

Park Ridge Public Library

SAY HELLO TO A NEW YEAR with programs to help you

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2022
 **Winter**
READING CLUBS
DECEMBER 20 - FEBRUARY 13

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To our wonderful Park Ridge Community,

As 2021 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your continued support through this unique year. After a year-long trial period, I am pleased to share that the Board of Trustees voted to become a Fine Free library.

During their deliberations, the Board took into consideration the established fine free movement at the local, state, and national level as well as internal circulation data collected during the trial period.

Thank you to the nearly 800 respondents to our Fine Free Trial survey. Over 90 percent of respondents reported that they would support the library eliminating overdue fines and using an account block model permanently. Please see below for more specifics about the new account block model.

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year,

Joanna Bertucci
librarydirector@parkridgelibrary.org



Fine Free! FAQs

What does it mean to go Fine-Free?

After a year-long trial period, the Library Board of Trustees voted to make the Park Ridge Library fine-free. We will no longer charge fines for overdue materials; instead we will use an account block model.

What is an "account block" model?

If you have an item that is more than 14 days past its due date, your account will be blocked. You won't be able to borrow any other materials until you return the item. After 45 days, you will be billed for the cost to replace the item.

How will the Library get materials back without fines?

Library users will still have the responsibility of returning items to us. We ask that you be a good neighbor and return materials on their due date, or sooner if you are done with an item, so that other people can borrow them. Items will continue to have due date.





What financial impact will this have on the Library?

The Library Board has not decreased services in order to make up for this slight decrease in revenue. Fine revenue represented less than 1% of the Library's annual revenue. Revenue for FY22 is budgeted at \$4.2 million.

What about the items in the Exploration Library?

Items borrowed from our Exploration Library are not fine-free. The fine for Exploration Library items will continue to be \$5 per day. Visit parkridgelibrary.org/exploration-library/ to view the full collection.

PATRONS WILL RECEIVE TEXT OR EMAIL MESSAGE REMINDERS WHEN THEY HAVE AN OVERDUE ITEM AS INDICATED BELOW:

 3 days 1st notice	 15 days 2nd notice/ Account blocked	 28 days 3rd notice	 45 days Billing notice
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SAY HELLO TO A NEW YEAR with programs to help you

Reset Refocus Regroup



Supporting Youth Mental Health During COVID-19

Child psychologist Lindsay Fleming will discuss the particular challenge of supporting the mental health of young people during a pandemic. *In partnership with the Park Ridge Health Commission.*

Tuesday, January 11 | 7 p.m. | VIRTUAL



(Re)Discover You!

Feeling fuzzy and low-energy after the last year? Let Kristine Cichowski, CEO of Power to Be, help you refocus, find motivation, and rebuild your social connections for 2022!

Thursday, January 20 | 7 p.m. | VIRTUAL

2022 Winter Reading Clubs

Winter Reading Clubs for kids, teens and adults December 20, 2021 - February 13, 2022

Registration is open now at parkridgelib.beanstack.org.

Paper logs will also be located at all service desks beginning December 20 and a printable PDF will be available for download on our website.

If you can't register online, call us to register by phone:

Kids & Teens: 847-825-4527 or email prkchild@parkridgelibrary.org

Adults: 847-720-3280 or email prkrs@parkridgelibrary.org



Job Search Like a Pro: Networking & Outreach

Erica Reckamp returns to help you fire up your professional network using the latest job search tools! Learn the skills to stand out and give the best impression to hiring executives and decision makers.

Thursday, February 17 | 7 p.m. | VIRTUAL

Giving Back

The Library's Teen Loft staff has been working with the Park Ridge Youth Commission for years on various community projects, including its annual food drive supporting the Maine Township Food Pantry. Mary Beth Golden, senior administrative assistant at City Hall, serves as the city's staff liaison to the Youth Commission; she gave us some details about this year's food drive.

Park Ridge Youth Commission Food Drive December 15 - January 1

PRPL: What are the official dates of the food drive?

MBG: The Youth Services Commission Food Drive is planning to kick-off mid-December and run through the end of the year. Our goal is to deliver to and re-stock the Maine Township Food Pantry after the holidays when inventory is at its lowest. The decision to deliver after the holiday season was suggested by the Maine Township Food Pantry.

