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featured events



Matthew Boger: Live Skype Interactive Presentation

Thursday, September 23rd at 7pm

Matthew Boger, a prominent figure in equal rights activism, visits the library to speak on his life experiences. As a young man, Boger was ousted from his home due to his parents' intolerance of his homosexuality. On a summer night in 1981, Boger was severely beaten by several neo-Nazi youths, including a young man named Timothy Zaal. After years of healing and finding his way in life, Boger and Zaal (having renounced his former skinhead ways) were reunited at the Museum of Tolerance, where they both now work. The two work together, promoting the idea that hope and forgiveness can heal all wounds. Today, Boger is operations manager for the Museum of Tolerance. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library, Kankakee PFLAG, and Brother2Brother.** Be sure to check out our book discussion for *Freaks and Revelations*, a fictionalized account of Boger and Zaal's encounter. See page 9 for details.



Matthew Boger (r) &
Timothy Zaal (l)

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday
9am - 6pm

Saturday
9am - 5pm

Sunday
1 - 5pm

Sunday hours will
resume on Sunday,
September 12th

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Labor Day
Monday, September 6th

Staff In-Service Day
Friday, September 24th

Columbus Day
Monday, October 11th

Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Eve
Closed at 5pm
Wednesday, November 24th

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25th

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Mike Leonard

One Book, One Community Author Visit

Mike Leonard, author of *The Ride of Our Lives*

Thursday, October 21st at 7pm

Author and NBC news correspondent Mike Leonard, nationally renowned for his witty and wry stories on *The Today Show*, will discuss his book *The Ride of Our Lives*. A television journalist for nearly 30 years, Leonard has gained recognition for his work as a feature correspondent for *The Today Show*. He also works with video production company Picture Show Films. In 2006, Leonard published his first book, *The Ride of Our Lives*, in which he details traversing the country with his parents and grown children in an RV. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library.** Be sure to check out our book discussion for *Mr. Leonard's Book, The Ride of Our Lives*. See page 9 for details.

Joe Meno: Author Visit

Thursday, November 4th at 7pm

Illinois author Joe Meno, the mind behind such award-winning books as *Hairstyles of the Damned*, *The Boy Detective Fails* and *The Great Perhaps*, will speak on his work and read selections from his novels at the library. Born and raised in Chicago, Meno worked as a delivery driver and art therapy teacher before turning to writing. He published his first novel, *Tender as Hellfire*, at the age of 24 and was met with rave reviews. He has since published 5 novels, 2 short story Collections, and various short pieces for *Tri-Quarterly*, *Other Voices*, *Punk Planet*, and *Ninth Letter*. He is a graduate of Columbia College Chicago, where he now teaches fiction writing. Be sure to check out our book discussion for Mr. Meno's novel, *The Great Perhaps*. See page 9 for details.



Joe Meno

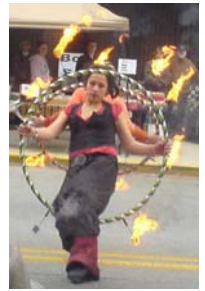


featured events

Kankakee Fall Art Stroll

Sunday, September 19th from 11am - 4pm

Join the Community Arts Council and the Kankakee Events Partnership for a celebration of local artistry. Local artists will line a blocked-off section of Schuyler Avenue in front of the library, as well as near the Majestic Centre, to sell their wares. This event will also feature food vendors and live performers. **The Friends of the Kankakee Public Library will host a book sale to benefit their organization during the event.**



Latin Dances Series

Monday and Wednesday evenings in October

From 6:30 - 8pm in the fourth floor auditorium

October 4th

October 13th

October 20th

October 27th

October 6th

October 18th

October 25th

November 1st

Join dance instructor Summer Fuentes as she shows you how to dance merengue, cumbia, salsa, cha-cha, and bachata! Couples or singles may sign up. Singles will be paired with a dance partner. This class is for adults and teens ages 16 and older. Pre-registration is required for these classes. You may register by calling the library at 815.939.4564 or sign up on the library's third floor. A list of which dances will be covered on which days may also be obtained on the library's third floor. This class is free to the public.

