

January/February 2012



*Pictured above: Even Darth Vader gets his news at hyper speed with CLPL's electronic resources.*

## Get Your e-News at Hyper Speed

Start the new year off receiving valuable information at hyper speed. During the month of January, anyone who is signed up or signs up for any of the following will receive fun giveaways from area merchants and a chance to win four tickets to Cirque du Soleil's Quidam at the Sears Centre (February 8, 7:30 pm performance).

- eNotifications
- *Beacon net* e-newsletter
- *Coming Soon - Popular Fiction*

Visit the Library Circulation desk, or Adult or Youth Service desks for details.



*Pictured above: Brian Pappalardo (far right) with cofounders of the Library Foundation, Library Trustee Don Peters and Library Director Kathryn I. Martens.*

## Thank You, Brian Pappalardo

Brian Pappalardo's eyes widen and he beams with enthusiasm when asked about his experience on the Library Board for the past 11 years; an experience which includes serving twice as Treasurer and once as Vice President. Pappalardo is also the President and cofounder of the Crystal Lake Library Foundation.

As Senior Vice President of Investment with Merrill Lynch, Pappalardo brought his professional talents to his work on the Board. In addition to serving as Foundation President, Pappalardo also served for four years as its Treasurer. "It was like a busman's holiday," Pappalardo jokes.

Pappalardo retired from the Library Board in November 2011, but will remain on the Library Foundation Board. "I have cut back at work and want to make some lifestyle changes that will allow me to better focus my talents and energy to the things closest to my heart." On Brian's list of semi-retirement activities are traveling with his family, playing guitar in his band, serving as Treasurer of the Crystal Lake U.S.-El Salvador Sister City Organization and continuing to serve as President on the Library Foundation.

"The excellent staff at CLPL does such a great job of masking the problems that the Library has that most people who come and pick up their books don't notice the aging facility, the cramped working conditions and the three HVAC systems that become more and more expensive to maintain each year," Pappalardo says. "By having more time to devote to the Library Foundation, I feel I can have a greater impact fund-raising for the Library." In the past 10 years the Library Foundation has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars through donations and the annual Clay Jenkinson event. The Foundation has given back to the Library for projects like the new computer lab, and the repairs and landscaping at the Beacon emergency exit.

Although Pappalardo looks forward to directing his attention to the Library Foundation, he will miss regular contact with the Library Board. "We have such a tremendous Board," says Pappalardo. "People have no idea how dedicated, hardworking and talented they are."

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## Director's Desktop

You will be reading this column near the start of 2012. The start of a new year is also a time to reflect back on the year that is ending.

2011 was a challenging and busy year at the Crystal Lake Public Library. A good deal of energy was committed to our needs assessment project. We spent time looking at and thinking about CLPL in terms of its statistics – how many cardholders, how many people in our service area, how many items in the collection and net growth over the years, circulation numbers, door counts, computer use, questions answered, programs and attendance. We looked at how CLPL itself has “performed” over the years and how it compares to other public libraries serving comparable size communities. We looked at the community we serve – census and demographic information, schools, parks, the City’s services and future plans. We looked at the bigger library world as well as future predictions of what life will be like over the next 20 years and what impacts there might be on public library services. We talked with more than 100 people in our community through interviews, focus groups, and meetings.

What did we learn about what we can do today for you, our patrons? Customer service, human contact, is an extremely important component of CLPL’s service; we will continue to make this a priority. You expect the Library to provide all materials (print, audio, visual, and eResources) when you want them and in many different formats; we will continue our diligence in developing and balancing the collection. You expect us to use technology for efficiencies that make sense and enhance service to the public; we will continue along this path as well. We can continue to work on and improve all these areas within our current space and budget.

What did we learn about what we have to work on for you, our patrons? You expect more computers, laptop power sources, Internet bandwidth, and seating. You want improved access: more parking, better access into the building from the parking lot, and a drive-up book return. You need more community meeting spaces – small group meeting and study rooms as well as a larger, accessible meeting space. Your demand for materials cannot be met by the current size of this Library’s collection and has made the Crystal Lake Public Library one of the leading net borrowers in our consortium. All these areas will require a significant improvement in the Library facility and additional money.

