

The DeSoto Public Library Offers Program for Homeschoolers

Homeschoolers, bring your students to the DeSoto Public Library on Fridays. The DeSoto Public Library has just introduced a program to support local homeschool families. Every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., a volunteer educational team has been assembled to offer a cooperative learning environment for students aged six to ten (1st through 4th grades). Lessons will include environmental studies, spelling bees, research how-to's, library scavenger hunts, math games from around the world, group activity centers, community volunteer projects, business studies (including "library real estate"), guest speakers, a science fair, art show and holiday celebrations.

"It is our intention to provide an opportunity for children from various backgrounds of similar ages to join in a creative, diverse, and social environment," said Lucile Dade, Managing Director of Library Services. "We welcome parents to contribute your time, talent, and ideas by volunteering to help with the program," said Dade.

A parent or guardian must be present in the library while the child is participating in the program. For more information, or to register your child, please call Kim Boyd, Children's Librarian at 972.230.9666 or e-mail her at kboyd@ci.desoto.tx.us.

Library Presents Parenting Workshop

The DeSoto Public Library will present "Parenting In The 21st Century" workshop on Thursday, November 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Quite Reading Room. Workshop presenter and DeSoto resident, Margie Riley, holds an M. S. degree in Home and Family/ Child Development from TWU and is a retired educator/administrator. Discussion topics include; discipline, communication, personality traits, problem solving, and substance abuse. Ms. Riley will instruct workshop participants in ways to identify and examine trends for quality parenting, have meaningful discussions with our children and examine our communication patterns with our children.

This free workshop is open to everyone. Seating is limited; so please register your attendance by calling 972.230.9661 by November 17th.



Week of November 10th, through November 14th, 2008

"Neat" by Charlayne Woodard Opens at the Corner Theatre on Nov. 6th

In the oral traditions of West Africa, DeSoto's African American Repertory

Theater will present "Neat" on a bare stage. "Neat" is the magnificent story of the remembrance of Charlavne Woodard's real-life brain damaged Aunt, Neat, and the profound change she brought to her life. Aunt Neat, with her enormous love, energy, simplicity and magnificent clarity, teaches the young Charlayne what it is to cherish life. A magical, compelling, portrait of a young woman's coming of age, "Neat" is the story of an urban African-American girl bursting into adulthood, experiencing first love, and embracing both black-pride and feminism. An evening of pure joy, compelling insight and hopefulness, "Neat" is an inspiration for every family.

THE REVIEWS: "Powerful, heartbreaking and beautiful..." —NY Times. "Neatly done... Engaging..." —NY Post. "Radiant, exuberant and gorgeous..." —NY Newsday.

"Dazzling..." —LA Times. "Affectionate,

funny and moving..." —Associated Press. "Joyous...winning...will touch your heart." —Newhouse Newspapers. "Extraordinary..." —Gannett Newspapers.



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The preview of "Neat", directed by Bill Ray, will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the preview are \$10. The play opens Friday, November 7, 2008 and continues through November 23rd on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at DeSoto's Corner Theatre next door to the Recreation Center. Tickets for evening performances are \$20 and matinees are \$15. To purchase tickets or for more information on the African American Repertory Theater, visit their website at www.aareptheater.com or call 972.572.0998.



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Fun for the Holidays 2008



DECEMBER 4

Holiday Crafts & Ornaments

Ages 7pm - 8pm
4 - 8 \$3 per child
Create beaded ornaments, snowflakes, candy canes, and angels. Make soft sculpted teddy bears, snow babies, bird feeders, and tree top angels.



DECEMBER 13

Fun with Santa

Ages: 1 – 10 Time: 9am to 11am \$5 per child



Limited space 8 max.

DECEMBER 18

Holiday Card Making Class

Ages 7pm – 8pm 4 – 8 \$3 per child

Create holiday cards for family members and friends.



DECEMBER 22

Holiday Party Drop-In Night

Ages 5pm - 9pm 5 - 12 \$20 per child \$15 per additional sibling

Parent's, get your last minute shopping done and drop your kids off for a jolly good time! We will watch a holiday movie, make a craft, play games, and have loads of fun in our new youth activity room. Pizza included

Limited space 15 max.



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