

December

STORYHOURS - Tuesdays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:00-1:45 p.m. The morning story hours, for children 3¹/₂-6 years old, will be held on January 5, 12, 19, and 26. The afternoon story hours will be held on January 7, 14, 21, and 28. As usual, there will be enjoyable stories and crafts. Pre-registration for January's story hours will begin on December 14 and run through the end of December. Pre-registration is **required**.

TODDLER STORYTIME - In collaboration with Tri-Town *Even Start Literacy Program*, the library will present toddler story time programs for children aged 2-3¹/₂ on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:00 a.m. A parent/caregiver must participate in the program. Pre-registration is **required**.

SHARE-A-STORY BOOK GROUP – Thursday, December 17, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Children in grades 4 and 5 and their parent(s), caregiver(s), or special person (people) are invited to come to the library and share their thoughts about a book they have just read or are presently reading. Hope to see you there! Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please contact Miss Babs at the library.

FRIDAY IS GAME DAY AT THE LIBRARY - From 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Come play a board game, bring a friend or make a new friend. See you there!!!!

SATURDAY SPECIALS - December 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – *Elves' Workshop and Holiday Stories*, a festive workshop for ages 4-12. Come listen to holiday stories (classic favorites as well as new titles) and create a holiday ornament. Pre-registration is **required**.

December 19, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. *Like Legos?* Stop by the library on Saturday and join the Lego Club! The Lego Club will be meeting once a month from 11:00-12:30. The library will supply the legos and you can share your ideas, techniques, and creations with your friends and other club members. This program is for children ages 4-12.

CHILDREN'S DISPLAY CASE – The Children's Room display case is featuring an interesting exhibit on *HORSES*. This collection was organized and developed by Mary Edsall and we thank her for loaning it to the library. Stop by the library and check out this amazing exhibit.

HOMEWORK EXPRESS – The *Homework Express* is continuing at the East Smithfield Public Library. For youngsters in grades K-8, this is the ticket for you. Each Thursday, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., your friendly neighborhood Children's/Young Adult Librarians will be ready to help you with your homework. Whether you need help finding a specific book, guidance with a tricky question, or just some advice on how to get started, the Youth Services Librarians will give you the encouragement and confidence you need to tackle any homework assignment. Don't hesitate to avail yourself to this warm, friendly, and professional service. Drop by the library (no sign-up necessary) and get rolling on the *Homework Express!* Hope to see you soon.

EXCEL BASICS – Wednesday, December 9, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel. This workshop covers the Excel environment, simple formulas, and charts. The workshop is designed for those who have never used Excel and it will mainly concentrate on practical activities such as setting up a budget. Prerequisite knowledge of using computers with a mouse will be helpful. Registration is **required**.

Wii AT THE LIBRARY – Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Gamers can take turns challenging others in your choice of games. See what's new each week. Young adults and adults are encouraged to attend! Kids: Challenge your parents!

INTERNET BASICS – Monday, December 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Do you want to learn how to get a handle on how to surf the Internet? This class will help you to learn the basics of using the Internet. This will include an explanation of terms, clicking on links, use of a browser, and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with Microsoft Windows and using a mouse. Space is limited and registration is **required**.

POWERPOINT BASICS – Wednesday, December 16, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Learn the basics of PowerPoint. This workshop covers how to add graphics and text and make a slide show, or professional-looking presentation. You can

use it for work or your own slideshow(s). The workshop is designed for those who have never used PowerPoint and it will mainly concentrate on the practical activities of this particular software. Prerequisite knowledge of using computers with a mouse will be helpful. Registration is **required**.

PHOTO CONTEST – The library will be hosting a photo contest entitled *We the People*, which is part of the *Picturing America* initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. The program will involve patrons of all ages and the library will accept photos thru the end of December. The photos will center around the theme “*What America Means to Me.*” All photos will be displayed in the library and the winning photos will be selected in January, 2010. Good luck to all of the participants!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE – Tuesday, December 22, at 6:30 p.m. All teens and young adults in grades 5 and up are invited to join their friends for a night out at the library. We will be decorating Gingerbread Houses with an assortment of sweets, such as gum drops, candy canes, and M&Ms. When you finish your house, you can sit back and view your jolly and joyful enchantment of sugary goodness. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring in anything else you want to use. Space is limited, so sign up for this event as soon as possible in the Young Adult folder or give the library a call.

HERBAL SALVE MAKING – Tuesday, December 1, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sick of dry, itchy skin? Perhaps an herbal salve is just what you need. In this workshop, you will learn just what an herbal salve is and how it can benefit you. Then, using organic ingredients, make one to take home. There is a materials fee of \$6.00.

