

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

September 2010

“The library fueled all of my curiosities.” Ray Bradbury, author.

Fall is just about here, and things are hopping at the library. Story time and youth activities are about to be in full swing, and at this writing, students are coming in at the last minute to get their summer reading books (the procrastinators, that is...). The book discussion group starts again September 21, and we're hosting a series of Employment Skills workshops. See details for these below. Did you know it is National Library Card month? If you or someone in your family has yet to get that ticket to entertainment, information, and culture, now is the time to get it. Remember, your first card is free!

Mark your calendar for these September events:

Sat. Sept. 4 through Mon. Sept. 6: Closed for Labor Day Weekend.

Mon. Sept. 13: Roald Dahl's Birthday, 3- 5 p.m. Drop in and celebrate with crafts and activities. Remember to smile at everyone so you won't become a twit, and try out a few words backwards, as Mr. Hoppy does in *Esio Trot*. Any age, no pre-registration needed. In case you don't remember who Roald Dahl is, he wrote Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, and many more beloved books.

Thur. Sept. 16: Pajama Time, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 21: Adult Book Discussion, 7 p.m. (See below).

Mon. Sept. 27: Bear Hair, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. What is more wonderful than a favorite teddy bear? A teddy bear with spectacular hair! Bring your bears and design a new fashion-forward look for them to wear on their heads. Any age (with help), no pre-registration required.

Wed. Sept. 29: Why Do Leaves Change Color? , 1 p.m. Learn the science behind the change! We'll also make fall sculptures using natural materials and silk leaves. Ages 4 and up. No pre-registration required.

Fall Story Times begin the week of September 13 and end the week of November 15. No pre-registration needed.

Ages 2 and under: Tuesdays at 10:15 or Fridays at 11

Ages 2 and 3: Thursdays at 11

Ages 3 and 4: Fridays at 10:15

Ages 4 and 5: Thursdays at 10:15 and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Additional info on all children's programs is available on a youth room flyer, or contact Youth Librarian Kitty Schacht for more information.

If special accommodations are needed for any library program, please let us know at least four weeks in advance.

FIVE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Program leader: Gary Gekow, Senior Employment Specialist with 21 years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. All workshops meet from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and no registration is needed. Plan to attend any or all, and attendance is free. Funded by the Non-Profit Gift Fund, as administered by the Mansfield Board of Selectmen. Call our Reference Librarian at 508-261-7380 if you need additional information.

Sept. 7: Resume Writing Review

Sept. 21: Interview Workshop

Sept. 28: Online Job Search and Resume Submittal Workshop

Oct. 5: Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself in Today's Job Market

Oct. 12: Salary and Benefits Negotiation

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Our first discussion of the fall will be on September 21 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come and bring a book you enjoyed this summer. We'll also set up our schedule for the next few months. Have suggestions? Bring them!



You Helped Us Help the Animal Shelter!

Our readers easily reached 800 hours of summer reading, and we were able to make two donations to the shelter...one to sponsor a cage, and one toward the Shelter Building Fund. Thank you, readers!



We're delighted to report that Mystic Aquarium reduced their co-pays when you use the pass. Mystic is now offering \$6.00 off adult admission and \$4.00 off child admission (up to 2 adults and 2 children per pass) through April 30, 2011. We have passes for Saturdays and Sundays only. Reserve your pass now. Easy to get to, free parking, etc.

Live Tutors

We've renewed our subscription to Live Homework Help, an online tutoring service. Children, adult learners, and job seekers can sign in any day between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. In the spring we had a real surge in usage, and reviews were excellent. You may log into the service on our webpage, www.sailsinc.org/mansfield.

Check Your Spam Filter

We've been told that some of our emails to you do not go through, and end up in spam filters. You might want to check.

Noisy Noise

Otherwise known as "shhhh." We've been battling noise issues since we opened this building in 1989, as our ceilings are high, and popular culture just doesn't put an emphasis on "quiet in the library" anymore. We do have what we call a "silent study" area, and users have recently complained about noise in the library. We respectfully ask that you (and we!) try to keep our voices lower.

Playaways

We recently obtained a very few audio books known as "Playaways." These audio books are the size of a deck of cards and require batteries and ear buds. Some libraries find these very popular, some do not, so we are putting our toes gently in the water with a few. You'll need to provide your own ear buds (for sanitary reasons) and batteries. First borrowers of the titles will find batteries inside. We'll be placing these on the shelves where our other audio books are in September, so take a look and let us know what you think.

Remember you can build your resume through Optimal Resume's website through our website.

Let us know if you'd like to receive this letter in your email. . .email Janet Campbell at jcampbel@sailsinc.org. Please let us know if you have any questions, requests, or comments, too.

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