

# Homer Township Public Library

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Fall 2011

## Special Points of Interest

- Sign up begins Monday, Sept. 12th @ 8:30 am for all programs.
- Registration required for all programs unless stated.
- Use EventKeeper @ [homerlibrary.org](http://homerlibrary.org) to sign-up.
- Author Fair on Monday, Sept. 19th @ 6:30 pm.
- Use Epay on our website to pay for programs or fines.

# TEEN OPEN HOUSE

AT HOMER LIBRARY

TUESDAY, OCT 18TH

6 - 8:30 PM

FOOD  
FEAR FACTOR  
LIMITED TO FIRST 20  
PARTICIPANTS



FREE EVENT FOR TEENS @ YOUR LIBRARY!

[homerlibrary.org](http://homerlibrary.org)

## Long Range Plans to Address Space Needs

The library is investigating a series of expansion plans to add approximately 9,000 square feet and remodel our existing space in 2012. This will be undertaken without any taxpayer increase. More details will be forthcoming!

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## Honoring Hometown Hero PFC Michael C. Olivieri

The Homer Township Public Library has established a fund to create a Hero's Quiet Reading Room. We are honored to accept donations in PFC Michael C. Olivieri's memory, as requested by the Olivieri Family. Mike lost his life while serving in Iraq on June 6, 2011. The Hero's Quiet Reading Room will benefit the entire community. Donations can be made to the Homer Township Public Library Olivieri Memorial and sent to:

PFC Michael C. Olivieri Memorial Fund  
c/o Homer Township Public Library  
14320 W. 151st Street  
Homer Glen, IL 60491



# Adults



## Author Fair

Sept. 19

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Spend an evening with published authors at our 5th annual Author Fair! This free event will feature book signings, presentations, raffles, & refreshments. Participating authors are Ed Hammer - George Kuller - Gail Lukasik - Janet Nolan - Helen Osterman - Sherry Scarpaci - Kristin Walker and Casey Ziemniarski.

## Adult & Senior Movies

First Friday of the month @ 1 pm

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the library while watching a film on our big screen! Please call the library at 708 301-7908 for movie title and length.

## College Planning Workshop

Sept. 27 @ 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.

## 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 on Sept. 27, Oct. 26, and Nov. 29 @ 7 pm.

## Adult Book Discussion

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

## Eating for Energy

Sept. 28 @ 7 pm

What would your life be like with an abundance of energy and vitality? Holistic Health Counselor Janet Le Grand Rice will teach you what foods will increase your energy the most.

## Stuck in the 60's

Oct. 3 @ 7 pm

Enjoy a flashback to the 1960's! Listen as Tom Malouf fills the library with songs from these happy days. This is a fun and interactive program the whole family will love.

## Sunday Family Movies

Oct. 9, Nov. 13,

and Dec. 11 @ 4:30 pm

Bring the family and enjoy a movie on our big screen and snack on fresh popcorn. Call the library for the names and length of the movies 708 301-7908.

## Medicare

Oct. 21 @ 1 pm

Get the facts about Medicare Parts A & B along with Medicare Supplemental plans. Learn how Medicare works for you when you turn 65, how to choose a reliable Medicare Supplemental Plan, and how Medicare Parts A & B benefits can help you. Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

## Monster Mash

Oct. 26 @ 7 pm

Celebrate the upcoming Halloween holiday with Dracula, Wolfman, Frankenstein's Monster, and more bone-chilling villains in this delightfully creepy celebration of classic movie monsters! Presented by Steven Frenzel.

## Green Cleaning

### Essentials

Nov 7 @ 7 pm

Many of today's cleaning products contain chemicals that may pollute the environment. But did you know you can create your own products for healthy, green cleaning? Participants in this workshop will make three effective, non-toxic products to use in their home. Presented by the Prairie Godmothers. **Limited to 25**

## Savvy Shopping

Nov. 29 @ 7 pm

This program, presented by Clair Boone, will teach you where and how to get free toiletries, how to coupon wisely (without spending hours doing it), how to use rebates to get household items for free, how to stock up during store sales, and other money saving tips. Clair's grocery bill for her family of four is only \$50 per week - come learn how she does it!

