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Attention all CRete Area Voracious Eaters (CRAVE)! Bring your appetites to the library on Feb. 4 for the inaugural meeting of CRAVE, the Crete Library's new food club.

To join, prepare and bring your favorite sweet or savory dish that features chocolate and copies of the accompanying recipe to the library on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

CRAVE Food Club
Feb. 4—6:30 pm



We'll taste each other's food, exchange recipes, and plan for future meetings. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided.

For more food-related programming, check out the schedule on page 2. You can find out about the history of chocolate in Chicago, try some easy crockpot dishes, and learn to decorate cupcakes—all @ your library this winter/spring!

For more information or to register, call the Reference Desk.



Winter Computer Classes

WEDNESDAY CLASSES:

The following four classes will be offered each month on consecutive Wednesdays. Classes are filled on the day of the class on a first-come, first-served basis, starting a half hour before the class.

- Wednesday, Feb. 2-23, 5 p.m.**
- Wednesday, Mar. 9-23, 11 a.m.**
- Wednesday, Apr. 6-20, 5 p.m.**

Mouse and Keyboard Lab (Feb. only)

Come practice your mouse skills, which are necessary for other classes.

Introduction to Computers

Learn basic computer terminology and skills such as finding and opening programs and files.

Internet Basics

Understand how to access websites using web addresses, find basic information online, and print a webpage.

Internet Tools

Use a search engine to find new websites, access common online directories, and bookmark favorite websites for future use.

Intro to Excel, Advanced Excel, & PowerPoint

These classes are being scheduled and will be 4 hour classes taught by John Hojek. Call or check our website soon to find days and times.

Additional Topics

Make an appointment for a private/semi-private session with a library staff member on other topics, such as email or online research. Classes may be created based on interest, so please let us know what you want to learn.



Sign up to try the Sony Reader and MyMediaMall ebooks or audiobooks @ your library! See the Reference Desk staff.

Update on State-funded library services

Like many state-funded agencies, Illinois libraries and specifically, library systems, have been impacted by the State's financial crisis. The nine library systems in the State have received enough money to fund their reduced services until June 30, 2011, at which time they are scheduled to merge into two systems. How these new systems will be funded is the subject of much speculation.

MLS member libraries are currently discussing the advantages and disadvantages of merging with the other systems under the auspices of the Illinois State Library. There are decisions that must be made quickly in order to continue interlibrary material delivery without interruption. Waiting for the systems to merge and for funding from the State of Illinois may put these services in jeopardy.

While much will be decided in the coming months, Crete Public Library District and the other member libraries of the Metropolitan Library System and the SWAN (System-Wide Automated Network) database consortium have budgeted for increased costs for managing material delivery and the database. MLS libraries have taken the lead on exploring new ways to transport items and to maintain our shared database and are committed to continuing our strong tradition of cooperating and sharing, but in ways that are innovative and economical.

Adult/Teen Winter Programs

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

Operation: Let's Get Organized

Saturday, Jan. 29, 1 p.m.

Are you frustrated with your clutter after putting away those holiday decorations? Celebrate National Get Organized Month by decluttering with Susan Powell of InFocus Design.

CRAVE

First Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.: Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5

Join CRAVE (CRete Area Voracious Eaters!), the library's new food club. See story on the front page.

Cupcake Decorating

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.

Want to learn some basic cake decorating techniques? Attend this fun, hands-on program with Crete's Sharon Komers of Sharon's Cakes.



Decorate your own tasty treats. **Registration required.**

Dress for Success Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m.

Make sure you are presenting the right attitude, whether you are looking for a new job or want to excel at the one you have. Sharron Medley of Right Image! Right Attitude! will help you evaluate your image.

Posture Core Wellness Made Simple

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

Local chiropractor Philip Moscatel discusses his innovative system for standing that protects, supports, and improves the alignment of the spinal column. All ages welcome.

Quit Smoking Program

8 sessions, Mar. 8-Apr. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

The Will County Health Dept. will help you quit smoking with this multi-week class. Cost is \$25. Call the Will County Health Dept. to register at 815-727-8769. **Registration required.**

Easy Crockpot Cooking (w/ prizes)

Wednesday, Mar. 9, 7 p.m.

If it takes longer to fix it than it does to eat it, it just might not be worth the effort! Join Susan Powell of InFocus Design as she shares some crockpot cooking tips & tricks. A crockpot basket will be given away at the end of the program. Winner must be present to win.



