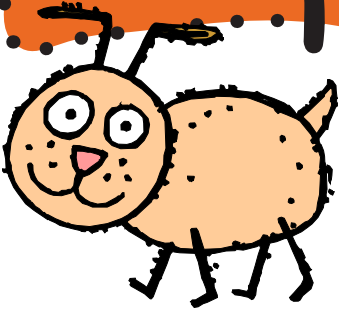


Plum Jam

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What's New in Youth Services?

The *Plum Jam* has a new look! You'll find details about upcoming programs and events in this program guide, now published bimonthly. Plan to pick up the current edition when you visit the Library. Online program updates are also available on our blog at helenplumyouth.blogspot.com.

Youth Services Program Guide

A note about programs...

DROP-IN EVENTS:

All are welcome!
No registration, ticket, or library card required!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Present the child's valid **Plum Library Card** at Youth Services to register.

TICKETS

REQUIRED:

Present a valid **Plum Library Card** at Youth Services for free tickets.

If available, free tickets will be offered to the general public beginning one week prior to the event.

Helen M. Plum Memorial Library

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Drop-in Events

Stories to Grow On

Fall Drop-in Family Storytimes

Monday Evenings

continuing through **October 20**

7-7:30 PM

or

Thursday Mornings

continuing through **October 23**

10-10:30 AM

Join us this fall for stories, songs, and fun at our drop-in family storytimes for children of all ages! Come for one week or join us every week, but don't miss the fun. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at these storytimes. **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

Tempted by Twilight

All ages; for fans of Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Saga

Thursday, November 20

6:30-8:30 PM

Have you been bitten by Twilight? Are you dreaming of Edward and Bella on the big screen? The wait is almost over! Join us for a pre-movie count down event before you get in line at the theater. Try some vampire treats, take a stab at *Twilight* trivia, and more. Come dressed as your favorite character if you'd like! **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

Dino Days

All ages

Monday - Friday, November 10-14

Calling all young dinosaur lovers! Stomp by the Library and join the dino-fun. We'll have drop-in activities for you to enjoy all week long. Play the dino-game for a chance to win a dino-mite prize! Name your very own pet dino, then check out some dinosaur books. If you are ready for more prehistoric adventures, mark your calendars for our Dino Dig storytimes on Tuesday or Wednesday at 10 AM. Dino Days might just make you want to ROAR! **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

Dino Dig

Drop-in Family Storytime & Activity

Tuesday, November 11

10 AM

or

Wednesday, November 12

10 AM

We are going on a dinosaur hunt! We'll share dinosaur stories, sing dinosaur songs, and even have a special dinosaur dig that you can do, too! All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at these programs. **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

More Drop-in Events

Celebrate the Day

Drop-in Story and Craft Days

Halloween

Monday, October 27

7-8 PM

Tuesday, October 28

10-11 AM

Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 25

10-11 AM

We'll share a seasonal story at the beginning of the hour, then have everything you need to make a holiday craft after the story. Plan to come for just the story, just the craft, or both. It's up to you! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Trick-or-Treat!

Friday, October 31

All day in Youth Services

We can't wait to see who finds their way to the Library this year on Halloween. Kids who come in costume will receive a special treat!

Kids Vote, Too!

Tuesday, November 4

All ages under 18, in Youth Services

9 AM-7 PM

If you could vote today, who would be your choice for President of the United States of America? Cast your vote in our mock election. We'll share the results from our kids' poll as soon as we've counted all the votes!

Movie Mania

Drop-in Family Movie Days

Youth Services will feature family films on the Plum Auditorium large screen. Snacks will be provided, so bring the kids and enjoy the show. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Saturday, October 11

2 PM

Sleeping Beauty (G)

Will Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather, be able to keep Princess Aurora hidden from the evil Maleficent? Will Prince Philip discover the true identity of Briar Rose? Join us for the re-release of this classic animated Disney film.

Saturday, November 22

2 PM

WALL•E (G)

What if one robot was left working on Earth after every human had moved on? WALL•E keeps doing the tasks he was built to perform for hundreds of years. His adventure begins when he meets a search robot named EVE, sent back to determine if the planet can support life.

Friday, November 28

1 PM

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G)

Abigail Breslin stars as Kit, a 10 year-old girl growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, during the Great Depression. Based on the *American Girls* series, Kit dreams of one day becoming a newspaper reporter. Plan to take a break during the busiest shopping day of the year and enjoy this family movie.

Registered Programs

Book Trek

Grades 2 & 3

Wednesdays, October 29, November 5, 12, & 19

4-4:30 PM

Registration begins **October 4**

Book Trekkers will "travel" to a different continent each week to experience a new country through stories, games, maps, and activities.