In 2004, an advisory referendum to build a new library on a new site failed. A follow-up community survey told us to “make do with what we had for now,” so, in 2007, we undertook Project Shoehorn. The goal of Project Shoehorn was to maximize use of the existing space in order to get 5-8 more years out of the current footprint. As the calendar flips from 2011 to 2012, we are now at that 5-year mark.

Your public library isn’t going away. In fact, in 2013 CLPL will celebrate 100 years of service to this community. Since every year this Library has been used more than the year before, it is reasonable to expect that the demand for public library services will continue to grow. As part of our responsibility to serve you, the Library Board and I are actively exploring options aimed at addressing our challenges in an effort to maximize our service to you.

### Kathryn I. Martens

CLPL Director

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## Support the Friends

### Used Book Sale Collections

- Saturdays, January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 10 & 24 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Wednesdays, February 15, March 14 and April 4 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Our sale is scheduled for April 14-15, with a Members-Only Presale on April 13. (Membership information is available at [www.focll.org](http://www.focll.org)). Lots of sorting and set-up help is needed. The location for dropping off books and for the sale is #22 Crystal Lake Plaza (West of Joseph’s Market).

### Our Gratitude

The Friends wish to thank all who helped provide funding for the Summer Reading Programs and other Library needs during 2011 by so generously participating in the used book, candy and mum sales, Market Days and Culver’s events.

Follow all Friends happenings on Facebook. Click the Facebook icon at [www.focll.org](http://www.focll.org) and “like” us on our fan page!

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### Tax Forms

Tax forms are available at the Library again this year. We try to have copies of the most commonly used federal and state individual tax forms. If you don't see what you need, ask at the Adult Services Desk. To print tax forms from home or your office, log onto the following:  
 Federal Forms      [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)  
 Illinois Forms      [www.iltax.com](http://www.iltax.com)

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Workshop

Saturday, January 21  
 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 An Illinois Student Assistance Commission/College Illinois! Corps representative will demonstrate the FAFSA process. This "how-to" session will feature screenshots and online demos of the FAFSA form. Q&A

### Cram for Exams!

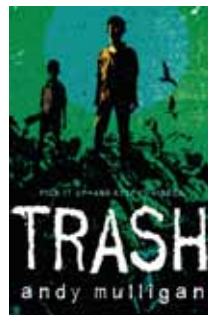
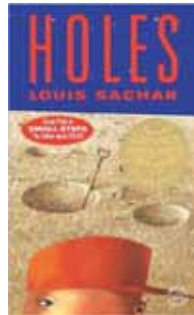
Monday, January 16  
 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 Attention senior high students! If you need a place to get together with your study group before finals, you're invited to the Library meeting room where you will find tables, chairs, snacks, supplies and staff to assist you.

### Teen Anime Club

Thursdays, January 26 & February 23  
 7:00 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 All teen anime fans are welcome to join us to view some anime, talk, enjoy some pocky and maybe win an extra treat.

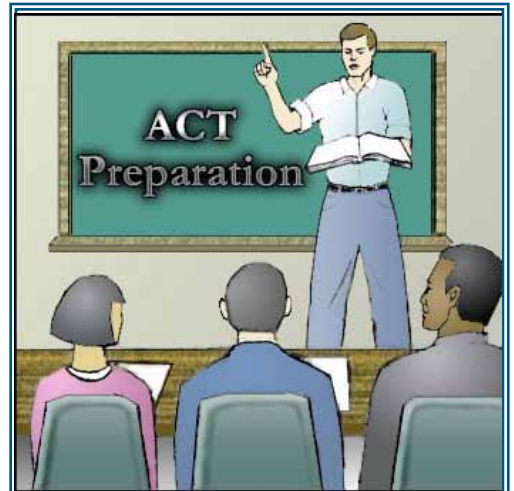
### Teen Advisory Board Winter Meeting

Tuesday, January 31  
 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 We are currently accepting applications for our Library Teen Advisory Board. Apply at the Adult Services desk. Help plan new programs, decorate the Teen annex, create book and movie lists for our teen web page and more!



### Read, Write and Win Kickoff

Sunday, February 12  
 2:00 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 Join us for the kickoff of the seventh annual Read, Write and Win writing contest. Teens in grades 6-8 can choose to read and write a new ending to either *Holes* by Louis Sachar or *Trash* by Andy Mulligan. See page 8 for full details.



