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June 15

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In Loving Memory of Barry Levine

I would like to talk about Barry Levine, a most unique individual and a Homer Township Library trustee whom I grew to love. Barry passed away on April 29th of unknown causes. He was listening to a recorded book at the time and I think he would have thought it quite proper that he left us doing something he so enjoyed. But he left us much too soon.



Barry had three passions in life. The first was his family, wife Phyllis DiMonte-Levine, and their three children: Randy, Rachael and Sarah. They were the light and joy of his life and he spoke of them often. His other two passions involved improving service for the blind and physically disabled and advocating for libraries and their services. Barry lost his sight from macular degeneration in his late 20's, but did not let this challenge limit his life. I believe it helped to define his path. Libraries were his passion, as was advocacy for accessibility at all levels. He often combined both, successfully contributing to advancing library services for the blind and physically challenged. Barry and Phyllis are the owners of an outpatient rehabilitation center, Functional Therapy and Rehabilitation, PC in Homer Glen. Barry was a popular and respected individual in local, state, and system library and accessibility arenas and he made a true difference in many lives.

Barry was recognized in 2001 by the Illinois Library Association, receiving the Trustee of the Year Award for his advocacy and efforts in the library world. In 2004 Barry received the Alexander J. Skrzypek Award for his outstanding contributions to library service for the blind and physically challenged. He was a mover and a shaker who prided himself on rarely missing one board meeting in a combined total of 18 years. Barry was a true visionary, contributing to effectively moving libraries into the future and embracing service for all.

His motto was: "Become involved and stay involved in your community, where you can make a difference." He loved his life, he lived his motto. He made a difference. He left us too soon. He will be greatly missed by many people and organizations that he devoted his time and energy to, including both the library and blind and physically challenged community. We have lost a true humanitarian and profound library advocate.

I will end by telling you that Barry Levine was a dedicated, positive, proactive, and thoughtful man. I enjoyed his intelligence, eloquence, and his wit; he loved a good story and shared many.

I wish I had one last opportunity to say "Thank you, Barry...you made a huge impact in my life and I am a better person for having known you."

Sheree Kozel-La Ha, Library Director

Envision

Adults

Beginning Birdwatching

June 17 @ 7 pm

Interested in birdwatching? Attend this informative event lead by an impressive group of speakers: Bob Bryerton, Facility Coordinator of the Plum Creek Nature Center and Bill and Denise Allaway, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited. This program is MC'd by Leo Bigus, Nature and Wildlife columnist for the Homer Horizon.



How to Get the Job You Really Want

June 24 @ 6:30 pm

This program covers all of the tools in a job hunter's kit from resumes and cover letters to negotiating compensation. Wendy Lalli, a former recruiter, career columnist for the Daily Southtown and current career coach, tells job searchers how they can direct their efforts to get a position that not only fits their skills and experience, but also matches their personal goals and lifestyles.



Preventing Bridezilla

June 29th @ 7 pm

Attention Brides! Attend this informative program detailing tips to help avoid stress during wedding planning, secrets that brides should know, and other wedding planning tips. Presenter Linda Zec is a wedding professional with over 20 years of experience in the wedding business.

The Convertibles

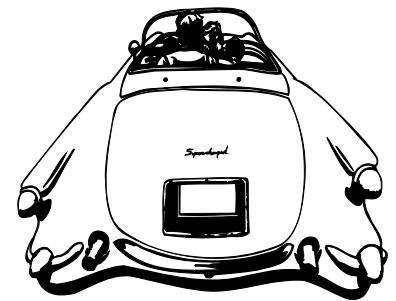
July 9th @ 7 pm

The Convertibles Quartets will entertain you with music from the 50s along with barbershop songs. This program is a must-attend for patrons of all ages.

Comedy With The Improv Commandoes

July 20 @ 7 pm

Join us for a fun night of comedy with this Western Springs-based group. If you're a fan of TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway," you'll love this program of short improvisational skits based on suggestions from the audience. (Show is rated PG.)



Cornerstone Career Solutions

Specialized Employment Services
for People with Disabilities

July 30 @ 7 pm

Career Solutions help individuals with disabilities reach their highest potential in their chosen career field. Each person receives individualized training and services that are designed to meet his/her particular career needs and choices. Career Solutions serves individuals of all disability populations with a wide range of functional skills and abilities.

CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Prairie Smoke Writers

Meets the second Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Chick Lit Book Discussion

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Knitting Club

Bring your yarn and needles and join our monthly knitting club. It's a great way to meet other knitters and view each other's projects. The group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm.

READ on the WILD SIDE!

Discover

Teens

TEEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Books available at the Help Desk

Teen Book Discussion

First Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Teen Manga

June 11, July 28, August 20
@ 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.