TUMBLEBOOKS – Hey Kids! The library now has *The TumbleBook Library* in our virtual collection. TumbleBooks are *e books for e-kids*. TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they’ll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music, and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you! Check out this new and exciting way for children to read, learn, and enjoy books! The TumbleBook Library also contains Story Books, Tumble Readables, New Books, Puzzles & Games, Language Learning, and Audio Books. To access TumbleBooks, go to the library’s home page and click on the Tumble Books icon. Have fun as you enjoy the many activities presented in the TumbleBook Library.

COST-EFFECTIVE MARKETING FOR SMALL BUSINESS – On Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m., Elisabeth Galligan, President of Newberry Public Relations & Marketing will discuss the Top 10 most effective, low- or no-cost ways to spread the word about your products and services, reinforce your brand, and attract customers. This seminar is free and open to the public. Please call the library to register: 231-5150.

SMITHFIELD RELAY FOR LIFE – The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Relay for Life Event in Smithfield. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school or park and take turns walking or running around a track or path. If you are interested in finding out more about this event, come to the info-session in the Conference Room of the library on Thursday, December 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For further information call: Michelle Burns at 349-0210 or Jeremy Miville at 243-2623.

FELTED SOAP MAKING – Tuesday, December 15, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Why felt soap? Why not. Learn a fun way to get clean with natural wool fibers and organic soap. Using organic hand crafted soap and wool, you will learn how to make your own felted bar of soap to take home and test out. This is good clean fun. Bring a towel. There is a materials fee of \$6.00.

THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB – The group will meet on Thursday, December 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire will be discussed. Registration is required. Please call 231-5150, or stop in, to reserve your spot. For additional information, contact Bethany Mott at the library.

DONATIONS – If you are looking for a charitable cause to donate to for tax purposes, if you wish to make a donation in memory of a relative or loved one, or if you are just fortunate enough to be looking for a worthy cause to donate to, than the East Smithfield Public Library would appreciate your consideration. In this season of good cheer and giving, you can rest assured that your donation will be put to good use. Your local library serves everyone from birth to death

and it is one of the great equalizers for all members of our society. Thank you for your thoughts and consideration and have a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and New Year.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS – Thanks to all who donated books and videos for our last *Book Sale*, as well as to those who came and bought them. Also, thank you very much to the volunteers who helped set up and sell them! We appreciate it! We will be using the money, as always, on behalf of the library, so let us know if you have any suggestions. And we continue to welcome donations of books, videos, CDs, and DVDs - please leave them at the checkout desk downstairs.

Our Christmas fundraiser is underway! Stop by the library and check out the GIFT MUGS that are for sale! The holiday mugs are on sale downstairs and upstairs at the library! A festive mug of treats and ornaments for \$5 makes a great gift for a teacher, friend, or librarian!

There will not be a regularly scheduled Friends meeting in December. But any Friend who would like to help out with mug making or book sorting, please feel free to leave your contact information at the front desk, or get in touch with me at charlottecwtaylor@yahoo.com. The next FOL meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12, **2010** at 7:30 in the Conference Room of the library. We would be thrilled to see some new faces.

AMNESTY - During December, you may return East Smithfield Library's overdue materials and **NO FINES** will be charged. We can give each other a Holiday present - we will have our overdue materials back and it won't cost you a cent.

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Thursday, December 24, 2009 – **CLOSED**

Friday, December 25, 2009 – **CLOSED**

Thursday, December 31, 2009 – **CLOSED (5-9 p.m. ONLY)**

Friday, January 1, ****2010**** - **CLOSED**

UNITED WAY 2-1-1 – What is 2-1-1? An easy to remember phone number linking callers in need to available health and human services programs. One call gives you access to resources across your community, whether you need to get help for you, a family member, or a friend. You may even volunteer yourself to help others. No more wrong numbers, no more wasted time trying to find the right person to call. Someone at 2-1-1 will help connect you to the services or information you need, 24-7. The program is free and confidentiality is respected.

TALKING BOOKS PLUS – Talking Books Plus provides a free library service to anyone in R.I. who is unable to read standard print because of a visual or physical handicap. Talking Books Plus lends reading materials and specially designed equipment free of charge. Recorded books and magazines, Braille materials, descriptive videos, large print books, and government documents in alternative formats are all available. To learn more, e-mail tbplus@olis.ri.gov or call Talking Books at 222-5800.

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