IN THE LIBRARY

Winter recess and holiday hours: The library will have the following modified hours this month:

Jan. 4-5:  8:30am - 8:00pm
Jan. 6:   Regular hours resume

Ongoing: Did you know that the library has a growing movie collection? We have everything from 12 Angry Men to Zoolander, and all movies circulate for 3 days. We also welcome donations of your old DVDs—just drop them off at the circulation desk!

AROUND TOWN

This winter: The temperature is finally dropping in Texas and so is the price of admission to the Dallas Zoo! Through the end of February, enjoy $5 admission to the zoo - that’s a $10 discount!

January 30th, 7:30pm @ The Bomb Factory: Celebrate Mardi Gras, Dallas style with the city’s first authentic Krewe and Gala Masquerade Mardi Gras Ball! The celebration is expected to include “unimagined, over-the-top awesome festivities” all while supporting two notable charities: Operation Smile and Community Partners of Dallas. Dig up those old bridesmaid dresses and don’t miss this chance to celebrate the start of Mardi Gras season! Details and ticket information can be found on www.thebombfactory.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

that it was 52 years ago when home audiences first had instant replay on television? During the annual Army-Navy football game in 1963, a touchdown was replayed and the announcer had to clarify, “This is not live! ... Army did not score again!” Despite this monumental moment in sports history, instant replay technology was expensive and many years would pass without further use of the tool. In fact, the NFL did not adopt the technology until 1986 and even then its use was shelved in 1992; it was reintroduced and finally accepted in 1999.

IN HISTORY

On January 2, 2014, the very first edition of the Loo News was printed. Happy second birthday, Loo News! OK, onto some real history...

On January 7, 1789, America’s first presidential election is held. At the time, only white men who owned property could vote and as expected, George Washington won the election; he was sworn into office on April 30, 1789. Also in place in 1789: the Electoral College system. The United States has been using this system since this very first presidential election; the president and vice president to this day are the only elected federal officials chosen in this manner instead of by direct popular vote.

Quote of the Month...

“Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right.” - Oprah Winfrey