. Applications are due on January 30th.

A sample of this year's Energy program includes:

Feb. 24 - College Application Workshop/Personal Statement

Mar. 24 - ACT Essay Writing

Apr. 5 - ACT Testing Strategies

Apr. 22 - College Preparation Workshop

Apr. 28 - Public Speaking/Communications

May 12 - 7 Reasons to Leave the Party

All programs start at 7 pm



Finals Study Room

Need a place to study? The meeting room will be open for high school students studying for their final exams. Room will be available on May 24th to May 27th from 4 to 8:30 pm.

Teen Tech Week

March 7 to 13

March 8 - Tech Feeding Frenzy - Brownie iPods and Wii remotes 4-6 pm.

March 9 - Your Life w/Music - Create a movie with your favorite photos. We'll teach you how to add special effects and music using Windows Movie Maker 6-8 pm.

March 10 - Game Design 101 - A quick intro to the beginner's game design program, Scratch 6-8 pm.

March 11 - Crafty Gamers - A gaming event + crafts! Stop by to create Mario Mushroom iPod cozies (sewing required) and paper Mario dioramas, or come to play Rock Band and Mario Kart 6-8 pm.

March 13 - Tech Trash Wear - Make jewelry from old computer keyboards.

Kids

Programs

All programs require registration

Please call the Youth Services Department at 708 301-7908 with any questions.

Social Skills

Feb. 1 7 pm

Parents! Does your child struggle with making or keeping friends or getting along with others? Attend this class by Erica Barrett, certified school psychologist, who will discuss how to improve a child's social skills. Open to parents of all ages. **Registration required.**

Nutrition

Feb. 4 7 pm

Tracey Cicirale will present a program on how to prepare school lunches packed with nutrition. **Registration required.**

Read with Rex

Feb. 14 & 28 4:30 - 6 pm

Read to our gentle and well trained reading dogs. 15 minute sessions. **Registration required.**

Spuds! Spuds! Spuds!

Feb. 27 10:30 - 11:30 am

Celebrate National Potato Chip Day and learn all about the history of the versatile vegetable! Potato chip tasting, a story and games await! **For ages 7-10 only Event limited to 20 children.**

Animals In Winter

March 1 10:30 am

Fact & fun stories teach us how animals survive in winter; who migrates, hibernates or stays active. Visit with live animals.



Teddy Bear Picnic

March 5 10:30 am or 1:30 pm

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for stories, snacks and a craft. **Ages 3 to 6 only. Registration required.**

St. Patrick's Day

March 14 4:30 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at "O'Homer" Library. Come and sing along with Tim Burr who will perform his one man St. Patrick's Day show.

Build a Bunny

March 20 10 am or Noon

Noah's Ark animal workshop. Make your own stuffed "Bunny Bear." All Ages. Registration required. **\$10 fee paid @ sign up. Space is limited.**

Peter Rabbit Tea Party

March 25 6:30 - 7:30 pm

or

March 27 10:30 - 11:30 am



Join us on the date of your choice for the classic tale of naughty Peter's escape from Mr. McGregor's garden and a tea party! **For ages 5-8 only. Event limited to 20 children.**

STORY TIME

Monday, Jan. 25-Thursday, May 13

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 for all story times.**

Monday thru Wednesday 9:30 am & 1 pm

POLISH STORY TIME

Polish-English story time.

Thursday 1:15 pm

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. **Join in the fun!**

Thursday at 9:30 and 10:30 am

Classes start at 4:30 pm

Fee: \$3.00



Febraury	3	Valentine's Day
March	2	St. Paddy's Day
March	23	Easter
April	20	Spring
May	18	Butterfly Wreath

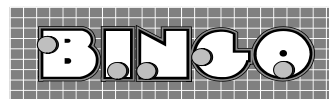
CULTURE CLUB

Grades 2-5

Travel to faraway lands and explore foods and customs from other countries around the world! Culture Club will meet on Saturdays from 10 to Noon. Registration required. Space is limited to 20. For more information, call Kathy in Youth Services @ 708 301-7908.

February 13 - BRAZIL

April 10 - SWITZERLAND



@ the Library

April 1

Picture Bingo

10 - 10:45 am

Ages 4 - 6

Bingo

11 - 11:45 am

Grades 2-5

LEGO'S

Join us on the last Tuesday of the month and build your own Lego design to display in the library. Bring your design ideas and creativity. All ages are welcome to participate. Lego's will be provided.

Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Jan. 26 • Feb. 23 • Mar. 30 •

Apr. 27 • May 25

Imagine

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

Read Like a Champion

Winter reading program for all ages!

January 4 - February 27

Make a Flake

Who doesn't love snowflakes? Make a snowflake craft and pick up activity sheets to take home.

January 19 - 30



Celebrate Library Lover's Month

Celebrate Library Lover's month. Create a Valentine craft for someone you love.

February 1 - 13

VOTE!

