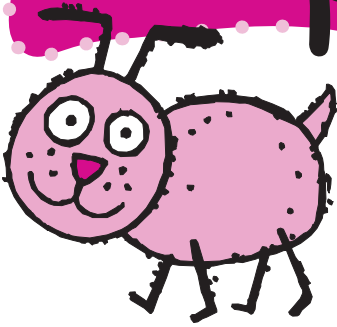


# Plum Jam

February/March 2010

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*We appreciate your patience during the ongoing remodeling at Plum Library. We hope you are delighted with the updates and improvements. If you need help finding any relocated materials, or would like to see what's new for you, just ask!*

## Ticketed Events & Performances

### Raptors in DuPage

*Families with school-age children*

**Saturday, March 13** at 10 AM

*Free tickets beginning Saturday, February 20*



Raptors are birds of prey, including hawks and owls. They use their exceptional vision and powerful talons to capture their food. Get a close-up view of these amazing creatures and learn more about the nesting, eating, and migratory habits of raptors in our area when a naturalist from the DuPage Forest Preserve brings live raptors to Plum Library for this informative program. We'll have related child-friendly activities available an hour before and after this event, so plan accordingly for the raptor fans in your family!

*TICKETS REQUIRED*

### Nitro Joe: Science Mysteries Revealed

*Families with children ages 4 and up*

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

*Free tickets beginning January 30*

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! You'll be laughing out loud at Nitro Joe's humor during this entertaining program. In addition to the fun, Nitro Joe will introduce scientific concepts and reinforce safety precautions. Mark your calendars now for this awesome show!

*TICKETS REQUIRED*

### Trent Arterberry

*Families with children ages 3 and up*

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

*Free tickets beginning February 27*

We are thrilled to host this amazing performer from Vancouver, British Columbia, during his Midwest tour in March! Trent Arterberry combines masterful mime, comical storytelling, compelling music, and hilarious puppetry to create an extraordinary, high-energy show. *Roboman*, *Scuba Dude*, and *Mr. Bigg* are a few of the intriguing characters you might meet when you attend this incredible one-man show! *TICKETS REQUIRED*

### 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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# Registered Programs: Please Sign-Up!

## Stamp It!

Grades 4-8

Friday, February 26 at 2:30 PM

Registration begins Saturday, February 6

Create a stamp, personalize your stationery (or something else!), and even learn some techniques for making your own stamps at home. Imagine the creative possibilities! *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

CREATE!  
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## Art Start

Ages 2-4, with a caregiver

Tuesday, March 9 at 10 AM

Registration begins Saturday, February 20

You and your preschooler will hear a story, then touch, taste, see, and smell as you create this month's Art Start project together! This is a hands-on activity, so dress in something that can handle a spill!

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

## Camp Half-Blood Party

For fans of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series

Wednesday, February 10 from 4-5 PM

Registration begins Saturday, January 23

All young demigods are invited to join us for this event, celebrating the upcoming theatrical release of *The Lightning Thief* movie. See which Greek god lays claim to **you**, join us for "Ancient Greece Jeopardy," and compete in other fun challenges! *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

## Wimpy Kids Unite!

For fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series

Thursday, April 1 from 4-5 PM

Registration begins Saturday, March 13

Are you wimpier than Greg Heffly? Think you know everything about the books? Compete in a trivia game against the wimpiest kid of all, and we'll challenge your knowledge of the series! Play "pin the cheese on Greg" and join in other fun activities when *Wimpy Kid* fans gather at the Library to celebrate the April 2 release of the new movie! *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

## Spring Storytimes

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers



March 30 - April 30 (5 weeks)

In-person registration begins Saturday, March 13

Phone-in registration begins Sunday, March 14

Space is limited in these popular storytimes, 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, March 30-April 27 at 10 AM

or Wednesdays, March 31-April 28 at 10 AM

or Fridays, April 2-30 at 10 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 REQUIRED*

## Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten

Tuesdays, March 30-April 27 at 10 AM

or Wednesdays, March 31-April 28 at 10 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. *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

## What's the BIG Idea?

Grades K & 1

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

Registration begins Saturday, March 13

Children learn by doing! "They need to ask questions, have discussions, collect data and talk about what they're doing." We will combine stories, books, and hands-on activities to promote early learner math, science, and literacy skills. This program includes concepts created by Mother Goose Programs with funding provided by the National Science Foundation. Sessions will run for 30-45 minutes. *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

# Drop-in Programs

All are welcome! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at these storytimes. *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

## Stories to Grow On

*Drop-in Family Storytimes*

### Monday Evenings

Winter continues: **February 1-22** at 7 PM

Spring: **March 29-April 26** at 7 PM

or

### Thursday Mornings

Winter continues: **February 4-25** at 10 AM

Spring: **April 1-29** at 9:30 AM

Winter or Spring, the Library is the place to be 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!

*NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

## Small & Tall Stories

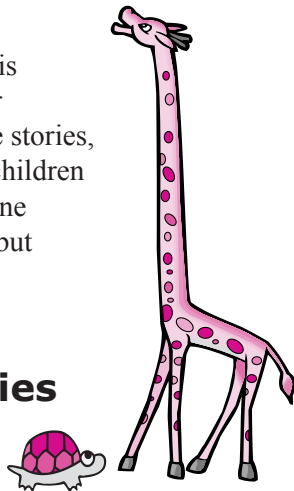
*Drop-in Family Storytime*

**Monday, March 15** at 7 PM

or **Tuesday, March 16** at 10 AM

We'll share stories about sizes and tales about growing, along with some fun songs, rhymes, and activities. If you are a fan of our popular storytimes, mark your calendars now! If you are new to Plum Library, we invite you to join us! *NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*

New time  
in spring



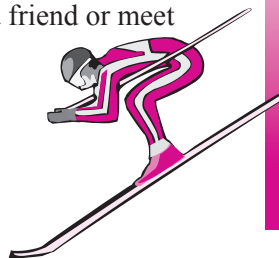
## Game Days

*Children of all ages*

**Friday, February 12 & March 12**

*Drop-in anytime from 2:30-4 PM*

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*



## Raving Readers

*Grades 4-6, on the third Tuesday of every 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, February 16** from 6-7:30 PM

*Flush* by Carl Hiaasen

With their father jailed for sinking the Coral Queen, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence to prove that the owner of this floating casino illegally flushes raw sewage into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

*PLEASE READ THE BOOK IN ADVANCE.*

**Tuesday, March 16** from 6-7:30 PM

*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge, barely surviving on scraps of food. His life changes dramatically when he sees the master potter, Min, making beautiful pottery. With dreams of creating his own pots one day, Tree-ear sneaks back to Min's workplace and accidentally breaks a pot. To repay the damages, he begins working for the master. This sequence of events leads to a journey that will change his life forever. *PLEASE READ THE BOOK IN ADVANCE.*

## Wondrous Winter Olympics

*Grades 3-8*

**Monday, February 15** from 3-4 PM

Celebrate the 2010 Winter Olympics at Plum Library. Show your skill at our versions of Olympic "sports" including snowball toss, snowflake flying, participating nations trivia, and more ... and yes, medals will be awarded!

*NO REGISTRATION NEEDED*



## Illinois Childrens Choice Awards

Ballots available Monday, February 1-Sunday, February 21

### Grades K - 3: Monarch Award

(Voters must have read or heard at least 5 of the 20 nominated books to participate.)

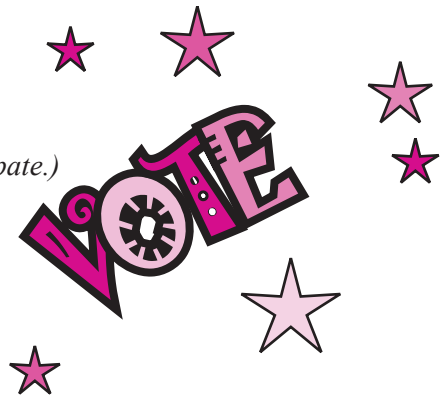
### Grades 4 - 8: Caudill Award

(Voters must have read at least 3 of the 20 nominated books to participate.)

### High School: Lincoln Award

(Voters must have read at least 4 of the 20 nominated books to participate.)

Voting for the Illinois book awards will be offered in the Library in February. Homeschool students as well as private and public school students (when in-school voting is not available) are eligible to vote at the Library if they have met the reading requirements for their grade level. Why not plan your winter reading to include some of the nominated titles? We have extra copies of books from all three award lists available in the Library! Pick up a ballot in Youth Services.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Chocolate Fest

For teens ages 13-19

Friday, February 5 at 7 PM

Registration begins Saturday, January 16  
in Youth Services

Can't get enough chocolate? Join us for a celebration of this sweet dessert. We'll create chocolate plastic, use molds to make fun chocolate shapes, sample a variety of chocolates in the chocolate tasting event, and much more. If you are a chocoholic, you won't want to miss this event. There will be plenty of chances for you to satisfy your sweet tooth, so be sure to be here! You do not need a library card to attend, but please sign-up in advance in Youth Services.



### "Clock"-In

For teens ages 13-19

Thursday, March 11 at 7 PM

Registration begins Saturday, February 20  
in Youth Services

Now that you have your iPod, what are you going to do with all your old CDs? Turn them into a cool, usable CD Clock! Don't have a CD you want to give up? We'll have plenty of extra CDs on hand, along with art supplies and clockwork kits. Be creative and express yourself by making a one-of-a-kind clock as we celebrate **Teen Tech Week!** You do not need a library card to attend, but please sign-up in advance in Youth Services.