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Try ebooks on Sony Reader

Are you curious about reading a book on a new eReader, but don't want to buy one yet? Or would like to try an audiobook on an MP3 player but are afraid you won't like it?

Starting this month you can try both of these new technologies at your local library.



CPL has purchased a Sony Reader and a couple of MP3 players, which will be available for checkout.

Both are compatible with the library's MyMediaMall service, which allows patrons to download audiobooks and ebooks through the Internet.



If you are interested in checking out one of these devices, stop by the Reference Desk. Staff will help you



download something you'd like to listen to or read, and you can have the device for two weeks. Please remember to treat them with care while you have them.

Visit the library's webpage for more info or to download materials from MyMediaMall.

Do you recognize these people?

If you do, you might be able to assist the library with its local history project!

Recently, the library was awarded a grant entitled *Capturing Crete: Digitizing the Ray Piepenbrink Historic Documents Collection*. This grant was awarded by the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board and will allow the library to work with the Crete Area Historical Society (CAHS) to identify and digitally preserve materials relevant to local history.



The late Ray Piepenbrink was a lifelong Crete resident and avid local historian. Over the years, he amassed a great collection of photographs, plat maps, atlases and souvenirs, among other things, which are now in the care of his son, Tim. Some of the most unique items in Ray's collection are a series of glass plate negatives that depict images of Crete taken between 1898 and 1920. Staff of CPL has recently been trained at the Illinois State Library and the Field Museum in handling and digitizing glass negatives, and soon those from the Piepenbrink collection will be added to the Illinois Digital Archives.

Additional items, such as newspapers and books on local history, will also be digitized as part of the grant, and it is the library's intention to continue the work, with the assistance of the CAHS, into the future.

Stop by the library soon to view more of the images and to help identify the people and places depicted or check out some of the collection at the library's website (www.cretelibrary.org). Also, attend the program about Railroad History and Memorabilia on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., co-sponsored by CPL and the CAHS, for more local history.

It's time again! Fall Fest returns Oct. 2

🍁 Entertainment @ 4:30 p.m.: TIM HANNIG'S PRO-KIDS SHOW!



Back by popular demand! Tim Hannig returns with The Pro Kids Show, a high-energy, fast-paced show filled with music, magic, stories and comedy, as well as plenty of audience involvement. Don't miss it!

🍁 Popcorn

🍁 Bake Sale

🍁 Games

FALL FAMILY FUN FEST

🍁 S'mores

🍁 Bonfire

🍁 Pony Rides

SAT., OCT. 2

🍁 Prizes

🍁 Hayrack Rides

3:30-6 P.M.

🍁 Hot Dogs

Weather permitting, most events will be held outside. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Please call 708-672-8017 to register!**

The state of the State and public library service

While everyone is aware of the financial problems the State of Illinois is experiencing, you may not be aware of the impact it is having on your local public library. All libraries in Illinois belong to one of nine library systems funded directly by the State; Crete PLD belongs to the Metropolitan Library System (MLS). Two of the most important services Library Systems financially support are the shared online catalogs (SWAN in our case) and the delivery of items between libraries. Because of the State hasn't paid them, Systems including MLS have cut services and staff and some have even suspended operations. With the loss of MLS's financial support, the Crete Public Library and the other member libraries will need to cover the costs for maintaining the catalog and delivery themselves.

The Crete Public Library District is in good financial shape and is prepared to handle these expenses, but that is not true for every member library. The strength of the SWAN online catalog lies in how many public libraries (80) participate and share their resources, so every effort must be made to keep it affordable for all. The SWAN member libraries are currently exploring which services are essential and which may be downsized or eliminated to keep SWAN going.



The service that allows patrons to order materials online from other libraries is under evaluation as there has been a huge increase in materials traveling from library to library. Last year the MLS/SWAN inter-library delivery vans traveled over 93,860 miles and transported over 2,000,000 items. In the future there may be limits on the number of items that may be ordered or borrowed from other libraries and longer waiting periods to get those items.

There are some things you can do right now to help - be a considerate borrower!

