

Check It Out

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Computer Classes

Call to register.

Intro to Computers

Wed., Apr. 18, 11am or 5pm

Internet 101

Wed., Apr. 18, 11am or 5pm

Internet Searching Tools

Wed., May 2, 11am or 5pm

Advanced Classes

Move beyond the basics with these in-depth classes taught by John Hojek. Registration for these classes will begin one month before each class.

Intro to MS Word

Saturday, Feb. 11, 12-4pm

Intro to Excel

Saturday, Feb. 25, 12-4pm

Intro to Email

Saturday, Mar. 3, 12-4pm

Computer Assistance

Make an appointment for a private/semi-private session with a library staff member.

Tech Topics for Everyone

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

Facebook 101

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 11am



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

Communicating on Facebook

Wednesday, Mar. 7, 11am

See how you can share messages and photos with friends and family.

Facebook Pages for Business

Wednesday, Mar. 14, 11am

Learn how Facebook can be used to promote your business.

eBooks/eReaders 101

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 10am

New eReader for Christmas? Find out how you can "borrow" & download library books for your device.

Managing Your Digital Photos

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 11am or 5pm

Learn how to organize and edit your digital pictures easily with Google's photo management program.



Google Stuff

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 11am or 5pm



Find out what else Google has to offer besides searching and email, such as calendars, social media, and shopping.

Learn a Language

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 10am

CPL now offers a database to help you learn a new language, even at home. Find out what it's all about at this demonstration.

Ancestry.com 101

Tuesday, Mar. 27, 10am



Find out what's available on Ancestry.com Library Edition in this seminar.

Build a Resume

Tuesday, Apr. 3, 10am

CPL now offers career assistance through the Career Transitions database. Find out how to create an account and build a resume with this electronic resource.

Search for a Job

Tuesday, Apr. 10, 10am

Use the Career Transitions database to search for a job.

Staff Retirements, Promotions, News

As many patrons already know, long time Reference Librarian Ellen Herrmann is retiring from full-time service on Dec. 31. Ellen first started at the library as a volunteer in 1982. She then became a clerk, and after holding other positions within the library, she eventually pursued her master's degree in library science while working and raising her family of three boys in Crete. For many years, Ellen was the face of reference and library services at CPL, and many a new staffer would be asked "Where's Ellen?" when taking a seat at the reference desk. Ellen has been recognized time and again for her superior customer service and dedication to the patron's needs. She is still an inspiration to the reference staff and will continue to work one day per week at the library in her retirement.

As disappointing as it is to lose Ellen's fulltime expertise and dedication, CPL is fortunate to have a capable successor in Chris Levault. Chris started at CPL in 1990 as a Circulation Clerk. She was promoted to Special Services Coordinator in 1991, and she has performed many duties over the years as she helped develop adult and young adult services, programs, displays, and particularly, interlibrary loan services. Chris has been an integral part of the department, and the library is thrilled she is now a full-time librarian serving the community.

Finally, Administrative Librarian Jane Schulten was recently elected as a public library representative to the new RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) Member Advisory Group. The Group is composed of eight elected and seven appointed librarians representing the 1500 public, special and academic libraries of the new system. The Member Advisory Group will report directly to the RAILS Executive Director and will support member communication and networking.



Ellen Herrmann and
Chris Levault

Adult Spring Programs

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

Coming May 8: Senior Day 2012

Details coming soon!

Internet Marketing for Business

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Feb. 14-Mar. 6

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

Wrigley Field's Last World Series



Monday, Apr. 2,
7pm

Author Charles Billington recounts the Cub's 1945 season in word and pictures in this fascinating audio-visual presentation.

Romance Film Fest

Every Friday in February, 4:30-7pm

Every Friday in February, the library will remain open after the regular closing time so patrons can enjoy some of the best romance movies ever made. Join our own film expert, Dan, as he shares fun facts and little-known stories about these films. Call for movie titles.

Quit Smoking Program

Mondays, Feb. 27-Apr. 9 &
Wednesdays, Mar. 21, 6pm

The Will County Health Dept. again offers this popular seminar featuring the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking program. Taught by a trained professional. \$25 fee, plus \$5 for nicotine patch or gum.

