



Check It Out

@ your library®

Young Adult After Hours Party with:

PIZZA!

Fri., Nov. 30, 5-8 p.m.

Taste test and judge area pizzas at our young adult party held after the library closes. In addition, play video games on the library's big screen, use the computers for Internet access, watch a movie, or just hang out! Open to young adults ages 12-18.

Parents must come in to sign a permission slip.

Beaded Bookmark Class

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Make a beaded bookmark with your choice of charms with Lilly Staehlin from the Bead Tribe in Homewood. \$10 for materials. **Registration required.**

Star Wars Mania!

It's the 30th anniversary of the release of the first Star Wars film. The force is with us!

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.

Movie marathon day—watch films on the library's big screen all day long. With refreshments.

Museum of Science & Industry Star Wars Field Trip

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.

Join us on a field trip to the museum to see the Star Wars exhibit. We'll be meeting at the library or Metra station and taking the train. Date subject to ticket availability. **Tickets: \$26 for museum admission & train; Register by Oct. 15.**

Face painting, music, gourd flinging all at Fall Fest

The library's popular annual Fall Family Fun Fest returns again this year with as much fun as ever. Take a hayrack ride, play games with the kids or buy s'mores kits from the Friends and roast your marshmallows over a bonfire. Almost everything is free—and LOTS of FUN!



The Battlefield Balladeers

- ◆ At 4:30, The *Battlefield Balladeers* will entertain in front of the library's fireplace, singing the songs of the Civil War using guitar, banjo, harmonic, tambourine and other period instruments.
- ◆ Food and refreshments, including hot dogs and chips.
- ◆ Games, such as pumpkin bowling and a bean bag toss.
- ◆ Bring your decorated pumpkins and win a prize!

Weather permitting, most events will be held outside. Bring a blanket to picnic on the grass or patio behind the library. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Please call 708-672-8017 to register!**

FALL FAMILY FUN FEST

SAT., OCT. 6

3:30-6 P.M.



Even more fall programs on the schedule (call to register)

Ebay Day

presented by Crete Post Office

Thursday, September 13, 4 p.m.

Learn how to buy, sell, and ship with ease.

Call the post office for more information.

Operation Organization

Saturday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m.

Got stuff? Reclaim your space and discover the peace a well organized home can bring. Susan Powell of InFocus Design will show you how.

InBalance Chiropractic Health Series

Thurs., Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, 7 p.m. (Oct. 18-Nov. 15)

Dr. Chidlow-Williams presents a series of lectures on topics from wellness and detoxification to conquering stress, alternatives for menopause and weight loss. **Call for topics; for specific dates.**

Antiques Appraisal

Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m.

Want to know what your family heirloom or garage sale find is worth? Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques will evaluate one hand-held item for 40 lucky participants! **Registration absolutely required. Limited to 1st 40!**



Stampin' Up Christmas Cards

Tuesday, November 6, 7 p.m.

Stampin' Up representative Carol Gottardo will provide everything needed to create 4 complete cards and envelopes in this 1 hour workshop. **Registration required. \$5 per person; Limit 15.**



Holiday Photography Using Your Digital Camera

Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Members of the 3H Camera Club will show you how to take fabulous holiday photographs. Bring your camera and manual and have your questions answered. **Registration requested.**

Make a Holiday Centerpiece

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m.

Susan Powell of InFocus Design shows you how to put your own beautiful centerpiece together. This hands-on class is for beginners and experienced alike. Your multi-functional creation can be used as a centerpiece, or door or wall hanging. **Registration required. \$15 per person for materials.**



Intro to Homeschooling

Tuesday, October 30, 7 p.m.

Veteran homeschooling parents Karen Hoogland and Karen Laurenzana will discuss the benefits and requirements of homeschooling and share resources.



Annual Report from your library

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

129,998 CHECKOUTS! Up 8%!
 4,647 ATTENDED PROGRAMS
 6,763 REFERENCE QUESTIONS
 10,637 ITEMS REQUESTED
 18,475 INTERNET USES
 12,986 CARD HOLDERS
 703 SUMMER READERS
 9,838 BOOKS READ

Reaching out to the community...

- Meeting Rooms – local groups held **307 meetings** at the library. Community organizations that meet regularly include scout troops, homeowner associations, Crete Chamber, Crete Mainstreet, tutors, investment clubs, and support groups.
- Partnered with AARP/IRS to provide tax assistance.
- Worked with Crete Area Chamber of Commerce to install Business Kiosk.
- Coordinated with the Crete Post Office to provide passport registration.
- Provided day camp visits for Crete Park District.
- Visited over 35 classrooms (1050 students) & hosted 26 school group visits (780 students).
- Hosted Battle of the Books for students of St. Liborius, Deer Creek & Crete Lutheran.

