

# Check It Out

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## COMPUTER CLASSES

In the past year, we've been offering some basic computer classes, most recently with our new "laptop lab." Basic classes will continue this year, taught by library staff. In addition, we will also offer some classes specifically on Microsoft Word & Excel taught by John Hojek.

Some classes are listed below; others will be scheduled shortly. Call or check our website for the most current schedule. Limit of 10/class for basic classes and 15 for Mr. Hojek's classes.

**Introduction to Computers**  
Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.  
January 27 & February 24

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, 10-11:30 a.m.  
February 3 & March 3

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

**With John Hojek:**  
**Microsoft Word**  
**Advanced Microsoft Word**  
**Microsoft Excel**  
**Advanced Microsoft Excel**

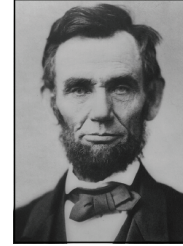
(Dates and times to be determined)

◆ *Due to demand, there is a \$10 refundable deposit for these classes; deposit to be refunded when you attend class.*

As always, if you need assistance with something, stop by the Reference Desk or make an appointment with our new "Reference Technology Assistant!"

## Library celebrates Lincoln

Have you walked into the Adult Services Dept. at the library and noticed the giant mural over by the DVD's? That's just one part of our tribute to Abraham Lincoln, which will be held at the library in coming months to honor his birthday is a traveling exhibit designed with the assistance of Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) commemorating the Lincoln-Douglas senatorial debates, Illinois in 1858.



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In addition to the mural, CPL was one of 20 libraries to receive four Lincoln's Legacy Learning Kits. The kits include lesson plans, reproduction documents, artifacts, photos, CD, and lesson plans for use in the classroom or homeschool, but are interesting for anyone or the time period. The kits cover four topics: Lincoln's biography, Mary Todd Lincoln, the Civil War, and Slavery in Illinois. Items from the kits will be on display in library, and following that time, they will be available for check-out.

Not only is the library home to these great displays, but it will also be hosting several Lincoln-related programs. On Saturday, January 24 at 2 p.m. Mary Todd Lincoln (a.k.a. Valerie Gugala) will appear at the library. Watch the website for Black History Month events in February.

Funding for this project was awarded to ALPLM by the Illinois State Library, a Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

## Looking to dig up your family's dark, secret past?

## Join the library's new Genealogy Club!

Whether you are new to genealogical research or a seasoned researcher, the Crete Public Library invites you to join our new Genealogy Club. Some of the group already came to an "organizational meeting" in December to help decide the best days/times for the group to meet on a regular basis, and there was a nice variety of people in the group, from the novice, to the advanced genealogist. Here are just a few things the group will offer:

- ◆ **Regular meetings** to learn new skills and share research. We are going to try offering two meeting times (afternoon & evening), both on the fourth Thursday of the month—at 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Bring your latest "discovery" and questions. Library staff will facilitate meetings, at least for a while, and present brief programs.
- ◆ **Programs:** Our first program will be from local genealogist Kathy O'Leary, who will present "Genealogy 101" on Sat., Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. This program will be geared toward those just starting their research. The next program will be by a genealogist from the Newberry Library (TBA).
- ◆ **Field Trips:** We are fortunate to live near many wonderful genealogical resources, such as the Newberry Library, the National Archives—Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. As a personal tours and schedule research time at these
- ◆ **Databases:** The library now subscribes to Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest Online. Although Ancestry.com can be used from any computer with an Internet connection as long as you have your Crete library card, HeritageQuest can be used from any computer with an Internet connection. Ask at the Reference Desk for more information.

**Meetings: Fourth Thursdays, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



Great Lakes Region, & the group, we can arrange per-facilities.

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cts@sslic.net to be put on our mailing list. We look forward to helping you find your roots.

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

### Film Club

Monday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.

January's film, chosen by the group, is *The Lives of Others*. Enjoy the movie on the library's big screen, with a discussion to follow. Additional Film Club dates are Feb. 12, Mar. 17, Apr. 16, & May 21. **Registration requested.**



### A Visit with Mrs. Lincoln

Saturday, January 24, 2 p.m.

Valerie Gugala brings Mary Lincoln to life as she takes the audience, in character, through Mrs. Lincoln's wealthy youth in Kentucky, her marriage to Abraham Lincoln and life in Springfield, and their life in the White House. Plenty of time for questions will follow the presentation.



### Genealogy 101

Saturday, January 31, 11 a.m.

For those of you already interested or wondering what it would take to get started in genealogy, come to this beginning seminar with local genealogist Kathy O'Leary.



### Genealogy Club

Fourth Thursdays, 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Join the new Genealogy Club at the library to learn how to research your family history. Meetings may include short sessions by library staff on genealogical topics and sharing amongst members of recent "finds" or research methods. All levels welcome! Call to get on the mailing list.

