



Preview

Smithsonian Exhibition: Picturing Women Inventors

Woven Together: Community Read

24/7 Hold Lockers

Stay Connected



We welcome you to the library!

Stay connected and informed with any changes to our library operations. We post updates on our website, online calendar, and social media.



Program Registration

At the time of publication, we offer in-person and virtual events. Registration is required using the online calendar or by contacting the library. Program format will be indicated within the online calendar (virtual or in-person) when registering.

Our programs may change at any time, including format and location. Check online and your email for any updates in library operations and guidance.

Please watch our social media channels for pop-up events.



A regular at library storytime, Danielle is now a college student and author/illustrator. During a recent visit, we were excited to learn she used her story as inspiration for her book about a child in foster care. Find Danielle's book in the Youth Services local author section.

e-Newsletter Sign Up

Be in the know! Sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date programs, readers' advisory ideas, program videos, resources, and more.

Coming soon: e-news tailored for you!

Follow Us!

Our social media channels continue to bring more news to you, plus programming updates and videos.

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New 24/7 Hold Lockers

Step up to the bright, green lockers at the Main Library to pick up materials any time, day or night.

To use our convenient 24/7 Hold Lockers, patrons will need their MPPL library card and PIN. To start:

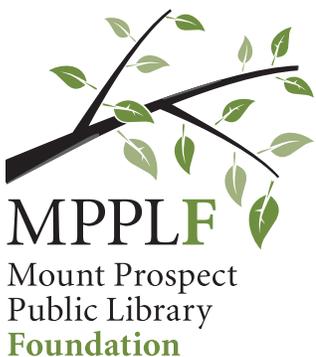
- Place a hold using the catalog at mppl.org or mobile app.
- Choose "24/7 Lockers" as the location from the drop-down menu.

When holds are ready, we notify users via text, email, or phone. We hold items for five days.

Find the lockers outside the lower-level entrance of the Main Library parking garage. To open the locker doors to access items, enter the library card number — or scan your card's barcode using the app — and enter your PIN on the touchscreen. Materials may be in multiple lockers, depending on the number of items and size.

Some items may not be eligible for pickup from hold lockers, including interlibrary loan materials or larger items.

What do you think of this service? Tell us or send a photo at communications@mppl.org.



Foundation Concert:

At the Hop, A Musical Celebration

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.

To celebrate the release of the 1950 census records, performer Heather Braoudakis will take us back to the 1950s by sharing music played at the hop. Get ready to rock 'n' roll with favorite songs including "Chantilly Lace," "Blueberry Hill," "Great Balls of Fire," and, of course, "At the Hop." *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.*



SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

The History of Women Inventors

If you named an inventor, would it be a woman?

Throughout the month of March, come see **Picturing Women Inventors** at the Main Library, a poster exhibition that explores the inventions of 19 highly accomplished American women.

The exhibit from The Smithsonian and the United States Patent and Trademark Office showcases breakthroughs, motivations, and challenges women encountered while pursuing their goals as inventors. The remarkable group includes astronauts, computer pioneers, and businesswomen, as well as athletes, engineers, and teens.

Highlights from the exhibit include Marilyn Hamilton who, after a hang-gliding accident in 1978 left her paralyzed, invented a lightweight wheelchair. Inventor Alexis Lewis, when she was 12 years old, adapted a traditional Native American sled — called a travois — to transport families and their belongings in Somalia.



Picturing Women Inventors is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, in collaboration with the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is sponsored by Lyda Hill Philanthropies IF/THEN Initiative and Ericsson.



PICTURING WOMEN INVENTORS



Smithsonian



South Branch Events

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Most of our programs at South Branch are presented in English and Spanish. | La mayoría de nuestros programas en la Extensión del Sur se presentarán en inglés y español.

Play & Learn | Jugar y Aprender

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesdays in March and April
11:30 a.m.

Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish storytime, music, crafts, and play-based learning.

Teen Volunteering

• FOR GRADES 6-12

Mondays, March 14 and
April 11, 5 p.m.

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours at the same time. Bring your friends and be prepared to work for a good cause as you help with community service projects for the library and other organizations.



Protecting Your Identity and Other Assets

Wednesday, April 6, 6 p.m.

