



Check It Out

The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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JANUARY 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Library Hours

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

Closed:

New Year's Day
Mon., Jan. 1

Board Meeting

At Lockport:
Community Room
Tuesday, Jan. 16
@ 7:00 p.m.

Book

Discussion Groups

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Creative Writer's Group

At Crest Hill:
Community Room
Tues., Jan. 9
7:00—8:30 p.m.

Take a Look at What's New for the New Year!

- At Crest Hill, **six new computer workstations** for public access are being added in January, bringing the total to 12. All district computers offer Internet access, a CD burner, and a floppy disk drive. Software includes the Microsoft Office programs: Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. A color printer is available for a fee of 20 cents per page. To use a computer, a person must sign the Electronic Resource and Internet policies and be a patron in good standing possessing a valid library card from any library in Illinois.
- A new **day-time book discussion group** will be offered at Crest Hill Library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 11 a.m. beginning in February. See details on page 3.
- The **Gale Virtual Reference Library** has been added to our online databases available through our home page @ <http://www.dpvlib.org>. This resource is an electronic collection of articles from encyclopedias and specialized reference books for various subjects.
- **Computer classes** at both libraries. Details to follow.

Go Bears!

How far can the Bears go? That's a question that even we can't answer! But, we can provide a collection of books that describe where they've been! Check these out...

- *In Life, First You Kick Ass: Reflections on the 1985 Bears and Wisdom from Da Coach*, by Mike Ditka @ CH and LP;
- *Never Die Easy*, (biography of Walter Payton) at CH and LP;
- *Steve McMichael's Tales from the Bears Sideline* at CH;
- *Chicago Bears History*, by Roy Taylor at LP.



Valentine's Day Gingerbread House Building — @ Lockport and @ Crest Hill

You'll be dazzled by the artistry of Michael Niksic as he constructs a Valentine's Day Gingerbread House at the Lockport and Crest Hill libraries. The Lockport program is on Thursday, January 25 and the Crest Hill program is on Monday, January 29. Both are from 7 to 8:15 p.m. The houses will be awarded to one of the participants at each location! Everyone, however, will go home with prizes, food samples or treats!

Templates, recipes, and instructions will be provided to all to take home. You'll get ideas about using miniature lighting, collectable figures, and the finest hard candy available to make a house of your own. Pastry bag handling tips and instruction on the care and storage of houses will also be covered. Did you know that Gingerbread Houses have a "life expectancy" of 3 to 6 years?

This program is geared for teens and adults, but it is also great for family groups with older children. Hot chocolate will be served. There is no charge, but registration is required.

You can start signing up on January 2. Questions should be directed to either Shannon Pohrte, Head of Reference, at 815-838-0755 or Andrew Susalla, Reference Librarian at Crest Hill, at 815-725-0234.

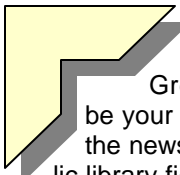
A Way With Words

The holidays are over and we must now get BACK TO WORK. But what if you actually have a legitimate fear of work or "ergophobia"? This can be a mystifying, chronic ailment that many people suffer from and it makes Monday mornings especially horrid.

Dr. W.D. Spanton first coined the word in the *British Medical Journal* in 1905. The word is derived from the Greek "ergon" (work) and "phobos" (fear).

"Ergo" is also used to form other English words, including "ergonomics" (an applied science that designs office equipment with the aim of improving worker comfort). Though a fear of work can be seen as simply being lazy, Dr. Spanton saw ergophobia as a serious condition and found its sufferers actually realized their fears where irrational, but were still unable to overcome them. Fears could come in a variety of combinations such as a fear of failing at assigned tasks or a fear of socializing with co-workers.

After reviewing these symptoms, I've come to the conclusion I definitely suffer from this phobia. I have ALL of these fears and a couple more it would be better to just keep to myself. Let's see, fear of showing up to work on Monday morning or fear of not being able to make that pesky car paymentdecisions, decisions. *B. Krakovec*



The Director's Corner

Greetings! My name is Scott Pointon, and I am happy to be your new library Director (and writing a monthly column for the newsletter). Last fall as I entered my 15th year in the public library field, I realized that I have never been more excited about my career and the future of libraries.

As everyone in our District should know by now, our libraries are well used and very appreciated. By taking advantage of our excellent collections, programs, and services, the District residents receive a tremendous value for their tax dollars. Looking to the future, what I find most exciting are the possibilities the current population growth will afford us as we move through the next few years. Please know that I will be working tirelessly to expand our services by creating more adequate space within the existing Lockport and Crest Hill facilities and providing local library service to our residents in Romeoville.

As you will all learn, I love quotations and will include a favorite here each month. This month's contribution comes from the always quotable Thomas Jefferson: *Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.*

Trustee Positions Open

The Des Plaines Valley Public Library District will have two trustee positions open for six-year terms for the upcoming April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election.

Petitions and all necessary documents are available to interested parties at both the Crest Hill Library at 1298 Theodore Street, Crest Hill and the Lockport Library at 121 E. 8th Street, Lockport during normal business hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The filing period is January 29 - February 5. Trustees must be residents of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District. For more information, contact either Beverly Krakovec or Debra Chapp at the Lockport Library 815-838-0755.

