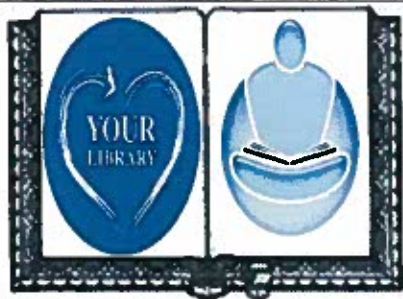


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Though the weather outside is frightful, this newsletter will be delightful. We have a line-up of new adult programs, more activities to keep the children busy and a few added library services. Make sure you read the important dates section because the library hours will reflect the approaching holidays. Now grab a blanket, get comfortable and read about how wonderful it is to have the Markham Library in your neighborhood!

Tech Tips

“What is Microsoft Access?”



Microsoft Office Access is a database management program from Microsoft. It is part of the Microsoft Office system. It can access and retrieve relatively large amounts of data such as names, addresses, business inventory, etc. Access can sort them numerically and alphabetically depending on the programmer's preferences.

To learn more checkout one of our books **Microsoft Access 2000 : illustrated brief edition** or **Microsoft Access 2000 : introductory concepts and Techniques**.



WorldCat Search Database!

Patrons can now search for books, CDs, DVDs, articles and journals from libraries around the United States or the World!

Coming Soon: Mind Reading Computers

Check This Out: Scientists are making progress with computers that read your thoughts. <http://www.newsweek.com/id/91688>



GET THE SMARTEST CARD!



We Congratulate The 44th President Elect Barack Obama!

DID YOU KNOW!

- He read all of the Harry Potter books.
- He collects Spiderman and Conan the Barbarian Comics.
- He worked at a Baskin Robbins ice cream shop as a child and since then has not liked ice cream.
- Chicago radio host Sanita Jackson, daughter of Reverend Jesse Jackson, is Malia Obama 's Godmother.
- He is the first member of Congress since John F. Kennedy to become President.

Children's Chat

We're starting a new year and with that we have more new programs. The kids had an awesome time in the Fall programs. I hope to see everyone out to have fun for this New Year's programs. For more information, call or email Ms. Angel at www.angelw@markhamlibrary.org

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Reading Drawing

Check out books and enter to win. The more you check out books, the better your chances of winning. Reading contest will start on Jan 5th and will end on Mar 13th. The drawing will be on Mar. 14th. **GOOD LUCK!**



Project MOO! Tuesday's 5pm

Calling all youths! Are you good with your hands? We're Making Our Own craft projects from designing hats to finger knitting scarfs and weaving a basket.



Creative Writing Contest

For Black History Month, write a one page essay and the most creative writer shall win. Answer the question as best as you can. Turn in by Feb 21st. The winner will be announced on Feb 23rd. **Q. Who do you admire the most in Black History, and Why?**



Read All About It! Thursday's 5pm

Calling all kids! Calling all kids! Come hear some story telling. Each month is a different theme. **Jan-A New Beginning, Feb-Black History, & Mar-Clifford The Big Red Dog.**



YOUTH YOGA! Saturday's 2pm

Is school stressing you out? Too much work! Come relax your mind with yoga. Yoga's purpose is to help achieve our highest potential and experience health and happiness, at the same time improve the quality of our lives. So let's have fun & learn.

Library Children's Event



"Hey! Mice out of fresh strawberries, COOL!"



"That looks like a spider!" and it's made out of peanut butter & crackers.



"Well at least I tried!" at the Pumpkin Carving Contest.



LIBRARY TRIVIA

Why is your library card thought of as a credit card?

Because if lost, someone can check out items and not return them. Therefore, you the card holder are responsible for the cost of the unreturned items.

LIBRARY WORD SEARCH

INTERNET FAX
BOOKS COPY
STORIES WIFI
READ PRINTS

S A H I N T E R N E T
T F R B O O K S P Q X
O M L X C U R G K J Z
R E A D O W B M I P S
I F M H P I U K L B R
E E W Y Y B P D Q V P
S T N I R P Y W I F I

Youth Famous Days

Jan 11-19
Wilderness Wildlife Week
Jan 29th
National Puzzle Day
Feb 1-28
National Hot Breakfast Month

JANUARY 2009

- 6th: Senior Computer Class
10am
13th: Senior Computer Class
10am
13th: Adult Book Discussion
6:30pm
15th: H&R Block Community
Tax Seminar-7pm
20th: Senior Computer Class
10am
21st: Talk to the Hands
6:30pm
27th: Senior Computer Class
10am
28th: Blood Pressure Screening
3pm

FEBRUARY 2009

- 5th: Black History Month
Kick-Off-6pm
10th: Adult Book Discussion
6:30pm
11th: CPR Class-4pm
12th: CPR Class-4pm
25th: Blood Pressure Screening
3pm
26th: (BIG READ) "Joy Luck Club"
Book Discussion-5pm
28th: Puppet Parlay Presents
A Journey Thru Black History-2pm

MARCH 2009

- 10th: Adult Book Discussion-6:30pm
12th: (BIG READ) Chinese Culture
Arts & Craft-4pm
18th: Celebrate Women's History
Month with storyteller
Velma Gladney-6pm
25th: Blood Pressure Screening-3pm
26th: (BIG READ) "Joy Luck Club"
Film & Discussion-6pm

FREE SENIOR COMPUTER CLASSES

A four session computer class will be taught by Beatrice Friend in January 2009. The sessions are as follows: **Session One**: How to use the mouse & keyboard, **Session Two**: Basic windows desktop, **Session Three**: Set up email account, **Session Four**: Use email & internet.

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE

We are pleased to have Cathy Upshire, from Talk to the Hands, teach a one time class of basic Sign Language.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

The adult book discussion starts January 2009, and will take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

January Book Title: Gather Together In My Name Author: Tracy Price-Thompson

February Book Title: Just Too Good To Be True Author: E. Lynn Harris

March Book Title: Little Black Girl Lost Author: Keith Lee Johnson

CPR IS BACK!

The Markham Fire Department "Risk Watch" will return with more life saving techniques, as the library hosts the second session of CPR classes.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The Markham Fire Department will perform screenings on the last Wednesday during the month of January, February and March.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Patricia Oladiji will kick off Black History Month with stories, dance and food from Africa.

PUPPET PARLAY

A puppet show written and handled by Ray Love, is designed to entertain and educate the youth about Black History.

THE BIG READ is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, and hopes to unite communities through reading. The book selected is a classic by Amy Tan, The Joy Luck Club. Sign up now for the book discussion! The first 15 people will receive their own copy of The Joy Luck Club, a CD of Amy Tan discussing her book, and a reader's guide.

H&R Block

Janine Kraft of H&R Block will host a Community Tax Seminar. She will educate the community on tax saving tips. Bring your tax questions.

More Programs may be scheduled, please call the library for more updated information.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

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Important Closed Dates To Remember:

Jan 1st-2nd New Year's Day

Jan 19th Martin Luther King Birthday

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. You're responsible for all materials borrowed on your library card.
2. Notify the library immediately if your card is lost or stolen.
3. Return materials promptly to the library from which they were borrowed.
4. Call the library to request a renewal if you need the item longer.

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