



Park Ridge Public Library

WINTER 2023
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Make your winter bright with books!

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2023
 **Winter**
READING CLUBS

Director's Note & Board Update



"The color of springtime is in the flowers. The color of winter is in the imagination."

As we look back on 2022, we are excited to see participation in our programs and use of our services almost back to prepandemic levels. **We have been gratified to see so many patrons in our bustling library building.**

This winter we are pleased to offer our community a full slate of programs to fuel your imagination. For adults, lend your creativity to the Library this winter by participating in our **Tiny Art Show program**. The library will provide the supplies, you supply the artistry. Your masterpiece will be on display in our second floor display case, *see page 7 for more details*. For our younger visitors, drop into our monthly **Art Parties** (12/16, 1/13, 2/17) in the children's room and be inspired. We will once again partner with Bottle and Bottega on their popular **Teen Painternoon** (1/4) and the **Teen Knitting Club** will continue through the season.



For those looking for a calmer library experience, the Library will offer our first **Sensory Friendly Hour** for children, teens, and their caregivers. The Library will open one hour earlier on Sunday, February 5, to provide a low sensory environment in which to use and enjoy library services. See page 11 for more information on this new program. Lastly, for those planning to spend their winter days and nights snuggled up with a good read, **light up your winter with books!** **Winter Reading Club** starts for all ages on December 21.

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy 2023.

Warmly,

Joanna Bertucci

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Park Ridge Library Board of Trustees voted in a new trustee and four officers at its August 16 meeting.

Theresa Renaldi is a marketing communications consultant with 20 years of professional experience, including a foundation in public relations. She served for three years as a trustee for the District 64 Elementary Learning Foundation (ELF).

Alexandrea Hanba was named president, and **Josh Kiem** was named vice president. **David Somheil** will serve a second term as treasurer, and **Danielle Powers** was named secretary. Hanba served as vice president since June 2022, and Kiem served as secretary from 2019 to 2020. The officers will serve in their respective roles through June 2023.

The Mayor's Advisory Board, consisting of four alderpersons, interviews candidates for non-elected city boards and commissions and makes recommendations to the mayor, who presents them to the full city council for a final vote.



(Left) Former Trustee Karen Burkum (right) was recognized at the October 18 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees for her six years of service. President Alex Hanba presented her with the award. (Above) Theresa Renaldi was appointed to the Board of Trustees at the August 16 meeting.

Make the most of winter

The Library is a great place to study, read, browse our collection or connect in person with others who share your interests; however, when the weather isn't ideal or you just don't feel like getting out, you have options.

... at the Library

- **Browse** our collection in person, including the **Most Wanted** shelves in the **Reader Services** area, where copies of recently published, highly anticipated books from popular authors are available for checkout. These are copies that cannot be put on hold, so it's worth a stop to see if that book you've been waiting for can be taken home today.
- Get a **recommendation or assistance** at any service desk! Our staff is here to help.
- **Connect** with others who love what you love! Attend one of our **free programs** on a variety of topics, from fashion to Chicago history.
- **Families**, meet new friends at a **Storytime** or connect with other kids who share your favorite things.
- Learn a **new skill** or get your creative juices flowing with a class in **The Studio**.
- Use the **Media Lab** to digitize your music or home movies or make use of the latest Adobe software to **create something new**.
- Experience our warm and bright **Quiet Reading Room**, which also houses the newest **magazines and newspapers** from around the country.
- Use our **Study Rooms** when home is just too hectic or full of distractions.
- Get your **Book Club's** next selection with our book discussion books. **Register your book club** with us and we can get books for all of your members.

... or from home

- Get out of your reading rut with recommendations customized for you with a **Book Match!** Fill out the simple form online for adults, teens or kids and a librarian will suggest 5 to 10 books or movies for you. They can even put them on hold for you.
- Sign up for our **Preferred Author List** service and, each time your favorite authors release a new book, we'll automatically put the book on hold for you. We also have a **graphic novel preferred author list** for fans of that genre.
- Download ebooks and audiobooks with **Axis360, Libby/Overdrive or Hoopla**, three apps that make it easy to take your latest read with you everywhere, with thousands of titles available. **Kanopy** is a great app for downloading movies to your device. **Libby/Overdrive** also offers magazines.
- Take advantage of all the **research and learning** opportunities our **Databases** have to offer, free with your library card:
 - Get creative at home with **Creativebug**, our online database of more than 1,000 online art and **crafts classes** with expert step-by-step instructions plus patterns, templates, and recipes.
 - Don't shop for a big-ticket item without consulting **Consumer Reports**, free with your library card via the Databases page on our website. Check out other publications, free, like daily newspapers from around the country, including the **Chicago Tribune**.
 - Learn a foreign language without a fee using **Mango Languages**. The app is available, too.
 - Get live homework or resume help with **Tutor.com**.

Make your winter bright this season with a library card! Scan here to apply online.



The Studio and Media Lab



THE STUDIO & MEDIA LAB *focus*

Access state-of-the-art equipment for your creative projects in The Studio and Media Lab!



Orientation

Provides an introduction to The Studio equipment, software, and policies and must be completed before booking appointments.

Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only. Limit 3 per session.

Tuesdays @ 6 p.m. or Thursdays @ 11 a.m.

THE STUDIO CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m., 4 weeks before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only.

Upcycled Book Necklace

Use recycled book pages and leather-like paper to create a miniature book pendant. *Limit 4.*

Thursday, December 1 | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7 | 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14 | 2 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101: Customized Wooden 3D Snowflake Ornament

Learn how to use the laser cutter to cut and customize a wooden ornament *Limit 3.*

Thursday, December 1 | 7 p.m.

Friday, December 2 | 11 a.m.

Saturday, December 3 | 2 p.m.

Silhouette 101

See a brief overview of the Silhouette Studio software and make a simple project on the Silhouette cutting machine. *Limit 4.*

Friday, January 13 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, January 19 | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25 | 7 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101: Acrylic Wine Charms

Cheers! Learn how to use the laser cutter to create Acrylic Wine Charms. *Limit 3.*

Thursday, January 5 | 7 p.m.

Friday, January 6 | 11 a.m.

Saturday, January 7 | 2 p.m.

Crochet Basics

Learn the basic crochet stitches along with Creativebug. *Limit 4.*

Friday, February 10 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15 | 2 p.m.

Friday, February 24 | 11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 27 | 7 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101: 2 Engraved Stemless Wine Glasses

Use the laser cutter's rotary attachment to engrave a pair of Stemless Wine Glasses. *Limit 3.*

Thursday, February 2 | 7 p.m.

Friday, February 3 | 11 a.m.

Saturday, February 4 | 2 p.m.



Orientation

Provides an introduction to the Media Lab equipment, software, and policies and must be completed before booking appointments. *Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.*

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. | Thursdays @ 2 p.m. or Saturdays @ 10 a.m.

MEDIA LAB CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m., 4 weeks before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. Limit 3 per class.

Archiving Photos, Slides and Negatives

Digitize your old photos, slides and negatives.

Thursday, December 1, January 5 or February 2 | 3 – 4 p.m.

Converting Home Videos to Digital

Convert your old VHS home videos to DVD.

Tuesday, December 13, January 10 or February 7 | 7 – 8 p.m.

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Convert audio cassettes and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

Thursday, December 8, January 19 or February 16 | 3 – 4 p.m.

Converting 8mm and Super 8 Home Movies to Digital

Learn the steps to digitize your 8mm and Super 8 film.

Thursday, December 20, January 24 or February 21 | 7 – 8 p.m.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND FILMS

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

These programs will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room or available live over Zoom. Choose how you would like to join and sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Books are available at the Reader Services desk two weeks before the discussion. Registration required.

Fiction Group

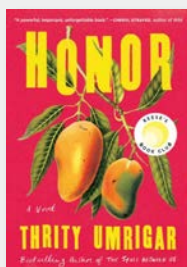
The Last White Man by Mohsin Hamid



When Anders wakes to find his formerly white skin turned dark, he and many others around the world experiencing the same thing must reimagine their identities.

Tuesday, January 10 | 7 p.m. | Virtual
Thursday, January 26 | 10 a.m. | In person

Honor by Thrity Umrigar



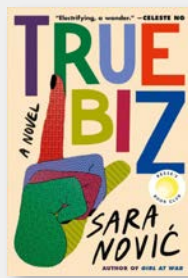
The lives of two very different women converge after an unspeakable act of violence in India.

Tuesday, February 7
7 p.m. | Virtual

Thursday, February 23 | 10 a.m. | In person

Wednesday Evening Group

True Biz by Sara Nović



Follows a year of seismic romantic, political and familial shifts for a teacher and her students at a boarding school for the deaf.

Wednesday, January 18 | 7 p.m.

The Measure by Nikki Erlick



When every person all over the globe receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, the world is thrown into a collective frenzy.

Wednesday, February 15 | 7 p.m.

Green Reads

How the Other Half Eats

by Priya Fielding-Singh



An in-depth look at the causes and contours of nutritional inequality in America. *In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge.*

Tuesday, January 24
7 p.m.

Nonfiction Group

The Ground Breaking by Scott Ellsworth



The long-suppressed story of the notorious Tulsa race massacre, its cover up, and the courageous individuals who fought to keep the story alive.

Friday, February 10
10 a.m.

2023 Winter Reading Clubs

Winter Reading Club for Adults

Keep your winter bright with books! Read 4 titles to earn a drawing ticket for a chance to win a gift card to a local business. Complete bonus activities for more chances! *Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

December 21, 2022 – February 12, 2023

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY – 1 & 6:30 p.m.

All seating is on a first come, first served basis. Doors open ½ hour before showtime. Seating limited to 90. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop-in.

December



Where the Crawdads Sing

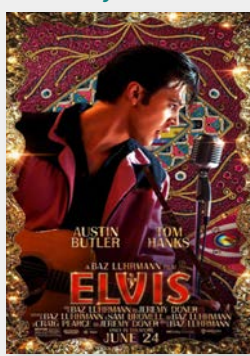
[PG-13, 125 min.]

A woman who grew up alone in the marshes of North Carolina becomes a suspect of murder.

Daisy Edgar-Jones and David Strathairn

Tuesday, December 20

January



Elvis [PG-13, 159 min.]

The life of music icon Elvis Presley and the complicated relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

Austin Butler and Tom Hanks

Tuesday, January 17

February



Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris [PG, 116 min.]

The love of a Dior dress inspires a cleaning lady in 1950s London to go to Paris to get her own. Lesley Manville and Isabelle Huppert

Tuesday, February 21



Programs

Adult winter programs will be **virtual**, **hybrid**, or **in-person**. Refer to the registration instructions in each category. *Program schedule is subject to change.*

Virtual Programs

These programs will be held over Zoom. Register online or call 847-720-3280.

Funniest, Heartwarming Christmas Movie Scenes

Celebrate the holiday season with film historian Steve Frenzel as he recaps some great moments from modern and classic holiday movies.

Tuesday, December 6 | 7 p.m.

Author Talk: Midwest Made with Shauna Sever

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this holiday season event. Shauna will share her love of

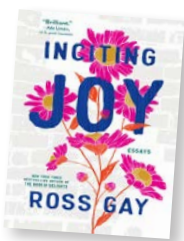


baking and special tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. *This event made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries.*

Tuesday, December 13 | 7 p.m.

Author Talk: Inciting Joy: Conversation with Ross Gay

Kick off your new year with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. His book, *Inciting Joy*, explores the joy we inspire by turning our attention to what brings us together. *This event made*



possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries.

Wednesday, January 11 | 7 p.m.

Library Pub Quiz

Join us for our Library Pub Quiz. Have a laugh and learn something new! *Limit 60. February 28 will be held in-person at The Harp & Fiddle.*

Tuesday, January 24 & February 28 | 6:30 p.m.

The Life Cycle of a Job Search

Erica Reckamp of Job Search Like a Pro lays out the process of an effective job search. Learn the basics of resumes, LinkedIn, interviewing, networking, and salary negotiation.

Thursday, January 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Programs

These programs will be held on-site and live over Zoom. Register online or call 847-720-3280.

Chair Yoga

Sun and Moon instructor Joan McGee leads a gentle yoga class. *No experience necessary.*

The first Wednesday of each month will be held in-person beginning in January.

Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

Park Ridge Writers Group

Do you want to write or need a creative jumpstart to finish a piece? Join the Library's writing group for positive critique and support. *Limit 20.*

IN-PERSON: Wednesday, December 14, January 11 & February 8 | 7 p.m.

VIRTUAL: Wednesday, January 25 & February 22 | 7 p.m.

Concert: The Canterbury Carollers

Victorian caroling ensemble The Canterbury Carollers will perform a festive medley of traditional carols written before 1870 in period attire.

Thursday, December 22 | 7 p.m.

Which Long Term Care Option is Right for My Loved One?

Margo Marasa of PopRN, a Park Ridge organization of personal outpatient nurse advocates, will review the current options for long term care.

Thursday, January 19 | 7 p.m.

Get Organized, Stay Organized, and Save Money!

Beth Randall of Joe Organizer helps you take control of your new year. Learn strategies to keep your clutter, bills, and family schedule in line.

Tuesday, February 7 | 7 p.m.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

The Mystery of Living: Packing for Syria with Agatha Christie

Betsy Means of WomanLore presents the "Queen of Crime," Agatha Christie. Celebrate her life, her 50-year career, and the worldwide expeditions that inspired most of her writing.

Tuesday, December 13 | 2 p.m. | Hybrid

The Windy City on the Air

Old-time radio enthusiast Steve Darnall reminisces about Chicago's role during the golden age of radio, including soap operas, juvenile adventure serials and the local legends that became national sensations.

Tuesday, January 10 | 2 p.m. | Hybrid

The History of Stevie Wonder

Pop music historian Gary Wenstrup traces the arc of Wonder's extraordinary career from the 1960s to the 1980s and beyond for a deeper understanding of one of America's national treasures.

Tuesday, February 14 | 2 p.m. | Hybrid

In-Person Programs

These programs will be on-site. Register online or call 847-720-3280.

Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an evening of knitting and crocheting advice and lively conversation. *BYO knitting or crocheting project. All levels welcome. Registration not required.*

Thursday, December 1, January 5 & February 2 | 7 p.m.

Social Seniors: Wits Workout

Boost your cognitive function and memory while reconnecting with your neighbors in this interactive program of brain puzzles and discussion starters. *Sponsored by the 20th Century Club.*

Thursdays, December 8, January 12 & February 9 | 1 p.m.

Beer Tasting at Beer on the Wall

The beer enthusiasts at Beer on the Wall present a selection of beers for your holiday table, including a lesson on beer tasting and flavors.

Hosted at Beer on the Wall. Limit 20.

Thursday, December 15 | 7 p.m.

Art Workshop: Valentine's Cards

Mixed media artist Tammy Haman will lead a workshop on valentine's cards created with ink and tea bags. *Limit 12. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*

Tuesday, January 31 | 7 p.m.





COFFEE CLUB

Friday Morning Coffee Club

Limit 40.

The Great Mammoth Mystery

The investigation of a site in southern England where amateur fossil hunters uncovered giant mammoth bones and evidence of Neanderthals.

Friday, December 16 | 10 a.m.

Manners of Downton Abbey

Enter the world of Edwardian manners with historical advisor Alastair Bruce and discover the secrets of the aristocratic set.

Friday, January 20 | 10 a.m.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid: The Last Outlaws

Long before being immortalized on screen, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid captivated Americans from coast to coast.

Friday, February 17 | 10 a.m.

Art Workshop: Winter Collage

Celebrate the beauty of winter with botanical artist Christina Lovering in this collage workshop. Limit 20. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.



Thursday, February 16 | 6:30 p.m.

Tiny Art Show



Show off your artistic skill in the Park Ridge Public Library Tiny Art Show! Sign up to receive a mini art kit, create your masterpiece at home and bring it in for display in our

second floor case. Pick up supplies January 3 – 6.

January 13 – 31

TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

Drop-In Help Desk

Experts from FireLogic assist with your questions.

Saturdays, December 3, January 7 & February 4 | 9 a.m. – Noon | In-Person

SCORE Small Business Mentoring

Mentors from SCORE advise business owners.

Register: northchicago.score.org/find-mentor-726 or email: larry.zanger@scorevolunteer.org

FEATURED EVENTS and programs

Former environmental scientist finds second calling through Writers Group

Jack Barnette is a longtime Park Ridge resident and a participant in the Park Ridge Writers Group, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, first in person and the second time via Zoom. The Writers Group offers a friendly space for helpful critique, as well as encouragement for your writing goals. Barnette, now retired, was an environmental scientist with the EPA for more than 30 years. Jack writes under the name of J. Bennett and his work has appeared in local publications. We checked in with him to learn more about the Writers Group from a participant's perspective.

PRPL: How long have you been participating in the Writers Group?

I believe I am one of the original members. I'm not exactly sure how many years that has been, but I joined went it was first formed.

What prompted you to sign up initially?

Basically, an interest in writing and getting better at it. I also enjoy reading what other writers are producing. I like the fact that we share ideas and that we provide constructive criticism and support for each other.

What do you feel is the best thing a writer can get out of this group?

Support and honest, positive feedback from Kelly and the other writers in the group. In general, members are helpful, smart and highly creative. That atmosphere fosters writing, experimenting, and growth.

What has most surprised you about this group?

The large number of writers who have come, stayed, or gone over the years. Everyone who has joined the group, long-term, or short has contributed to our growth.

Register for the Library's Writers Group and other programs at parkridgelibrary.libcal.com.

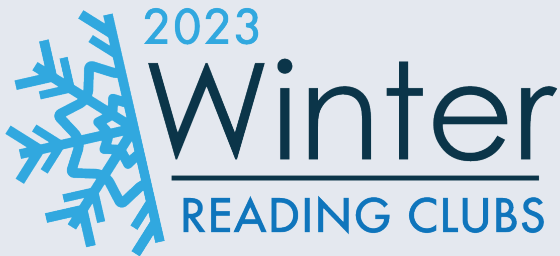


Jack Barnette and Writers Group coordinator Kelly Mayer.



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Teen winter programs will be held **in person**, unless otherwise indicated. Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3286** or online at **www.parkridgelibrary.org**. Program schedules are subject to change. Registration required unless otherwise noted.



100 Books Before Graduation & Winter Reading

Log your days read in our **Winter Reading Club** program—and don't forget to keep track of your books finished in **100 Books Before Graduation**. Read 20 days this winter and **earn a prize book and raffle tickets**; pick up a starter kit when you sign up for 100 books and **earn prizes along the way**.



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Teen Take & Create

Stop by the Teen Loft to get all the materials you need to get creative. *While supplies last.*

Starting December 12: Sock Snowpeople

Starting December 26: Tiny Art

Starting January 9: No Sew Scarf

Starting January 23: Tiny Snow Hat

Starting February 13: Pompom Picture Frame

Starting February 27: Yarn-Shelled Baby Turtle

Knitting Club

Calling all knitters, crocheters and fiber artists! Bring along your project to work on with friends.

Tuesday, December 6, January 10 & February 7
4 p.m.

Weird and Wacky Soda Tasting

Can you identify bizarre soda flavors by taste or smell? Sample wacky soda flavors may include bacon, bleu cheese, buffalo chicken, or sweet corn—but beware, your eyes will be covered while you sip! *Ingredients lists provided; allergens may be present.*

Thursday, December 29
3:30 p.m.

Teen Painternoon with Bottle & Bottega

Join us for an afternoon of painting with the experts from Bottle & Bottega. You'll work on your own take-home masterpiece! Supplies provided, all experience levels welcome.

Wednesday, January 4 | 4 p.m.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Video Game Tournament

Clash against your friends in the ultimate brawl for the chance to win a Nintendo gift card.

Friday, January 20 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

RPG Club

Grab your multi-sided dice and join us for RPG adventures.

Sunday, January 22 & February 19 | 1 – 4:45pm

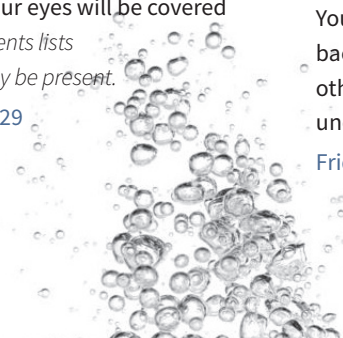
Murder Mystery Party: *Murder Off the Field*

There's been a murder at the season-ending party just before the Super Bowl—whodunit? You'll be assigned a character identity with a backstory and possible clues and interact with other characters throughout the event to try to uncover who committed the murder.

Friday, February 10 | 3:30-5 p.m.

Teen BOOK MATCH

Fill out our **Book Match form** to let us know what you're looking for and we'll pull a few titles that fit the bill. **This winter, your book bundle will include a cozy reading goody bag, too** (while supplies last).

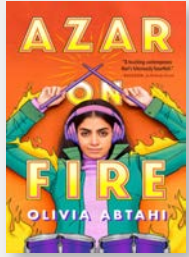


BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Refreshments will be served. Stop by the Library for a copy of the book or place a hold online. Digital and audio copies may be available.

Middle and High School Fiction

Azar on Fire by Olivia Abtahi



Finding her voice takes on a whole new meaning when vocally challenged Azar Rossi sets out to win her local Battle of the Bands contest.

Wednesday, December 14
4 p.m.

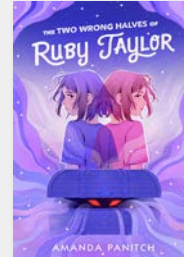
Two Degrees by Alan Gratz



Popular author Alan Gratz is back with a breathtaking, action-packed story of four teens facing deadly threats due to climate change.

Wednesday, January 25
4 p.m.

The Two Wrong Halves of Ruby Taylor



by Amanda Panitch
When her perfect cousin Sarah starts acting out, Ruby becomes convinced her cousin is possessed by a dybbuk.

Wednesday, February 22
4 p.m.

Book Discussion and Virtual Author Visit



Join us for a book discussion of the Real Friends series by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham (pictured right). Then, we'll get to meet the author/illustrator duo virtually on Zoom, where they will discuss their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity!

Saturday, February 11 | 2:30 – 4 p.m.



Thank you to the Maine South Key Club volunteers who helped the Friends of the Library set up for their Fall Book Sale! We have volunteer opportunities for adults, high schoolers and 6th-8th grade students. Visit parkridgelibrary.org/volunteer/ to learn more.



Scan the QR code to access our calendar

Follow us on social media and check our online calendar for updated Library program information.

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Children's Programs

Registration required unless otherwise noted. Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3250** or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org.

Program schedule subject to change. Registration opens 3 weeks prior to the program.

Drop-In Storytimes

No Storytimes the weeks of December 19 & January 30.

2s & 3s Storytime | Ages 2 – 3

Tuesday & Wednesday | 9:30 a.m.
December 6 – 14, December 27 & 28,
January 3 – 25 and February 7 – March 1

Busy Bees | Toddlers

A shortened version of our traditional Storytime followed by playtime.

Tuesday & Wednesday | 10:30 a.m.
December 6 – 14, December 27 & 28,
January 3 – 25 and February 7 – March 1

Pre-K Storytime | Ages 3 – 5

Thursday, December 1 – 15 & 28,
January 5 – 26, February 9 – March 2 | 10 a.m.

Family Storytime & Craft | All Ages

Saturdays are family days! We'll share stories and songs followed by a craft project.

Saturday, December 17, January 28 and
February 18 | 10:30 a.m.

Virtual PJ Storytime | All Ages

Put on your PJs and grab your favorite stuffed animal for a live Storytime via Zoom.

Wednesday, December 21, January 18 and
February 15 | 7 p.m. | Online



October's Firefighter Storytime drew more than 100 kids and caregivers.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Registration required.

Hello, Baby! | Babies & Pre-walkers

Snuggle, bounce and bond with your little ones in this lapsit program. *With caregiver.*

Monday, December 5, 12 & 26, January 2 – 23
and February 6 – 27 | 9:30 a.m.

Harmonious Horizons | Ages 0 – 5

Join us for a music class with the guidance of a talented music teacher. *With caregiver. Limit one session per day.*

Friday, December 9, January 13 & February 10
10 or 10:45 a.m.

SCHOOL AGE

Registration required.

Read to the Dogs | Grades 1 – 6

Young readers can practice their reading skills by reading to a dog from Rainbow Assisted Animal Therapy. *Limit 1 child per dog, 1 session per month. Made possible by Marion's Mark.*

Wednesday, December 28, January 25 &
February 22 | 15-minute sessions, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Kids Painting Party with Bottle & Bottega | Grades 4 & up

Show off your talent and create some winter art in this class led by Bottle & Bottega!

Friday, January 6 | 4 p.m.

Kid Ink! | Grades 3 – 5

Take your writing to the next level in this group for aspiring young authors. Now in person!

Monday, January 9 | 4 p.m.

Oodles of Doodles | Grades K – 2

Art and books collide in this fun mash up of creativity where the final masterpiece is all you!

Monday, December 12, Tuesday, January 12 &
Thursday, February 2 | 4 p.m.

ADVANCE TICKETS NEEDED

Firefly Family Theatre | All Ages

Our friends from the Firefly Family Theatre are back with their puppet creations! *Tickets available at the Children's Services Desk beginning two weeks before the show.*

Saturday, January 14 | 10 a.m.

DROP IN PROGRAMS

No registration required.

Art Party | Grades K & Up

We provide art supplies and you get creative!

Friday, December 16, January 13 & February 17
4 p.m.

Discovery Hour | Ages 2 - 5

From science and technology to building and crafting, find out what your little one can discover. *With caregiver.*

Tuesday, December 20 & January 31 | 10 a.m.

Tot Time Playdate | Ages 2 - 5

Spend some quality playtime with your pals in the Storytime room. We'll bring out our favorite toys for all to share! *With caregiver.*

Wednesday, December 21 & February 1 | 10 a.m.

Lego Club | Grades K and Up

School's out so join your friends at the Library for some free-form building fun! We'll provide the LEGOs, you'll show off your skills.

Friday, December 23, Monday, January 16 &
Monday, February 20 | 4 p.m.

STEAMagination | Grades K and up

Try out a variety of STEAM activities designed to ignite your curiosity.

Thursday, December 29, Friday, January 20 &
Friday, February 24 | 4 p.m.

Family Movies | All Ages

Sonic 2

Monday, December 26 | 2 p.m.

Lightyear

Monday, January 2 | 2 p.m.

Homeschool Hangout | Families with Homeschooled Children

Connect with other homeschool families or give your homeschool group a change of scenery.

Tuesday, January 31 | 1 p.m.

GRAB & GO FUN

First Friday Fun Kits | All Ages

Stop by and pick up a kit full of DIY at-home fun. *One craft per child. While supplies last.*

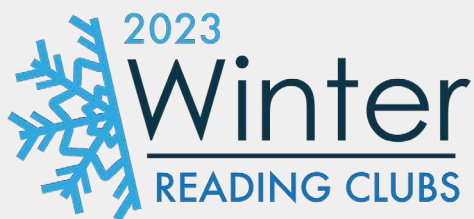
Friday, December 2, January 6 & February 3

FEATURED EVENTS *and programs*

Winter Reading Club

Make your winter bright with books! Go to parkridgelib.beanstack.org for more info.

December 21, 2022 – February 12, 2023



Noon Year's Eve | All Ages

Help us ring in 2023! *Register.*

Thursday, December 30 | 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Sensory-Friendly Hour

We welcome our Sensory Sensitive Friends to use the library in a safe and welcoming environment before the library opens.

In addition to our standard services in a quieter and more sensory-friendly environment, we will host a sensory friendly storytime and guests will have access to therapy dogs from Rainbow Assisted Animal Therapies.

February 5 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Book Discussion and Virtual Author Visit | Grades 4 – 8



Join us for a book discussion of the Real Friends series by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham. Then, we'll get to meet the author/illustrator duo virtually on Zoom, where they will discuss

their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity!

Saturday, February 11 | 2:30 – 4 p.m.



Preschool Fair

SATURDAY
JANUARY 21
2023
10AM – NOON

ST. ANDREW'S
LUTHERAN
SCHOOL GYM

Our annual Preschool Fair is a great opportunity to learn about some of the wonderful daycare and preschool facilities in the area, all in one place. Representatives from more than 25 schools and organizations will be available to answer your questions.



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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

Library Closed:

December 24 & 25, 31 and January 1

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Giving Opportunities



Cozy Comforts Drive

Through December 23, we will be collecting new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens on our Cozy Comforts trees located in the Children’s Services department. All donations will be given to families seeking shelter from domestic violence through local WINGS locations. New and unworn items only, please.



**TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED
 THE FRIENDS
 OF THE LIBRARY
 FALL BOOK SALE**

THANK YOU
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**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
 SPRING SALE,
 MAY 5-6, 2023**

Toys for Tots

The Library is partnering with the Park Ridge Police Department to collect new toys for kids in need through Toys for Tots. Leave your donation in the marked bin in our first floor lobby.



Youth Commission Food Drive

The Library’s Teen Loft staff partners with the Park Ridge Youth Commission on various community projects, including its annual food drive supporting the Maine Township Food Pantry. The Food Drive will kick off in mid-December and run through the end of the year. The goal is to deliver to and re-stock the Maine Township Food Pantry after the holidays, when inventory is at its lowest. The Library serves as a collection site, as do several local businesses. A complete list is available on the City’s website, parkridge.us. The “wish list” from Maine Township will also be posted on our website.

