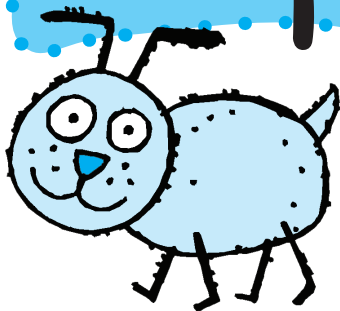


Plum Jam

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What's New in Youth Services?

Library building upgrades are planned for the new year. Storytime sessions that have been held upstairs will be moving to the Auditorium on the lower level of the building starting with our winter sessions. To help us make this transition, please let your children know that our path to storytime will be down the stairs instead of up!



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.

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Drop-in Events

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

For fans of Jeff Kinney's

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series

Begins Saturday, December 20

Are you counting the days until the third book in this series is released on January 13, 2009? Come to Youth Services and pick up entry forms for the pre-release activities we have planned. If you enter our trivia contest or create a Wimpy Kid comic, you will have a chance to win a copy of the newest book in the series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw!* We'll be displaying your original comics in the Library beginning January 6.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Wii™ Got the Beat!

Grades 2 & up

Tuesday, December 30

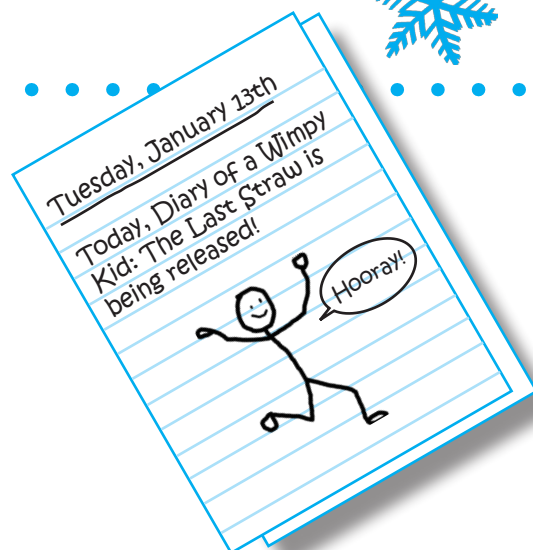
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Drop-in Game Day

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



Stories to Grow On

Winter Drop-in Family Storytimes

Monday Evenings

January 19 - February 23

7-7:30 PM

or

Thursday Mornings

January 22 - February 26

10-10:30 AM

Looking for some family fun this winter? Put on your coats, hats, scarves, and mittens and come to the Library for our popular family storytimes! We'll share stories, songs, rhymes and more for children of all ages. Plan to come for one session or join us each week, but don't miss the fun! All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at these storytimes.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

More Drop-in Events



Movie Mania

Drop-in Family Movie Days

Youth Services will feature family films on the Plum Auditorium large screen. Light 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**

Thursday, December 4

6 PM

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG)



A year after their first adventure in Narnia, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy return only to discover that hundreds of years have passed since they ruled the kingdom. Prince Caspian, true heir to the throne, has been exiled and evil Miraz has taken over. With the help of a heroic mouse called Reepicheep, they set out to find Aslan and, with his help, restore peace.

Saturday, December 13

10:30 AM

Horton Hears a Who (G)

In the jungle of Nool, Horton the elephant hears a cry for help coming from a speck of dust. He can't see anyone or anything, but he becomes convinced that the speck is home to the Whos and their city, Whoville. Horton's neighbors don't believe him, so they band together to stop him from trying to protect something they don't believe is real.



Saturday, January 3

2 PM

Kung Fu Panda (PG)

Enthusiastic, big, and a little clumsy, Po works in his family's noodle shop while daydreaming of becoming a Kung Fu master. His dreams soon become reality when he is unexpectedly chosen to study alongside his idols, the legendary fighters Tigress, Crane, Mantis, Viper, and Monkey. Po puts his heart and his girth into the task, and ultimately finds that his greatest weaknesses are also his greatest strengths.

