

Friends of the Clear Lake Public Library

Spring 2009 Newsletter

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“Swingtime” with the Friends on May 11

Friends of the Library members are in for a real treat at their annual meeting at the library on Monday, May 11, at 6:45 p.m. Stebens Children’s Theatre will present “Swingtime Canteen” a rousing musical review in the classic U.S.O. style as the evening’s entertainment. These talented young performers will present forties musical favorites in a lively stage show setting. All Friends members and the general public are invited to this free program.

A brief business meeting will precede the program. Come and find out all the great things that the Friends have accomplished for the library and our community during the past year! There will also be refreshments and the opportunity to enter a drawing for a beautiful springtime basket.

All Iowa Reads Discussion at Lake Library on June 30

All Clear Lake area readers are invited to discuss the All Iowa Reads 2009 selection “The Rope Walk” by Carrie Brown at the library on Tuesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. This unique novel features a heroine who is learning the ways of the world, a Shakespearean scholar, Lewis & Clark, and a power failure that shines a surprising light on a dark situation. Author Brown has received much praise for this novel, with critics comparing her to Anne Tyler, Eudora Welty and Harper Lee.

All Iowa Reads is a program of the Iowa Center for the Book, State Library of Iowa. The purpose of All Iowa Reads is to encourage Iowans statewide to read and talk about a single title in the same year. For more information about the 2009 All Iowa Reads selection, visit the ICB website <http://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/air>. The Clear Lake library will have loan copies of this title available beginning June 1.

Tellers Selected for 2009 Iowa Storytelling Festival July 24 & 25

Al Batt sits in his “batt cave” in southeastern Minnesota conjuring up unique tales of the natural world and human nature. Linda Gorham from the Chicago area tells folk tales “with attitude.” Maureen Korte of Des Moines has traveled the world collecting classic and contemporary tales to share. This is our All Star line-up for 2009 Iowa Storytelling Festival!

Be Creative @ Your Library This Summer

Fun, good reading and the opportunity to stretch your creativity is on tap at the library this summer for infants through fifth graders (Fall 2009) who participate in the library's summer reading program. "Be Creative @ Your Library" is the theme for this program that runs for eight weeks from June 1 to July 25. The Friends of the Library sponsor this program in which over 500 young people participated during the summer of 2008.

Free special events to be offered include:

Fax Gilbert: Mime, Masks & Magic- June 2

Fax will return to the Clear Lake Public Library on Tuesday, June 2, at 4 p.m. to kick off the summer reading program. Fax presents a fast-paced program of comedy skits set to music, using mime, masks, music, special effects, and lively audience participation.

Science of Spin – June 9

The Bluedorn Science Imaginarium will present the "Science of Spin" on June 9; drop in from 4 to 6 p.m. Experience a new spin on art by using whirly-gigs, gyroscopes and tops to create spin art and color wheels.

Dan Wardell's Reading Road Trip – June 11

IPTV's Kids Clubhouse host, Dan Wardell, will include Clear Lake on his Summer Reading Road Trip. Register for either the 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. session..

Creation With A Twist – June 16

Daniel Poe presents "Creations With A Twist" on June 16 at 4 p.m. He gives his favorite poems, tall tales and children's stories a new twist by adding balloons. Recommended for ages 4 – 10.

Introduction to Instruments: Musical Exploration – June 23

Get your good listening ears on and do some fun musical exploration with Jeff Griffin, Clear Lake High School band instructor, at 4 p.m.

Magician and Puppeteer Jim Jayes – July 7

Professional entertainer Jim Jayes combines music and puppetry to delight audiences of all ages at 4 p.m.

Register for above events by calling the library at 357-0315

"Stories for Kids of All Ages": Iowa Storytelling Festival July 25

Bring the whole family to this fun morning of story sharing at the story tent in City Park starting at 10:30 a.m. This is a free program – no registration required.

Reading prizes and "Book Bucks" can be earned by keeping track of minutes read (or read to, for younger children). "Book Bucks" can be spent at the Scholastic Book Fair to be held July 27 through August 8.

Express Yourself @ Your Library For Teens & “Tweens”

Teens and “Tweens” going into sixth grade and up (Fall 2009) are invited to sign up for the “Express Yourself @ the Library” summer reading program that will run June 1 through July 25. Planned activities include:

Mystery Party – June 4

Creative detective work will be needed to solve this mystery of the “Diva’s Demise” at 4 p.m. Food and prizes.

Air Mania – June 16

Join balloon artist Daniel Poe at 2:30 p.m. for a personal lesson on how to make balloon creations. Enrollment limited to twelve.

Creative Journey – Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Express yourself through words and pictures in a variety of creative activities.

Laketown Players – Thursdays at 3 p.m.

Learn the art of reader’s theatre! Put on your best face for a public performance that is scheduled for Friday, July 24.

Turn in reading time slips to be entered into weekly prize drawings! For five hours reading, you’ll earn a free “Express Yourself” T-shirt. Read ten hours and you’ll be entered into the drawing for two grand prizes: an iPod or a limo ride on the first day of school! You also earn “Book Bucks” to be spent at the Scholastic Book Fair July 27 to August 8. Call 357-6133 to register for programs beginning June 1.

Find Book Bargains and More at Your Library

A surprising variety of contemporary fiction, both hardcover and paperback, as well as intriguing nonfiction, is always available in the Friends of the Library ongoing book sale. Located in the area near the adult check-out desk, most titles sell for one dollar or less. Audio books, movies and music recordings are also available occasionally on the sale shelves. All proceeds from the book sale support library programming and collection development. Donations of gently used current titles are always appreciated.

The library also participates in the “Green Library” Program. We accept donated used printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling. We do not accept photocopier toner cartridges. The Friends earn money for each item that is recycled through the library. This is a win-win situation for the library and the environment! Please keep the library in mind for your home and office recycling.

Did You Know...?

***There are more public libraries than McDonald's Restaurants in the United States – 16,549!**

***Downloadable audio books are available through our library. Visit the site <http://neibors.lib.overdrive.com>. To check out downloadable books you must have 1) a home computer, 2) a valid Clear Lake Public Library Card, and 3) the Overdrive Media Console (free program download). A variety of current fiction and nonfiction titles for adults are available. Some teen titles are also on the site. The NEIBORS program is a consortium of Northeastern Iowa libraries, and there is no fee for this service.**

***According to the American Library Association, public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work. For job seekers this can be vital, because many businesses only accept job applications online (only 44% of the top 100 U.S. retailers accept in-store paper applications). Job seekers also come to the library to search online job listings and to prepare resumes.**

***The library offers LearningExpressLibrary.com to assist learners of all ages. This site offers free online practice tests for ACT, SAT, civil service, advanced placement, graduate entrance exams, military service, professional certification and a variety of other examinations. This service offers immediate online grading and answer explanations. For elementary through high school students, skills tutorials are offered in a wide range of subjects. You can access LearningExpressLibrary.com through the icon on the library's web site.**

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***You can access your library account to reserve and renew items from your home computer. You need to stop at the library and select a PIN number to set up your personal account.**