

The Library BUZZzz...

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Library Hours

Mon—Thurs
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fri and Sat
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Locations

121 E. 8th Street
Lockport

1298 Theodore St.
Crest Hill

Spirit of the Eagle Native American History and Artifact Shows

Our presenter, Jon Jordan, will bring Native American History to life! Participants will touch and see many authentic pieces of the Lakota people who inhabited the northern plains. Learn about the buffalo, see their skins, stomachs, and bones. Don't miss this presentation!

Lockport Branch: Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m

Crest Hill Branch: Saturday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m. At Crest Hill, please bring a blanket, because the event will be held outside in the courtyard if weather permits! We will move inside at Crest Hill if it rains. No registration. Everyone is welcome. For children and adults!

October

Readers Theater

Starts Oct. 9, Lockport

Attention kids ages 8 and up!

If you are interested in acting, Readers Theater is for you! Small groups meet weekly to read a script and "Act It Out". Register now at the Lockport Children's Services Desk. Readers Theater will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23 & 30. The last week is an informal performance for family and friends. Call 815-838-0755 to sign up or find out more!

Fall Family Fun Nights in Lockport & Crest Hill

For families looking for a fun and no-cost night out together, come to one of our Fall Family Fun Nights, held after-hours at the Library. We will make a craft, read stories, and eat some tasty snacks.

At Lockport Branch Library: Fri., October 3 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

At Crest Hill Branch Library: Fri., October 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fancy Nancy Parties — Sat. November 1

For kids who love to dress up, our Fancy Nancy parties will celebrate the books by Jane O'Connor and the joys of being "fancy." Come dressed up if you'd like (it's the day after Halloween, so there might be a spare boa or two around). We'll have lovely tea sandwiches and goodies. Ages 5 and up. Please register in person or by phone.

Crest Hill: Sat., November 1 from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.;

Lockport: Sat., November 1 from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Readers Theater is coming to Crest Hill in November!

**Mondays after school
from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
on November 3, 10, 17,
24. Registration starts
October 1. Ages 8+.**

Build a Scarecrow at Crest Hill

Thursday, October 9, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Kids, we need your help to build a scarecrow for the Courtyard at the Crest Hill Branch Library. We'll supply the straw and everything you'll need. You supply the creativity. We'll divide into teams to build the life-size scarecrow that grace our outdoor area. Please dress for the weather! If weather is rainy, we will re-schedule. Register now! 815-725-0234. Ages 6 and up.

Homework Help & Tutoring

Children in grades K to 8 who need extra help with their reading and math homework can find that help at the library! We are pleased to offer a drop-in Homework Help tutor at **Crest Hill** on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The only requirement is that the child have a homework assignment with them. At **Lockport**, we have a tutor available by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Currently, there is a waiting list at the Lockport location. There is no charge for these services, because they are provided by a grant through the America Reads/America Counts program sponsored by Joliet Junior College and St. Francis University.

Pumpkin Painting for Tweens

Thursday, October 16 at Crest Hill from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Limited to the first 15 tweens who register (ages 9 to 12). You'll get a pumpkin to paint and decorate. All work will be done outside in the Crest Hill Branch courtyard. Your finished work will go on display for 10 days, and then you'll get to take it home! Dress for the weather and for the paint! Call or stop by to register at the Children's Services Desk. 815-725-0234.

Register for the Second Fall Session of Story Time, Toddler Time, and Terrific Twos

Registration for the second six-week session of Story Time, Toddler Time, and Terrific Twos begins **Monday, October 6**. Story Times meet weekly for six weeks beginning the week of October 27, 2008. There is no charge for the Toddler Time and Terrific Two programs. A one-time \$5.00 craft fee (\$10.00 for non-residents) is charged for Story Time, which covers the entire 6-week session. Please see our website for the schedule or call Children's Services.

Fun With Phonics

Sign up your Kindergartener for this fun review of sounds, letters, and phonics — presented by a certified teacher/reading specialist. The two-part program meets Wednesday afternoons, **October 8 and 15, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Crest Hill Community Room.

Call 815-725-0234 to register.

Scary Stories for Halloween!

You're looking for that scary story -- just right for Halloween. But what do you choose? You can try one of the series by R. L. Stine like "Fear Street," "Goosebumps," or "Mostly Ghostly." Or maybe the "Scream Shop" series by Tracey West. These would be ghost stories for that dark and spooky night.

But a series seems a bit daunting. How about an extraordinarily scary tale? Try *The Dollhouse Murders* by Wright. Two sisters find the answer to a brutal murder in a dollhouse. Or try *House on Hackman's Hill* by Joan Lowery Nixon. Another favorite that has spooked out readers for some time is *The House with a Clock in its Walls* by Bellairs. A boy goes on a search for a clock that will end the world. Star Wars fans will love John Whitman's story of the mysterious disappearance of one person after another in *Eaten Alive*.

If you want a writer of good ghost stories or good horror, check out Mary Downing Hahn or Margaret Mahy. Hahn's book *Wait Till Helen Comes* is a true ghost story, which will stand your hair on end. And don't forget perennial favorite Edgar Allan Poe. Check out his *Weird Tales* and *Purloined Letter*.