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Director's Note & National Library Week



Annually in April, libraries nationwide celebrate National Library Week. This year's theme is "there's more to the story," demonstrating that libraries are so much more than books. Nowhere is this more true than at our very own Park Ridge Public Library. This spring we are excited to bring you a full slate of programs and classes to feed your curiosity, fuel your creativity, or discover a new hobby.

In March, join us as your favorite children's books go head to head in our **annual Book Madness competition**. Be sure to cast your vote online! For our younger patrons, we hope to see you at a drop-in **Discovery Hour**, where you never know what you and your child will make and learn. In April, our **Teen Craft Club** will host a **Dot Painting workshop**. In May, our **Library Pub Quiz trivia night** will return to Harp & Fiddle. On May 11, the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission will help us celebrate **National Historic Preservation Month with a discussion of local landmarks**.

Save the date! The Library will kick off Summer Reading Club with our Live on the Lawn event, Saturday, June 10.

We hope to see you in the Library soon.

Sincerely,
Joanna Bertucci
librarydirector@parkridgelibrary.org

Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from **picture books** to large print, **audiobooks to ebooks, and more**, but there's so much more to the story. Our **Exploration Library lends items like outdoor movie screen kits, microscopes, robots, and other tech gear**. Library programming brings our community together for **entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, Storytimes, movie nights, art and crafting classes, and lectures**. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing **internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs**.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and watch for our weekly newsletter, for information on how we're celebrating NLW this year!



April 23-29, 2023





How to Run a Stress-Free Book Club



“Ladies of the Club” celebrates 25 years of talking about good books

In September 1997, Jennifer Conlon found herself with a network of fellow readers, women in her neighborhood in various careers.

“We wanted to exercise our brains in a different way, regardless of what we did for a living,” she said. They formed a book club and recently published a booklet of their 25 years as a club.

Starting with 12 members, seven of whom are still in the club, they are now a group of around 15.

Conlon said there are several things they do that may contribute to their longevity:

- **Develop a system that gives each member a voice in what’s read.** Make a list of all the suggestions for the coming year. Members get a certain number of votes to cast; the top eight selections are put on a list, and whoever hosts the next meeting gets to pick which book they read and discuss.
- **Stick to a consistent schedule.** They kickoff a new “season” every September, and meet the first Wednesday of the month, with eight meetings a year.
- **Keep the number of members somewhat small.** “Small enough that people will be missed if they aren’t there,” said Conlon. A smaller group can also make it less intimidating for people to host a meeting.
- **Try to include different genres.** Avoid reading the same author twice. Look to work in a Chicago-based story now and then.
- **Start the discussion with a short recap of the plot, followed by softball questions.** Who was your favorite character and why? What was your favorite part of the book? Did you like the ending? These get people warmed up and thinking about the plot and other elements of the book.
- **Keep the pressure off.** Don’t make people feel like they can’t give up on a book. As any librarian worth their salt will tell you, sometimes it’s just not worth the time to finish a book you really don’t like.
- **Use the Library to get reading materials.** Conlon said they will use the Library’s Book Club collection for some selections, and some members rely on ebooks and audiobooks which are often available through the Library’s digital services.

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The Perks of Registering Your Book Club

- When you register your book club with us, your group can keep the books longer so that they are due 2 days after your discussion.
- You’ll have access to our book discussion sets, which include popular titles that can be difficult to get otherwise.
- Your club can reserve sets in advance, so members can pick up their books at the Reader Services desk about 4 weeks in advance of your meeting, according to Rachel, a Reader Services librarian who manages the collection alongside Sarah R., a library assistant.
- We try to offer new titles monthly to keep your options fresh.
- If your book club has a mix of needs, we often order large print books and audiobooks for

clubs. We can’t reserve ebooks or e-audiobooks, but we can check availability in Hoopla, Overdrive/Libby, and Axis360.

