



Read
Under The
Big Top

**SIGN UP BEGINS
Monday, June 14**

Questions?

Just ask a librarian,
we'd love to help!



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New for You - Macy's Museum Adventure Pass!

We are proud and pleased to be able to now offer the "Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's." Homer Township Public Library card holders can receive free admission to 19 exciting museums and cultural institutions throughout the Chicago area. Brookfield Zoo, the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Oriental Institute, Bronzeville Children's Museum and Morton Arboretum are among those included. This special opportunity is made possible by a generous contribution from Macy's. The Museum Adventure Pass program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials, and to provide access to arts and cultural organizations.

So many adventures await – some you might never have expected! All you need to take part in these learning adventures is a valid Homer library card. Visit the library to pick up a one week pass for the museum of your choice. They are available on a first come, first served basis.

Background

The Museum Adventure Pass Program launched September 1st, 2009. It is a first of its kind partnership in the greater Chicago area for Macy's with four library systems, 19 local arts and cultural organizations, and more than 160 suburban area public libraries. Since the program launch, library patrons have checked out over 23,000 passes to participating institutions.



For more information and program guidelines, go to www.museumadventure.org or ask the next time you visit the library. Libraries are a great way to explore and learn something new!

Participating organizations include:

Air Classics Museum of Air & Space
Arlington Heights Historical Museum
Bronzeville Children's Museum
Brookfield Zoo
Cantigney Park
Chicago Botanic Garden
Children's Museum in Oak Lawn
Cuneo Museum & Gardens
Elgin History Museum

Elgin Public Museum
Graue Mill & Museum
Hellenic Museum
KidsWork Children's Museum
Kohl Children's Museum
Lake County Discovery Museum
Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
Morton Arboretum
Oriental Institute Museum
St. Charles Heritage Museum

Envision

Adults

Easy Meal-Time Madness

Monday, June 7 @ 7 pm

Janet Spiech, author of "A Little Book to Ease Meal-Time Madness" will discuss her guidebook, which provides family-centered advice to bring organization and simplification to the meal-time. Through real tips and suggestions from people across the nation; the Little Book offers strategies for successful home management combined with opportunities to create strong, family unions. You will learn why the meal-time is so important and how it is beneficial for the entire family. She will provide you with some terrific tips and ideas to make the meal-time flow with grace and ease. As Janet states in her book, "with a little effort, the shared memories of your family can be abundant!"

Water Conservation

Monday, June 21 @ 7 pm

The Conservation@Homer program helps homeowners use sustainable practices to conserve water resources! We need to reduce the amount of pure drinking water we are pouring on our lawns. By planting more native plants that do not need to be watered and catching rain in rain barrels we can significantly reduce the watering needed in our yards as well as increase habitat for birds and butterflies. Come and see how easy it is to make your yard more eco-friendly!



Frozen Sorbets

Monday, August 2 @ 7 pm

The lighter side of the heavenly frozen desserts universe. Fruit sorbets that will trip your switch! Chef Niskic will share his restaurant proven sorbet recipes. A cool tasting of these frozen delights are included in the program!

Dominate Your Grill

Monday, July 19 @ 7 pm

Take your barbecuing skills to a new level with El Chef's Dominate Your Grill program. Chef Michael Niskic will discuss grill preparation, building a fire, choosing good utensils, myth busting, cool recipes for seasoning blends, a tremendous marinade recipe, and the making of a grilled mushroom and tomato soup.

How to Win Sweepstakes

Monday, August 16 @ 7 pm

In twenty years of sweepstakeing, Cindy Sykora has won over and over. Cindy and her family have won trips, merchandise, a new car, a landscaping makeover and \$10,000 in gas cards. She will share her tips and strategies for winning and also discuss safeguarding yourself against scams.

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.



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 starting at 1:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

June 11 Costa Rica - Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason return to take you on a tour of Costa Rica. You'll experience the "pure life" among the volcanoes, beaches, birds and other animals of this Central American paradise.

July 9 Iceland, Sweden, and Norway - Al Popowits will guide you through Iceland's forbidding moon-like landscape; Sweden's fascinating parks and museums, and Norway's largest fjord. You'll discover the beautiful scenery, whimsy, and culture of each of these lands.

Aug. 20 Wales - Explore the undiscovered side of Wales with Frank Klicar. You'll learn about the history, culture, and landscape of this semi-autonomous principality on the west coast of Britain.

Discover

Teens

TEEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Books available at the Help Desk

Teen Book Discussion

June 8, July 13, Aug. 3 @ 7 pm.

Teen Manga

June 17, July 1, August 19 @ 7 pm.

Talk about manga and anime with other teens, participate in skits and trivia games, or share your manga-inspired artwork or fanfiction! **For teens in 6th grade and up.**

Gaming@ your library

Tuesday, July 6 @ 7 pm

Stop by to play Rockband and various Wii games. The library will supply pizza and pop. Please register to ensure enough food is available for all attendees!