## Job Club

all programs are from 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Job Searching

Oct. 26

Looking for a job can be overwhelming. In this session, you'll learn tips for practical job searches using internet websites, local resources, and more.

### Creating Resumes with Microsoft Word

Nov. 9

Want to make a resume but don't know where to start? We'll show you how to use Microsoft Word to create a resume that fits your needs.

### LinkedIn 101

Nov. 30

LinkedIn is a social networking site described as the "World's Largest Professional Network." In this session, you'll create a LinkedIn account and discover its uses and benefits.

### Creating a Business Card

Dec. 14

You never know when you'll meet someone who can help with your job search. Here you'll learn how to create a free business card with your name and contact information.

# Teens

## Check out our Teen Website!

[homerlibrary.org/homer/teenstart.asp](http://homerlibrary.org/homer/teenstart.asp)

## Monthly Teen Programs

### Teen Movie

Second Tuesday of the month @ 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 movie title and length.

### Teen Book Discussion

First Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm. Books available in the Teen Section

### Teen Manga Group

Third Thursday of the month @ 7 pm.

Join us for anime screenings, trivia games, art contests, manga book discussions, and more! Don't miss our cosplay party in December!

### TAB

Second Thursday of the month @ 7 pm. Join us!

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a library group for high school students. Members have the opportunity to influence the library's teen services, including YA book collection, teen programming, and more! For more information contact Heather @ 708 301-7908.

## Volunteers Needed!

Teen volunteers are needed to act as teen mentors at our Holiday Book Buddies program on Dec. 7 at 6 pm. Teens will partner with a young child to practice reading skills and then do a holiday craft. Community service credit will be given. For teens in 6th grade and up. Space is limited.

## Connect To Homer's Teen Scene

Join us on Twitter and Facebook!

## Teen Open House

Oct. 18  
6 - 8:30 pm

It's our third annual Teen Open House! This event, for teens in 6th grade and up, will feature a Food Fear Factor competition, a movie trivia contest, free pizza and pop, raffle prizes, & more! The registration form for Food Fear Factor will be available on Oct. 1 (space is limited). Check the library's website for a full schedule of events!



## Teen Crafts

### Duct Tape iPod or Cell Phone Case

Sept. 29 @ 7 pm

Make an iPod or cell phone case from duct tape! We'll have a variety of colored and patterned duct tape for you to use. Please bring your iPod or phone with you to take measurements!

### Starburst Wrapper Bracelets

Nov. 2 @ 7 pm

Turn candy wrappers into something cool! We'll be making a colorful bracelet made from Starburst wrappers.

### Flower Headbands

Dec. 20 @ 7 pm

Do you love the look of handmade accessories? At this craft program, we'll create a gorgeous flower headband from fabric, ribbon, and beads.

## Game On!

Sept. 22 @ 7 pm and  
Nov. 12 from 10 am to Noon

It's game time at our open gaming sessions for teens! We'll have a variety of gaming systems up for you to play on, along with some old school board games. The November session is to celebrate National Gaming Day - drop in anytime between 10 am and noon.

## College Prep

Sponsored by Kaplan  
Registration required

### ACT: 10 Question Challenge

Oct. 12 @ 7 pm

In this one hour workshop, you'll answer 10 ACT questions and learn 10 winning strategies to help you succeed on test day.

### Full Length ACT Practice Test

Nov. 5 10 am - 1:30 pm

A fully-proctored ACT practice test will show you what to expect in a test-like environment. You will receive a comprehensive analysis of your performance on the test, detailing individual strengths and weaknesses. Teens must bring a pencil and a calculator. Test scores will be provided at ACT 101 on Nov. 15th @ 7 pm.

### ACT 101

Nov. 15 @ 7 pm

You'll learn how to score higher on the ACT using key Kaplan strategies. The format and content of the test will be explored, including ways to maximize efficiency on the exam.

