

Winter Programs

Warm Up with A Good Book, the Library's adult reading program, is a great opportunity to read or listen to whatever kinds of books you like and be eligible to win prizes. This year, we'll be offering a variety of great gift certificates as our grand prizes, and everyone who signs up to participate will be eligible for six weekly prize drawings. Pick up your reading log beginning Monday, February 1, 2010. More information about the program will be available at the Library during January and on our website at www.edwardsvillelibrary.org.

Ask the Expert – Join these speakers as they share their expertise on a variety of topics:

Sunday, January 24 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Change Your Life with Feng Shui – Lynne Hullinger will describe the meaning and history of Feng Shui, and attendees will gain an understanding of how to apply Feng Shui to create a practical plan for their own home or office. The program is free, but attendance is limited, and **registration is required for this program. Please call 692-7556 or stop by the Library starting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6 to register.**

Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop– Find out if you might be eligible for grants or scholarships to go to college, or to return to college. Kurt Kelley from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will be here to talk about the financial aid process.

Saturday, March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Basket Making Workshop – Yvette Booker and Jenece Brown, basket weavers extraordinaire, will guide participants through the process of creating their own unique colorful, round Easter basket. The cost is \$30 per person which covers all of the supplies. Bring a sack lunch, and the Library will provide beverages and snacks. Registration is required and is limited to 25 people; anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. The \$30 fee must be paid at the time of registration. **Please stop by during regular Library hours starting Wednesday, January 6 to register.**

Thursday, April 1 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sustainability 101: You Can Make a Difference! – What are the real outcomes of the everyday ways we strive to minimize our footprint on Earth's living systems? Discover the positive impacts of common Green practices: recycling, energy efficiency, non-toxic cleaning products, etc. Join us for this interactive presentation by Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager for the EarthWays Center, a division of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Saturday, April 17 from 1:00 to 2: 30 p.m.

Cooking Smart for a Healthy Heart – If you are tired of diets that don't work and want to learn how to make healthy eating a permanent way of life, join Carol Schlitt, Extension Educator for Nutrition and Wellness with the University of Illinois Extension Service, for this class. There will be a cooking demonstration and taste testing of heart-healthy recipes. The program is free, but attendance is limited, and **registration is required for this program. Please call 692-7556 or stop by the Library starting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6 to register.**

Tuesday, May 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Beekeeping for the Beginner -- If you're interested in this fascinating hobby, join Dr. Jake Williams, Professor of Biology at SIU-E, as he reviews the basics of beekeeping.

All of these programs are free (with the exception of the Basket Making Workshop). Please check us out in 2010 and see what we can do for you!

ALSO: See What's New at the Library!

We now have a collection of school material for English language learners from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. The purchase of this collection was funded through a grant from the Meridian Society of SIU-E. We would like to thank the Meridian Society and Professor Joel Hardman of the English Department who wrote the grant. Stop by the Library on **Thursday, January 21st from 4:00 to 5:00 pm to preview the collection.** Light refreshments will be served.