

## From the Administrator's Desk. . .

The Dolton Public Library District has recently revamped our website. You can find very useful information about the library as well as links to other handy websites. Did you know you can search for books and search online databases (with your library card number) on our website? You can also reserve books, DVDs, CDs, etc. on our website. The list goes on! Join the Dolton Public Library District for our WEBSITE Party on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. During this party, we will give you an overview of the website and useful tools for using online databases and searching for and reserving books online. Join us!!

--Allison Heard



## Take note. . .

The Dolton Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 2; Sunday, April 4; and Monday, May 31. Our seasonal Sunday hours end on April 25.

## Spring Programs for Adults

### *Dolton Library's Cookbook Club*

**Saturday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m.**

Read the month's selected cookbook, prepare a dish, and come prepared to discuss and eat! Call Peg for details. The cookbook for March is available for checkout now.

### *Marketing Your Business Guerilla-Style!*

**Thursday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.**

This workshop, presented by Vicki Brooks of the U of I Extension, focuses on non-traditional, low cost, aggressive ways to market your business with faster results. **Pre-registration is required.**

### *Understanding Your Credit*

**Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn about credit reports, how to obtain a free credit report, what your score means, how to prevent identity theft, and how to improve your credit -- all at this free program! Pre-register.

### *Black Author Book Discussion*

**Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Hope on a Tight Rope: Words & Wisdom* by prominent philosopher, author and civil rights activist Cornel West will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout now. Newcomers are always welcome!

### *Vegetable Gardening 101*

**Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

Call it your *victory garden* or your own *White House garden*! There is simply nothing better than going out to your yard and picking the first tomato (or cucumber or green bean) of the season. Learn the basics of vegetable gardening, and you'll soon be enjoying the fruits of your labor. Pre-register.

### *Understanding Investments*

**Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

Are you hesitant to invest during these troubled economic times? Learn the basic concepts and terms about investing, how investing in stocks differs from investing in bonds, and the different risks involved in each. Even if you're already an investor, there will be tips to share. Pre-register.

### *Dolton Library's Cookbook Club*

**Saturday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m.**

The most delicious book club around! Call Peg at the library for details. The April cookbook will be available for checkout March 13th.

### *Win the Job Interview Before It Begins*

**Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

In today's challenging marketplace it is critical that job seekers go above and beyond what's normally required and what their competition is doing. Author Dan Burns will provide the tools and techniques to make a great first impression in the first 60 seconds, and help you win your job interview -- before it begins. **Pre-registration is required.**

### *AARP Driver Safety Class*

**Monday & Tuesday, April 19 & 20 -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Learn current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. Geared to drivers age 50 and older, but is open to adults of all ages. \$12 fee for AARP members; \$14 for non-members. Participants must attend both sessions for course completion. See library flyer for complete information.

# Adult Services

## Computer Classes at the Dolton Public Library District - Spring 2010

Each class participant must have a Computer/Internet Agreement on file and pay a \$5 cash deposit (per class) prior to being able to register for classes. Deposits are refundable as long as participants attend designated class. Cancellations must be made, in-person, at least five days prior to the start of class. If cancellations are not made according to the guidelines stipulated above, deposits will not be refunded. Registration will take place in the library from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 1st and 2nd. After these dates, please call Allison at the library for registration information, 708-849-2385.

### Digital Photos and Digital Printing

Bring in your digital camera and learn how to print photos in the comfort of your own home (while practicing at the library, of course). We will have a digital camera on-hand just in case you would like to practice with our camera before you actually purchase one. We will also review the process of printing photos so that you can make an informed decision about the type of printer you would like to purchase. We will also practice downloading photos to the computer and sending photo attachments to friends and family. This class is designed for all levels and will be a lot of fun!

**Option I:** Friday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Option II:** Saturday, March 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Using Wireless

Do you have a laptop computer and would like to use wireless? If so, this program is designed for you! Bring in your computer and start using your wireless. During this session, you can ask any question about wireless, laptops, and software.

