



Check It Out

The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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NOVEMBER 2007

Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 9am—9pm
Fri & Sat: 9am—5pm
Sun: 1pm — 5pm
Closed
November 11
November 22

Board Meeting

At Crest Hill:
Community Room
Tuesday, Nov. 20
@ 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.
See p. 3 for details.

Fall Children's Programs... See back page!

FOR TEENS

NEW!

Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)
Teens! We want to hear from you!
What kinds of activities will you
attend at your library? Game
nights? Poetry slams? Book
clubs? Anime/Manga clubs? Join
us for this meeting and help us
plan your favorite activities.
Wed., Nov. 7, 4 -5:30 pm in Crest Hill
**Thurs., Nov. 8 - 4- 5:30 pm
in Lockport**

NEW!

Teen Book Club
Bring your favorite book to
share with the group!
Tues., Nov. 13 in Crest Hill
from 4 to 5 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 14 in Lockport
from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
For more info on teen pro-
grams, please call our
new YA librarian Louise
Svehla.

Nature Photographer Presents: *Chicago Wilderness: Where I Find Inspiration*

Professional nature photographer
Mike MacDonald is bringing his
digital photos and his expertise to
our library. A major contributor to
the **Chicago Wilderness** maga-
zine, you will delight in his pro-
jected digital images. Over 18
locations are represented in his
photos including Lockport Prairie
and the Indiana Dunes.
@ Crest Hill, Tues., November 6.
7 to 8 p.m. No registration.
Everyone invited!

Beyond an Apple a Day Finding quality health information on the Internet.

We've invited Mary Klatt from Loyola
University Health Sciences Library to
speak about how to search for and
how to evaluate health care informa-
tion on the Internet. Also, informa-
tion about MedlinePlus, a service of
the U.S. National Library of Medicine
and the National Institute of Health
will be provided.
Thurs., Nov. 8, 2 - 3 pm in Crest Hill
Mon., Nov. 12, 7 to 8 pm in Lockport
No registration. No fee.

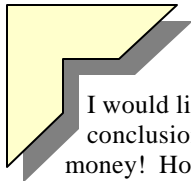
FOR ADULTS

A Visit to Chincoteague for Marguerite Henry Fans

For a horse crazy kid, who read every horse book I could put my hands on, my visit to Chincoteague, VA last month was a dream come true. For those of you who are unfamiliar, this very special place was immortalized in the children's classic *Misty of Chincoteague*, written by the award-winning author, Marguerite Henry. It is the story involving the wild ponies that have lived there, origins unknown, for hundreds of years.

The ponies actually live on Assateague Island, in the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, a sanctuary not only beloved by horsey, or literary people, but by birders and other naturalists. Assateague Island is a long barrier island that extends up the coast of Virginia and crosses the Maryland state line. The little island of Chincoteague is on the southern tip of Assateague, on the mainland side, and once a year they herd the ponies across the narrow channel between the two islands. On Chincoteague, the ponies receive veterinary care, and some of the ponies are auctioned off, as a way of controlling their population. It is a big celebration and event, and then they herd the ponies back to Assateague. Although there is some fencing, particularly along the roadways, the ponies are literally free to roam, and sometimes cross the channel to roam around on Chincoteague of their own accord. The island is stunning. The ponies are wild and sweet. A wonderful place to visit, especially if you're a Marguerite Henry fan.

Jenny Suva, Circulation Assistant



The Director's Corner

by *Scott Pointon*

I would like to ask what is the library worth to you? The obvious conclusion drawn from that question is that someone wants your money! However, I simply wish to learn what value you think the library provides you. Monetarily, it is very easy to calculate value. Just visit our website and fill in a few blanks on the "**What is the Library Worth To You**" form to see how much dollar value you can receive in a month!

But is there value beyond that? Library value begins with getting a library card, but where does it go from there? Does value lay simply in access to unique resources or the help of trained professionals? Or is it the human connection that makes the difference, knowing that when you enter our libraries there are eager and talented people waiting to assist you? Each of us must answer these questions for ourselves, and I implore you to do so soon. The time will surely come when we must all decide whether or not we want our communities to have the benefit of outstanding public libraries.

Quote of the month: *"If a society is going to do well, you put the money into education and you put money into libraries."* Mayor Richard M. Daley

Sign Up for Word Basics Classes

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

@ Lockport on Mon.,
Nov. 5 at 1 p.m.