Lockport Area Genealogical & Historical Society

On Saturday, January 27, the Lockport Area and Genealogical and Historical Society membership meeting will be held at the Des Plaines Valley Library (Lockport) at 8th and Hamilton St, in Lockport. The meeting will pay tribute to our families and ancestors. Anyone wishing to attend can bring a family heirloom and/or a story about someone in their family to share with the group. The meeting is from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m. The program is free and the public is invited. Any questions, contact Gary Ward (815) 838-2327.

New Day-Time Book Discussion To Start at Crest Hill

We're pleased to offer a new day-time book discussion group at the Crest Hill Library. It will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. The first book discussion is scheduled for February 20 with book distribution and a short orientation meeting (optional) on January 23 at 11 a.m. We will be reading Ann Packer's *The Dive From Clausen's Pier*, which was the first book selected for Good Morning America's "Read This" book club. Future books will be participant-driven. The story recounts the moral and emotional dilemmas faced by the main character whose life changes in an instant when her long-time boyfriend is seriously injured. This book can be especially relevant for anyone who has ever experienced a sudden life-changing event or knows of someone who has. We'll have coffee and a special (healthy) treat, but most of all, we'll have a great chat! Register with the Reference Librarian or at the Circulation Desk at Crest Hill. If you have any questions, call Reference Librarian Patricia Jarog at 815-725-0234 or email me at pjarog@dpvlib.org.

Three other book discussion groups are ongoing. New participants are **always** welcome. Copies of the books being discussed are available one month before the discussion dates. Please call Head of Reference Shannon Pohrte, @ 815-838-0755 for more info about the Lockport groups.

January Book Discussion Schedule

Lockport Mornings, 10:30am, 2nd Tuesdays

- Jan. 9: *Skipping Christmas*, by John Grisham
- Feb. 13: *Virtues of Leadership*, by William Bennett...A collection of character building stories from history, the Bible, mythology, poetry, and fiction that is sure to inspire a discussion about the qualities of true leaders.

Ravenous Readers, 6:30pm, 2nd Thursdays @ Lockport

- Jan. 11: *Devil In the White City*, by Erik Larsen
- Feb. 8: *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, by Azar Nafisi...The thought-provoking memoir of an Iranian professor who met secretly with a small group of women in Tehran to discuss Western literature.

Crest Hill Evenings, 4th Tuesdays

- Jan. 23: *Water For Elephants*, by Sara Gruen — **starts @ 6 p.m.** for the potluck! This story recounts the life of morally grounded Jacob Jankowski who joins the rough and tumble world of the circus when his parents die and leave him destitute.

Crest Hill Day-Time, 3rd Tuesdays @ 11 a.m.

- Jan. 23: Pick up books for new day-time group (see top of column).

Snow is Falling, Books Are Calling

Sign Up for the Children's Winter Reading Programs @ the Crest Hill and Lockport Libraries

It's a great time to curl up with a book! Our five-week winter reading program for children ages 3 to 14 will provide incentives to keep them reading. The goal for the younger children (through 2nd grade) is 15 "E" (Easy) books. For children in 3rd to 8th grades, the goal is five "J" (Juvenile) fiction or nonfiction books. Sign up starts Monday, January 8, and the program ends on Saturday, February 10. Children who complete the program will receive a certificate, a bag, a free kids meal, and will automatically be entered to win our basket drawing worth \$50. To top things off, they'll all be invited to the AC Rock Concert — time and date TBA.

@ The Crest Hill Library

Story-Time: Story-Time is a literacy-based program featuring weekly themes with books, games, and crafts! Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome to participate. Choose from one of the following 45-minute sessions: Mondays at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Meets Feb. 5/6 to May 7/8. Fee for 14-week program: \$10/residents; \$15/nonresidents. Registration starts Jan. 2.

Bookin' With Baby: A free, weekly, lap-sit program designed for children ages 3 months to 2 years-old with a parent or guardian. Choose from one of two 30-minute sessions: Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Meets Feb. 6/7 to May 8/9. Registration starts Jan. 2.

For more information contact **Patty Kulesza**, Crest Hill Library's Children's Librarian, 815-725-0234.

@ The Lockport Library

- **After School Craft Days:** An after school craft program for children in grades one to five from 4 to 5 p.m. Coming up...**January 17 — Cool Crafts.** Registration is required. Free.
- **Terrific Twos: Mondays, starting February 5 to May 7** — This 30-minute class is for children ages 24 to 36 months and parents/caregivers. Monday: 10 am or 11:00 am. Registration begins Jan. 8 and is required. No fee. Classes limited to 20 children per time.
- **Toddler Time: Thursdays, February 8 to May 10; or Fridays, February 9 to May 11** — This class is for children ages 3 months to 3 yrs with parents/caregivers.
Thursday Mornings 9:30 am to 10:00 am or 10:30am to 11:00 am
Thursday Evenings 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Friday Mornings 9:30 am to 10:00 am or 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Registration begins Jan. 8 and is required. no fee. Classes are limited to 20 children per time.
- **Story Time: Monday evenings, February 5 to May 7; Tuesdays February 6 to May 8; Wednesdays February 7 to May 9.** This class is for children ages 3 yrs to 6 yrs.
Monday Evening 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm; Tuesday Morning 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Tuesday Afternoon 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm; Wednesday Morning 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Wednesday Afternoon 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm. Registration required, Craft fee \$10.00 per child, Non residents \$15.00 (craft fee \$10.00 plus \$5.00 non resident fee). Limited to 20 per time.

For more information contact **Jane Gardner**, Lockport Library's Children's Librarian, 815-838-0755.

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.