Although summer is over there are so many wonderful things blossoming at Markham Public Library. First and foremost we are pleased to introduce to you our newest edition, the New Library Bookmobile! Within the newsletter you will find information about the Bookmobile, such as the services it provides and the schedule. Children’s programs are back this fall and winter, and adults will also find informative and enjoyable programs, such as computer classes and Spanish lessons. There is something for all ages here at Markham Public Library!

Markham Public Library would like to thank William Gaunty for his many years of service in the city of Markham, and for the past thirteen years with the Markham Public Library board of trustees. Mr. Gaunty received mayoral recognition as he visited the library for the first time since the new building was built. Mr. Gaunty is pictured here with his grandson and Library Director, Xavier Menzies.

**Become a 2010 U.S. Census Media Partner**

The 2010 Census is important because it determines the distribution of $300 billion annually, of government funding for critical community services and generates thousands of jobs across the country. For more information about becoming a 2010 Census partner, go to www.census.gov/2010census.

**If you have a laptop, WIFI is here!**

With a few simple steps you can download (a printing device?) and you will be able to print from your laptop. Remember black & white prints are 10¢ each, color copies are $1.00.

**IT’S NO LONGER COMING SOON, IT’S HERE!**

We now carry DVDs, Play-Aways and new CDs. Please be patient with us as our selection is minimal, however if there’s something you would like to see at the library, feel free to fill out a request sheet and we’ll order it for you.

**OCLC** is a non for profit computer service and research organization, whose systems help libraries locate, acquire, catalog, and lend library materials. It provides an excellent collection of reference databases which can access millions of full-text and images.

For more information log onto http://www.oclc.org.

Research Pro is a database research service provided by our Electronic Card Catalog System. It provides numerous database search options. You can also search for specific images as well as articles on nearly any subject. It can be accessed through the Markham Library website but you need a valid MLS library card and PIN to use it.

**Effective 09/01/09**

In an effort to protect you and prevent Identity Theft, we have implemented patron image and electronic signatures as part of registering for a library card. In accordance with our library policy, this process is needed to complete the registration of your library card. If you already have a library card, please visit the circulation desk to update registration of your existing library card. Library cards will not be renewed until this procedure is complete.

**To All of Our Valued Customers:**

If you feel your concerns have been dealt with promptly and treated with care, please leave a comment in our Suggestion Box at the front desk to show appreciation for our Staff. However, if you feel that your concerns were ignored and you were treated poorly by our Staff, please contact the Library Director at (708) 331-0310 Ext. 1002#. Thank you for your support.
A bookmobile is a fully functioning mobile library. Most of the same services your public library provides are also available on the Bookmobile. It will feature programs such as puppet shows and story time. There are materials available in multiple formats such as large print and audio books. In addition there are materials for grants, scholarships, ACT, GED, information for job searching, resume writing and much more! You can check out, magazines, CDs or DVDs and all you need is your library card! Don’t have a library card? If you live in Markham or Posen you can register for one on the Bookmobile, and you can use your card at the surrounding south suburban libraries in the Metropolitan Library System! The Bookmobile has a variety of sources for all ages on all subjects. However if you don’t see what you need, feel free to fill out a book request and we will order it. Be sure to pick up a schedule to see when we’ll be at a location near you, or call (708) 331-0130 ext 1010.

The bookmobile schedule is subject to change without notice for periodic maintenance or inclement weather. Please call (708) 331-0130 Ext. 1010 for further information.
The library is a fun and exciting place where you can learn about anything that interest you. There’s a whole lot more to the library than just books. Come out and support our children programs, which features after school activities, family activities and reading programs.

**Reading Programs**

**Fuddruckers “Food for Thought”** Reading Program is a free program designed to motivate and reward children for reading achievement. Come get your Fuddruckers bookmark and when your child has completed reading six books, the parent and librarian will initial the book mark. Then your child is rewarded with a free kid’s meal at any Fuddruckers!

**The Chicago Bears along with Staley Da Bear present the “Tackle Reading Challenge”**. This challenge is to promote love & enthusiasm towards reading. It’s a five week program, divided into four one-week quarters and one “overtime” week. Your child is encourage to read a book per quarter and complete the “overtime” portion by writing a book report on the book read. Log all information on the activity booklet given by the librarian. Children who complete the challenge will receive a Chicago Bears certificate and the children who complete the “overtime” will be entered into the grand prize.

