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The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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<http://www.dpvlib.org>

DECEMBER 2007

Library Hours

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

Closed

December 24 & 25
Closed at 5 p.m. on
December 31
Closed January 1

Board Meeting

At Crest Hill:
Community Room
Tuesday, Dec. 18
@ 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.

FOR TEENS

Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)

Teens! We want to hear from you!
What kinds of activities will you
attend at your library? Join us for
these upcoming projects and help
us plan more of your
favorite activities.

Tues., Dec. 11, 4:30-5:30 pm
in Crest Hill — **Beaded Necklaces**

Wed., Dec. 12 - 4:30- 5:30 pm
in Lockport — **Homemade Greeting
Cards**

Teen Book Club

Wed., Dec. 5 in
Crest Hill from 4:30 to 5:30
p.m. — Bring your favorite
book to share with the group!

Thurs., Dec. 6 in Lockport
from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. —
Bring a horror book.

For more info on teen
programs, please call
Louise Svehla, YA librarian.

Introduction to Yoga

Certified yoga Instructor Sandy
Bianco will give a demonstration of
basic yoga techniques at the fol-
lowing dates and times:

Crest Hill: Sat., Dec. 1, 2007 at
9:30 a.m. & Thurs., Dec. 6, at 4:00
p.m.

Lockport: Sat., Dec. 8, at 9:30
a.m. and Wed., Dec. 12, at 7:00
p.m.

Participants should wear comfort-
able clothes and are encouraged
to bring yoga mats or towels.
Registration is required. No fee.

Hammered Dulcimer Program Tuesday, Dec. 4 Crest Hill Branch 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Phil Passen will perform
traditional Christmas music
on the dulcimer.

No registration.
Everyone is welcome!

FOR ADULTS

Holidays Around the World


In the Children's Services departments at both Crest Hill and Lockport, you'll see some very special garland that's been strung to celebrate the diverse ethnic backgrounds and cultural traditions of our young patrons. The garland is actually a work in progress of which your child can be a part. Just stop by the Children's Service desk at either location and choose the flags of the countries that represent your child's heritage. The flags are then affixed to the garland and the result is a chain of your heritage. The garland will be on display through the first week of January.

We're going green!

In an effort to save resources, the library district has just instituted a bag sharing initiative. We realize that bags really come in handy for toting home the books and materials you borrow from the library. Now, you'll be able to grab a plastic bag from our bag sharing station, which will be stocked with recycled bags provided by our patrons and staff members. So, if you are drowning in plastic bags, please bring them to either branch — we'll put them to good use. Thank you!

The Director's Corner

by Scott Pointon



Happy Holidays! For those of you diehard library users out there I have a special challenge for you, which if you accomplish, can change someone's life forever. Most of us have special holiday traditions we hold dear to our hearts. This holiday, join me in a new tradition: **bring a non-library user to the library!**

If you are reading this newsletter, it probably means that you already know a lot of wonderful things about the library. You may even be aware of our free computer classes, helpful librarians, programs for all ages, online databases, free public computers, and let's not forget our HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS! Why not enlighten someone you know who doesn't take advantage of their library. With luck, they may just become regular library users and you will have improved their lives forever. If you undertake this challenge, beware that non-library folks have a lot of reasons not to come. Some may associate the library with school (which they hated). Others may think the library is just for kids (not true at all). And what if they hate to read? We have many DVDs and music CDs to choose from. This month's quote: "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm." - Sir Winston Churchill

Sign Up for Computer Basics Classes

We will be giving a class on the basics of computer use. The class will cover the parts of the computer; using the keyboard and mouse; how to turn on and shut down the computer; and how to use Wordpad and Solitaire.

@ Crest Hill on Mon.,
Dec. 3, at 1 p.m.

@ Lockport on Mon.,
Dec. 17 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. Computer classes will continued to be offered through the new year. Look for information online at <http://www.dpvlib.org>.

Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society

The Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas meeting on Saturday, December 8, 2007, at the Gladys Fox Museum from 9a.m. until 11 a.m. Members and guests may bring a favorite Christmas desert, treat, or goodie along with a favorite Christmas memory to share. Please call Gary Ward, (815) 838-2327, with any questions.

