

# CLCN CHRONICLES

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR (SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION)**

May	9	Fun Friday/Spanish Club
	10	2008 CLCN Homeschool Graduation
	18	Book Club
	23	Fun Friday

## **FIELD TRIPS/SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Teen Book Club** - Does your young adult enjoy good books or would you like to foster a love of good books? Come join other kids 12 and up the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss the book of the month. This book club is being hosted by the Valparaiso library, but is by homeschoolers with homeschoolers in mind. This book club is open to all students in the community. The club will meet in the Youth Services Meeting Room, upstairs in the library. There are plenty of copies of each book at the library. The first book is a fun read and students are sure to enjoy. Here is the book schedule: May 19 at 4pm : Shackleton's Stowaway by Victoria McKernan

## **DON'T MISS GRADUATION . . . NEXT WEEK!**

All area homeschoolers and interested friends are invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CLCN Homeschool Graduation Ceremony, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton. Dr. Jay Wile, founder of Apologia Educational Ministries, will be the featured speaker. Six area seniors will receive diplomas from their parents, including Julie Chelich, Nicole Dykstra, Elizabeth Morley, Andy Schiller, Eric Wilmsen and Ellen Wilson. The ceremony will feature a homeschool string quartet, a traditional processional and recessional with caps and gowns, video presentations on each senior, and a group prayer for the graduates. A light reception will follow the ceremony in the church's Food Court.

## **ENROLL FOR BOOK-IT NOW!**

You can call 1-800-426-6548 or <http://www.bookitprogram.com> to enroll online for the 2008-09 Pizza Hut Book it! reading program. For Grades K-6. Deadline is June 13, 2008. Program starts Oct. 1, 2008 thru March 31, 2009.

## **READ YOUR WAY TO THE WATERPARK!**

The 2008 Deep River Reading Program is now underway! Basically, your students (12 and younger) read for 4 hours and they will receive a free waterpark admission ticket (valid for one use between 5/24/08 and 6/22/08)...a \$16.95 value! Additionally, as a Thank You for your work associated with this program and the work you do with students everyday, you will also receive a free admission ticket. Interested? Please download more information by clicking [here](#)...or call 219-947-7850 ext. 604. For general information on our facility...click [here](#).

Deep River Waterpark is located just 4 1/2 miles east off I-65 on US Hwy 30 and has earned the reputation as Indiana's Premiere Waterpark!

## **PIANO LESSONS**

Piano Lessons with Rachel in her home on the east side of Valpo. Rachel has been taking and playing the piano for many years and has recently been working with her teacher to be prepared to offer quality piano lessons to your children. Lessons are for new students or students with some experience. Lessons would be \$8 for 30 minutes once a week. If you have multiple children arrangements could be made to have lessons in your home.

## **LENDING LIBRARY**

CLCN has partnered with Liberty Bible Church for the Homeschool Lending Library. So go to the Liberty Bible Church Library and "check it out". Books in the homeschool section (as well as all the other books) are available to borrow for two weeks at a time. You just need to give them your name, address, and phone number for their records. For more information or if you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Amy. CLCN also lends out a Geo Safari (kept with the co-op materials at Liberty Bible Church) and a microscope (kept by Dawn).

## **FREE FIELDTRIP IDEAS . . .**

**Chicago History Museum** Free on Mondays

**Chicago Field Museum** Target Free Mondays are May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum** Free days are Thursdays; suggested donation of \$7/adult

**Jane Addams Hull House Museum** Free every day

## DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

--Home Depot hosts a FREE kid's workshop the first Saturday of every month where kids can make (or take home to make) a fun wooden kit? Kits have included a race car, butterfly house, plastic bag storage box, and a roller coaster car. Each month is a different kit. A work area is set up in the back of the store where kids and their parents can complete their project. Each child receives a Home Depot work apron the first time and can use it to keep the pins they will receive after completing each new project. The workshop runs from 9 to noon on the first Saturday of each month.

--Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative has a free lending library with materials for math, science, history, etc. in a searchable database? You can order and check out ten items for 30 days. They even mail the items to you for free and send a prepaid envelope with your order to return it all! They send the order within a day or two, so it generally gets to you the same week you order. To take part in the Freshwater Fred Lending Library, visit [www.hepn.com/library/content/splash.asp](http://www.hepn.com/library/content/splash.asp).

--You can find/give away free items through the Freecycle network? This web-based group is located by zip code all around the country and provides a place to recycle items and ask for something you need. A free Yahoo account is necessary to join, but is simple and quick to set up. Go to [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) for more information. This is a great way to share God's blessings in our lives!

## YAHOOGROUPS.COM

To get in on our e-mail loop, go to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) and search for CLCN and join. This is an easy way to get information to and from homeschoolers in NW Indiana.

## HOMESCHOOLING RESOURCES

The Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE) sends out the *Informer*, a bimonthly magazine to provide information, inspiration, and support to homeschooling families. It is free upon request (317-859-1202 or [iahe@inhomeeducators.org](mailto:iahe@inhomeeducators.org) or write IAHE at 8106 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

Some other helpful websites include: [www.ifhsonline.org](http://www.ifhsonline.org) Indiana Foundation for Home Schooling, and [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) Home School Legal Defense Association.