PRPL: How and where can people donate?

MBG: Many local businesses take part in the Food Drive [including the Park Ridge Library]. A final list will be available on the City's website, parkridge.us. The "wish list" from Maine Township will be posted on our website.



PRPL: What has the community's support of this food drive every year meant to the Youth Commission?

MBG: The Youth Commission has been overwhelmed with the generosity of the Park Ridge Community and its businesses. Last year, with all of the COVID protocols, the Commission was unsure of the Food Drive's success. The Park Ridge community came together in unprecedented numbers to support the Youth Commission and its mission of giving back.



Cozy Comforts Drive November 29 - December 23

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



Toys for Tots Through December 8

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.



Orientation

This mandatory session provides an introduction to The Studio equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Studio. Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only. Thursdays @ 11 a.m.

THE STUDIO CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m., 30 days before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only.

Winter Village House

Craft a simple village house for a mantel using the Cricut machine.

- Thursday, December 9 | 2 p.m.
- Saturday, December 11 | 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 14 | 2 or 7 p.m.

Silhouette 101

See a brief overview of the Silhouette Studio software before learning how to cut out a simple design on adhesive vinyl.

- Tuesday, January 4 | 2 or 7 p.m.
- Thursday, January 13 | 2 p.m.
- Saturday, January 29 | 2 p.m.

Layered Heart Mandala

Create a layered heart mandala from cardstock with the Cricut machine.

- Tuesday, February 8 | 2 or 7 p.m.
- Thursday, February 24 | 2 p.m.
- Saturday, February 26 | 2 p.m.

Patron SPOTLIGHT

The Media Lab, with a variety of equipment and access to the latest design software, gave one patron the inspiration to turn memories into family gifts.

We found library patron and frequent Media Lab visitor, Christine (below), transferring old VHS home video cassettes dating back to 1985 into a digital format to share with her children and grandchildren. Christine says she was inspired to use the Elgato Video Capture on the iMac along with the Adobe editing software to create gifts for her family that can be shared and enjoyed instead of sitting in a box.

Thanks for visiting us, Christine!



Orientation

This mandatory session provides an introduction to the Media Lab equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. 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., 30 days before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. Limit 3 per class.

Converting Home Videos to Digital
Learn the steps to convert your old VHS home videos to DVD.

- Tuesdays, December 7, January 11 and February 8 | 7 - 8 p.m.

Archiving Photos, Slides and Negatives
Take those boxes of old photos, slides and negatives and digitize them.

- Thursday, December 16, January 20 and February 17 | 3 - 4 p.m.

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records
Learn how to convert your old audiocassette recordings and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

- Thursday, December 2, January 6 and February 3 | 3 - 4 p.m.



Programs

Adult fall programs will be **virtual, hybrid, or on-site**. Refer to the registration instructions in each category. *Please note: Program schedule is subject to change. Masks are required at all times in the library, regardless of vaccination status.*

Virtual Programs

These programs will continue over Zoom. Please register on our website or call 847-720-3280. Check page 3 to find more Virtual Programs for adults.

Concert: Songs & Stories of the Season

Join the Silver-Rose duo as they explore the stories behind the songs you've come to know and love at this time of year, presented by flutist Kim Fleuchaus and guitarist Dr. Julie Goldberg. Thursday, December 9 | 7 p.m.

Film Presentation: Holiday Movies & Music

Journey back over the past century of film history as host John LeGear showcases memorable moments from classic and popular films. Thursday, December 23 | 7 p.m.

Library Pub Quiz

Do you have a head full of useless facts? Show them off and earn bragging rights by joining us for our online Library Pub Quiz. *Limit 60.* Tuesday, January 25 & February 22 | 6:30 p.m.

Writing Workshop: How Short Pieces Can Build a Memoir

Writer and editor S.L. Wisenberg of the University of Chicago and Red Fish Studio will lead a beginner's workshop on memoir writing. Wednesday, January 26 | 7 p.m.

