



# Check It Out

@ your library®

Solve the case...an entertaining and interactive program from:

## The Mystery Shop



Wed., July 11, 1 p.m.  
Ages 9 & up

Join the library for a baffling mystery for ages 9 and up by The Mystery Shop. The mystery starts with a short play, presented by professional actors, that outlines the "case." In keeping with family-sensitive values, there is no murder in this case...just good, clean fun!

Next, the fun starts as the audience works in teams to solve the mystery through riddles, puzzles, and coded



messages. They can also "buy" clues with Mystery Shop Investigation Bucks. Teams compete against one another.

Clues are hidden in the play, so listen carefully, then use your reasoning and concentration skills to figure out the riddles to solve the case!

Registration required, so call the library at 708-672-8017 to get in on the case!

## Grand "Reopening" - June 1st!

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Crete Public Library District are pleased to announce the return of Friday and Saturday hours starting June 1<sup>st</sup>! Why did it take so long to restore services? Although the additional tax dollars were approved March 2006, because of the way the property tax/levy calendar works, the library had to wait for the money to start coming in this June. In the meantime, the library spent the past year brain-storming as to how best to use the new funds.

We had a lot of data to work with – the survey results from 2 grant projects, "A Day without Libraries" (2004) and "Reaching All Readers" (2005) that collected tons of information from Crete library patrons and residents on how they use our library and what they would like to happen. We also used feedback from suggestion slips and the community forums held last summer. We were able start fulfilling your wish list this winter with the addition of 4 new adult public Internet computers, more copies of bestsellers and lower fines.

The number one priority for this year was restoring hours! And soon you will see new faces as all our departments grow, more programs and services such as computer classes and tech support, and more books, movies and magazines. We are introducing "Hot Copies" in our New Book section, additional copies of bestsellers and popular reads that won't be tied up with reserves or interlibrary loans. We are looking at technology to improve services with self-checkout and a more interactive website.

The Library Board and staff worked very hard to develop a strategic plan to add materials, services, hours and personnel over the next few years. We take our community's vote of confidence seriously and will use the new funds carefully as we grow. In the meantime, keep telling us what you'd like to see and we will continue to use your ideas and suggestions to make us the very best we can be!

Jane Schulten, Administrative Librarian

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

- ◆ Return of Fridays & longer Saturday hours!
- ◆ Hot Copies = Might find a bestseller on the shelf today!
- ◆ More copies of best-sellers/popular titles.
- ◆ More services & programs!
- ◆ More to come in the future!



Leona Reed was the first person to grab a "Hot Copy" off the New Book shelf—and won a Friends bookbag!

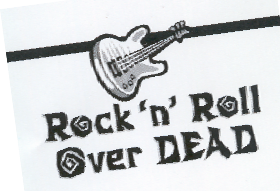
## Summer Reading kick-off coincides with return of Fridays!

The always popular Summer Reading program is back this year with another clever theme: Get a Clue @ your library. Registration for both the Children's and Adult/Young Adult programs begins on June 11, and the program continues through July 28. Upon checking in the second week, participants will receive a prize just for joining, and there will be weekly prizes for those who bring back their log sheets each week, many programs, and grand finale prizes. Just a few of the many mystery-themed programs include the Rock 'n' Roll Over Dead Murder at the Library program (June 23, 1 p.m.), a unique interactive program from The Mystery Shop (July 11, 1 p.m.), the American Girl Mystery Party (July 19, 1 p.m.), Nate the Great: Boy Detective (June 19, 1 p.m.) and the Mystery Game (July 12, 1 p.m.). For more information on programs, see elsewhere in this newsletter or call the library at 708-672-8017.



## What's Happening @ your library®

### Murder mystery, Crete authors, Ravinia lecture headline summer programs



#### Rock 'n' Roll Over Dead: Murder at the Library

Saturday, June 23, 1 p.m.

The music librarian has been found DEAD!  
Was it a heart attack...or MURDER?!



Come try and solve the mystery by investigating "crime scenes," examining evidence, and reading accounts from witnesses and suspects during this interactive murder mystery program. You never know just who might have done it! Now casting parts!

#### Book Discussion Group

New members always welcome!

Mon., June 4, 7 p.m.

*March*, by Geraldine Brooks.

The book discussion group will be taking a break during July and August, but will be back in September with a new slate of books for fall. If you have a book to suggest, please let us know and we'll bring it up to the group for consideration.

#### Operation Organization

Thursday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

Got stuff? If your home or office has been taken hostage by your clutter, it's time to break free! Reclaim your space and discover the peace a well organized home can bring. Susan Powell, Crete resident and owner of InFocus Design will show you how. **Registration requested.**

#### "The Secret" Discussion

Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m.