1. **Do you really need to order 10 books on the same subject? Each book must come in and go back. Think twice before you hit that *Request* button.**
2. **Looking for materials online and notice that a nearby library has what you are looking for "on shelf"? Call them to put it aside, then go there directly to check it out.**
3. **Did you borrow items from a neighboring library just down the street? Think about returning them directly instead of having them make the trip on a delivery van.**

All the MLS libraries are committed to continuing the wonderful services you use and appreciate, but there are costs involved. The Crete Public Library will do all we can to keep you informed of service changes as they occur and to minimize the effects on you, our patrons.

The year in review at the Crete PLD

The Crete Public Library is pleased to report another great year of library service! During FY2009/10, the library circulated almost 197,000 items, up 14% from last year's 172,000. The library added a public fax machine and its own *MyMediaMall* download station so we can assist patrons in accessing downloadable materials. Patrons asked 8,863 reference questions and placed 19,378 requests. Finally, the library's high-speed Internet terminals and Wi-Fi service were used 25,851 times!

Close to 6700 people attended over 300 library programs and workshops offered last year, including the Fall Family Fun Fest, Battle of the Books, Mama Africa and Senior Day. The Children's Dept. visited over 30 local classrooms. 132 adults, 57 young adults and 656 children participated in this year's Summer Reading Programs, reading 15,748 books! Local organizations and businesses held over 250 meetings in the library's 3 meeting rooms. Two grant projects started - ILEADU on new technologies to connect libraries and communities, and the ISHRAB Digitization Project to preserve local history.

The Library is grateful to local businesses, organizations & individuals who continue to support us! A special thanks to the **Crete Lions Club** & the **Crete Woman's Club** and to local business donors: Annie's Café, Aurelio's Pizza, The Cone Cottage, The Edge, Crete Ace Hardware, Crete Family Fun Center, Crete Dairy Queen, The Finishing Touch, First United Bank, Holiday Star Theatre, Kohl's, Crete McDonald's, Lotton Art Glass, Independence Physical Therapy, Jason's Pub, Jillian's Day Spa, Sta-Well Health Foods, Santa Fe Landscaping, Sharon's Custom Cakes, Pro-Way Quality Carpet Cleaning, and Walt's Food Center.

FY2009/10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues

Property taxes	\$1,633,575
Debt Service taxes (building bonds)	\$264,026
Misc (grants, interest, desk receipts)	\$80,321

Total Revenues **\$1,977,922**

Expenditures

Salaries (inc. benefits)	\$793,171
Materials & programs	\$175,524
Automation services	\$68,500
Operations & supplies	\$520,452
Debt Service (building bonds)	\$264,026

Total Expenditures **\$1,821,673**

(Budget figures are unaudited)

Adult/Teen Fall Programs

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

Creating the Best Year of Your Life

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.: Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5 & 12

Dr. Shannon Chidlow-Williams from InBalance Chiropractic presents four programs on topics such as weight loss, stress, anti-aging, and chiropractic for pain and overall well-being. Call for specific dates of topics.

Couponing with Mummy Deals

Saturday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m.

Are you watching your budget? Would you like your grocery bill to be just \$50/week for a family of three? Claire Boone of Mummy Deals will show you how with tips on couponing, rebates, and becoming a savvy shopper. This is the most fun you'll have learning to cut your bills!



Shift Work Disorder Explained

Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

An estimated 20% of U.S. workers perform some type of nonstandard shift work, putting them at risk for Shift Work Disorder (SWD). Gayle Zajeski, an RN and Community Educator, will discuss the health concerns related to SWD and the symptoms associated with this condition.

Crete Library Film Club

Third Thursdays, 6:15 p.m.

Relax with a cup of coffee and catch a movie on the library's big screen, with short discussion to follow. Call for schedule of movies.

The White Sox, Then & Now

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

As baseball season hits the high point of the year with the World Series right around the corner, come find out all about our own White Sox from sports writer and author Richard Lindberg. The next edition of Lindberg's book, *Total White Sox*, will be published next spring. All ages.



Don't Pay the College Sticker Price

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

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.

