

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!



Wireless is Here! BRING YOUR LAPTOP

Patrons now have the convenience of bringing their laptops to the library and connecting to the internet via our wireless network. Access is available in the adult area of the library at any of the study tables or two study rooms. The network supports the 802.11b, a, and g standards. Internet access is filtered and cannot be temporarily shut off, as in the case of the adult public computers.

Printing is not available at this time.

For those of you without wireless connectivity on your laptops, the library has a bank of network ports located at study tables in the north alcove (near the Reference Department). Patrons may plug-in their laptops to the internet.



MP3 PLAYERS ARE COMING

The library is participating in the ListenIllinois pilot project whereby patrons will be able to check out a variety of book titles on MP3 players. Music files are not accessible on the players. For more details and to see what titles are available, visit www.listenillinois.org. We expect to have this service available in January.



“It Only Takes A Book” Off And Running!

We are excited to announce the first winners in our adult reading club **“It Only Takes A Book To Grow Our Village.”**

Winners of November’s \$25 gift cards are Marianne Miller, Violet Curda, and Frances Lebensorger. Congratulations to them and their great job reading!

At any time, if you have not done so already, you may join the club. All you need to do is pick up a reading log at the front desk. For each book read, you will receive a ticket to fill out and return to enter one of our monthly drawings. On the last day of each month, the drawing will be held. Prizes are awarded

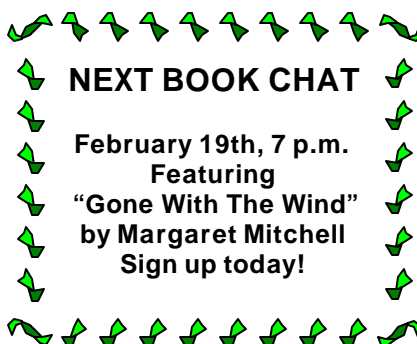
when all readers complete 12 and 28 books. The club runs until May. Join us anytime!



We are also pleased to announce a fantastic program being held on **Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Artist, Hugh Skibbens, will give one of his dynamic watercolor demonstrations. Two inviting

landscape paintings are completed in an hour to the sounds of classical, or other inspiring music.

Witness a beautiful landscape come to life evolving from a blank canvas! Register for this free program by calling 257-6541.



NEXT BOOK CHAT

 February 19th, 7 p.m.

 Featuring

“Gone With The Wind”

 by Margaret Mitchell

Sign up today!



SELF-CHECKOUT HERE SOON



Lemont Public Library will have two self-checkout machines in place by the middle of January. At that time, library patrons will be able to checkout books and recorded books-on-tape without waiting in line at the regular Circulation Desk.

The two self-checkout machines will be located next to the Circulation Desk. Each self-checkout machine has a computer screen with instructions on how to check out a book. First, place your library card under the scanner. The machine will beep when it reads the barcode. Your name will appear on the screen. The instructions will direct you to scan the books you want to borrow.

As each item is checked out, the title of the book will appear on the screen. After a book is checked out, you will be directed to turn off the anti-theft strip by placing the book on the desensitizer for a few seconds. The desensitizer will not work unless the book has been properly checked out.

When the transaction is complete, patrons can scan their library card again. The self-checkout machine will then print a receipt of the transaction. Or, you can wait a few seconds and the unit will assume you are finished and print the receipt.

It may happen, however, that there is a problem with your li-

brary card. If this is the case, you will be asked to speak to a clerk at the Circulation Desk.

The self-checkout machine can only be used for books, magazines, and recorded books. You will not be able to self-checkout videos, DVDs, CDs and cassettes. Please take them to the Circulation Desk.

“We want to make the borrowing transaction at the library as painless as possible,” Jim McGloin, Library Director, said.



Computers Added In Children's Room



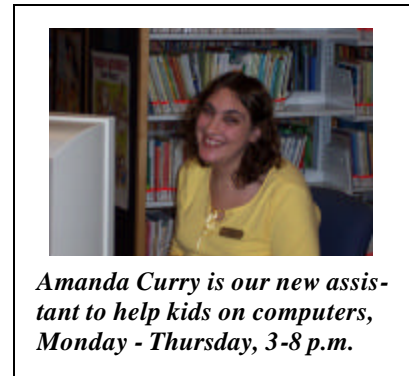
The children's room has expanded its computers from two to eight!