“We are always so impressed by how many book clubs there are in Park Ridge, and how long so many of them have been meeting!” said Rachel.

“We are here to help if any clubs need assistance.”





Park Ridge Classic Film Series: The Lubitsch Touch

“What about Lubitsch?” asked one of our film series regulars, suggesting a theme.

The younger generation might ask, “Who was Lubitsch?” We will answer that question in detail this spring when the Park Ridge Public Library Classic Film Series returns for its thirteenth season. “The Lubitsch Touch” will profile the great German director Ernst Lubitsch (1892-1947), one of the most respected filmmakers of the 20th century.

Our three-month program will cover Lubitsch’s post-Germany career, beginning with his first American film, *Rosita* (1923), on March 2. This Mary Pickford silent epic will be presented with a special (digital) organ accompaniment by Jay Warren at 7 PM. Lubitsch made his mark in the early sound era with the musical genre. We’ll have all his best starring Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, the culmination of which will be a screening of the comic operetta *The Merry Widow* (1934) on April 13.

There are also the pre-Production

Code films such as the rather amoral *Trouble in Paradise* (1932) on March 30, which was one of our biggest hits when we played it in 2010. Though we’ve presented many comedy programs over the years, this time we delve into a more sublime, sophisticated realm of humor. Lubitsch was a master of innuendo, and he never told his stories in an obvious way. It’s these qualities that give his films their special touch.

We’ll have Greta Garbo laughing in *Ninotchka* (1939) on April 20 and James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan bickering in the beloved *The Shop Around the Corner* (1940) on April 27, followed by *To Be or Not to Be* (1942) on May 18, Lubitsch’s war-time black comedy starring Jack Benny and Carole Lombard (in her final film).

For anyone who loves the movies—or dreams of making them—this series is a must-see. Who was Lubitsch? Simply put, Lubitsch was cinema.

All presentations start at 7 p.m. with an introduction by program host Matthew C. Hoffman. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Screenings are free; no registration required. Visit parkridgeclassicfilm.com for more information.



2023 FILM LINE UP

March 2: **ROSITA** (1923) w/musical accompaniment by Jay Warren

March 9: **THE LOVE PARADE** (1929)

March 16: **THE SMILING LIEUTENANT** (1931)

March 23: **ONE HOUR WITH YOU** (1932)

March 30: **TROUBLE IN PARADISE** (1932)

April 6: **DESIGN FOR LIVING** (1933)

April 13: **THE MERRY WIDOW** (1934)

April 20: **NINOTCHKA** (1939)

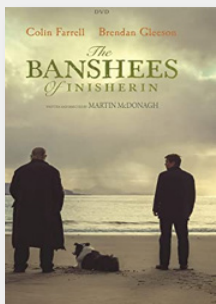
April 27: **THE SHOP AROUND THE CORNER** (1940)

May 18: **TO BE OR NOT TO BE** (1942)

May 25: **HEAVEN CAN WAIT** (1943)

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

All seating is on a first come, first served basis. Doors open ½ hour before showtime. Seating limited to 50. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop-in.



March

The Banshees of Inisherin

[R, 109 min.]

Two lifelong friends must suddenly redefine their relationship when one of them decides to call it quits.

Starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson.

Tuesday, March 21 | 1 & 6:30 p.m.



April

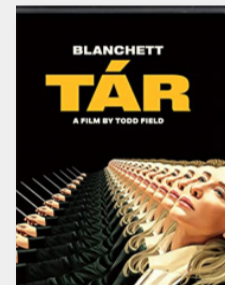
The Fabelmans

[PG-13, 151 min.]

Steven Spielberg’s semi-autobiographical film about a boy who falls in love with movies and their power to tell stories.

Starring Michelle Williams and Paul Dano.

Tuesday, April 18 | 1 & 6:30 p.m.



May

Tár

[R, 152 min.]

Lydia Tár finds her way as a great composer-conductor and the first female director of a major German orchestra.

Starring Cate Blanchett.