Frank Lloyd Wright:

Organic Architect

Saturday, Mar. 12, 1 p.m.

Renowned art historian Jeff Mishur brings his slide lecture on architect Frank Lloyd Wright to Crete. Learn about Wright's life and his architecture in the Midwest and elsewhere.



Bonus:

Loving Frank Book Discussion

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Can't get enough Frank Lloyd Wright? Read *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan and join us for coffee/tea and discussion. Books will be available at the Reference Desk after Feb. 16.



Acrylic Painting Workshops

Fridays, Feb. 25 & Mar. 25, 12 p.m.

Attend this painting basics workshop and come away with an artistic creation of your own design. More details can be found on the library's website or by calling the Adult Services desk. Materials will be provided. **Registration required.**



Sweet Home Chicago (The History of the Candy Capital of America)

Wednesday, Mar. 23, 7 p.m.

For much of its history, Chicago has been "the candy capital of America." Recognize some favorites like Brach's, Mars/Snickers, Wrigley's, Frango and Dove? Learn the history behind some of these tasty treats and find out what made Chicago such a great location for candymakers.



Crete Library Film Club

Third Thursdays, 6:15 p.m.

Relax with a cup of coffee and catch a movie on the library's big screen, with short discussion to follow. Call for schedule of movies.

Book Discussion Group

Mondays, 7:15 p.m.

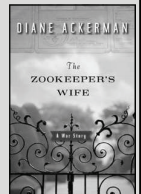
New members always welcome. Books available at the Reference Desk.

Feb. 7: *The Lemon Tree*, by Sandy Tolan

Mar. 8: *Plainsong*, by Kent Haruf

Apr. 4: *Flower Children*, by Maxine Swann

May 2: *The Zookeeper's Wife*, by Diane Ackerman



Teens 'n Tweens Events

BYOB: Brew Your Own Beverage

Feb. 19, 1-4 p.m.

Mix up a batch of root beer or ginger ale. Take home the recipe and a bottle of your homemade soda.

Letters to Soldiers*

Mar. 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Drop in any time to write a letter of thanks to a soldier. We'll provide paper and pens and then mail your well wishes.

We All Scream for Ice Cream

Apr. 16, 1-4 p.m.

Make your own ice cream using simple ingredients. We'll have the supplies ready. Come as a group for an ice cream social or take your ice cream home to enjoy later.

Spring Clean Up*

May 21, 1 p.m.

Weather permitting, we'll collect trash from the area around the library. You can also help by straightening and dusting shelves if you prefer to work inside. Outdoor clean up will begin at 1 p.m.

*Teens can earn service hours for participating in these programs.

After Hours Fridays

February 11 and May 13, 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy food, games, & crafts at this quarterly after-hours party. Participants and parents must sign a permission form before being allowed to stay for this event.

Mardi Gras in February!



Winter 2011—Children's Programs

MONTHLY EVENTS

Teen Ink (ages 9 & up)

Mondays, 4:30 p.m.: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 18

Bring your own writing or start a new project with Miss April and learn where to get your material published.



Adventure Club (ages 6-8)

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, & 15

Travel back in time to find out about the greatest inventions and moments in history. Simple crafts and snacks included.

G.R.O.S.S. (Get Rid Of Slimy girls)

(boys ages 7 & up)

2nd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Can you handle a night just for guys? Participate in "all guy" activities such as making rockets or catapults.



Lil Doodlers (ages 2-3 w/ an adult)

4th Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

A special art class just for toddlers and parents, plus stories and songs.

Donuts with Dad (all ages)

3rd Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Bring dad for music, books & donuts.



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

4th Saturdays, 11 a.m.: Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26 & Apr. 23

Join us for a morning of movin' & grooving' just right for the little ones.

The Art Studio (ages 9 & up)

4th Mondays, 4:30 p.m.

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

PJ Story Time (all ages)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Dress in your PJs and bring your favorite pillow or stuffed animal for stories.

Chess Nights (ages 7 & up)

2nd Mondays, 7 p.m.

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

Registration required for most programs.

Homeschool Huddle

4th Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22 (11 a.m.), & Apr. 26

Homeschool parents and children meet to network and share experiences.

Girls' Night Out (ages 7 & up)

3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Have a blast creating something Miss Bethann has dreamed up.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Wild West Family Night (all ages)

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.