### Full Length Practice ACT Test Featuring Kaplan

Saturdays, January 28 & February 18  
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 This fully proctored ACT test will show students what to expect on test day. Open to all Crystal Lake area high school students.  
**Registration required.**

### ACT Test Strategies 101 Workshop

Saturdays, February 11 & 25  
 9:30 - 10:30 am  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 During these one-hour workshops, both students and parents can learn how to score higher on the ACT test using Kaplan strategies. Students of Crystal Lake area high schools and their parents are welcome.  
**Registration required.**

### Coming Soon: Ninth Annual Poetry Month Contest Begins March 1

Teens (grades 6-12) are invited to submit up to two previously unpublished original poems for our National Poetry Month Contest. See page 8 for full details.

# Adult Services

## Book Discussion Groups

Share your views with others in a friendly, informal setting. Books are available at the Circulation Desk. New members are welcome.

### Bookies (fiction book discussion group) 9:30 am



Wednesday, January 18 *Brooklyn*  
by Colm Toibin

Irish immigrant Eilis Lacey has created a new life for herself in New York but when devastating news arrives from Ireland she must return and face a difficult choice.



Wednesday, February 15 *Crashing Through*  
by Robert Kurson (nonfiction)

Mike May had a lifetime to adjust to his blindness but when a surgical procedure became available to restore his sight he took the risk, embracing his new sighted life with gusto and a sense of adventure.

### Real World Reads (nonfiction book discussion group) 7:30 pm



Tuesday, January 17 *Operation Mincemeat*  
by Ben McIntyre

In 1943 a plot was hatched by the British to throw off the Germans during WWII. This successful ruse fooled Hitler himself, allowing the Allies to launch a surprise attack at another location.



Tuesday, February 21 *Little Chapel on the River*  
by Wendy Bounds

In the aftermath of 9/11, the author moved from Manhattan to a little town on the Hudson River and became involved with an Irish-American family who owned a local tavern. This is a touching story about small town life.

Please note: Real World Reads will begin meeting monthly in 2012 (except for December).

## Film Lovers Group

Film buffs, attend monthly showings of notable films, as part of our Film Lovers Group. A short discussion will follow viewings. Come enjoy these great flicks on a big screen (bring your own snacks or dinner). Recommended for adults or older teens.



Thursday, January 12, 6:00 pm – *Places in the Heart* (PG)  
After her husband is killed, Edna Spaulding (Sally Field) is forced to take over the Depression era debt-ridden Texas family farm herself. Though slightly embittered by the fact that a black man was responsible for her husband's death, Edna accepts the help of another African-American, Moze (Danny Glover). Nominated for seven Oscars. Won for Best Actress and Screenplay.



Thursday, February 9, 6:00 pm – *To Have and Have Not* (Not Rated)  
Expatriate American Harry Morgan helps transport a Free French Resistance leader and his beautiful wife to Martinique while romancing a sexy lounge singer. This was Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall's first movie together.

## Monday and Tuesday Movies

Screened in the Ames Meeting Room.  
BYO lunch or dinner.



*Super 8* (PG-13)  
Tuesday, January 3 - 6:00 pm



*The Help* (PG-13)  
Monday, January 9 - 12:00 pm



*Cowboys & Aliens* (PG-13)  
Tuesday, February 7 - 6:00 pm



*Midnight in Paris* (PG-13)  
Monday, February 13 - 12:00 pm

## Job Club

Thursdays, January 5 & 26 and  
February 16

1:00 pm

Ames Meeting Room

Join other job hunters for information and networking in a supportive environment. Upcoming topics include:  
1/5 - "LinkedIn" by Bruce Bennett  
1/26 - "Getting through Tough Financial Times" by Karen Chan  
2/16 - "Job Hunting for Older Workers" by Terri Worman

## Beginning Craigslist: Buying and Selling

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 pm

Ames Meeting Room

Learn how to buy and sell on Craigslist, including how to set up an account, list items for sale, and maintain your personal safety while making extra cash.  
**Registration is required.**

## Coming Soon: Ninth Annual National Poetry Month Contest Begins March 1

All adults are invited to submit up to two previously unpublished original poems for our National Poetry Month Contest. See page 8 for full details.

**Clases de Computación en Español (GRATIS!!!) Por favor registrarse con tiempo llamando al 815.459.1687, x7.**

**Correo Electrónico Email**

Sábado, Enero 7 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Aprenda a crear y usar un correo electrónico gratis.

