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SUMMER Reading 2011

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The library completed its month-long *Share the Secret* promotion in April. Several patrons won our grand prizes for referring their friends to get a library card: B&N Nook eReader—Shirley Sopko; iPod Nano—Gabriel McEachern; MP3 Players—Emily Patterson, Justin Marma; Digital Camera—James Clay III. Overall, there were **75 new library cards** issued in April. Thanks for your participation!

The library is seeking community input as they begin the process of renovating its public spaces. It has been 20 years since the library was designed and 15 years since the building opened. The facility is in good physical condition except for the carpeting, which has been an ongoing issue and a growing liability. Because replacing the carpeting will require everything to be moved at some point, it is a good time to determine what materials and services our patrons want and an opportunity to evaluate how our library will be used in the 21st century.

The library is conducting a survey to gather this information from Crete residents. Whether you use the library once a day or once a year, we would like your feedback!

There are a number of options for taking the survey - paper copies are available at any public service desk to be completed and returned, or you may take it directly online (or print it out to complete and return) at www.cretelibrary.org. The survey will run through June 30.



Children



TEENS



Adult

Where else can you visit all the corners of the world in just one place but your local library? Join CPLD's Summer Reading Program this summer and travel around the globe with the different themes for children, teens, and adults, plus win lots of prizes.

The Children's Department theme this year is **One World,**

Many Stories. When you sign up, you will be given a log book in which you can record the books you read. Starting June 13, participants can return their log book to enter weekly drawings and to spin the wheel to win a prize.

In addition, the Children's Department will have weekly contest sheets for various age groups. Complete the sheet four times to receive a ticket to win a digital camera. Other chances to win prizes throughout the program, as well and related programs are scheduled weekly (see page 3).

Adults, with the **Novel Destinations** theme, and teens, with the **You Are Here** theme, can also participate in the summer reading program. Each group will have a chance at weekly prizes as well as a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer. The first week adults and teens can return for prizes will be June 20. Look for travel-themed programs for adults/teens, too (see page 2).

Snapshot
One Day in the Life of
ILLINOIS LIBRARIES

In Just One Day...

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011 libraries across Illinois participated in the Illinois Library Association's "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Your Library" by collecting statistics during a typical library day.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CRETE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Customer Visits/Door Count: **497**
(including 150 students & parents for Battle of the Books)

Material Circulation: **1168**
(check-outs, check-ins & renewals)

Public Computer/Internet Use : **88**
(including 3 wi-fi users per hour)

Reference Questions: **26**

Materials Requested (Holds): **46**

Interlibrary Loan Materials: **84 in/57 out**

Phone calls: **71**

Copy Machine Use (downstairs): **15**

Tax Form Pick-up: **15**

Technical Assistance: **15**
(computers, printers/copiers, etc.)

Programs: **8** adults for a computer class

Tutoring Sessions: **3**

Fax Machine Use: **2**

Voter Registration: **1**

Notary Public: **1**

Thank you to our Volunteers: Jackie Amati, Gregg Pero, Joyce Egdorf, Judi Boehner, Pat Kelly, Mardie Tuttle, Rich Beil & Kathy Beil.

Adult/Teen Summer Programs

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

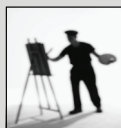
Acrylic Painting Workshops

Tuesdays, June 21 & Aug. 16, 10 am

Everyone's got talent! Tap into yours and come away with your own artistic creation.

\$20 materials fee/class.

Registration required.



AARP Driver Safety Class

August 25 & 26, 9 am-1 pm

Review the *Rules of the Road* and earn a certificate that could qualify you for auto insurance discounts. This is a 2-day course; participants **must** attend both classes. **\$14 fee; \$12-AARP members. Registration required.**

Machu Picchu: Lost

City of the Incas

Saturday, July 16, 11 am

After his successful Frank Lloyd Wright program this spring, Jeff Mischur returns to the library to take you on a journey to Peru's famous Machu Picchu.

Geocaching Basics

TBD

Geocaching? That's right—search for treasure with your GPS. Learn how at this fun program, currently in the works. Call back for date/time.

Film Club

Third Thursdays, 6:15 pm

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, 6:30 p.m.

Join CRAVE (CRete Area Voracious Eaters!), the library's new 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, 7 p.m.

Come to the library to work on any knitting, crocheting, sewing or other needlework project with friends. Everyone welcome.

Book Discussion Group

Book Club is on hiatus until September. New members always welcome. Books available at the Reference Desk.

Sept. 12: *One Amazing Thing*,
by Chitra Divakaruni

For Teens 'n Tweens

Dr. Who Night

Thursday, June 30, 5-7 pm

Watch episodes of the hit TV series and make your own model TARDIS.

