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Library schedules focus groups

Public libraries must continue to grow and adapt to meet the changing needs of their communities, and Crete Public Library is no exception. As a result, the library is conducting a space planning assessment, which will take place before CPLD replaces the carpeting or begins other renovations.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, Wednesday, Oct. 12, and Thursday, Oct. 13, the library will be inviting the community to participate in a series of public focus groups that will be held to gather input on what services and spaces our residents would like to have. Community feedback is a very important part of the space planning assessment, and the library wants your opinion.

The meetings will be held at different times of day and night and are open to everyone in the library district. (Times for those dates will be announced.) Many patrons who completed our survey this spring indicated they were interested in more information, and they will be contacted, as well.

Please join us and let us know how you envision your library of the future!

Teen department makeover

With the help of the Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) and lots of neon colors, the teen area has a completely new look. Play Pac-Man on our Atari, leave a message for your friends on "the wall," make a paper robot or unicorn at our craft table, or just chill out with your headphones in one of our new super comfy chairs. Want to be a part of designing the next changes to the area? Come out to one of our monthly T.A.G. meetings or participate in one of our community forums (see related story).

In addition to changes in the library's physical teen space, there have been a lot of changes to the programming for teens, too. Thanks to our new teen librarian, Elizabeth Seeskin, there are plenty of programs and activities for teens to attend. If you would like to help plan future programs or have suggestions, talk to Elizabeth.



Upcoming teen programs:

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group)

Plan events, design displays, and tell us what you want at our monthly T.A.G. meeting. Contact Elizabeth for information on the next meeting.

Teens 'n Tweens After Hours

Friday, Nov. 11, 5-7pm
Enjoy our standard after-hours party with food, games, crafts and internet access.

Bollywood Party

Saturday, Nov. 12, 12pm
Enjoy Indian snacks, watch clips from Bollywood films, try on saris and get a temporary henna tattoo.

Make Your Own Locker Magnets

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3pm
Stop by after school to decorate your school locker and get organized with magnets of your own design. All materials are provided, but we welcome your own photographs and images to give your magnets a personal touch.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Thursday, Sept. 29, 6pm
Teens are invited out for the experience that is *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Fans dress up, sing-along, scream back at the film, and generally create mayhem at screenings, but newbies are welcome, too.

Haunted Chicago

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2pm
Hear true stories of Chicago's most haunted locations from author, ghost-hunter and guide to the paranormal, Adam Selzer.

After School Horror Special

Tuesdays in October, 3:30pm
The Teen Advisory Group brings you a little after school thrill during the month of October. Grab some snacks, hang out with friends, laugh, and scream while we watch *Drag Me to Hell*, *A Nightmare on Elm St.*, *Carrie*, and *Scream*.

Teen Ink (ages 13 & up)

2nd Mondays, 5:30pm
Share your work and learn where to publish with Miss April.

FALL FAMILY
FUN FEST

SAT., OCT. 1

3:30-6 P.M.



First Annual Quidditch Tournament

Sat., Sept. 17, 1pm

Form a team or join a team.

Bring your broom. Call for more details.



Adult Fall Programs

Registration required for programs or they may be cancelled without notice.

Internet Marketing for Business

Monday, Sept. 19, 7pm

Learn simple techniques today for getting your business ranked on the first page of a Google search tomorrow.

Horror Film Fest

Every Friday in October, 5-7pm

Every Friday in October, after the library closes at 5pm, join our own film expert, Dan, for some of the greatest horror films ever made. He'll share fun facts and little-known stories about these film classics. Call for movie titles. Brought to you by the Adult Services and Circulation Departments.

Turning 65: Understanding Medicare A&B and Supplements

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2pm

Diane Adduci from Blue Cross Blue Shield returns to explain eligibility, enrollment and benefits of Medicare Parts A&B and supplemental plans available in Illinois.

Acrylic Painting Workshop

Monday, Oct. 17, 10am

Regular instructor Rozanne returns to help you tap into your creativity. Come away with your own artistic creation.

\$10 material fee.

Registration required.

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Hear true stories of Chicago's most haunted locations from author, ghost-hunter and guide to the paranormal, Adam Selzer.



Meal Planning & Frugal Recipes

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7pm

Couponing guru Claire Boone will show you how to plan healthy meals on a budget, even if you have kids to please.

Extra! Extra!

Read All about Your Ancestors

Friday, Nov. 11, 1pm

Genealogy lecturer and writer Jeffrey Bockman demonstrates how newspapers can help you learn about your ancestors and the times in which they lived. Learn how to locate this information in published extracts, online and print indexes and online searches.

AARP Driver Safety Class

November 21 & 22, 9:30am-1:30pm

Review the *Rules of the Road* and earn a certificate that could qualify you for auto insurance discounts. This is a 2-day course; participants **must** attend both classes. **\$14 fee; \$12-AARP members; FREE to veterans and their spouses. Registration required.**

Scrabble Club

4th Wednesdays, 7pm

Enjoy playing Scrabble but can't get anyone to play with you? Come to the library and join the club! We might even learn to play against each other with an app for smart phones, iPads or tablets.

NEW!