**Introducción a las Computadoras**

Jueves, Enero 12 7:30 – 8:45 pm  
Esta es una clase de introducción para que conozca acerca de los componentes de un computador.

**\*Internet Básico**

Jueves, Enero 19 o Jueves, Febrero 23  
7:30 – 8:45 pm  
En esta clase aprenderás conocimientos básicos de Internet.

**\*Introducción a Microsoft Word**

Sábado, Enero 21 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
En esta clase aprenderás las herramientas básicas que trae este programa para crear documentos como: cartas, resumes, memorándums, trabajos de escuela, etc.

**\*Microsoft Word - Practica 1**

Sábado, Enero 28 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
En esta clase emplearás las herramientas de Microsoft Word para crear un memorándum y una invitación para una fiesta o evento utilizando graficas y bordes.

**\*Microsoft Word - Practica 2**

Sábado, Febrero 4 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
En esta clase emplearás las herramientas de Microsoft Word para crear una tabla.

**Introducción a las Computadoras**

Jueves, Febrero 9 7:30 – 8:45 pm  
Esta es una clase de introducción para que conozca acerca de los componentes de un computador.

**\*Microsoft Word - Practica 3**

Sábado, Febrero 25 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
En esta clase emplearás las herramientas de Microsoft Word para enviar una carta o documento a muchas personas usando Mail Merge.

\* Saber usar el ratón (mouse) es requerido para las clases.

The following Computer Classes Are Held in the Computer Lab  
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**Beginning Word 2007\***

Tuesday, January 17 7:00 – 8:30pm  
This class will introduce the most popular features of Microsoft Word 2007\*. Mouse skills required.

**Beginning Excel 2007\***

Monday, January 23 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Learn how to enter and manipulate data with the Microsoft Excel 2007\* spreadsheet program. Mouse and keyboarding skills required.



**Get LinkedIn\* or Get Left Out**

Wednesday, January 25 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Participants will have a “hands-on” experience by creating a LinkedIn profile. Learn how to use this tool for job search, business development, professional group connections, and keeping in touch with other professionals with similar interests. Mouse skills required.

**Email Clinic**

Thursday, February 2 9:30 – 11:00am  
Improve your use of email (**limited to Gmail, Hotmail, or Yahoo! Mail! accounts**). Send group email messages while preserving the privacy of the recipients, create folders, and attach a photo or document in this hands-on workshop.

**Beginning PowerPoint 2007\***

Thursday, February 16 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Learn the basics of developing a presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint 2007\*. Mouse skills required.

**File Management Basics**

Wednesday, February 22 1:30 – 3:00pm  
Master the basics of file management using Microsoft Windows XP. Learn to create, name, find, and delete files and folders. Mouse skills required.

**Working with Your Digital Camera for Beginners**

Friday, February 10 1:30 – 4:00pm  
Learn how to connect your digital camera to a computer and use basic photo manipulation techniques. Please bring your digital camera, memory card, and cables. For the email portion, you will need to have an existing email account that you can access away from home.

**Genealogy: FamilySearch.org**

Session 1: February 11 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Session 2: February 18 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Explore the many resources of this website that is designed to help both the novice and experienced family history researcher to be successful. Each session will cover different information. Attendees are welcome to register for one or both sessions.

**eReader Hands-On Boot Camps**

Did you get a new eReader for the holidays? Had one for awhile, but never downloaded Library books? Come to one of our eReader Boot Camps to learn how to borrow eBooks for free! Bring your eReader, cables, and CLPL card with you to class. Space is limited – **Registration required!**

**Kindle for Libraries Hands-On Boot Camp:**

Tuesday, January 10 1:30 or 2:30 pm  
Saturday, January 14 9:30 or 10:30am  
Thursday, January 26 6:30 or 7:30 pm

**Nook Hands-On Boot Camp:**

Thursday, January 19 9:30 am  
Wednesday, February 1 7:00 pm

**eReader Hands-On Boot Camp:**

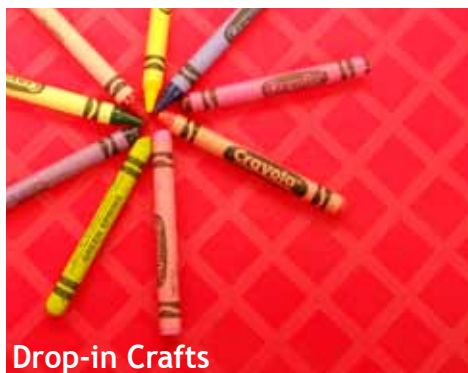
Monday, January 16 1:30 pm  
Monday, January 30 7:00 pm