Thursday Teen Movie Night

Come to the library to watch movies and munch on popcorn! The library will be hosting movies on these dates @ 7 pm: *Call the library for movie titles.*

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July 16

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

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

DIY Room Decorations

August 5th @ 7 pm

Decorate your room with veggies and newspaper! Bring a white or light colored pillowcase and create a unique veggie patterned pillowcase. Also, learn to make newspaper flowers to add some style to your personal space.



TABs

June 25 & July 23 @ 7 pm



Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a new group for High School students. Members will have the opportunity to influence the Homer Township Public Library's teen services. TAB will meet once a month to discuss books, programming, and other library topics. Members will receive volunteer hours for attending TAB meetings. For more information contact Heather @ 708-301-7908. **grades 9-12.**



Are You A VIP?

The Homer Township Public Library offers books and more brought to your door VIP services to anyone needing homebound delivery service. If you are sick or if you are physically unable to come to the library, we'll bring the books to you. Please call Jody Olivieri @ 708 301-7908 for details.



Enjoy

Kids

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

All programs require registration.

Summer Reading Program Read on the Wild Side

Meet Boomer the Team Mascot from the Windy City Thunderbolts Baseball Team

while you sign-up for summer reading on Monday, June 15 @ 9:30 am.



Build Your Own Sundae
June 16 @ 11:30-Noon or 12:30-1 pm

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" Come and build your own ice cream sunday with creamy vanilla or chocolate ice cream and a choice of fabulous toppings! This sweet program is for kids **ages 6-9**.

Father's Day Craft
June 16 @ 4:30 pm
Fee: \$3.00

Live Ferrets
June 22 @ 1:30 pm

What is curious, furry, busy, loving and sneaky all at the same time? Why a ferret, of course! Come meet these frisky little creatures at the library for a fun hands-on experience.

Jammer

Meet Jammer the Team Mascot from the Joliet Jackhammers.
June 22 @ 12:30 pm

Book Buddies

June 23, 30, & July 14, 21 @ 7 - 8 pm

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

T'ween Chocolate Fever
June 23 or July 7 @ 10 am - Noon

Discover how "sweet" the library can be! Read chocolate themed books, play chocolate games and make a chocolate craft. Program is for our t'weens; ages 8-12.

Fun! Fun! DJ
Are you smarter than a Librarian
June 25 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm

What is Grossology?
June 25 @ 6-7:30 pm or
July 14 @ 10-11:30 am

Grossology is the science of all things gross and vile! We'll talk about things that you're not allowed to talk about. Here is your chance! Join us as we discuss the most disgusting things possible. Warning: not for weak stomachs! The program is based on Grossology books by Sylvia Branzei-Velasquez. This program is for gross kids **ages 8-12**.

**Fancy Nancy
Posh Tea Party**
June 30 @ 11 am - Noon
July 6 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm

You are cordially invited to a "Posh Soiree." That is a fancy name for "fancy party." Put on your fancy duds and join us for fun and crafts! Posh refreshments will be served. "RSVP", that is fancy for sign up at the library. Space is limited. **Ages 6-10.**

LEGO Tuesdays

Join us on the last Tuesdays 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. Legos will be provided.

Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm
June 30 • July 28



Wimpy Kids Rule
July 9 @ 6:30-7:30 pm or
July 21 @ 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for wimpy trivia, wimpy games and wimpy snacks! Reading "A Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book before the program is suggested.

Ages 8-12

Read & Roll
July 10 @ 10 am-11:30 am

Read and roll on the Tumblebus. Children will read a story and then act it out on the "Gym on Wheels." Each session lasts 30 minutes. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Trivia Game Night

Grades 3 to 5
July 15 @ 7 pm

Grades 6-up
July 22 @ 7 pm

**Hoffman's Kingdom
of Animals**

July 22 @ 10:30 am
Hadley School Gym

Meet Slim Jim the Boa and all of his friends up close and personal! There will be lots of audience participation. Are you brave enough to attend? Due to space constraints, this program will be held at Hadley School on Bell Road.

**Fancy Nancy
Organizuje Przyjęcie**

23 lipiec, 6.30-7.30 PM

Pani Mia zaprasza młode panienki które lubią książki "Fancy Nancy" na super przyjęcie. Przebierz się w elegancką damę, przygotuj się na świetną zabawę i skosztuj wyśmienite zakąski.

Liczba miejsc ograniczona. **Wiek 5-10.**

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Imagine

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

READ ON THE WILDSIDE

Summer Reading Club
June 8- July 29

It's time to take an adventure...with your imagination. Sign up for the summer reading program. Every time you come on board, you will have a chance to win a Webkinz or other fun prizes.



