

Homer Township Public Library

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Winter 2011

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Begins Monday, Jan. 24th at 8:30 am. Online or in person.

All programs require registration unless stated.

Questions? Give us a call at 708-301-7908.



FEED YOUR MIND Winter Reading Club

Begins In January
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What do you geek?

Everyone has something they are passionate about--something they geek. Maybe you geek football or hip hop. Maybe you are passionate about organic gardening, classic movies or volunteering. Or maybe you just geek the weather.

Whatever you geek, serious or fun, the public library supports you.

Public libraries inspire and empower. Everyone is welcome. Librarians help millions of people find out more about what they geek, discover new interests, prepare resumes and search for jobs and schools. As librarians we are passionate about our community, about what you geek and, we are passionate about you!

Libraries improve your life.

We offer innovative geeking opportunities for kids, teens and adults. ESL, discussion and writing

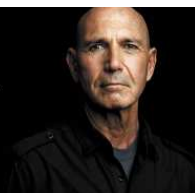
groups, online databases, computer classes, crafts, or a financial planning class anyone?

The public library is the heart of the community. Get your geek on and gather with friends and neighbors. As the economy continues to struggle, the library can save you money. We're here for you!

geek^{VERB}

1. To love, to enjoy, to celebrate, to have an intense passion for.
2. To express interest in.
3. To possess a large amount of knowledge in.
4. To promote.

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American Dream Starts @ Homer Library

Our "American Dream" adult literacy programs are made possible by a grant from the American Library Association and the Dollar Tree Literacy Foundation.

Family Celebration

Families, please join the American Dream Family Celebration on Saturday, January 22 from 11 am to 1 pm. Professional storyteller Sue Black will entertain with tales from around the world. Enjoy games and crafts inspired from far-off lands. Children will receive a complimentary gift while supplies last. Registration is recommended.

Spring Fling

Plan to attend the American Dream Spring Fling on Saturday, April 16 from 11 am to 1 pm. The Food Mercenary, Michael Niksic, will prepare and share exotic dishes from Asia, Mexico, Poland and the Middle East. Bilingual story times in Polish and Arabic along with craft projects will round out this fabulous family event. Registration is recommended.

ESL Classes

ESL classes for Adult Language Learners will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Workbooks will be provided; registration required. Come in and check out our newest ESL books! February 2, 16 • March 2, 16, 30 • April 13.

Adults



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Friday Movies @ 1 pm

February 4	Julie and Julia
February 25	Chocolat
March 4	Robin Hood
April 1	Charlie St. Cloud
May 6	Babies

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Chocolate Overdose

Feb. 8 @ 7pm

Indulge in one of life's real treats. Enjoyed by all, chocolate knows no bounds. Samples of chocolate will be shown, and tasted!

Cupcake Decorating

Feb 9 @ 7pm

Come join Sue Peltzer, owner of Delicious Creations in Hickory Hills, as she teaches you new ways to decorate cupcakes.

Brunch

April 19 @ 7 pm

Learn the differences in recipes between the ordinary and the classics. Tasting included, recipes distributed., beverages served.

Candy! Candy! Candy!

May 25 @ 7 pm

Come join Sue Peltzer, owner of Delicious Creations, as she teaches you to make a turtle, chocolate pretzel, ice cream cone, and chocolate covered raisins.

Prairie Smoke Writers
Meets the second Wednesday
of the month @ 7 pm.

Mystery Book Discussion
Meets the second Monday
of the month @ 7 pm.

Chick Lit Book Discussion
Meets the fourth Tuesday
of the month @ 7 pm.

Adult Book Discussion
Meets the third Wednesday
of the month @ 7:30 pm.

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Start Early-Start Smart

March 3 @ 7 pm

Is it really possible that students can identify potential career directions and college majors while still in high school? You bet! Parents will learn what they need to know before choosing a college, and how identifying a college major and career direction can build a student's motivation and confidence while reducing college expenses. Receive information and resources to guide your student and de-stress these important decisions.

Money Management:

A Woman's Perspective

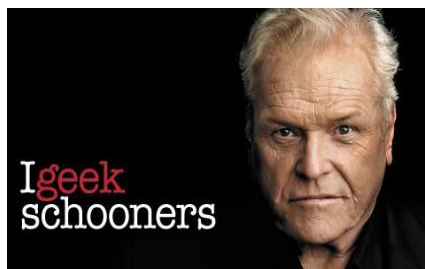
March 24 @ 7 pm

This workshop will address the unique financial needs of women at all stages of their lives. Topics include cash reserves, accumulation of assets, protecting those assets, looking at how money works, how to win against taxes and where to begin. This will all be done while determining what is important to you and your individual financial situation.

