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Homer Township Public Library

Winter 2012

Expanding to Better Serve You @ Homer Library

Special Points of Interest

- Sign up begins Monday, January 23 @ 8:30 am for all programs.
- Registration required for all programs unless stated.
- Use EventKeeper @ homerlibrary.org to sign-up.
- Join our Winter Reading Club beginning January 30th
- Use Epay on our website to pay for programs or fines.

Did you know ??
There are more public libraries
than McDonald's restaurants in
the United States?

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Greetings from Sheree Kozel- La Ha, Library Director

Homer Township Library continues to be a neighborhood gathering space, community social destination, and a haven where information can be accessed by every person in our community. The Library has experienced a phenomenal increase in use since we opened in 1982.

With a collection of 100,000 items and growing use, there is a shortage of space for materials, programs and seating to support residents. As an active community center, the library will expand to provide the services, collection, and programs to best serve you and keep the library the noteworthy place you love. Work has continued on long range plans to expand the building size and update the existing space. All of this is being undertaken through conservative budget oversight with NO increase in taxes.

Learning continues at every age and stage in a person's life-even during tough economic times. We note a 12% increase in usage this past year alone and encourage you to take advantage of everything we offer @ the Library. In 2012 we will celebrate our 30th anniversary of excellence in service and we look forward to a larger and improved facility that offers you more value and convenience than ever before!

Successful Grant Writing

Our creative and talented staff writes many grants to provide great programs and new technology. In the past three years grant awards have allowed us to purchase computers, equipment, and a dedicated area for teens at Homer Library. This past year awards updated collections, supported programs, ESL and literacy initiatives, and more. We actively seek grant funds and have exceeded our goal of receiving more than \$1-million dollars in grant funding. We are well on our way to the new goal of hitting the \$2-million mark!

Expansion Plans - Looking Forward

It has been a long-time goal to be able to expand and update our facility. This is an exciting time as we realize the vision of much hard work and conservative budget planning that will allow us to add an addition and remodel our facility. We are proud to bring this expansion forward at no cost to Homer residents to better meet increased library use by the community. Public sessions are being planned. Read our Expansion Q & A on our website www.homerlibrary.org.

Homer Library enriches the quality of life for residents in many ways. I value your input and welcome all suggestions and comments. Call me at (708) 301-7908, e-mail sheree@homerlibrary.org, or AIM: **GrantExprrt** and let me know what's on your mind.

Save money by using your library....

Enjoy free DVD movies, read a magazine, check out that brand new best seller, take a free computer class, register your child for a fun program, join one of our many clubs, and benefit from your Homer Library more than ever in 2012.

Adults



Veteran's History Project

The Homer Township Public Library is looking for veterans from our Armed Forces. If you have served in the Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force, or served as a nurse, doctor, photographer, mechanic, etc. during WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf War, or as recently as in Iraq or Afghanistan, we'd like to hear your story. We are working in conjunction with the Library of Congress in an effort to preserve the stories of the men and women who have served our country, past and present. If you are a veteran contact us at 708-301-7908. Leave your name and phone number and staff will contact you with the next interview date. Your story should not be forgotten.



Your Business Starts Here

Jan. 31 @ 6:30 pm

If you want to be an entrepreneur, but are not sure exactly what you want to do, what skills and opportunities you may have to start your own business, and what you need and when you need it, then this is the session for you.

Prairie Smoke Writers

Meets the second Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Job Club

Jan. 18, Feb. 1, 15, 29, March 14, 28
2:30 - 3:30 pm

Credit History: Getting to Know Your Credit

Feb 22 @ 7 pm

Attendees will learn about the importance of developing good credit habits and how to take steps to improve their credit scores. The presenter will detail how to review and resolve errors on your credit report, and guidelines for when to ask for help regarding credit concerns. Attendees will also learn how to build/rebuild their credit and resolve debt issues. Presented by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

CPR

March 3 @ 10 - 12:30 pm

Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills to help adults, children, and infants in cardiac distress. In addition to learning the **NEW** American Heart Association CPR guidelines, you will also learn how to operate an AED (automated external defibrillator) and to help someone who is choking, including yourself. At the end of class you will receive a certification card that is valid for two years.