Tuesday, May 23 | 1 p.m. (No evening show.)

The Studio and Media Lab



Orientation

This mandatory orientation introduces The Studio equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Studio. *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.

Laser Cutter 101: Engraved Pint Glass

An introduction to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter, where you learn how to engrave a pint glass to take home. *Limit 1.*

Saturday, March 4

9 half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201: Engraved Irish Coffee Mugs

Learn how to engrave a glass mug with a handle on the Epilog Laser Cutter! *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit 3*

Thursday, March 2 | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 3 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pop-up Card

Create a colorful pop-up card with the Cricut. *Limit 4.*

Thursday, March 9 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15 | 7 p.m.

Friday, March 24 | 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 28 | 2 p.m.



Laser Cutter 201: Easter Egg Rubber Stamps

Hop over to The Studio to learn how to use the laser cutter to create rubber stamps for Easter Egg decorating. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit 3.*

Thursday, March 30 | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101: Engraved Acrylic Key Chains

An introduction to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter, where you will engrave an acrylic keychain to take home! *Limit 1.*

Saturday, April 1

9 half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cricut 101

See a brief demonstration of the Cricut Design Space software before learning how to create a simple project. *Limit 4.*

Tuesday, April 4 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12 | 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 20 | 2 p.m.

Friday, April 28 | 11 a.m.

Laser Cutter 101: Engraved Aluminum Pet Tags

An introduction to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter, where you will engrave an aluminum pet tag for your furry friend or for yourself! *Limit 1.*

Saturday, April 29

9 half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201: Reversed Engraved Metal Water Bottle

Keep hydrated this summer! Learn how to use the laser cutter's rotary attachment to reverse engrave a painted metal water bottle. *Limit 3.*

Thursday, May 4 | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Decorated Mason jars

Decorate a Mason jar with vinyl for flowers or as a gift. *Limit 4.*

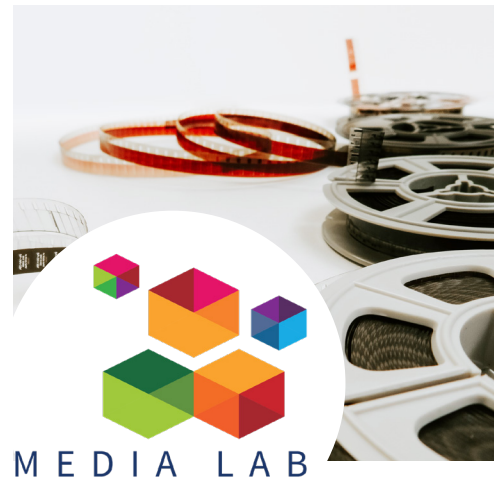
Wednesday, May 10 | 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18 | 2 p.m.

Friday, May 26 | 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 30 | 2 p.m.

**Due to popular demand, patrons are limited to one laser cutter class per month.*



Orientation

This mandatory orientation provides an introduction to the Media Lab equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. Registration required. *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

Learn how to Digitize your old photos, slides and negatives.

Thursday, March 2, April 6, or May 4 | 3 - 4 p.m.

Converting Home Videos to Digital

Learn how to convert your old VHS home videos to DVD.

Tuesday, March 7, April 11, or May 9
7 - 8 p.m.

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Learn how to convert audio cassettes and records to MP3 or CD.

Thursday, March 16, April 20, or May 18
3 - 4 p.m.

Converting 8mm and Super 8 Home Movies to Digital

Learn how to digitize your 8mm and Super 8 film.

Tuesday, March 21, April 25, or May 23
7 - 8 p.m.



Programs

Adult fall 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.

The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach*

Experience an entertaining evening with *New York Times* bestselling science author, Mary Roach, who will discuss her frank approach to science and the importance of humor in exploring the weird, wonderful world.

Wednesday, March 1 | 7 p.m.

Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption*

Join actor/author/restaurateur Danny Trejo, who has risen from years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle addiction, to acting, producing and now restaurant ventures.

Tuesday, April 4 | 7 p.m.



Secrets of the Puzzle Master: A Conversation with Will Shortz*

Join Will Shortz, the world's only academically accredited puzzle master. A special interactive surprise will be included!

Tuesday, April 25 | 7 p.m.

An Evening with Thrity Umrigar

Join us for a conversation with Indian-American journalist, critic, and novelist Thrity Umrigar. Her most recent novel, *Honor*, was a Reese's Book Club pick. *In partnership with Niles-Maine District Library*

Wednesday, April 26 | 7 p.m.

*These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office for the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Hybrid Programs

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

Chair Yoga

Join Sun and Moon instructor Joan McGee for this gentle yoga class. Joan is on-site on March 1, April 12, and May 3.

Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

Author Talk: *Every Goddamn Day* with Neil Steinberg

Chicago Sun-Times columnist Neil Steinberg will discuss his book based on his blog, *Every Goddamn Day*, a daily history of Chicago. *Books will be available for sale.*

Tuesday, March 7 | 7 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, March 8, April 12 & May 10 | 7 p.m.

VIRTUAL: Wednesday, March 22, April 26 & May 24 | 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 Library Pub Quiz.

IN-PERSON: Tuesday, May 30 | 6:30 p.m.

Held at Harp & Fiddle - 110 Main Street. Limit 30.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, March 28 & April 25 6:30 p.m. *Limit 60.*

Birds in the Garden: Creating & Enjoying a Bird Oasis

Garden designer Pam Karlson will show you how to attract over 100 bird species to your garden using native plants.

Co-sponsored by Go Green Park Ridge.

Tuesday, April 4 | 7 p.m.



Get Hired: Career Brand Phrases that Stick

Workplace futurist and best-selling author Marti Konstant of *Activate Your Agile Career* will teach you the language you need to market your skills and get hired in today's job market.

Tuesday, May 9 | 7 p.m.

Park Ridge Landmarks & Their Stories

Celebrate National Historic Preservation month! Joan Mattingly of the Historic Preservation Commission will present an overview of local landmarks and incentives.

Thursday, May 11 | 7 p.m.

Afternoon Programs

Concert: Character Fleadh

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, enjoy a concert by this Celtic folk band, featuring flute, guitar, and vocals. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Tuesday, March 14 | 2 p.m. Hybrid

Enhancing Genealogy with Church Records

Genealogist Jenny Warner returns to teach us the value of church records, which can offer information on immigration and towns of origin.

Tuesday, May 16 | 2 p.m. Hybrid

In-Person Programs

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

Consolidated Election Candidate Meet & Greet

Join the League of Women Voters of Park Ridge to meet the candidates running for school board, Park District board, and City Council in the April 4 consolidated general election.

Saturday, March 18 | 10 a.m. - Noon

Art Workshop: Painting with Paper

Artist Terri Murphy returns to lead a workshop to "paint" a portrait using torn paper in light, medium, and dark shades. *Limit 25. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*



Wednesday, March 29 | 7 p.m.

Park Ridge Library Blood Drive

During a national blood shortage, join your neighbors to help save lives at this community event. Any healthy person age 17 or older may donate (age 16 must have a permission slip). *In partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois.*

Tuesday, April 11 | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Pressure Cooking Simplified

Chef Andrea Pracht will help you make the most of your pressure cooker! Learn how to use and care for your device, both Instant Pots and stovetop cookers, and get new recipes. *Samples will be provided. Limit 50.*

Tuesday, May 2 | 7 p.m.

In-Person Programs

Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

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

Thursday, March 2, April 6 & May 4 | 7 p.m.

Social Seniors: Wits Workout

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

Thursday, March 9, April 13 & May 11
1 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club

Limit 40.



Becoming Frederick Douglass

Learn how a man born into slavery became one of the most influential voices for democracy in American history.