Fall in Love with Your Home...Again

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

The leaves are starting to fall, and you know you'll be spending more time inside soon. Get your home ready for winter by making your home "hibernation-worthy" with some simple, easy, and inexpensive decorating ideas from Susan Powell of InFocus Design in Crete.

Book Discussion Group

Mondays, 7:15 p.m.: Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3

New members always welcome. Books available at the Reference Desk. Call for titles.

Railroad History & Memorabilia

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Bring your own stories about the local railroads to share at this interactive program presented by local collector John Hanacek and *Crete Remembered* authors and historians Carol Triebold and Phyllis Monks. Co-sponsored by the Crete Area Historical Society and the library.

The Chicago Music Scene

Saturday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m.

Enjoy live music, historic photographs, and stories all in one program. Dean Milano, veteran musician and author of *The Chicago Music Scene: The Sixties and the Seventies*, will play a medley of Chicago-connected songs and discuss these two fabulous decades of music in Chicago. All ages.



Home for the Holidays

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

Get ready for the holidays with easy, 3-ingredient cookies and simple tablescaping ideas from Susan Powell of InFocus Design. You probably already have everything you need!



Don't know what to read next? Take our computer class designed to teach you where to find good books to read. Classes listed on the next page.

Celebrate Teen Read Week, Oct. 17-23—Books with Beat

Rock Band 2 Tournament

Saturday, Oct. 16, 1-5 p.m. (register by Oct. 1)

Get the band together and get ready to rock! Teens in grades 7-12 can compete for prizes in our first ever Rock Band 2 Tournament. Each team must have three or four players playing guitar, bass, drums, and vocals. If a team has three players, one player must sing AND play an instrument.

Prizes will be awarded to top scoring teams in three categories: Rock Band Skills, Team Style, and Stage Presence. When teams register, they can also sign up for practice time at the library. Come watch if you aren't participating!

Hip Hop with Felicia

Saturday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

Learn some new moves in this fun dance program.



Wrestlemania Reading Challenge

Last year CPL helped send Jordan P. to Wrestlemania 26 in Phoenix. This year, you could win a trip to Wrestlemania 27 in Atlanta, GA. Visit the Reference Desk during TRW to pick up your pledge form and info on how you can win big.

Teen Library Advisory Board (Teen LAB)

Third Saturdays, 12 p.m.

Assist library staff in choosing books and DVDs, planning teen programming, and promoting library services. Earn community service hours, too. Call Rebecca for more info.

Teens 'n Tweens First Fridays

First Fridays, 5-8 p.m.

Enjoy food, games, & crafts at this monthly after-hours party. CHECK OUT OUR COMPUTER CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE

News from the Circ Dept.

Food for Fines can nibble away at what you owe!

The Crete Public Library wants to help you take care of your overdue fines—while giving you an opportunity to help your neighbors!

Food for Fines returns October 25—November 13

For each acceptable item of food donated, we will forgive \$1 in overdue fines. Items will benefit the Crete Pantry. (Charges for lost or damaged items and collection agency fees cannot be waived.)

Don't owe any fines? Please consider making a food donation anyway! Last year, our patrons donated more than 900 items to our food drives.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Crete Pantry? The Crete Pantry is an entirely volunteer organization that has been in existence for over 31 years. They have no paid personnel and accept no government funds or food. Your donation goes directly to those who need assistance.

What should I donate? Acceptable donations include new, unopened items within the expiration date—any non-perishable canned or packaged food, toiletries or household paper products. Perishable items, expired items or anything requiring refrigeration cannot be accepted.

Do I have any fines? How much do I owe? Call the library during regular business hours or check your account online at www.cretelibrary.org.



Candy Guessing Game

Sept 27th - Oct 9th

Join in the fun by guessing the number of pieces of candy in the jar to win a prize. Three age categories.

Display your art/collections!

Looking for local artists/collectors to display their items in the library's display cases. Call the library for info.

Computer Classes (Registration required for some classes)

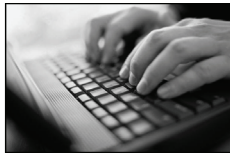
WEDNESDAY CLASSES:

Classes are filled on the day of the class on a first-come, first-served basis, starting a half hour before the class.