Although we want all families to learn these life saving skills, we strongly recommend this class for caretakers for the elderly, pool owners, parents of young children, athletes who play in competitive sports, coaches, teachers, and baby-sitters. Due to the popularity of this program we ask that you notify us in advance if cancelling. **Limited space. Class is for age 12 and over.**

House Stager

March 1 @ 7 pm

Today's homeowner has to pull out all the stops to ready and prepare their home for sale - especially in this competitive market! This comprehensive workshop will help you create the perfect package with professional insight, and tried and true home staging solutions. You only get one chance to make a great first impression - this workshop will help you wrap and beautifully package your home.

Let It Rain

March 29 @ 7 pm

Learn how the planet (and your landscape) can benefit when you capture and reuse rainwater. This workshop will show you how to create an earth friendly rain garden, select and install a rain barrel and find unusual sources of free water to nourish gardens and containers. Prairie Godmothers show you that harvesting rainwater is easy, inexpensive and fun!



Chick Lit Book Discussion

Meets on fourth Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.

Adult Book Discussion

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

Mystery Book Discussion

Meets the second Monday of the month @ 7 pm.

Kitchen Garden

April 19 @ 7 pm

Growing your own food is good for your health, for your environment, and perhaps even for your pocketbook. Local gardener Debbie Rea will explain how to start and maintain a garden of edibles, vegetables, fruit, and herbs.

Herbal Culinary Adventure

April 24 @ 7 pm

Blend herbs and oils to create some wonderful culinary treats for the kitchen. Learn to make a savory herbal rub (great for everything from tofu to turkey), herbal-infused olive oil, custom tea blends and flavorful salts. You will create blends of your own in the workshop to take home to your kitchen!

Money Management

April 25 @ 7 pm

Do you want to learn more about financial planning and how to make smart money decisions? If so, then you cannot miss this workshop! Come find out everything you need to know about putting a financial plan in place so you can have peace of mind when it comes to your future. We will discuss saving for cash reserves, investment planning, insurance, retirement needs, education funding, tax strategies, and much more! Get all of your questions answered in this one hour workshop.



Adult Crafts

14 and up

See examples of crafts on display within the library.

- Feb. 11, 10-11 am Coasters and Towel
- Feb. 21, 6-7 pm Scarf
- March 10, 10-11 am Hair Bows
- April 17, 6-7 pm Necklaces

Subscribe to Our Email Newsletter

Sign up for our periodic library newsletter and we'll keep you up-to-date with the latest library news such as upcoming programs and announcements. Register online at www.homerlibrary.org or scan the QR code below to access the registration page.



You can also become a Fan of the Homer Library on Facebook or subscribe to our twitter feed.

Teens



Connect To Homer's Teen Scene

Join us on *Twitter* and *Facebook!*

Fun With Finance

Feb. 16 @ 7 pm

You'll learn money savings tips and budgeting basics, then make a duct tape wallet to stash your cash! We'll have a variety of colored and patterned duct tape for you to use.

Hunger Games Party

March 22 6:30 - 8 pm

Join us to celebrate the upcoming release of the Hunger Games movie! There will be games, trivia, and fun - all with a Hunger Games theme. And may the odds be ever in your favor!

Check out our Teen Website!

homerlibrary.org/homer/teenstart.asp

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we

- Proctor exams
- Register voters
- Supply tax forms

We also have

- Used book sale shelf
- Free paperback exchange rack
- Museum passes

When the library is closed, you can use the library webpage to

- Receive help from a librarian through AskAway
- Use the library catalog to search for items and place holds
- Download ebooks
- Access online resources through our library databases

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

Jan. 19, Feb 23 & Mar. 15 @ 7 pm.

Join us for anime screenings, trivia games, art contests, manga book discussions, and more! Don't miss our special afterhours event on Friday, April 20th from 6-9 pm. Registration required.

TAB

Feb 9 and April 12 @ 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.

Teen Crafts

Wrap Bracelets

Jan. 26 @ 7 pm

Do you like making unique hand-made jewelry? Create a cool wrap bracelet from just a few materials, including a leather cord and ball chain!

Paper Scrap Picture Frame

Mar. 1 @ 7 pm

We're turning something old into something new! We'll transform pages from magazines, scrapbook paper, or manga books into a picture frame.