Changes to Children's Services Floor in Lockport

Please bear with us as we make some changes to how Children's Services is laid out. The biggest change you'll see is that the Children's Services desk has moved, leaving an area that will be suitable for displaying books, artwork and special exhibits. Also, the Children's Service Desk will no longer offer book check-out, because we have centralized Circulation Services to the desk on the first floor. Children's staff members no longer have the capability to check out your items. However, they will continue to search the catalog, make reading recommendations, place holds, and check your account.

The decision to remove circulation duties from the children's floor is directly related to bringing a higher level of service to you and to align our services to the best practices prescribed for public libraries. We anticipate that the change will enable our staff to spend more quality time with you and to offer a wider range of services that will include acquainting you with the library's many resources and the best ways in which to utilize them. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Jarog, Manager of Children's Services at either 815-838-0755 or 815-725-0234. Or, email at ptjarog@dpvlib.org.

Online Resources

The library district subscribes to a variety of online resources that you will not find on the free Web. Our newest addition is **Newsbank Business News**. It is a collection of 175 different regional and industry-specific business newspapers, including the full text of *Crain's Chicago Business*. You can set up searches to search any specific combination of sources. Articles can be printed or e-mailed to any e-mail account. If you are not at either of the library locations, you will be asked to type in your library card number to gain access to this great resource.

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.

- December 11: *Shadow of the Wind*, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- January 8: *Mirror Mirror*, by Gregory Maguire

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

- December 13: *The Faith Club*, by Ranya Idliby
- January 10: *Lucky*, by Alice Sebold

Crest Hill Daytime 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 18: *True Believer*, by Nicholas Sparks

Starting in January, the Crest Hill Daytime Group will meet on the 3rd Friday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Friday, January 18: *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen.

Crest Hill Evenings,

- December 10 at 7:30 p.m.: *The Time Traveler's Wife*, by Audrey Niffenegger
- January 22 at 7 p.m.: *The Glass Castle*, by Jeanette Walls

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.

**Registration
Begins
January 2
For Story-Times**

**Story-Times, Terrific
Twos, Toddler
Times, and Great
Beginnings will
resume the first
week of February.
Registration begins
January 2 at the
Childrens Services
Desks.**

**Caution:
Readers at Work
— our 5-week
Winter Reading
Program starts
January 2!
Stop by the
Children's Services
desks at Lockport
and Crest Hill to
sign up...beginning
Jan. 2. Some prizes
and surprises are in
store for kids ages 3
to 12 who keep on
reading!**

Upcoming Children's Programs...

In Lockport

A Dickens Kind of Christmas

On December 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District in Lockport will present a program titled "A Dickens Kind of Christmas." Entertainer John "Doc" Morrissy offers a family-style program of variety entertainment designed to offer something for all ages. The show will offer the types of entertainment favored by street performers in London during the time of Charles Dickens. Dickens wrote what is perhaps the most popular Christmas story of all times, "A Christmas Carol".

The performance will include music on an old-fashioned hand-cranked street organ. Everyone has heard of these colorful instruments but few have ever seen one or heard one play.

The show will include magic tricks. Morrissy is a winner of the coveted "Golden Wand Award" for superlative achievement in the performance of magic.

There is no fee or registration for this special performance. Everyone is invited. Please join us!

For further information on this program contact Jane Gardner, Children's Services Librarian for the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District at 815-838-0755.

In Lockport

Fluff N Stuff Gingerbread Bear — We will offer our two sessions of the popular Fluff N Stuff program! Tuesday, December 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Your child will "make and take" a huggable Gingerbread Man. Also included is a birth certificate. The fee is \$11.00 per child to cover the cost of the stuffed animal. Registration is required and the fee is due at time of registration. 815-838-0755.

Birthday Party for the Grinch

The classic Dr. Seuss book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* was published 50 years ago this year, and we're celebrating during the week after Christmas with a birthday party. We'll have cake and a reading of the classic by two celebrity guests. Look for exact dates and times to be announced at both Lockport and Crest Hill branches and online at www.dpvlib.org.

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.