**Option I:** Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### Microsoft Word 2007: Basics

Are you interested in learning the newest version of Microsoft Word? This workshop will cover basic functions in Microsoft Word 2007 and assist you in creating professional documents. Basic keyboarding skills and use of a computer mouse are mandatory in order to participate.

**Option I:** Tuesday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Option II:** Tuesday, April 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Microsoft Excel 2007: Basics

Are you interested in creating spreadsheets, workbooks, or databases using Excel software? If so, this is the perfect class for you. Participants will learn the fundamentals of using Microsoft Excel.

**Option I:** Friday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Option II:** Friday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### Designing and Creating Professional Business Cards

Do you currently own a small business or are you considering starting one? Would you like to learn how to create professional business cards using software you may have at home? If so, this class will be perfect for you! We will use two different types of software to create professional business cards. Each participant will get 25 free business cards and will create a sample to take home.

**Option I:** Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Option II:** Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### Using Microsoft Word 2007 Templates

Did you know that Microsoft Word 2007 offers great templates? This class will provide an overview of all templates and will focus on three projects: Creating Invoices, Resumes, and Letterhead. This class is perfect for anyone who has a creative flair and who wants to further develop their skills and education.

**Option I:** Sunday, May 2 from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m.

### Designing and Creating Newsletters

Are you interested in designing and creating professional newsletters for your church organization, business, or block club? Maybe you're just interested in launching a fancy newsletter for your upcoming family reunion. If so, you will be the talk of the town! Learn how to create professional and stylish newsletters using two different types of software.

**Option I:** Tuesday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Option II:** Tuesday, May 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

If you are interested in practicing your typing skills and learning about general keyboarding, come into the library to practice on our computers. In addition, we offer a variety of books and resources on typing and computers.

## Conquer Squint . . Read Large Print!

Whether regular print seems to be getting smaller, or your tired eyes need a rest, check out the Dolton Library's growing collection of adult large print books. 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!

### Dolton Public Library District

(708) 849-2385

<http://www.doltonpubliclibrary.org>

### Dolton Library Board of Trustees:

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*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.

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# 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 us a call at 708-849-2385.

## Ongoing Reading Program

A reminder to those who were a part of our fall and winter Reading Programs: this 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 you to keep on reading, that's what this is all about! For more information, just give us a call!

## Craft Time

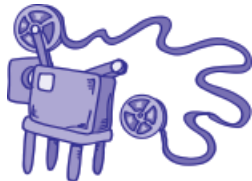


If you are between the ages of 7-12, we invite you to be a part of our ever-popular Craft Time. Beginning on March 2nd, and running

through May 18th, *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. Call for more information.

## 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 spring series of movies will begin on March 3rd and will continue each Wednesday. The list of movies to be shown is posted on the Josway Auditorium door. **Don't forget, children under seven years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.** Space is limited!

## Toddler Time

Starting on March 9th, 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 – for Toddler Time, all toddlers must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.** Call for more information.

## Tween-U-Teens Book Discussion Group

We're still looking for you to join us for our book discussion! Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bring your book discussion ideas and any suggestions to make this group a success. As an added bonus, the first member who brings in two new members will receive a surprise gift. Call for details.

## The Graphic Novels Club

Calling all high school comic book enthusiasts! Let's all get together and discuss what you like and what you want to read. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Bring your recommendations for book selection and any other ideas you might have. Questions? Give us a call.

