



# Preview

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Teddy Bear Walk  
Holiday Concert  
Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

# A Place for You



Stop by to check out what's new. Whether you're browsing, attending a program, doing research, or simply looking for some quiet time, the library has something for you. Can't find what you need? Just ask. We're here to help.

## Program Registration

We offer both in-person and virtual events for all ages. Registration is often required using the online calendar or by contacting the library. Look for the (R) Registration and (NR) No Registration symbols in the program description. Program format and location will be indicated within the online calendar.

The Library requires at least one week notice if special accommodations are needed.

Please watch your email and our social media channels for pop-up events or extra program guidance and updates.

## It's Your Lucky Day!

Looking for popular books, movies, or video games without the long hold list? Visit the Main Library and peruse our Lucky Day shelves located in the lobby. You just might find a surprise waiting for you.



## On the Cover

Three teens take a time-out to unplug and recharge with a book. During finals week teens are invited to *Exam Cram* for quiet spaces and special activities.



## e-Newsletter Sign Up

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

## Follow Us!

Our social media channels continue to bring more news to you.

 **Facebook**  
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## Program Symbols

Register for programs at [mopl.org/calendar](http://mopl.org/calendar). As we offer programs in various formats, we have program symbols to make it easier to identify these program types. Find the symbols below:

**Virtual Programs (V)**  
**Hybrid Programs (H)**



# South Branch Events

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847-590-4090

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,  
11:30 a.m.

Join us for a bilingual English/  
Spanish story time, music, crafts,  
and play-based learning. (R)



## Teen Volunteering

• FOR GRADES 6-12

Mondays, November 14 and  
December 12, 5 p.m.

Give back to the community  
and earn volunteer hours as  
you work for a good cause  
helping with community  
service projects. (R)

## Craftmania | Manualidadmanía

• FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, December 14, 5 p.m.

Ready, set, MAKE! Stop by each  
craft station and make as many  
creations as you like. Craft while  
supplies last. (R)

## LEGO Mania

• FOR GRADES K-6

Friday, December 30, 2 p.m.

Create a masterpiece using our  
collection of LEGO bricks! At  
the end of the program, we will  
display all LEGO creations at the  
library. (R)

## Zumba on Zoom

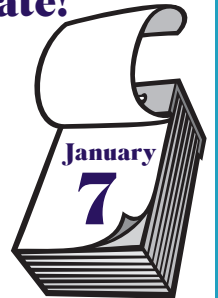
• FOR ADULTS

Saturday, January 14, 12-1 p.m.  
(V) (R)

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- **Family Movie Night |**  
• Noche de película
- • FOR FAMILIES
- Enjoy a movie night at the  
• library! (NR)
- ***The Rise of Gru*** (PG)
- Friday, November 18, 5 p.m.
- ***Ice Age*** (PG)
- Friday, December 16, 5 p.m.
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## Save the date!

Beginning  
January 7 the  
South Branch  
will be open  
11 a.m. to  
3 p.m. every  
Saturday.



## Family Photos | Fotos Familiares

• FOR FAMILIES

Friday, December 2, 4-7 p.m.

Have a fun festive family photo shoot at South  
Branch! Pose in front of our wintry backdrop for  
some fabulous pictures. We will take the photos  
and send you the digital file afterwards. Registration  
is required to secure a 15-minute time slot. (R)



## South Branch Tech Week

Turn the page  
for details. ▶



# Tech Week @ South Branch

## Semana de tecnología en la extensión del sur

November 7-12

**Register for the programs below.**

### Teen Tinkercad Basics | Conceptos básicos de Tinkercad para adolescentes

• FOR TEENS

Monday, November 7, 5 p.m.

Want to design 3-D projects? Learn the basics by using Tinkercad, an online 3-D modeling program, and design your own 3-D object. We will later print your creation at South Branch and you can pick it up once complete. (R)

### Computer Essentials | Comptación básica

• FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, November 9, 6 p.m.