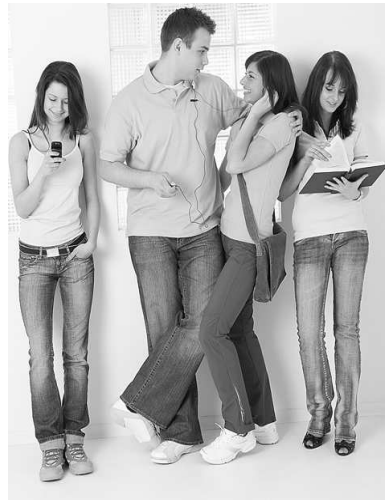
For teens in 6th grade and up

Zine Workshop

Tuesday, June 29 @ 6-8 pm

Get into the DIY spirit! Participants will view examples of zines (self-published mini magazines), learn how to create their own zine, and contribute to a zine we'll make at the workshop. No prior knowledge of zines is required!

For teens in 6th grade and up



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

Paper Craft Explosion

Tuesday, July 20 @ 7 pm

It's time to get crafty! Learn how to make a variety of paper crafts: paper bead jewelry, mini notebooks, and decorative envelopes!

For teens in 6th grade and up

TABs

June 10, July 8, Aug 12 @ 7 pm

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB), is a group of high school students interested in assisting librarians with the planning and promotion of teen library events, working on library and community projects, discussing books and movies, and having fun! Membership in TAB looks great on college applications and resumes. Members receive one hour of community service for each meeting attended. For more information contact Heather @ 708-301-7908.

Grades 6-12.



Pizza and a Movie

Thursday, July 29 @ 6 -8:30 pm

Bring your friends to the library for a special movie showing! The library's TAB and teen interns will help select the movie. The library will serve pizza, popcorn and pop! Please register to ensure enough food is available for all attendees!

For teens in 6th grade and up



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 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.

Under the BIG TOP Come One! Come All!

Join the Summer Activities

Sign-up begins
on Monday, June 14
@ 9 am.



Circus Diorama Contest

Create a circus diorama at home for display at the library during the summer reading program! Children may pick up a diorama registration form on June 1. Circus dioramas and registration forms may be brought to the Youth Services department at the library between June 14 and June 27. Children will vote for their favorites and a prize will be awarded to the winner in each of three age categories. Voting will begin on June 28 and end July 19.

Under the Big Top Fun Fair

Sat., June 19 @ 11 am - 1 pm

Try your skill at various carnival games for a chance to win a prize. Games for all ages, tattoos, popcorn and fun galore!

Book Buddies

Wed., June 23, 30 &

Tues., July 7, 14, 21 @ 6 & 7 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.

Fabulous Fairy Fling

Thurs., June 24 @ 10:30 am

Ages 4 - 8



How does a fairy party! Join us in the secret woods and find out. Fairy refreshments will be served.

Mad Hatter Party

Tue., July 13 @ 2 pm

Ages 8 and up

Don't be late, for a very important date! Jump down the rabbit hole and be prepared for a wild adventure. Tea and crumpets anyone?



LEGO Tuesdays

Join us under the Big Top 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 provided.



Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm

June 29 • July 27

Monday 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 @ 1 pm.



June 14 Planet 51

21 Princess & the Frog

28 Hachi

July 5 Where the Wild Thing Are

12 Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs

19 Curious George 2

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

Rock'n Under the Big Top

Thurs., July 15 @ 10 am

Ages 3 - 6

Join us for musical fun as we move and groove with music, instruments, movement and parachute activity. A small snack will be served.

Rock Climbing Wall

Fri., July 16 @ 10 - 2 pm

Come in and climb the wall if you dare! Weight restrictions from 40 to 250 lbs. Parental permission required. Forms are available at the library.

Super Hero Hype!

Sat., July 17 @ 10:30-Noon

Ages 7 - 10

Come to the library dressed as your favorite super hero. Join us for an action packed hero party that will include super power snacks, a super x-ray vision game and super hero cartoon.



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Imagine

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

SCARE UP A GOOD BOOK!

Summer Reading Club
June 7- July 14

For some frightful fun this summer, sign up for the Summer Reading Program *Scare Up a Good Book*. Every time you come on board, you will have a chance to win scary prizes.



Panic In The Park Wed., June 9 - 10 to Noon

Join Girl Scout Troop 515 and the bookmobile staff for some spooky outdoor fun. Ghastly games, Dr. Frankenstein's Lab, scary storytelling, monstrous tattoos, frightening photos with Mr. Bones and creepy crafts will be waiting for you. Program will be at Culver Park. Join Jammer, Joliet Jackhammer mascot, from 10:30-11:30 am. Registration is recommended for this free event, call the library @ 708-301-7908. (In case of rain or temperature over 85 degrees activities will take place at the library.)