## Children's Reading Program



Join the Dolton Public Library District Youth Services Department and Imani Chapter UD Order of the Eastern Stars-PHA as we host

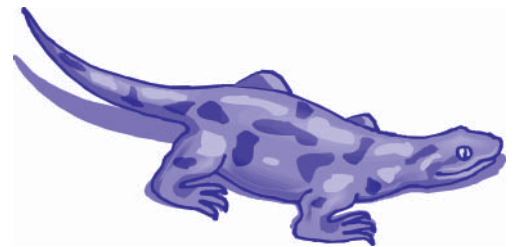
a special *Children's Reading Program*. Bring your family and friends, enjoy some hot chocolate, and listen to some favorite and fabulous books read by the Sisters of the OES Imani Chapter. This event will be held on Saturday, April 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. See you there!

## National Library Week

Come join us for the week of April 12 through 16 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. And be sure to join us at the *Wednesday Movie Time Presentation* to enjoy a movie and some other treats that will surely please you.

## More Demystifying the Financial Aid Application Process

For those who missed this informative and enlightening workshop, we're offering it again during National Library Week. Join us as we unlock the mysteries of the FAFSA form and lead you through the maze leading to financial assistance. This workshop, designed for high school students and their parents, will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15th in the Josway Auditorium. Space is limited, so sign up soon.



## Dave Di Naso and His Lizard Friends

The *Traveling World of Reptiles* will visit the Dolton Public Library on Thursday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m. This is definitely a show that the whole family will not want to miss. For more information, please call us at 708-849-2385, or stop by the library to sign up. Space for this amazing program fills up really quickly, so do it today!

## Money Smart Program for Youth

The Dolton Public Library will show our youth how important it is to learn how to budget and save their money so that they can be financially successful for a lifetime. The *Money Smart* program is a yearly initiative that takes place throughout the Chicagoland area during the months of April and May. **Date and time TBA.** For more information, call us at 708-849-2385.

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## ***Dress for Success, and More!***

**Thursday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

A double-feature program presented by job developer Cassandra Thrash of SSC! We'll start with the dos and don'ts of what to wear for an interview, then segue into critiquing your resume. Stay for the first part, or the entire program; if you would like your resume critiqued, bring it along. Open to adults and teens. **Pre-registration is required.**

## ***Black Author Book Discussion***

**Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Faith Under Fire* by LaJoyce Brookshire will be discussed. Copies will be available for checkout March 25th. Join us!

## ***Safely Aging in Place***

**Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Learn about simple home modifications and devices that can make it easier and safer for you to continue to live in your own home. A program that will provide much helpful and practical information for seniors or those who love them. Pre-register.

## ***Dolton Library's Cookbook Club***

**Saturday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m.**

Call Peg at the library to find out how you can join. May's cookbook will be available for checkout April 10th.

## ***Fishing Cook County's Waterways***

**Thursday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m.**

Do you know that the Cook County Forest Preserve District manages over 40 lakes, ponds, reservoirs and sloughs for recreational sport fishing? Learn the locations of these local treasures, the species to be found, and regulations governing fishing them at this informational program. Pick up some fishing tips, too! Open to adults and children supervised by adults. Pre-register.

## ***First-Time Homebuyers Seminar***

**Thursday, May 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Luz Ruiz-Echandy will walk us through the 9 steps to follow in buying your first home, from pre-qualification through loan approval and closing. She'll also cover current programs offered to first-time buyers, grants available, closing costs and more. Pre-register.

## ***Black Author Book Discussion***

**Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

*The Maintenance Man* by popular syndicated radio host Michael Baisden will be discussed at our May gathering. Copies will be available for checkout April 29th. Come join our lively discussions!

## ***Don't Wait Too Long!***

Pre-registration is requested for most adult programs. But many patrons wait until the last moment to sign up, only to find the program has been cancelled due to low enrollment. To avoid this disappointment, please be sure to register several days before a program is to be held. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

***Stop in at the library to get your monthly Youth Services Calendar, available at the circulation desk!***

## ***AARP Tax Aid***

The AARP offers senior citizens help in preparing their tax forms each Monday and Tuesday morning at the Dolton Library. This free service continues through April 13. Appointments are required, and can be made by calling the library at 708-849-2385.

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.

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