Film Club

Third Thursdays, 6:15pm

Enjoy a unique cinematic event on the library's big screen with refreshments and a short discussion following the movie. Frequently features independent or foreign films. Call for upcoming titles or visit the film club's blog, *Through a Lens Darkly*, at: www.cretepubliclibrary.blogspot.com/

CRAVE

First Thursdays, 6:30pm

Join CRAVE (CRete Area Voracious Eaters!), the library's food club. Prepare and bring a dish based on the month's theme, then share samples and recipes with club members.

Knot Just for Knitters

2nd & 4th Mondays, 7pm

Come to the library to work on any knitting, crocheting, sewing or other needlework project with friends. Everyone welcome.

Book Discussion Group

First Mondays, 7:15pm

Book Club starts up again in September. New members always welcome. Books available at the Reference Desk.

- Sept. 12: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
 Oct. 3: *Driving Mr. Albert*, Michael Paterniti
 Nov. 7: *Fierce Radiance*, Lauren Belfer
 Dec. 5: *Nothing Daunted*, Dorothy Wickenden
 Jan. 9: *The Leisure Seeker*, Michael Zadoorian

Tech Topics

Come see what the latest trends in technology have to offer. Unless otherwise noted, these are demonstration classes.



Facebook 101

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11am

Find out what Facebook is and what you can do with it.

eBooks/eReaders 101

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 5pm

See why eReaders are being talked about, try out the library's Nooks, Sony Reader and Kindle, and find out how you can download library books to your own device.



Online Shopping 101

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5pm

Get ready for Christmas by seeing how you can safely shop online.

Computer Classes

Classes are filled on the day of the class on a first-come, first-served basis, starting a half hour before the class. Numbers will be drawn if more than 9 people are waiting at that time.

Introduction to Computers

Sept. 21, 5pm or Sept. 28, 11am
 Nov. 30, 11am or 5pm

Learn the very basics of using a computer.

Internet Basics

Sept. 28, 5pm or Oct. 5, 11am
 Dec. 7, 11am or 5pm

Learn the basics of using the internet.

Internet Searching Tools

Oct. 5, 5pm or Oct. 12, 11am
 Dec. 14, 11am or 5pm

Surf the internet with search engines.

John Hojek classes to be scheduled on Microsoft Word, Excel, and Email. Call for details.

Classes may be created based on interest, so please let us know what you want to learn.

Computer Assistance

Make an appointment for a private/semi-private session with a library staff member on other topics, such as email or online research. Available Tues./Thurs. 4:30-6:30.

Children's Services

MAIN EVENTS

Registration required for most programs. CPLD library cardholders given priority.

Teddy Bear Sleepover (all ages)

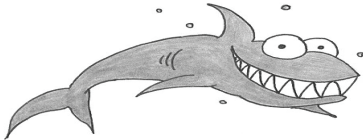
Friday, Sept. 16

Leave your teddy bear with our loving staff by 4:30pm so he or she can have a night of fun. Pick Teddy up on Saturday and get a picture of his night at the library.

Book Sharks (ages 6-8)

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 4:30pm

Boys can read a great book and enjoy related activities with Miss Michelle. Books available for checkout at the desk.



Monsters & More (ages 7 & up)

Saturday, Oct. 8, 1pm

Join Miss Bethann for great monster fun!

Gina Marie's Sing-song and Yoga

(ages 3 & up)

Monday, Oct. 10, 10:30am

Gina shows kids how to perform simple yoga moves while singing fun songs.

Frog Lady (ages 4 & up)

Saturday, Oct. 15, 1pm

Get up close and personal with strange and cool snakes when the Frog Lady returns.

Pumpkin Fun (ages 6 & up)

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 4pm

Miss Michelle will show you how to do amazing things with your own pumpkin.

Scary Story Campfire (ages 9 & up)

Thursday, Oct. 27, 7pm

Can you make it through this hour of scary fun...and s'mores? It will be worth it!

Cold Blooded Creatures (ages 4 & up)

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10:30am

Jim Nesci brings back his educational animal show featuring the reptile world.

Crete Country Christmas Weekend

Saturday, Dec. 3, all day

Stop in to make a simple holiday craft during Crete's annual holiday event.

Family Holiday Fun Party (ages 3&up)

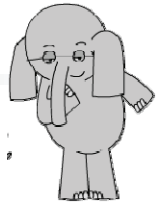
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 10am

Excitement is in the air with stories, crafts, snacks & music fun.

Mo Willems Party (ages 5-7)

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 11am

Experience Mo Willems humor and creativity with Elephant & Piggie & Knuffle Bunny, too!



RECURRING EVENTS

Registration required for most programs. CPLD library cardholders given priority.

G.R.O.S.S. (ages 7 & up)

2nd Thursdays, 6:30pm

GROSS is back! Get Rid Of Slimey girls! Enjoy some great times with your friends and Miss Michelle.

Adventure Club: Party Hardy (ages 7-8)

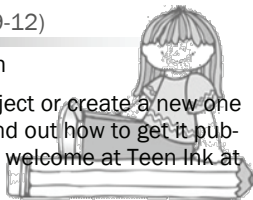
Every Tuesday, 4:30pm, Sept. 13-Oct. 18

Experience a different party with crafts, snacks, & games every week with Miss Judi.

