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March 2011 Classes, Programs, and News

Database Spotlight: Optimal Resume

In an exciting development for job seekers, Optimal Resume software is now available to all cardholders in the Christian County Library system. Optimal Resume allows users to create the full spectrum of career documents, from resumes and cover letters to online portfolios, video resumes and professional websites. They can also answer common interview questions and share the recorded answers to get feedback and suggestions for improvement.

"This goes far beyond simple resume templates," said Rhonda Riley, head of technology at the library. "There are sample resumes for dozens of career fields and positions, lists of power words to spark ideas, the ability to easily create and edit your own documents and website, and even options for staging mock interviews with your webcam. Our staff was blown away by the possibilities."

To use this database, visit <http://christiancounty.lib.mo.us/databases>. Click on Optimal Resume and use your library card number to log in.

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Library Community Courses

Library Community Courses provide free or low cost lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of Christian County.

Arts and Crafts

Woodcarving Demonstration

Thursday, March 3rd, 12-3 p.m. The library will host the Ozarks Whittlers and Woodcarvers for an afternoon woodcarving demonstration.

Beginning Woodcarving

Thursday, March 3rd, 3-5 p.m. Learn to carve something from nothing! This class will cover the basics of woodcarving, tool sharpening, and safety as taught by Steve Smith of the Ozarks Whittlers and Woodcarvers. Cost is \$5.00 for supplies. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Books and Literature

How to Get Published with CC Brown, Book Signing

Saturday, March 5th, 1-2 p.m. Missouri authors Schyrlet Cameron, Carolyn Craig, and Kathy Brown, who wrote *Dark Side* under the pseudonym CC Brown, will present the pros, cons, and how-tos of traditional publishing and self-publishing, followed by a book signing.

How to Write a Self-Help Book, Book Signing

Saturday, March 5th, 2-3 p.m. Missouri author Susie Macomber discusses her struggle with generalized anxiety disorder and how she turned her experiences into her book *Into Fear and Back*. She'll provide tips for writing your own self-help or self-improvement book, followed by a book signing.

Read the Movie Book Club: *The Kite Runner* Film Screening and

Book Discussion Saturday, March 26th, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We'll read the novel *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini during the month of March, then meet to watch the movie and discuss the novel and its film adaptation. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

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Get involved! Friends of the Library group meets 3/19 @ 9 a.m. Call the library for info.

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Computers and Technology

The Library Online

Saturday, March 5th, 10-11 a.m. Discover the amazing online world you have access to with your library card. Learn about the many great databases offered by the library, how to access your library account online, tips and tricks for searching the online catalog, and other cool features for the Christian County Library website. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to Computers Part I

Monday, March 7th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Can't tell your motherboard from your USB drive? This class is for you! Learn the basic terms and use of computers. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to Computers Part II

Saturday, March 12th, 10-11 a.m. Learn to create and manage folders, organize your computer desktop, change your settings, and discover some nifty programs your computer offers. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to the Internet

Monday, March 21st, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teaches basic internet terms and skills. Learn internet safety, how to open a browser, go to a website, and navigate within a website. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

CCL Programs for Children, Teens, and Families: March 2011

Preschool Storytime

Stories, songs, and crafts help develop early literacy skills. Geared toward 3-5 year olds. Younger children welcome.

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 2nd-March 24th, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Easter Party

Bring your Easter basket and six plastic eggs filled with candy for a library Easter egg hunt, games, and stories. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

- Tuesday, March 29th, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 30th, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime @ the OC

Join Miss Lucinda from the Christian County Library for storytime at the Ozark Community Center.

- Thursdays, March 3rd-24th, 9:15 a.m.

Pets as Listeners

Bring young readers to our PALS program to read to Missy, a dog specially trained by Pet Therapy of Ozarks. Similar programs have seen students who are reading below grade level raise their competency to at or above grade level. Children are more comfortable reading to a pet who never makes fun of them, never corrects them, and always enjoys their time together. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

- Monday, March 14th, 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 28th, 4:00 p.m.



Movie Day

Saturday, March 26th, 1:30 p.m. Join us for a free movie and free popcorn and punch. February's movie is ***Megamind*** (2010, rated PG). From IMDB.com: The super villain Megamind finally conquers his nemesis, the hero Metro Man, but finds his life pointless without a hero to fight.