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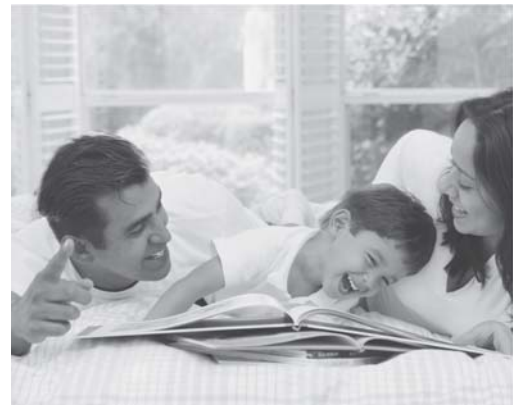
November 2008

Family Reading Night Celebration: “The Secret Garden”

Thursday, November 20, 7:00–7:40 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, November 1
For school-age children and adults

To celebrate Family Reading Night, the Library is pleased to feature a literary classic performed by Roberts Marionettes. Enjoy the popular story of “The Secret Garden,” in which spoiled ten-year-old Mary is sent to her uncle’s residence, Misselthwaite Manor, after the death of her parents. Mary’s life takes a turn when she is no longer pampered, befriends an invalid cousin much like herself, and unlocks the mysteries of a long-neglected garden. The presentation includes a demonstration of the marionettes and a chance for the audience to ask puppeteer Linda Roberts about her art.

Reading logs for Family Reading Night are available at the Youth Services Desk from November 1 through 20. Bring in your family’s completed log between November 20 and 30 and receive a small reading reward. ♦



Help trim our tree for the Brookfield Zoo

It’s time to get into the holiday spirit! Please join the Library as we participate in this year’s Brookfield Zoo Community Tree Trim. Kids of all ages are invited to come into the Library and decorate an ornament between November 12 and 20.

You are invited to join us at the zoo on Saturday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. to decorate the Library’s tree. A limited number of one day passes are available to families wishing to help decorate the tree at the zoo. After the tree trimming, enjoy a day at the zoo featuring storytellers, ice sculptors, reindeer, animal-themed crafts, and more!

Ornaments that will not fit on the tree at the zoo will be used to decorate the tree in the Library lobby. For more information, call Julie Blackwell at 630-653-0755. ♦

Support Carol Stream Christmas Sharing

The Library is once again serving as a collection point for the annual Carol Stream Christmas Sharing drive. Food and toys will be gathered and distributed to needy Carol Stream residents during the holiday season. All non-perishable food items will be accepted. Other appreciated items include personal care products.

Toys are needed for children of all ages, including older children and teens. Any toys donated to the cause should be new toys in their original packaging and not gift wrapped. Clothing and used toys will not be accepted.

A collection box for donations is located across from the Circulation Desk. The Library will collect items from November 11 to December 8, at which time donations will be collected by Christmas Sharing volunteers and prepared for distribution.

When doing holiday shopping, please think of those in need and buy an extra item or two for the collection box. It will help a less fortunate Carol Stream family have an enjoyable holiday season. ♦

YOUTH SERVICES

To register for a program or for more information, please stop by the Youth Services Desk, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127, or visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org.

Paws for Reading

Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

For grades K–6

Registration underway, call for openings

PAWS is a great way to improve reading skills and make or renew an acquaintance with a four-legged friend. This fall, participation has been expanded to include children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Each child will have fifteen minutes to read with a certified therapy dog. Books will be provided, but you are welcome to bring something from home. Sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. A parent's permission is required. ♦

Stories with Mother Nature

Thursday, November 13, 10:00–10:40 a.m.

For ages five and under with an adult

Registration begins Saturday, October 25

Mother Nature swirls in to the Library to share special stories about her world. She will teach children to care about our earth using songs, puppets, and lots of active participation. ♦



Saturday Chess

Saturday, November 15, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

For ages 8–18

Register in person or online anytime

Players are invited to join us for an hour of chess in a relaxed setting. Test your abilities against other players, and make some new friends as well. Basic knowledge of the game is required. Drop-in players are welcome, but registration is encouraged. ♦



Tot Time

Tuesday, November 18, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

For ages three and under, with an adult

Registration begins Saturday, November 1

Our youngest library users and their parents will enjoy a half-hour of short stories and lots of active participation. ♦

Check It Out YA book club

Wednesday, November 19, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

For grades 6–8

Register in person or online anytime

Teens interested in discussing books and meeting new people are welcome to join us for this informational meeting. We will talk about some popular materials and upcoming teen programming, which will include a special holiday craft in December. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. A minimum of five participants is needed by Monday, November 17. ♦



Reading Patch Club meeting: "Historical Fiction"

Monday, November 24, 1:30–2:15 p.m.

For grades K–5

Register in person or online anytime

Step back in time and explore the fascinating genre of historical fiction. Learn about different, and sometimes unusual, events in history while you listen to booktalks, play games, and work on crafts. If you're not yet a member of the Reading Patch Club, stop by the Youth Services Desk and join before this meeting. Patch Club is fun and it's free! ♦



Bee Movie

Saturday, December 6, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

No registration is required

Watch busy bee Barry B. Benson as he attempts to change the relationship between humans and bees and gets more than he bargained for! Popcorn will be provided and covered drinks are permitted for an afternoon of fun in the Community Room. Children under six must be accompanied by a parent. ♦



Family Holiday Story Time

Tuesday, December 9, 10:00–10:30 a.m. or 7:00–7:30 p.m.

