

The Library BUZZ...

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Meet the Lincolns on March 7

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1809. To commemorate this important occasion, we are pleased to host the historical impersonators, Michael Krebs and Debra Miller, on Saturday, March 7, at both of our branches. Krebs and Miller are also making two special appearances at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield on February 12 and 13, but you don't have to travel to our state capital for the same experience. So, mark your calendars for March 7 and meet Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln @ your library! For all ages. Bring the grandparents, too!

No registration. Everyone is welcome.

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

Alice in Wonderland Happy Un-Birthday Parties

Just like Alice, you will find out that celebrating your birthday can happen any day of the year. So, we have picked President's Day to celebrate everyone's birthday. All ages. Registration is required.

Lockport and Crest Hill Branches — Monday, February 16 from 1:00-2:00

More Computers, Educational Games

The computer lab in Children's Services at our Lockport branch is being expanded — both in the number of computers and in the type of software available. Eight computers with Microsoft Office, new educational games including *Kids Keys* (a keyboarding skills game), *Geo-Cycle* (a geography game), *The House is Bugged* (an interactive science experience), and *Curious George Paint and Print* for little desktop artists will be ready soon. All children through grade 8 are welcome to use these computers to play games, do their homework and surf our selected-site Internet portal designed specifically to keep kids safe on the Web. No user agreements or library cards needed. A printer is available at a cost of 20 cents/page.

Readers Theater at Lockport and Crest Hill

If you have a flair for the dramatic and are at least 8-years-old, join a Readers Theater group @ the library. In Crest Hill, it meets on Mondays after school from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The next session in Crest Hill is February 2, 9, 16, and 23. In Lockport, Readers Theater meets on Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sign up now at the library or call the Children's Services Desk.

Monthly Programs

Lego Group — For kids who like to build, here's a group that meets monthly. Finished work goes on display for one month at the library.

Lockport: Tuesday, February 3, from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Crest Hill: Tuesday, February 24, from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Recommended for ages 7 and up. Please register.

Wii Sports for Kids — For kids, ages 7 and up. Play Wii Sports with other kids who love to play. Please register at the Children's Services desks.

Lockport: Wednesday, February 11 from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Crest Hill: Wednesday, February 18 from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Note, starting in March, this program will move to Fridays, after school from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Mark you calendars for March 6 in Lockport and March 20 in Crest Hill.

Tween Crafts for 9 to 12-year-olds — A different craft each month geared for kids in upper elementary and middle school. In February, it's Chocolate Fever. You'll paint with chocolate, learn about chocolate themed books, play a "guess the candy bar" game, and make chocolate scented play dough. For ages 9 to 12.

Lockport: Tuesday, February 17 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Crest Hill: Thursday, February 12, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Call or stop by to register at the Children's Services Desk.

In March, we'll make Origami boxes!

Storm Chasers Programs

Do you enjoy the TV show **Storm Chasers**? Are you interested in learning more? Join veteran storm chaser Eddy Weiss of Chasing 4 Life as he shares stories from his life as a storm chaser and researcher. The program is FREE and no registration is required. **For adults and children ages 8+.**

Crest Hill

Thursday, February 19

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lockport

Monday, February 23

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Note, a special Storm Chasers Program for **preschoolers** accompanied by an adult will be presented at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, February 23 in the Lockport community room immediately before the 7:00 p.m. program. No registration for either.

WINTER Story Times -

Toddler Times - Terrific 2s

The six-week sessions of Winter Story Times run from the first week of February through March 13. If you haven't signed up, but want your child to participate, please call the library — there are still some openings! The Toddler Time and Terrific Two programs are free of charge, but we do ask for a one-time \$5.00 craft fee (\$10.00 for non-residents) for Story Time, which covers the entire 6-week session. The program schedule is as follows:

Lockport Branch

- **Story Times** for 3-to 6-year-olds: Mon. @ 6:30 p.m.; Tues. @ 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Wed. @ 10:00 a.m.
- **Terrific Twos** (24-36 months): Mon. @ 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Toddler Time** (A lap-sit for children 3 mos.—36 mos. accompanied by a parent/caregiver): Thurs. @ 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.; Fri. @ 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Crest Hill Branch

- **Story Time** for 3- to 6-year-olds: Mondays @ 6:00 p.m.; Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- **Toddler Time** (A lap-sit for children 3 mos.—36 mos. accompanied by a parent/caregiver): Tues. @ 9:15 a.m. and Wed. @ 10:00 a.m.

Drop-In Saturday Morning Story Time at Crest Hill

On the last Saturday of every month, come to the Crest Hill Branch for a story time at 10:30 a.m. No fee, no registration. For ages 3 and up. Feb. 28 & March 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.