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The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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AUGUST 2007

Library Hours

Closed Friday,

August 31 for *Staff Development Day*

Mon-Thu: 9am—9pm

Fri & Sat: 9am—5pm

Sun: 1—5pm

Friends Meeting

Monday, August 27

7:00 p.m., Lockport

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Board Meeting

At Crest Hill:

Community Room

Tuesday, August 21

@ 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.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the summer reading program, *Mission Read 2007: To the Library and Beyond*. We encourage everyone in the community to frequent these fine friends of ours!

Alexa Adams Salon, Lockport
Aurelio's Pizza, Lockport
Buffalo Wild Wings, Romeoville
Brunswick Zone, Romeoville
Children's Museum, Oak Lawn
Coldstone Creamery, Lockport
Comet Lanes, Crest Hill
Donut Den, Joliet
DuPage Children's Museum, Naperville
Family Outreach Program, Crest Hill
Fields on Caton Farm, Crest Hill
Giovan's Restaurant, Crest Hill
Haunted Trails, Joliet
Hollingsworth Candies, Lockport
Lambert Enterprises, Joliet
McDonalds, Lockport
Merichka's Restaurant, Joliet
Old Country Buffet, Joliet
Pizza Hut, Lockport and Joliet
Public Landing Restaurant, Lockport
Rosati's Pizza, Romeoville
Siegel's Cottonwood Farm, Crest Hill
Alderman Ray Soliman, Ward 1, Crest Hill
Shedd Aquarium, Chicago
Stamp Thyme, Lockport
Wilderness Falls Golf, Bolingbrook

Learn to Knit at the Library

All of the spots in our *Learn to Knit* classes at the Lockport Library are filled, but another set of classes will be offered at the Crest Hill Library in September. These Crest Hill classes are scheduled for two successive Thursdays, September 13 and 20— from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room on the lower level.

Registration begins Monday, August 13 — either in person at the Crest Hill Reference Desk or by phone, 815-725-0234.

There is no charge, and all supplies (including a set of needles) are provided. For adults, ages 14 and up.

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

The Blues Are Coming to Crest Hill!

We are pleased to host Chicago-land singer, songwriter and musician David Molinari and his accompanist Dave Hansen on Monday, August 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Crest Hill Community Room. Over a dozen Blues songs will be featured including “Sweet Home Chicago” and “Summer Time.” The performance will be peppered with interesting facts about the growth of the Blues from the early Mississippi Delta music to its varied styles in St. Louis, Detroit, and of course, Chicago. Free! Everyone is most welcome!

The Director's Corner

by Scott Pointon

In January I wrote that what I find most exciting about our libraries are the possibilities for growth and that statement is just as true today as it was 7 months ago! I am happy to report that the ongoing “overhaul” of our library collections and services continues. Even more newsworthy is that our Board of Trustees has hired a building consultant to develop a “*building program*” - a way of describing what the community wants from our libraries and what facilities are needed to accomplish those goals. With a lot of community input and much hard work from the Board and staff, this building program will help us to decide in what direction the library district needs to move in the coming decades.

Remember that this process will involve you, the district residents. As we announce community planning meetings, please attend and add your voice. Become a library advocate. Join the Friends of the Library. Spread the word about our increased programming and services. Tell your friends and neighbors about our free computer classes. Above all, *become involved!* As Aldous Huxley said, “**Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.**” Our libraries will carry us into the future and we want you all to be involved!

Computer Basics Classes Offered In August

If you have never touched a computer or have limited experience with them, then we have a class for you!

A Computer Basics class will be offered at Crest Hill on Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., and at Lockport on Aug. 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The classes are free, but registration is required. Sign up at the reference desk or call the respective libraries. Crest Hill: 815-725-0234; Lockport: 815-838-0755.

In September, a Basic Email class will be held at both libraries. If you have any questions, please contact Manager of Adult Services Shannon Pohrte at 815-838-0755.

Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society

Dellwood Park Meeting

On Thursday, August 23, 2007, the Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society will hold its monthly membership meeting at the Volz Fieldhouse located in Dellwood Park, Lockport, IL. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The program will include a presentation of LAGHS' photo collection of Dellwood Park. The program is free and the public is invited. Contact Gary Ward (815) 838-2327 for additional information.

