New Crown Point Library - a place for everyone!

After over a year of anticipation, 1,700 people flocked to the new Crown Point Community Library on opening day Monday, October 22, 2012. Within minutes of the library’s opening people were already checking out books. The library is not only about finding your favorite story, for some it will be an opportunity to have a better meeting place, a place for friends to gather, students to study, teens to hang out, learn a new skill, have access to free internet, and more. The new space is equipped with a computer area, internet cafe, teen zone, game room and multiple quiet reading areas with plenty of natural light.

The library kicked off opening day with two weeks of special activities and a Grand Opening event was held on Sunday, October 28, 2012. To see the pictures taken from the opening celebration and Grand Opening event go to crownpointlibrary.org

Opening Day Statistics
• 4,864 items checked IN,
• 654 items renewed,
• 104 holds placed
• 2,770 items checked OUT
• 400 new library cards issued the first week!
• 1,097 people attended the Grand Opening event

November 2012

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Library Meetings
Friends of the Library - Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees - Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30 p.m.

CROWN POINT LIBRARY
122 N. Main Street
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 663-0270

Hours:
Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

WINFIELD LIBRARY
10645 Randolph St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 662-4039

Hours:
Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Facebook
Students receive special preview tour

Qualified Crown Point elementary students who participated in the Read A Thon last spring earned a special preview tour of the new library before opening day.

Over 200 young people and their parents attended the tour led by staff members.

The students raised $13,262.97 and the library staff and board thank all the students from these participating schools:

- Crown Point High School
- Robert A. Taft Middle School
- Colonel John Wheeler Middle School
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School
- Lake Street Elementary School
- Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
- Solon Robinson Elementary School
- Jerry Ross Elementary School
- Winfield Elementary School
- St. Mary’s Catholic School

No book discussions in December

Crown Point Library Crafters


Crochet Group: every Monday from 9-11 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon Knitters: every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

Applique Addicts: 3rd Fridays from 10 - 3 p.m. (begins November 16)

Under Cover Quilters: every other Tuesday from 10 - 3 p.m. (begins November 6)

Spinners: 3rd Tuesdays from 10 - 2 p.m.

Paper crafts with Jane: (this workshop requires registration and materials fee) November 20, December 1, December 18.

All groups meet in the meeting rooms and are free unless otherwise noted.

For more information, please visit crownpointlibrary.org or contact Barb Houk at 306-4597 or email bhouk@crownpointlibrary.org.

Chess Players Wanted--

A new chess group will be playing in the Internet Café on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m.

Beginners and experienced players are welcome, with or without a partner. Some instruction is available.

For more information, contact Barb at 306.4597 or bhouk@crownpointlibrary.org

Art in Focus

Ed Hardy - Tattoo the World
Tuesday, December 11, 6:15-7:45

South Shore Arts and Crown Point Community Library welcome you to the Art in Focus study group. DVDs and discussions are presented about art and artists. No registration required. For more information, contact Barb Houk at 306.4597 or bhouk@crownpointlibrary.org

Sponsored by South Shore Arts and Crown Point Library.
Storytime events at the Crown Point Library

Register for events online at www.crownpointlibrary.org or at the library where the event will take place.

***Story times at the new Crown Point Library***

New library story times are now six-week sessions and only require a one-time registration. Please sign up for only one session either on Wednesdays or Thursdays. There will be 30 minutes playtime for baby and caregiver after program.

**Wednesdays -**
November 7, 14, & 28, December 5, 12 & 19
Book Babies at 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Pals at 10:30 or 11:30 a.m.

**Thursdays -**
November 8, 15, & 29, December 6, 13 & 20
Book Babies at 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Pals at 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

**Book Babies** (Ages birth to 2 ½) Registration required. There will be 30 minutes playtime for baby and caregiver after program.

**Preschool Pals** (Ages 2 ½ to 5) – Registration required. There will be 30 minutes playtime for baby and caregiver after program.

*Please let us know if you cannot make a date.*

Storytime events at the Winfield Branch Library

Register for events online at www.crownpointlibrary.org or at the library where the event will take place.

**Tuesdays - November 6, 13, and December 4, 11**

**10:30 a.m. Book Babies** - Designed for babies from birth to 2 1/2 years of age. All children participate with a parent or adult caregiver. Story time lasts approximately 20 minutes.

