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Acorn Public Library District

ROKU 2 STREAMING MEDIA DEVICE READY FOR CHECK OUT!

I am pleased to announce that Acorn Public Library District will be ringing in 2017 with the debut of our Roku 2 streaming media device! Patrons with home wireless Internet access will be able to take the Roku 2 home, connect it to their TV, and stream over one hundred preloaded movies and television shows. The Roku 2 can be checked out for two weeks and is not renewable. For more information, please contact Circulation or Adult Services. -Zach Musil

Shredding Event at Acorn Library!

Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9 AM to 12 PM.



Just in time for tax season! Thanks to the Friends of the Acorn Public Library District, we will be hosting a shredding event for the Community in the Library's lower-level parking lot. The Shred Authority will have a mobile shredding unit stationed onsite to shred any unbound papers (stapled and paper clipped documents are acceptable), credit cards, identification cards, and loose CDs, DVDs, and Blu-ray discs you may have. For the courtesy of others, we ask that everyone limit their shredding materials to no more than two full boxes so that everyone has a chance to go through the line.



WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Youth Winter Reading Challenge: January 2017 – February 2017

For more information, see page 3.

Adult Winter Reading Program: January 16, 2017 – February 28, 2017

Grand prizes include Kindle Fire HD 7, Amazon Echo Dot, and Cuisinart electric fondue maker, all of which have been donated by the Friends of the Library. For more information, see page 2.

Adult Services

Adult Winter Reading Program: January 16-February 28

Sign up for the adult Winter Reading Program for a chance to win exciting prizes! Participants will have the opportunity to complete one of two challenges--either read 1,000 pages or get BINGO by participating in library events and using our resources. Either one of these challenges will earn you three tickets that can be used toward raffles for exciting grand prizes! If you decide to complete BOTH challenges, you can earn a total of 10 raffle tickets! Grand prize winners will be contacted by phone. Contact the Adult Services Department for more information.



Fostering Furry Friends

Monday, April 3 at 7 PM

Ever thought about fostering animals? This session will include live animals to meet & greet and a chance to become a part of their foster program! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Forest Animal Control.

*****REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOOK CLUBS AND MOVIE CLUBS. To register, call 708-687-3700 or visit our website calendar: <http://acornlibrary.org/calendar>**

Understanding the Affordable Care Act: Thurs, Jan. 5, 7 PM.

Tax Seminar: Monday, January 9, 7 PM.

The Joys of Coin Collecting: Saturday, January 21, 2PM.
Learn how to collect, handle, store, purchase, and sell coins.

Introduction to Essential Oils: Monday, January 30, 7 PM.
Join us for an introductory class on essential oils. Disclaimer: We will be sampling a few of the oils. Only Certified Pure Therapeutic Grade oils will be shared.

Chicago's Sweet Candy History: Monday, February 13, 7PM.
Learn about the sweet history of Chicago! For most its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy.

Black History Month Presentation: Thurs, Feb. 23, 7 PM

Secrets to Better Drawing: Thursday, March 9, 7 PM.
All materials will be provided.

How to Stay in Shape by Doing What You Love: Saturday, April 29, 2:30PM. Learn to fit your exercise into your life, not your life into your exercise. Andrea has a master's degree in Adult Fitness along with certification in cardiac rehabilitation.

The History of Writing and the Alphabet: Monday, May 1 6:30PM. See how writing has changed over time and how the alphabet that we use today relates to the earliest alphabets.

Gardening for Cowards: Thursday, May 11, 7 PM. This is for those who are convinced they cannot grow anything!

COFFEE AND COLORING

Saturdays
2:30 PM:
Express your creativity!
Adults only, all coffee & materials are supplied.
Jan. 14; Feb. 4;
Mar. 4; Apr. 15;
May 13.

Local Author Presentations (With Book Signings):

- * Wed., Jan. 4, 7 PM.—Joseph Dwyer “Harvest the Bitter Root”
- * Sat., Mar. 18 2:30 PM. - Dick Cavanaugh “Just About But Not Quite”
- * Mon., May 15 7 PM - Anthony La Piana “Five Centuries of Italian American History”

MOVIE MATINEES- 2 PM: Mon. Jan. 9: *Finding Dory*. Tue. Jan. 24: *Suicide Squad*. Tues. Feb. 7: *Sully*. Mon. Feb. 27: *Magnificent Seven*. Tue. Mar. 14: *Florence Foster Jenkins*. Mon. Mar. 27: *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Tue. Apr. 4: *Max Steel*. Tues. Apr. 25: *Doctor Strange*.

NIGHTFLIX - 6:30 pm: Mon. May 8: *Empire Records*. Thur. May 25: *10 Things I Hate about You*

Craft Connections: Mon. Feb. 6 @ 6:30PM: Valentine's Day Card Making. Mon. Mar. 20 @ 6:30PM: Ladybug Magnets. Thu. Apr. 6 @ 7:00PM: Recycled Bottle Cat Planter. All materials provided.

ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

BINGO: Thursdays at 4:30 PM. Jan. 26; Feb. 23; Mar. 23; Apr. 27; and May 25

ACORN INSIDERS: Bookmark Volunteers. Tuesdays @ 4:30 PM
Color and sign bookmarks for library patrons.
Jan. 17; Feb. 21; Mar. 21; Apr. 18; May 16.

OTHER MONTHLY AND LIBRARY SPONSORED PROGRAMS: Check times and dates at www.acornlibrary.org

NEW! GENEALOGY DROP IN - Do your research here! Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Our "Tuesday Night Bookies" meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. For more details and to reserve a book for this group, contact the Circulation Desk.