Learn how to recognize, respond to, and reduce the risks of identity theft, along with strategies for protecting other assets. Presented by Selma Sarkic, VP/Branch Manager of Village Bank & Trust. Presented in English with bilingual Spanish speaker available to answer questions.

Camera Obscura

• FOR GRADES 6-12

Monday, March 28, 5 p.m.

Capture an image of the outside world into a small box! Create a camera obscura by building a pinhole camera and discover the science behind the first camera.

International Storytime at RecPlex

• FOR FAMILIES

Friday, April 22, 5 p.m.

Join us for a multilingual storytime to celebrate World Book Day! Listen to stories in different languages.

Family Movie Night

• FOR FAMILIES

Enjoy a movie night at the library!

Jungle Cruise (PG-13)

Friday, March 25, 5 p.m.

Encanto (PG)

Friday, April 29, 5 p.m.

Minute to Win It Games

• FOR ALL AGES

Wednesday, March 16, 5 p.m.
OR 6 p.m.

Zumba on Zoom

• FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Monday, March 21, 6 p.m.

Family Bingo

• FOR ALL AGES

Women's History Month

Wednesday, March 30, 6 p.m.

Earth Bingo

Wednesday, April 27, 6 p.m.

Paint Along: Cherry Blossoms

• FOR GRADES 1-3

Saturday, April 9, 12 p.m.
OR 1:30 p.m.

Adult Events

Career Coach at the Library

Tuesdays, March 1, 22 and April 12, 7 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays, April 7, 28, 7 p.m.
OR 7:30 p.m.

Jumpstart your job search with a one-on-one, 30-minute session with an experienced career coach to discuss résumé updates, applying for jobs online, and interview preparation. *Sessions are available in English or Spanish.*

The Portrayal of Women in Hollywood

Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m.
Dive into the history of movies with Kelli Marshall of Chicago Movie Tours as she examines four ways female characters are commonly portrayed on screen.

Cannabis Access in Illinois

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.
Tightly regulated cannabis is now available to all adults over 21 and provided to registered medical cannabis patients in Illinois. Join Kirsten Velasco and learn about the specifics of the laws, economic and employment opportunities, and wellness strategies.

An Evening with



Madeline Miller

Thursday,
March 3, 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Madeline Miller, one of the leaders in Greek retellings and *New York Times* bestselling author, to discuss her works *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*.

Jenny Lawson

Wednesday,
March 30, 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *Broken (in the best possible way)*, and her brilliantly funny body of work.



Registrants are invited to in-person viewing parties at the Main Library on the same dates.

Miller's debut novel, *The Song of Achilles*, was awarded the 2012 Orange Prize for Fiction and was a *New York Times* bestseller. Her second novel, *Circe*, was an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller.

This program is presented in collaboration with multiple Illinois area libraries.

Jenny is a journalist, author and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness.

Presented by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Technology Act.

Book Discussions

Let's Talk Books!

—join us on Goodreads.

Tuesdays, March 8, 22 and April 12, 26, 7 p.m.

Book Chat

Mondays, March 14 and April 11, 7 p.m.

Completely Booked

Tuesdays, March 15 and April 19, 6 p.m.

—For readers in their 20s & 30s.

Registration required. Program format or location may change, visit mopl.org for updates.

Documents You Don't Think You Need Until You Do

Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m.

Kathryn Casey, Certified Elder Law Attorney and Partner at Dutton Casey & Mesoloras, will review the basics of long-term care and estate planning for all levels of income and assets. Casey will also discuss power of attorney for healthcare and property, as well as the Health Care Surrogate Act.

How to Reduce Waste: Composting and Green Cleaning

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability's Community Outreach Coordinator Kate Carney will discuss ways to reduce food waste at home. Learn the basics to compost, the proper paths to dispose household hazardous waste, and how to make green cleaning products.

Native American Gardening

Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Learn about Native American gardening, harvesting, recipes, and history from award-winning Ojibwa author and speaker Kim Sigafus. An Illinois Humanities Road Scholar, Sigafus' family is from White Earth Reservation in northwest Minnesota. Her works that explore Native American life include fiction and non-fiction, as well as young adult and children's books.

SCORE Mentoring

Wednesdays, March 2, 16 and April 6, 20, 4 p.m.

Web Resources for Newshounds

Tuesday, March 15, 2 p.m.