Hybrid Programs

These programs will be held on-site and live over Zoom. Choose how you would like to attend and register online or call 847-720-3280.

Chair Yoga

Join Joan McGee of Sun and Moon Yoga for this gentle yoga class. Stretch and breathe your way to renewed energy. *No experience necessary.* Every Wednesday | 2 p.m.

Park Ridge Writers Group

Do you want to write or need a creative jumpstart? Join the Library's writing group for positive critique and support. *Limited to 20.* IN-PERSON: Wednesday, December 8, January 12 and February 9 | 7:00 PM VIRTUAL: Wednesday, December 22 and February 23 | 7 p.m.

In-Person Programs

These programs will be on-site. Please register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for knitting and crocheting advice and lively conversation. *BYO knitting or crocheting project. Prior experience preferred. Registration not required.*

Thursday, December 2, January 6 and February 3 | 7 p.m.

Art Workshop: Watercolor Peace Wreaths

Jennifer Evans of Periwinkle Art Studio will lead a painting workshop to create beautiful wreaths for the holidays. *All supplies included. Limit 20. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*

Tuesday, December 7 | 7 p.m.

Craft Workshop: Valentine's Day Cards

Karina Guico returns to lead a workshop in card-making for Valentine's Day. Enjoy her paper art techniques and take home handmade cards for your valentines! *All supplies provided. Limit 20. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*

Thursday, February 10 | 7 p.m.



DAR Genealogy Assistance

Representatives of the 21st Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are available to answer your genealogy questions. *Registration not required.*

January 20 and February 17 | 9 a.m. – Noon

Friday Morning Coffee Club

Limit 40. 

Codebreaker

The fascinating story of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, the cryptanalyst who helped bring down gangsters and a Nazi spy ring in South America. Friday, December 17 | 10 a.m.

Lives Well Lived

Produced by a professor fascinated by her 99-year-old grandmother, this film celebrates adults aged 75 to 100 years old. Friday, January 21 | 10 a.m.

Hindenburg: the New Evidence

80 years after the world's largest airship ignited, newly discovered footage sparks a reinvestigation into what caused the disaster. Friday, February 18 | 10 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY

Cyber Security & Safety 101

Whether you're online shopping, exploring social media, or learning a new smart phone, staying safe in a complex digital world is hard. Experts from FireLogic will cover practical tips & tricks to help keep you secure while online. Thursday, January 13 | 7 p.m.

Drop-In Help Desk

The experts from FireLogic will be available to assist you with your tech questions. Saturday, December 4, January 8 & February 5 | 9 a.m. – Noon

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Held at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room or live over Zoom. Sign up online or by calling 847-720-3280. Books are available at the Reader Services Desk two weeks before the discussion.

Fiction Group Hybrid

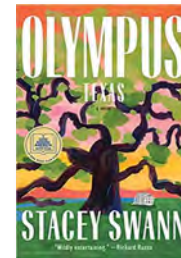
Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell



A fantastical retelling of the family life of Shakespeare, including his talented and mysterious wife, Agnes, and their sickly son, Hamnet.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, January 4 | 7 p.m.
IN-PERSON: Thursday, January 27 | 10 a.m.

Olympus, Texas by Stacey Swann



In the Briscoe family, marriages struggle, rivalries flare, and secrets explode when son March returns to East Texas.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, February 8 | 7 p.m.
IN-PERSON: Thursday, February 24 | 10 a.m.

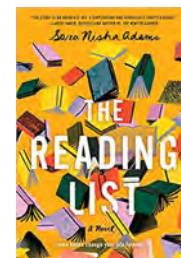
Wednesday Evening Group In-person

The Bohemians by Jasmin Darznik



Photographer, Dorothea Lange, explores the years in San Francisco that awakened her career-defining grit. Wednesday, January 19 7 p.m.

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams



A heartwarming debut about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb.

Wednesday, February 16 | 7 p.m.

Nonfiction Group In-person

Yellow Bird by Sierra Crane Murdoch

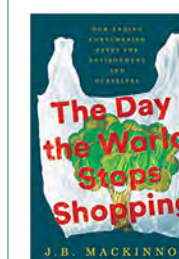


The gripping true story of a murder on an Indian reservation, and the unforgettable Arikara woman who becomes obsessed with solving it.