You've heard about it on Oprah. Now you can join in the discussion of Rhonda Byrne's book, *The Secret*, which explains how you can use the Law of Attraction to create whatever you want in your life. **Registration requested.**

### Young Adult Activities

#### Game Parties

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.: June 11, July 9, Aug. 6

#### Anime Film Fests

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.: June 25, July 30, Aug. 27



#### Ravinia One-Store, One Chicago Lecture

Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m.

Explore music that has found its muse in water with the experts from Ravinia. This program will focus on Zemlinsky's "The Mermaid," Debussy's "La Mer," Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice," & Handel's "Water Music."

**Registration requested.**

#### Remember Me Author Reading and Book Signing

Thursday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Local Author Sandra Tatara will read from her newly published book *Remember Me*, the story of a woman who faces life-altering events and finds a strength she never knew she possessed.

**Registration requested.**

#### How'd You Do It?

#### Weight Loss Program

Friday, July 13, 2 p.m.

Crete resident and recently published author Angie Lezszak will discuss how easy weight loss can be with successful, healthy lifestyle changes that put you in control of your life. **Registration requested.**

#### Discovering Windows Vista

Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m.

Thinking of buying a new computer? Then you'll definitely want to know more about the new version of Windows! Join local author Derek Torres as he discusses what's new, what works, and what doesn't in Microsoft's latest offering. **Registration requested.**

**Please call the library at**

**708-672-8017 to register for pro-**

#### FILTER MANDATE THREATENS LIBRARY INTERNET ACCESS

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Illinois House of Representatives passed HB1727 requiring Internet filtering software installed on all public library computers. At press time, the bill is in the Senate. The Crete Public Library District Board of Library Trustees is very concerned about the ramifications of this legislation. With its passage, both your access to the Internet & your First Amendment rights would be restricted.

The Crete Public Library has had an Internet Use Policy in effect since 1999 that states that the viewing of "offensive materials" is strictly prohibited and that anyone under 18 must have written permission to use the Internet. Because the Crete Public Library upholds your First Amendment rights, we enforce our Internet Use Policy to protect patrons from seeing objectionable material, so that this right is not abused. Our library has an effective monitoring system in place that works!

The Board of Trustees will seriously evaluate whether the library will continue to offer public Internet service due to the following considerations:

1. the cost (\$20,000-\$45,000) of installing and monitoring the mandated filtering software.
2. expensive lawsuits by those who want filters or those who oppose them.
3. the tying of State grant funds (\$24,000) to written compliance by the library.

#### WHY IS THE CRETE PUBLIC LIBRARY OPPOSED TO FILTERS?

**FILTERS DON'T WORK** – they consistently block important information on science, health, political, and social issues, while allowing objectionable material to get through.

**FILTERS ARE INFLEXIBLE** – They limit information access to all users—whether adult or child—and users will never know what information is being blocked.

**FILTERS ARE BIASED** - Private companies with commercial, political, or religious agendas design filters to block what they find objectionable—thus skewing the information accessed.

**Internet filtering on public library computers will become law if the Illinois State Senate passes HB1727. Please contact State Senator Debbie Halvorson with your concerns.**

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# Children's Services News

## Lots of programs planned for summer, including Summer Reading

**Give Something Back:** As part of the Summer Reading program, Children's Services will be supporting Mantanya's Hope, a charity started by artist Michelle Stark of Homewood which helps children in Kenya with educational sponsorships and assists with projects critical to their survival. Participants can write to children in Kenya, as well as donate supplies to be sent to the poverty-stricken village. For more information on the organization, visit [www.matanyashope.com](http://www.matanyashope.com).



Children in Kenya with donated bicycles.

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

**Chess Nights with Tim** (1st grade & up)  
Mondays, 7 p.m.: June 4, July 2, & Aug. 6

**Boys' Book Club** (age: ability to read the book)  
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: June 12, July 10, & Aug. 14

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy  
June 12: The Absent Author  
July 10: The Bald Bandit  
Aug. 14: The Canary Caper



**Drop-in Storytimes (all ages)**  
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, & 28

**Celebrate Dads!** (all ages)  
Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.

**Nate the Great: Boy Detective** (ages 6 & up)  
Tuesday, June 19, 1 p.m.

**Paint the Parking Lot** (all ages)  
Thursday, June 21, 11 a.m.  
Popular summer activity returns!

**Can You Break a Guinness Record** (ages 6-9)  
Monday, June 25, 1 p.m.

**Matt Wilhelm** (all ages)  
Thursday, June 28, 2 p.m.

X-Games Medalist Matt Wilhelm, "the number one flatland rider in the U.S.," demonstrates his skills in the library parking lot. Wilhelm is a superb show rider, having frequently performed at Universal Studios.