**11:00 a.m. Tot-Time** - Designed for children between 2 1/2 and 4 1/2 years of age. All children participate with a parent or adult caregiver. Story time lasts approximately 30 minutes.

**11:45 a.m. Little Listeners** - Designed for children between 4 1/2, and 6 years of age. All children attend story time independently and parent or adult caregiver must remain in Library. Story time lasts approximately 30-45 minutes.

**School Age Fun** - Join us for these fun activities! Free! For children in grades 1-5.

**LEGO CLUB** -
Monday, November 19: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**GAME CLUB** -
Tuesday, November 13: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Read to the Dogs

**Crown Point Community Library**
Saturdays, November 17 and December 8, at 2:00 p.m.

**Winfield Branch Library**
Thursdays, November 8 and December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Power Paws group invites you to come read to their trained and certified dogs. This program is designed to help improve the literacy skills of children. When children are learning to read they often get stressed from being self-conscious about making mistakes. When reading with a dog, they start to relax and forget about being nervous.
Friends of the Crown Point Library

ANNUAL CHICAGO BUS TRIP

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
9:00 - 5:00 p.m. - $20.00 Per Person

A second bus has been added!
To reserve your seat, sign up at the Circulation Desk at the Crown Point Community Library. Payment must be received at the time of sign up. Please make checks payable to the Friends of the CP Library. The bus will board at 8:45 a.m. and depart promptly at 9:00 a.m. The bus will depart from Chicago at 4:00 p.m. and return to the library at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Friends 1st Literary Luncheon a success

More than 70 guests attended the Friends of the Crown Point Library first annual literary luncheon on Saturday, October 13, 2012 held at the First United Methodist Church in Crown Point. Following a wonderful lunch, catered by Creative Cuisine, guests moved over to the sanctuary and had the opportunity to hear a special presentation of Haunted Indiana by local author Mark Marimien.

More than just a fundraiser, the idea of the event is also to bring people together to celebrate authors, reading, friendship and the Crown Point Community Library. The Friends event committee, chaired by Jane Butkus, worked tirelessly to make sure that every detail of the event was perfect – and they succeeded! Thank you to Erma Anderson, Judy Baran, John Cotton, Laura Clemons, Noretta and Jerry Emerson, Sharon Kersey, Kate Lodovisi, Donna Selvaggi, Karen Shook and Carla Smoler. Special thanks to Mark Marimen, Creative Cuisine and the First United Methodist Church.

Want to become a Friend of the Library? Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The Friends of the Crown Point Library are accepting nominations for their 2013 Officers. If you are interested in serving or know someone who would like to serve as an officer, please forward the nomination to Laura Clemons, staff liaison to the Friends of the Library, at lclemons@crownpointlibrary.org or drop off at the Circulation Desk. You are welcome to submit a self-nomination; forms are available at the Circulation Desk at the Crown Point Library. The Friends Nominations Committee will review the nominations at their November meeting and will vote on the new 2013 Officers at the December meeting.

Friends of the Crown Point Library Membership Form

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Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
Phone ____________________________________________

☐ I want to receive program and library event updates by email!
☐ I want to receive the newsletter by email!

☐ I’m interested in volunteering at the book sale.
☐ I’m interested in volunteering at Friends events.
☐ I’m interested in serving on the Friends Board of Officers.

Friends of the Crown Point Community Library

Administrative Staff
Lynn Frank, Director
Laura Clemons, Comm.Specialist
Mary Harrigan, Head of Reference
Barb Houk, Special Services Librarian
Laurie Kingery, Head of Circulation
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Officers of the
Friends of the Library 2012
John Cotton, President
Judy Baran, Vice President
Joel Clemons, Treasurer
Karen Shook, Secretary

Friends members: (from left) John Cotton - President, Camille Mueller, Jane Butkus - event chair, Erma Anderson, Judy Baran - Vice President, Sharon Kersey, Donna Selvaggi and Noretta Emerson.

Check Out! is a monthly newsletter of the Crown Point Community Library. It is available at both libraries, online, or sign up on our website to have it emailed to you directly.

ATTENTION BUS RIDERS!
The bus will board at the old library at 314 S. Court Str.

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