Button Rings

Apr. 26 @ 7 pm

Did you know that you can make jewelry from old buttons? Stop by to create rings made from buttons of all shapes & sizes!

Kids



Registration required for all programs unless stated otherwise.

STORY TIME

Jan. 30 to May 10

*Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
9:30 am & 1 pm*

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.

POLISH STORY TIME

Thursdays 1:30 pm

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.

WIGGLES & GIGGLES

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am

Fun, interactive class for children **(35 months and under)** with a caregiver.

Enjoy stories, fingerplays, music and movement in each half hour, themed class.

Join in the fun!

Winter is for the Birds

Feb. 6 @ 7 to 8 pm

It can be a long, cold winter, especially if you are a bird! Learn about the native birds that spend their winters in Illinois. Discover how you can attract birds to your yard. Create a bird food decoration to bring more feathered friends to your yard! Registration required.



Ages 8 and up.

Skate Into Reading

Jan. 30 - Feb. 25

The Library will partner with the BMO-Harris and the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team for the annual winter Reading Program. Earn chances to win Chicago Wolves items and other prizes! The reading club is open to all ages. Book logs will be available January 30th.

Lego's

*Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 27,
and April 24 @ 4:30 pm*

Drop in and make a fun Lego creation. All ages welcome.

No registration required.

Crafts

Fee: \$2.00 for each class

Valentine's Day

Jan. 31 @ 4:30 pm

St. Patrick's Day

March 13 @ 4:30 pm

Every Penny Counts

Feb. 16 @ 4:30 pm

Learn some fun tips on saving money, play money bring and make your own piggy bank.

All ages welcome!

Please call the library and register.

Wimpy Kids Have Cabin Fever!

Feb. 18, @ 11 am

Are you a fan of Diary of a Wimpy Kid books? Join us for fun activities celebrating the newest Wimpy Kid book. Registration required. Limit 18.

Grades 1st to 3rd

WIECZÓR PEŁEN GWIAZD

Środa 7-go marca, godz. 18:30

Czy lubicie podziwiać niebo pełne iskrzących się gwiazd? Przyjdźcie więc by dowiedzieć się więcej o gwiazdach i konstelacjach gwiazdnych. Może uda nam się dostrzec je przez teleskop... Czeka na Was niespodzianka i kakao z ptasim mleczkiem. Przynieście śpiwory albo koce. **Wiek 8-12 lat. Rejestracja wymagana.**

EVENING WITH THE STARS

March 7 at 6 pm

Twinkle, twinkle little star how I wonder what you are....Do you like the magic of the star-covered sky? Come learn about the stars and constellations, and view them through a telescope. Bring sleeping bags or blankets. Enjoy a craft and a cup of hot cocoa with marshmallows. Program in Polish.

Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Chess & Checker Club

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14

April 11 and May 9 @ 5 pm

Get a chance to sharpen your chess or checkers skills right here at the library! Come and join other kids for an hour of fun on Wednesday afternoons. **Grades 1 and up.**

Mother Daughter Book Club

March 5, April 9 and May 7 @ 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.

YAC Club

*Jan. 25, Feb. 29, March 21
and April 25 @ 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

Reptile Club

*Feb. 5, March 4, April 15
@ 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.

Tasty Tea Time Treat

March 24, @ 11 am - Noon

Make a teapot and teacup out of cupcakes to eat as a tasty treat! You will decorate the cupcakes with all edible treats at this delicious program.

Registration required.

Ages 7 and up



Eggstravaganza!!

Egg delivery is scheduled for March 5th and expected hatch date is March 26th. Watch them online at homerlibrary.org.

Drop-In Easter Crafts

March 27 @ 11 am to 5 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.

Books On The Go!

Bookmobile Activities & Events

Get on board! Would you like to have the Bookmobile stop in your neighborhood this summer? A limited number of times are available. Contact Jody O. at 708 301-7908 or jodyo@homerlibrary.org for information.

Snowmoose Guessing Jar

Estimate the number of items in the jar. Closest guess without going over wins!

January 2-11

Super Bowl Snacks

Mix up your own snack to prepare for Super Bowl Sunday.

January 17-25

Skate Into Reading

Jan. 30 - March 7

Winter Reading Program for all ages! Sign up and warm up with some good books for your chance to win cool prizes. Sponsored by BMO Harris and the Chicago Wolves. Have fun learning about money...pick up a word search, memory game and other activity sheets.