## Teen Scene Activities

It's back...

### YA After Hours Party!

Friday, April 3, 5-8 p.m.

PIZZA will be served, the Wii and Xbox will be available for use on the library's big screen and TV, and the Internets will be available. Sign up now and don't forget your parental permission slip!



### Blacks in Primetime TV

Monday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Dr. Steven Hofer from Chicago State University will trace blacks in primetime TV from 1948-2008, including such stars as Amos & Andy, the Jefferson's, Bill Cosby, and Bernie Mac, among others. He'll also tie TV's impact into the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s & 1970s.



### Quit Smoking Program

8 sessions, mostly Mondays, Feb. 23-Apr. 6 6:30-8 p.m.

The Will County Health Dept. will help you quit smoking with this multi-week class. Cost is \$20. Call the Will County Health Dept. to register at 815-727-8769. **Registration required. Class limit of 15.**

### Identity Theft

Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m.

Kathy Tucker from First Midwest Bank in Crete will be on hand to discuss how to protect your good name and the steps you can take to keep what you have worked so hard to earn. **Registration requested.**

### Organizing for Disaster

Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m.

Are you ready? If severe weather strikes, will you know what to do? Severe weather happens all the time. Kathy Tucker from First Midwest Bank in Crete will discuss the steps we need to take to be ready. **Registration requested.**

### How to Sell on eBay

Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.

Got plenty of "junk" you think might be someone else's treasure? Vivienne Porter, who teaches eBay classes at libraries throughout the area, will show you the basics of selling that stuff on eBay. **Registration requested.**



### Preparing for the High Cost of College

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Illinois Bright Start 529 College Savings Plan, Mike Mahoney from Woodbury Financial will discuss the rising cost of education, how 529 plans work, & their advantages & disadvantages. Q&A to follow.

### Alternative Therapies

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m.

With the rising cost of health care, more and more people are turning to alternative therapies to assist them to remain healthy. Paul Madyun will discuss such things as energy healing and the use of herbs and nutrition. **Registration requested.**



### Coming in May: SENIOR DAY!

Tuesday, May 12, all day

Throughout the day, we will have programs by various organizations addressing topics relevant to today's seniors, such as reverse mortgages from First Midwest Bank. We are also hoping to have representatives from the Social Security Administration, Will County Assessor's Office, and others. Lunch will be served. See the next newsletter or our website soon for additional information. **Registration requested.**

### Book Discussion Group

New members always welcome!

- Mon., Feb. 2, 7 p.m.  
*The Saturday Wife*, by Naomi Ragen.
- Mon., Mar. 2, 7 p.m.  
*Expecting Adam*, by Martha Bock.
- Mon., Apr. 6, 7 p.m.  
*The Uncommon Reader*, by Alan Bennett.
- Mon., May 4, 7 p.m.  
*The Mistress's Daughter*, by A.M. Homes.

# Children's Services News

## What better winter activity than reading a good book!?!?

Book a trip to the *New Seven Wonders of the World Winter Reading Club!* All children can participate for weekly prizes, contests, Chicago Wolves Hockey tickets. Program runs through February 7, so there's still plenty of time to sign up. Stop by the Children's Department today!



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

**Preschool Story Hour** (3½ years thru kindergarten)  
Two different 6-week sessions; Choose **one** time/session:  
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, & 18 and  
Session 2: Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Apr. 1 & 8

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. or 1-1:45 p.m.

Session 1: Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12, 19 and  
Session 2: Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Apr. 2 & 9

**Toddler Time** (ages 24 months to 3½ years)  
Two different 6-week sessions; Choose **one** day/session:  
Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9 (library closed on  
Jan. 19 & Feb. 16, so please come to a Tues. session)  
Session 2: Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and  
Session 2: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7

**Wee Ones** (age infant to 24 months)  
Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20  
Session 2: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10



**Chess Nights with Tim** (1st grade & up)  
Mondays, 7 p.m.: Jan. 5, Feb. 2

**Chick Lit** (age: ability to read the book)  
Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6

Jan. 5: *Fever 1793*, by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Girls, don't miss this great time. Enjoy with a friend, mom or aunt. We laugh and enjoy good cookies.

**Show & Tell Party** (ages 5-8)  
Thursday, Jan. 8, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Bring a special something you would like to show to everyone.

**Where in the World with ART** (ages 6 & up)  
Friday, Apr. 24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., for Homeschoolers  
Saturday, Apr. 25, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Join us as we study art in America!

**Gina Marie's Singsong and Yoga for Children**  
(ages 2 & up)  
Saturday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m.