**Coming Soon!**
Markham Public Library will be soon having chess & checker tournaments. We will also be featuring Nintendo Wii tournaments and programs held on the Bookmobile. Registration will be required for these upcoming programs.

**WANTED!**
ACTORS/ACTRESSES
Christmas Play
“All I Want For Christmas Is A Friend”
Rehearsals: Mon. @ 5:30pm & Sat. @ 2pm
Register at the children desk. Casting 11/6/09

**HALLOWEEN is Saturday, October 31st.**
Join us for a safe & fun Halloween.
Come hear a spooky story and bring in your own pumpkin for carving contest.
The fun will start at 2pm. Open to all Children and parents are welcome too.

**Activity:** Unscramble the words below that deals with fall.


1. water 2. leaf 3. green 4. orange 5. autumn 6. sunlight 7. seasons 8. jackets 9. pumpkin
**Programs**

**IN HOUSE EVENTS**

Seeking Volunteers: Anyone with a special interest or hobby that would like to share it with adults, children or families. Please call or inquire within.

Specific volunteers are needed for:

- Friends Group, Teach Chess, Checkers or Backgammon
- Teach Basic Computer Skill Class
- Tutoring and/or Homework Help

Thanks to everyone who participated at the Library Fest, whether you joined us there or volunteered to help. We really appreciate the support.

**MOVIE NIGHTS**

Oct. 15th

Nov. 18th

Dec. 19th

“**It’s So Easy!” Spanish For Beginners!**

Spanish classes will be held here at the Markham Public Library by Jo Anne Roe, classes starts Wednesday October 14th at 6pm and will continue to meet on October 21st, 28th, November 4th, and 18th. Please register as soon as possible, seating is limited.

**Attention:**

The Educational Talent Search is giving students a second chance. They are conducting a “FREE” college tour starting Monday, October 12th through November 14th. Application deadline is October 9th. All trip dates are subject to change, and are conducted on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Mr. Andrew DuBois located at the Markham Courthouse. To register call Andrew at (708)210-4139 or email at adubois@cedaorg.net

**Beyond An Apple A Day!**

This is an informative program that will assist you with any questions you may have concerning health and medical problems. The areas to be discussed include finding information about symptoms, diagnoses and treatment for diseases and medical conditions. They will also assist in navigating through health related websites and databases. We know it is not always easy to find authoritative health information, sign up to attend this program today!

**Monday, November 9th @ 10am**
THERE’S MORE TO LOVE ABOUT MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY!

SEEKING!!! BI-LINGUAL BOOKMOBILE CLERK!
Monday-Thursday 12 P.M.-5 P.M.
Saturday 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
Bring your resume to the Circulation Desk and complete an application to apply. Applicants must have a valid driver’s license or state ID and a Social Security card.

COFFEE AND COMPUTERS
Why visit an expensive coffee shop when you are now welcome to bring your coffee into our new wireless café area with your laptop! Access our WiFi for free! We also have wireless printing available, so visit your library today!

DONORS FORUM
FunderSource includes listings and profiles of over 2800 Illinois based grant-making institutions, including detailed profiles of Illinois foundations and major corporate giving programs that award grants of at least $50,000 annually. This database is available at your convenience on the library’s Card Catalog computers.

WinWay Resume
This software helps you create a job-winning resume instantly. There are over 14,000 resume examples included, to help you get stared. It eliminates most typing, allows you to choose the phrases that best describe you, finds over 100 hundred mistakes that cause rejection, and creates persuasive cover letters automatically. The best thing about WinWay Resume is it is conveniently available to you at the library. Take advantage now and get the job you’ve always wanted!
A few key points to remember when visiting Markham Public Library.

- If there are any books you would like to see in the library, fill out a book request form and submit it at the circulation desk.
- There is a year-round book sale. Hardcover books sell for 25 cents and paperback books are 10 cents.
- Make sure materials are returned in the same condition they were in when checked out.
- There are a maximum amount of books that can be checked out at one time.
- You can always access your library record, pay fines and place holds via SWAN Online Catalog through our website.

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