Hearts Aglow For Valentine's Day

Craft a glowing valentine for your secret someone

Jan 30-Feb 8



We Appreciate You!

Enter for a chance to win a gift certificate or a Teddy Bear to celebrate Library Lover's Month.

February 13-22



Easy Origami

Fold funny money to make a dog, elephant or other fantastic creatures.

February 27-March 7

Vote For The Academy Awards

Cast your votes for Oscar winning films and actors. Whoever picks the most winners will be awarded movie tickets!

February 13-22

Suprise Eggs

What will you find inside? Pick an egg and win a prize. Someone will be taking home a cute bunny!

March 12-21



Easter Kabobs

Stack up a tasty treat to take home.

March 26-April 4

Titanic Tragedy

Commemorate the 100th anniversary of this famous fated ship with trivia and a prize drawing

April 9-18

National Library Week

The Library will offer Amnesty on fines to celebrate National Library Week. Return overdue Homer Library items and late fees up to \$20 will be forgiven.

April 9-18

Mother's Day

Make a special seed packet and enter a drawing for your mother.

April 23-May 2



National Children's Book Week & National Butterfly Awareness Days

Celebrate by picking up an award winning book. Also, check out our Butterfly Pavilion and enter to win one of your own.

May 7-16



Isn't Summer A Blast?

Get ready for outdoor summer fun. Craft a crazy marshmallow launcher.

May 21-30



The bookmobile will not be out on the following days:

Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and May 28

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.

Library Director

Sheree Kozel-La Ha, MLS

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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



Skate Into Reading! Winter Reading Club

Homer Library will partner with BMO Harris Bank and the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team for the annual Winter Reading Program. Earn chances to win a Chicago Wolves tickets, hats, pendants, mini sticks, and other prizes! The Reading Club is open to all ages and runs from **January 30 to February 25**. Book logs will be available at the library Monday, January 30. *Check out the Fun with Finance and Every Penny Counts programs sponsored by BMO Harris.*



Seniors

Senior Income Tax Help

The Senior Services of Will County and AARP will provide free income tax information and return preparation for seniors (age 60 and older) on these Wednesdays from 9 am to Noon.

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11

Call Adult Services for an appointment @ 708 301-7908x228

Senior E-S-P:

Enjoy, Save and Protect Your Retirement

Feb. 24 @ 1 pm

As life expectancies continue to rise, it is becoming even more imperative for seniors to understand how to maximize their retirement savings, budget consciously and consider alternative forms of income. This presentation highlights helpful hints that seniors can employ to help make their golden years enjoyable. Presented by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

Computer Classes

Registration Required

Participants should already be familiar with a keyboard and mouse.

Intro to Computers

Feb. 24, March 9, 23,
and April 13 @ 10-11 am

You will be introduced to some of the basic functions of using a computer.

Intro to Word

Feb. 7 @ 2:30-3:30 pm
March 29 @ 4-5 pm

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

Intro to Excel

March 1 @ 4-5 pm
March 6 @ 2:30-3:30 pm
March 21 @ 6-7 pm

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

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 locations around the world. Programs held monthly @ 2 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Feb. 10, Berlin

Al Popowits will take you on a tour of both past and present day Berlin. You'll travel along the Berlin Wall in the 1980's to see the ruins, watch towers, and more. Fast forward to present day Berlin and you'll view the development in this modern city: the new Reichstag, the Sony Center, and the most technologically advanced train station in Europe.

March 23, New Mexico

Bill Helmuth returns to guide you through the stunning sights and culture of New Mexico's ancient towns of Santa Fe and Taos. Discover adobe architecture, marvel at colorful plateaus, visit with a Navajo Chief medicine man, and more.

April 13, Thailand, Laos, & Cambodia

Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason will share their photographs and experiences from their 2011 trip to Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia. You'll hear a detailed account of their trip while exploring remote villages as well as major tourist attractions!

Intro to PowerPoint

March 26 @ 2:30-3:30 pm
April 18 @ 6-7 pm

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

Word II Labels & Mailings

Feb. 7 and March 26 @ 4 to 5 pm

Excel II Graphs

March 6 @ 4-5 pm
March 15 @ 4-5 pm