Kankakee Area Chess Club Open Sessions

Every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the first floor café

Bring your board and your wits to challenge yourself against all levels of players. This is an ideal opportunity to brush up your skills or just have fun. Help make these sessions successful and the library will consider hosting more chess events such as organized tournaments.



Coming in December

Times To Be Announced

Lion Wreathing and City Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 2nd

Join us for the annual wreathing of the lions outside the public library. Following the ceremony, we will be marching with the Olivet Nazarene University drum line to the Historic Train Depot, where the city tree will be lit and the Kankakee Valley Performance Choir will perform.

Holiday Movie at the Paramount

Saturday, December 18th

Join us at Paramount Theater for a holiday-themed movie.

Santa Train

Sunday, December 12th

Meet Santa as he passes through the Historic Train Depot in Kankakee!

Holiday Mart

Saturday, December 11th

The Kankakee Public Library hosts the third annual Holiday Mart, a one-stop shopping experience. Featuring art, goods, and merchandise from local Kankakee vendors, this is the perfect place to find gifts for anyone on your list. Vendors' booths will be located on the first floor of the library.

These events are sponsored by the Kankakee Events Partnership.



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HISTORY

Kankakee Valley Civil War Round Table

September 1st, October 6th, and November 3rd at 7pm

The Civil War Round Table meets at 7pm in the third floor meeting room on the first Wednesday of each month.

These events are free and open to the public.

Civil War Round Table Events

September 1st

Phil Angelo - Civil War Correspondents

October 6th

Don White - Civil War Facts

November 3rd

Paula Walker - G.K. Warren and the Battle of Five Forks



Other Research Opportunities

Sunday, October 24th and Saturday, November 20th

1:30 – 4:30pm in the genealogy room

Mary Schatz, an experienced genealogist and Library volunteer, will be in the genealogy room to give one-on-one help. Whether you're a beginner or more advanced, if you need some extra help in finding a missing link, come to the genealogy room to see Mary.

Saturday, November 6th

1 - 4pm in the genealogy room

Members of the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society will be in the genealogy room to give assistance to anyone needing help with their family research.

GENEALOGY

Doing Research on Your Computer with Mary Buhr

Saturday, October 2nd at 1pm

Third Floor Meeting Room

Ms. Buhr is the President of the Iroquois County Genealogical Society. She is an experienced genealogist and will give tips on using the internet for family tree research. This program is sponsored by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society and is open to the public. Light refreshments and the Society's membership meeting will follow the program.

Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 4th at noon

The Annual Luncheon will be held at The Homestead restaurant in Kankakee. Please call Nelda Ravens at 815.932.8979 to make reservations.

Need Some Help With Your Family Tree?

The library once again has a local volunteer in the genealogy room on Tuesday afternoons, 1 - 5pm. Jim Anderson has done extensive work on his own genealogy and is knowledgeable in internet and other resources to help you. No appointment is necessary. Just come in!

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE SOURCES!

The Kankakee Public Library offers a wide variety of online sources, COMPLETELY FREE and open to the public. Check out some of the fantastic databases we have to offer!

Grolier Online

Grolier Online represents the digital version of one of the most reputable encyclopedias in the world. Access hundreds of thousands of articles and multimedia. This service taps into five unique encyclopedic databases: Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia, The New Book of Knowledge, La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre and Land and People.



Auto Repair Reference Center

The ARRC database is a comprehensive database of step-by-step procedures and manual information for both professionals and do-it-yourself novices. The Reference Center contains data on most major domestic and import models, and also includes repair manuals for vintage models from 1954 onward.





computer classes

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Please call the Adult Services Desk at 815.939.4564 to reserve a spot. Space is limited. All classes are held in the fourth floor computer lab, are free, and meet from 10am - 12pm.

BASIC CLASSES

No prior knowledge required.

Meet Your PC

Tuesday, September 14th

Basic information on mousing, Windows, computer terminology and different parts of the computer will be covered.

Mouse & Keyboard

Wednesday, September 15th

This hands-on class will include basic computer terminology and patrons will be shown proper keyboarding and mouse techniques.

Internet Basics

Thursday, September 16th

We will cover web terminology, getting connected to internet, and basic searching.