Are you new to computers and interested in learning the basics?

This class will explain baseline features, beginning with an introduction to different types of computers and computer parts, along with an overview of basic Internet skills/searching. No prior computer experience or equipment needed. (R)

### Light-up Cards | Tarjetas con luces

• FOR GRADES 2-5

Friday, November 11, 5 p.m.

Spark your creativity by making a light-up card! Learn basic circuit skills by using copper tape and a battery to light up a small LED bulb. Then decorate your card and gift it to someone special to brighten their day! (R)

Drop-in activities all week: watch our 3-D printer in action and learn more about how to make your own 3-D objects, play with robots, and learn to code.

Actividades sin cita previa durante toda la semana: vea nuestra impresora 3-D en acción y aprenda más sobre cómo hacer sus propios objetos 3-D, juegue con robots y aprenda a programar.

### Tech Zoo | Zoológico de tecnología

• FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, November 12, 12-2 p.m.

Try out virtual reality, send robots on a mission, and explore gadgets in this zoo of wild technology. (NR)

## Gifts to Give and Receive



## Foundation Year-end Gifts

The Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization formed to develop and cultivate the library endowment and provide funding for programs and special projects that would not be attainable with tax dollars. The Foundation supports a variety of

programs including cultural Super Saturdays, adult programs, and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading initiative, to name a few. Your donation enhances the programming we're able to provide now and enables us to plan for the future.

# Teen Events

• FOR GRADES 6-12 •

## Craft PROGRAMS

Each month we meet to get crafty and make something new with supplies from the library. (R)

### Yarn Bowl

Wednesday, November 16  
4:30 p.m.

### Incredible Giftables

Wednesday, December 21  
4:30 p.m.



## Classroom Kitchen

### Series

Cook along at home with chef Kristyn Slick. (V) (R)

### Thanksgiving with a Twist

Friday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

### Sweet and Savory Shareable Dishes

Friday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.



## Teen Volunteering @ MAIN LIBRARY

Fridays, November 18 and December 16, 5 p.m.

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours as you work for a good cause helping with community service projects. (R)

## Teen Think Tank

Wednesday, November 23, 5 p.m.

Do you love the library? This is your chance to join us to brainstorm and plan library programs that interest you. Add your voice to the group and recommend books, movies, video games, and more. (R)



## Exam Cram Study Lounge

December 19, 20, 21  
3-9 p.m.

High schoolers: find a place to study and prep for finals. Pick up snacks and study supplies at the Fiction/AV/Teen services desk, while supplies last. (NR)



## Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

• FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Monday, December 5  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Puzzle solo or gather a team of up to four people and put your puzzle skills to the test. Each team receives the same 500-piece puzzle and will have up to 2 hours to complete as much as possible. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. (R)

## Attention, book lovers!

Join us as we share new books and recommend some of our favorites. Participants will pick out a free book to take home. (R)

Fridays, November 11 and December 9,  
4:30 p.m.

## Teen Book Café



# Youth Events

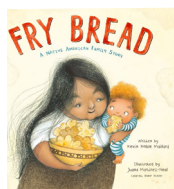
## Artsy Toddler

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-3

Wednesday, November 2  
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Art activities are important for developing impulse control, hand-eye coordination, and fine motor dexterity in toddlers. Join us for this process-based art program where we guide your little ones in creating their very own masterpieces! Come dressed for some messy fun. (R)

## Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story



• FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday,  
November 2  
6:30 p.m.

In honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, we are hosting a guest presenter from The Grove National Historic Landmark. The presentation will include a reading of the book *Fry Bread* by Kevin Nobel Maillard, an overview of local culture,

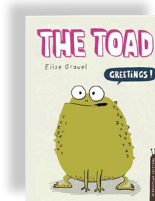
music, and ceremonies, and an opportunity to touch Native American tools, instruments, and animal pelts. (R)

## Disgusting Critters

• FOR GRADES K-2

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

Did you know that toads eat their own skin or that rats are very smart? If you are a fan of gross facts or like animal trivia, join us for fun stories and activities inspired by Elise Gravel's *Disgusting Critters* series. (R)



## Introduction to 3-D Printing

• FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, November 16  
4:30 p.m.

