

At the Homer Public Library

Sponsored by the Friends of the Homer Library

Week of today is intended to highlight the great resource known as the multi-faceted public library. While Homer loves its current library, our new library, to be completed in August of this year, will allow us to experience what a modern public library can offer.

This year's National Library Week is April 2-8 and the theme is "Change Your World @ the Library." Events nationwide will be coordinated with local activities celebrating the possibilities at your public library and the staff that make libraries such wonderful places. The message is clear: whether you're looking for the latest best seller, help with a home project, tax forms, or a place to access the internet, the public library is the place for you. The President of the United States will even issue an annual proclamation.

In anticipation of the new library's opening, Friends of the Homer Public Library and the Homer Public Library staff will celebrate National Library Week with events as varied as the opportunities found at the library. Events will include a reading of the 2006 submissions to the unique Top Drawer Collection and a media literacy workshop in conjunction with the 1st Annual Homer International Film Festival for Children. For more information about National Library Week contact the Friends of the Homer Library at www.friendshomerlibrary.org or call Claudia Haines at 235-9042.



Library Happenings

March

Wednesdays, Preschool Story Hour, 10am @ HPL. 235-3180

March 8, FHL Monthly Board meeting, 6pm @ HPL.

March 10, SCRABBLE tournament registration deadline go to: www.friendshomerlibrary.org

March 13-April 7, Library card Drive sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #512

March 18 & 19, "My Word Against Yours" SCRABBLE Tournament at Lands End Resort, call 235-9042.

March 27-29, Library closed for Seward's Day and staff training.

April

Wednesdays, Preschool Story Hour 10am @ HPL 235-3180

April 2-8, National Library Week "Change Your World @the Library"

Friday, April 7, First Friday event sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #512

TBA Film Workshop (part of HIFFC events)

TBA Top Drawer Program Reading and 2006 Submissions

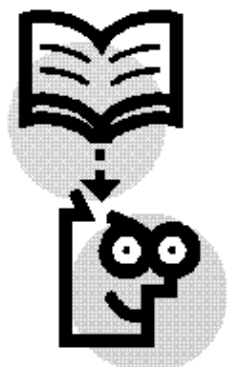
Saturdays, April 8-May 13, Homer International Film Festival for Children @ Homer Theatre, call 235-9042

April 12, FHL General Membership meeting, 6:30pm @ HPL

April 22, Spring Book, Plant and Bake Sale @ HPL, call 235-3180

TBA, Researching Genealogy and the National Archives, 6:30pm @ HPL, call 235-3180

Coming Soon... May 13—Annual FHL Homestead Dinner & Auction



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Hours:
Mon., Weds., Fri., Sat.
10am-6pm
Tues. & Thurs.
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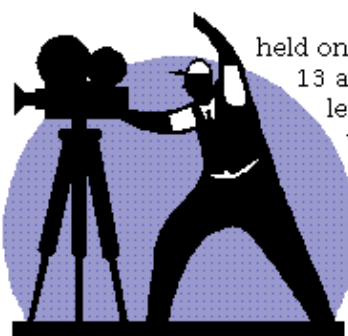
Beyond Disney

Looking for kids' movies beyond the usual Hollywood blockbuster fare?

Then the Homer International Film Festival for Children (HIFFC) is for you! Friends of the Homer Public Library, along with HCOA and the Homer Theatre, announce the first annual HIFFC— bringing educational, inspirational, and thought-provoking children's films to our community from around the world.

It won't be long before the new library opens, and with it the increased ability of people to share information through all types of media. Film is a powerful way to communicate. Accordingly, the festival will provide children an opportunity to explore international cinema, with its diverse experiences and perspectives. In addition, the festival hopes to promote media literacy with resource packets for local teachers and home school families, and teach critical film viewing skills at a workshop for families during the festival.

This film extravaganza is geared for children ages eight and older. Six public screenings will be



held on consecutive Saturdays, April 8-May 13 at the Homer Theatre. Five feature length films and one series of shorts will present a wide array of film styles, including: animation, documentary, full-length features, and foreign language films. These presentations will be complemented with shorts by local filmmakers.

Look for updated information at www.friendshomerlibrary.org or on

flyers coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

Grants and donations will make this unique festival affordable to all. To volunteer or become a festival sponsor, contact Claudia Haines at 235-9042 or at claudia@friendshomerlibrary.org.

By Amy Russell, FHL volunteer.

Check out these websites:

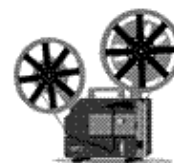
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National Library Week!

Are you concerned that Americans are reading less? If you are, you're not alone. Concerns about how much we read date back to the mid-1950's. Back in 1954, the American Library Association and American Book Publishers formed a non-profit citizens' organization called the National Book Committee to address this issue. They hoped to encourage people to read and improve people's lives through reading. To help draw attention to the importance of books and reading, the group established the first National Library, an annual celebration which is still honored today throughout the country. The world, as well as libraries, has come along way since 1954.

National Library Week is still celebrated with great gusto in all 50 states, but books are just one part of the literacy promoted at today's libraries. With our increasing dependence on modern technology for communication, public libraries have become media literacy centers with book stacks, banks of computers, DVD collections, group learning and tutoring sessions, homework assistance and creative and educational programming. The National Library