Mouse and Keyboard Lab

Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m.

Come practice your mouse skills, which are necessary for other classes.



Introduction to Computers

Oct. 6, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Learn basic computer terminology and skills such as finding and opening programs and files.

Internet Basics

Oct. 20, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Understand how to access websites using web addresses, find basic information online, and print a webpage.

Internet Tools

Nov. 3, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Use a search engine to find new websites, access common online directories, and bookmark favorite websites for future use.

Email Q & A

Nov. 17, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Requirements: Web-based email account; Confident using a mouse and keyboard.

Gain understanding of different aspects of the main email providers (AT&T, Yahoo, Google, etc.)

Online Safety

Dec. 1, 5 p.m.

A presentation discussing various do's and don'ts when shopping, social networking, and browsing the internet.

What Do I Read Next?

Dec. 8, 11 a.m.

Find new books and authors you'll love based on old favorites using online resources. Bring a list of your five favorite books or authors.



Using the Library Catalog

Dec. 8, 5 p.m.

Bring your library card and learn how to access the library catalog, search for material by title, author, and keywords and request materials online.

TECH TUESDAYS (Registration required)

- For students grades 7 & up

Microsoft Word for Students

Oct. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to format your papers according to MLA and APA style rules. Bring a flash drive to take away a template to use for your classwork. Also, review adding accents and other diacritic marks for your foreign language classes.

Online Research for Students

Nov. 9, 4:30 p.m.

Find journal articles, reference book chapters, and more resources for your research papers in the library's online resources. CPL cardholders can access the library's online resources from home from the library webpage.



"Flip" for Film-making

Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m.

Use the library's Flip HD cams to create a commercial for your favorite book, place, or product. Learn basic video editing techniques such as adding titles, transitions, narration, or music.



CLASSES WITH JOHN HOJEK

These classes last four hours and cover the topics more thoroughly than our regular classes. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intro to Microsoft Word

Saturday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m.

Advanced Microsoft Word

Saturday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m.

Intro to Email

Friday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.

Fall 2010—Children's Programs

STORY TIME!

◀ PRESCHOOL STORY TIME (AGES 4-5)

Choose **one** day/time:

Mondays, 10-10:45 a.m. 1-1:45 p.m.

Session I: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11 & 18

Session II: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 & Dec. 6

Thursdays, 10-10:45 a.m. 1-1:45 p.m.

Session I: Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14 & 21

Session II: Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2 & 9

◀ TODDLER TIME (AGES 2-3 WITH CAREGIVER)

Choose **one** day:

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session I: Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12 & 19

Session II: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, & Dec. 7

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session I: Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13 & 20

Session II: Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 & 8

◀ WEE ONES (AGE INFANT TO 23 MONTHS WITH CAREGIVER)

Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session I: Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Session II: Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3 & 10

◀ Girls Night Out (ages 7 & up)

3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.: Sept. 15,
Oct. 20, Nov. 17 & Dec. 15

Have a blast creating something Miss Bethann has dreamed up. Not to be missed!



◀ Homeschool Huddle

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: Sept. 7, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 & Dec. 14

Homeschool parents and children meet to network.

◀ HeART (age 9 & up)

4th Mondays, 4:30 p.m.: Sept. 27, Oct. 25 & Nov. 22

Does your heart go pitter pat for art? Come enjoy Miss April's projects.



◀ Curious Cartooning (ages 9 & up)

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m.

Learn about cartooning and draw your own cartoons.

◀ Get Booked (able to read book)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.: Oct. 18 & Nov. 15

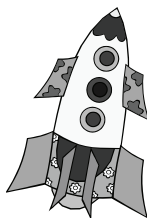
Enjoy reading a chosen science fiction or fantasy book and having fun with Miss April talking about it.

◀ G.R.O.S.S. (Get Rid Of

Slimy girl) (boys ages 7 & up)

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.: Sept. 9,
Oct. 14, & Nov. 11

Can you handle a night just for guys? Participate in "all guy" activities like rocket launching and being a medieval knight.