Acrylic Painting Workshops

Fridays, Feb. 10 & Mar. 9, 10am

Regular instructor Rozanne returns to help you tap into your creativity. Come away with your own artistic creation. **\$10 materials fee.**

Registration required.

Easy Cake Pops

TBD, Call for details

See how easy it is to make your own cake pops. Materials provided. **Registration required.**

Spring Cardmaking Craft

TBD, Call for details

Make a spring Stampin' Up project. Materials provided. **Registration required.**

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price

TBD, Call for details

Don't stumble uninformed into the college planning years! Find out about financial opportunities to offset the escalating cost of college tuition from Joe Orsolini (Certified Financial Planner), an expert in college planning.

Bring in the Spring (craft)

Tuesday, Apr. 10, 7pm

Welcome spring by adorning your door with a beautiful spring wreath created by YOU! Materials provided. **Registration required.**

National Scrabble Day

Wednesday, Apr. 11, 6pm

National Scrabble Day is Friday, Apr. 11 but we are celebrating Scrabble—and any other board game you like—on Apr. 11. Bring a friend or challenge someone new.

Kentucky Derby Hat-making

Saturday, May 5, 2pm

Create an outrageous hat worthy of the Kentucky Derby attendees. Watch the event on the library's big screen afterwards. Materials provided. Bring your own hat or use one of ours. Prizes for best hats! Registration required.



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 (1st Thurs. in Jan.), 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

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

Feb. 6: *The Places in Between*, Rory Stewart

Mar. 5: *The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing*, Melissa Bank

Apr. 2: *War*, Sebastian Junger

May 7: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, Garth Stein

Jun. 4: *Truck: A Love Story*, Michael Perry

TEEN EVENTS

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group)

2nd Wednesdays, 4pm

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

Teen After Hours

Apr. 13, 5-7pm

Enjoy our popular after-hours party with food, games, crafts and internet access.

Teen Film Club

3rd Thursdays, 4pm

Watch a flick and enjoy snacks each month. Coming in January: *Footloose* dance-a-long.

Romance Film Fest

Every Thursday in February

Laugh, cry, and try an experimental relationship-memory-eraser with the teen picks for our Romance Film Fest.

Teen Ink (ages 13 & up)

2nd Mondays, 6:30pm

Share your work and learn where to publish with Miss April.

Star Wars Fan-a-thon

Saturday, March 24 1pm-5pm

Geek out with us you will.

Don't miss additional upcoming teen events:

Hunger Games Movie Field Trip

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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

The Underground Railroad

(suggested for 3rd grade & up)
Saturday, Feb. 18, 1pm

Terry Lynch of Histories for Kids appears as an owner of a "safe house" in Illinois to explain how the house was used to protect escaped slaves on their journey to Canada.

Snow Day (ages 7 & up)

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 4:30pm

Miss Michele & snow...could it get any better?

ME4E ISAT Workshop (grades 3-5)

Thursday, Feb. 15, 4:30pm

ME4E brings a unique, hands-on game to help students prepare for the ISAT tests. Focus will be on science, but math & reading will also be presented. Perfect for 4th graders, but all 3rd-5th graders welcome.

Alice in Wonderland Party (ages 6-8)

Thursday, May 10, 4:30pm

Find out why we explore Wonderland, have snacks and tea at our Mad Hatter Tea Party, and even play a game of flamingo croquet.

G.R.U.B. (ages 7 & up)

4th Thursdays, 6:30pm

GRUB is here: Get Rid of Ucky Boys! Come see what Miss Michele has planned for you girls!

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

2nd Thursdays, 6:30pm

Get Rid Of Slimey girls! Enjoy some great times with your friends and Miss Michele.



Adventure Club (ages 7-8)

Tuesdays, 4:30pm, Jan. 17-Feb. 7 & Apr. 3-24

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

Donuts with Dad (all ages)

3rd Saturdays, 10am

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

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

3rd Thursdays, 11:30am

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

Chess Club (ages 7 & up)

2nd Mondays, 7pm

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

Girls' Night Out (ages 7 & up)

3rd Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Make something cool with Miss Bethann.