Friday, March 17 | 10 a.m.

Saving Venice

Learn how leading scientists and engineers are racing against the clock and battling the forces of nature to try to save this historic city for future generations.

Friday, April 21 | 10 a.m.

Secrets in Our DNA

Some 30 million Americans have sent their DNA to be analyzed by companies like Ancestry and 23andMe. But what happens with the sample, and how accurate are the results? NOVA explores the power of genetic data.

Friday, May 19 | 10 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

Drop-In Help Desk

The experts from FireLogic will assist you with your tech questions. *Registration not required.*

Saturday, March 4, April 1 & May 6
9 a.m. – Noon | In-Person

DAR Genealogy Assistance

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

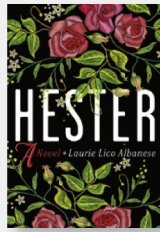
Thursday, March 16, April 20 & May 18
9 a.m. – Noon | In-Person

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

These programs will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room. Books are available at the Reader Services desk two weeks before the discussion. Registration required.

Fiction Group

Hester by Laurie Lico Albanese



A retelling of *The Scarlet Letter*, Isobel Gamble faces a penniless and lonely future in 1800s America after being abandoned by her apothecary husband.

Tuesday, March 14
7 p.m. Virtual
Thursday, March 30
10 a.m. In person

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng



Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his father until a mysterious letter arrives that pulls him into a quest to find his mother.

Tuesday, April 11 | 7 p.m. Virtual
Thursday, April 27
10 a.m. In person

Carolina Moonset by Matt Goldman

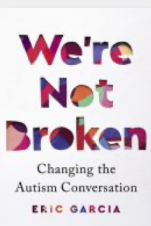


Joey has returned home to look after his ailing father, but Joey grows increasingly anxious as his father's hallucinatory arguments with figures from his youth hint at secrets, scandals, and suspicions long buried.

Tuesday, May 9 | 7 p.m. Virtual
Thursday, May 25 | 10 a.m. In person

Nonfiction Group

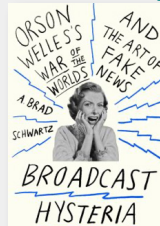
We're Not Broken



by Eric Garcia
With a reporter's eye and an insider's perspective,

Eric Garcia shows what it's like to be autistic across America.
Friday, March 10 | 10 a.m.

Broadcast Hysteria by A.

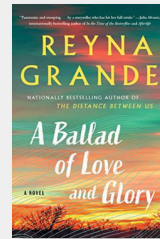


Brad Schwartz
The enthralling and never-before-told story of the War of the

Worlds radio drama and its true aftermath.
Friday, May 12 | 10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Group

A Ballad of Love and Glory



by Reyna Grande
Widowed by the Texas Rangers in the fight over the disputed Rio Grande boundary, a Mexican woman joins the Mexican army and falls in love with a Yankee deserter.
Wednesday, March 15 | 7 p.m.

Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting



by Clare Pooley
Seven people's lives intersect as they commute to and from London each day.
Wednesday, April 19
7 p.m.

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy



by Jamie Ford
A powerful exploration of the love that binds one family across generations.
Wednesday, May 17
7 p.m.

Green Reads

The Future We Choose



by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac
A cautionary but optimistic book about the world's changing climate

and the fate of humanity.
In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge.

Tuesday, April 25 | 7 p.m.

SCORE Small Business Mentoring Sessions | Virtually or by phone

Mentors from SCORE are available to advise small business owners. Register at northchicago.score.org/find-mentor-726 or email SCORE mentor Larry Zanger at larry.zanger@scorevolunteer.org.
Free.



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Teen fall 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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Teen Take & Create

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

Starting March 13: Popsicle Stick Stegosaurus

Starting March 27: Pipe Cleaner Flowers

Starting April 10: Yarn Octopuses

Starting April 24: Racing Rabbits

Starting May 8: Mini Fake Planters - Back by Popular Demand!

