

The MANE EVENT

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday
9am - 6pm

Saturday
9am - 5pm

Sunday
1pm - 5pm
(September - May)

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Mother's Day
May 11th

Sundays
May 25th thru
August 31st

Memorial Day
May 26th

AUTHOR FAIR

Saturday, April 19th

10am - 2pm - First Floor

In honor of National Library Week (4/13-4/19) we will be hosting our second celebration of local literature! Meet and greet over 20 local authors who will have copies of their books for sale that they will be delighted to sign for you! All genres will be represented from children's literature to teens and adults. This is a free event and open to the public. You won't want to miss this popular event! Scheduled events include:

10am - 2pm

Meet and greet with authors

Hands on crafts for kids

Featured artwork by Chris Shoup

Appearances throughout the day by everybody's favorite golden bear!

10:30am and 1pm - Children's Author George Scheber will read from his Earl the Squirrel Series

11:30 - noon Gary Paruszkiewicz will demonstrate therapeutic Tai Chi

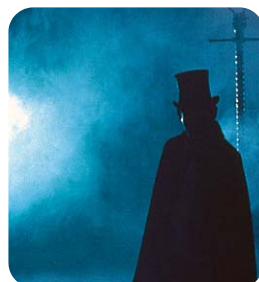


JACK THE RIPPER: THE WHITECHAPEL MURDERER

Thursday, May 8th

7pm - First Floor

Linda Putnam of *London Talk & Tours* presents Jack the Ripper: The Whitechapel Murderer. Jack the Ripper is a name that brings to mind vivid images of murder, mayhem, and the 19th century fogs of London's East End. Although these murders took place in 1888 within weeks and sometimes just days of each other, they remain of great interest to this day. A series of murders of hapless young women that has never been successfully solved, the identity of "Jack" remains a mystery.



This photo-accompanied presentation will discuss the location and nature of London's East End, reveal the character and situation of each victim, show a picture of each victim as well as the site where she was found, and discuss the criminal detection tools available to the London police, and their relationship to the local press.

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 third floor meeting room and are free.

BASIC CLASSES

No prior knowledge required.

Meet Your PC

Tuesday, April 8th 10 - noon
We will look at the inside of a computer and talk about hardware. Basic information on mousing, Windows, and computer terminology will be covered.

Mouse & Keyboard

Wednesday, April 9th 10 - noon
This hands-on class will include basic computer terminology and patrons will be shown proper keyboarding and mouse techniques.

Internet Basics

Tuesday, April 22nd 10 - noon
We will cover web terminology, getting connected to internet, basic searching, using web pages, determining trustworthy websites, and avoiding web dangers.

Email Basics

Wednesday, April 23rd 10 - noon
This class will cover how to send/receive email, how email works, email security, downloading and sending attachments, and address/contact lists.



ADVANCED CLASSES

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

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, May 13th 10 - noon
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

Wednesday, May 14th 10 - noon
Learn how to format sections, insert section breaks, and set up headers and footers. Also, learn how to use table cells to organize information in rows and columns, and insert images.

Basic Photo Editing

Tuesday, May 20th 10 - noon
The Picasa photo editing program will be used to demonstrate the basics on how to simply edit your digital photos. Cropping and getting rid of red-eye will be among the topics covered.

Introduction to Photoshop

Wednesday, May 21st 10 - noon
In this hands on class, you will be introduced to Photoshop 7.0. We will discuss how to fix common color and contrast problems, repair imperfections, and resize your images.

Excel Basics

Wednesday, May 28th 10 - noon
Excel is a spreadsheet program that is used to view and analyze data in a simple format. You will learn basic skills like entering in data and making calculations.



Troubleshooting Basics

Thursday, April 24th 6 - 8pm
Guest teacher, Aaron Lundell, will cover web terminology, getting connected to internet, basic searching, using web pages, determining trustworthy websites, and avoiding web dangers.

Finding Your Family History in the Attic

Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society program
Saturday, June 14th at 1pm
Third Floor Meeting Room

Join us for this video presentation by 123 Genealogy. Learn how to get started finding your family history in the closest place possible - your own home! Open to the public.

Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society Business Meeting

Saturday, April 12th at 1pm
Third Floor Meeting Room

Following the meeting, work on your own genealogical research. Members will be available to answer questions and help with your research. Good opportunity for beginners to get started. Open to the public.

WANT HELP?

Ask the Genealogy Sleuth!

Need some one-on-one help with your genealogy research? Reserve a two hour personalized session with our resident genealogy sleuth. Appointments are available for any Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:30am or 2 - 4pm. Reservation required. Call 815/939-4564 to reserve your date and time.



Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society

Saturday, May 10th

KVGS members will be meeting to work on their cemetery project at a location to be determined. No business meeting at the Library.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

7 - 8pm

Third Floor Meeting Room

Fiction Book Discussions

April 3rd - Water for Elephants

by C.S. Lewis

May 1st - The Things They

Carried

by Tim O'Brien

June 5th - The Year of Fog

by Michelle Richmond

Non-Fiction Book Discussions

April 17th - Circus Fire

by Stewart O'Nan

May 15th - My Father's Secret War

by Lucinda Franks

June 19th - Marley and Me

by John Grogan

Soul Collections Book Discussions

Join us for our *Soul Collections* book discussions. Featured are books by African American authors.

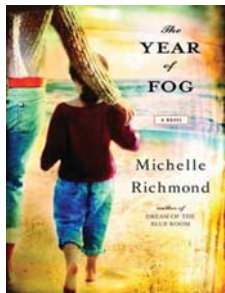
April 22nd - Rehoboth Road

by Anita Ballard-Jones

May 27th - The Price of a Child

by Lorene Cary

June 24th - TBA



KANKAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS & BOOKINGS

APRIL

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Saturday 12th - Story and Craft Time at 1pm - see page 5
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Tuesday 15th - KJHS Teen Poetry Slam at 6:30pm - see page 5
Wednesday 16th - Home @ Your Library at 10:30am - see page 5
Thursday 17th - Bright Beginnings Family Reading Night at 6:30pm - see page 5
- Non-Fiction Book Discussion Circus Fire at 7pm - see page 3
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Summer Reading 2008 is almost here...
Get in the Game, Read!



MAY

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JUNE

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Thursday 19th - Non-Fiction Book Discussion Marley and Me at 7pm - see page 3
Tuesday 24th - *Soul Collections* Book Discussion To Be Announced at 7pm - see page 3

Project Next Generation

Ages: 10-13
Summer 2008

Project Next Generation (PNG) is an exciting FREE 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! Teens that have participated in the prior fall and winter sessions may continue PNG this summer.

PNG sessions begin June 3 and end July 12, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Application deadline is May 20, 2008.

Applications available at the Circulation Desk on the Library's first floor. There will be many field trips this season and some of them include: bowling, ice skating, swimming, Apple Computer Store in Chicago, and Indiana Beach in Monticello, Indiana.



Questions? Call Roland Johnson, PNG Lead Mentor, at 815/939-4564 or email him at rbjohnson@lions-online.org.



KJHS Teen Poetry Slam: Her Voice, His Voice, Our Voice

Ages: KJHS Students

Tuesday, April 15th

6:30pm

Kankakee Junior High School (KJHS) Family Reading Night and Poetry Slam are combined this year. If you are a KJHS student, come and perform your original works of poetry during this year's Teen Poetry Slam "Her Voice, His Voice, Our Voice - Slammin' @ the KPL". Only original poetry can be read by performers. There are prizes for the best poem.

Questions? Call the KPL staff at 815/937-6960.

Cubbies

Ages: Birth - preschool

Cubbies is an interactive story hour for children birth through preschool. Cubbies includes a themed story, a craft and a healthy snack.

Monday, April 7th

10:00am

Monday, April 14th

10:00am

Monday, April 21st

10:00am

Monday, April 28th

10:00am

Monday, May 5th

10:00am

Monday, May 12th

10:00am

Monday, May 19th

10:00am



Story & Craft Times

Ages: 3 - 8

Saturday April 12th 1:00pm

Bright Beginnings Family Reading Night @ the Library

Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm

Ages: Bright Beginnings Students

Family Reading Night is sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian.

Rebecca Caudill Club

Ages: 4th grade to 8th grade

Monday, April 21st 6:30pm

Home @ Your Library

Ages: All

Wednesday April 16th

10:30am

Homeschoolers, come "home" to KPL! At this fun and educational event get your mind in shape with a book brain workout and meet other homeschool kids and families, too!

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Director's Column

Any avid reader will tell you that the saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover" is true. But the marketing gurus of Madison Avenue know that most of us are influenced by the cover. On his recent visit here award-winning author Christopher Paul Curtis shared that the artist who designed the cover for his first book was paid more than he was for writing the book! We appreciate how much packaging matters which is why you will find this publication full of colorful and eye-catching graphics.

While we don't have a Madison Avenue budget, we do have a new corporate friend: Wal-Mart in Kankakee. We're delighted they're here, and delighted to be the recipient of a \$5,000 Grand Opening Grant from Wal-Mart. The grant has been used to purchase two new printers for the Library. One of them is being used to print out the Library's program guide, *The Mane Event*, as well as other library promotional materials which we hope will entice you to the Library. Thank you Wal-Mart, and welcome to the neighborhood!



Happy Reading,
Cindy Fuerst

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coming fall 2008