Library Collections

Books	65,260
Magazine/Newspapers.....	205
Audiobooks	1,185
Movies	1,679
Non-fiction media	356
Database Subscriptions ...	7

Our sincere thanks

To our Friends – This past year, the Friends of CPLD donated over **\$3100** for books, movies, programs, games, & promotional materials!

To the Foundation – The Foundation provided support to host the Fall Family Fun Fest; to purchase the Chamber of Commerce Business Kiosk & new art for the library's collection.

To donors – the Library is grateful to local businesses, organizations & individuals who continue to support us! A special thanks to the **Holland Company, Crete Lions Club & Crete Woman's Club** and to the Summer Reading Donors: Brunswick Recreation Center, Cone Cottage, McDonald's, Aurelio's, Annie's Café, Crete Dairy Queen, Crete Family Fun Center, Balmoral Park Racetrack, Balmoral Woods Country Club, Crete Custom Cuts, Crete Curves, The Fairway Club at Tuckaway, The Finishing Touch, First United Bank, Harley-Davidson of Crete, Most Feed & Garden, Santa Fe Landscaping & Nursery, Inc., Spooly's Health & Fitness, Walt's Food Centers.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT*

July 1, 2006– June 30, 2007

INCOME

Property Taxes (Operations)	\$ 600,765
Debt Service Taxes (Building)	\$ 245,208
Grants	\$ 24,811
Desk Receipts	\$ 28,363
Interest	\$ 24,294
Impact Fees	\$ 13,146
Gifts, Donations, Misc.	\$ 12,988
Total	\$ 949,575

EXPENDITURES

Salaries (inc. benefits)	\$ 386,108
Materials & Programs	\$ 90,877
Automation Services	\$ 61,468
Operations & Supplies	\$ 167,234
Debt Service (Building)	\$ 242,975
Total	\$ 948,662

* Budget figures are unaudited.

Young Adult Activities

Game Parties

Mondays, 4 p.m.: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 19 & Dec. 10

Middle School Game Parties

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, & Nov. 28

Anime Film Fests

Mondays, 4 p.m. Sept. 24 & Oct. 29,
 5 p.m.: Nov. 26, & Dec. 17

Dungeons & Dragons Group

The library has started a D&D group for young adults, age 14 & over. If you are interested, contact the library. Group usually meets the third Monday at 5 p.m.



"Circ Clips"

News from the Circulation Dept.

- ◆ When renewing your books by phone, please be prepared to provide us with your library card number, which is located on the back of your card.
- ◆ Brookfield Zoo passes are available year round. Call for details or check our website at www.cretelibrary.org.
- ◆ Upcoming closings: Thanksgiving (Nov. 22); Christmas (Dec. 24 & 25); New Year's (Dec. 31 & Jan. 1)

Call for Yearbooks

If you have a Crete-Monee High School Jester you'd like to donate, we'd love to add it to our collection. We already have many years available for patrons to view and would like to have more..

Book Discussion Group

New members always welcome!

Mon., Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail, by Bill Bryson.

Mon., Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil, by Deborah Rodriguez.

Mon., Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Funny in Farsi A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America, by Firoozeh Dumas and/or *Under the Persimmon Tree*, by Suzanne Fisher Staples.

Children's Services News

Celebrate Children's Book Week!

As part of Children's Book Week (November 12-18), the Children's Department will be sponsoring a *Create-a-Bookmark Contest* with Harris Bank in Crete. Pick up your entry form at the library or Harris Bank starting Oct. 1. Decorated bookmark entries must be returned to the library by Nov. 2. First prize is a \$100 Harris Bank savings bond and winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at both places! Get more information or an entry slip in the Children's Department or Crete Harris Bank.



Upcoming Children's Programs *Registration required!*

Preschool Story Hour (3½ years thru kindergarten)

Two different 4-week sessions; Choose **one** day **and** time:
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Sept. 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 10 **and**
Nov. 7, 14, 28 & Dec. 5 (off Thanksgiving week)

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

Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4, 11 **and**
Nov. 8, 15, 29 & Dec. 6 (off Thanksgiving week)

Toddler Time (ages 24 months to 3½ years)

Two different 4-week sessions; Choose **one** day **and** time:
Tues. 10:30-11 a.m.

