

Homer Township Public Library

homerlibrary.org
Fall 2010

Yours to Explore...

Kids

Teens

Adults

Seniors

Bookmobile

New conveniences just added! Check out these additions @ your library...

TEXTS 2 U

ShoutBomb is our newest text messaging service. Renew and check to see if we have the items you want by texting in the item's ISBN. Your mobile plan's regular text-messaging rates will apply. Brochures are available at the circ and help desks explaining the service and how it works.

E-NEWS

Do we have your email? Email notifications will remind you of our latest and greatest in new programs and announcements. Register to receive new information by clicking on the *Get News by Email* link at www.homerlibrary.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION

**Fall registration
begins Monday,
September 13th
at 9 am.** You

can now register for programs
online. Questions? Give us a
call at 708-301-7908.



E-PAY

E-pay is a service
offered through
the State
Treasurer's office
and allows customers the online
convenience to pay for fees,
crafts and programs with the
click of a button.



E-BOOKS



We are pleased to offer new downloadable
audio e-books. You can preview the service
and the items currently existing in the
collection at www.omnilibraries.org or click
on the e-book link at homerlibrary.org

WE'RE GREEN

We offer cloth reusable book bags and undertake
other green procedures as part of our commitment
to recycle, reuse and conserve. We recycle paper,
cardboard, old books, and oversee the recycling
of materials such as ink cartridges, cell
phones, glasses and more. Watch for
upcoming green displays and programs.



Sunday Library Hours



**OPEN Sundays
4-8 pm Beginning
September 12!**

THANK YOU SPONSORS & TEENS

The Homer Library staff and trustees would like to thank the busi-
nesses and individuals who helped make the 2010 Summer Reading
Programs such a success!! Please show your support of them and use
their services— a full listing is at www.homerlibrary.org.

We commend 90+ Homer Teens for their support of the
Summer Reading Clubs, book sale, and other activities.
Community service promotes the positive experience
of helping others and creates a learning experience in a
non-school setting.

*Thank
You*

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FOUR GRANT AWARDS

Our 2010-2011 family literacy programs are made possible by grants from the American Library Association, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, and the Illinois Secretary of State and the Illinois State Library. In addition, the 2010 National Endowment for the Humanities grant funds new books and publicity materials that assist in promoting humanities programs. We are thankful to receive grant awards, which help the Library to provide the best for its patrons. These awards bring in more than \$42,000 for programs, collections, and training that directly benefit you.

Adults

College Planning

Sept. 21 @ 7 pm

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

Career Empowerment Methods

Sept. 28 @ 7 pm

This career workshop provides the techniques to help guide you to become a "Leader of Your Life" by "Re-Assessing," "Re-Focusing," and "Re-Designing" through "Self-Expression," "Balance," and "Success." Come and take control of your life and career!

Lymphedema:

How does your posture affect it

Sept. 30 @ 7 pm

What is Lymphedema and how does your posture affect it? Overview of what is lymphedema, signs and symptoms, types of people that it affects. Learn how posture can improve lymphatic flow and exercises to achieve this.

Author Fair

Sept. 20 @ 6 pm

We have a wonderful line-up of authors for book signings, presentations, discussions, and more. Join us for a lively evening with raffles and refreshments!

Strategic Communication Planning

Oct. 4 @ 7 pm or Oct. 15 @ 1 pm

Follow this strategic planning "roadmap" and clearly see all the steps needed to make your projects successful. Leave this workshop armed with the knowledge needed to construct a winning plan.

Investing for the Totally Confused

Oct. 7 @ 7 pm

Are you totally confused when it comes to investing your hard earned money? Maybe even a little apprehensive? If so, this financial seminar is for you.

Coupons 101:

Plan, Clip, and SAVE!

Oct. 16 @ 10 am

Sick of ever-rising food bills? Discouraged about never saving any REAL money with coupons? Coupons 101 takes the guesswork out of the process, showing you strategies to maximize your savings at grocery and drug stores across Chicagoland.

Haunted History of the Midwest

Oct. 28 @ 7 pm

Sit back and listen, if you dare, to the chilling tales of the historical hauntings of the Midwest. Goosebumps guaranteed!

Medicare - Are You Ready?

Oct. 29 @ 10 am

Program will discuss Medicare Parts A and B and 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 and want to be aware of their benefits.

Medicare Part D

Nov. 19 @ 10 am

An explanation of the Medicare Prescription Drug program. It covers eligibility, enrollment, the coverage gap and tips on how to choose the right plan for you.

FOCUS ON FILM SERIES

Hidden Star Wars

Sept. 29 @ 7 pm

Experience Star Wars like never before with this thrilling insider's peek at one of the most treasured film series in the galaxy via a collection of film clips. Hear hilarious inside jokes, secret references to other Star Wars films, and dozens of other exciting moments included by the filmmakers for die hard Star Wars fans!

