

From the Administrator's Desk. . .

The Dolton Public Library District has updated most of our computers, software, and printers within the past three years. During this year's phase, we will be updating the remainder of our equipment. In addition, we will be updating our software to reflect Microsoft Office 2007. This means that if you choose to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Access, or PowerPoint, we will have the 2007 version ready for you. All "Homework Computers" without Internet Access will remain the same for at least one additional year. If you are unfamiliar with Microsoft Office 2007, we encourage you to take a class or familiarize yourself with the software prior to the complete update. All computers will be updated in May 2009.

In addition, we are proud to announce that we have recently added the Hallmark Card Studio to our public computers in the first computer lab. All other computers will be updated with this remarkable software in May 2009. We encourage you to take a class to see the many options that are offered with this software.

--Allison Heard

Take note. . .

The Dolton Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 10 (Good Friday); Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday); and Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day). Sunday, April 26 will be the last Sunday open for this school year; Sunday hours will resume in October.

Spring Events for Adults

If you plan to attend an adult event at the Dolton Public Library, please sign up by calling the library at 708-849-2385 so that we can set up enough chairs, copy enough handouts, or prepare enough refreshments. If there are not enough people signed up, a program may be canceled, so sign up promptly if you plan to attend. And, if you sign up but find you will not be able to attend, please call and ask to be removed from the sign-up sheet. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

College Illinois! Presentation – Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

College Illinois! is a 529 prepaid tuition plan that lets you lock in the cost of college today, eliminating tuition inflation. Learn the details at this free program. **Pre-register.**

Women's Fiction Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Women are invited to discuss *The Shop on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber. Copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk. Register for either the evening or morning discussion.

Small Business Workshop – Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Vickie Hill-Brooks of the U. of I. Extension presents the next in our series of small business workshops: *Financing Your Small Business*. **Pre-register.**

Donna Nowak presents Walking on Broadway

Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Entertainer Donna Nowak will perform Broadway show tunes at this special Library Week event! Donna will sing favorite Broadway tunes, share stories and totally entertain you. Seating is limited and all ages are invited; **pre-register.**

Small Business Workshop – Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

This session's topic: *Legal Issues*. **Pre-register.**

Finding Help: Community-Based Senior Care and Locating Benefits and Assistance – Monday, May, date TBA

Learn about community-based services available to you or someone you love. Find out which benefits you might be eligible for, including Circuit Breaker and Illinois Cares Rx. **Pre-register**; refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Estate Planning: Wills vs. Trusts – Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Attorney Amy DeLaney will discuss estate planning and clarify the differences between, and benefits of, wills and trusts. A program of interest to adults of all ages. **Pre-register.**

The Art of Norman Rockwell – Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

To kick off the start of our *Picturing America* grant year (see separate article), Jeff Mishur will present a program about American icon Norman Rockwell. All ages are invited, but children should be accompanied by an adult. **Pre-register.**

Adult Services

Computer Classes at the Dolton Public Library District – Spring 2009

All participants must have a Computer/Internet Agreement on file prior to being able to register for classes. All classes are free and open to the public. Participation is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Making Everyday Greeting Cards in a Hard-Hit Economy

Are you currently on a budget but thinking about the many birthdays and holidays you will be celebrating with friends and family? With the cost of cards climbing, are you interested in making your own cards on the computer? If so, this class is for you.

Participants will focus on using Hallmark Card Studio to create and print their own cards. Each participant can design and print a card to take home. Familiarity with computers and the keyboard is essential for this class.

Session I: Tuesday, April 14, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Session II: Tuesday, April 21, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Microsoft Word 2007: Basics

Are you a little intimidated by Microsoft Word 2007 and would like to work on the basics? If so, you should register for this class. Participants will learn how to complete basic steps using Microsoft Word 2007 to create, print, and save documents.

