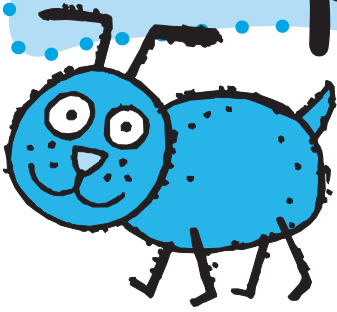


Plum Jam

December 2009/January 2010

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Winter Storytime Registration

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

Registration begins **Saturday, January 2**

Phone-in registration begins **Sunday, January 3**

Our popular storytime sessions begin the week of January 18 and continue through the week of February 22 (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.

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 M. Plum Memorial Library

110 W. Maple Street
Lombard, IL 60148

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Littlest Storytime

Birth to age 3, with a caregiver

Tuesdays, January 19-February 23
or **Wednesdays, January 20-February 24**
or **Fridays, January 22-February 26**

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.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten

Tuesdays, January 19-February 23
or **Wednesdays, January 20-February 24**
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.

Drop-in Storytimes

We're planning even more storytime fun as the seasons change and the days get colder! All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at these storytimes.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Candy Cane Lane

Drop-in Family Storytime

Tuesday or Wednesday,
December 1 or 2
10-10:30 AM

Snuggle In for Stories

Drop-in Family Storytime

Tuesday or Wednesday,
January 12 or 13
10-10:30 AM

Stories to Grow On

Winter Drop-in Family Storytimes

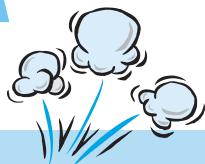
Monday Evenings,
January 18-February 22, 7-7:30 PM
or
Thursday Mornings,
January 21-February 25, 10-10:30 AM

It's time for stories, songs, rhymes and fun for children of all ages. Come for one week or join us every week!

Drop-in Programs



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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**

No School Day!

Thursday, December 10 at 2:30 PM
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG, 153 min.)

Harry Potter returns to Hogwarts for his sixth year of schooling and learns more about the dark past of the boy who grew up to become Lord Voldemort. There was a time when Hogwarts was thought of as a safe haven, but thanks to Voldemort's tightening grip on both the Muggle and wizarding worlds, that simply isn't the case anymore. Professor Dumbledore convinces Horace Slughorn to come out of retirement and teach potions; Harry Potter, with Dumbledore at his side, must uncover Voldemort's darkest and most dangerous weapon, the Horcrux.

Monday, December 21 at 10 AM
G-Force (PG, 88 min.)

Winter Break!

Buckle up for thrilling edge-of-your-seat action and laugh-out-loud fun in Disney's family comedy adventure *G-Force*. Just as the G-Force — an elite team of highly trained guinea pigs — is about to save the world, the F.B.I. shuts the secret unit down. But these next-generation action heroes — Darwin, loyal team leader; Blaster, weapons expert with attitude to spare; Juarez, drop-dead gorgeous martial arts diva; and tag-along Hurley — won't be stopped. Armed with the latest in high-tech spy equipment, and with the F.B.I. on their tails, the fur flies as they race against the clock to save the world. Featuring high-octane action, daredevil stunts, cutting-edge special effects and outrageous comedy, *G-Force* is fantastic fun for the whole family.

Parent-Child Reading Circle

Grades 1-4, with a parent

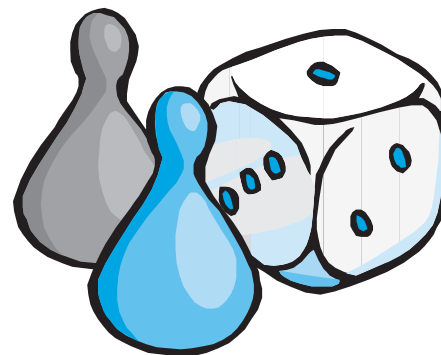
It's book lovers night at the Library! Parents and children who love to read, share, and listen to books are invited to attend together. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at Plum Library starting November 27. Come prepared to talk about the story and join us for pizza at this informal book discussion group. **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

Wednesday, December 30
6-7 PM



The Invention of Hugo Cabret
by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toymaker and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.



Game Days

All ages

Friday, December 11 & Friday, January 15
Drop-in anytime from 2:30-4 PM

No school today? Looking for something to do? The Library is open and we have games to play! We've selected a variety for you to choose from... try one, try another, you just might find a new favorite! Come with a friend or meet someone new, it's up to you. Come when you can, leave when you're done, but be sure to have fun! **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

Registered Programs: Please Sign-Up!



Super Smash Bros. Brawl!

