



# Check It Out

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You asked for it!  
And now they're here:

## COMPUTER CLASSES

We know you've been patiently awaiting computer classes, so we are going to offer some classes on a limited basis. Most classes will cover the very basics of a specific topic in an easy, step-by-step format, taught by our Reference staff. Classes will be conducted on the computers in the Reference Dept. before the library opens in the morning. In order for us to have the computers available for the public when we open at 10 a.m., classes will be short and participants will be encouraged to make an appointment to come back with additional questions.

Please check back for additional classes or offer your ideas as we hope to offer more classes in the future! Limit 10/class.

### Introduction to Computers

Tues., 9-10 a.m.  
Feb. 5 & 12 **OR** Apr. 1 & 8

For those who have little or no experience with the basic operation of a computer. Topics include mouse use, desktop icons, and file/folder organization.

### Introduction to the Internet

Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.  
Mar. 4 & 11 **OR** May 6 & 13

Learn how to navigate the Web, search a topic and use a URL!

### Introduction to Email

Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m.  
Feb. 20, Mar. 19, **OR** Apr. 16

Set up your very own email account, send & receive a message.

## Bring your needles, big and small, to the library... knitting and sewing needles that is!

Due to overwhelming demand, the library is starting an informal group for anyone who does any kind of needlework, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, sewing, or anything else. Come and work on your projects, get advice, share new ideas, or just enjoy the camaraderie. We may have programs on occasion depending on demand. Feel free to bring snacks to share.

To go along with our new Knits and Needles Group, we are offering a couple of basic "learn-to-knit" classes, taught by Crete's own Amy Hurd, who has been crocheting for 25 years and knitting for the past several. Amy teaches lots of classes throughout the area and participates in several knitting groups. If we find there is interest beyond the basics, we'll plan more classes in the future.

### **Knot Just for Knitters Group**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month starting January 14, 7-9 p.m.

### **Knitting 101**

Mondays, March 10 & 17, 7-9 p.m.

In this very basic class, learn to cast on, knit, purl, bind off, and do stockinette and garter stitch. Bring a set of needles, min. size 7-9, 1 skein of worsted weight (inexpensive) yarn in a medium, non-variegated color (dark colors are hard to see the pattern). No specialty yarns.

### **Knitting 102**

Mondays, April 14 & 21, 7-9 p.m.

Add to your knowledge from Knitting 101 and learn to read a simple pattern, plus increase and decrease the stitches in your rows.

## Thanks to you, here's what's new!

Now that the library has started to see the funds from the successful referendum, we have begun adding more items and services. You may have already noticed more copies of the bestsellers, including the "Hot Copies" that you just might find on the shelf by chance when browsing the new books. We are also adding more programs, especially the computer classes discussed in the sidebar on this page. Here are a few more things you'll notice in coming months:

- ◆ Soon you'll be able to interact with a Reference Librarian 24 hours a day/7 days a week through a service provided by the Illinois State Library called **AskAway** Illinois. **AskAway** is an online reference service that opens the vast resources of Illinois's libraries to all residents, no matter when they need information. The **Ask?Away** answering service is staffed by the 24/7 Reference Consortium, a group of hundreds of librarians across the country who work together to provide Illinois librarians contribute time to the residents benefit from the expanded service. Starting in January, you can access the service by clicking on the **AskAway** icon on the Crete Public Library's website ([www.cretelibrary.org](http://www.cretelibrary.org)), and you can choose to interact either with an emailed question that will be answered within 48 hours or through a real-time instant messaging session.
- ◆ Due to many requests, we have also added to our collection the *New York Times Book Review* and a new magazine called *Bookmarks*, which reviews new books which might be of interest to our readers. More magazines to come soon. Leave your suggestions at the Reference Desk!
- ◆ In case you didn't know, you can now pay for your fines and lost books online through the SWAN system's Ecommerce service. Login to your account on SWAN (the online catalog) from any Web accessible computer account. Sorry, debit cards are not accepted at this time.
- ◆ We are increasing our CD audiobook collection, especially our unabridged selection since more patrons seem to prefer those.



## What's happening at your library (call 672-8017 to register)

### Basic Yoga Class

Monday, February 11, 12-1 p.m.

Certified Yoga instructor and Library Board of Trustees member, Virginia Angellotti, will lead an introduction to yoga poses and principles. Patrons of all ages and experience are welcome. **Registration requested.**



### Sears Mail Order Homes

Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hunter, who is a self-educated expert on the subject of mail order and kit homes, will discuss the abundance of Sears homes in the Village of Crete and elsewhere. Come find out if your home might be one of these historic gems and how to get it authenticated if it is! **Registration requested.**

### Understanding Islam in the Post 9-11 World

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Join Professor Ron Miller for a lecture and Q&A discussion regarding the fastest growing religion in the world. Prof. Miller is the chairperson of the Religion Dept. at Lake Forest College. He is also the co-founder of Common Ground, a non-profit adult education organization that has satellites nationwide, including Flossmoor. **Registration requested.**



## Teen Scene Activities

### NEW! Young Adult Book Club!

Thursday, February 7, 7 p.m.



Join us for a discussion of Philip Pullman's, *The Golden Compass*. Share your thoughts on this award-winning novel, as well as the

movie version now in theaters. Pizza & prizes will be a part of this casual gathering. YA Book Club will meet the 1st Thursday of every month.



**YA Pizza Tasting:** Thanks to Aurelio's, HiFi's, Main Street, Sam's and Sicilian Joe's for sponsoring this event!



Enjoying the pizza!



Serious pizza judging!

### Game Parties

Mondays, 4 p.m.: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, & May 12

### Middle School Game Parties

Thursdays, 4 p.m.: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 27, Apr. 17, & May 29

### Anime Film Fests

Mondays, 4 p.m.: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, & May 19



John Heidekrueger visits a Tuscan raider at the Star Wars exhibit.

### Make a Beaded Bookmark

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Save your place in your book with style! Make a beaded bookmark with your choice of charms with Lilly Staehlin from the Bead Tribe in Homewood. **Registration required. Class limit of 12.**

### Family & Friends Scrapbook Page

Thursday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Crete Stampin' Up representative Teresa Payne-Neal will bring a variety of decorative papers and rubber stamps for you to make a scrapbook page. Bring your pictures (or add pictures later) and your favorite adhesive and scissors.

**Registration required. Class limit of 10.**

### Plants & Animals of Illinois with John Lynn

Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

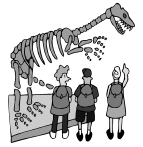
Help us celebrate Earth Day with a slide presentation from renowned lecturer John Lynn. Take a colorful look at the native plants and animals of Illinois and their natural habitats. Learn about the amazing variety of species that can be found in our wetlands, forests, and prairies and what we can do to preserve our natural heritage. **Registration requested**



### Field Museum Trip

Saturday, March 8, 8:30 a.m.

Ride the Metra train downtown with us to the Field Museum of Natural History and spend the day seeing the exhibits. Open to all ages. Museum general admission \$12 (not incl. special exhibits), Metra fare \$5. **Please register in advance.**



### Planning for Your Retirement

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.

An official from the Social Security Administration's Joliet Office will tell you what you need to know to plan for retirement, explain how the retirement benefits of the SSA work, how to apply, and what you need to know after your benefits have started.

### Social Security – An Overview

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.

An official from the SSA will give an overview of the programs administered by the SSA, including Retirement, Survivors, Disability, Supplemental Security Income, and the Prescription Drug Subsidy program.

### Book Discussion Group

New members always welcome!

Mon., Feb. 4, 7 p.m.

*Galileo's Daughter*, by David Sobel.

Mon., Mar. 3, 7 p.m.

*Ladder of Years*, by Anne Tyler.

Mon., Apr. 7, 7 p.m.

*Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*, by James McBride.

Mon., May 5, 7 p.m.

*Daughter of Fortune*, by Isabel Allende.

Mon., June 2, 7 p.m.

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, by Lisa See.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring our trip to the Museum!



The group with C3PO and R2D2

# Children's Services News

## Join the fun! Survivor Family Game Show: Sat., Feb. 2, 2 p.m.

Join us for the fun of this completely unique event based on CBS's "Survivor" and "Gilligan's Island." Audience contestants might do the hula hoop contest, Tarzan Yell, or Piggy Back Limbo to avoid elimination and win prizes.

And there's still time to join the Winter Reading Club - "Survival! Read to Succeed thru Our National Parks." Read to win prizes. Ends Feb. 2.



## Upcoming Children's Programs **Registration required!**

### Preschool Story Hour (3½ years thru kindergarten)

Three different 4-week sessions; Choose **one** time/session:  
Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. **or** 1-1:45 p.m.

Session 1: Jan. 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 7 **and**  
Session 2: Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, & 20 **and**  
Session 3: Apr. 10, 17, 24 & May 1

### Toddler Time (ages 24 months to 3½ years)

Three different 4-week sessions; Choose **one** day/session:  
Tues. 10:30-11 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5 **and**  
Session 2: Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, & 18 **and**  
Session 3: Apr. 8, 15, 22, & 29

Wed., 10:30-11 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 16, 23, 30 & Feb. 6 **and**  
Session 2: Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, & 19 **and**  
Session 3: Apr. 9, 16, 23 & 30

### Wee Ones (age infant to 24 months)

Three different 4-week sessions:  
Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1 & 8  
Session 2: Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14 & 21  
Session 3: Apr. 11, 18, 25 & May 2



### Drop-in Family Storytimes (all ages)

Three different 4-week sessions:  
Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Session 1: Jan. 14, (closed 21st), 28, Feb. 4  
Session 2: Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 10 & 17  
Session 3: Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28



This story program is for children of all ages (birth-age 5) and a caregiver. It enables families with more than one young child to attend storytime. Each week we'll have lots of imagination activities and book sharing. This program emphasizes early literacy skills and is a great way to meet other families.

