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The Library BUZZ...

The newsletter for Children's Services at the
Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

Kids Book Discussion Group

A book discussion group is a great way to enjoy books and talk about them with your friends. We are now accepting members to join this terrific group of 3rd through 5th graders. Help us earn points towards a fun reward at the end of the school year! Participants should plan to attend each monthly discussion from September to April. Register and pick up your book at the Children's Services Desk. **September's book is *Frindle*, by Andrew Clements.**

Crest Hill Branch: Thursday, September 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Lockport Branch: Thursday, September 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Monday Programs

Monday Madness in Lockport

There's always something exciting going on at the library, especially on Monday afternoons. Will it be art, science, cooking, games or something totally crazy?

Registration begins August 17th.

**Sessions begin Monday,
September 14 from 4:00-5:00 pm.**

This six-week session of silliness is for kids ages 6-9.

Marvelous Mondays in Crest Hill

Eric Carle Art in September

We will meet each Monday to learn about author Eric Carle and create a piece of art using his unique style. Please note, this is a 3-week session.

**Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28
from 4:00-5:00 pm**

Please register.

For children ages 6 and up.

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 Monday, Sept 7
for Labor Day

Locations

121 East 8th Street
Lockport
Ph: 815-838-0755

1298 Theodore Street
Crest Hill
Ph: 815-725-0234

Computers Available for Children

Computers with games, limited Internet access, and the Microsoft Office Suite of programs (includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access) are available in Children's Services at both Lockport and Crest Hill. These computers are reserved for children or for adults in a mentoring capacity.

Read on the Wild Side Summary

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Children's Summer Reading Program, **Read on the Wild Side!** 1,230 children registered, 737 children participated and 532 children completed. Children received rewards for reading, including coupons from local restaurants and recreational businesses. The final rewards were a paperback book, an invitation to the Dellwood Park Party, a chance at the grand prize basket, and a certificate of completion. Coming up...a Winter Reading Program that will start right after Christmas! Between now and then, keep on reading!

Programs and Activities

Lego Group

For kids who like to build. Finished work goes on display at the library until next month. Legos provided.

Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Crest Hill: Tuesday, September 8, from 4:00-4:45 pm

Lockport: Tuesday, September 15, from 4:00-4:45 pm

Tween Crafts

A craft for older children is offered each month at both branches. In September we will explore the library with a scavenger hunt and create corner bookmarks for all of your books!

All supplies provided. For ages 9-12. Please register.

Lockport: Tuesday, September 1, from 4:00-5:00 pm

Crest Hill: Thursday, September 10, from 4:00-5:00 pm

Readers Theater at Lockport

Children will act out a play by reading parts and using their voices and mannerisms to dramatize a script. No memorization. Meets for four weeks. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

**Lockport: Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24
from 4:00-5:00 pm**

Magic Tree House Club

Where are Jack and Annie headed next? Follow them as we explore ancient worlds, distant lands and amazing creatures. Each adventure will include crafts, activities, games and more. For ages 6-9. Registration required.

Lockport: Tuesday, September 8, from 4:00-5:00 pm

Crest Hill: Tuesday, September 22, from 4:00-5:00 pm

Wii Games

Play the Wii games with other kids who love to play. (Games rated E for "Everyone"). Recommended for ages 7 and up.

Lockport: Friday, September 11, from 3:30-4:45 pm

Crest Hill: Friday, September 18, from 3:30-4:45 pm

Parents Vs. Kids Video Game Challenge

Do you think you have what it takes to beat your parents at Guitar Hero, Mario Kart or DDR? Come and find out at our first ever multi-generational tournament! For children ages 6 and up with an adult. Registration recommended.

Lockport: Saturday, September 12, from 10:00am-12:00 pm

Crest Hill: Saturday, September 19, from 10:00am-12:00 pm

Story Times, Terrific Twos and Toddler Times

The six-week sessions begin the week of September 8th. Registration begins August 17th. The Toddler Time and Terrific Two programs are free of charge, but we do ask for a one-time \$5.00 craft fee (\$10.00 for non-residents) for Story Time, which covers the entire 6-week session. The program schedule is as follows:

Lockport Branch

- **Story Times** (3 to 6 year-olds):
Mon. @ 6:30 pm
Tues. @ 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
Wed. @ 10:00 am
- **Terrific Twos** (24-36 months):
Mon. @ 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- **Toddler Time**
(A lap-sit for children 3 mos.- 36 mos. accompanied by a parent/caregiver):
Thurs. @ 9:45 am, 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
Fri. @ 9:45 am and 10:45 am

Crest Hill Branch

- **Story Time** (3 to 6 year-olds):
Mon. @ 6:30 pm
Tues. @ 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
- **Toddler Time**
(A lap-sit for children 3 mos.- 36 mos. accompanied by a parent/caregiver):
Tues. @ 9:15 am
Wed. @ 10:00 am

Video Games

Available for Checkout!

The library now offers Nintendo DS, Wii, and X-Box 360 games for checkout! There is no charge for checkout and you may keep them for up to seven days with one renewal period. Stop in, browse the latest addition to our collection, and get your game on.