A library card is needed. Kids ages 8 and older may be on their own. Kids under 8 should have a parent with them.

Users may print their projects to a black & white laser or ink-jet color printer by using our debit card system. The debit card vendor and printers are located in the Adult Reference area of the library.

Half of the computers are for fun and educational games. These four are available on a first come, first served basis; no sign up is necessary. Some of the games include: *Bob the Builder*, *The Wiggles*, *Harry Potter*, *Barbie Supersports*, and the always popular *After Dark Games*.

These PCs are equipped with a filtered internet which gives kids the opportunity to use the electronic version of encyclopedias such as the ***New Book of Knowledge***, ***World Book*** and ***Encyclopedia Americana***.



Amanda Curry is our new assistant to help kids on computers, Monday - Thursday, 3-8 p.m.

The other four computers require users to sign up at the front desk.

Reports, presentations and other assignments may be completed using the Microsoft Office Suite which is also available.



WINTER STORY PROGRAMS



Lisa Erdmier and kids gobble up a great time at a recent Thanksgiving program.

The library begins its story programs at the age of two. But if you think you would enjoy coming to toddlertime with a little one that isn't quite two, you are welcome.

Mary in the story room to find out what happens to the five little snowmen and if the three little kittens can find their mittens, and other snow sensations.

Toasty Toddlerime

meets on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. Children must come with an adult. Toddlerime is meant to be an introduction to picture books and making simple projects. It lasts from 20-30 minutes. We will be having stories about snow, penguins, winter and much more!

Story Snowflakes

are not cold and freezy! They are just for kindergarteners and five year olds! These stories, games, and projects would warm anyone up! There are two times to choose from: Mondays, 4:15 p.m. or Tuesdays, at 1:30 p.m.

Blizzard of Books

for first and second graders will gather for an hour on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Warm Wonders of Words

for 3rd through fifth graders will snazz up the library on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Reading Snowgirls for girls only, 3-5th graders meets on Mondays at 6 p.m.

A new blizzard of books and stories blows in to revive January! Registration is underway for the library's reading revue which runs from Monday, Jan. 12 and continues through Feb. 19. Sign-ups may be taken at the front desk or by calling 257-6541. The cost is \$3 (to cover the cost of craft items) for the six week session.

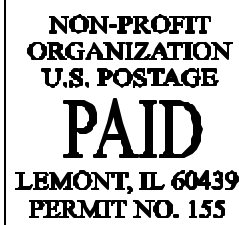
Snowballs-N-Stories

is for 3 and 4 year olds. Choose from Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Wednesdays, 6 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. These classes are 30-35 minutes long. Children will meet Miss

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JANUARY COMPUTER CLASSES "INTRODUCTION TO WINDOWS"

Using a personal computer has become a necessary life skill in the 21st century. For those who are new to using a PC, this class will help demystify some things for you, i.e., how to maneuver and customize the Windows 2000 desktop, save and organize files, install a software program, and as much else as we can cover in two hours. Basic principles learned in the class will be applicable to other versions of Windows as well, i.e. Millenium, XP.

The only requirements for the class are that participants have a valid library card in good standing and know how to use a mouse. If you need to learn to use the mouse, contact a staff member at the Reference Desk in the adult area of the library a few days prior to attending the class. They will help you with this.



The class is hands-on and limited to eight participants. The **same**

class will be offered on the following days from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2004
Tuesday, January 20, 2004
Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Make your reservation today by calling 257-6541. A sign-up book is also located at the front desk. The class is free to Lemont patrons. Those with other library cards will be charged a \$5.00 fee. Meet at public computers 1-8; no need to sign-in at the Circulation Desk.

FEBRUARY COMPUTER CLASSES

In February we will return to our more regular schedule of classes as follows:

Tuesday, February 10, 2004
"Word Processing for Beginners"

Tuesday, February 17, 2004
"Navigating the World Wide Web"

Tuesday, February 24, 2004
"E-Mail"

All classes run from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Same requirements and sign-up procedures as indicated above.



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