Email Basics

Tuesday, September 21st

This class will cover how to send/receive email, how email works, email security, downloading and sending attachments, and address/contact lists. *It is necessary to have an email account prior to class time*

Troubleshooting Basics

Thursday, September 23rd

We will cover web terminology, getting connected to the internet, basic searching, using web pages, determining trustworthy websites, and avoiding web dangers.

Introduction to Facebook

Tuesday, September 28th

Learn how to navigate around the Facebook website and find out what it's all about. *It is necessary to have an account for Facebook prior to class time.*

ADVANCED CLASSES

For the advanced classes it is necessary to have mastered the use of the mouse and to have good keyboarding skills.

Taking Control of the Control Panel

Wednesday, September 22nd

Learn all about the Control Panel that is located in the Start Menu in Windows, from changing settings on the mouse to adding or removing programs.

Microsoft Word Basics

Wednesday, September 29th

Learn basic skills for entering, correcting and revising text on a computer. Learn how to select and format text, set margins, align paragraphs, and use cut and paste.

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Thursday, September 30th

Learn how to use spell check, create tables and columns, insert images, and set up headers and footers. Also, learn how to use table cells, organize information in rows and columns, and insert images.

Excel Basics

Tuesday, October 5th

Excel is a spreadsheet program that is used to view and analyze data in a simple format. You will learn basic skills like entering data and making calculations.

Introduction Microsoft PowerPoint

Wednesday, October 6th

In this hands-on session, you will be introduced to techniques for creating attractive presentations. Included will be: making text slides, making picture slides, adding animations, choosing transitions and attaching sounds.

Introduction Microsoft Publisher

Thursday, October 7th

Publisher is a program that is used to create professional documents like newsletters, flyers, invitations, business cards and much more. In this class you will learn the basic tools and commands necessary to create these documents.



Freedom Films Series

**The Express:
The Ernie Davis Story**
Tuesday, September 14th
at 6:30pm



Ernie Davis started off as his high school's shining star in Elmira, New York. After leading the Syracuse University to victory in national championships, he became the number one draft pick for the NFL. Despite winning a contract with the Cleveland Browns, Davis was never able to play professionally: months before his first season, he was diagnosed with leukemia. Though he died within a year, Davis inspired the nation with his dignity and courage in the face of death.

Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30pm

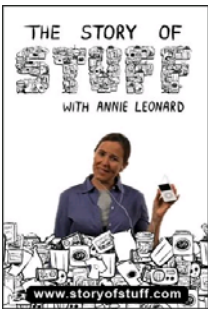
*Details for these upcoming programs are
TO BE ANNOUNCED.
Check our website for
updates on film titles and other information.*

Green Happenings

KCC's Council for Community Sustainability and the Kankakee Public Library are partnering to present an ongoing monthly program, Green Happenings.

This program series will focus on sustainable topics for the purpose of fostering community awareness of current issues and concerns and to help develop green practices in our daily lives. The typical program will consist of an educational film with discussion afterward or a green presentation by a person or persons well versed in the topic at hand.

These events will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the fourth floor auditorium.



The Story of Stuff
Tuesday,
September 28th
at 6:30pm

The Story of Stuff is a polemical animated documentary about the life-cycle of material goods. This film will be presented with a discussion to follow. Local recycling companies will be in attendance to guide us in making the best use of the recycling programs available in Kankakee County.



**Candidates
Green Forum**
Tuesday,
October 26th
at 6:30pm

With elections coming up on November 2nd, come hear candidates for County Board to Congress explain their positions on sustainability and other critical issues.



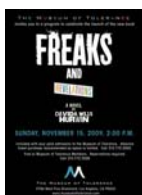
**Greening
Your Home**
Tuesday,
November 23rd
at 6:30pm

Greening your home can mean more green dollars in your wallet. Winter is on its way, so be prepared. Come listen to Lonnie Morris of the Illinois Sierra Club explain energy efficiency measures for your home. ComEd Smart ideas and other incentive programs will be discussed. Green building materials for your home will be on display.



book discussions

Bookmarks Book Discussions



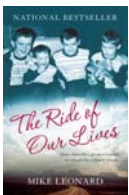
Freaks and Revelations

Davida Wills Hurwin

Thursday, September 16th at 7pm

Host: Steve / Snack: Marble Cake

Hurwin intertwines the narratives of two teenagers, an angry punk rocker and a homeless gay hustler, whose fates collide in the tragic events of one fateful night. Detailing the events before and after their violent encounter with alternating sides of the story, this novel recounts a fictionalized version of the sad but ultimately triumphant real-life tale of Matthew Boger and Timothy Zaal.



