Carol Stream Christmas Sharing
Monday, November 18 - Tuesday, December 10

The Carol Stream Public Library will serve as a collection point for the annual Carol Stream Christmas Sharing drive. Food and toys will be collected and distributed to needy Carol Stream residents during the holiday season. Donated toys must be new, in their original packaging, and not gift wrapped. Toys are needed for children of all ages, including and teens. Non-perishable food and personal care items also will be collected. Your contribution will help a less fortunate Carol Stream family enjoy the holiday season.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 8, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Come to the Library for an afternoon of refreshments and fun-filled activities including:

* Sleigh Rides
* Live Reindeer
* Santa Claus
* Refreshments

For more information, contact us at 630-653-0755 or visit www.cslibrary.org. No registration required. Additional parking will be available at Jay Stream Middle School.
To register for a program or for more information, please stop by the Youth Services Desk, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127, or visit the Library’s website at www.cslibrary.org.

**Holiday fun**

**Gingerbread Story Time**
Monday, December 16
10:00–10:30 a.m.
*For ages 5 and under, with caregiver. Registration begins Sunday, December 1.*

Even though Mrs. Claus is busy with her baking at this time of year, she is looking forward to taking a break to share seasonal stories and activities. This tempting story time will tease your taste buds and tickle your noses. Please register everyone who is attending.

**Chess/Checkers Open Play**
Friday, December 6 and December 20
4:00–5:00 p.m.
*For ages 8-14. Registration is requested.*

Middle-school students are invited to an afternoon of gaming fun. Attendees are required to present their school ID.

**Pigeon Turns 10!**
Wednesday, December 11, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
*Ages 5-8. Registration is required.*

Don’t let the Pigeon take over the Library! Mo Willems’ beloved Pigeon is turning 10 this year. To mark the occasion children are invited to an after-school program celebrating the hilarious book character.

**Paws for Reading**
Monday, December 16, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
*For Grades K-6. Registration is required.*

Certified reading therapy animals will visit the Library to help students practice their reading skills.

**Lego Builders Club**
Saturday, December 14 or 28
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
*For Grades 3-6 Registration is required*

This month’s theme will be “Winter Holidays.” Parents are also welcome to stay.

**Triple Feature**
*Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas, Prep and Landing, Shrek the Halls*
Saturday, December 21, 1:30–3:00 p.m.
*No registration required.*

Start your winter break with a relaxing afternoon of holiday family movies. Come watch just one, or stay for all three. There will be short intermissions between each feature. Dry snacks and covered drinks are permitted. Popcorn will be served.

**Reindeer Games**
Friday, December 27, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
*Grades K-5. Registration begins Saturday, November 30.*

Feeling left out of all the holiday fun? Well come on over to the Library and enjoy some “Reindeer Games” with friends.

**Teen Zone**
Mondays/Wednesdays:
December 2, 4, 16, 18 & 30
Tuesdays/Thursdays:
December 10, 12 & 26
3:00–5:00 p.m.
*Grades 6-8. No registration required.*

Middle-school students are invited to an afternoon of gaming fun. Attendees are required to present their school ID.

**Pigeon Turns 10!**
Saturday, December 7 (or Wednesday, December 11)
10:00–10:30 a.m.
*For ages 3 and under, with parent Registration required.*

Tot Time, offered the first Saturday of the month, is guaranteed fun for youngsters and their parents.

**Preschool Playdate**
Friday, December 20, 9:30–11:00 a.m.
*For ages 3 and under with adult. No registration required.*

It’s Friday! Drop in for playtime with the Library’s toys, puzzles and board books. Short movies appropriate for preschoolers will be shown. Stay for a short while or as long as you want, it is up to you.
To register for a program or for more information, please stop by the Adult Services Desk, contact the Adult Services Department at 630-344-6123, or visit the Library’s website at www.cslibrary.org.

Tech Night @ the Library: E-readers
Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 23, 2014, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a Tech Night @ the Library featuring e-books and e-readers. Learn how to use eMediaLibrary to check out and renew e-books and e-audiobooks. Following a brief presentation, Library staff will be on hand to answer your questions. Bring your mobile devices and e-readers with you to the program.

Affordable Care Act 101
Tuesday, December 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.; or Thursday, December 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

Confused about what Health Care Reform means for you and your family? A representative from the DuPage County Health Department will discuss the key components of the Affordable Care Act (also referred to as Obamacare) and what it means for you. In addition, you will find out where you can receive further assistance.

Exam Cram! Open Late for Finals
The Library will once again be open late for Glenbard North and West Chicago Community High School students studying for final exams. Please watch for exact dates on our website and in the January newsletter. The Library will provide access to group study space, computers, and free Wi-Fi. Refreshments will be available. On the days the Library is open late, students must arrive before 9 p.m. and will not be allowed to re-enter the building once they have left. For more information please contact the Library at 630-653-0755.

Ongoing Programs

DuPage Writers Group
Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.
The DuPage Writers Group is a not-for-profit writing group, which meets monthly to help nurture writers at all levels. Membership is $30 a year. For more information, contact Rose Calkins at dupagewriters@gmail.com.

Teen Advisory Board
For ages 13-18
Are you interested in planning events for teens at the Library? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Time spent volunteering for the Board counts toward National Honor Society hours. Check the program calendar on the Library website for more details.

English Conversation Practice
Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30 a.m. No meetings on December 24 or 31.
All ESL learners are invited to drop in to practice conversational English. No sign-up or preparation is necessary. This is an ongoing program offered in partnership with Literacy DuPage.

Thank you Dr. Stein!
Illinois Poet Laureate Kevin Stein donated $200 to the Carol Stream Library as part of the Poetry Now Project. The project donates funds for the purchase of books by Illinois poets. The following books were purchased for the Library:

- Sufficiency of the Actual, Kevin Stein
- Complete Poems, Ernest Hemingway
- Loose Woman, Sandra Cisneros
- I Live by the Invisible, Ray Bradbury
- The Essential Gwendolyn Brooks, Gwendolyn Brooks
- Dear Editor, Amy Newman
- Uncertain Grace, Rebecca Liv Wee
- The Correct Spelling and Exact Meaning, Richard Jones
- The Hands of Strangers, Janice Harrington
- Brass Knuckles, Stuart Dybek
- The Note She Left, Susan Hahn
- The Living Fire, Edward Hirsch
- The Winged Seed, Li-Young Lee

A donation made to the Library for a memorial or honor book is a great way to acknowledge a relative or friend. A Librarian can help you select a title in a given subject and/or price range. A letter of acknowledgement is sent to the honoree or the family of the deceased. Local students Dylan Pyskaty and Emily Camposeo raised funds and donated the following books to Youth Services:

- The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns, Chris Colfer
- Tallstar’s Revenge, Erin Hunter,
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Jeff Kinney
- How I Survived Bullies Broccoli and Snake Hill, James Patterson
- The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail, Richard Peck

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Best wishes for a happy holiday season from the Carol Stream Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff!

Holiday closings
- Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
- Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
- Tuesday, December 31, close at 5:00 p.m. (New Year’s Eve)
- Wednesday, January 1 (New Year’s Day)

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at Library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Library publicity purposes. Programs with no or low registration may be cancelled at the Library’s discretion. If a signer or other special accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Library at least 48 hours in advance of the program.