Session I: Tuesday, May 5, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Session II: Tuesday, May 12, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Session III: Tuesday, May 19, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Navigating the Internet

Are you tired of sending letters through the mail and paying for a stamp? Are you more interested in creating an email account and keeping in touch with friends and family by computer? If so, this class would be great. During this session, we will create email accounts and learn how to search the Internet to find useful information. We will also use this class to learn how to do basic shopping and pay bills online.

Session I: Saturday, May 9, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Session II: Saturday, May 16, 2009: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Participation is limited for each session so please register early!

Picturing America

The Dolton Public Library is pleased to announce that we have received a **Picturing America** grant for 2009-2010! Through this grant we will have use of 40 wonderful images and reproductions of American art which we will display throughout the coming year. We will also offer several programs to encourage your exploration of American art, and hope that all our patrons will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow. To celebrate the beginning of our grant period, patrons are invited to attend our "grant opening" by viewing our new art display in the Josway Auditorium on **Wednesday, May 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Also, please plan to attend our first **Picturing America** event, Jeff Mishur's program about Norman Rockwell; it will be held the same day at 6:30 p.m. **Pre-register for Jeff's program.**

Lunchtime Classic Movies

Through May, the Dolton Library will continue to show classic movies each third Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch, or enjoy a snack and beverage we provide. A list of movies to be shown is posted on the Josway Auditorium door, or you can call to ask about the classic du jour. See you at the movies!

Discuss Black Authors

Come join the Dolton Library's spirited **Black Author Book Discussion** group! On Thursday, **March 26th** we will discuss *Letters to a Young Sister* by Hill Harper. Multiple copies are available for checkout. On **April 30th** the "club" will be discussing *Behind the Scenes, or Thirty Years a Slave and Four in the White House* by Elizabeth Keckley. Chef Jeff Henderson's autobiography, *Cooked: From the Streets to the Stove, from Cocaine to Foie Gras* will be discussed on **May 28th**. Come join our lively discussions! New members are always welcome.

AARP Tax Aid

The AARP is once again helping senior citizens prepare their tax forms at the Dolton Library each Monday and Tuesday morning. This free service continues through April

Dolton Public Library District

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Dolton Kids Read

For more information about these Youth Services programs, please stop at the library or call 708-849-2385 and ask to speak to a Youth Services representative. Also, a reminder: children under the age of seven must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

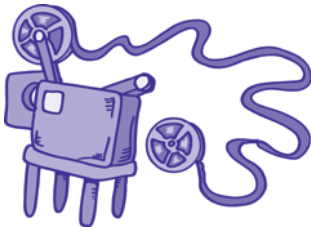
Spring Reading Program

Just a reminder to those who were a part of the *Fall Reading Program*: our reading program is ongoing and you can continue to turn in your book logs to claim prizes. Keep an eye on the prize palace as we add even more prizes. We want all of you to keep on reading – that's what this is all about! For more information, contact the Youth Services Department.



Movie Time

Each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. you're invited to relax and snack on popcorn while you watch one of our movies. The next series of movies will begin on March 4th; the list of movies to be shown is posted on the Josway Auditorium door. Don't forget, children under seven years old must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Space is limited!



National Library Week

Come join us the week of April 12th through April 18th for our celebration of *National Library Week*. There will be some fun surprises and giveaways to promote reading and the general use and support of your public library. Join us at the *Wednesday Movie Time* and enjoy a movie and some other treats that will please you.

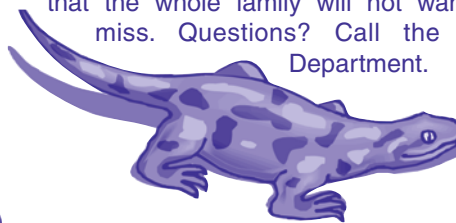
How to Survive in College and in Life

Once again, motivational speaker and trainer Shawn Ramey will join us during *National Library Week* to impart his tried and true techniques for success in school and in life. All are welcome to attend!

There will be something for our young people as well as the parents that accompany them to the program. This program will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009 in the Josway Auditorium. For more information, please contact the Youth Services Department.

