

Holiday, Winter programs ahead at Coeur d'Alene Library

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library is looking ahead to an exciting future as construction continues on the new building adjacent to City Hall. In July 2007 the library will move from its Harrison Avenue address to spacious new quarters – 38,500 square feet of space to be exact.

The library staff is also busy preparing to be fully integrated with the Cooperative Information Network. The Coeur d'Alene library will remain a department of the City of Coeur d'Alene, but will share circulation services, a computer catalog and a library card with 15 other North Idaho libraries.

The transition is funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences administered by the Idaho State Library with matching funds from the Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library.

In the meantime North Idaho families can continue to enjoy the services and programs offered by the library at 201 E. Harrison Avenue:

Family Reading Week: Idaho celebrates this special week Nov. 12-18. This year's theme is "Curiosity Begins @ Your Library" and features as its mascot our old friend Curious George from the series of children's books written and illustrate by Margaret and H.A. Ray. A Family Reading Night with special activities and tips on families reading together will be scheduled at the library.

Holiday Story Programs: The Fall Story Programs continue through Nov. 17 and after a short break Youth Services will offer the Holiday Programs beginning Nov. 28 and continuing for two weeks. Programs will include free weekly sessions for children ages newborn and up.

Winter Reading Programs: Beginning Jan. 9, the winter programs will include age appropriate free weekly sessions with stories, songs, poems, activities, experiments and crafts. With prior arrangement, Youth Services can also schedule special programs and tours for schools and daycare providers.

LEGO-rama: Watch for news about the return in January of this popular activity for kids who love to build. The library staff is scouting



locations for a bigger venue to hold this activity which will include a special speaker, contests for LEGO building projects, LEGO-themed refreshments and more. (Next year LEGO-rama will be able to come home to our new building.)

The Writers Competition: Entry forms will be available for the 19th annual Writers Competition on Jan. 31. As with the 2006 contest, the entry forms and rules will be available on the library website. The contest is for fiction and nonfiction prose, no poetry, of 2,000

words or less. No entry is too short. Age groups are 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18 and 19-plus. Cash prizes - \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third – are awarded in each category (fiction and nonfiction) and each age group. Entry fees are \$1 per entry for ages 6-11 and \$2 per entry for ages 12 and up.

Patrons who need accommodations to participate in library programs are asked to contact the library staff.

Details on library activities are available by calling 208/769-2315 or visiting the library website www.cdalibrary.org which also features the library catalog, access to websites for other libraries in the region and a webcam view of construction of the new library. TTY: (Telephone service for the deaf) 1-866-801-0505 E-mail: cdapl@cdalibrary.org.

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library is open seven days a week: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

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