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The monthly newsletter of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District

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<http://www.dpvlib.org>

SEPTEMBER 2007

Library Hours

**Closed Monday,
September 2,**

For Labor Day

Mon-Thu: 9am—9pm

Fri & Sat: 9am—5pm

Sun: 1—5pm

Board Meeting

At Crest Hill:

Community Room

Tuesday, Sept. 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.

4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

See p. 3 for details.

Use Online Resources to Get the Grade!

Whether “back to school” means elementary school, high school, or college, we have online resources that will help you complete your assignments. These resources are only available through the library’s web site at <http://www.dpvlib.org> (use the link in the gray box on the right side). You will not find them through Google! The following resources are available 24/7. All you’ll need is your library card number! If using a library computer, you’ll need to sign a one-time Internet Agreement (under age 18, requires a parent’s signature). Now there’s no excuse for not getting your homework done!

Science Resource Center — contains searchable information from 40 science books and full-text articles from 200 science magazines.

Literature Resource Center — Articles cover literary criticism, author biographies, and literary references.

General Reference Center Gold — The #1 resource to use when you are looking for journal and magazine articles from authoritative sources. Over 25 million articles from 1980 to the present. Print them or send them to yourself via email. Many subject areas are covered.

Virtual Reference Library — Sometimes a specialized reference book or encyclopedia will contain the precise information you need. The contents of over 500 of these encyclopedias are available in electronic format. Just search and print!

Grolier Online — The electronic versions of two general purpose encyclopedias — *Grolier Multimedia* and *Encyclopedia Americana*.

Web Feet — This is a collection of educational web sites that have been screened by educators. Great for classic homework assignments in a variety of subject areas. If using this site from home, call the reference desk for the password.

Lockport Branch to Host Hammered Dulcimer Performance on Sept. 6

Don't know what a hammered dulcimer is? Well, you can find out at the library — isn't that what we're here for? The Lockport Branch of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is pleased to host a free performance featuring this most unique stringed instrument played by Phill Passen. Phil will play Irish and Old Time American music, accompany the dulcimer with song, and provide an explanation of the instrument's history and make-up. Join us on Thursday, September 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room.

For more information, consult Phil's web site at <http://www.philpassen.com>.

The performance is free and open to the public. No need to call ahead. Please come and enjoy the live performance!

Local History and Genealogy Programs

- Local History Room Open House @ Lockport Branch — Sat., Oct. 20, 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone invited!
- Beginning Genealogy Class @ Crest Hill Branch — Wed., Oct. 17, 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Registration starts Sept. 17.
- Beginning Genealogy Class @ Lockport Branch — Tues., October 23, 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Registration starts Sept. 24. For more info, call Shannon Pohrte at 815-838-0755.

Sign Up for Basic Email Classes In September

Don't have an email account, but would like to? Don't know how to send an attachment? Then, we have a class for you! In September, a Basic Email class will be held at both of our branches. In Lockport, the class will meet on Monday, September 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. In Crest Hill, the class is scheduled for Monday, September 24, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The classes are free, but registration is required. Sign up at the reference 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.



The Director's Corner

by Scott Pointon

Back in April, many teased me for saying that spring is not my favorite time of the year. **I am** happy to see the arrival of September, and I don't mind telling you that fall is my absolute favorite time of the year! The summer heat begins to dissipate, the windows come open, the leaves turn colors, and nothing is more comfortable in the evening than jeans and a baggy sweatshirt. Having grown up in the rural Midwest, I also love that fall is harvest time, complete with fresh apples, pumpkins, and all the small town festivals.

The library world has its share of fall celebrations too. In September we celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when our libraries remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. That is followed closely by Teen Read Week (October 14-20), and Children's Book Week (November 12-18). This Fall I encourage everyone to make time to read for the fun of it and attend a program or event at our libraries. Fall is indeed a great time to visit the library! My quote of the month: "*The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.*" - Albert Einstein

Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society

Will County Barn Survey

On Saturday, September 22, 2007 the Lockport Area and Genealogical and Historical Society will hold its monthly membership meeting at the Homer Township Town Hall, 16057 S. Cedar Rd., Homer Glen, IL. The Town Hall is located just south of Shilling School on Cedar Rd. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ken Itle and the topic will be the barn survey conducted in Will Co. The meeting is free and open to the public. Any questions please contact Gary Ward (815)838-2327.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

This special month is a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all and the



smartest card a student can own. The American Library Association has named Ben Roethlisberger, quarterback of the 2006 Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, official spokesperson for Library Card Sign-Up Month.