Vote for your favorite Monarch/Caudill/Lincoln book on the bookmobile. Play the Caudill "Memory" game.

February 1 - 13

The bookmobile will not be out on the following days:

Jan. 18 - Feb. 15 - May 31

Publicize the Pancake

Help create a whole new If You Give a Pig a Pancake story by adding a part of your own! This is your chance to win a gift certificate for breakfast!

February 16 - 27

Who Will Win the Oscar At the Academy Awards?

You vote for which films and which actors will win Oscars. Whoever guesses the most Oscar winners will be awarded movie tickets.

March 1 - 13

Lucky Charms For All

Create your own lucky shamrock charm

March 15 - April 27



Somebunny Is Looking For A New Home

Come on board and enter the drawing for a spring basket.

March 29 - April 10

National Library Week and Bookmobile Day

The Library will offer Amnesty on fines to celebrate National Library Week. Return overdue items and late fees up to \$20 will be forgiven. To celebrate National Bookmobile Day, decorate your own mini bookmobile, help pick a name for the Homer bookmobile, tell us why you love the bookmobile, and share a tasty treat.

April 12 - April 24

Making Memories for Mother's Day

Make a special gift for your mother. Enter the Mother's Day drawing; you may win a nice gift for Mom.

April 26 - May 8

National Children's Book & National Pizza Days

Pick up and read an award winning book. Enter our "My Favorite Book" contest for a chance to win a free pizza.

May 10 - 22

School's Almost Over

Stamp up a thank you card to take to your teacher!

May 24 - June 5

Winter Reading Club *Read to Succeed - Begins Feb. 1st*

Homer Library will partner with the Chicago Wolves Professional Hockey Team for the annual Winter Reading Program. Earn chances to win a Chicago Wolves T-shirt and book bag. The reading program will run from **February 1 to February 28**. The Winter Reading Program is open to everyone from Pre-school to 8th grade. Book logs and rules will be available at the library and the bookmobile starting Monday, February 1.



Are You A VIP Homebound?

Do you know someone who would like books, magazines, music, movies or other library materials but cannot physically get to the library? Homer Library offers books and more brought to your door through the V.I.P. delivery service. If you or someone you know are stuck at home with illness or injury, even on a temporary basis, please call Jody Olivieri @ 708 301-7908 for delivery details.

Library Hours

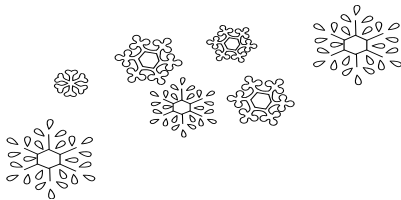
Monday through Thursday
8:30 am – 9 pm
Friday
8:30 am – 5 pm
Saturday
8:30 am – 4 pm
Sunday (Sept. to May)
4 pm – 8 pm

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Enjoy

Seniors

Armchair Travelers

You are invited to explore the world in the comfort of the Homer Township Public Library as an armchair traveler on monthly visits to various locations around the world. Programs are on the second Friday of each month @ 1:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.



Feb. 12, Switzerland - Sonia Lawrentz will lead you through the streets of Switzerland, where you'll visit Geneva, the Rhone Valley, Montreux, the Jungfrau Mountains, and more.

Mar. 12, Olympic Cities - Join Bill Helmuth as he takes you on a tour of many of the cities where the Olympic Games have been held. You'll also journey through Rio de Janeiro, the site of the 2016 Olympic Games.

April 9, Prague - Al Popowits returns to guide you through Prague, the crossroads of Europe. Discover the stunning sites and culture of this city through color photographs and personal experiences.

May 14, Ireland - Explore the history and beauty of Ireland with George Reuss. From Dublin to Blarney to the world famous Waterford Crystal Factory, you'll discover the country's gorgeous castles, seaside towns, and landmarks.

Senior Tax Assistance

The Senior Services Center of Will County will be providing tax services at the Library on Wednesdays from 9 am to Noon. Walk-in basis only. No appointments are necessary.

Feb. 3, 17 • March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • April 7, 14

Check out our website www.homerlibrary.org for more program information



Pepper Profit Program

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the Chili's location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

HOMER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Group/Charity

FEBRUARY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

**14025 S. Bell Rd, Homer Glen
708-645-0175**

Library Lover's Month @ Homer Library

In celebration of Library Lover's Month, Homer Township Public Library will be partnering with local area restaurants to raise funds for programs and new collections at your library!

Just visit **Mimi's Café** in Orland Park on Monday, February 8th from 4-8 pm and show our fundraiser voucher.

Or visit **Chesdan's** in Homer Glen on Monday, February 15th and show your library card! Get together with some friends and enjoy a delicious pizza on your day off of school!

You can also visit **Chili's** in Homer Glen on any Friday in the month of February and show our fundraiser voucher.

Vouchers for Chili's and Mimi's are available at the Homer Library. We thank you for your support!