Starting May 22: Bumblebee Buddies

RPG Club

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

Sunday, March 19, April 16 & May 7
1 – 4:45 p.m.

Minute to Win It!

Compete against your friends in a series of sixty-second challenges.

Friday, March 31 | 4 p.m.

Taste-a-Palooza!

Sample various strange and uncommon flavors of everyday snacks. Allergens may be present; ingredient lists available during the event.

Friday, April 21 | 4 p.m.

Breakout Challenge

Do you enjoy solving puzzles? Group with your friends to open a series of locks by solving puzzles and games about outer space before time runs out!

Friday, May 19 | 4 p.m.

Sign up for Monthly Book Recommendations!



Sign up to receive our monthly Middle or High School Reads emails and always be in the know about what Teen Services has to offer!



Teen Craft Club

Book Paper Lanterns

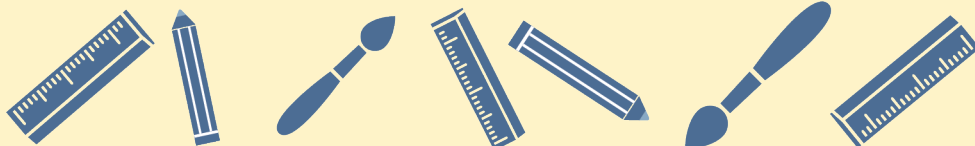
Upcycle some damaged library books onto a hanging paper lantern.

Friday, March 10 | 4 p.m.

Dot Painting

Paint a beautiful masterpiece in the pointillism style (with nothing but tiny dots).

Friday, April 7 | 4 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 spring, your Book Match will include a refreshing goody bag (while supplies last).

TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



Work with like-minded library-loving tweens and teens to plan fall programming, decorate the Teen Loft, contribute to the Library's social media - and more! Application to join included in registration.

Tuesday, May 23 | 5 p.m.



Congratulations to Malaika,

a Park Ridge high school student who was the first to complete the 100 Books Before Graduation Challenge!

Malaika told us she first learned of the challenge when she saw a sign at the library. Her favorite genres are romance, comedy, fantasy and mystery “because they [offer] another world of excitement...it gives me a thrill to read more.”

Malaika offered this tip for establishing and growing your reading habit:

“At night, before going to bed, read at least one page and increase it each day.”

Malaika said she reads every day afternoon for 30 minutes, then does homework, and then reads before bed. At some point, reading before going to bed became a habit; she said she has a hard time falling asleep without reading.

Learn more about the 100 Books Before Graduation Challenge at parkridgelibrary.org/teens/.



100 BOOKS



100 Books Before Graduation

Springtime means graduations are coming soon – check out, read, and log as many books as you can before you don your cap and gown. Pick up a starter kit when you sign up at parkridgelib.beanstack.org and earn prizes along the way! This program runs all year long.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Discuss great books with your friends; refreshments will be served. Stop by the Teen Loft for a copy of the book ahead of time or place a hold online. Digital and audio copies may be available.

Five Nights at Freddy's: Tales From the



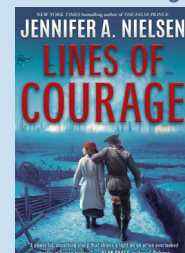
Pizzaplex #1: Lally's Game by Jules Machias
In the world of *Five Nights at Freddy's*, everything comes with a price to pay.
Wednesday, March 22
4 p.m.

New Dragon City by Mari Mancusi



Five years after dragons decimated the world, a chance encounter with a young dragon leaves twelve-year-old Noah questioning everything he thought he knew.
Wednesday, April 26 | 4 p.m.

Lines of Courage by Jennifer A. Nielsen



Follows the fates of five young people on both sides of World War I - each facing their portion of the war with courage, until the end of the war brings them together.
Wednesday, May 24 | 4 p.m.