### Chess Nights with Tim (1st grade & up)

Mondays, 7-8 p.m.: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7

### Kool Krafters (ages 6 & up)

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 18, Apr. 29

### It's a Guy Thing (age: ability to read the book)

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.: Jan. 29, Feb. 19, Mar. 18, Apr. 29, May 20

### KinderKlub (for children of kindergarten age)

Wednesdays, 4-4:45 p.m.: Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 16  
Children enjoy storytime and crafts.

### Girls Night Out (girls ages 6 & up)

Mondays, 7-8 p.m.: Feb. 11 & Apr. 21

### Yu-Gi-Oh/Pokemon Game Afternoon (ages 7 & up)

Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.: Jan. 22, Mar. 25

Bring your cards and your friends, and enjoy!



### Snack Attack (ages 6 & up)

Thursdays, 4-4:30 p.m.: Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 7, 21, Mar. 6, 20 & Apr. 10, 24

Enjoy a healthy snack and hear all about our new books!

### Where in the World with ART (ages 6 & up)

Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m., for Homeschoolers  
Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us as we visit the country of Italy!



### Mother/Daughter Booktalk (age: ability to read the book)

Mondays, 7 p.m. Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 31, Apr. 28 & May 19  
Jan. 28: *Trouble's Daughter*, by Katherine Kirkpatrick  
Feb. 25: *Counting on Grace*, by Elizabeth Winthrop

### Readers' Theatre

Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & April 1, 8, 15

For children in grade 3 and up. Future actors, this program is for you! "Actors" read their lines instead of memorizing them. Performance at last session. Registration required.



### Wizard of Oz Fun (ages 6 & up)

Wednesday, Mar. 26, 1 p.m.

Come watch the wonderful movie and enjoy Munchkin Mix, play scarecrow scramble and more. Registration required.

### Campfire Stories (ages 6 & up)

Saturday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



### No Girls Allowed (boys ages 6 & up)

Thursday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. AND Monday, Mar. 17, 7 p.m.

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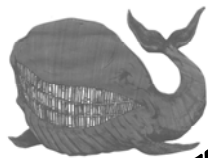
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A large type edition of  
this newsletter is avail-  
able at the library.



*It's a Whale  
of a Sale*

**Friends of the Crete Public Library**

**Used Book Sale**

**Sat., Apr. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

(Friends admitted at 10 a.m.)

The Friends will hold a used book sale on Sat., Apr. 5 with a huge new inventory. Most hardcover and large paperback books and videos are \$1, small paperbacks are 25¢. To help with the sale, call the library at 708-672-8017.

The next meeting of the Friends will be Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.



**It's Income Tax Season Again!**

The library will have a limited number of standard federal and state tax forms available in the lobby. Advice, instructions, or assistance cannot be provided either in choosing or filling out forms. For more info:

**Internal Revenue Service**

Tax assistance 800-829-1040  
TeleTax topics 800-829-4477  
IRS website www.irs.gov  
Nearest IRS office: Chicago Ridge  
5860 W. 111th St.  
(708) 346-7910  
M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Illinois Department of Revenue**

Taxpayer assistance 800-732-8866  
Website www.revenue.state.il.us  
For more info, stop in the library.

**Free Tax Assistance at the Library**

Free income tax counseling and tax-return preparation for the elderly and disabled will again be available at the library through a service provided by volunteers in cooperation with the AARP and the IRS. Call the library in late January for more information.

**Donations to the Crete Library Foundation:**

**Commemorative Gardens Pavers**

- ◆ *In Memory of Donna L. Parise 1969-2006*  
Given by Linda S. Parise-Scott
- ◆ *In honor of Joseph & James Burchart*  
Given by Anna & Alisabeth Canole
- ◆ 7 pavers  
Given by Frank Corral

**Millennium Movie Collection**

- ◆ *The Phantom of the Opera*  
Given by Anna & Alisabeth Canole

**Monetary Donation—John Dahlenberg**

The next meeting of the Crete Library Foundation will be Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m.

**Donations, Gifts and Memorials**

*In Memory of James Muirhead*  
Given by Robert & Carole O'Donnell

*In Memory of Daniel E. Marley*  
Given by:

- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Perma
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kukla
- ◆ Rose Pohl
- ◆ The Marley Family

If you need accommodations for a disability for any library program, please contact: Head of Adult Services or Children's Services, Crete Public Library, 1177 N. Main St., Crete, IL, 60417, (708) 672-8017 at least five working days prior to the scheduled event.