Readers' Theater (ages 7 & up)

Tuesdays, 4:30pm, Feb. 14-28

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

Investigators Club (ages 5-6)

Thursdays, 4pm: Jan. 12, Mar. 8 & Apr. 12

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

STORY TIMES

◀ PRESCHOOL STORY TIME (AGES 4-5)

Mondays, 1-1:45pm OR
Thursdays 10-10:45am

◀ TODDLER TIME (AGES 2-3)

Tuesdays, 10-10:30am OR
Wednesdays, 10-10:30am

◀ WEE ONES (AGE INFANT TO 23 MONS)

Fridays, 10-10:30am

Storytime sessions

Session I: Jan. 16-Mar. 2

Session II: Mar. 12-Apr. 27

Call for more details or to register.

TWEEN EVENTS

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

Tween Iron Chef (ages 9-13)

Mondays, 5:30pm: Jan. 30, Mar. 19, & Apr. 16

You make it, we eat it...and the winning team will be crowned Iron Chef! **Participation limited.**

The Art Studio (ages 9 & up)

4th Mondays, 4:30pm

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

Tween Ink (ages 9-12)

2nd 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)

Tween Glow in the Dark (ages 9-13)

Friday, Jan. 20 & Mar. 16, 4-6pm

The library's popular after hours party, especially for tweens this time.

Tween Film: Romance (ages 9-13)

Saturday, Feb. 4, 3-5pm

Share the romance of February with a special romance movie for tweens.



Percy Jackson Party (ages 9-13)

Tuesday, Mar. 13, 6pm

Celebrate Rick Riordan's popular character Percy Jackson at this exciting event.

Tween Movie Night (ages 9-13)

Friday, Apr. 20, 6pm

Stay after the library closes to watch a favorite film.

Spa & Fitness Day (ages 9-13)

Saturday, Apr. 28, 11am

A day of pampering just for the tweens. Call for details.



Tween LAB (ages 9-13)

2nd Tuesdays, 4pm

Join the tween library advisory board & help library staff plan programs, design displays and purchase materials.



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

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

Friends of the Crete Public Library

Members, bakers and other community volun-
teers helped with this year's Fall Family Fun Fest.
The Friends' Fall Book Sale netted over \$1000.
The Friends donated \$250 towards this year's
Crete Country Christmas.

A Spring Used Book Sale is tentatively set for
Saturday, March 31, 2012.

Donations, Gifts and Memorials

- ◆ *In memory of Kathy Wantuch*
Given by Crete Woman's Club
- ◆ *In memory of Barbara Mucklow*
Given by Sarah Filler
- ◆ *Monetary Donation for Adult Services Dept.*
Given by the Crete Woman's Club

Crete Library Foundation

The Foundation provided the food for the Fall
Family Fun Fest and purchased new artwork by
local artist Wynn Hopkins for the library. The
Foundation donated \$500 towards this year's
Crete Country Christmas.

Commemorative Garden Pavers

- ◆ *In memory of Kenny Graeber*
Given by Patricia Miller

Call for yearbooks

If you have any old high school yearbooks
you don't need or want any longer, we'd be
happy to put them in our collection for others
to peruse. Bring them to the Reference Desk.

Focus group wrap-up

The Crete Public Library would like to
thank everyone who participated in the
focus groups held in October. More than
50 people, including representatives from
the village, township, local businesses,
schools and the park district, attended the
sessions and provided a lot of wonderful
ideas and priorities for the re-design of
the library space. Some of the ideas that
most resonated with the community were:

- Additional meeting room space, in-
cluding a medium-sized space for 10-
20 people and semi-private meeting
spaces for smaller groups
- More comfortable seating
- More computers, collaborative com-
puting and more technology classes
- Separate children's story time/
program area
- A better teen space
- Self check-out
- Drive-up book return
- Additional food and drink options

This feedback, plus the results from the
surveys completed last spring, will provide
the foundation for a remodeling plan to
create a more flexible, comfortable and
multi-functional library that will better meet
the quickly changing needs of our com-
munity

We welcome questions, concerns and
recommendations as we move forward on
this project. Please contact Jane
Schulten, Administrative Librarian at
708.672.8017 or schulten@sslic.net or
Library Board President Mardie Tuttle at
cpldpresident@sslic.net.

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



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