



# @ your library™

## January 17, 2010 Science Fun @ your library

On Friday, January 22 there will be a Science Explosion at the Middle school! This is an early release day, so all kids are invited to play, explore and learn about science from 1-8 pm. There will be demonstrations, displays, exhibits, hands on activities, and lots of fun things to do, watch and explore. The Science Museum of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Physics Force Team will be there with demonstrations and exhibits. This is a Children First! event organized by staff of Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital any many volunteers

### **Science Books**

We have many fun books in the library to learn about science concepts, science projects and experiments. Here are just a few: "Split Second Projects with Speed," "Visual dictionary of Physics," "101 Physics Tricks," "Space Encyclopedia," "Science Fair Projects," "Simple Kitchen Experiments" We also have several series with books on a variety of science topics including experiments and science projects. One series is "Fun with Science" which includes books on air, water, electricity and other topics.

### **Science Learning Resources**

A great resource to use for science projects, science homework or just to learn more is the Science Reference Center, a database accessible from the Library, at home, or anywhere with a computer and internet connection. The database has many articles from periodicals, reference books, and many pictures. Additional Science resources can be found in Kids Infobits, the Virtual Reference Library, and the Infotrac databases. These databases are accessible from the Library's web site under the "Online Resources" button, or by going to the Electronic Library for Minnesota page at [www.elm4you.org](http://www.elm4you.org).

### **Make a book**

Another Children First! sponsored event will be making a book at the Library on Saturday January 23 beginning at 1 pm. Artists from the Creativity Tank will lead a workshop for kids on making a hot chocolate mug-shaped accordion book. Pre-register by calling the Children's desk at 327-8823.

### **Foreign Policy Discussion**

Also coming up this week on Tuesday the 19th is the kick-off for the Great Decision Discussion Program. Tom Hanson will speak at 6:30 at the Blandin Foundation Auditorium on Foreign Policy Challenges. Mr. Hanson is a former



# @ your library™

Foreign Service Officer and is a volunteer consultant with the Minnesota International Center for the Great Decisions program.

On Wednesday at noon, the first in the Great Decisions 2010 Discussion Series will be on the Global Financial Crisis. Briefing books will be available for check out from the library and for purchase. We also have a display of materials related to the topic.

## **Downloadable books now available**

Books in ePub format can now be downloaded from the same site as our downloadable audiobooks. They can be read on your computer or transferred to a Sony eReader. I will write more about this next week!

## **Winter Reading Programs continue**

Kids, teens and adults can stop by to pick up reading logs or review forms for a chance to win prizes for reading.

Marcia Anderson, Director, Grand Rapids Area Library

Please contact me if you have comments or suggestions! [manderso@arrowhead.lib.mn.us](mailto:manderso@arrowhead.lib.mn.us)

Grand Rapids Area Library, 140 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
218-326-7640, [www.grandrapids.lib.mn.us](http://www.grandrapids.lib.mn.us)

## **Library Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday 9-8, Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-2**