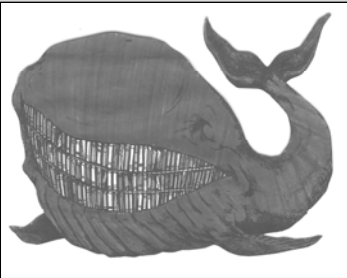


Check It Out

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It's a WHALE of a BOOK SALE!



Join the *Friends of the Crete Public Library* for their annual used book sale:

**Saturday, Mar. 3
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

(Friends admitted at 9:30 a.m.)

ALL NEW selection of adult and children's titles, as well as videos and audiobooks. Most hardcover and large paperback books and videos are \$1, small paperbacks are 25¢.

Proceeds from the book sale support collection development and programming at the library. Since last year's sale, the Friends have donated more than \$2800 to the library for such things as the Amazing Animals program, Teen Read Week programs, the Fall Fest caricature artist, YA Game Night equipment and games, Children's DVDs and books, a rocking chair, a grants database, and much more.

The next meeting of the Friends will be Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30

p.m. New Friends and volunteers are always welcome.



Exciting science show: Mar. 17, 1 p.m.

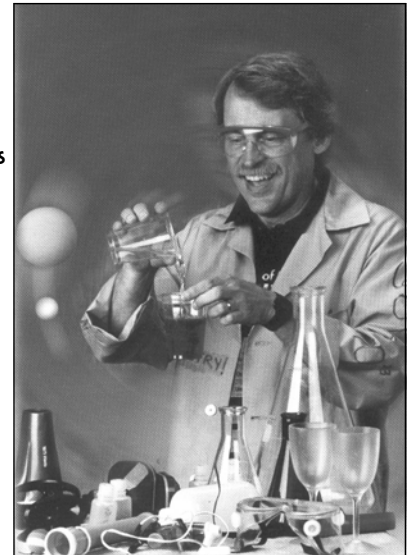
The Crete Public Library is pleased to host Mike Offutt's Ultimate Science Show on Saturday, March 17 at 1 p.m. The Ultimate Science Show is an "unusual demonstration of scientific phenomena and seemingly magical tricks."

In this fast-paced show, Mike unlocks the secrets and the scientific principles that make these re-feats possible, the perfect pro-awaken a child's interest in science. The highly interactive science demonstrations introduce young minds to the fun of science.

Mike Offutt is a former science teacher who has made appearances with his science show at such places as the Smithsonian Institution Theater in ton D.C., Fermi Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, and the Field Museum, as well as hundreds of schools, libraries, youth groups, and educational conferences.

"Remember, it's NOT magic, it's SCIENCE!"

"guaranteed to be fun, educational and memorable for all who participate."



Mike Offutt

Library receives generous donation from Holland Company

The Holland Company and its Community Relations Team recently visited the Crete Public Library for a tour of the facility to learn about its programs and services and to see how they can help. The Holland Company, located in Crete since 1998, has been a longtime community supporter. As a result of their visit, their company donated \$2915 to the library to establish a listening corner in the Children's Services Department. The corner will hold a child-friendly stereo listening station and a comfortable child-sized overstuffed chair.

"The Children's Department is so grateful for the Holland Company's generosity," says Head of Children's Services Gail Scott. "The listening center area will be a wonderful addition to the department that all the children in the community can use."

The rest of the donation will be used to purchase an online service called the History Reference Center, a comprehensive database featuring full text reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books. "The Reference Department is thrilled to be able to offer the history database to our patrons through the generosity of Holland," says Tiffany Amschl, Head of Adult Services.

"The database gives us access to thousands of books and periodicals we would never be able to purchase, or have space to shelve, in the compact space of a computer."

The Holland Company donation will also purchase slat board end panels for the Adult Services Dept. that will be used to display new books, special collections and reading lists.

Food for Fines a Record Success

Thanks to the generous support of Crete Library patrons, the library delivered a record amount of food and paper products to the Crete Pantry over the holidays. Circulation Department Head Deb Meder, who ran the "Food for Fines" program, stands next to the collection box which was entirely full of donated items! Thank you Crete!



What's Happening @ your library®

From London to the Moon, spring programs cover much, plus book club!

Landing the Job You Want

Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m.

Crete resident Dr. Mildred Culp, whose job hunting column, WorkWise Interactive, appears on Sundays in The Times, will spend an hour and a half discussing job hunting with job seekers at the library. The presentation will be followed by questions about any aspect of job hunting. **Registration requested.**

London's Less Traveled Treasures

Saturday, March 24, 1 p.m.

This talk and slide presentation by experienced tour guide and Anglophile Linda Putnam features "off the beaten path" sites of London, many right in the shadows of St. Paul's Cathedral. **Registration requested.**

Passport Registration by Crete Post Office

Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.

The Crete Post Office will again be at the library, accepting applications for passports. Applications are available at the library. For more detailed information, call the library.

Young Adult Activities

Valentine's Day After Hours Party

Saturday, February 10, 3-6 p.m.

Like our Teen Read Week Party, young adults ages 12-18 can stay after the library closes and play games, watch movies and enjoy treats. Parental permission slip must be signed by parent in person prior to event.

Game Parties

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.: Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14

Anime Film Fests

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.: Feb. 26, Apr. 30



The Moon: Earth's Interesting Neighbor

Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Except for the sun, the moon is the most influential object on the earth. This show, presented by Crete resident and Planetarium Director at Joliet Junior College, Art Maurer, will discuss what the moon is made of, what causes moon phases, and much more. Weather permitting, telescopes will be set up afterwards. **Registration requested.**

Stampin' Up Card Workshop

Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Crete resident and Stampin' Up representative Carol Gottardo will provide everything needed to create 4 complete cards and envelopes in this 1 hour workshop. **Registration absolutely required. Limit 15.**

Book Discussion Group

New members always welcome!