Tween Ink (ages 9-12)

1st Mondays, 4:30pm

Bring your writing project or create a new one with Miss April and find out how to get it published. (Ages 12 & up welcome at Teen Ink at 5:30pm)



Pajama-rama (ages 6-8)

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm, begins Sept. 13

Come and relax at this drop-in story time. Dress in your PJs and bring a friend.

Donuts with Dad (all ages)

3rd Saturdays, 10am

Enjoy stories geared toward the young child with "the man in their life."

The Art Studio (ages 9 & up)

4th Mondays (3rd in Dec.), 4:30pm

Are you serious about art? Join Miss April to learn new techniques and use new materials.

Girl Talk (ages 7-8)

Wed., Sept. 14 & Nov. 10, 4pm

A book club for girls. Read *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan in Sept. Books available for checkout at the desk.

L'il Doodlers (ages 2-3 with an adult)

Thursdays, 11:30am: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 10 & Dec. 15

A special art class for toddlers with story, songs & art projects with painting, gluing, sticking & creating.

Investigators Club (ages 5-6)

Thursdays, 4pm: Sept. 15-Oct. 20

Answer odd questions like "Why don't spiders get stuck in their own webs?" With snacks.

Homeschool Huddle

3rd Wednesdays, 11am

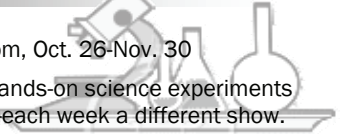
Network & share resources with other homeschooling parents.

ME4E presents TV Scientists Fun

(ages 5 & up)

Wednesday, 4pm, Oct. 26-Nov. 30

Participate in hands-on science experiments just like on TV—each week a different show.



Chess Nights with John (ages 7 & up)

2nd Mondays, 7pm

Enjoy playing chess with friends or meet some new friends. Beginners welcome.

Girls' Night Out (ages 8 & up)

3rd Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Make something cool with Miss Bethann.

Hop "n" Bop (ages 6 mon.-5 yrs.)

4th Saturdays, 10:30am

Movin' & grooving' just right for little ones.

Readers' Theater (ages 8 & up)

Tuesdays, 4:30pm, Nov. 15-29

Children will read their script while acting in a short play. Three week commitment.

Holiday Adventure Club (ages 7-8)

Every Tuesday, 4:30pm, Dec. 6-20

Adventurous holiday fun with snacks & crafts.



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this newsletter is avail-
able at the library.

Friends of the Crete Public Library

The Friends will hold their annual meeting and elections on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm. During the past year, the Friends donated over \$2000 for programming, \$2000 for materials and equipment, \$500 for community events and \$500 for staff recognition.

New members, volunteers and bakers are always welcome for upcoming events - Fall Family Fun Fest on Saturday, October 1 and the Friends Fall Used Book Sale on Saturday, November 5.

Donations, Gifts and Memorials

- ◆ *In memory of Barbara Mucklow*
Donated by: Patricia Beitelshoes
Sherry & Tom Trojanowski
Harry & Florence Miller
Jackie & Jean Judd
Nancy Sasaki
- ◆ *Monetary Donation for Youth Dept.*
Given by Crete Woman's Club

Crete Library Foundation

The Crete Library Foundation helped sponsor the Crete community Odyssey of the Mind team of students who attended the 2011 World Finals in Maryland this spring. The program provides problem-solving opportunities for learners from kindergarten through college.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30pm.

Commemorative Garden Pavers

- ◆ *In memory of Mike Tjemmes*
Given by Judy & Larry Richert
- ◆ *In memory of Martha & Lloyd Richert*
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- ◆ *In memory of Barbara S. Mucklow*
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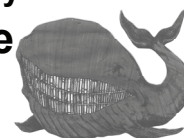
Upcoming:

Friends of the Library

Used Book Sale

Sat., Nov. 5, 2011

10 a.m.-3 p.m.



September:

Library Card Sign-up Month

November:

Food for Fines

SUMMER Reading Wrap-up

CPLD completed its annual summer reading program on July 30. As usual, the program was a huge hit.

In the Children's Dept., 603 children signed up and read an amazing 12,867 books in the *One World, Many Stories* program.

In addition, 148 adults signed up in the *Novel Destinations* program and read 1150 books, while 53 teens participated in the *You Are Here* program and read 394 books.

Sponsors included Adler Planetarium, Annie's Café, Body Logistics, Chicago Cubs, Cone Cottage, Crete Country Market, Crete Family Fun Center, Curves-Crete, Crete Dairy Queen, the Edge Coffeehouse, Finishing Touch Florist, GSU's Center for Performing Arts, the Illinois Theatre Center, Independence Physical Therapy, Lotton Art Glass, McDonald's-Crete, Pro-Way Quality Carpet Cleaning, Walt's, and the Windy City Thunderbolts.

Thank you to everyone!

If you need accommodations for a disability for any library program, please contact: Crete Public Library at (708) 672-8017 at least five working days prior to the scheduled event.