Children's Programs

Children's programs will be held **in person**, unless otherwise indicated. Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3250** or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org. Program schedule subject to change. Registration required unless otherwise noted. Opens 3 weeks prior to the program.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

No Registration Required.

Busy Bees | Toddlers

with caregiver

Read, sing and play at this story and play time for toddlers! A shortened version of our traditional Storytime will be followed by time to play with age appropriate toys.

Tuesday, March 7, 21 & 28 | April 4, 11 & 25 May 2 & 9 | 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 22, & 29 | April 5, 12 & 26 | May 3 & 10 | 10:30 a.m.

2s & 3s Storytime | Ages 2 - 3

with caregiver

Looking for the next step in your little one's storytime adventure? Full of fun stories, lively rhymes and plenty of silliness, this Storytime is the perfect fit for 2- and 3-year-olds who have aged out of Busy Bees!

Tuesday, March 7, 21 & 28 | April 4, 11 & 25 May 2 & 9 | 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 22, & 29 | April 5, 12 & 26 | May 3 & 10 | 9:30 a.m.

Pre-K Storytime | Ages 3 - 5

with caregiver

Join us for stories in all shapes and sizes that are sure to engage, entertain and educate your preschoolers.

Thursday, March 2, 9, 23 & 30 | April 6, 13 & 27 May 11 & 18 | 10 a.m.

Virtual PJ Storytime | All Ages

Put on your PJs and grab your favorite stuffed animal, then meet us online for a live virtual Storytime that will carry you off to dreamland.

Wednesday, March 15, April 12 & May 24 | 7 p.m.



FAMILIES

DROP IN - No Registration Required

Homeschool Hangout

Families with homeschool children

Are you looking to meet other homeschool families in the area? Or maybe your homeschool group needs a change of scenery. Drop in and connect!

Monday, March 13, April 17 & May 15 | 1 p.m.

Family Storytime & Craft | Families

Saturdays are family days! Spend your morning with us as we share stories and songs followed by a craft project.

Saturday, April 15 & May 20 | 10:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED -

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program.

History of the Bagel | Families

Join children's book author Arianna Brooks for this delicious class on the ultimate brunch comfort food, bagels. Families will make a sweet and savory cream cheese and schmear for their own freshly made local bagels. Nosh, laugh and learn as you find out the dynamic history of the bagel. *Please register each family member individually.*

Sunday, March 12 | 1 p.m.

TEACHERS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program.

Nature in the Classroom | Preschool & Elementary Teachers

Learn from the Chicago Botanic Garden how to add nature to your science, math and art curriculum. *ISBE Continuing Education Credits available.*

Monday, April 24 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

DROP IN - No Registration Required

Tot Time Playdate | Ages 2 - 5

with caregiver

Stop by and spend some quality playtime with your pals in the storytime room. We'll even bring out our favorite toys for all to share!

Tuesday, March 14, April 18 & May 16 | 10 a.m.

Discovery Hour | Ages 2 - 5

with caregiver

From science and technology to building and crafting, you never know what you and your little one will discover at these open-ended, hands-on, drop-in programs!

Thursday, March 16, April 20 & May 25 | 10 a.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program.

Hello, Baby! | Babies & Pre-walkers

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

Monday, March 20 & 27 | April 3, 10 & 24 May 1 & 8 | 9:30 a.m.

Harmonious Horizons | Ages 0 - 5

Join us in person for a family music class for children 0-5 years old with a parent/caregiver. It will include singing, dancing and instrument play with the guidance of a talented music teacher. *Please limit to one session per day.*

Friday, March 10, April 14 & May 12 10 or 10:45 a.m.

SCHOOL AGE

DROP IN - No Registration Required

Art Party | Grades K and up

We'll put out a whole bunch of art supplies and you'll create...whatever you want!

Thursday, March 16 & April 13 | 4 p.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.

Monday, March 27 | Tuesday, April 4

Friday, May 26 | 4 p.m.

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Saturday, June 10

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