Gina Marie Slager is from Frankfort, Illinois, and will be sharing her original children's singsong and leading children in simple yoga poses. Children ages 2 and older are welcome with parent or caregiver. Gina has 9 years of yoga experience and has released her 1<sup>st</sup> children's CD full of original songs in December 2008.

**Fancy Nancy Party** (ages 5-10)  
Thursday, Jan. 22, 4:30-5:15 p.m.



**Hey Dude** (boys 1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)  
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 27: Jack Sparrow and Pirates Theme; Feb. 24: Dragonology Theme; Apr. 7: Theme to be announced.

**Girls Night Out** (girls ages 6 & up)  
Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Jan. 28, Feb. 18, Mar. 25 & Apr. 22

Get your friends together and enjoy a special night just for you girls!

**Readers' Theatre** (ages 8 & up)  
Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 4:30-5:15 p.m.



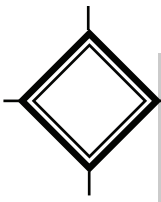
All you future actors come and have fun reading a part in a play chosen just for you. No memorization of lines is necessary. On the 17th, you will perform for family and friends. Don't miss this!

**Treasure Hunt** (ages 7 & up)  
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

If you love to search for treasure, then this program is for you! We will explore and search for hidden treasure using fun-filled clues and songs.

**Charlotte's Web Party** (ages 5-10)  
Thursday, Feb. 26, 4:30-5:15 p.m.





## CRETE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Crete, Illinois 60417

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### Winter 2009

CRETE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1177 N. Main St.  
Crete, Ill. 60417

#### Library Hours:

**Monday-Thursday**  
**9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Friday**  
**9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Saturday**  
**9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Closed Sunday**

#### Board of Trustees

Jacqueline Amati  
Karen Daugherty  
Patricia Kelly  
Jay Ruklic  
Mardie Tuttle  
Matt Warren  
Cindy Wagner

#### Library Administrator:

Jane Schulten

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

### Crete Library Foundation

The Crete Library Foundation would like to thank the talented artists who participated in their "Every Picture Tells a Story" silent auction – Kathryn James, Carol Thorner, Darlene Ferguson, Julia Delnagro-Oehmke, Sandra Elliot, Claire Wiest, Suzanne Dreher, Richard Moutvic, Tiffany Amschl, Dan Witvoet, Donna Mills, Wynn Hopkins and Susan Powell. Each "story book" was a unique and beautiful work of art. Thanks also to the many patrons (of the arts!) who bid on the items. The auction raised over \$500 to support the "Picturing America exhibit" with additional materials. More importantly, everyone visiting the library during the auction had the opportunity to appreciate the work of our very own local artists.

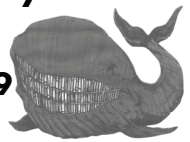
♦ The next meeting of the Foundation will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

### Friends of the Library

#### Used Book Sale!

**Sat., Mar. 28, 2009**

**10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**



#### Friends of the Crete Public Library

The Friends made over \$1500 on their Fall Book Sale. Thank you to all who helped and bought!

The new Friends Officers are:

President	Rich Beil
1st V.P.	Gregg Pero
2nd V.P.	Ginny Shorey
Secretary	Kathy Beil
Treasurer	Kelly Lafferty

The next Friends meeting will be Tuesday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m.

### TRUSTEE NEWS

The Board of Library Trustees recently accepted the resignations of Virginia Angellotti and Marian Engel. Marian served as a trustee for 21 years and received the Metropolitan Library System's 2008 Trustee of the Year Award last October. She was also part of a committee that founded the library in 1963. As a librarian herself, she set up and ran the library at Hubbard Trail Junior High School (later Crete Monee Middle School) for many years, and she was part of the committee with Audrey DeMuth and Joanne Croissant that founded the Crete Public Library in 1963.

Two new trustees were appointed to the Board at the November meeting. Cindy Wagner is a 5-year resident of Crete with her husband Larry Bellar and her twin sons, Cole and Jake, who attend Crete-Monee Middle School. She and her active family like to vacation on warm islands, ride dirt bikes/quads, and of course, love reading books. Cindy enjoys giving her time to organizations that benefit both children and adults and has been very active in the Crete Bulldogs. "I believe a library is one of the greatest resources a community has... it's amazing what a library can offer its patrons!"

Karen Daugherty and her husband Jim are long time residents of Crete and raised their two children Eric and Becky here. Karen received her Masters of Library and Information Science from Dominican University and is a Library Information Specialist at Grissom Middle School in Tinley Park. Through her job as middle school librarian, she has worked with Metropolitan Library System public libraries and has served on a number of MLS committees. Karen has a long history of supporting the Crete Public Library District through both building and funding referendums. She is a member of the Friends group, having served on the Board. Her husband Jim is a past member of the Crete Library Founda-

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.