Learn how to create objects using digital-design computer software and a 3-D printer. We'll teach you the software and how to submit designs to the library to print. Then, work on new designs while the 3-D printer works. (R)

## Super Saturdays

• FOR FAMILIES

### Animals Around the World

Saturday, November 12, 11 a.m.

Fly, slither, or crawl over to the library to meet animals from around the world, presented by Incredible Bats. Come see animals like fruit bats, a woolly possum, sugar gliders, a hedgehog, a skunk, a corn snake, a tarantula, and reptiles. Learn something new and get up close to these unique animals! (R)

### Jim Gill Concert

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.

Join us for a special concert with a storytime favorite, Jim Gill! Jim has over 20 years of experience leading music programs for children in the Chicago area. His fun and catchy songs will get the whole family to dance and sing along. (R)



## Teddy Bear Walk

• FOR FAMILIES

Saturday,  
December 3  
10:30 a.m.

*The Teddy Bear  
Walk is back!*

Don't miss this "beary" good time as the library celebrates the 42nd annual Teddy Bear Walk. Bring a favorite teddy bear and see story-performer Chris Fascione act out beloved stories. Sing along with *Parents' Choice Gold Winner* Mark

Dvorak as he brings favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead a march to Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by the Mount Prospect Fire Department. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

## STEAM in the Library



### Snow Science

- FOR GRADES K-2

Thursday, December 1, 4:30 p.m.

- FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.

Explore the science behind snow and ice in this hands-on program. We will learn about winter with icy experiments and create art using ice. Be sure to bring some gloves! (R)

### Full STEAM Ahead: Robots

- FOR GRADES 1-5

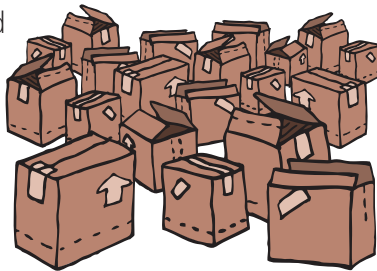
Monday, December 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fuel your imagination and drop by the Discovery Zone for hands-on STEAM exploration. (NR)

### Cardboard Construction Weekend

- January 7-8

Calling all cardboard construction workers and artists! Come use our boxes and tools to add to our cardboard creation. The youth programming room will be open all weekend for families to stop in to build and decorate with cardboard boxes, tape, and art supplies. (NR)



### New Dial-a-Story Selections

- Monday, November 7
- Monday, December 5

The library is here to read to you, wherever and whenever, with Dial-a-Story. Call 847-232-8600 and follow the prompts to select what you'd like to hear.

*Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.*

## Register for Fall II Storytimes

The library offers 6-week storytime sessions for children through age 5: November 7-December 12. (R)

### Baby Storytime

- FOR CHILDREN THROUGH 23 MONTHS AND PARENT/CAREGIVERS

Join us for rhymes, songs, and simple stories tailored to the unique needs of babies.

### Toddler Storytime

- FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-3 AND PARENT/CAREGIVERS

These interactive storytimes nurture early literacy skills through singing, talking, playing, and reading.

### On My Own Storytime

- FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Perfect for fostering independence, these child-only sessions focus on stories, songs, and activities tailored to preschoolers.

## Drop-in Storytimes

### Family Storytime

- FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, and December 5, 12, 11 a.m.

Thursdays, November 10, 17, and December 1, 8, 15, 9:30 a.m.

Children learn naturally when they read, sing, write, talk, and play! This interactive storytime combines books, songs, and rhymes – perfect for the whole family. (NR)

### Virtual Mini Movers

- FOR TODDLERS, PRESCHOOLERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 22, 29, and December 6, 13, 6 p.m.

