

# Dolton Notes

Dolton Public Library District

Volume XXVI • No. 4  
December 2007

## Author Visit

Cris Burks, author of *Neecey's Lullaby*, will make a special appearance at the Dolton Library on **Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Our Black Author Book Discussion group will host this gathering, and all are welcome to attend. Sign up for this free program at 708-849-2385.

## All Aboard!

On December 15 and 16, the Hi-Rail Modular Train Club members will feature their **working exhibit of model trains**. This display, which fills the Josway Auditorium, is mesmerizing to children and brings back so many memories for adults. Set aside some time to visit this free exhibit and talk with these interesting hobbyists! **Saturday, December 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 16 from noon to 3:30 p.m.**

## Warm Up With a Good Book

These cold winter days are a wonderful time to snuggle up with a good book, and the library's **winter reading club for adults** can make the experience even more pleasant! The rules are simple: every time you check out a book or audiobook, fill out and turn in a drawing slip. We'll have weekly drawings for small prizes, and all entry forms will be included in the grand prize drawing at the end. It's that easy! Check out books from **Wednesday, January 2 through Wednesday, February 13**. Final drawing will be held on February 29. One prize per person, but all entries are eligible for the final prize.

Our **Warm Up** theme continues with our lobby displays featuring books to warm your spirit and your heart, as well as your tummy! Pay special attention to our display of cookbooks featuring soups and stews, because we'll be asking you to submit **your** family's favorite soup or stew recipe for our own compilation of soup and stew favorites. Full details will be available in this special January/February display!

## Discuss with Us!

The Dolton Public Library's **Black Author Book Discussion** group will discuss *The Darkest Child* by Delores Phillips on **Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.** Copies of this book will be available for checkout at the circulation desk starting December 28th. Newcomers are always welcome to these lively discussions.

## Renewals by Phone

Can't get to the library and your books are due? The Dolton Public Library offers renewal by phone! Just have your library card handy and phone us at 708-849-2385. In most cases your materials can be renewed if they're not overdue and there are no holds placed on the item. Some restrictions do apply, but rather than incur late fees, call and ask if your checked out items can be renewed by phone!

## What a Woman Wants: Financial Security!

In debt? Feeling financially out of control? Discover options you can use today to prevent future financial disaster! Many women, knowing they don't have a lot of cash to set aside for their future, simply end up saving nothing. This program will show the everyday woman how to create wealth and grow her nest egg a little at a time. **Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.** Pre-register.

## Black Women, Music and Laughter

Wilbur Wright College professor Patricia Williams-Lessane will present a special Black History Month program, **How I Got Over: Black Women, Music and Laughter**, on **Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.** A native of Chicago, Dr. Williams-Lessane earned a PhD in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Illinois-Chicago and has taught English, women's studies, and cultural anthropology at Chicago State and Northeastern Illinois University. In this presentation she examines the appearance of music, laughter, and female companionship in the writings of African, African American, and Afro-Caribbean women. In particular, she will highlight Paule Marshall's *Praisesong for the Widow*, and Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. Reading these titles is not a requirement for attending this program, but is recommended. Multiple copies of both books will be available for checkout on and after January 31st. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly. Pre-register.

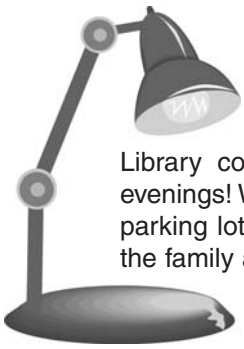
## From the Administrator's Desk. . .

While we're still in the Thanksgiving spirit, the Dolton Public Library District would like to thank all of our loyal patrons. We realize that you can patronize any library and we are thankful that you choose to support us. Thank you to every patron who supported Patron Appreciation Day! We had a great time and we hope you enjoyed the free books, free food, movie marathon, and raffles.

Non-profit organizations are welcome to contact the library regarding our Book Donation Program. If you are interested in applying for book donations, please contact us at 708-849-2385.

— Allison Heard

# Adult Services



## We'll Keep the Light On...


Even though we're in the dark days of winter, the Dolton Public Library continues to be a warm and welcoming place to visit in the evenings! Whether picking up a book or attending a program, know that our parking lots are brightly lit and our security personnel ever diligent. Bring the family and spend a pleasant evening at the library!