A Roadmap to Financial Security

May 2 @ 7 pm

Now, with the economy reeling, keeping up with expenses and controlling debt is a must. "The \$5 Cup of Coffee is Ruining My Retirement" by Paul Scheiner is an essential, all-in-one guide for anyone who wants to save enough to meet the challenges of today's economy. It also includes a basic primer on investing for the average working person.



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Digital Editing with Picasa

March 21 @ 7 pm

Discover how to edit and improve your digital photos during this demonstration of the free software program Picasa, offered by Google. Picasa editing features covered will be cropping, rotating, and exposure enhancement of dark pictures. Note: Picasa is currently available for Windows XP/Vista, MAC or Linux.

Vintage Celebrations:

A Scrap-Cookbook

April 28 @ 7pm

What food and decorations were popular for weddings, showers and other milestones in decades past? Get ready to work on some scrapbook pages that could be part of a gift album for a celebration in your life. Bring 8 to 10 pictures!

Tech Petting Zoo

E-Readers

Jan 29 @ 1-3 pm
or Feb 12 @ 1-3 pm

Stop by the library on the above dates to become more familiar with Nooks and Sony E-readers. Hands on!

Chicago Historical Crime Tour

March 29 @ 7 pm

Calling all history lovers and true crime buffs! Chicago historian and author Richard C. Lindberg will lead you on a tour of Chicago's historic places of infamy and notorious crimes spanning the 19th century levee vice districts through the years of Al Capone, down through the late twentieth century.

No More Bad Hair Days

April 11th @ 7 pm

Hairstylist Peggy will show you how to create casual and formal hair styles and discuss the best tips to care for your hair. She will show you hair extensions, eyelash extensions and curling with a flat iron, as well as address your hair questions.

Teens

Check out our Teen Website!

homerlibrary.org/teens.asp

Teen Events - News

homerteenevents.blogspot.com

Teen Book Reviews

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



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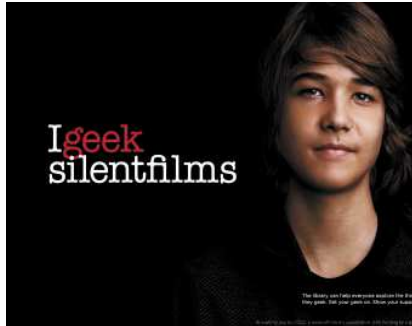
Teen Movie Nights

Jan. 11 @ 6:30 pm
Feb. 27 @ 4:30 pm
April 12 @ 6:30 pm
May 4 @ 6:30 pm

Bring your friends to the library for special teen-only showings! Enjoy our freshly made popcorn while watching the best teen movies on our big screen. Please call the library for the movie titles and length. For teens in 6th grade and up.

Connect To Homer's Teen Scene

Join us on *Twitter* and *Facebook*!



Chocolate Fondue Fun

Feb. 24 @ 7 pm

Dip into the fun! We'll be taste testing different kinds of gooey chocolate delights, fondue style!

Monthly Teen Programs

Teen Book Discussion

First Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.
Books available at the Help Desk

Teen Manga Group

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 and fanfiction! For teens in 6th grade and up.

TAB

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a library group for high school students. Members have the opportunity to influence the library's teen services. Meetings include discussions of books, programs, and other library topics. TAB will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Join us!

For more information contact Heather @ 708 301-7908.

Teen Crafts

Valentine's Day Cards

Jan. 27 @ 7 pm

Make handmade cards for the sweetest people in your life! The library will supply all the materials you need to create cards straight from the heart.

DIY Pencil Cases

March 31 @ 7 pm

Did you know you can make pencil cases out of unusual materials? We'll be making two different pencil cases (one with duct tape and one with a cereal box) that are super cool!

Pop Tab Wristbands

May 31 @ 7 pm

Do you like unique handmade jewelry? Stop by to create a wristband from pop can tabs!

Homer Library Volunteer Corps

Are you a teen looking for community service hours? Teens can choose to do a project (alone or as a group) as part of our Homer Library Volunteer Corps. Possible projects include storytime preparation, fundraising projects, planning for Teen Read Week, and more. Service hours will be given after the successful completion of the project (number of hours vary based on the length of time it takes to complete the project). All project work must be done at the library. For more information, including a complete list of project proposals and a FAQ guide, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/homerlibraryvolunteercorps/>



Kids



STORY TIME

Jan. 31 to May 12

Introduce young children to books and reading. Stories and crafts help children develop better listening skills and prepare for school.