Hidden Harry Potter

Nov. 9 @ 7 pm

Enter the Magical World of Harry Potter with this thrilling insider's peek at one of the most enjoyed film series of all time. Steven Franzel will share inside jokes, uncover behind-the-scenes tidbits and share fascinating facts sure to delight film buffs and Potter fans alike. Register to reserve your seat on the Hogwarts Express and let the movie magic begin!

Teacher Workshop

Got Dirt? Growing Healthy Kids

Oct. 18 @ 7 pm

Learn how to bring core subjects alive, encourage healthy eating, and increase physical activity for children and adolescents with a garden project. *Got Dirt?: a garden toolkit for the Midwest* will help you plan and implement a successful garden to support community and school wellness initiatives. CPDU's provided.

Interior Re-Design for Any Size Budget

Nov. 4 @ 7 pm

Learn how to edit mismatched furniture, accessories and artwork for a cohesive look; re-arrange, borrow and re-purpose items from other rooms; group like items together for more impact; and how a simple paint job or accent wall can refresh a boring room.

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.

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.

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 on the books you've read.
www.homerlibrary.org/teenreviews.asp

TABs

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. For more information contact Heather @ 708 301-7908.

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Teen Open House

Oct. 19 @ 6 pm

Fun! Food! Friends! Join us!



Connect To Homer's Teen Scene

Join us on *Twitter* and *Facebook*!

Teen Volunteers Wanted

Teen volunteers are needed for a holiday gift wrapping fundraiser.

November

Teens will assist with creating gift bags.

December 9-19

Teens will wrap presents at the teen fundraiser. Teen gift wrappers will need to attend a short training session TBA.

If you are interested in volunteering, please look for registration information on www.homerlibrary.org.



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.

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College Prep

Kaplan sponsored programs

ACT

10 Question Challenge

Oct. 12 @ 7 pm

In this 1 hour workshop, you'll try 10 tough ACT questions and learn 10 winning strategies to help you succeed on test day.

Full Length ACT Practice Test

Nov. 13 @ 10 am

A fully-proctored practice ACT 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. Test scores will be provided at ACT 101 on Nov. 29 @ 7 pm.

ACT 101

Nov. 29 @ 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. Scores from the full length ACT practice test will be provided.

Kids

2nd Annual Halloween Costume Swap

Sept. 25 @ 9-3 pm

Drop off your gently used Halloween costumes and receive a coupon to use at our costume swap. Costume drop off begins on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Bat Bear

Oct. 2 @ 10 am

Fee \$11.00

Build a bear! Noah's Ark Animal workshop. Make your own bear in a cute Halloween bat costume! Registration required. Space is limited.

Magic Tree House

Oct. 6 @ 6:30 pm

Czy lubisz serie książek Magic Tree House? Czy lubisz podróże w czasie i naokoło świata? Wyrusz więc z nami w poszukiwaniu przygody i ekscytującej zabawy. Zdobądź tak jak Jacek i Ania kartę Głównego Bibliotekarza.

Do you like traveling through time and around the world? Join Jack and Annie Travel Pals for a fun-filled adventure, exciting games and your own Master Librarian card. See you there!

May The Force Be With You

Oct. 14 @ 7 pm

Grades 2 and up

Calling all Jedis! This event is a celebration of the Star Wars universe that will include a craft, galactic snacks and activities. Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character and meet other Jedis.

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.

October 9 - Hawaii - We will be traveling to Hawaii's tropical paradise that is home to the world's most active volcano. Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and join us as we explore customs, language, food and more.

November 6 - New York - We will take a journey to New York. Do you know why it is called the "Big Apple" or how old the Statue of Liberty is? Join us and learn more!

NEW

Reptile Club

Sundays, Oct. 3, 17, Nov. 14, 28 @ 6 pm

Grades 2 and up.

Join us as we learn about reptiles through various fun activities.
Special "LIVE" program Sunday, Dec 5 @ 5 pm World of Reptiles.



CRAFTS

Fee: \$3.00 for each class

Fall Craft

Sept. 21 @ 4:30 pm

Halloween

Oct. 5 @ 4:30 pm

Thanksgiving

Nov. 16 @ 4:30 pm

Christmas

Dec. 7 @ 4:30 pm

How to Train Your Dragon

Nov. 13 @ 1 pm

Come and enjoy the movie and popcorn. After the movie, we will be raffling a cool pop-up Dragon book!

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. Lego's will be provided.

Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Sept. 28 • Oct. 26 • Nov. 30

YACs

Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 & Dec. 15
@ 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**

Bingo Blast!

Nov. 24

Picture Bingo

10-10:45 am

Ages 4 to 6

Bingo

11-11:45 am

Grades 2 to 5

Drop-In Crafts

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

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

STORY TIME

Sept. 20- Dec. 18

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 (ages 3 and under) to these special interactive sessions for child with 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
Nov. 22-25

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

New Bookmobile Schedule...

For new times and new stops beginning Sept. 1, pick up a schedule on the bookmobile, at the library or view it on the library website @ www.homerlibrary.org.