Teens 'n Tweens After Hours

Friday, Aug. 5, 5-7 pm

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

Bollywood Night

Wednesday, July 27, 5pm

Enjoy Indian snacks, watch clips from Bollywood films, try on saris and get a temporary henna tattoo. Call soon for more info.

LAN Party (ages 14 & older)

Friday, June 17, 5-8 pm

Bring a laptop and join in multiplayer games like Diablo or Age of Empires. No laptop? Play our Wii or XBOX.

Rent Sing-a-long

Tuesday, July 12, 2:30-5 pm

Enjoy singing outloud with musicals? Join your friends for an outlandish cinematic experience!

Teen Ink (ages 13 & older)

Monday, August 15, 4:30 pm

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

Computer Classes

Classes are filled on the day of the class on a first-come, first-served basis, starting a half hour before the class. Numbers will be drawn if more than 9 people are waiting at that time.

Introduction to Computers

July 13, 11 am or 5 pm

Learn the very basics of using a computer.

Internet Basics

July 20, 11 am or 5 pm

Learn how to use the internet to find info.

Internet Tools

July 27, 11 am or 5 pm

Surf the internet with search engines.

Classes may be created based on interest, so please let us know what you want to learn.

Computer Assistance

Make an appointment for a private/semi-private session with a library staff member on other topics, such as email or online research. Available Tues./Thurs. 4:30-6:30.



Elizabeth Seeskin

New Staff Join CPLD

CPL is pleased to welcome a couple of new hires. Elizabeth Seeskin joined the Adult Services Dept. as a reference librarian. She completed her MLIS in May at Dominican University in River Forest and previously worked at the Stickney-Forest View Public Library. She currently resides in Harwood Heights.

Jan White was recently hired as a circulation assistant in the Circulation Dept. Jan has been living in Crete with her husband for 33 years and retired from AT&T. They have two sons and one grandchild.

Coffee Connection completes ninth year

Congratulations to Crete-Monee High School students Nicole Holliday (Student Manager), Brooke Falk, Veronica Jackson, Jesse Hernandez, Kasheena Newell, Joey Colletti and Ronald Regulus who participated in the library's Coffee Connection work study program this year. The coffee shop located on the second floor of the library completed its **ninth** year of service this spring with seven students working either at the shop or at school serving coffee and other beverages.

The Coffee Connection is self-sustaining, covering equipment and supplies as well as parties and rewards for the students. Thanks to CM201U job coach Brigitte Calgaro and to staff, patrons, teachers, and all our many regular customers who made it a great year!



The 2010-11 Coffee Connection students.

Children's Services

MAIN EVENTS

The Smarty Pants

Big Balloon Show (all ages)

Thursday, June 16, 2 pm

Features magic, slapstick comedy and Smarty's award-winning, world's biggest balloon props in a laugh-out-loud show.

Paint the Parking Lot (all ages)

Tuesday, June 21, 10:30 am

Grab some paint and go to town painting the library's parking lot.

ME4E (ages 5-8)

Thursday, June 23, 2 pm

Geography has never been so fun! Play Continent Twister, Where Do I Live?, and Pen Pal Mystery.

ME4E (ages 9 & up)

Thursday, July 7, 2 pm

A "How do I get there?" program. A GPS and a compass can help you get anywhere in the world if you know how to use them.

Frisbee Guy (ages 4 & up)

Wednesday, June 29, 10 am

A demonstration of skills by 1995 world free-style champion Gary Auerbach.

RECURRING EVENTS

Family Storytime (all ages)

Tuesdays, 10 am: June 14-July 26
Thursdays, 7 pm: June 16-July 28

A weekly drop-in storytime for the toddlers & preschoolers.

One World, Many Colors (ages 4-5)

Thursdays, 10:30 am: June 16-30, July 14-28

Sing, read stories, and do crafts from a different country every week.

Away We Go Family Fun (ages 4 & up)

Fridays, 10 am: June 17-July 1, July 15-29

Play outside games and make a project. Snacks provided and parents welcome.

Project Wildlife (ages 6-8)

Wednesdays, 2 pm: June 15-29

Travel around the world to different biomes—Desert, Tundra, Caves & Rainforest—to learn about plants, animals and environment with games, activities, crafts and snacks.

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

Frog Lady (ages 4 & up)

Wednesday, July 6, 10 am

Get up close and personal with strange and cool frogs and turtles.

Holly the Therapy Dog

Animals for Awareness (all ages)

Thursday, July 14, 6:30 pm

Learn the importance of thinking before buying/adopting a pet. Also, learn how to approach wildlife and stray domestics.

Discover the Depths (ages 6 & up)

Tuesday, July 19, 1 pm

Learn about Great White Sharks, including social and natural behaviors, and view diving equipment up close.