Partner, we've got a night planned for you and your family. Enjoy a cattle round-up, bandit hunt, rattlesnake stomp, face painting, and sing-a-longs. There's even chili for dinner!

Glove Creatures (ages 8 & up)

Saturday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.

Bring an old glove and learn how to transform it into the creature of your choice.

Pattycake Place (ages 5 & up with an adult)

Tuesdays, Feb. 1 & Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Explore early literacy with your child using books, games, toys and more. Help your child get ready to read.

Dino Days (ages 6-8)

Saturday, Feb. 5, 1 p.m.

Dino-enthusiasts will learn lots about dinosaurs with Miss Michelle, who has some great projects ready for you.

Valentine Fun (ages 5-8)

Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m.

Food, crafts & games for the holiday.



Happy Ick Day (ages 9 & up)

Monday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.

"Boo" Valentine's Day and those sickly sweet cards. Do everything yucky and enjoy it!

Etiquette for Kids, The American Way

(ages 7-12)

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 4:30 p.m.

We'll cover topics like table manners and writing thank you notes in this interactive program from the Etiquette School of Chicago.

Calvin & Hobbes Party (ages 7 & up)

Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30

Release your inner Calvin with Miss Michelle's favorite comic.

Dave Herzog & His Marionette Show: Stars on Strings (all ages)

Saturday, Apr. 16, 2 p.m.

Dave's hand-carved wooden "stars" perform in a variety show of his favorite marionette acts from his 37 years of performance.

Readers' Theater (ages 7 & up)

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Apr. 19, 26 & May 3

Let your inner drama king/queen out! Children will read their script while acting in a short play.

Celebrate Mother Goose

(ages 3 & up)

Wednesday, Apr. 20, 10 a.m.

Discover the world of Mother Goose through her rhymes, art projects & more.



Mom Art (ages 7 & up)

Thursday, Apr. 28, 4:30 p.m.

Make a special present to show mom your love for Mother's Day.

STORY TIME:

Also, Preschool Story Time, Toddler Time and Wee Ones sessions start the weeks of Jan. 10 and Mar. 7. Call 708-672-8017 or visit www.cretelibrary.org for complete schedule or to register.



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A large type edition of
this newsletter is avail-
able at the library.

Friends of the Crete Public Library

The next Friends meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm. It's time to renew your Friends membership; reminders will go out soon.



Thank you to the Crete Library Foundation and the Friends of the Crete Public Library for the new staff picnic area and for their generous support for our community's 2010 Crete Country Christmas.

Friends of the Library

Used Book Sale

Sat., April 9, 2011

10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Crete Library Foundation

The next Foundation meeting will be Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Commemorative Garden Pavers

- ◆ *In Memory of Jean Lucas*
Given by Advocate South Suburban Hospital
- ◆ *In memory of Joseph Zambon*
Given by Madeline Zambon
- ◆ *In memory of Jillian Basel-Salinas*
Given by Katrina Deutsche

Donations, Gifts and Memorials

- ◆ *In Memory of Jean Lucas*
Crete Woman's Club
Nancy Corral
Paul & Charlene Hansen
Jerry & Georgia Sadowski
Tom & Donna Hanrahan
Kathleen Lucas
Jane Schulten
Shirley Murray
- ◆ *In Memory of Arlene Stanker*
Donated by Crete Woman's Club
- ◆ Monetary Donation from Janice Kirkpatrick

New Library Trustee

In November, the Crete Public Library District's Board of Trustees appointed Dr. James Hunt to the trustee position vacated by Karen Daugherty. Dr. Hunt has lived in Crete for 14 years with his wife Veronica and son Joshua. He recently retired from Health Care Service Corporation where he was Director of Human Resources. He also served as Director of Administration for the Naval Reserve Readiness Command at the Naval Training Center Great Lakes. He is currently Pastor of the New Hope Christian Community Church in Monee.

Dr. Hunt holds a Doctor of Education from Northern Illinois University, a M.S. from the University of Oklahoma and Bachelor of General Studies from Roosevelt University, both in Communications.

Trustee Elections

Public library trustee elections will be held at the **Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2011**. The Crete Public Library District has three four-year term trustee positions to be determined. Four candidates have filed election petitions announcing their candidacy—Judi Boehner, Matt Warren, James Hunt and Georgia Polak Sizemore.

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.