# Kids



## STORY TIME

Sept. 19 to Dec. 8

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

## Creepy Cuisine

Oct. 15 @ 11 am to Noon

Get in a ghoulish mood by making some creepy food! Are you brave enough to eat your creations?

**2nd grade and up.** Limit 16.

## Star Wars

Oct. 27, @ 7 pm

This event is a celebration of the Star Wars universe! Mingle with other Jedis, enjoy galactic snacks, activities, and our astroid wheel. Star Wars costumes are welcome. Bring your camera to take pictures with some galactic visitors. All ages welcome.



**Registration required for all programs unless stated otherwise.**

## Lego's

Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29 & Dec. 27  
Drop in and make a fun Lego creation.  
All ages welcome.

**No registration required.**

## CRAFTS

Fee: \$2.00 for each class

### Halloween Craft

Oct. 4 @ 4:30 pm

### Thanksgiving Craft

Nov. 8 @ 4:30 pm

## Holiday Book Buddies

Dec. 7 @ 6:30 pm

Partner with a teen mentor to practice reading skills, do a small craft and enjoy a holiday snack. K to 3rd grade. Limit 20.

## POLSKIE BOŻE NARODZENIE

Dec. 14 @ 6:30 pm

Czy chcecie własnoręcznie zrobić świąteczne dekoracje w polskim stylu? Czy chcecie poznać wspaniałe polskie tradycje? Zapraszam Was więc na świąteczny wieczór po polsku.

Środa 14 grudzień o godz. 18.30. Wiek 6-12 lat. Rejestracja wymagana.

## Polish Christmas

Program in Polish

*Do you want to make your own Polish style Christmas decorations? Do you want to learn some wonderful Polish Christmas traditions?*

*You are invited to join us for a special evening with Polish crafts and carols. Ages 6-12.*

## Drop-In Crafts

Dec. 21 & 22 @ 11 am to 7 pm.

Children and caregivers are invited to make a craft. A variety of materials will be available to make cute holiday crafts, while supplies last.

## Chess & Checker Club

Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and  
Dec. 7 @ 5 pm

Are you a chess and checker enthusiast? Looking for someone to play the game with? Would you like to learn how to play chess? Get a chance to sharpen your chess or checkers skills! Come and join other kids for an hour of fun in our Chess and Checkers Club on Wednesday afternoon. **Grades 1 and up.**

## Mother Daughter Book Club

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Dec. 5 @ 7 pm

Girls in grades 3-5 and their mothers or other significant women in their lives are welcome to share the love of reading together in this inspiring club. Discuss an assigned book and create a simple craft. First book will be available at the library for check-out after Sept. 12.

## Tween Club

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 15,  
Dec. 13 @ 4:30 pm

Tweens in grades 3rd to 5th are invited to join us for a variety of fun activities such as crafts, book discussion and movies. New members are welcome.

## YAC Club

Sept. 28, Oct. 26, and Nov. 30  
@ 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

## Friendship Club

Ages 8 - 12

Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 15 @ 6 pm

Meet new friends at this club! Learn about cultural diversity, community service, bullying, cooperations and much more. Conversation will be reinforced with appropriate activities. Registration required.

## Reptile Club

Oct. 30, and Nov. 27  
@ 4:30 pm

Do you love reptiles? Come and learn about them through activities such as crafts, games, reptile movies and more. Limit 16. Grades 2 and up

# Books On The Go!

## Bookmobile Activities & Events

For new times and new stops beginning Sept. 1, 2011, pick up a schedule on the bookmobile, at the library or view it on the library website @ [homerlibrary.org](http://homerlibrary.org).

### Illinois Animals and Plants

Do you wonder what a snake skin or deer antlers feel like? Little Red School House will provide animal and plant pieces for you to handle and explore.

**Sept. 6 - 15**

### Banned Books

Celebrate banned books and exercise your right to read. Enter a drawing for a bookstore gift certificate.