Spoonman (ages 4 & up)

Monday, July 25, 2 pm

A hilarious, interactive comedy program complete with sing-a-long competition.



Holly the Therapy Dog (ability to read)

Mondays, August 1-15, 10:30 am

Sit and read to Holly for 15 minutes.

Pinball Wizard (ages 7 & up)

Tuesday, August 9, 11 am

Be part of a human pinball game and make your own game to take home.

Bubble Night (all ages)

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm

Make all kinds of bubble fun outside.



Incredible Bats (ages 6 & up)

Wednesday, August 16, 2 pm

Naturalist Sharon Peterson will provide a multimedia presentation about bats of the world and will bring a live Egyptian Fruit Bat.

Registration required for most programs and begins June 1 for June programs and June 26 for July programs. CPL library cardholders given priority.

Girl Talk (ages 7-8)

Friday, 11:30 am: June 17 & July 8

A book club for girls. Read *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker in June. Do some fun girl stuff. Books available for checkout.

Book Sharks (ages 7-8)

Thursdays, 4 pm: June 30 & July 28

A book club for boys. Read *The Secret Knowledge of Grown-ups* by David Wisniewski in June. Join the discussion & have snacks. Books available for checkout.

Great Art Adventure (ages 9 & up)

Mondays, 3:30 pm: June 13-27

Create your own work as you are introduced to art techniques from different countries.

Eat, Rap, Comeback (ages 9 & up)

Tues., 11:30 am: June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26

Share what you liked about any book you've read. Includes snacks and activities.

Yu-Gi-Oh/Wii (ages)

Every Tuesday, June 14-July 26
Yu-Gi-Oh @ 1 pm; Wii @ 2 pm

Bring your cards or play Wii on the big screen.

Cooking Thru the Continents (ages 6-8)

Wednesdays, 1 pm: July 13-27

Try some crazy food games and sample dishes from *What They Ate: The Weird History of Food*, by Richard Platt.

Art Journals (ages 9 & up)

Mondays, 3:30 pm: July 11-25

Create your own art journal to record your own story through design and personal thoughts.

Chess Nights with John (ages 7 & up)

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.: June 13 & July 11

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



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

Friends of the Crete Public Library

The Friends made almost \$1300 at their Spring Book Sale. Please stop by the Friends' booth at the Crete Woman's Club Garden Walk on June 22 & 23. The Friends will be selling used garden books at great prices!

The next Friends meeting will be Tuesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m..

Crete Library Foundation

This past year, the Foundation provided sponsorship for the Fall Family Fun Fest and donated \$1000 to support local students participating in the Odyssey of the Mind academic competition.

The next Foundation meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Commemorative Garden Pavers

- ◆ *In Gratitude to John Stoll*
Given by the SMHEC

Donations, Gifts and Memorials

- ◆ *In Memory of Alf Bedgood*
Donated by Pat & Stewart Edmunds
- ◆ *In Memory of Lee Eugene*
Donated by Jim & Mary Rambeaux

Ebooks, ereaders, egads!

CPL is now checking out two Barnes & Noble Nooks and a Sony Reader, as well as ebooks and audiobooks through out MyMediaMall subscription services. Stop at the Reference Desk for more information. Keep on the cutting edge of technology. Demonstration the week of July 11.



Trustee News

The April 5 Consolidated Elections returned incumbent **Matt Warren** and added two newcomers Judi Boehner and Georgia Polak Sizemore to the Library Board. On April 20 out-going Library Board President Pat Kelly and Trustee **Jim Hunt** were recognized and thanked for their service to the library.

Trustee **Pat Kelly** was originally appointed to the Library Board in June 1998 and during her 13 years as Trustee served loyally as Board Secretary, Vice-President and President. She will continue her involvement with the Crete Public Library as a director on the Crete Library Foundation and as a community member of the library's Re-Design Team.

Newly elected to the Board of Library Trustees are Judi Boehner and Georgia Sizemore. **Judi Boehner** and husband Jim have lived in Crete more than 38 years. They are the parents of two daughters, Becky and Katie, and have one granddaughter. Judi was Head of Circulation Services at Crete Public Library for 16 years before retiring in 2003. "I truly care about the future of the Crete Public Library and consider it a privilege to represent its interests, be a part of its growth and ensure its distinguished future."

Georgia Polak Sizemore is married to artist Charles Sizemore. She has two children, Scott and Emily, and one granddaughter. Georgia was a long-time middle school teacher in Crete-Monee 201U and brings experience in developing reading skills to the Board. "I was recently reminded that the public library is the venue for our inherent constitutional rights. As a retired schoolteacher I have a strong on-going need to see people read freely, to access and use the printed word!"

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