

Plum Jam

April/May 2010

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Early
Start

Reading Road Trip

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.
Registration by
phone accepted
after the first day.

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 Plum Library

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Birth-Preschool

Registration begins Monday, May 3

Calling all parents! The Plum Library **Reading Road Trip** begins this summer, and babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can "hit the road" early for this 2010 summer reading adventure. Even if your little ones aren't reading on their own, we encourage your participation. We have suggestions for a variety of early literacy activities you can share with your child. Summer reading is self-paced and independent, and we are giving you a head start so you will have plenty of time to reach your reward levels. When you register in Youth Services, we will give you a **Reading Road Trip** log, and you'll be on your way! Rewards can be earned through August 8. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

School-age children can register beginning June 5.

Design a Mouse Pad

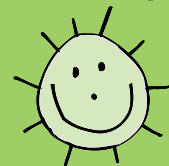
All Ages through Grade 8

April 1-30

We are going to take a **Reading Road Trip** this summer and we are looking for bright and colorful original artwork with a travel theme! Winning entries will be used to create new mouse pad designs for the Library. Stop by Youth Services or check our blog beginning April 1 for more details. We'll give you contest rules and tips for creating designs that will work well. You can create your entry at home or use supplies we provide at the Library. Winning designs will be announced during Children's Book Week, May 10-16. We will feature the selected artwork on new mouse pads in Youth Services!

Your artwork

could be on a
mouse pad!



Registered Programs: Please Sign-Up!

Spring Storytimes

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

March 30 - April 30 (5 weeks)

Registration began Saturday, March 13.

Space is limited in these popular storytimes, but some sessions may still have openings. Please check with Youth Services for available dates. Children age 3 may be registered for either Littlest or Preschool Storytime. *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

Littlest Storytime

Birth to age 3, with a caregiver

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Fridays at 10 AM

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten

Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10 AM



What's the **BIG** Idea?

Grades K & 1

Wednesdays, March 31-April 28 at 4:15 PM

Registration began Saturday, March 13.

Exploration comes naturally to children. "They need to ask questions, have discussions, collect data and talk about what they're doing." We will be combining stories, books, and hands-on activities to promote early learner math, science, and literacy skills. Sessions will run for 30-45 minutes. *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

Reading Planet

Birth-Grade 8

Rewards can be earned through **May 22, 2010**

Registration is ongoing.

If you are already participating, remember to claim your reward! If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time! Reading is self-paced and independent in our school-year reading program, so you can set your own schedule. When you complete your reading sheet, you will earn a paperback book and an embroidered patch. Stop by Youth Services for more details, to register, or to redeem rewards. This program is sponsored by *The Friends of the Helen Plum Library.*

Wimpy Kids Unite!

Fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series

Thursday, April 1 from 4-5 PM

Registration began Saturday, March 13.

Join in the fun activities we have planned when *Wimpy Kid* fans gather at the Library to celebrate the April 2 release of the new movie! *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

Ticketed Performance

Laura Doherty

Music for Kids and Families

Families with Children of All Ages

Event: **Friday, April 23** at 7 PM

Free tickets beginning Saturday, April 3

Laura Doherty is a Chicago-based children's musician with an ear for a catchy melody! She is also a long-time teacher in the *Old Town School of Folk Music's* popular early-childhood *Wigglegorms* program. She has been performing music for kids for over 10 years and has recorded and co-produced several Parents' Choice Award-winning CDs for children, including her most recent CD "Kids in the City", which was rated a top 10 CD of 2009 by Time Out NY Kids Magazine.

