



Homer Township Public Library

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Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Our Community!

Summer 2008

www.homerlibrary.org

The Library Board of Trustees and staff of the Homer Township Public Library cordially invite you to attend our

*25 Year Anniversary ~ Festival of Cultures Celebration
Saturday, June 7, 2008 ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

The day will begin with an anniversary ceremony at 10 a.m., followed by cultural entertainment and activities throughout the day. Please honor us with your presence!

Homer Library is celebrating a quarter century of excellence in serving the vibrant and fast-growing Homer community. We deliver a treasure trove of information, education, and opportunities that enrich your life.

As the community center of information Homer Library is proud to offer a professional and visionary staff that have a strong commitment to provide the materials and resources you desire/require at every stage in your life. We encourage you to make the library your “destination station” for both working and learning.

As we continue our tradition of excellence, come enjoy, and experience new adventures @ Homer Library.

*Sheree Kozel-La Ha
Library Director*

Sign up for all programs begins on Monday, June 16th!

Be a summer reader! Join the 2008 reading club!

GET IN THE GAME, READ!

When: Monday, June 16th

Come register, pick out your summer backpack, and enjoy these special events:

11 a.m. – Noon **Meet JAMMER**, Joliet Jackhammer’s mascot.

1 - 3 p.m. **“Are You Smarter Than A Librarian?”**

Want to play? Kids in grades 3-5 can register to compete with us by calling Kitty @ 708 301-7908.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Register to win fun incentives and other great things this summer. For all ages!



Book Fair: Our Goal 300 Books!

What: Book Fair to support Homer Library

When: June 14, 2008

Where: Barnes & Noble, Orland Park

Help support our goal to bring in new children’s books and CD’s by visiting any Barnes and Noble store on Saturday, June 14. Clip and use the coupon on the back of the newsletter or simply let the store cashier know you are supporting Homer Library. It’s that easy!

Barnes and Noble will donate a percentage of your purchase back to the library to help us reach our goal of 300 new books and CD’s. A “Wish Table” will also have a variety of materials that you can buy to donate directly to the library. Celebrate a special member of your family or honor your Father with a donation to the library for Father’s Day!

We have a variety of fun programs and events planned at the Orland B & N store, so bring the entire family for a fun day.



HOMER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

25 Year Anniversary

FESTIVAL OF CULTURES CELEBRATION - JUNE 7, 2008

10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:00 - 3:00	Visit the bookmobile for fun and games!
10:30 - 3:00	Kids raffles every 30 minutes <i>Winner must be present</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Twist 'N Shout <i>Join the fun in this interactive Hula Program</i>
11:00 - 3:00	Calligraphy with Marge Boyd <i>Look up the origin of your name while Marge writes your name on a bookmark for you to take home!</i>
11:30 - 12:30	Drop-in crafts for the children
12:00 - 1:00	Solo Steel Drum Performer Kent Arnsbarger <i>Listen to the sounds of the Caribbean</i>
1:00 - 2:00	Fun Fun Fun DJ <i>Join our DJ to play trivia, do the limbo, dance, and more!</i>
1:00 - 2:30	Balloon sculptures
2:00 - 3:00	Trio Los Magnificos <i>Enjoy the sounds of International Latin American music</i>
2:30 - 3:00	Magic show featuring BRUTUS the only known LIVE psychic bunny

*Pick up a passport and stop at our 8 ethnic stations to taste food from around the world! Have your passport stamped at each table and don't forget to spin the Wheel of Culture! When your passport is complete, visit the Homer Bookmobile to receive your grand prize (1 per family).
-while quantities last-*

*Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win the beautiful quilt on display to help support additional library services for your community.
Winner does not need to be present.*

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

Funding for this event was made possible by a grant that was awarded to the Homer Township Public Library by the Illinois State Library (ISL), 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)."



Adults

Haunted Illinois

June 2nd @ 7 pm

Be prepared to get spooked! You'll learn about the mysterious and ghostly history of Illinois, and discover the most haunted sites in our area.

A Child's Garden

June 5th @ 7 pm

Studies show that children work better when exposed to nature. This parenting session will show parents appropriate garden activities for children.

Behind Barbed Wire Bus-eum

June 9th 8 - 11 am

The WWII POW Bus-eum will be back at the library.

Battling Body Image

June 10th @ 7 pm

This solution-focused session will provide educators and parents with an in-depth understanding of body image and issues associated with image disturbances.

Folk Songs of the Great Lakes Region

June 17th @ 7 pm

Lee Murdock brings history to life through song, telling the stories of the brave pioneering people who settled the Great Lakes and the Midwest.

Adult Movie Night

June 13th @ 1 pm,

July 8th & July 22nd @ 7 pm

Join us for popcorn and a movie. Adults only. Call the library for movie titles.