Child must be 3 at the time of sign-up.

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

POLISH STORY TIME

Story time is a weekly "must" for children ages 3 and up. You won't want to miss the fun and activities when we read wonderful books in Polish and English.

Thursdays 1:30 pm

WIGGLES & GIGGLES

Bring your toddlers (35 months and under) to these special interactive sessions for child with their caregiver! Kids will have fun learning songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and reading stories in a half hour session. *Join in the fun!*

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am

No Story time or Wiggles & Giggles
March 28 to 31st

Sing Song & Yoga

Feb. 18 @ 10 am

A unique program designed for children and their caregivers using music, song and yoga. Ages 3 and up. Space is limited.

Read with Rex

Feb. 6 & 20 @ 4 - 5:30 pm

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

Baseball Movie

Feb. 5 @ 12-3 pm

Come and enjoy hot dogs and the movie "Everyone's Hero."

Family Movie Sundays

@ 4:30 pm

February 13	Toy Story
March 13	Shrek Forever
April 10	Despicable Me
May 8	Camp Rock

Chocolate Fun

Feb. 23 @ 6:30 pm

Czy uwielbiasz czekoladę? Jeśli tak, to przyłącz się do nas a dowiesz się jak powstaje ten wspaniały deser, weźmiesz udział w grze w której sprawdzisz swój zmysł smaku i zabawisz się w cukiernika który potrafi wykreować zabawny podwieczorek. Smacznego! Rejestracja wymagana, ilość miejsc ograniczona. Wiek 8-12 lat

Do you LOVE chocolate? Join us to learn about that sweet treat and participate in fun games. Put your taste buds to the test and create a yummy dessert. Ages 8 to 12. Program will be in English and Polish.

Registration required. Space limited.



No Moms Allowed!

May 5 @ 7-8 pm

Moms can enjoy an evening away from the kids on this special day with dad. Dads can help make a special craft and card for Mother's Day. Enjoy some yummy snacks while you create a memory for mom! All aged children welcome with dad. Registration required.

CRAFTS

Fee: \$2.00 for each class

St. Pat's Craft

March 15 @ 4:30 pm

Easter Craft

April 12 @ 4:30 pm

Drop-In Crafts

March 28 @ 11 am to 7 pm.

Children and caregivers are invited to make a craft. A variety of materials will be available.

Reader's Theater

Feb. 26 & April 9 @ 10:30 a.m-Noon

Reader's theater is a dramatic presentation of a written work in a script form. Readers read from a script and reading parts are divided among the readers. The focus is on reading the text with expressive voices and gestures. No costumes needed. Props will be created by the actors and each play performed at the end of the session. Ages 8 to 13. Registration required.

Tween Club

Feb. 1 & Mar. 22 @ 4:30 pm

Join the Tween Club for kids in grades 3rd to 5th. In February you will be creating a journal notebook. In March join in the discussion of a book that the group picks out. Registration required.

Teen Chinese New Year Celebration

Feb. 3 @ 5:30-7:30 pm

Babysitting Class

Feb. 10 or April 14 @ 5-7:15 pm

Ages 10 and up

Cost \$20.00

Registration required.

YAC Club

Feb. 23, March. 30, April 27 & May 25

@ 4:30 pm

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a fun group that undertakes projects and volunteers for community events. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Kitty @ 708 301-7908. Grades 5-8

CULTURE CLUB

Grades 3 and Up

Culture Club aims to promote cultural awareness and understanding for students by exploring other cultures and places in the world. Culture Club meets on select Saturdays from 10 am to noon. Registration required as space is limited to 20. For more information call Kathy in Youth Services @ 708 301-7908.

March 12 - New York

May 7 - Islands of the Bahamas

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

Are You a VIP Homebound?

Books and more brought to your door. Homer Library offers V.I.P. Delivery Services to anyone who would like books, magazines, music, movies or other materials but cannot physically get to the Library.

If you or someone you know are home with an illness or injury, even on a temporary basis, please call Jody Olivieri @ 708-301-7908.

Feed Your Mind On The Bus

Jan. 18 - Feb. 28

Sign up and devour some good books for your chance to win some sweet prizes.

Snowman Guessing Jar

Estimate the number of items in the jar. Closest guess without going over wins!
Jan. 3-12

Will It Be Golf or Chow

Enter for a chance to win a Woodbine Golf Course gift certificate to celebrate Library Lover's Month.
Jan. 31 - Feb. 9

Sweet Treat

Craft a rock and roll valentine for your secret someone.
Jan. 31-Feb. 9

Vote!

