

# Check It Out

The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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<http://www.dpvl.org>

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Coming up in October...

## Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 9am—9pm  
Fri & Sat: 9am—5pm  
Sun: 1pm — 5pm

## Board Meeting

At Crest Hill:  
Community Room  
Tuesday, Oct. 16  
@ 7:00 p.m.

## Book Discussions

### Lockport

2nd Tues. @ 10:30 a.m.  
2nd Thurs. @ 6:30 p.m.

### Crest Hill

3rd Tues. @ 11 a.m.  
4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
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**Fall Children's Programs...**  
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## Beginning Genealogy Class

@ Crest Hill Branch  
Wednesday, October 17,  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

@ Lockport Branch  
Tues., Oct. 23, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

No charge, please register.  
Presented by Adult Services  
Librarian Louise Svehla.

## Local History Room

### Open House

Saturday, Oct. 20  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

See what's new at our Local History Room located in the **Lockport Branch**, 121 E.8th Street. Take a tour, browse through the interesting materials, and learn more our local treasures!

## Nature Photographer Presents: *Chicago Wilderness:*

### *Where I Find Inspiration*

Professional nature photographer Mike MacDonald is bringing his digital photos and his expertise to both of our branches. A major contributor to the **Chicago Wilderness** magazine, you will delight in his projected digital images. Over 18 locations are represented in his photos including Lockport Prairie and the Indiana Dunes.

@ Lockport, Tues, October 30;  
@ Crest Hill, Tues., November 6.  
7 to 8 p.m. both locations. No registration. Everyone invited!

## Health and Wellness Workshops @ Crest Hill

Dr. Vida Puodziunas of Healthy Connection will present two lectures this month at our Crest Hill Branch. The first program will focus on techniques that can help prevent and treat headaches and migraines. It will be offered on Wednesday, October 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. The second program entitled *Five Secrets to Feeling and Looking Younger* will be offered on Thursday, October 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. Both programs are free to the public, but registration is required. Stop by or call the Adult Services Desk at 815-725-0234.

## Tutoring in Reading and Math

Through an agreement with Joliet Junior College, the library district is pleased to offer one-on-one reading and math tutoring for children in grades K to 5. The tutors have been trained through the **America Reads** and **America Counts** program. They offer their services at pre-arranged times at our library facilities. There is no charge to parents. The tutors are paid through a federal work-study program.

For more information, please contact Jane Gardner at the Lockport Branch or Patricia Jarog, at the Crest Hill Branch.

Lockport: 815-838-0755  
Crest Hill: 815-725-0234

## Library District Friends Meeting

**When:** Monday, October 15 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Crest Hill Branch — in the Community Room.  
**Who:** You!  
**What:** See details in "The Director's Corner" below

## The Director's Corner

by Scott Pointon

Many of you have heard me touting the Friends of the Library as **the** organization for those who love libraries to spend their time and efforts. I am happy to report that our FOL group is reformed and right on track. In fact, all that remains is putting together a Board to run the group. They have a few volunteers, including a Vice President and a Secretary, but they are in need of a President! It sounds like a difficult job, so I come to you this month to describe what makes a good Friends President.

The President needs to be able to attend and run a monthly meeting (following a simple agenda). They need to be diplomatic enough to earn the respect of the group. They need to love libraries and be willing to help the Friends help us build a better library District. That's it! If you or anyone you know might be interested in this opportunity please contact me and be prepared to attend the next Friends meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Crest Hill Branch. My quote of the month: *"A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to."* - Laurence J. Peter

## Sign Up for Computer Basics Classes

Computer Basics classes for people with little or no experience using computers will be offered this month at both of our branches.

@ Crest Hill on Mon.,  
Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.

@ Lockport on Mon.,  
Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

There is no charge for the classes, but registration is required. Sign up at the adult service desks of the respective libraries or call 815-838-0755 for Lockport or 815-725-0234 for Crest Hill.

If you have any questions, please contact Manager of Adult Services Shannon Pohrte.

## Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society

**An Analysis of Artifacts from the Brunson-Sisson Cemetery**  
The Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society and Will/Grundy Genealogical Society are pleased to present "An Analysis of Artifacts from the Brunson-Sisson Cemetery", an illustrated lecture by Dawn E. Cobb of the Illinois Preservation Agency. The program will be held at 1 p.m., October 13, 2007 at the Shorewood-Troy Public Library, 650 Deerwood Dr, Shorewood, IL. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Contact Gary Ward (815)838-2327 for additional information.

## ***Been There — Done That Mortgage and Remodeling Tips***

I am deep in the midst of remodeling my bathroom *and* acquiring a home mortgage—so my life is in a domestic and financial shambles. Learn from my many mistakes and do all the research you can prior to undertaking any such projects. Here are some very helpful websites and books to check out.

[www.mtgprofessor.com](http://www.mtgprofessor.com) Mortgage articles and resources by Wharton Professor and nationally syndicated mortgage columnist Jack M. Guttentag.

[www.tomorgage.com](http://www.tomorgage.com) Learn about the basics of what types of mortgages are out there—are you looking to refinance, consolidate your debt, purchase a new home, or utilize a home equity line of credit? This site has it all!