Understanding Small Business Financial Reporting

Tuesday, March 15, 6 p.m.

Night Off? Game On!

Mondays, March 21 and April 18, 7 p.m.

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk

Wednesday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 27
6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. OR, 7:30 p.m.

Solitude in the Cosmos: Looking for Friends in the Cosmic Dark

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Organizing 101: Spring Cleaning Specifics

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Financial Events

Financial Forecast 2022

Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m.

What does 2022 hold for the stock market, stormy weather or sunny skies? John Daly, CFP of Daly Investment Management, will discuss market expectations for 2022.

Making the Most of Medicare

Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m.

Enza Haas, Benefit and Advocacy Coordinator at the Kenneth Young Center, will walk through the Medicare selection process and provide tips for making the most of your options.

Making the Most of Your Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Mike Heatwole, Certified Financial Planner™ and founder of The Dala Group, will provide Social Security benefits and filing strategies available to single and divorced individuals, married couples, and widows.

Understanding Credit Reports and Scores

Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m.

Learn how to obtain and read credit reports from all three credit reporting agencies in this session presented by Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern Illinois. Participants will also learn about FICO scores and ways to improve scores.

Registration required. Program format or location may change, visit mppl.org for updates.

Financial and Technology Events

Investing Made Simple

Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Financial educator Karen Chan will make stocks, bonds and mutual funds crystal clear using the story of a startup company called Freddie's Finest Furniture. Learn how to put that information to use and simplify investing decisions with index funds and target date retirement funds.

Computer File Management Essentials

Tuesday, March 15, 10 a.m.
This class will review organizing files and folders for regulating the storage on your computer that runs Windows 10 or 11.

Computer Security Essentials

Tuesday, March 22, 10 a.m.
Learn about security best practices, virus prevention, and more from Computer Support Specialist John Lorens.

Staying Safe On and Offline

Thursday, April 28, 2 p.m.
Officer Greg Sill from the Mount Prospect Police Department will provide tips on how to avoid scams and ensure your safety both on and offline.

Get Acquainted With Instagram

Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m.
Join tech pro Lesley Peters for an insider's view why Instagram is so popular for all ages. Find out how people share photos

and reels — from pets and kids to professional projects and home cooking.

Eight Hidden Gems Using Google

Tuesday, April 26, 10 a.m.
Join tech pro Lesley Peters for an overview of how to use Google's productivity applications.

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most Out of Streaming Services

Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m.

Open Tech Lab

Tuesday, March 29, 2 p.m.

Gmail Basics

Monday, April 4, 10 a.m.

Google Drive Basics

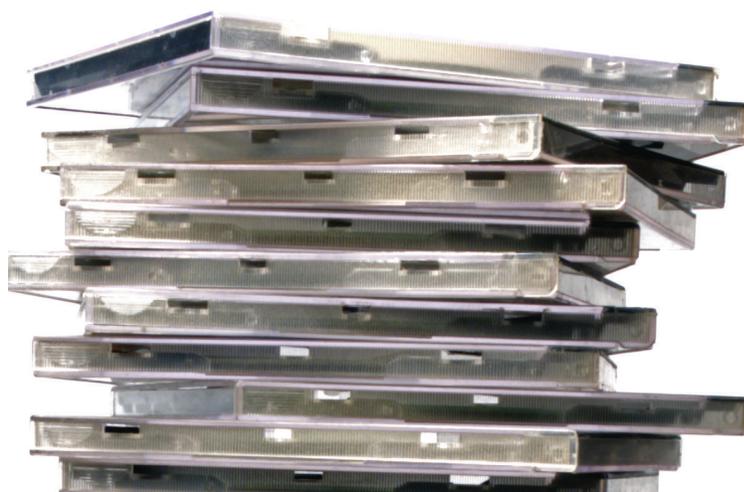
Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m.

CD Revival

When do you like to listen to music? Do you listen to the lyrics, or can you enjoy songs purely for rhythm and melody? Mount Prospect Public Library is your one-stop shop for all your music needs, free to MPPL cardholders.

Music Scene

We have thousands of music CDs available for checkout, spanning a wide range of genres from rap to classical and everything in between. Our Fiction/AV/Teen staff are happy to help you find an old favorite or discover a new artist. Youth Services has a collection of music CDs for children of all ages, too.



