

Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-9:00 pm
 Friday-Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm, January-March

CHESHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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JANUARY 2009

1	Thursday	LIBRARY CLOSED - New Year's Day
4	Sunday	Sunday Hours Resume through March 22 - 1 pm-5 pm
5	Monday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten 7:00 pm - Chick Lit book discussion - P.S. I Love You by Cecelia Ahern
6	Tuesday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten 5:30 pm - Teen Book Board
7	Wednesday	10:00 am - Mother Goose Storytime - Ages 6-30 months 4:00 pm - After School Storytime - Ages 3-8
8	Thursday	10:00 am - Family Place - Ages 1-3 *
9	Friday	10:00 and 10:45am - Friday Fun - Ages 2½-3½ * 3:00 pm - Anime Club for teens
11	Sunday	4:00 pm - Sunday Showcase - Hungrytown - folk music
12	Monday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten
13	Tuesday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten 1:00 pm - Movie - West Side Story
14	Wednesday	10:00 am - Mother Goose Storytime - Ages 6-30 months 10:00 and 10:45 am - Art with Kim - Ages 2½-5 * 4:00 pm - After School Storytime - Ages 3-8
15	Thursday	10:00 am - Family Place - Ages 1-3 * 7:00 pm - Understanding Islam
16	Friday	10:00 and 10:45 am - Friday Fun - Ages 2½-3½ *
19	Monday	LIBRARY CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day
20	Tuesday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten 11:30 am - Lunch and Learn with Masonicare * 1:00 pm - Movie - South Pacific 5:30 pm - Teen Book Board
21	Wednesday	10:00 am - Mother Goose Storytime - Ages 6-30 months 4:00 pm - After School Storytime - Ages 3-8
22	Thursday	10:00 am - Family Place - Ages 1-3 * 7:00 pm - The College Maze
23	Friday	10:00 and 10:45 am - Friday Fun - Ages 2½-3½ *
26	Monday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten
27	Tuesday	10:00 am - Storytime - Ages 3½ - Kindergarten 10:30 am - Valentines Stories - Tots and Seniors * 1:00 pm - Movie - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
28	Wednesday	10:00 am - Mother Goose Storytime - Ages 6-30 months 4:00 pm - After School Storytime - Ages 3-8
30	Friday	10:00 and 10:45 am - Friday Fun - Ages 2½-3½ * 3:00 pm - Anime Club for teens

*Registration is required. Please sign-up in the Children's Room for Children's programs and at the Reference Desk for adult events.



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LET THE SUNSHINE IN

You might have to look really hard to see them, but there's something new at the library. In November, 28 Sanyo photo-voltaic panels were installed on the flat part of our roof.

The ballast-mounted panels were installed at a 30 degree angle, which is considered ideal. Most panels on flat roofs have to be installed at smaller angles and are therefore less effective. They can withstand 110 mph winds and 1-inch hail at 55 mph. Each panel measures about 52" x 32".

Our panels can generate enough to power 62.5 60-watt light bulbs simultaneously. The maximum that the system can generate is about 5 kW, or 5,000 watts, which would power an appliance like an air conditioner, hot water heater, or clothes dryer. All generation goes directly into the library building as free electricity. For safety reasons, the panels will not operate in the absence of the regular utility grid. We estimate that the panels will provide 2-4% of our annual power needs and save the Town about \$1,500 in electric bills.

Soon to come will be a link to a website that will display the real-time generation of the panels on an ongoing basis.

SUNDAY SHOWCASE

Acoustic music duo Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, known as Hungrytown, will be featured at the Sunday Showcase on January 11. Their deceptively simple compositions are rooted firmly in folk tradition. The performance starts at 4:00 pm. Free and open to the public, all Sunday Showcase events are made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

TUESDAY MOVIE MATINEES

The line-up for the Tuesday Movie Matinees series has been finalized. Showtime for all movies is 1:00 pm and admission is free. The theme for January is Musicals.

January 13 - West Side Story

January 20 - South Pacific

January 27 - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

On January 15 at 7:00 pm the library is sponsoring *Understanding Islam and Muslims*. The speaker, Aida Mansoor, regularly presents programs on the practices and culture of Muslims. She recently completed a Clinical Pastoral Education program and is working towards her chaplaincy.

The College Maze: The Financial Aid Process is a workshop to be held at the library on January 22 at 7:00 pm. For parents whose high school children are beginning to get ready for college, the program will cover the search for financial aid, the application process, and the emotional waves which assault both parent and child during this stage of life.

CHICK LIT BOOKCLUB

Read, relax and join in with our newest book discussion group! The growing popularity of Chick Lit is evident here at the library and this program is sure to be a popular one.

P.S. I Love You by Cecelia Ahern is the book choice for January. The group plans to meet the first Monday of every month at 7 pm. Copies of the book are available at the library. Be sure to bring in suggestions for titles you'd like to talk about at future meetings.

USE BOOKBROWSE TO FIND SOMETHING GOOD TO READ

Love to read but can't always find the right books? Check out BookBrowse, the Library's new reader advisory service.

BookBrowse is one of the most popular websites for book-lovers, providing information, reviews and recommendations on recently published books. Every BookBrowse recommendation is backed by a wide range of media reviews and a substantial excerpt, so that visitors can judge each book for themselves.

When you find a title in BookBrowse, you will be able to link directly to the library catalog to see if it is available. BookBrowse also offers online magazines with previews of upcoming books and reviews; a search feature that includes categories such as time period and geographical setting; and handpicked "If you like this, try these" recommendations. There are many features for book clubs, including recommended books, reading guides, interviews with book clubs - even the ability to invite authors to chat with your book club by telephone.

Some of BookBrowse's content is publicly available, but a number of premium features are accessible only by subscription. Cheshire cardholders can now access all of the features by visiting cheshirelibrary.org and selecting the link to BookBrowse.com from the front page.

BITS 'N PIECES

- Sunday hours resume this month. The library will be open from 1 pm-5 pm during January and February and through March 22.
- We bid a fond farewell to Teen Librarian Sarah Kline Morgan and wish her well in her new job.
- The Friends of the Library report that their October book sale was a smashing success. Thanks to all who bought books and support The Friends.
- The International Organization of Women Pilots recently donated a book in memory of Helma DeFronzo. It is *Women and Flight: Portraits of Contemporary Women Pilots*.
- Amnesty Week was a success. We accepted nearly \$300 in monetary/gift card donations, plus several nonperishable food donations. All contributions will go to Cheshire Social Services and the Food Pantry.