Sept. 18, 25 & Oct. 2, 9 **and**
Nov. 6, 13, 27 & Dec. 4 (off Thanksgiving week)

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

Sept. 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 10
Nov. 7, 14, 28 & Dec. 5



Wee Ones (age infant to 24 months)

Two different 4-week sessions:

Fri., 10:30-11 a.m.: Sept. 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12 **and**
Nov. 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7

Chess Nights with Tim (1st grade & up)

Mondays, 7 p.m.: Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 & Dec. 3

It's a Guy Thing (ages 7 & up)

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.: Sept. 18, Oct. 23, & Nov. 20

PJ Drop-in Storytimes (all ages)

TWO 4 week sessions: Mondays, 6:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.:
Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8 **and**
Nov. 5, 19, 26, Dec. 3

KinderKlub (for children of kindergarten age)

Wednesdays, 4-4:45 p.m.: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

Children enjoy storytime and crafts.

Kool Krafters (ages 6 & up)

Mondays, 4-5 p.m.: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17

Story Book Ballet: Peter Pan (ages 4 & up)

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m.

Come and watch local ballet students' taped performance in Peter Pan and hear from them what it was like to be on stage.



Celebrate Native Americans (ages 6-9)

Saturday, Nov. 10, 1-2 p.m.

Girls Night Out (girls ages 6 & up)

Monday, Nov. 19, 7-8 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 4-5 p.m.



Pre School Halloween Party (ages 3½ to 5)

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Dress up and join our holiday parade around the library! Great stories and craft, too!

Snack Attack (ages 6 & up)

Thursdays, 4-4:30 p.m.: Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8, 29

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

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

Friday, Oct. 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Mother/Daughter Holiday Tea

Friday, Dec. 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m. (ages 4 & 5)

Saturday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (ages 6 & up)

Catered by Annie's Tea Room. Sign up now - limit 15.



Book to Movie (all ages)

Saturdays 1 p.m.

Oct. 13: *How to Eat Fried Worms*

Nov. 24: *Bridge to Terabithia*

Mother/Daughter Booktalk

(age: ability to read the book)

Mondays, 7 p.m. Sept. 24, Oct. 22, & Nov. 26

Sept. 24: *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery

Oct. 22: *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes



Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the six key strategies to early literacy. CPU

Crete Country Christmas (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.

Make the Children's Department a Trolley Stop. Special craft.

No Girls Allowed (boys ages 6 & up)

Monday, Oct. 15, 7-8 p.m.

Scary Stories to Chill Your Bones (ages 8 & up)

Monday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

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**Monday-Thursday
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Friday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

CLOSED Sunday

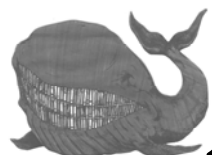
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A large type edition of
this newsletter is avail-
able at the library.



*It's a Whale
of a Sale*

**Friends of the Crete Public Library
Used Book Sale**

Sat., Oct. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Friends admitted at 10 a.m.)

Due to a HUGE new inventory, the Friends will hold a used book sale on Sat., Oct. 27. 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 Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Donations to the Crete Library Foundation:

Commemorative Gardens Pavers:

- ◆ *In Memory of Grace Francis*
Given by Agnes Thorson, Martha Bohannon & Carla Altum
- ◆ In memory of Kathleen "Kitty" Gross
Given by Joanna Kruse

Monetary Donation—John Dahlenberg

**Library
Trustee**

The Crete Public Library District sends best wishes to Victoria Borgia, a Library Trustee since 2005, who has moved from Crete with her family. The Library Board of Trustees has appointed former Trustee Jay Ruklic to fill the unexpired term, up in 2009. Mr. Ruklic served on the Board from 1997-2007 and was the first runner-up in the 2007 April elections.

The new Board officers are:

President	Patricia T. Kelly
Vice President	Margery L. Tuttle
Secretary	Jacqueline S. Amati
Treasurer	Matthew N. Warren

Other Board members include Virginia Angellotti, Marian Engel and Jay Ruklic.



Donations, Gifts and Memorials

In Memory of Grace Francis

- ◆ Major B. & Barbara A. Altum
- ◆ Bernice Balaishis
- ◆ Martha L. Bohannon & Barbara A. Altum
- ◆ Walter E. & Barbara L. Ganschow
- ◆ Mary Lazarton
- ◆ Beverly Nitzke

Book Donation: *The Kitchen Detective*, by Christopher Kimball
Given by Raymond C. Berry

Book Donation: *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin
Given by The Teachers of Crete-Monee School District #201U

Monetary Donations:

- ◆ Crete Woman's Club
- ◆ Holland Company

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.