Monday, February 5, 7 p.m.

Memoirs of a Geisha, by Arthur Golden.

Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.

A Thread of Grace, by Mary Doria Russell.

Monday, April 2, 7 p.m.

The Rich Part of Life, by Jim Kokoris.

Monday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Howards End, by E.M. Forster.

Wednesday afternoon group has been discontinued due to lack of attendance. If you would like to restart that session, please call the library at 708-672-8017 and we will consider it.

Please call the library at 708-672-8017 to register for programs or email cts@slc.net

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. Additional schedules and forms may be obtained from:

Internal Revenue Service

Tax assistance	800-829-1040
To order forms/publications	800-TAX-FORM
TeleTax topics	800-829-4477
Forms by fax	703-368-9694
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
Form/publication order line	800-356-6302
Website	www.revenue.state.il.us

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.



National Library Week

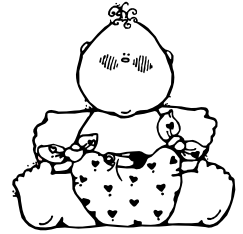
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Look for activities at CPL!

Children's Services News

Wee Ones program a great opportunity for parents, kids

Early literacy begins with you! Help your child learn the early skills needed to read. During the Wee Ones programs, children 10 months to 24 months share Mother Goose rhymes, jiggle songs, age-appropriate books, and playtime. Our librarians can also show you which books are best for sharing with your child at this age, and being with other moms is a great opportunity to share experiences with parenting. Moms, don't miss out on this wonderful program!



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

Preschool Story Hour (3½ years thru kindergarten)

4-week sessions; Choose **one** day **and** time for each:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. **or** 6:30 p.m.:

Feb. 13, 20, 27 & Mar. 6 **or**

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: Feb. 14, 21, 28, & Mar. 7

Toddler Time (age 2 to 3½ years)

Tues., 10:30-11 a.m.: Jan. 16, 23, 30, & Feb. 6
and Mar. 13, 20, 27, & Apr. 3

Or Thurs. nights, 6:30-7 p.m.: Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1 & 8
and Mar. 15, 22, 29, & Apr. 5

Wee Ones (age 10-24 months)

Tues., 11:15-11:45 a.m.: Jan. 16, 23, 30, & Feb. 6
and Mar. 13, 20, 27, & Apr. 3

♦ **Registration required for all storytimes**

Chess Nights with Tim (1st grade & up)

Mondays, 7 p.m.: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2 & May 7

Snack Attack

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: Jan. 9, 23, Wednesdays: Feb. 7, 21,
Mar. 7, 21, & Apr. 11, 25

Children will receive a healthy snack while listening to a librarian read some new books. (1st grade & up)

Super Saturdays (1st gr. & up)

Jan. 13: **Robots**

Also: **Feb. 10, Mar. 10, & Apr. 14**

PJ Bedtime Storytime (all ages)

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: Jan. 16, Mar. 13, Apr. 3, & May 15

Come have a cozy storytime at the library in your PJ's!

Moose Afternoon

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 4 p.m. (1st-6th grade)

Sit around the "campfire" and listen to tales of mooses.

Craft Club (1st grade & up)

Thursdays, 4 p.m.: Jan. 11, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, &
May 17

No Girls Allowed

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.: Jan. 23, Mar. 20 & May 22

Lots of gross fun just for boys ages 1st grade & up.

Mother/Daughter Book Talk

Mondays, 7 p.m.

Jan. 29: *P.S. Longer Letter Later*, by Paula Danziger

Feb. 26: *Sahara Special*, by Esme Raji Codell

Mar. 26: *Ida B....and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid
Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World*, by
Katherine Hannigan

Apr. 30: *Our Only May Amelia*, by Jennifer Holm

Storytime with Monarch Award Nominees

Saturday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m.

On this last day to vote for your favorite book for the Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Children's Choice Award, all 5 of the library's finalists will be read aloud. Afterward, vote on which book should be the library's entry.

Girls' Night Out (1st grade & up)

7 p.m.: Tues., Feb. 6 & Mon., Apr. 23

Come for a girls-only craft, plus snacks and games.

Boys' Book Club

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.: Feb. 14 & Apr. 11

Grandparents are Special (all ages)

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.

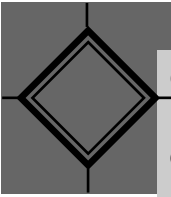
Snail Mail (1st grade & up)

Thursday, Apr. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Visiting Africa (1st grade & up)

Wednesday, May 9, 4 p.m.

♦ 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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- ◆ John Dalenberg

The next meeting of the Crete Library Foundation will be Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustee News	LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTIONS THIS SPRING
<p>Nominating petition packets for the four-year position of Crete Library Board Trustee are available at the library, 1177 N. Main St. during regular library hours. Library trustee responsibilities include policy-making, finance and community relations. Three seats on the seven member Board of Library Trustees will be up for election at the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. Filing dates for returning the petitions are January 29, 2007 through February 5, 2007 between the hours of 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the library.</p> <p>The library's regular hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The library is closed Fridays and Sundays.</p>	

Donations, Gifts and Memorials

In Memory of Ruth & Harold Dawson
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- ◆ Bruce & Sondra Setchell
- ◆ The Vesper Service Committee of Village Woods Christian Retirement Community
- ◆ Crete Energy Venture, LLC

Friends News

Green and white Friends of the Crete Public Library bookbags are on sale now at the library for just \$10. If you didn't win one in the summer reading program, or want to purchase one as a gift, now is your chance!

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.