**Sept. 19 - 29**

### Book Haunt

**Oct. 3 - 13**

It's a book haunt! It's so easy to do, it's spooky! Pick up an official book haunt sheet on the bookmobile. Once you have completed this "phantomastic" reading program, bring your sheet back to the bookmobile to receive a frightfully fun prize! Craft a creepy page corner book marker to take home

### Pumpkin Pin

Create your own pleasing pumpkin pin to wear during the harvest season.

**Oct. 17 - 27**



### Got Costumes?

Dress up for the 5th annual Bookmobile Halloween costume contest. Prizes for best, funniest, scariest and most original will be awarded.

**Oct. 18 - 31**



### Harvest Scavenger Hunt

Join in a harvest scavenger hunt on the Bookmobile and get prepared for Family Reading Night on November 17th. Pick up a "What we read together..." form, complete and return by Dec. 8 for a chance to win a family entertainment prize.

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 10**

### Indian Corn Treat

Make and share an Indian corn treat to celebrate Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 14 - 22**

### Home Delivery Service

Homer Library offers books and more brought to your door. If you or someone you know would like books, magazines, music, movies or other library materials but cannot get to the library, even on a temporary basis, you may arrange for home delivery. This free service is for anyone who is ill, injured, caring for someone, or confined to their homes. Please call Jody O. @ 708-301-7908.

*Would you be interested in having a Bookmobile stop in your neighborhood? Contact Jody O. at 708 301-7908 for details.*

### Snowman Sock

Get ready for winter, stuff and decorate a sock snowman.

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 8**



### Grab Bag

Choose a grab bag prize or craft to take home for the holidays.

**Dec. 12 - 14**

**The bookmobile will not be out on the following days:**  
**Sept. 5 - Nov. 11 - Nov. 23, 24**  
**Dec. 19 to Jan. 1**

## Library Director

Sheree Kozel-La Ha, MLS

## Board of Trustees

Dr. Edward O'Brien  
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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

## 3rd Annual Costume Swap Beginning Drop Off Date

Oct. 1

Drop off gently used Halloween costumes beginning on Oct. 1. Donate a costume and receive a coupon to use on the day of the swap.



## 3rd Annual Costume Swap

Oct. 22 - 10 am to 3 pm

Use your coupon and pick up a gently used Halloween costume.

# Seniors

We are on the web  
[homerlibrary.org](http://homerlibrary.org)

## 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 @ 2 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

### Sept. 16, Maine

Rocky bays, cliff top lighthouses, peaceful harbors, and secluded islands make the shores of Maine one of the most spectacular coastal areas in America. Join us as we explore the sandy beaches of Southern Maine, tour the charming villages along the Mid-Coast, and see the natural beauty of the Acadia and Down East region.

Presented by Nancy McCully.

### Oct. 14, Crown Jewels of American and Canadian National Parks

View majestic landscapes in Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Mount Rushmore, Badlands, and more! Then cross the border to Canada and see the alpine beauty of Banff, Jasper, Lake Louise, and the Athabasca Glacier. Presented by Sonia Lawrentz.

### Nov. 18, Scotland

George Reuss's tour will take you from the southern border of Scotland to the northern most Orkney Islands. You'll visit Glasgow and Edinburgh, along with small villages throughout the country. You'll see historic homes, castles, gardens, and more!

### Dec. 9, Moscow & St. Petersburg

Bill Helmuth will guide you on a tour of Moscow and St. Petersburg! You'll hear detailed accounts of these uniquely different urban metropolises while viewing breathtaking photos of their museums, plazas, cathedrals, skyscrapers, and more.

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## Intro to Computers

Fridays @ 10 am

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

Oct. 7  
Oct. 21  
Dec. 9

You will be introduced to the basics of Internet Explorer and Microsoft Word 2007

## Computer Classes

### Registration Required

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

### Intro to Word

Oct. 5 or Oct. 19 @ 4 pm

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

### Intro to Excel

Oct. 27 or Nov. 2 @ 4 pm

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

### Intro to PowerPoint

Nov. 10 or Nov. 16 @ 4 pm

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