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - "Barcodes" meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Beggar's Pizza. For more information and book titles, contact the Adult Services Dept.

ACORN MOVIE CLUB - Meets the third Wednesday of each month. 18+. Discuss films.

FICTION IN A NUTSHELL - Fiction in a Nutshell meets the last Wed. of every other month at 2 PM.

IPAD & ANDROID CLASSES - Basic operating functions. Contact the library for dates and times.

MAH JONGG CLUB - Players of all skill levels are invited. Last Wednesday of each month at 10 AM.

JOB HUNTER WORKSHOP - Meets second Wednesday of each month 10 AM.

QUILT GROUP - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Bring your project and swap ideas.

STORY TIME AND READING FUN!

Winter Session: Thursdays, January 19- February 23, 2017

Spring Session: Thursdays, March 23- April 27, 2017

Lapsit (Infants-2 1/2-years-old): 9:30-9:50 AM OR 10- 10:20 AM
3-5-year-old Story Time: 11- 11:30 AM

Registration is required, beginning January 1 continuing until session is full. You must choose either the 9:30 AM or the 10 AM session of Lapsit. All registrants should plan on regular attendance of all meetings in order to register.

Story Time at Panera Bread: Wednesdays, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3, 2017. No Registration Required, 15845 Harlem Ave., Orland Park. Join us for stories, songs and cookies! Each child in attendance will receive a free cookie and milk, courtesy of Panera.

Story Time Fun: Tuesdays, January 17, February 7, March 7, April 18 and May 16, 2017. 6:30 PM. Up to Age 7 Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft. Registration begins two weeks prior, ending when full.

Winter Reading Challenge

January and February All Ages

Sign up in the Youth Services Department and get a reading challenge log to track your reading these wintery months! Return your completed log to the library to claim a small prize.

Read to Therapy Pups

Thursday, January 19 at 4 PM.

Ages 7 and Up. Kora, Piranha Banana and Birdie come to the library each month to listen to stories! Look for new dates on the Youth Services calendar.

Registration begins two weeks prior ending when full.

Registration for all Programs starts two weeks prior to program and ends when full.

For a complete list of programs, please visit www.acornlibrary.org or stop in Youth Services.

Kids Programs:

Learning Stations: Wednesdays, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10, 6:30 PM Pre K.

Mini Makers: Tuesdays, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2, 10 AM-12 PM Pre K with Parent or Caregiver. Be ready to get messy!

Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, and May 20 at 10 AM Ages 3 and under with caretaker.

After School Crafts: Tuesdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 11 and May 9, 4 PM Ages 4 and Up. We supply the materials.

LEGO Club: Sat, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20 at 2:30 PM Ages 6-12 Each meeting is a different theme.

Science Club: Sat, Jan. 14, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6 at 10:30 AM. Ages 7-10 Each month we'll have hands-on activities!

Kids Movie Matinees: Saturday, Mar. 11, and Monday, April 3 at 2 PM All Ages Snacks and recently released movies!

Kids Mario Kart Tournaments: Fridays, Jan. 20 at 4 PM and March 31 at 2 PM Ages 7-10 Join our tournament! We play Mario Kart and the winner will take home an amiibo.

Live Animal Show: Saturday, April 1, 2 PM All Ages Come to learn about and see a variety of live animals at the library! Registration is required starting two weeks prior. Show presented by Animal Quest.

PARTY CORNER:

Valentine's Day Party: Saturday, February 11, 11 AM Ages 3-7 with parent Come for games, crafts and fun!

Teen Anti-Valentine's Day Party: Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 PM Ages 11-17 Not in the mood to celebrate this Hallmark holiday? Just feeling 'meh' about it? Join us for food, games and crafts as we listen to non-romantic music!

Tween and Teen Programs:

Teen WiiU Tournaments: Wednesdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, at 6 PM April 26 and May 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM Join our tournament! We play Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. or Splatoon. Winner will take home an amiibo.

Teen Activities Group- TAG: Thursdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20 and May 18, 7 PM Grades 6 to 12 Come join the fun and earn service hours meeting new friends and hanging out with your peers while planning volunteer activities sound interesting to you?

Tween Book Discussion Group: Saturdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 29 and May 27, 2:30 PM Ages 9-13 Do you love to read, and are you looking for others like you? Join our book discussion group. We'll be reading a variety of fun and interesting books! Snacks will be served and copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Tween Crafts: Fridays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Apr. 7 and May 5, 4 PM Ages 9-13 We'll be making mason jar snow globes, Pokemon origami, stress balls and more!

Flashback Fridays: Fridays, Jan. 27, March 24, May 19, 4 PM Ages 11-17

Teen Movie Nights: Monday, Jan. 16 and Wednesdays, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5 and May 3, Ages 11-17

Teen Topics: Wednesdays, Jan. 11, Mar. 22 and May 10, 4 PM Ages 11-17 Teens discussing current news, politics and issues affecting teens today.

Anime Club: Saturdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, and May 13, at 2 PM. Ages 11-17 Talk about your favorite anime! Snacks will be served.

Teen Creative Writing Club: Thursdays, Feb. 9 and April 13 at 6:30 PM. Ages 11-17 For teens who love to write!

Teen Techies: Thursdays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, April 13, May 11, 4 PM Ages 11-17 Discuss current and new trends in technology! We'll share our knowledge with others.

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Friends of the Library:



BECAUSE OF YOUR USED BOOK DONATIONS:

Money raised from used book sales and membership fees helps support the Library by sponsoring programs for Adult and Youth Services, as well as new equipment for the library, such as the HeartStart Onsite Defibrillator. The Library will also be hosting a Shredding Event in the Spring because of the efforts of the Friends!