For families with preschool and young elementary age children

Registration begins Saturday, November 15

Start the holiday festivities right with fun and family! Gather 'round for holiday stories read by a Youth Services storyteller, songs that will get the kids hopping, and lots of wintry activities! ♦



New magazines titles!

The Youth Services Department has added three new magazine titles to its periodical collection:

Highlights High Five is the newest magazine from the publishers of the respected children's periodical, Highlights for Children. Highlights High Five is designed for children ages two through six. Look for it in the J/Y Periodical section.

Kahani celebrates South Asian culture and its role in our country today. In addition to interesting articles, there are fun activities, games, and stories. Kahani is located in the J/Y Periodical section.

Cookie is a parenting magazine designed for new moms. Article topics include fashion, cooking, home decorating, and childcare. Cookie can be found in the Parenting Collection. ♦

ADULT SERVICES

Advance registration for programs is requested but is not required, except where noted. To sign up for a program or for more information, please stop by the Information Desk, contact the Library at 630-653-0755, or visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org.

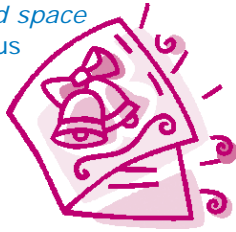
If a signer or other special accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123 at least 48 hours in advance of the program.

Holiday Card Making

Monday, November 10, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Registration is required due to limited space

Join Jennifer Welch as she leads us in creating holiday cards and gift tags for friends and family. You'll leave with finished cards and gift tags and ideas to use at home. ♦



Super-Couponsing

Monday, November 24, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and is limited to 90

Back by popular demand! Jill Cataldo of Super-Couponsing will show you how to maximize your grocery savings and purchase hundreds of dollars worth of groceries for just pennies! Learn couponing secrets of the pros, which stores will let you stack multiple coupons, how to track sales and discounts online, and best of all—how to get the store to pay YOU to shop. ♦

AM 530: Carol Stream's Emergency Advisory radio station

Tune in to AM 530, first on your dial, for Carol Stream Emergency Advisories and public service announcements. The Village has installed an AM radio antenna to provide residents, businesses, and customers information on municipal services, events, and public safety advisories. Regular informational broadcasts will operate 24/7 and can be received on any AM radio. Reception is best from your vehicle or from a home or business's external antenna. During a disaster, emergency advisories and announcements will be broadcast. The National Weather Service NOAA weather radio will also be carried live on this frequency when severe weather approaches. ♦



Join in the online book discussion

In the mood to read something suspenseful, chilling, and moving this month? Then pick up a copy of the *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger and join us in the November online book discussion. Also, it's not too late to post your comments on the October book discussion of *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold.

To get to the online book club blog just click on the "Carol Stream PL Book Discussion Blog" link found on the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org. You can also access the online book discussion blog directly at: www.csplbookdiscussion.blogspot.com. Then post your opinions and book reviews using the comments feature of the blog. ♦



A letter from the Board of Trustees

In an effort to ensure that patrons are informed and updated about their library and its place in the community, we are happy to bring you monthly wrap-ups of the Board of Trustees meeting. In every forthcoming newsletter, there will be a column written by one of the trustees, outlining what happened at the last meeting and what it means to you.

On Wednesday, September 17, the trustees met to review the results of the Library's annual financial report and determine what insurance plan would serve the Library's best interests.

In July, Sikich LLP, an accounting agency based in Aurora, finished its annual audit of the Carol Stream Public Library's financial statements. The results were presented to the Board of Trustees in September. Sikich provided the trustees with the highest level of assurance that the audit was an accurate assessment of the Library's financial position. The audit took into account expenditures, governmental activities, and revenue.

The trustees also reviewed two proposals of insurance for the Library at the September meeting. Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. and Heil & Heil Insurance Agency LLC outlined the level of coverage they could provide the Library and a price breakdown. Although the Library has used Gallagher for several years, both companies were rated very well by A.M. Best. Examination of the proposals showed that while both companies provided similar coverage, Heil & Heil was able to do so at a savings of more than \$12,000.

With the economy in its current state, the trustees have made every effort to remain fiscally conservative, and felt that it was in the best interest of the Library and the community to use the services provided by Heil & Heil.

The Board of Trustees would be happy to answer any questions regarding the September meeting or other inquiries about Library policies in general. Of course, the public is always encouraged to attend Board meetings, held the third Wednesday of every month at the Library. ♦

YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

Don't get left out in the cold!

As the fall weather gets colder and it gets dark earlier, the Library would like to remind parents of its policy toward unattended children left at the Library after it closes.

If a child under the age of 16 is left unattended at closing time, Library Staff may contact the police to have the child transported to the police station until a parent can pick up the child. Parents are responsible for being aware of the Library's hours and for picking up their children on time.

Library hours are:

Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Library is open on Sundays all year.

The Library is a busy public building and public places are not always safe for unattended children. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children while using the Library, whether or not the parents are in attendance. ♦



Library closings

The Library will be closed the morning of Friday, November 14 for Staff training. The Library will open at 1:00 p.m. on November 14.

The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. ♦

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:
November 19
7:30 p.m.

Held in the Library's Conference Room
The public is invited to attend

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at Library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Library publicity purposes.

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