What is your favorite artist or CD from the library? Tell us at communications@mppl.org.

Teen Events • FOR GRADES 6-12 •



Teen Book Café

Fridays, March 11 and
April 8, 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we share new books
and recommend our favorites.
Plus, participants can take home
a free book!

Clue Murder Mystery Night

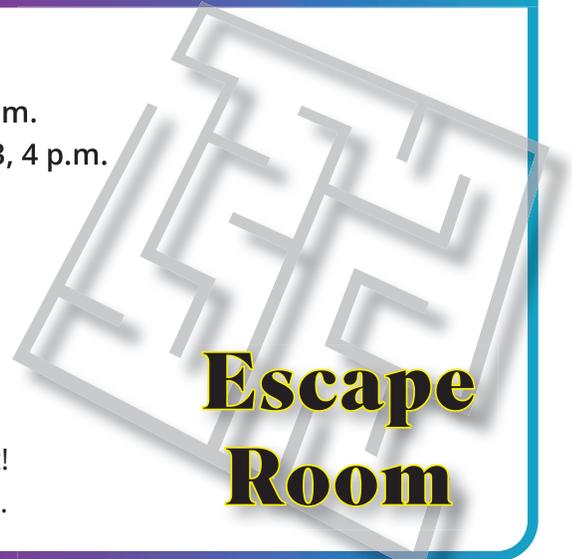
Thursday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.
Experience a Clue-themed
Murder Mystery Night and gather
clues to solve the mystery! Test
your investigative skills and see if
you can figure out who the killer
is — before they get to you.

Teen Gaming Night

Mondays, March 21 and
April 4, 7 p.m.
Bring your friends and join us
for board gaming fun. Learn a
new game or play a favorite!

Thursday, March 24, and
Friday, March 25, 2, 3, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 26, 1, 2, 3, 4 p.m.

Put your problem-solving
skills to the test. Work
with a six-person team
to solve a series of
puzzles and break out
of the library's escape
room before time runs out!
Sign up for a one-hour slot.



Wednesdays, March 23 and
April 27, 5 p.m.

Do you love the library? This
is your chance to help us to
brainstorm and plan library
programs that interest you!
Add your voice to the group and
recommend books, movies, video
games, and more at our meetings.

Teen Think Tank



Teen Volunteering

Main Library

• Fridays, March 18 and
April 15, 5 p.m.

South Branch

• Mondays, March 14 and
April 11, 5 p.m.

Craft Programs

Perler Bead Creations

Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Macrame Plant Hangers

Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 p.m.

Registration required. Program format or location may change, visit mopl.org for updates.

Youth Events

Oh Mama!

Meet other new and expecting parents and have fun as you prepare for your growing family with local certified childbirth educator and professional doula Tia Wentle.

Your Best Birth Experience

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

Informed Decision Making in Pregnancy and Birth

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Family and Giving: A Ramadan Celebration

- FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m.

Ramadan Mubarak! Join us for stories and fun activities to celebrate, including an easy service project for children.

Super Saturday

Día de los Niños Celebration at Lions Park Bandshell

- FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.

¡Viva! Join us for Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros — or Children's Day, Book Day — a celebration of children, reading, and diverse cultures. Get ready for a high energy, interactive show with musicians and teachers from Little Parade.

Marvelous Mysteries

Mystery at the Library

- FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 p.m.

Habitats and Homes

- FOR GRADES K-2

Monday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.

STEAM at the Library

- FOR GRADES K-2

Tuesday, April 5, 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to 3-D Printing

- FOR GRADES 3-5

Tuesday, April 12, 4:30 p.m.

Family Yoga at Pocket Park

- FOR AGES 3 AND UP WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.

Family Storytime

- FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays March 2, 16, 23, 30
10:30 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime: French Stories

- FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.

With Prospect H.S. students.

Mini Movers Storytime

- FOR TODDLERS, PRESCHOOLERS WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, and

April 12, 19, 26, 6 p.m.

Together with Baby Storytime

- FOR AGES 0-23 MONTHS OLD WITH AN ADULT

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Nature Tales Family Storytime at Pocket Park

- FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesdays in April, 10:30 a.m.

Comics Club

- FOR GRADES 3-5



New Kid
by Jerry Craft

Wednesday,
March 16
4:30 p.m.