Get Wild in the Wilderness

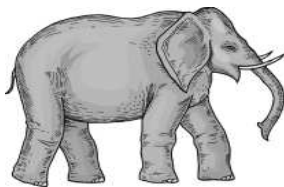
June 10 @ 10 to Noon

Join Girl Scout Troop 515 and the bookmobile staff for some exciting outdoor games, storytelling, and crafts at Culver Park. Registration is recommended for this free event. Call the library @ 708-301-7908.

Touch a Truck Day

June 12 @ 10:30 to 2:30

Come to Dellwood Park in Lockport and visit the Bookmobile along with lots of other large vehicles. *Free*



Untamed Animals Bookmark Contest

June 22-July 1

Show how wildly creative you are by entering a bookmark contest. Entries due July 15. Also, search and see if you can **Spot 7** differences in our animal pictures on board.

Wild World

June 23 @ 1:30 pm

Looking for some good outdoor entertainment? Captain Moredough will thrill all with his interactive presentation at the park in Willow Walk. Masks and music are part of this marvelous, free storytelling event. Show recommended for kids preschool to 6th grade and their families. Call the library to register, 708 301-7908. *Free*



Explore Tender Loving Care Animal Shelter

June 25 2-3 pm

Meet Sully and Princess Stinky, learn pet safety, and take a tour of TLC Animal Shelter, 13016 W. 151st Street. Registration is required and is limited to 20. Call the Library 708-301-7908. Donations to TLC are appreciated.



New Stops for the Summer

Navajo Subdivision

Tuesdays, June 9, 23, July 7, 21, Aug. 4 & 18 @ 4:15 - 4:55 pm.
The stop will be on Teton Circle by the park. Service to Butler Oasis will resume in Sept.

Victoria Crossing East

Tuesdays, June 16, 30, July 14, 28 & Aug. 11 @ 4:15 - 4:50 pm.
The stop will be near the park at Dorchester and Victoria Crossing Way. Service to Schilling Oasis will resume on Aug. 25.

Pheasant Hollow South

Wednesdays, June 17, July 1, 15, 29 & Aug. 12 @ 4:15-4:50 pm.
The stop will be at Mallard Dr. and Canvasback Ct. Service to Goodings Grove Oasis will resume on Aug. 26.

4th of July Parade

June 27 @ 11 am

Cheer on the Bookmobile at the Homer Township Independence Day Parade. Bands, beauties, ball players and more at Culver Park. Morning bookmobile service will be suspended but afternoon stops will be serviced as usual.

UFO Days

July 6-15

Observe World UFO Days by making your own little alien to take home.

40th Anniversary of the Moon Walk

July 20-29

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Moon Walk. Snack on a bit of the moon...it is made out of cheese, isn't it? Make your own lunar landing on the bookmobile's moon.

Cold Blooded Creatures

July 29 @ 1:30 pm

Would you like to touch a real live alligator or a snake? Jim Nesci is bringing his show to Culver Park. Jim employs a hands-on approach to deliver information about reptiles, their native habitat, their individual personalities, their eating habits and conservation of the animals. Call 708 301-7908 to register.



Free

The Month of August

August 3-12

August is National Family Fun and National Golf Month. Wouldn't it be fun to go miniature golfing together? Enter for a chance to win free passes.

August 17-26

Get in touch with the outdoors. Prepare yourself by mixing up some trail mix, check out a good book and take off for the wilds.

Monday, Sept. 7

No bookmobile service for Labor Day.

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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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 countries around the world.

Programs are on the second Friday of each month from 1:30 to 3 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

June 12 HAWAII - Frank Klicar will guide you on a tour of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, and Molokai. Visit beautiful beaches, legendary volcanos, and learn about the history and traditions of each island.

July 10 EGYPT - Carl DiNello will take you on a trip to Egypt. Discover the sights and culture of this country through color photographs and personal experiences.

Aug. 14 VIENNA - Al Popowits will lead you on a tour of Vienna. Visit landmarks such as St. Stephens Cathedral, the Vienna Art Museum, and the palaces of Schonbrunn and Belvedere.



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

Kids

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Babysitting Classes

June 27 & July 18
9 am to Noon

Learn basic first aid, how to plan and prepare for babysitting jobs, change diapers and much more. Please bring a doll or stuffed animal to practice with.

Ages 10 and up.
Limit 20
Fee: \$20.00

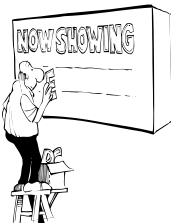


Thursday Movies

Gather the family and head to the library to watch movies and munch on popcorn! The library will be hosting movies on these dates @ 10 am. Call the library for movie titles.

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Parents of younger children are required to stay in the library during the movie.



YACs

June 30 & July 28 @ 4:30 pm

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a young adult group that meets monthly. This fun group often undertakes community projects and volunteers for community events. YAC's meet at the Library on the last Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Kitty @ 708 301-7908. **Grades 6-up**