Dave Di Naso and His Lizard Friends

The *Traveling World of Reptiles* is returning to the Dolton Public Library! This program, to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30th, is definitely a show that the whole family will not want to miss. Questions? Call the Y.S. Department.



The Graphic Novels Club

Calling all high school comic book enthusiasts! You know exactly who you are. Let's all get together and discuss what you like and what you want to read. We will meet in the Josway Auditorium on Thursday, March 26th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Bring your recommendations for book selection and any other ideas you might have. All interested teens can contact the Youth Services Department for further information.

Craft Time

You have made this program such a success! So here it is once again. If you are between the ages of 7-12, we invite you to be a part of our *Craft Time*. Beginning on Tuesday, March 3rd, and running through May 19th, *Craft Time* will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Kopac Room. Call for more information.



Toddler Time

Starting on March 10th, 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. Remember – all toddlers must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Now We're Cooking

Since this program continues to be one of our most popular with so many of our patrons, we're going to do it again! This session will bring out the vegetarian in you. *Now We're Cooking* is open to all, but children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an older responsible individual. This program will take place from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th. Space for this event is limited, so we strongly encourage you to sign up soon!

How to Deal with Bullies

Many children deal with difficult classmates who make the school day extremely hard for them. Bullies can and do make one's life miserable. The Dolton Library welcomes Dolton Community Service Police Officer Garrett and her colleagues to discuss how to safely deal with bullies, both at and out of school. This program will take place from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. Call the Youth Services Department for more information.

Money Smart Program for Youth

The Dolton Public Library will show our young people how important it is to learn how to budget and save their money so that they can work at being financially successful as they get older. This program will feature representatives from METLIFE who will show us how it can be done. This event will take place in the Josway Auditorium from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21. For more information, please contact the Youth Services Department.

Youth Services Calendar

March

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- 4 Movie Time Presentation
- 10 Toddler Time
- 11 Movie Time Presentation
- 18 Movie Time Presentation
- 24 Toddler Time
- 25 Movie Time Presentation
- 26 Graphic Novels Club

April

- 1 Movie Time Presentation
- 7 Mayoral Election/
No Programs Scheduled
- 8 Movie Time Presentation

- 10 Library Closed/Good Friday
- 12 Library Closed/Easter Sunday
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- 25 Library Closed/
Memorial Day Observed
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Difficulty Reading Small Print?

If you have difficulty reading regular print, the Dolton Library has a large selection of both talking books and large print titles. If we don't have books by your favorite author, we can interlibrary loan them for you. Better yet, tell Peg your favorites and we'll keep them in mind for future purchases. In addition, you may qualify to receive talking books through a special Library of Congress program, *Voices of Vision*. If you have questions about our collection, or about *Voices of Vision*, please contact Peg at the library.

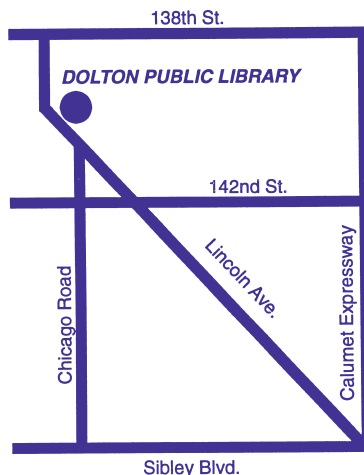
The Dolton Public Library is subject to the requirements of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Anyone who plans to attend a program and needs special accommodations, or has a question regarding library accessibility, may phone the Business Office at 849-2385 at least 7 working days prior to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

Grant News

The Dolton Public Library District has received a grant from the Office of the Attorney General which allows library districts in Illinois to enhance their music programs. As such, we will be purchasing additional items for our adult and children's collections. If you have ideas or suggestions on materials that would be available for checkout on your library card, please call the Information Desk at the Dolton Public Library District at 708-849-2385, or leave a note in our suggestion box. We welcome all suggestions and ideas from our patrons!

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