Friday, February 4 | 10 a.m.

NEW! Green Reads In-person

The Day the World Stops Shopping by J.B. MacKinnon



Consuming less is our best strategy for saving the planet—but can we do it? *In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge.* Tuesday, January 11 7 p.m.

NEW! YA for Adults Virtual

The Grace Year by Kim Liggett



Tierney James struggles to endure the year in which she and other young women are banished to the wild until they are allowed to return home to marry. Wednesday, February 2 7 p.m.

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

Movies will be screened at the Library in the First Floor Meeting Room. No registration required.

December

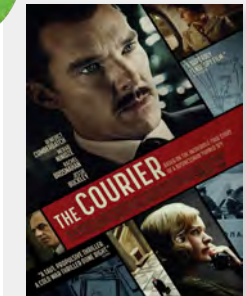
Respect [PG-13, 145 min.]



Follows the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from church choir to international stardom. Starring Jennifer Hudson and Forest Whitaker. Tuesday, December 21 1 & 7 p.m.

January

The Courier [PG-13, 112 min.]



A businessman is recruited to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Rachel Brosnahan. Tuesday, January 18 1 & 7 p.m.

February

Cry Macho [PG-13, 104 min.]



A one-time rodeo star takes a wayward young man under his wing and finds his own redemption. Starring Clint Eastwood and Dwight Yoakam. Tuesday, February 15 1 & 7 p.m.

2022 Winter Reading Clubs

Read for 20 days to earn your first ticket for a chance to win a gift card to a local business. Earn extra tickets for every 10 days after that (up to 4 tickets). *Read more about Winter Reading Clubs on page 4. Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

December 20, 2021 – February 13, 2022



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Register at any service desk, by phone at 847-720-3286 or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org. Teen programs will be held **virtually** on Zoom. Please note: Program schedule is subject to change. **Masks are required at all times in the library, regardless of vaccination status.**

Teen Picks:
Winter Reads



10 Blind Dates
by Ashley Elston



Let it Snow
by John Green,
Maureen Johnson
& Lauren Myracle

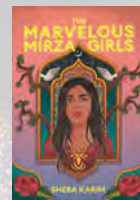


One Way or Another
by Kara McDowell

...and New Beginnings!



Happily Ever Afters
by Elise Bryant



The Marvelous
Mirza Girls
by Sheba Karim



The Field Guide to
the North American
Teenager
by Ben Phillips

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Winter Take & Create Crafts
Teen Take & Create Crafts are project supply kits that can be picked up from the Teen Loft on the 3rd Monday of each month! *While supplies last. One craft per teen.*

December: Fidget Bracelet
January: Winter Curled Paper Snowflakes
February: Straw Weaving Bookmark

Dungeons & Dragons
Are you a gamer? Do you love epic fantasy adventures and collaborative storytelling? Come play Dungeons & Dragons! *Both new and veteran gamers are welcome. Max 8.*
Sunday, December 5 & 19, January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20 | 1 – 5 p.m.

Teen Trivia
Put your pop culture knowledge to the test! Race against the clock and each other to answer questions before time runs out. *Max: 10*
Friday, December 10 (Nintendo), January 14 (Twilight) and February 11 (My Hero Academia) 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cooking with Books
Try out recipes from the cookbook on your own and then discuss your experience with other teen chefs! *Max: 10.*



The Unofficial Disney Parks
Cookbook by Ashley Craft
Thursday, December 16
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



Let's Make Ramen! by Hugo
Amano and Sarah Becan
Thursday, February 3
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Teen Ink
Join other teen writers as we experiment with new techniques that will inspire your creative writing process. *Max: 10.*
Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, January 11 and February 15 | 5 – 6 p.m.

Among Us Game Night
Can you find the imposter before time runs out? Download the app prior to the program. *Max: 8.*
Tuesday, January 4 and February 1
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Read the Rainbow
Join us to read and discuss rainbow reads in an open environment. *Pick up your copy of the book in the Teen Loft. Max: 10.*



High School: *The Last True Poets of the Sea* by Julia Drake
Monday, January 24
7 – 8 p.m.



Middle School: *The Best at It* by Maulik Pancholy
Monday, February 7
7 – 8 p.m.

Teen Book Bites
Share your favorite books and get great book recommendations from other readers. *Stop by the Teen Loft one week before the program to pick up snacks and a free book to keep! Max: 10.*
Friday, January 28 and February 25
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



VOLUNTEENS

Interested in volunteering
at the Library?

We need VolunTEens!

For more info, contact the
Volunteer Coordinator at
847-720-3285 or email
volunteer@parkridgelibrary.org

GRAPHIC NOVEL
DISCUSSION: MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Loft. Max: 10.

One Year at Ellsmere by Faith Erin Hicks



Juniper endures bullying from a popular queen bee before investigating rumors about a mystical beast in a nearby forest.

Wednesday, December 8 | 5 – 6 p.m.

Jo & Rus by Audra Winslow



Introduced by a mysterious one-eyed cat, a middle school student and a high school rock-band musician forge an unexpected friendship.

Thursday, January 6 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor
by Shaenon K. Garrity



After she saves a man from drowning, Haley wakes up in a pocket universe and helps three brothers who protect her world against a penultimate evil.

Thursday, February 17 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

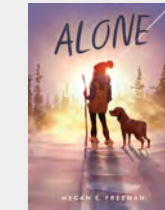
Pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Loft. Max: 10.

When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler



Torn apart by the historical events leading up to World War II, three friends from 1936 Vienna are scattered to different countries.
Wednesday, December 22
6 – 7 p.m.

Alone by Megan E. Freeman



When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare.
Tuesday, December 28
3 – 4 p.m.

Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls
by Kaela Rivera



Cecelia Rios experiments with the forbidden art of bruja to rescue her kidnapped sister.
Wednesday, January 26
6 – 7 p.m.

Healer of the Water Monster by Brian Young



A boy's summer at his grandmother's reservation home is shaped by his uncle's addictions and an encounter with a sacred Navajo being.
Tuesday, February 22
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

2022
Winter
READING CLUBS

Winter Reading Club for Teens
Registration is open now at parkridgelib.beanstack.org. Complete your reading goal and win a prize book. *Read more about Winter Reading Clubs on page 4. Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*
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Children's Programs

Register in person, by phone at 847-720-3250 or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org. Please note: Program schedules are subject to change; refer to our website for the latest information prior to attending the program. **Masks are required at all times in the library, regardless of vaccination status.**



For Parents

Preschool Fair

Our annual Preschool Fair is back! Drop by to learn about some of the wonderful preschool and daycare facilities in the area. Representatives will be on hand to answer all your questions.

Saturday January 22 | 10 a.m. – Noon
St. Andrew's Lutheran School Gym

Virtual Drop-In Programs

These programs are drop-in and will be presented via Zoom. Visit our website the day of the event to join us!

ALL AGES

Storytime

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages!

Wednesdays & Thursdays, December 1 – 23, January 5 – 27 and February 9 – March 3
10 - 10:25 a.m.

No Storytimes December 29 & 30 or February 2 & 3

Pajama Storytime

Put on your PJs and grab your favorite stuffed animal, then meet online for a virtual Storytime!

Wednesday, December 1, January 5 and February 9 | 7 – 7:25 p.m.

Virtual Programs

These programs will be held via Zoom. Advance registration is required and will open 3 weeks prior to the program.

ALL AGES

Noon Year's Eve

Help us ring in the new year at our Noon Year's Eve Party as we say, "Goodbye, 2021! Hello, 2022!"

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Hello, Baby! | 0 – 18 months

Snuggle and bond with your little one as we share songs and stories to foster a love of reading.

Monday, December 13 & 27, January 10 & 24 and February 7 & 21 | 10 - 10:20 a.m.

Harmonious Horizons | Ages 0 – 5

Join us for a family music class that includes singing, dancing and instrument play with the guidance of a talented music teacher.

Monday, January 3, 17 & 31 and February 14 & 28 | 10 – 10:30 a.m.

STEAM Starts | 3 – 6 years with caregiver

We'll lead you and your little ones in interactive activities designed to fascinate and entertain curious young minds. Grown-ups might even learn something along the way!

Friday, December 17, January 21 & February 18
10 – 10:45 a.m.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Kids' Kitchen | Grades 4 & up

Join us in our online kitchen as we make some yummy treats! A list of ingredients will be shared via email prior to the program.

Friday, December 3, January 7 & February 4
4 – 4:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Discussion

Grades 4 & up

We think graphic novels are super awesome and want to share them with you in our Graphic Novel Book Discussion. We'll provide a copy of the book for you to keep, then join us on Zoom to discuss. Copies available to pick up 3 weeks prior to the program.

Tuesday, December 14, January 11 and February 8 | 4:15 – 5 p.m.

Directed Doodles | Grades 1 & up

Everyone is an artist in this guided drawing session! Grab a pencil and paper and show us your skills.

Wednesday, December 15 and February 16
4 – 4:30 p.m.

Lego Club | Grades K & Up

No school? No problem! Break out your finest interlocking blocks, and your imagination—Lego Club is back! We give you the challenges, you show off your building skills. And make a virtual building buddy along the way!

Monday, December 20, January 17 and February 21 | 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Minecraft Mania | Grades 2 – 5

Join our friends from Minecraft Mania as they lead us through challenges, building creations, competing in races, and even learning how to code! No existing Minecraft account needed.

Tuesday, December 28 | 10 – 11 a.m.

Kid Ink! | Grades 3 – 5

Calling all young authors! If you love writing and telling stories, Kid Ink is the place for you. We will provide a variety of writing prompts to inspire you to take your writing to the next level in this writing group for aspiring young authors.

Wednesday, January 19 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Who Would Win? | Grades K – 2

Killer whale or great white shark? Tarantula or scorpion? Polar bear or grizzly bear? Which animals reign supreme? Join us on Zoom as we explore some epic animal battles!

Thursday, January 27 | 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Elephant & Piggie Party

Grades K – 2

You are invited to a party! Mo Willems' birthday is February 11. Help us celebrate with Piggie & Gerald!

Thursday, February 10 | 4 – 4:30 p.m.



In-Person Programs

These programs will be held at the Library (subject to change). Advance registration is required and will open 3 weeks prior to the program.

Read to the Dogs | Grades 2 – 6

Reserve your space to read to a sweet dog from Rainbow Assisted Animal Therapy. This is a perfect opportunity for young readers to practice their reading skills in a judgement free environment. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.

Sunday, December 12, January 16 and February 13 | 15-minute sessions, 1 – 2:15 p.m.

Family Movie: Luca

All Ages

Escape the winter chill and join Luca and his new friends Alberto and Giulia as they spend a memorable summer along the seaside.

Monday, December 27
3 – 5 p.m.



FEATURED EVENTS and programs

Winter Reading Club for Kids

Registration is open now on Beanstack at parkridgelib.beanstack.org. Complete your reading goal and win a prize book. Read more about Winter Reading Clubs on page 4. Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Arts & Crafts

Stop by the Children's Department throughout the winter for some creative fun! No registration required. One craft per child, please.

First Friday Fun Kits

Stop by and pick up a kit full of DIY at home fun. Kits available on a first come first served basis.

December 3, January 7 and February 4

Snowflake Decorating

Winter is here! Help us decorate our windows with glittering snowflakes. You decorate it; we hang it in the window for all to enjoy.

December 21 – January 31

Giving Opportunity

Cozy Comforts Drive

Share the love this winter by donating new hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to our Cozy Comforts Tree in the Children's Department through December 23!

All donations will be given to families seeking shelter through local WINGS locations. New and unworn items only, please.

November 29 – December 23



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Children's Services 847-720-3250
Reference & Nonfiction 847-720-3230
Reader Services 847-720-3280
Teen Loft 847-720-3286

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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**Thanks to all those
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*If you missed the
sale, the Book Nook,
located near the
Quiet Reading
Room, has great
inventory year
round.*

GREAT NEWS!

**Fine
Free!**

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