The Ride of Our Lives

Mike Leonard

Thursday, October 28th at 7pm

One Book, One Community selection

Host: Betty / Snack: Snickers & Brownies

NBC News Correspondent Mike Leonard takes his readers on an unforgettable ride in his debut book. *The Ride of our Lives* details his cross-country travels in an RV with his parents and his grown children. Crossing the expanse of the US, from the southwest to the coasts of New England, Leonard experiences a host of characters and locales, and explores the inner workings of his own life, as well as the lives of those around him.



The Great Perhaps

Joe Meno

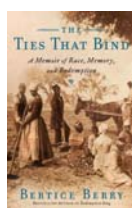
Thursday, November 18th at 7pm

Host: Nick / Snack: Cheesecake & Chai

Meno's latest novel tells the stories of the Caspers, a family of cowards trying to find their way in modern America. *The Great*

Perhaps flits between the aloof paleontologist father Jonathan, who is desperately searching for proof of a species of giant squid, the scientist mother Madeline, whose pigeon experiments have gone awry, the rebellious Amelia, who has proclaimed herself a Young Marxist, the newly-religious Thisbe, and their silent grandfather, intent on leaving life without a word. Meno explores their hopes, fears and confusion to create a delicate tapestry of human experience.

Soul Collections Book Discussions



The Ties that Bind: a Memoir of Race, Memory, and Redemption

Bertrice Berry

Tuesday, September 28th at 7pm

Berry ponders the long journey from slavery to emancipation and the notion of freedom as something that is mental and emotional as well as physical. Interspersing her family's history with that of the broader African-American population, Berry writes of getting past the bitterness of poverty and racism to appreciate the complexities of American slavery and the need to present more nuanced and balanced portraits of race relations.



Fledgling

Octavia Butler

Tuesday, October 26th at 7pm

Fledgling is the story of an apparently young, amnesiac girl whose alarmingly un-human needs and abilities lead her to a startling conclusion: she is in fact a genetically modified, 53-year-old vampire. Forced to discover what she can about her stolen former life, she must at the same time learn who wanted-and still wants-to destroy her and those she cares for, and how she can save herself. *Fledgling* is a captivating novel that tests the limits of "otherness" and questions what it means to be truly human.

**Soul Collections Book Discussions
for Tuesday, November 23rd
and Tuesday, December 21st
are**

To Be Announced



calendar of events



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Project Next Generation

Ages: 13 - 17

Project Next Generation is an exciting program sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, to give students the opportunity to experience new computer technologies, explore life skills, and have fun at the library. There is no charge to participate in Project Next Generation or for any of the program's field trips or activities.

Participants are expected to commit to the entire length of the program.

The Fall 2010 PNG Session will meet in the fourth floor of the Kankakee Public Library every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30pm - 5pm September 14th through October 20th.

PNG sessions are held in Studio 201 located on the fourth floor of the library. Enrollment will be limited to 10 students ages 13 - 17. Technology and mentoring subjects include working with Apple Macintosh computers and Keynote (iWork software application). Students will create an audio-visual presentation that they will use in a public speaking project. Activities will include a game day and a movie day at the library. If you have questions, call Roland Johnson at 815.939.4564.

Application deadline for PNG Fall session is Friday, September 10th. Applications are available in the Teen Zone.



Home @ Your Library for Teens

**Wednesdays,
September 8th
and October 6th
at 10:30am**

Home @ Your Library for Teens is a dynamic teen program designed for homeschooled teens to expand their knowledge.

Canvas Art

**Thursday,
September 9th
at 6:30pm**

Explore your hidden talent using paint!

T.A.B. - Teen Advisory Board

**Monday, September 13th at 6pm
Monday, October 18th at 6pm**

Come and discuss new ideas for teen programs and assist with youth service programs.

B Club

**Wednesday, September 15th at 6pm
Wednesday, October 20th at 6pm**

Come discuss the book of the month about teen relationships and issues.

YouTube Karaoke

Saturday, September 25th at 1pm

We dare you to sing your favorite song!