## Storytimes

Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. CLPL's Early Literacy classes prepare your child to learn to read. Winter session #1 begins Monday, January 9 and will run through Thursday, February 9. Winter session #2 will start Monday, February 20 and will end Thursday, March 22. You may register in person, by phone or online. In consideration of others, please register for only one class per child. **Registration with a CLPL card is required for all storytimes.**

Age	Room	Day	Time
Birth to 17 months*	2	Monday	9:30 am
18-35 months*	1	Monday	9:30 am
18-35 months*	2	Tuesday	9:30 am
Birth to 3*	1	Monday	10:30 am
Birth to 3*	2	Tuesday	10:30 am
Birth to 3*	2	Wednesday	9:30 am
Birth to 3*	2	Wednesday	10:30 am
Birth to 3*	2	Thursday	9:30 am
3 & 4 year olds	1	Tuesday	9:30 am
3 & 4 year olds	2	Wednesday	9:30 am
3 & 4 year olds	1	Wednesday	10:30 am
3 & 4 year olds	1	Wednesday	1:30 pm
4 and up	2	Monday	10:30 am
4 and up	1	Tuesday	10:30 am
4 and up	1	Tuesday	1:30 pm
4 and up	1	Thursday	9:30 am
Birth to 5*	1 & 2	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Birth to 5*	1 & 2	Thursday	10:30 am

\* A parent or adult caretaker must accompany children to the Storytimes marked with an asterisk.



## Drop-in Crafts

*Mondays, January 9, 23, 30 & February 6, 13 & 27*  
 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
 Storytime Room 1  
 Students in kindergarten through grade 3 will have the chance to engage their imaginations and develop fine motor skills while having the satisfaction of bringing home something they've made themselves.

## Sunday Family Movies

*Sundays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 & February 5, 12\*, 19 & 26*  
 1:30 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 \*February 12 will be in the Storytime Room

January 8	<i>Soul Surfer (PG)</i>
January 15	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG)</i>
January 22	<i>Dragon Hunters (PG)</i>
January 29	<i>Mars Needs Moms (PG)</i>
February 5	<i>Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG)</i>
February 12	<i>Marley and Me: The Puppy Years (PG)</i>
February 19	<i>Turtle the Incredible Journey (G)</i>
February 26	<i>Dolphin Tale (PG)</i>



## Read to the Dog

*Saturday, January 14*  
 10:00 - 11:30 am  
 Storytime Room  
 Studies show that reading to a dog improves reading literacy by building confidence in young readers. Our gentle Delta Society trained dogs love to listen and sometimes even fall asleep to the sound of a friendly voice. **Registration with a CLPL card required.**

## School Is Out Movies

*Mondays, January 16 & February 20*  
 1:30 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 If you're looking for something to do on your day off, stop by the Library. We will show *Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)* on January 16 and *Smurfs (PG)* on February 20.

## LEGO Mondays

*Mondays, January 16 & February 20*  
 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
 Storytime Room  
 It's construction time at the Library. LEGO building helps children plan, organize and develop concentration. Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will use their imaginations to create whatever they like, real or make believe.

## Hands on Science

*Thursdays, January 19 & February 16*  
 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Ames Meeting Room  
 Young scientists in grades 3-5, develop critical thinking abilities and have fun in the process. **Registration with a CLPL card is required.**

**January 19:** Extract your own DNA from cheek cells.

**February 16:** Identify your fingerprints.

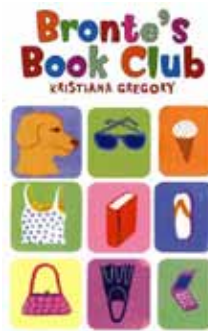
## Preschool Crafts

Fridays, January 20 & February 17

9:30 - 11:00 am

Storytime Room

Crafts aren't just for the big kids. Preschoolers have the opportunity to be creative and acquire fine motor skills with developmentally appropriate crafts. Preschoolers are invited to drop in and work on a project with a parent or caretaker.