**Make It Take It Fridays**  
All day every Friday through Summer Reading

**Mother/Daughter Book Talk**  
Mondays, 7 p.m.: June 25, July 30, & Aug. 27

June 25: *Hoofbeats of Danger* (American Girl Mystery)  
July 30: *Everything on a Waffle*, by Polly Horvath  
Aug. 27: *Project Mulberry*, by Linda Sue Park

**Mysteries of Egypt** (ages 6-13)  
Tuesday, July 3, 1 p.m.

**Treasure Hunt** (ages 3 1/2 to 5)  
Friday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.

**Mystery Game** (ages 6-8)  
Thursday, July 12, 1 p.m.

**Movie Mondays** (all ages)  
Mondays, 1:30 p.m.: July 16 & July 23

**American Girl Mystery Party** (ages 6 & up)  
Thursday, July 19, 1 p.m.

**Nosey Noses** (ages 3 1/2-5)  
Friday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.

Sniff out some good stories and use your 5 senses!

**Detect It** (ages 7 & up)  
Tuesday, July 24, 2 p.m.

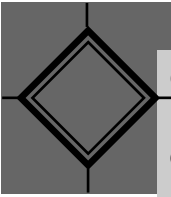
Crete Police Dept. will put on a program for youths.

**Sandi Sylver Storyteller/  
Ventriloquist**

Thursday, July 26, 2 p.m. (all ages)  
Storyteller, ventriloquist, and songstress extraordinaire Sandi Sylver will bring her show-stealing puppets to delight and amaze children both young and old!



♦ For more info on any of these programs, stop by the Children's Department and pick-up a copy of their newsletter or call 708-672-8017 for additional information or to register.



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**Library Hours:  
(as of June 1st)**

**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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**Board of Trustees**  
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Patricia Kelly  
Mardie Tuttle  
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**Library Administrator:**  
Jane Schulten

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

**Big Thanks to the Crete Lions Club!**

Thanks to a generous \$2,000 donation from the Crete Lions Club, the library will soon be the proud owners of a 37" LCD HD television, complete with DVD and VCR players. These will be available for our meeting room users, young adult gamers, and for other library programs.

**Library  
Trustee  
News**

The new Board of Library Trustees was sworn in for their first official meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>. Incumbents Patricia Kelly and Matt Warren are joined by new Trustee **Virginia Angellotti**. Virginia has lived in Crete for 23 years with husband Jeff and son Jim, an Illinois State student. She spent 20 years in the marketing/advertising field and has now started a second career as a yoga/Pilates instructor. Virginia worked on the library referendum last year and says, "I think the Library is a huge public asset and I hope to be an approachable open-minded trustee bringing some new perspectives."

The library would like to recognize Library Trustee **Marian Engel** who is celebrating 20 years as a library trustee! Marian was one of the founding members of the Crete Public Library in 1963. At the time she was the librarian at Crete Elementary and soon was to open the library at the new Hubbard Trail Junior High in Crete. She officially joined the Board in 1987 where her professional experience and knowledge have been a real asset!

Finally, the Board and staff of the Crete Public Library would like to acknowledge the contributions of long-time Trustee **Jay Ruklic**. Jay was a member of the Library Board for 10 years

from 1997 to 2007 and served as President from 2003 to 2007. With dedication and commitment, he guided the library through some difficult financial decisions in recent years and then led us through a successful referendum. Thank you, Jay!

**Donations, Gifts and Memorials**

*In Memory of Mrs. Sally Kuespert*  
Donation given by Marion & Jim Stolte

*In Memory of Herb Schultz*

- ◆ G. Leslie & Ruth Armstrong
- ◆ Barbara Borton
- ◆ Bonnie & Frank Brazzale
- ◆ Jim & Karen Daugherty
- ◆ Rose Marie & Brendan Foley
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- ◆ Richard & Louise Sherman
- ◆ Additional donations given through Valerie Schultz

*In Memory of Jan Wassmann*

Donation given by  
Beecher Post Office Friends  
& Co-workers

Monetary Donations:

- ◆ Janice Kirkpatrick
- ◆ Russell & Shirley Boettger

**Donations to Crete Library Foundation:**

Monetary Donations:

- ◆ John Dalenberg
- ◆ In Memory of Herb Schultz:  
Pam Deiters  
Richard Lindeman

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.