◀ Don't "Myth" This! (3rd grade & up)

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.: Sept. 11,
Oct. 9 & Nov. 6

Take a voyage around the world and explore the myths of other cultures. Unearth these myths from different regions through stories, games and crafts.

◀ PJ Drop-in Story Time (all ages)

2nd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.: Sept. 13,
Oct. 11, Nov. 8 & Dec. 13

Get dressed in your pajamas and bring your favorite pillow to listen to stories.

◀ Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, 10 a.m.: Sept. 25, Oct. 23 &
Nov. 20

Stop by with dad for stories and fun.

◀ Teen Ink (ages 9 & up)

2nd Mondays, 4:30 p.m.: Sept.
13, Oct. 11 & Nov. 8

Bring your own writing to work on with Miss April.



◀ Chess Nights (ages 7 & up)

2nd Mondays, 7 p.m.: Sept. 13, Oct. 11,
Nov. 8 & Dec. 13

Enjoy playing chess with friends or meet some new friends who also enjoy the game. Beginners welcome.

◀ Adventure Club: Tall Tales

(ages 6-8)

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m.: Sept. 14, 21,
28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, Nov. 2, 9, & 16

Snack, craft and have fun as you learn about tall tales from America's past.

◀ Ramona Party (ages 6 & up)

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m.

Enjoy fun Ramona Quimby style!

◀ Scary Story Night (ages 9 & up)

Thursday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Be thrilled and chilled at this story night!

◀ Hogwarts Celebration

(ages 9 & up)

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Escape from the world of Muggles for a night.



◀ Readers' Theater (ages 8 & up)

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Nov. 23, 30 & Dec. 7

Budding actors star in a play where they can read their lines.

◀ Fairy Princess Party (ages 5-6)

Monday, Nov. 29, 4 p.m.

Dress up and come to this special program with Miss April.



Registration required for programs. Call 708-672-8017 to register.

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Jane Schulten

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

Friends of the Crete Public Library

The next Friends meeting will be the **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm.** All are welcome! The Friends are looking for...

BOOK SALE COORDINATORS
COOKIE SALE BAKERS
NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Interested? Call Rich Beil 672-9602 or Jackie Amati 672-7801.

Crete Library Foundation

The next Foundation meeting will be Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Commemorative Garden Pavers

- ◆ *In Memory of Rosemary Kreuzer*
Given by Mary Kreuzer
- ◆ *In honor of Joyce Frazzini*
Given by Judy Richert

Library Board Vacancy

The Crete Public Library District's Board of Trustees has accepted with regret the resignation of Trustee Karen Daugherty. Karen and husband Jim are moving to Colorado to be closer to family. Her experience as a school librarian and her love of libraries will be missed.

Looking for a way to get involved with your community? Library District residents interested in serving the remainder of Karen's unexpired term are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to Board President Patricia T. Kelly, c/o Crete Public Library District, 1177 N. Main St., Crete, IL 60417 by October 20, 2010. The candidate appointed to the open position will hold the office until the April 2011 Public Library Trustee Elections. At that time, they may choose to step down or to run for a four-year term.

The Board of Trustees meets once a month on the third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. There are occasionally other community meetings, events or trustee workshops to attend. Board responsibilities include policy-making, long-range planning, financial oversight and community relations. Information on being a library trustee is available at the Circulation Desk or online at www.cretelibrary.org (click on "Board of Trustees").

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale! Sat., Nov. 13, 2010 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Donations, Gifts and Memorials

- ◆ Three children's books
Donated by Louise Dergantz
- ◆ *In Memory of Angelo Juarez*
Donated by Wayne E. &
Donna M. Harshaw

PARDON OUR DUST!

The Crete Public Library has a couple of exterior projects underway this month.

Repairs and seal coating of the parking lot and the painting of the exterior ironwork will both take place in the coming weeks.



If you need accommodations for a disability for any library program, please contact: Crete Public Library, 1177 N. Main St., Crete, IL, 60417, (708) 672-8017 at least five working days prior to the scheduled event.