Ticketed Performances

Dave Herzog's Marionettes

Families with children of all ages

Free Tickets beginning **Saturday, 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

Mad Science with Nitro Joe

Families with children ages 4 and up

Free Tickets beginning **Saturday, January 3**

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

You'll be entertained and amazed at the spectacular science effects demonstrated at Nitro Joe's *It's a Gas* show. Balls will fly, potions will change color, bubbles will flow, and creeping fog will cover the floor! This is a thrilling, fast-paced, high energy science presentation that will dazzle children and adults alike! Nitro Joe will introduce scientific concepts, reinforce safety precautions for scientific experimentation, and keep you laughing with his humor during this fun and informative program. *TICKETS REQUIRED*

Registered Programs



Scrabble Night!

Grades 5-8, with an adult

Tuesday, December 30

6:30-8 PM

Registration begins **Saturday, December 13**



2008 marks the 60th anniversary of *Scrabble*. Fans of the game enjoyed our *Scrabble Night* so much this summer, we are hosting it again before the anniversary year ends! Come for an evening of family fun and play different versions of this and other word games. Students can plan to enjoy the evening with a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbor or friend!

What's the Big Idea?

Grades K & 1

Wednesdays, January 21-February 4

4 PM

Registration begins **Saturday, January 3**

"It's about math and science learning. It's about reading books and exploring together. It's about having fun!" We'll be combining stories, books, and hands-on activities that promote math, science, and literacy learning. We'll be exploring places and spaces this winter. Sessions will run for 30-45 minutes.

Book Trek

Grades 2 & 3

Wednesdays, February 11-25

4 PM

Registration begins **Saturday, January 3**

Our Book Trek adventures continue this winter! Trekkers will "travel" to a different continent each week to experience a new country through stories, games, maps, and activities. Sessions will run for 30-45 minutes.

Winter Storytimes

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

Registration begins **Saturday, January 3**

Phone-in registration begins **Sunday, January 4**

Our popular storytime sessions begin the week of January 19 and continue through the week of February 23 (6 weeks). Space is limited and some sessions fill up very quickly, so plan to register early! Children age 3 may be registered for either Littlest or Preschool Storytime. Children may be registered for 1 storytime session only.

Littlest Storytime

Birth to age 3, with a caregiver

Tuesdays, January 20-February 24

10-10:30 AM

Wednesdays, January 21-February 25

10-10:30 AM

Fridays, January 23-February 27

10-10:30 AM

Littlest Storytime features 20 minutes of stories, music, and movement activities followed by 10 minutes of playtime. Children attend with a participating adult. Registration for this storytime fills up fast!

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten

Tuesdays, January 20-February 24

10-10:30 AM

Wednesdays, January 21-February 25

10-10:30 AM

Stories, songs, and rhymes are just part of the fun during these 30-minute sessions for preschool children. Parents or accompanying adults wait in the Library while children attend this storytime.

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

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); and **Chapter Books** (Grades 3-8)

Once-a-Month Programs



Second Childhood

for Grandparents with grandchildren

December 1 & January 5

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

December 2 & January 6

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

December 5 & January 2

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

Book Club!

December 16

Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

January 20

The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi, a graphic novel

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

January 27 (no meeting in December)

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



WE BLOG!

You can find information about upcoming programs, link to photos of popular events, read staff book reviews, and even view or print a copy of this *Plum Jam* at our online site: helenplumyouth.blogspot.com. Better yet, you can **subscribe to have updates delivered directly to your email**. Subscribers will receive an email update only if something new has been posted. When updates do occur, they are consolidated into a single email for the day. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the blog under the “**subscribe via email**” option.

BROOKFIELD ZOO HOLIDAY TREE

The Friends of the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library sponsor the Library's community tree at Brookfield Zoo. Decorations for the tree were made at a drop-in craft day in November. If you visit the zoo this season, look for **tree #321** on the zoo's **West Mall**. Photos will be posted on our blog after November 24.