Tournament for Grades 6-8

Monday, December 21

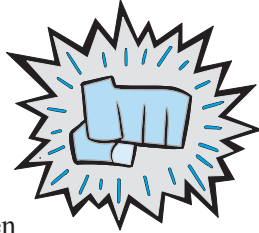
Tournament starts at 2:30 PM

Registration begins **Saturday, December 5**

Challenge your friends to a brawl! We will be playing a bracket-style tournament and awarding three winners. Will you be victorious? The takedown begins at 2:30 PM. Rules for the tournament will be distributed when you register for the event. Space is limited, so register early. Don't miss your chance to be named a champion!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Winter Break!



Art Start

Ages 2-4, with a caregiver

Registration begins **Saturday, December 5**

Register for each session & time you plan to attend

Come with your preschooler for a story and an art project or activity to do together! We'll be getting out the craft supplies (this might mean paste or paint), so dress in something that can handle a spill or a splat!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Tuesday, December 22

10 OR 11 AM

Snow Fun

Wednesday, January 6

10 OR 11 AM



Ticketed Performances

Christmas Capers Marionette Show

Families with children of all ages

Free Tickets beginning **November 28**

Event: **Friday, December 18 at 7 PM**

Professional puppeteer Dave Herzog has handcrafted all of the beautiful marionettes used in this performance. Join Frosty the Snowman, Termite the singing Christmas Tree, Jingles the Elf, and many more wonderful winter characters in this delightful holiday show. *TICKETS REQUIRED*

Magic by Randy

Families with children of all ages

Free Tickets beginning **January 2**

Event: **Friday, January 22 at 7 PM**

Randy's uplifting presentation of magic and comedy will captivate and entertain the entire family. Future magicians in the audience will even have a chance to learn first hand how magic really "tricks" your mind and your senses when Randy demonstrates a few basics after the show. A regular performer at Navy Pier, Randy has been named him "one of the best entertainers in Chicago" by WBBM News Radio, and was recently selected for a "2009 Best of Glenview Award." Magic shows always sell out quickly at Plum Library, so don't wait to get your tickets for this event! *TICKETS REQUIRED*

Nitro Joe:

Science Mysteries Revealed

Families with children ages 4 and up

Free Tickets beginning **January 30**

Event: **Friday, February 19 at 7 PM**

Nitro Joe's Science Show got rave reviews at Plum Library in 2009, so we've asked him to return in 2010! This year's show will help you understand the science behind amazing tricks that appear to be magical. Things will seem to disappear right before your eyes! Impressive, controlled explosions will dazzle you and keep you talking for days! Nitro Joe will keep you laughing with his humor during this fun and informative program, and he will introduce scientific concepts and reinforce safety precautions during his presentation. Mark your calendars now for this show -- you won't want to miss it! *TICKETS REQUIRED*

Once-a-Month-Programs & More!

Second Childhood

Grandparents with grandchildren

December 7 (No meeting in January)

10-11 AM

first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted

Are you a grandparent caring for a grandchild? This informal program offers you an opportunity to meet other grandparents in the community while your grandchildren play with the 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*



Raving Readers

Grades 4-6

6-7:30 PM

third Tuesday of every month

You don't need to sign up to come to Raving Readers, but do plan to read the book before you attend. Copies of the book for each session will be available at the Plum Library check-out desk starting one month before the meeting date. Share what you liked or didn't like about the story, what surprised you and what you remember most about what you read. We'll even provide a snack!

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

December 15

The Arrival

by Shaun Tan

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country where he must build a new life for himself and his family. He doesn't speak the language and everything seems foreign to him, but he finds friendly faces along the way.

January 19

Houdini: The Handcuff King

by Jason Lutes and Nick Bertozzi

Harry Houdini -- the greatest magician that ever lived! This graphic novel tells the story of one of Houdini's most daring and famous tricks: escaping from a locked trunk submerged underwater! How did he perform this amazing feat? Hold your breath along with the crowd and learn the secret!



*Celebrate
the Season!*

Brookfield Zoo Holiday Tree

Each year the *Friends of the Helen Plum Memorial Library* sponsor a community tree at the Brookfield Zoo. Youth Services hosted an ornament workshop in November (we hope you were there!) and our tree will be decorated on November 21! If you are planning a visit to the zoo, be sure to look for **tree #76** on the zoo's **East Mall**. If you don't make it to the zoo before the New Year, check our blog (helenplumyouth.blogspot.com) for photos!

Polar Express

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, December 12 at 6:30 PM

Hear this classic Christmas story at the picnic shelter in Lilacia Park. Children who attend will also receive their very own jingle bell necklace! Register at the Lombard Park District, 630-620-2372. *FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED*