

December - January - February Winter 2011 ~ Inverno 2011

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 9:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Winter Closings

Christmas Eve & Day: December 24 & 25

New Year's Eve & Day: December 31 & January 1

President's Day: February 20



Reference Manager
Skye Lavin's review of
Zahra's Paradise
by Amir & Khalil.

Following close on the heels of the Arab Spring protests in Iran, this graphic novel is a gutsy, impassioned echo of that inspiring, yet for many Iranian families devastating, historical episode. Amir & Khalil, the pseudonymous creators of *Zahra's Paradise*, are only free to publish this work because of the protections of anonymity. They introduce the reader to a contemporary Iran that is under oppression but still bursting with the rebellious, truth-seeking energy of youth in revolt. One such youth is nineteen year old Mehdi, beloved older brother and son from a regular Muslim family, who disappeared in a rally at Freedom Square in Tehran in the aftermath of the fraudulent elections of 2009.

Zahra's Paradise is the story of the anguished, ingenious, brave search his family launches for him. Mehdi's brother, mother and friends bribe government officials, conspire with an underground publisher, hack computers, and fearlessly demand information about Mehdi from Ahmadinejad's administration. Looking for Mehdi, the younger brother even sneaks into *Zahra's Paradise*, a gigantic urban cemetery with secret graves. Like youth around the world, Mehdi's brother uses the Internet and his uncensored blog as a lifeline. There is a comic hustle and bustle to the art and dialogue, but the subject matter is grave. This extraordinary graphic novel is an example of the publishing world acting as a fast-moving progressive force in the global culture. The book burned with relevance in my hands. *Zahra's Paradise* is especially recommended for fans of classic reads *Maus* and *Persepolis*. It is available in the adult graphic novel collection at the Library.

Dig up something from the Library!



OverDrive
leading digital services

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Board Meetings

January 18 at 7:00pm & February 15 at 7:00pm

Adult Programs

Scared of Santa Photographs

displayed in Main Reading Room throughout the Christmas Season.

Chicago Tribune journalists Denise Joyce and Nancy Watkins are responsible for the Tribunes' popular Christmas tradition, the published compilation of photos submitted by area families memorializing Santa visits gone awry. This annual effort's most noteworthy photos have been collected and published in the **Scared of Santa** book and will be displayed in the Main Reading Room throughout the entire Christmas Season.



Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 3 @ 6:00pm

The Library re-opens immediately after the Light Parade for the annual Christmas Open House, an evening of family fun for all ages. It is the post-parade place to be! Help decorate and light the official Library Christmas Tree, visit with friends and neighbors, and maybe even see Santa! Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Friends of the Library. Sing along with our special musical guests, the ever popular **John Devens and Dyed in the Wool**, as they perform your Christmas favorites.



For Seniors Only!

Thursday, December 8 @ 1:00pm

Salvation Army, 2900 Burr Oak Road

The Library presents The Great Christmas Movie Musicals. Seniors are invited to enjoy lunch and then, at 1:00pm, settle in for a nostalgic afternoon of Christmas movie magic with Steve Frenzel. Mr. Frenzel will present scenes from the great Christmas movie musicals. Please reserve your place by calling Rita Pacyga at 708.388.5735.

Winter Reading for Fun and Prizes

January 1 through March 31

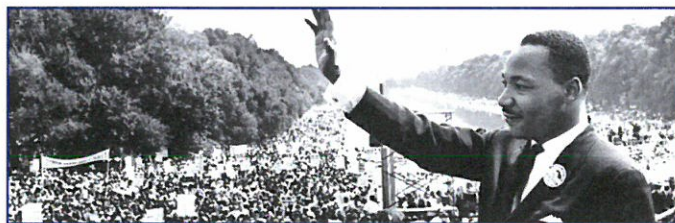
Signing-up is easy and the more you read, the better your chances of winning! A \$50.00 gift card will be awarded on March 31, just in time to shop for a new Easter bonnet.

Book of the Month Club

The book club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm to discuss what they've read and munch on treats. The monthly title is available at the Circulation desk.

Sing-a-Long with Anna Stange and Friends

Join the musical fun on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00pm. For more information, contact Anna Stange at annastange@yahoo.com.



Blue Island's Salute to Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday, January 15 @ 4:00pm

Christ Memorial Church, 2440 York Street

The Blue Island Public Library and Blue Island's churches join together to honor the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. WBEZ commentator, actor, and humorist Aaron Freeman keynotes the event with a presentation of Reverend King's words.

Heartland Blood Centers Drive

Thursday, January 19 from 3:00 to 7:00pm

Heartland provides 38 area hospitals with a safe and adequate supply of blood. All donors will receive an Oberweis gift card! Please bring a picture ID with you.

Gary Hustwit Documentary Series

Thursdays @ 7:00pm, January 26, February 9, February 23

Watch the award-winning films of Gary Hustwit at the Library.

The Civil War: A Series—Session Four

Tuesday, February 7 @ 7:00pm

Blue Island Historical Society, 13018 Maple



In a special Black History Month event, author and historian Art Burton talks about the contributions made by men of color in the Civil War, especially the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the "Glory Regiment." This event is co-sponsored by the Library, the Historical Society, the Civil War Roundtable and Chicago's Ridge Historical Society.

For Seniors Only!

Mardi Gras Party with Jack Rusnak and the Mudcats

Friday, February 17 @ 1:00pm

Salvation Army, 2900 Burr Oak

Seniors can enjoy a great lunch and then settle-in for some New Orleans jazz with the Mudcats. Make your reservation now by calling Rita Pacyga at 708.388.5735.

The REAL Battle of Los Angeles

Tuesday, February 28 @ 7:00pm



In February of 1942, Los Angeles radar picked up a huge object approaching the California coast. A UFO? Maybe! Join Sam Maranto, State Director of the Mutual UFO Network, as he explores one of the most fascinating UFO incidents to take place over American soil. **Attendance by ticket only**

Children's Programs

Lap-sit Baby Time & Pre-School Stories

Mondays from 10:00-11:00am

December 5, 2011 to January 9, 2012

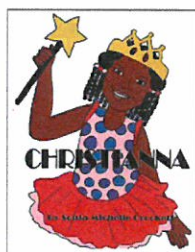
January 30 to February 27, 2012

In collaboration with District 130's Families First Program, lapsit has songs, stories and activities for babies to age 3. Create lifelong learners while having fun. At 11:00am, older brothers and sisters can join us for pre-school storytime with crafts, stories, and a book-related movie.

Christianna by Sonja Michelle Crockett

Monday, December 5 from 3:00 to 7:00pm

Local author and Eisenhower High School alumn Sonja Michelle Crockett will be at the Library with copies of her book **Christianna** to sell and autograph. The book is comprised of four stories about a six year-old African-American girl and her adventures.



Wii Family Game Nights: Tuesday Nights from 6:00 to 8:00pm

December 6, 13 & 20; January 3, 10 & 31; February 7, 14 & 21

We still need to try the newest game, Town Hawk: SHRED. The game's motion sensing-skateboard/snowboard allows players to control the action with their feet to perform amazing tricks in the game. It's time to SHRED!



The Legend of St. Nicholas Family Program,

Saturday, December 17 @ 11:00am

Please join us on Saturday before Christmas for festive tales and an explanation of how St. Nicholas, a 4th Century Bishop, evolved into our present day Santa. (Parents: The Library was assured by St. Nicholas's spokesperson, the talented Terry Lynch, that no important secrets will be revealed!)

Walk-in Craft for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All day long on Monday, January 16

Children that are out of school are invited to come in and create a small take-home art project.

Family Spanish Story Time with Mrs. Rodriguez

Saturday, January 21 @ 1:00pm

Hora del Cuento en Familia con la Señora Rodriguez

Sabado 21 de Enero, 1:00 pm



Special Valentine's Day Program: Friendship through Art

Monday, February 6 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Family members will visit workstations to create art, music, or poetry. The artists will then present them to their friends and loved ones at the end of the program.

Programa del Dia de San Valentin: Su Amistad con Arte

La familia visitará diferentes estaciones de trabajo para crear arte, musica o poesia, y luego presentar a sus amigos o seres queridos al final del programa.

African Mask Painting

Thursday, February 9, from 4:00 to 5:30pm

Ritual masks generally depict deities, spirits of ancestors, mythological beings, good and or evil, animal spirits, and other beings believed to have power over humanity. Create your own mask with personal symbols, either scary or beautiful.

Back by Popular Demand: Read Away Your Fines!

For every half hour spent reading at the Library, overdue fines will be reduced by \$1. Read for a full hour, fines will be reduced by \$2. **Read Away Your Fines** is only available to Blue Island Public Library card holders. This Program ends February 29th.

After-School Tutoring by Eisenhower Students

Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30pm

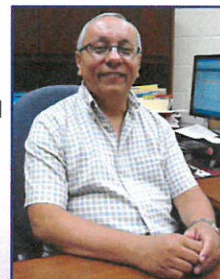
Need a little help in reading and math? Eisenhower High School students can help turn that B+ into an A. Join these dedicated young people on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30pm for some one-on-one tutoring for grammar school students.



A Visit from the Principal

Third Thursday of the Month from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Lincoln School Principal Sam Berrios will be at the Library on the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30pm through the end of the school year. He will be at the Library to demonstrate the importance of learning outside the classroom. Please join him for a story or a little homework help.



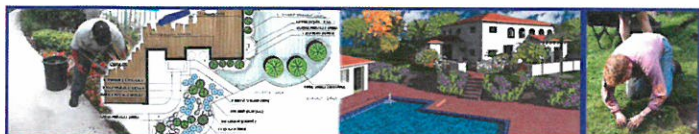
Tech Annex Hours
Monday - Thursday: 11:00am - 8:30pm
Saturday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Additional availability by appointment

TECH annex



The Library is now circulating two Kindles, Amazon's e-reader.

Programs to Enhance Productivity & Inspire Creativity



Landscapers' Challenge

Starts in December and ends in March

There will be a \$50 prize for the best landscape design using the Tech Annex's Home Designer Pro software.

Let's Record It!

Every Tuesday, December to March, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Set-up an appointment to record your audio using Pro Tools or Audacity. (Subject to staff availability.)

Art Jam

Saturdays, Dec 3, Jan 21 & Feb 4 @ 10:00am

Putting together a comic, graphic novel, or book? The January meeting of the Art Jam will host an afternoon of presentations and demonstrations of comic book art.

Open Mic Night

Thursdays, Dec 15, Jan 12 & Feb 2 @ 6:00pm

Spoken word, poetry and music acts can sign-up to perform at our monthly auricular venue. Amps, mics, drumset, guitars

Cooking with . . .

Tue, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21 @ 5:00pm

Come try the latest sample-size portions prepared by the month's featured culinary artist.



Fruity Loops Studio Workshop

Mon, Jan 16 @ 6:00 - 8:00pm

Audio Composer David Jackson will teach beginner lessons where students will learn the basics of FLStudio.



Pro Tools Workshop

Wed, Jan 18 and Feb 15 @ 1:00 - 3:00pm

Come learn to use the Pro Tools software to produce a high quality audio recording.

Stop Motion Animation

Thursday, January 26 @ 3:00pm

Learn the beloved art of stop motion animation.

Internship and Volunteer Opportunities Available

Family Portrait Time

Saturday, January 28 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Expert photographer George Poulos will be taking family portraits. For a \$10 fee you and your family will receive a digital copy on a USB flash drive and may purchase a print for \$1. (Note: one photo per family)

Songwriting 101

Monday, February 6 from 6:00-8:00pm

Singer/songwriter Josh Turner will guide you through the basics of writing lyrics and putting those lyrics to music.



Let's Photograph It!

Every Wednesday, December to March, 10am - 12pm

Set up an appointment to photograph your favorite subject using our state-of-the-art equipment.

Through the \$26,000 Eliminate the Digital Divide Grant, the Technology Department will offer the following classes in the Spring. Classes are free and limited to 10 students.

- Introduction to Audio Production
- Intermediate Audio Production
- Visualizing Your Home Remodeling Design
- Introduction to Digital Photography and Touch-Up
- Intermediate Digital Photography and Image Processing
- Introduction to Video Production
- Intermediate Video Production
- Visualizing Your Landscape Design
- Exploring and Creating 3D Spaces



The Library encourages business owners and local entrepreneurs to make an appointment with Darren to see how the Technology Department can assist.



Visit the webpage to see our resources, information on classes, and original recorded music and videos created in the Tech Annex.

www.blueislandlibrary.org/techannex/

For more information, contact Darren Thompson at dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org.