Social Security Planning For Your Retirement

June 24th @ 7 pm

A one hour seminar that covers how the Social Security retirement program works, how to apply, and what you NEED to know after your benefits start.

New to Parenting?

July 10th @ 7 pm

New to Parenting will cover basic first aid, choking techniques for children and infants, basic CPR, poison control, babysitting safety, and misc. accident prevention techniques. Registration is required.

Great Salad Dressing

July 15th @ 7 pm

Chef Niksic is coming back to Homer Library to share some of the most popular salad dressing recipes he has served during his career. Watch and learn as the dressings are made during the program.

Abraham Lincoln In Song

July 29th @ 7 pm

Award-winning folksinger Chris Vallillo uses historic narratives, contemporary folk music and period folk songs to showcase Abraham Lincoln's life spanning the period of great change and growth in the state of Illinois. From his days as a flat-boater to his presidency, Lincoln's life is an embodiment of the development of Illinois during that period.

This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly.

Chick Lit Book Discussion

Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Prairie Smoke Writers Club

Meets the second Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Knitting Club

Don't know how to knit? Join our monthly knitting club. It meets on June 16th and July 21st @ 7 pm for the summer.

Seniors

ARM CHAIR TRAVELERS

You are invited to travel to exotic and remote countries at the Homer Township Public Library. Each month you will learn about the food, culture, and traditions of many countries.

Venice-Queen of the Adriatic, Thursday, June 12th, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Al and Gail Popowits will take you to Venice, Italy. Travel down the Grand Canal, visit Piazza San Marco, and learn about historic bridges, churches and palaces.

After the first meeting the Arm Chair Travelers will meet on the second Friday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

On July 11th, Mary Woolley will guide you through a tour of Holland. Experience genuine Dutch culture, study the unique architecture of Amsterdam, and explore the tulip and bulb gardens of Holland.

On August 8th, Bill Helmuth will take you around the world in 60 minutes. He will lead you on a tour of 25 countries where you will see architectural treasures, shrines, and religious rites and festivals.

On September 12th, Bill will take you on a trip to China. You'll see the many hidden wonders and fascinating insights of this ancient country. He'll focus on the historical and cultural perspectives of the art, architecture, and religious traditions of China.



Kids

Spanish Connection

Learn vocabulary, popular phrases and culture as we explore the Spanish language. The Spanish Connection will meet on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 am. Attendance is suggested at all meetings. Children entering 4th-6th grade are invited to attend! Class size is limited and registration is required. Class dates are:

Wednesday, June 18th & 25th, July 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Any questions, call Kathy at 708 301-7908.

Juggler



Juggler and storyteller Chris Fascione will kick off the summer with a fun packed performance on **Tuesday, June 24th at 11 am**. Due to space constraints, this library program will be held at Hadley School on Bell Road.

Game Days

Kids of all ages are invited to join us at the Library for Open Game Days. We will have a variety of games from Apples to Apples, Checkers and Monopoly to Bingo. Play with your own group or members of our YACs, who will be available to play with you. Game Days are **Tuesdays from 10 am - 12 pm and Thursdays from 3 pm - 5 pm**.

From Movies To Books

On Friday, July 18th from 2 to 4:30 pm, kids in grades 4-6 are invited to a short book discussion and to view the original 1988 movie of Tuck Everlasting. Bring a lawn chair or beanbag, we will supply the popcorn and drinks.



Books will be available for check out on **Monday, June 30th**.

GrandPal & Knit

Learn to cast on, knit, pearl and decrease steps while you knit a simple project (One skein of sport weight 4-ply yarn needed for the first class; color of your choice; needle provided). Learn to crochet by creating different stitches to complete a "trivet" project (cotton and needle provided). Kids ages 8 - 12 are invited to join Victorian Village residents as they meet to share their creative expertise with you! Classes meet on **Fridays from 10 -11:30 am; July 11th, July 18th, July 25th and August 1st**. Class is limited and registration is required. For more information, please call Kathy Langford at 708 301-7908.

X-Game Medalist

X-Game Medalist and Two Time National Champion Matt Wilhelm will thrill you with flatland tricks on **Monday, July 28th at 11 a.m**. Due to space constraints this library program will be held at Hadley School on Bell Road.

Crafts

4th of July Banner	Monday, June 23rd	10 am
Summer Journal	Thursday, June 26th	10 am
Sports Picture Frame	Monday, July 7th	10 am
Summertime Hanger	Thursday, July 17th	10 am

Registration required. Cost of crafts is \$3.00 per class.

Book Buddies

Partner with a teen mentor to practice reading skills and do a small craft. Pre-K to 3rd grade. Limited to 20. Registration required.

Thursdays: June 19th, 26th, July 10th, and 17th @ 7 p.m.