Laura's performances engage young children right from the very first song. Laura delivers a highly interactive show that includes some Chicago-themed songs about the El Train, the zoo, skyscrapers, and more, as seen through a child's eyes. This specific show focuses on the theme of "road trips", a favorite pastime of families everywhere! Mark your calendars now and get your tickets early! *TICKETS REQUIRED*



Drop-in Events & Special Programs

Stories to Grow On

Drop-in Family Storytimes

Monday Evenings

March 29-April 26 from 7-7:30 PM

or

Thursday Mornings

April 1-29 from 9:30-10 AM



It's time for stories, songs, rhymes and fun for children of all ages. Come for one session or join us each week at our popular storytimes. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at these storytimes.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Celebrate Children's Book Week

Drop-in Family Storytimes

Tuesday, May 11 from 10-10:30 AM

or

Wednesday, May 12 from 10-10:30 AM

We are celebrating Children's Book Week during Lilac Time! Meet us on the Library Plaza for stories, rhymes, and activities. We are hoping for a delightful spring day to share stories outside, but if it rains we'll meet inside in the Plum Auditorium. This program is for families with children of all ages. All are welcome! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Raving Readers

Book Club for Grades 4-6, on the third Tuesday of the month

You don't need to sign up to come to Raving Readers, just plan to read the book before you attend. We'll even provide a snack! Copies of the book for each session will be available at the Plum Library check-out desk starting one month before the meeting date. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Tuesday, April 20 from 6-7:30 PM

Just Ella by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

PLEASE READ THE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

Game Days

Children of All Ages

Friday, April 9 & May 21 from 2:30-4 PM

(Drop-in anytime.)

Looking for some fun on a Friday afternoon? Drop by and play board games at the Library! We have a variety for you to choose from, so bring a friend or meet someone new. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

{eARTH} It's Easy to be Green

Drop-in Crafts & Activities for All Ages

Thursday, April 22 from 2-4 PM

April 22nd is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day! Join us for earth-friendly crafts, games, ideas, and art. Sign a pledge to be more green; everyone can make a difference! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Tuesday, May 18 from 6-7:30 PM

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen by Eric Berlin

Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister, Katie, find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.

PLEASE READ THE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

More Drop-in Programs

Movie Mania

Youth Services will feature these DVDs on the Plum Auditorium large screen. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, May 5 at 10 AM

The Princess and the Frog (G, 97 min.)

Enter Princess Tiana's world of talking frogs, singing alligators, and lovesick fireflies as she embarks on an incredible journey through the mystical bayous of Louisiana. Spurred on by a little bit of courage and a great big dream, these new friends come to realize what's truly important in life...love, family, and friendship. Overflowing with humor and heart, *The Princess and the Frog* is an incredible motion picture experience your whole family will want to enjoy again and again! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Friday, May 14 at 7 PM

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG, 87 min.)

The mean old farmers have joined forces and have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. What they don't know is that they are not just dealing with any old fox - it's Fantastic Mr. Fox and he has a fantastic master plan to save the day! This film adaptation of Roald Dahl's book classic will delight children and adults with its intelligence and wit. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

Free Comic Book Day

Comics Fans of All Ages

Saturday, May 1 from 9 AM - 5 PM

Thanks to the generosity of **Graham Crackers Comics** in Wheaton, Plum Library will be distributing free comics to celebrate Free Comic Book Day! All around the world, comic book stores will be giving out free comic books on May 1, 2010, and you can get yours at Plum Library while supplies last. We'll have superheroes, manga, and more! Speed, soar, or leap to the Library for this awesome event. Come in costume if you choose, and we'll take your picture for our blog. There will be comic-themed activities for you to do, including creating a comic or cartoon to take home!

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED



VolunTeens

Students Currently in Grades 8-12

Applications available beginning **Saturday, April 17**

Applications accepted through **Monday, May 10**

The Library is looking for teen helpers to assist with the 2010 Summer Reading Program. VolunTeens work 2-4 hours each week at the Youth Services summer reading registration table. Applications will be available in the library or online at helenplumyouth.blogspot.com beginning April 17. VolunTeens selected to participate must attend an orientation session on **Saturday, May 22 at 10 am** or **Thursday, May 27 at 7 pm**.