## Forthcoming Books

Be sure to check the *Coming Soon* bulletin board near the parking lot doors to see some of the fiction currently on order for our library collection! See a librarian at the reference desk if you'd like a book placed on hold for you. And, if you're wondering if your favorite author has a new book coming out, ask to see the latest copy of *Forthcoming Books*, kept at the reference desk.

## No Meeting – Just Reading!

Are you familiar with our ongoing reading club, the *Millennium Readers*? Started in 2000, this is a club with no restrictions on what you read, and no deadlines to meet. It's simply a matter of keeping a journal of what you read. When you return books you have read (fiction, nonfiction, talking books or paperbacks), enter their titles in your log book kept at the circulation desk. Add comments if you wish; it's your personal lifetime list. You'll be amazed at how your titles will add up in this no-pressure club. Small incentives are awarded as you reach different levels – 25 books, 50 books, etc. Join any time!



## Check out the Community Bulletin Board

Our community bulletin board, located in the nonfiction room near the OPAC terminals, is where you'll find the latest flyers and brochures featuring upcoming and ongoing community events. If you have a church or school event coming up and would like a flyer posted, please see Peg at the library. Certain restrictions apply, so approval is required prior to posting.

### Dolton Public Library District

(708) 849-2385

<http://www.doltonpubliclibrary.org>

#### Dolton Library Board of Trustees:

Billy Morgan - *President*

John Hearon - *Vice President*

Maxine Knox - *Secretary*

Veronica Gray - *Treasurer*

Alisia Brown, Sherry Jackson,

Benjamin Voliva

*The Library Board meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.*

*Meetings are open to the public.*

#### Administrative Librarian:

Allison Heard

#### Library Hours:

**Mon-Thurs:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Fri & Sat:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sun (October - April):** Noon to 4 p.m.

*Dolton Notes* is a quarterly publication of the Dolton Public Library

**Editor:** Peg Bugajski

#### South Area Literacy Council:

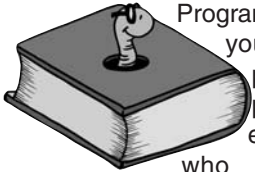
(708) 849-0300

# Dolton Kids Read

Two special reminders to the parents and/or caregivers of our young people! Please remember that at the library all children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Also, if you have any questions regarding any Youth Services programs or events, please stop in and ask to see a member of the Youth Services Department, or give them a call at 708-849-2385.

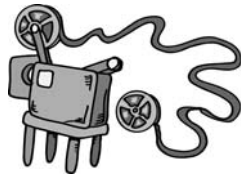
## Winter Reading Program

If you took part in the Fall Reading Program, you can still turn in your book logs to claim prizes. Keep an eye on the prize palace as we add even more prizes! All kids who missed the reading program in the fall can start signing up for the Winter Reading Program which will run from Friday, December 7 through Friday, February 22, 2008.



## Movie Time

Each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. you're invited to relax, snack on some popcorn, and watch one of our movies. The list of movies to be shown is posted on the Josway Auditorium door. Space is limited. See you at the movies!



## Train Safety and You

Once again this year, the folks of Operation Lifesaver and Mrs. Pat Mitchell of the Union Pacific Railroad will be here to discuss the importance of train safety in our community. Since our beautiful library is located right by the train tracks, safety is always a concern. We hope that you and your entire family will stop by and attend this interesting program, which will be presented in the Kopac Room from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. on Friday, December 14. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Space is limited, so sign up today.

## Photos with Santa

The holiday season is upon us once again! Come have your picture taken with Santa on



Saturday, December 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The first photo taken is FREE; each additional photo can be taken for the nominal fee of \$5.00. Refreshments will be served.

## Craft Time

Since you enjoy this program so much, we're offering it again! If you are 7 to 12 years old, we invite you to be a part of our Craft Time. Beginning on December 4th, and running through February 19th, Craft Time will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Kopac Room. Get creative; join Craft Time!