The Des Plaines Valley Public Library District is celebrating the many opportunities a library card can offer by entering the name of everyone who signs up for a library card this month into a prize drawing. Gift certificates to Barnes & Noble will be given away to the lucky winners at both the Lockport and Crest Hill branches.

So, stop by either of our locations to see what libraries have to offer — books, CDs, DVDs, Internet access, homework help — we've got it all and it's all FREE! So get the smartest card of all in your wallet, YOUR LIBRARY CARD. To apply for a card, bring in two forms of identification with your name and current address. All sorts of ID are accepted including check books, utility bills, and drivers licenses. *B. Krakovec*

Friends Group Will Meet September 24

The Friends of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District are scheduled to meet on Monday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Romeoville Recreation Center—900 W. Romeo Road.

Many thanks to all of you who turned out for the organizational meeting in August. We had a great turnout and are delighted that we have so many friends. Of course, we can never have too many friends, so plan to join us on September 24. Circle your calendar now!

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

- September 11: *The Serpent's Shadow*, by Mercedes Lackey.
- October 9: *Small Wonder*, by Barbara Kingsolver...A collection of essays written by the best-selling author covering a wide array of topics including post 9/11 reflections, the homeless, television, and Columbine.

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

@ Lockport

- September 13: *Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd.
- October 11: *Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, by Lawrence Wright...A well-researched history of terrorism and the individuals who played key roles in the events that led to 9/11.

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

- September 18: *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith.
- October 16: *The Saddlemaker's Wife*, by Earlene Fowler...After inheriting a ranch in California, a grieving widow uncovers the secrets of her husband and the family she didn't know he had.

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

- September 25: *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*, by Walter Isaacson...The full scope of the statesman's life is meticulously chronicled by a popular biographer.



Story-Times

For ages 3 to 6.
Starts week of
September 10.
45 minutes/ 14
weeks.

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.

Sign up at the

Crest Hill Circulation

Desk.

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 person at the

Lockport children's

desk. For more infor-

mation, contact Jane

Gardner, Lockport Chil-

dren's Services Librar-

ian at **815-838-0755**.

Upcoming Children's Programs...

At the Crest Hill Branch, 1298 Theodore St., Crest Hill

A new program starting in October for the little ones...

Great Beginnings

Bring your baby to ***Great Beginnings***. You'll interact through songs and stories with your little one. Also a great way to meet other parents. For parents or caregivers with children 3 months to 36 months. On Thursdays, starting October 4, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. At the Crest Hill Branch in the lower level Community Room. Meets weekly through November 29. Registration begins September 6. No fee.

For more information, contact Patricia Jarog, the new Children's Services Librarian of the Crest Hill Branch at 815-725-0234 or stop by the circulation desk to register.

COMING IN OCTOBER...

Bubble Wonders with Geoff Akins

@ Lockport and Crest Hill

Circle your calendars now for this amazing program on Saturday, October 13. Geoff Akins, the master of "bubbleology", will be performing at both branches.

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. On Saturday, October 13, he will bring his bubble artistry to the Lockport branch at 11 a.m. and to the Crest Hill branch at 2 p.m. Come one, come all! No registration. For more information, check out Geoff's web site at:

<http://www.BubbleJuggler.com>.

Don't miss this wonderful family program!

Mission Read 2007 Wrap-Up

Over 300 children and parents attended our summer reading program end-of-the-year party at Dellwood Park last month. We appreciate the Lockport Park District's cooperation in allowing us to host the party there!

A total of 858 children ages 3 to 13 spent 5,739 hours reading last summer during the library district's annual summer reading program. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated and hardworking staff for all of their extra work in making the summer reading program so much fun.

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.