Fortunate Readers

Birth - Grade 8

Ongoing registration; Reading rewards can be earned through **May 23, 2009**

This fun school-year program offers children of all ages an opportunity to earn paperback books and embroidered patches when they meet reading goals for their age and grade level. Reading activities are self-paced and are completed independently. Children earn rewards for each reading sheet they complete. Even the youngest babies and toddlers can participate when parents, grandparents, siblings or caregivers join in the reading activities we've selected for our early learners!

To sign up, bring the child's **Plum Library Card** to Youth Services and get started on your reading challenges and choices. Reading levels include:

Read-With-Me (Birth-K)

Beginning Readers (Grades 1-2)

Chapter Books (Grades 3-8)

This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library*.

Ticketed Performances

It's Halloween! with Storyteller Linda Gorham

Families with children ages 3 and up

Free Tickets beginning **October 4**

Event: **Friday, October 24 at 7 PM**

Get ready to chant, get ready to move, get ready for some scary and silly fun when professional storyteller Linda Gorham presents ghostly stories for all ages. You'll hear tales that will make you cringe and tales to tickle your funny bone. Nationally known, award-winning speaker and storyteller, Linda inspires her audiences by using movement, humor, and sometimes zaniness as she tells imaginative folktales and personal tales updated with "attitude." Linda is a contributor to *Telling Stories to Children*, published by the Storytelling Network. Her CD, *Common Sense and Uncommon Fun*, has won four National Awards, including a Parents' Choice award. **TICKETS REQUIRED**



Jeanie B!

Families with children of all ages

Free Tickets beginning **October 25**

Event: **Friday, November 14 at 7 PM**

Jeanie B! is on a roll ... a rock 'n' roll, that is! She is a recent recipient of a Parents' Choice Recommended Award and a Parent to Parent Adding Wisdom Award for her CD *Mommy Knows Best*, which includes "The World is a Wonderful Place," voted Best Children's song of 2007 by The Children's Music Web Awards. Jeanie B! is frequently featured on Satellite radio network XM Kids. Here is your chance to see her in person!

TICKETS REQUIRED

Dave Herzog's Marionettes

Families with children of all ages

Free Tickets beginning **November 22**

Event: **Friday, December 12 at 7 PM**

Blast off for an intergalactic adventure with ZORK, Captain of the Starship Puppetron, to boldly go where no puppet has gone before! Professional puppeteer Dave Herzog, well known to audiences throughout the Chicagoland area, is a frequent performer at Chicago's Navy Pier and a popular guest at schools, libraries, fairs and festivals. He has handcrafted all of the beautiful marionettes used in his more than 350 performances each year. Join us for *Stringing on a Star*, an outer space adventure featuring Dave's newest puppet creations.

TICKETS REQUIRED

Once-a-Month Programs

Second Childhood

for Grandparents with grandchildren

October 6 & November 3

10-11 AM

first Monday of every month

Are you a grandparent caring for a grandchild? This informal program offers you an opportunity to meet other grandparents in the community while the grandchildren play with toys we provide. Bring your grandchild for this fun playtime session and join other grandparents who are also caring for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*



Knit One, Stitch Too!

All ages,

children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult

October 7 & November 4

6:30-8:30 PM

first Tuesday of every month

Bring your own knitting, crochet, needlepoint, or other handicraft project to work on with fellow crafters. Join this welcoming group for coffee, snacks, and good conversation. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Drop-in Chess for Kids

Chess players in grades 1-8

October 3 & November 7

1-3 PM

first Friday of every month

If you already know how to play and want to get more practice, drop-in and join us! This afternoon activity is ideal for homeschoolers and students who have a “no school” day. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Raving Readers

Grades 4-6

6-7:30 PM

third Tuesday of every month

October 21

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

November 18

The Ordinary Princess by M. M. Kaye

We provide light snacks and an opportunity for you to talk about a different book each month. You don't need to sign up to attend, just read the book before we meet, then come prepared to share your thoughts about the story. We've made arrangements to have additional copies of each month's book available at the Plum Library check-out desk. If you're ready to read, ask for the current *Raving Readers* book the next time you come to the Library! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Graphic Novel Club

Grades 6-8

October 28 & November 25

7-8 PM

fourth Tuesday of every month

Do you love the stories? The artwork? Do you have a favorite author or series? This is your chance to share what you've been reading and discover more about graphic novels. You can even show off your own artistic skills and comic abilities! Bring your favorite manga, comic, or graphic novel to share with the group. Snacks will be provided, just drop-in and join us!

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Wii™ Got the Beat!

Grades 2 & up

Saturday, October 18 & Saturday, November 15

2-3 PM

Drop-in Game Days

Rock out with Guitar Hero 3! Show off your dance moves with DDR! Compete with your friends on the Wii™! Players of all skill levels are welcome, so drop in and join us. Games will vary based on the interests of the players attending. All are welcome. You can even plan to bring a friend! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*