Ferrets

So, you think you would like a ferret for a pet? Join us on **Friday, June 20th @ 10 am** as Ethel Rodriguez talks about the pro's and con's of owning one of thees delightful little animals. Llive animals will be here for you to pet.

TEENS @ THE LIBRARY

We are looking for teens in grades 6 and up to join our YAC group. This special group of teens volunteer service hours at the library and in the community. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. for fun activities such as DDR and Rock Band. Teens are needed to help with a variety of programs at the library, such as summer reading desk, craft days, and Book Buddies. Please come into the library and fill out an application form.



Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

Touch-A-Truck

Come out to visit the Homer Library Bookmobile along with lots of other large vehicles at Lockport Park District's TOUCH-A-TRUCK DAY, **Friday, June 6th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm** at Dellwood Park in Lockport.

July 4th Parade

Independence Day Parade and Celebration at Culver Park on **Saturday, June 28th at 11 am**. After the parade, visit the bookmobile where "Doc" Morrissy will entertain with feats of magic, the world's only known psychic bunny, and beautiful balloon animals.

Limbo!

Come to the bookmobile **August 4th - 13th!!!** Put on your tropical shirt, hula skirt or lei and get ready to get down and limbo.

Summer Reading

Get in the Game with the Homer Bookmobile's summer reading program **June 9th - July 16th**. Every time you come on board, you will have a chance to win a book autographed by an author plus other fun prizes. Complete the reading program to enter the grand prize drawing.

Look for new bookmobile schedule coming in September

"Old Song, New People"

The Homer Bookmobile presents Mark Dvorak, singer/storyteller on **Tuesday, June 10th from 1-2 pm** at Kingston Hills Park and from 2:30-3:30 pm at Karen Springs Park. Registration is recommended; call the Library at 708 301-7908.

Slime!

Want to get "slimed"???? wear your "mad scientist" or monster costume and make your own slime, **July 21st - 30th**.

I Spy

I Spy, you spy, we all spy...come on out to the bookmobile and see if you can find all the hidden objects and a chance to win a mysterious prize! **August 18th - 27th**.

Stories In the Park

Stories and Crafts in the great outdoors. Registration is recommended; call the library at 708 301-7908.

Clowning Around - **Tuesday, July 15th**
Amazing Animals - **Tuesday, July 29th**

Book Discussion

Books available at the Help Desk

Discuss the monthly book selection and talk about the other books you've read.

Meets the first **Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm**.

Game Night

It's game time at the open gaming sessions for teens! Play video games like Rock Band or Guitar Hero, or kick it old school with board games!

Meets **Wednesdays from June 18 - July 23 from 6:30 to 8 pm**.

Teen Movie

Grab some popcorn, a comfy chair, and settle in for a teen movie! Check the library's blog for more information.

Friday, June 27th @ 1 p.m.

Teens

Manga

Talk about manga with other teens, learn some Japanese, or share your manga-inspired artwork! Join us on **June 17th, July 24th and Aug. 21st at 7 p.m.**

Don't miss the Cosplay Party on **July 24th** - Come dressed as your favorite manga character!

Teen Techies

Teen Techies help the teen website and work on teen technology projects.

June 24th, July 22nd, & Aug. 19th 4-5 pm

Twilight Party

July 31st @ 7 pm

Breaking Dawn Book Discussion

August 20th at 7 pm

Are you on Team Edward or Team Jacob? Celebrate the upcoming release of Stephenie Meyer's *Breaking Dawn* at our Twilight Party! Then stop by the *Breaking Dawn* book discussion to talk about the book.

Check the Teen Events Blog for more information on programs and events www.homerlibrary.org/teenevents.asp



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

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THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN HOMER TOWNSHIP

The Friends of the Homer Township Public Library are looking to share their secret! Join the Friends group and discover what others have learned...You've got a Friend!

For information contact resident and "Friend of the Library" Eileen McCaffrey at 708 301-9838 or email friend@homerlibrary.org.

BOOK SALE

August 15th
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
August 16th
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Homer Township Public Library's first Book Sale. This event is being organized by our Energy teens as the final stage of the 2008 Energy: Teen Leadership Academy. Come support your library and local teens!

We will be collecting donations August 4-14 during library hours. Teen leaders would ask you to hold onto your donations until that time due to space issues. If for some reason, you need to donate the items before then please contact the Adult Services staff before delivering the donation so that arrangements can be made. The library is unable to pick up donations. We will be accepting books, music (Cds, records), and movies (VHS and DVDs).

We cannot accept magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed, encyclopedias over 5 year old, or damaged items.

All leftover items will be free. For more information, contact the Adult Services Department at 708 301-7908.

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

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Saturday, June 14, 9am – 11pm

Barnes & Noble

Orland Park Place, Orland Park

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to your school/organization.*

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