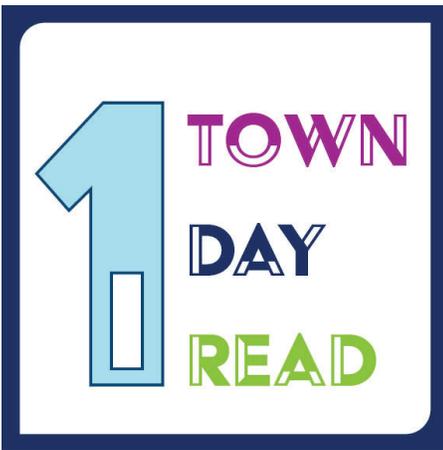
New Dial-a-Story Selections

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Monday, March 7

Monday, April 4

Registration required. Program format or location may change, visit mppl.org for updates.



Woven Together

One Town, One Day, One Read

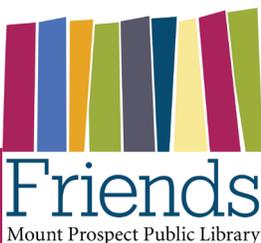
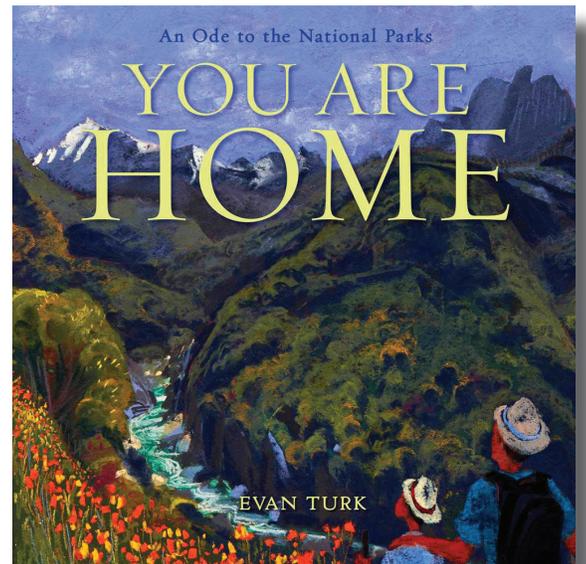
Tuesday, March 8 • 7 p.m.

Celebrate our majestic National Parks and outdoor spaces with the beautiful picture book, *You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks*, written and illustrated by Evan Turk.

You Are Home is the centerpiece of the library's latest **Woven Together: One Town, One Day, One Read** community read event that takes readers on a journey of landscapes and wildlife. Join us for celebrations throughout Mount Prospect and the live Zoom program March 8 (7 p.m.) that features Turk reading aloud his book.

Every participating school will receive a copy of the book. Watch for more activities supporting this community-wide experience in the spring. Be prepared to be inspired to enjoy the outdoors in our community or even plan a trip to explore our National Parks.

The library's Woven Together community read initiative brings together children and educators to celebrate great works of literature, encourage a love of reading, and spark discussions.



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Online: mppl.org/contact-us

Main Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.–6 p.m.

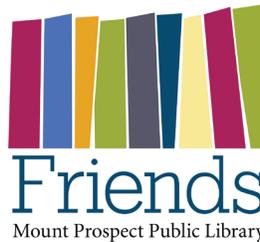
South Branch Hours

Monday – Friday: 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
2nd Saturday of the month:
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m.

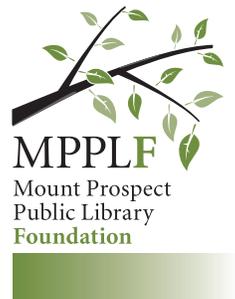
The Friends supports programs and initiatives of the Mount Prospect Public Library with funds made possible by generous members and dedicated volunteers.



Stay connected and learn more about upcoming book sales by visiting www.friendsofmppl.org.

Are You Ready for Spring?

Be sure to stop in the library and check out the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation's Spring Chocolate Raffle! Gift baskets will be on display in the library lobby in early March.



Tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby and online. Goodies include passes to fun outdoor activities, restaurant gift cards, and, as in the past, *lots of chocolate!* More information is available at www.mpplfoundation.org.

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 17.