***Nolo's essential guide to buying your first home***—The start-to-finish guide for first-time home buyers that incorporates down-to-earth, authoritative advice along with insiders' tips from a panel of 12 real estate professionals. Available at Crest Hill and Lockport branches—**Call no. 643.12 BRA**

***The fearless home buyer***, by Elizabeth Razzi—award-winning journalist Elizabeth Razzi provides authoritative advice to transform the nervous home buyer into a fearless home buyer. Addressing all of the important financial issues, Razzi covers what a home buyer (particularly a first-time buyer) needs to know about selecting brokers, agents, and mortgage bankers. Calmly and positively, she explains how to pick a neighborhood, what kind of house will suit your lifestyle, how to tour a house, and even what first steps to take after you move in! Available at Crest Hill and Lockport branches—**Call no. 643.12 RAZ**

***Tips and traps when mortgage hunting***, by Robert Irwin—Expert guidance to help you find a top broker, low rate, and speedy approval on any mortgage. Available at Crest Hill Branch—**Call no. 332.7 IRW**  
Happy homeownership!

*B. Krakovec*

## **Up and Coming Book**

### **Discussions...**

Our book discussion groups meet monthly at the Lockport and Crest Hill libraries. New members are always welcome. Books are available for pick-up one month before the discussion dates from the respective libraries. For more information, please call the Manager of Adult Services Shannon Pohrte @ 815-838-0755.

#### **Lockport Mornings, 10:30am, 2nd Tues.**

- October 9: *Small Wonder*, by Barbara Kingsolver.
- November 13: *The Faith Club*, by Ranya Idiby...Three women of different faiths come together to find the similarities and differences of their beliefs.

#### **Ravenous Readers, 6:30pm, 2nd Thurs. @ Lockport**

- October 11: *Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, by Lawrence Wright.
- November 8: *Girls Who Went Away*, by Ann Fessler...The author interviews women who were forced to give up their babies for adoption and their ensuing experiences.

#### **Crest Hill Daytime, 3rd Tues. @ 11:00 a.m.**

- October 16: *The Saddlemaker's Wife*, by Earlene Fowler.
- November 20 : *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini ...A tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, that takes us from Afghanistan in the final days of the monarchy to the atrocities of the present.

#### **Crest Hill Evenings, 4th Tues. @ 7:00 p.m.**

- October 23: *Virgin of Small Plains*, by Nancy Pickard...A suspense novel set in Kansas centers around the murder of a teen-age girl and the complexities of small town life.

**Weekly Programs  
For Young Children**

**Story-Times**

For ages 3 to 6.  
Starts week of  
September 10.  
45 minutes/ 14 wks. .  
Residents—\$10.  
Nonresidents—\$15.

**@ Crest Hill Branch**

Mondays @ 10 a.m.  
Mondays @ 1 p.m.  
Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.  
Tues. @ 10:00 a.m.  
Tues. @ 1 p.m.

**Great Beginnings  
@ Crest Hill Branch**

3—36 months  
Interactive parent/tot  
time with songs, sto-  
ries, fun. No fee.  
Thursdays @ 10 a.m.  
Oct. 4—Nov. 29

**Story-Times @  
Lockport Branch**

Mondays @ 6:30 pm  
Tues. @ 10 a.m.  
Tues. @ 1 p.m.  
Wed. @ 10 a.m.  
Wed. @ 1 p.m.

**Terrific Twos  
@ Lockport Branch**

Ages 24– 36 mos.  
Mondays @ 10 a.m.  
Mondays @ 11 a.m.  
No fee. Register in per-  
son at the Lockport chil-  
dren's desk. For more  
information, contact Jane  
Gardner, Lockport Chil-  
dren's Services Librarian  
at **815-838-755**.

# Upcoming Children's Programs...

## **Bubble Wonders with Geoff Akins**

### **Saturday, October 13**

**@ 11 a.m. in Lockport**

**@ 2 p.m. in Crest Hill**

*So, you thought you liked to blow bubbles! Well, Geoff Akins, the master of "bubbleology", will blow circles around you — literally! He will create bubbles that you never dreamed possible. Geoff has been featured on "Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood" and has performed at the Bristol Renaissance Faire, Navy Pier, and the Museum of Science and Industry. Don't miss the bubble artistry he is bringing to the library district this month. So, reserve the date and bring the family. No registration. For more information, check out Geoff's web site at: <http://www.BubbleJuggler.com>.*

## **Family Story Night @ Lockport Branch**

### **Wednesday, October 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

*Come join us for a family evening of stories and scarecrow stuffing. Each family will work together to make a cute little stuffed scarecrow. For families of all ages. Registration required. Limited to 20 families.*

## **OctoBEAR Stuff N Fluff @ Lockport**

### **Sunday, October 21 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

*Come stuff your own OctoBEAR (bear) at the library. For an afternoon of fun, stories, and treats. Cost is \$11 per bear. Registration is required.*

## **Stories in the Dark of Night @ Crest Hill Branch**

### **Thursday, October 25 — 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

*Join us outside in the courtyard for a special "somewhat" scary family story time by moonlight.*

*Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes, but please dress for the weather! Hot apple cider, apple juice, and cookies! Everyone welcome, but please register so we know how many treats to have! Registration begins October 1. Stop in or call 815-725-0234 and ask for Children's Services to let us know how many are coming...if you dare! Oh, bring a blanket.*

*The Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in the library's activities, or who have questions regarding the facilities are requested to contact Scott Pointon, Director, at 815-838-0755 or 815-725-0234, promptly to allow the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.*