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Library will be closed on the following days in 2009:
- Monday, January 19 - MLK Day
- Friday, Feb. 13 - In-service day
- Monday, Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day
- Monday May 25 - Memorial Day

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- MAP - Museum Adventure Passes.
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Changes @ the Library
To better serve library patrons, we have rearranged some of the books in the adult area:
- The Large Print books are now closer to the front desk area, between the reference books and the new books.
- The Literacy collection is now located at the end of the adult fiction section.
- The Biographies have moved into the former large print & literacy area.

These changes have created more room for new items and allowed the more popular collections to be more visible and easier to access.

**Book Sale**
Sat. Apr. 19 @ 9:00am-2:00pm
The Library will accept donations starting Wednesday, April 1.
- Hardcovers & AV - $1 each,
- Paperbacks 25¢ each,
- or fill your own grocery bag for $2.

**CHECK OUT OUR DEALS**
With rising gas prices and grocery bills, the one place that remains low-cost is the library. Visit us and take advantage of the many free (or very affordable) services we offer.

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Get bugged @ the library

Here's the “buzz” on the Mid-Winter Party

Arts & Scraps will be here to talk about insects and show children how to make a fun bug of their own creation. A visit to the Scrap Mobile is sure to enhance each child’s imagination and creativity.

Continue the fun by making insect cookies and other buggy refreshments.

INSECTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Flies**
- Commonly found indoors, they are attracted to sweet foods and moist areas.
- Their larvae, known as maggots, can cause food spoilage.

**Ants**
- Known for their ability to communicate and work together in a team.
- The queen ant lays eggs, while workers do the tasks.

**Bees**
- Male bees (drones) are haploid, while female bees (queens) are diploid.
- The abdomen of a queen bee is connected to her oviduct, which is used to lay eggs.

**Spiders**
- Male spiders are about half the size of female spiders.
- Male spiders can be difficult to identify, as there is a diversity of shapes and sizes.

**Lice**
- Found on the hair and skin of humans.
- Lice are not contagious and do not bite.

**Cockroaches**
- Known for their ability to survive in harsh conditions.
- They can carry disease and are a common household pest.

**Mosquitoes**
- Female mosquitoes bite to obtain blood, which is used to nourish their eggs.
- Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as malaria and West Nile virus.

**Bed Bugs**
- Known for their dark red color and flat body shape.
- They are primarily nocturnal, meaning they are active at night.

**Ticks**
- Known for their ability to carry and transmit diseases.
- Ticks are divided into three groups: hard ticks, soft ticks, and amblyomma ticks.

**Scorpions**
- Known for their venomous stinger.
- Scorpions are found in many parts of the world, including the United States.

**Centipedes**
- Known for their many legs and segmented bodies.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Millipedes**
- Known for their many legs and segmented bodies.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Snakes**
- Known for their ability to strike and coil their bodies.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Amphibians**
- Known for their ability to live both in water and on land.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Reptiles**
- Known for their ability to lay eggs.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Fish**
- Known for their ability to swim and breathe underwater.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Insects**
- Known for their ability to fly and their diverse range of behaviors.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Arachnids**
- Known for their ability to spin webs and their diverse range of behaviors.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Nematodes**
- Known for their ability to live in soil and water.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Protozoans**
- Known for their ability to live in the gut and their diverse range of behaviors.
- They are not venomous and do not bite humans.

**Diatoms**
- Known for their ability to live in water and their diverse range of behaviors.
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**Green Algae**
- Known for their ability to live in water and their diverse range of behaviors.
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**Red Algae**
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**Brown Algae**
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**Phytoplankton**
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