## Preschool Fair

Saturday, January 21

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Storytime and Ames Meeting Rooms

Is it time to start planning where your child will attend preschool? We are here to help. Representatives from more than 20 area preschools will be at CLPL to tell you about their schools. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. No Library card is required.

## Chinese New Year

Sunday, January 22

3:00 pm

Storytime Rooms

Celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon, at the Library. The celebration begins immediately after our January 22 Sunday family movie, *Dragon Hunters*. Join us in the Storytime Room for a New Year's celebration with crafts, stories, snacks, music and more.

## Read, Write and Win Kickoff

Sunday, February 12

2:00 pm

Ames Meeting Room

Join us for the kickoff of the seventh annual Read, Write and Win writing contest. Students in grades 3-5 can choose to read and write a new ending to *Bronte's Book Club* by Kristiana Gregory or *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester* by Barbara O'Connor. Teens in grades 6-8 can choose to read and write a new ending to either *Holes* by Louis Sachar or *Trash* by Andy Mulligan. See page 8 for full details.

## Pinkalicious Party

Tuesday, February 14

9:30 am

Ames Meeting Room

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a Pinkalicious party at the Library. Children from 4-6 years old are invited to attend. Enjoy songs and stories, work on a craft and have a pinkalicious snack (hope they don't turn you pink). **Registration with a CLPL card is required.**

## Chicago Wolves Hockey Team

Tuesday, March 6

7:00 pm

Ames Meeting Room

The Wolves are coming! Mark your calendars now. On Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm, Chicago Wolves Hockey player Victor Oreskovich will visit the Crystal Lake Public Library in conjunction with the Library's Winter Reading Program.

## Winter Reading Program: "Be a Smart Cookie, Read"

January 30 - March 24

Cosponsored by Target and the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team

Do you like cookies? Do you like to read? Our Winter Reading Program is made for you! Bring your Crystal Lake Public Library card to the Youth Services desk to register, receive your log and learn more about the program. Complete the reading log by March 24 and receive prizes. Thanks to the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team and a grant from Target for sponsoring our Winter Reading Program.



## MISSION STATEMENT

### Crystal Lake Public Library:

**Helping people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.**

The Library Board of Trustees will meet: January 18 and February 15 at 7:00 pm in the Ames Meeting Room of the Library.

#### Library Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Fri & Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### The Library opens at noon

**on the following Fridays:** January 6 and February 3. **The Library will be closed on December 31 and January 1.**

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### Read, Write and Win Kickoff Students Grades 3-8

Sunday, February 12  
2:00 pm  
Ames Meeting Room



Calling all Crystal Lake students in grades 3-8, including homeschoolers. You are invited to the kickoff of the seventh annual Read, Write and Win writing contest - a literacy competition for which students write their own endings to 1 of 2 books in their age category: Brontë's Book Club or The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester for students in grades 3-5; Holes or Trash for students in grades 6-8.

Winners receive \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25, respectively, for first, second, third and fourth place in each category for each book. This program is presented in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers, McHenry

County College, School District 47 and the Crystal Lake Public Library.

"More than half of the world's Rotary clubs participate in literacy projects which improve access to books and learning materials and enhance classroom learning," says Krista Huffman, Vocational Avenue of Service Chair, Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers, the organization that funds the books and prizes for Read, Write and Win.

"The Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers supports Read, Write and Win to promote these ideals along with the love of reading and creativity - the central objective being to develop skills for the participant that will be of greater use later in life."

To learn more about this competition, join us for the kickoff on February 12. You may also visit the Library website at [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org), or call 815.459.1687, x6 or x7.

Entry forms will be available at the Library or online at [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org).

### Coming Soon: Ninth Annual National Poetry Month Contest Contest Begins: March 1 Contest Ends: April 7

**Who Can Enter:** Adults or teens (grades 6-12) who live in Crystal Lake, or attend school in CL (teens) or who have a CLPL Library card - there are separate contests for each age group.

#### Prizes Awarded for Each Age Group:

First place - \$50 bookstore gift card  
Second place - \$25 bookstore gift card  
Third place - journal and pen

**Winners Announced:** April 24 at 7:00 pm during Poetry Night at the Library. (Following the awards ceremony, everyone is welcome to join us for an informal poetry reading.)

**For More Information:** Contest guidelines will be available at service desks and on our website - [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org) beginning on March 1.