Anime Movie Monday

**Monday, September 27th at 6pm
Monday, October 25th at 6pm**

Come watch your favorite action-packed Anime movie.



Girlz Only! Mini Forum

**Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30pm**

Join us to discuss how to create a strong self-image.

Halloween Karaoke

Saturday, October 30th at 2pm



Youth Services Fall Programs



Cubbies Story Time

Mondays at 10am
Ages newborn - pre-K
 Interactive story hour. Each week will have a different theme that will include a story, a craft and a snack.



Reader's Theatre

2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm
Grades 4 - 6
 Come create a story! This program will take place the 2nd Tuesday of every month. There will be no meeting in November.

Cooking with Kids

Wednesdays at 6pm
September 8th
October 13th
Grades K - 3

Grab your spatulas and aprons and start the fun at the Library kitchen! We will be learning the basics of cooking, safe and sanitary kitchen rules, table setting, and a new recipe each month.



Home @ Your Library

Wednesdays at 10:30am
September 22nd and October 20th
Grades K - 5

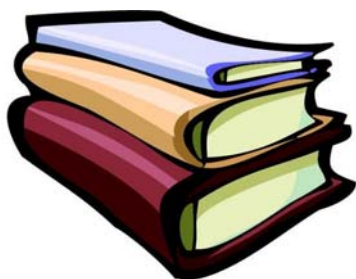
Home @ Your Library is a fun-filled educational program designed for homeschoolers grades K - 5. Each month you'll have the chance to learn about different skills with a local community leader.



Art-Venture

Saturdays at 11am
September 4th
October 2nd
Grades K - 6

Learn a little art history while you create your own masterpiece!



P.A.C.T. - Parents and Children Together

Mondays and Thursdays at 6pm
September 13th - October 28th

P.A.C.T. is a seven-week workout program for the whole family which will include exercise, health tips, and more. Join us twice a week for some family fitness fun at the library with ZUMBA Fitness and other fitness workouts. This program will be held at 6pm each Monday and Thursday beginning on Monday, September 13th and ending on Thursday, October 28th.



Family Reading Nights

Sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, Family Reading Night is celebrated annually in Illinois on the third Thursday in November. Family Reading Night is a statewide event when families are encouraged to spend quality time reading together.

Tuesday, October 19th at 6pm
 Mark Twain/Lafayette Family Reading Night

Tuesday, November 2nd at 6pm
 King Family Reading Night

Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30pm
 LCC/Montessori Family Reading Night

Tuesday, November 16th
 Steuben Elementary Family Reading Night

Thursday, November 18th
 Kennedy Middle School Family Reading Night

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Director's Column

I can't resist the urge to say once more how wonderful the Merchant Street Music Fest was this past August. Kankakeeans everywhere are talking about the huge crowds, great bands, good food and boost of town pride. There is one question I have personally heard that I'd like to give a quick answer to. What is the Kankakee Events Partnership (KEP) and why is the library involved? The first answer is easy. The KEP is a partnership between the library, the Kankakee Chamber, Kankakee Development Corporation and the City of Kankakee. You may wonder though what this has to do with books. My answer is that the Kankakee Public Library is in the business of cultural enrichment and learning through more media than books alone. In fact, digital text is putting magazines and newspapers at risk. Many are disappearing. What if the same thing should happen to books? My mission is to position the library so that we can deal with whatever technological changes come our way. That is why we have Kanwiki.com, why we podcast our speakers, and why we help create venues for local talent. I would love to see books on paper last forever. However, I want to ensure the greatness of KPL for centuries to come. That means embracing a mission that goes beyond the printed word, into the many varied ways that Kankakeeans express themselves.

Stephen Bertrand
Director

ATTACH LABEL HERE

Hispanic Connections / Conexiones de Hispanos (un Alcance comunitario para Hispanos)

Clases basicas de computación: Información en computadoras, operación, terminología, partes, correos, electronicos y más!

Sabados
Septiembre 4 y 18
Octubre 2 y 16
a las 11:00am



Mes de la Herencia Hispana
De Septiembre 15 a Octubre 15

La Biblioteca Publica de Kankakee estará celebranda el mes de la herencia hispana. Venga a la biblioteca para una lista de eventos.