

The Library BUZZ...

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Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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Jan's Clan Holiday Puppet Show

Children and adults alike will delight in these full-figured puppets that will entertain with talk about the upcoming Holidays, songs, and audience participation. About 45 minutes.

Lockport at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15 — Community Room

Crest Hill at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 15 — Community Room

No registration. No charge. Everyone is welcome!

For information about Jan go to: <http://www.jans-clan-puppets.com>

Library Hours

Mon—Thurs

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fri and Sat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Closed Nov. 11 for
Veteran's Day;**

**Closed Nov. 27 for
Thanksgiving.**

Locations

121 E. 8th Street

Lockport

1298 Theodore St.

Crest Hill

Library Referendum on November 4 Ballot

Did you know that the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District has placed two referendum questions on the November 4 Ballot? The first question is asking voters to authorize the library district to sell bonds to be used to construct a new library building in each of the three towns served: Crest Hill, Lockport, and Romeoville. The tax impact of this question is \$3.15 per month per \$100,000 of a home's market value. The second question asks voters to increase the library's annual income so that the district can adequately operate the three new buildings. The tax impact of this question is \$2.72 per month per \$100,000 of a home's market value. To learn more about the planning process for three new libraries and the tax implications, the current tax cap, and the space needs of the library district, please visit our website at www.dpvlib.org and click on the link to [The Future of Your Libraries](#).

Month in Review — Children's Services

During the month of October, Children's Services at the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District offered 15 weekly story times; two Fall Family Fun Nights, a four-week Readers Theater, two Native American History shows; two Library orientation programs for pre-teens; a Scarecrow Building program; a Pumpkin Painting program; and a two-part phonics program for Kindergarteners. In addition, a homework help tutor has been available 14 hours/week at the Crest Hill branch and 8 hours/week at the Lockport branch. And, when children's librarians weren't helping with these program or staffing the help desk, they visited over 500 children at local schools, preschools, and daycare centers. All programs, except for story times that have a small craft fee, were offered at **no charge** per user. If your family has not taken advantage of the programs offered by Children's Services, perhaps you might like to. While some programs have participation limits, there's always room for drop-ins at our monthly performances and story times. See you at the Library!

Readers Theater Starts at Crest Hill!

If you are at least 8-years-old and have a flair for the dramatic, join our newly formed Readers Theater group. It will meet on Mondays after school from 4 to 5:00 p.m. First session meets November 3, 10, 17, and 24. No memorization. No acting experience necessary. Sign up now at the Children's Services desk in Crest Hill or call 815-725-0234.

Flag Ceremony & Craft to Honor Veterans

In honor of those who have served their country, a Flag Ceremony will be held at the Lockport Branch on Wednesday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m. on the Children's Services floor. Afterwards, children in attendance will have the opportunity to make a patriotic craft to take home. Also, we will accept worn and dirty flags for proper disposal. Call 815-838-0755 for more information.

Homework Help & Tutoring

Children in grades K to 8 who need extra help with their reading and math homework can find that help at the library! We are pleased to offer a drop-in Homework Help tutor at **Crest Hill** on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The only requirement is that the child have a homework assignment with them. At **Lockport**, we have a tutor available by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Currently, there is a waiting list at the Lockport location. There is no charge for these services, because they are provided by a grant through the America Reads/America Counts program sponsored by Joliet Junior College and St. Francis University.

For more information, please call either branch library and ask for Children's Services.

Openings for Story Times, Toddler Times and Terrific Twos are still available.

Call to register! 815-838-0755 for Lockport.

815-725-0234 for Crest Hill