Calling All Friends of the Library District

As you may have read in previous newsletters, our Friends of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is re-energizing its membership. We have held two organizational meetings and now plan an upcoming community forum in late August.

Join us on Monday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lockport Library's Bengston Room to learn how to become a Friend and the important place this organization holds in our library district. The Friends are valuable advocates for the library district and a growing membership will only strengthen our presence. During this exciting time of new growth, it is especially vital that the Friends attract the community support essential to keep our District moving forward in the right direction.

The community forum will be facilitated by enthusiastic Michael Cherry from Lewis University. Mr. Cherry will offer many insightful tips garnered from his long success in working with non-profit organizations.

Becoming a Friend helps a friend, your **LIBRARY**. We hope to see you at the community forum to inquire, imagine, dream, create and discover what being a Friend of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is all about.

Goodbye Miss Patty!

Long-time Crest Hill children's librarian Patricia Kulesza has accepted a new job in our community. Effective this school year, she will serve as the new Media Services Director at Richland Elementary School in Crest Hill.

Miss Patty wanted everyone to know that she'll continue to promote the services and resources of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District. She sees her new job as a way to integrate school libraries with public libraries in the lives of children.

Good bye and good luck!

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 Manager of Adult Services Shannon Pohrte @ 815-838-0755.

Lockport Mornings, 10:30am, 2nd Tuesdays

- August 14: *The Poet*, by Michael Connelly.
- September 11: *The Serpent's Shadow*, by Mercedes Lackey...Set in 1909, this is a fascinating fantasy that relates the story of a woman practicing medicine, as well as magic.

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

@ Lockport

- August 9: *Standing in the Rainbow*, by Fannie Flagg.
- September 13: *Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd...A charming coming-of-age story about a girl's search for her dead mother's past set in the racially charged south of the 1960s.

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

- August 21: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, by Kim Edwards.
- September 13: *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith...The first novel in the hit series about Botswana's only private eye — an African woman possessing little experience but much wisdom, good instincts, and humor to guide her.

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

The Crest Hill Evening Group is taking a break in July and August but will be back in September!

Upcoming Children's Programs...

Yoga Classes for Kids Ages 4 to 9 at Crest Hill

Sign up starts Monday, August 6 — Cost \$12/four sessions

Every Tuesday in September:

September 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

September 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

September 18, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

September 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fee due at time of registration.

Watch for a series of yoga classes on Tuesday evenings in October for ages 10-14.

Register Now for Fall Story-Time

Fall Story-Time begins the week of September 10 at Crest Hill, and registration has just begun! This literacy-based program features weekly themes with books, games and crafts. Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome to participate. Classes will be offered on the following days and times: Mondays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.; 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.; and 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.; and 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Fee is \$10 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents (includes craft fee).

Call 815-725-0234 or stop by the children's desk at Crest Hill to register.

At Lockport...

REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES BEGINS AUGUST 6 AT LOCKPORT

STORY TIME: Ages 3 to 6.

Monday evenings: 6:30 p.m. to 7:15p.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays morning: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45a.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays afternoon: 1:00 p.m. to 1:45pm

Story time classes begin the week of September 10 and end the week of December 10.

Craft fee is \$10.00 for residents of the district and \$10.00 plus \$5.00 for non residents.

Classes are limited to 25 per session.

TERRIFIC TWOS': Ages 24- to 36-months.

Monday mornings: 10:00 a.m. to 10:30am or 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Terrific twos classes begin September 10 end December 10.

Classes are limited to 20 per session. No fee.

TODDLER TIME: Ages 3-months to 3-years with parent or caregiver.

Thursday or Friday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 10:45a.m. to 11:15a.m.

Thursday evening 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Toddler time classes begin September 13 or 14 and end December 13 or 14. Classes are limited to 25 per session. No fee.

Register in person at the Lockport children's desk or by phone: 815-838-0755.

For more information, contact Jane Gardner, Lockport children's librarian.

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.