@ Crest Hill on Mon.,
Nov. 12 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.

In December, we'll be offering the ever popular Computer Basics classes at Crest Hill on December 3 at 1 p.m. and at Lockport on December 17 at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars!

Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society

There is no general meeting in November.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8, at 9 a.m. in the Gladys Fox Museum. Contact Gary Ward (815)838-2327 for additional information.

We're Changing... For the Better!

The other day I was trying to remember when I had first heard and understood what the word metamorphosis meant. I know it wasn't at home, because my family just didn't use words like that. I guess it must be at school when my 3rd or 4th grade teacher was explaining the whole chrysalis to butterfly process. I basically understood some type of magical change was taking place.

The library world has been undergoing its own metamorphosis. While the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is still the place to come for your next great book to read, we've also become a community meeting place where a diverse population can gather and share common experiences. Your library district is dedicated to providing innovative, practical solutions to your information needs using both old and new technologies. Just think about it, where else can you find free access to the internet and computer classes, entertaining, educational adult and children's programming, the latest bestsellers, and so much more. Libraries are places for people of all ages and abilities who want to read and learn, and we take that responsibility very seriously. Helping our patrons become informed consumers of information has become an increasingly vital part of what libraries and librarians do.

Change is always challenging and we look forward to our communities' feedback and support as we experience this metamorphosis together.

B. Krakovec, Assistant Library Director

Library Friends Meeting

When: Monday, November 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Lockport Branch Community Room.

Now, you can visit us on MySpace!

www.myspace.com/desplainesvalleypld

See you online!

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 adult services desks of the respective libraries. For more information, please call the Manager of Adult Services Shannon Pohrte @ 815-838-0755.

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

- November 13: *The Faith Club*, by Ranya Idiby
- December 11: *Shadow of the Wind*, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon...Set in 1950s Barcelona, a boy becomes infatuated with a gothic author who he discovers has mysterious parallels to his own life as he grows up.

Ravenwood Readers, 6:30pm, 2nd Thurs. @ Lockport

- November 8: *Girls Who Went Away*, by Ann Fessler
- December 13: *The Faith Club*, by Ranya Idiby...Three women of different faiths come together to find the similarities and differences of their beliefs.

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

- November 20 : *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- December 18: *True Believer*, by Nicholas Sparks...A jaded big city writer is challenged by a beautiful small-town librarian while investigating a grave yard mystery.

Crest Hill Evenings,

- December 10 at 7:30 p.m.: *The Time Traveler's Wife*, by Audrey Niffenegger
- Please pick up books at the Adult Services Desk. They may also be returned to the Desk if you cannot return your book during the book discussion.

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...

Come one, come all, to see

CIRCUS BOY

Saturday, November 17

10:30 a.m. in Lockport

2:00 p.m. in Crest Hill

Circus Boy is a stuntman, comic, juggler and the world's smallest unicycle rider. His name is Bobby Hunt, and he's someone you'll want to see. Great family fun. No registration. Everyone welcome.

In Lockport **America's Biggest Bedtime Story — Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Lockport.** Join us in the

Community Room at the Lockport Branch for a web cast reading of "The Remarkable Farkle McBride", written and read by John Lithgow. Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal for the best bedtime story event this year. We will have snacks. For more information, please contact Childrens Services at 815-838-0755. Registration required.

In Crest Hill **Fluff N Stuff Gingerbread Man Program — On Saturday, November 17, at 10:00 am** at the Crest Hill branch, we will offer our popular Fluff N Stuff program! Your child will "make and take" a huggable Gingerbread Man. Also included is a birth certificate. Of course, we'll read a story, too, and decorate a gingerbread cookie. The fee is \$10.00 per child to cover the cost of the stuffed animal. Registration is required and the fee is due at time of registration.

In Crest Hill **Pine Cone Bird Feeder Project** — On the day after Thanksgiving, **Friday, November 23, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**, in Crest Hill, help us get ready for winter and make some special treats for our feathered friends. We will be making bird feeders that will be hung on the library's outdoor pine trees. For ages 7-12. Drop the kids off and do some shopping. This program is free but registration is required.

In Lockport **Coming in December...** **A Dickens kind of Christmas Show with John "Doc" Morrissy on Wednesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in Lockport only. Come one, come all. No registration. No fee.**

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.