## Toddler Time

Starting on December 11th, toddlers and their adult caregivers are invited to join us for Toddler Time. This program, which will run from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays, is designed for children 18 months to 4 years old, and will meet in the Kopac Room. Remember, for this program all toddlers must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

## Young Ladies Teen Book Discussion

Young ladies, we have a book discussion group just for you! Our first meeting will be in the Kopac Room from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 22nd. At this time we'll discuss which books you would like to discuss, so bring your suggestions. Give the Youth Services Department a call at 708-849-2385 if you're interested or have any questions.

## The Graphic Novels Club

Calling all you comic book junkies! This group is certainly for you. Let's all get together and decide on what you would like to read and talk about. Our first

meeting will be held in the Josway Auditorium on Thursday, December 20th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bring your recommendations for book selection and any other ideas you might have. Watch for upcoming postings in the library, or speak to someone from the Youth Service Department if you'd like more information.

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Library

In honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Youth Services Department will sponsor a speech contest. We want to see who can tackle one of Dr. King's great speeches with ease. This event will take place on Monday, January 21, 2008. Following the contest, refreshments will be served. Entry forms, contest rules, and other information will be available at the library beginning on December 15th.

## Head, Heart, Hands Creative Arts Studio

Come relax at the Dolton Public Library and learn how to let the artist in you come out! Ms. Claudia McFarlane returns to show us where our inner thoughts and imaginations can take us. This program will take place in the Josway Auditorium from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17. Seating is limited, so sign up today!

## Black History Month Poster Drawing Contest

Since so many of you are such good artists, the Youth Services Department has decided to have a poster drawing contest with Black History Month as the theme. We want you to have fun with this; all it takes is your talent and your time. Details on this contest will be available during the month of December, so you'll have plenty of time to be creative. We're looking forward to your participation in this contest!

# Youth Services Calendar

## December

- 4 Craft Time
- 5 Movie Time Presentation
- 7 Winter Reading Program Begins
- 11 Toddler Time
- 12 Movie Time Presentation
- 14 Train Safety & You Presentation
- 15 Photo's with Santa
- 18 Craft Time Program
- 19 Movie Time Presentation
- 20 Graphic Novels Club Meeting
- 22 Young Ladies Teen Book Discussion Meeting

## January

- 2 Movie Time Presentation
- 8 Toddler Time
- 9 Movie Time Presentation
- 15 Craft Time Program
- 16 Movie Time Presentation
- 17 Head Heart Hands Creative Arts Studio
- 19 Young Ladies Teen Book Discussion Meeting
- 22 Toddler Time
- 23 Movie Time Presentation
- 30 Movie Time Presentation

## February

- 6 Movie Time Presentation
- 12 Toddler Time
- 13 Movie Time Presentation
- 16 Young Ladies Teen Book Discussion Meeting
- 19 Craft Time Program
- 20 Movie Time Presentation
- 21 Black History Month Poster Contest submissions are due
- 22 Winter Reading Program Ends
- 26 Toddler Time
- 27 Movie Time Presentation



## Footnotes

The December meeting of the Dolton Public Library Board of Trustees has been cancelled.

The Dolton Library will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and 31st, as well as January 1st.

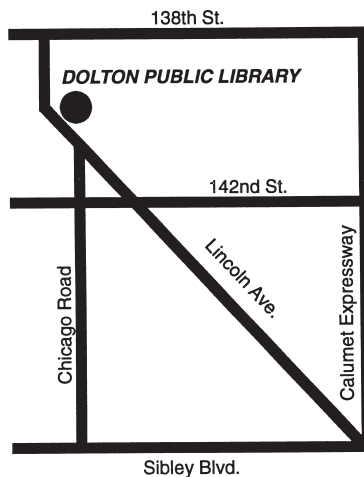
## Added Programs

Sometimes a program or two are added after press time. Always watch library flyers or articles in local newspapers for programs that may not have been finalized in time for the current issue of Dolton Notes.

The Dolton Public Library is subject to the requirements of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Anyone who plans to attend a program and needs special accommodations, or has a question regarding library accessibility, may phone the Business Office at 849-2385 at least 7 working days prior to the event.

## Dolton Public Library District

14037 Lincoln Avenue  
Dolton, Illinois 60419



NON-PROFIT  
ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 2  
Dolton, IL

CAR-RT SORT

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
DOLTON, IL 60419