Touch a Truck Day Fri., June 11 - 10:30 to 2:30

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

Mash-A-Monster June 21-30

Run shrieking to enter the Mash-A-Monster prize drawing. This is your chance to take home a malevolent monster piñata of your own.

Creepy Coloring Contest July 5-14

Let loose the creative beast inside you or show your slimy side in the Creepy Coloring Contest. Pick up a coloring sheet. Entries are due July 28.

Wanda the Witch Wed., July 7 @ 1 pm

Looking for some hauntingly good outdoor entertainment? Wanda the Witch will thrill all with her wild and wicked story telling. Meet Wanda at Culver Park. Outdoor show recommended for kids ages 1 to 9 and families. Call the Library to register for the free event, 708 301-7908. In case of rain or extreme heat Wanda will stir up her magic at the Library.

New Stops for the Summer

Saddlewood Estates

Tuesdays, June 8, 22, July 6, 20, Aug. 3 & 17 @ 4:15 - 4:55 pm. The stop will be on Saddlewood Drive. Service to Butler Oasis will resume on August 31.

Woodbine West

Tuesdays, June 1, 15, 29 July 13, 27 & Aug. 10, 24 @ 4:15 - 4:50 pm. The stop will be Rathfarm Drive and Renmore Road. Service to Schilling Oasis will resume on Sept 7.

Pebble Creek

Wednesdays, June 2,16, 30, July 14, 28 & Aug. 11, 25 @ 4:15-4:50 pm. The stop will be at Pebble Creek Dr. and Stone Oak Way. Service to Goodings Grove Oasis will resume on Sept. 8.

4th of July Parade Sat., June 26 @ 11 am

Join us at the Homer Township Independence Day Parade at Culver Park. Cheer on the Bookmobile, bands, beauties, ball players and more! Morning bookmobile stops will be cancelled but afternoon stops will be serviced as usual.

Spooky Stories in the Park

Tues., July 27 @ 1- 2 pm
Willow Walk Park or
2:30 - 3:30 pm @
Kingston Hills Park

Fairly frightening finger plays, not too terrifying tales and a creepy craft will make for a monstrously good time. Appropriate for preschoolers and their families. Call 708 301-7908 to register. *Free*

Tic-Tac-Toe Aug. 2-11

Have fun playing Tic-Tac-Toe and be a friend to the Earth. Make your own travel game out of a recycled CD case!



Spooky Spider July 19-28

Who's that crawling in your hair, sending shivers down your spine? It's Spooky Spider! Make and take spidey home.

Gruesome Guessing Jar Aug. 16-23

Spiders and centipedes and flies... oh my! Estimate the number of ghastly goodies.

Survival Kit Aug. 30-Sept. 8

Want to make a good impression at school? Make a "Survival Kit" for your teacher.

Monday, Sept. 6

No bookmobile service for Labor Day.

Homer Township Public 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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Library Board Meeting, to which the public is invited, are the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Library Director: Sheree Kozel-La Ha, MLS

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Bookmobile Manager: Jody Olivierie

Youth Services: Kathryn Mitchell

Circulation Manager: Jody Studer

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Kids

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Pirate P-aargh-ty!

Tues., July 20 @ 10 am
Grades 3 and up



Join us on the high seas for a trip to Treasure Island. Enjoy some Pirate treats and games.

Strawberry Delight

Thurs., July 22 @ 6-7:30 pm
Ages 6 - 9



Learn about the only fruit with seeds on the outside! Enjoy a delicious strawberry dessert, yummy strawberry activities, and watch a cartoon where the characters live and play in a magical world!

Circus Boy

Wed., July 21 @ 10:30 pm
Hadley School Gym



Join Circus Boy, Bobby Hunt in the Center Ring for an hour of great family entertainment. He will amuse and amaze you! Be prepared for lots of audience participation... that means parents too!



3rd Annual Used Book Sale

Everyone is invited to stop by the Homer Township Public Library's 3rd Annual Book Sale! Our library's teen groups, Energy: a Teen Leadership Academy, Teen Advisory Board, and Teen Interns, assist in the planning, organizing, and running of the book sale. Come support your library and local teens!

We will be collecting donations August 3-12 during library hours. We ask that you 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 Alex or Heather before delivering donations so that arrangements can be made. The library is unable to pick up donations. We will be accepting books, music, and movies.

We cannot accept magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed, encyclopedias, or damaged items. Leftover items will be donated to a local organization.

Preview sale for Friends of the Library members -- Thursday, Aug. 12 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Open to the public -- Friday, Aug. 13 9 am - 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 14 9 am - 3:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 16 9 am - 3 p.m.

Hardcover Books \$1.00

Paperback Books 50¢

Movies and Music \$1.00