Survival Kit

Want to make a good impression at school? Make a "Survival Kit" for your teacher from Aug. 30 - Sept. 8.

Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month

Dig it! September is Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month! To celebrate, the Homer Township Library Bookmobile encourages enthusiasts to come and help uncover the past. A mock excavation and keepsake artifact for kids, books and resources for all ages, and YOU are all that is needed to make this expedition a success! Sept. 13-22.

Farmer's Market

For fresh food, fun and a chance to win a fabulous, flavorful prize, stop in at the Bookmobile while you are at the Homer Glen Farmer's Market at 159th and Bell Road. Create a bookmark to take home.

Sept. 18 from 2-5 pm

Boo!mobile & Halloween Party

Oct. 30 11-2 pm

Visit the Boo!mobile at the Township Halloween Party. Craft a spooky pin, have your picture taken with Mr. Bones and check out Dr. Frankenstein's lab if you dare!



Halloween Costume Contest

Oct. 18 - 28

Got costumes? Dress up for the 4th Annual Bookmobile Halloween costume contest. Prizes for best, funniest, scariest and most original will be awarded.

Dracula Digits

Oct. 18-28

Craft your very own Delicious "Dracula Digits." Piece together popcorn and candy corn to create a monster hand!

Banned Book Week

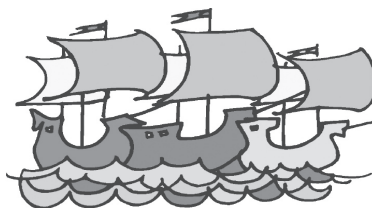
Exercise your right to read. Celebrate Banned Books and enter a drawing for a bookstore gift certificate.

Sept. 27 - Oct. 6

Columbus

Columbus sailed the ocean blue, now you can too! Make and take your own "Ocean in a Bottle."

Oct. 11-14 and Nov. 1-3



Family Reading Night

Get prepared for Family Reading Night! Nov. 8-17 pick up "What We Read Together..." form, complete and return by Dec. 1 for a chance to win a family entertainment prize.

Thanksgiving Abacus

Start a new tradition. Make and share a Thanksgiving abacus to count your blessings on turkey day.

Nov. 18-23

Shrinky Dinks

Get your shrink on! Decorate and bake a holiday "Shrinky Dink." Enter our holiday prize drawing.

Dec. 6-15

There will be no Bookmobile service on the following dates:

Monday, Sept. 6 • Thursday, Nov. 11 • Wednesday, Nov. 24 • Thursday, Nov. 25 • Dec. 20 thru Jan. 2

V.I.P. DELIVERY SERVICE

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

Become An Armchair Traveler

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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Sheree Kozel-La Ha, MLS

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

Sept. 10, Bali - Join photographer and world traveler Michael Gauer as he takes you on a tour of Bali. Through color photographs and personal narratives, you'll discover the beauty and culture found on this "little island of enchantment."

Oct. 8, South Africa - Bill Helmuth will guide you on a tour of "The Soul of South Africa." Visit the remarkable cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg, see the beauty of the countryside, and learn more about South Africa's history and people.

Nov. 12, 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.

Dec. 10, Texas - Meander by RV with Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason along the wide, windswept beaches of the Gulf Coast, through the border towns and nature preserves of the Rio Grande Valley, historic San Antonio, the serene Texas Hill Country, and the mountains and deserts of Big Bend National Park.



Visit homerlibrary.org for more program information & to register online

.computer classes

Registration Required

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

Intro to Computers

Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 12 @ 10 am.

Participants will be introduced to both Microsoft Word 2007 and Internet Explorer.

Intro to Word & Excel 2007

Nov. 3 @ 6-8 pm or Nov. 16 @ 3-5 pm

Participants will be introduced to some of the basic functions of Microsoft Excel and Word 2007.

Intro to Word 2007

Oct. 20 @ 3-4 pm

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

Intro to Excel & PowerPoint 2007

Nov. 30 @ 3-5 pm or Dec. 1 @ 6-8 pm

Participants will be introduced to some of the basic functions of Microsoft Excel & PowerPoint 2007.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Do you have presents in need of wrapping for the winter holidays? Here's an opportunity to have your gifts wrapped while supporting the library! Our (trained) teen volunteers will gift wrap the presents you bring in. A small donation is requested.

Teen created gift bags will be available for purchase.

Pre-ordering will be available - check back for more details.

Thur., Dec. 9 @ 6-8 pm
Sat., Dec. 11 @ 10-3 pm
Sun., Dec. 12 @ 5-7 pm
Mon., Dec. 13 @ 6-8 pm
Tues., Dec. 14 @ 6-8 pm
Wed., Dec. 15 @ 6-8 pm
Thur., Dec. 16 @ 6-8 pm
Sat., Dec. 18 @ 10-3 pm
Sun., Dec. 19 @ 5-7 pm

Wanted!

Holiday or winter gift wrapping paper, bows, and ribbon. Please drop off donations between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15.



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