Vote for your favorite Monarch/Caudill/Lincoln nominee on the bookmobile.
Jan. 31-Feb. 9

Feed Your Need For Film

Cast your vote for which films and actors will win Oscars. Whoever picks the most winners will be awarded movie tickets.
Feb. 14 - 23

Winter Reading Club Feed Your Mind and Devour A Book

Homer Library will partner with Harris Bank and the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team for the annual Winter Reading Program. Earn chances to win a Chicago Wolves T-shirt, book bag and other prizes! The Reading Club is open to all ages and runs from **January 31 to February 28**. Book logs will be available at the library Monday, January 31.



The bookmobile club begins earlier on January 18.

Feed The Birds

Create a bagel bird feeder to nourish our feathered friends this winter.
Feb. 28 - Mar. 9

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Guess how many gold coins are at the end of the rainbow. Closest without going over wins a surprise gift.
Mar. 14-Apr. 23



Spring Craft & Raffle

Get crafty! Turn an egg into a chick by adding some feathers and a beak. Then enter our raffle for a chance to win a cuddly bunny who is looking for a new home.
Mar. 28- Apr. 6

The bookmobile will not be out on the following days:
Jan. 17 - Feb. 21 - May 30

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 for Homer items. To celebrate National Bookmobile Day, come on board for an awesome bookmobile temporary tattoo.
April 11 - April 20

Making Memories for Mother's Day

Make a special card for your mother.
Apr. 25 - May 4



Summer, Sweet Summer
Sweets and surprises spell summer fun. A sampling of seasonal items will be stuffed in a jar for your estimating pleasure.
May 23 - June 1

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**LIBRARY
HOURS**

Monday - 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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Registration Required

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

Intro to Word

Feb. 10 or March 23 @ 4 pm
or March 23 @ 7 pm

You will be introduced to some of the basic functions of Microsoft Word 2007.

Intro to Excel

Feb. 17 or March 24 @ 4 pm

You will be introduced to some of the basic functions of Microsoft Excel 2007.

Intro to PowerPoint

March 2 or April 14 @ 4 pm

You will be introduced to some of the basic functions of PowerPoint 2007.

Creating a Gmail Account

March 10 or April 21 @ 4 pm

You will be introduced to Gmail, receive assistance in creating email accounts, and learn to send, reply and forward emails.

Seniors



Senior Income Tax Help

The Senior Services of Will County and AARP will provide free income tax information and return preparation for seniors (age 60 and older) on these Wednesdays from 9 am to Noon.

Feb 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, 13

Call Adult Services for an appointment @708 301-7908x228

Senior County Assessment

May 20 @ 1 pm

The Will County Supervisor of Assessment Office is statutorily responsible to Will County taxpayers regarding property assessments, exemptions and appeal filings and is the taxpayers official source of assessment information. The Assessment Office would like to help all eligible taxpayers in Will County. They will answer your questions on how the assessment process works. Please join us.



Intro to Computers

Fridays @ 10 am

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

January 28

Monday, February 7 @ 7 pm

February 11

February 25

March 11

March 25

April 29

May 13

May 27

**We are on the web
homerlibrary.org**

Medicare

April 8 @ 1:30 pm

Program will discuss Medicare Parts A & B along with Medicare Supplemental plans. This program is for you if you are approaching age 65 and preparing for Medicare, already on Medicare and interested in receiving a review of benefits or caring for your parents or others on Medicare.

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Armchair Travelers

You are invited to explore the world in the comfort of the Homer Library as an armchair traveler on monthly virtual visits to various countries around the world. Programs held monthly @ 1:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Feb 11, Soul of the Navajo Nation

Join Bill Helmuth on this journey into the heart and soul of the Navajo Nation as you see the homes, ceremonies, and trading posts in this protected territory.

March 11, Tale of Two Cities

Bill Helmuth takes you via the Amtrak train to San Francisco and New Orleans. Both cities have been devastated by natural disasters nearly 100 years apart. Live and breathe their intoxicating cultures, exotic foods, and the social mileus that define them.

April 15, Rome and Venice

Visit St. Peters, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the Castle Sant'Angelo, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, the Coliseum and the impressive Roman Forum. Travel to the Villa D'Este and on to Venice, a truly magical city. Presented by Sonia Lawrentz.

May 13, Turkey

Al Popowits takes you on a guided tour of Turkey. Visit the weird volcanic landscape called Appadocia with its "fairy chimneys," the vast underground cities and the churches of the Goreme Valley, a turkish carpet factory, the ancient ruins of Aphrodisias, Perge, and Ephesus, and finally Istanbul.