Join us for a fast-paced musical storytime for toddlers, preschoolers, and their families. With music, songs, and dramatic movement, we'll shake our sillies out and have lots of fun! (V) (R)





# Book Groups

- Traditional discussion
- Readers in their 20s & 30s
- Pick your own read

## Wednesday Morning Book Group

First Wednesday of the month.



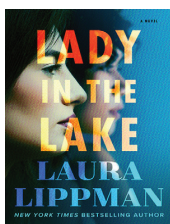
Wednesday, November 2  
11 a.m.  
**The Last Thing He Told Me**  
by Laura Dave



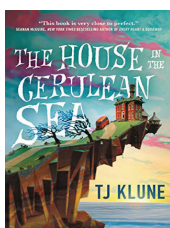
Wednesday, December 7  
11 a.m.  
**The Midnight Library**  
by Matt Haig

## Book Chat

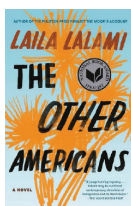
Second Monday of the month.



Monday, November 14  
7 p.m.  
**Lady in the Lake**  
by Laura Lippman



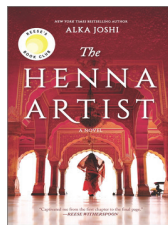
Monday, December 12  
7 p.m.  
**The House in the Cerulean Sea**  
by TJ Klune



Wednesday, November 2  
2 p.m.  
Join us for our final discussion  
of **The Other Americans**  
by Laila Lalami.

## Wednesday Night Book Group

Third Wednesday of the month.



Wednesday, November 16  
7 p.m.  
**The Henna Artist**  
by Alka Joshi



Wednesday, December 21  
7 p.m.  
**The Bear and the Nightingale**  
by Katherine Arden

## Tuesday Afternoon Book Share

Second Tuesday of the month.

Join other readers to share which books inspire recent raves, rants, or 'it's complicated' reactions.

Tuesday, November 8, 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 13, 1 p.m.

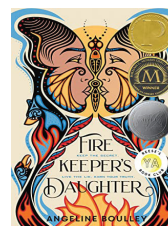
## Let's Talk Books (Virtual)

Tuesdays

Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 22, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 27, 7 p.m.

## Completely Booked: Bi-Monthly

Third Tuesday 6 p.m.

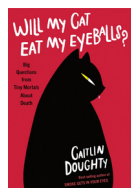


Tuesday, December 20,  
6 p.m.  
**Firekeeper's Daughter**  
by Angeline Boulley  
*Readers in Their 20s & 30s*





## Illinois Libraries Present



### A Conversation with Caitlin Doughty

Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m.

Caitlin Doughty, mortician, advocate for death acceptance, and bestselling author, discusses the reform of Western funeral industry practices and more. (V) (R)

*Illinois Libraries Present 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).*



### Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m.

Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. (V) (R)



### National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

#### Writing Workshop: Creating Characters

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Aspiring writers will learn the art and craft of creating more complex and dynamic characters by creating high personal stakes and layering narrative techniques from DePaul University professor/author Rebecca Johns. (R)

#### NaNoWriMo Write-In

Tuesday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Every November writers across the nation participate in NaNoWriMo with the goal to write 50,000 words of a novel in one month. The library is here to help writers reach those word count goals! Join other writers and race against the clock to add more words to your word count. (R)

## Movies @ MPPL



### Elvis

[2022; PG-13; 159 minutes; Biography, Drama, Music.] Starring Austin Butler, Tom Hanks, Olivia DeJonge. Directed by Simon Curtis.

Thursday, November 10, 2 p.m.

The life of American music icon Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock and movie star in the 1950s while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker. (R)

### Top Gun: Maverick

[2022; PG-13; 130 minutes; Action, Drama] Starring Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly, Miles Teller. Directed by Joseph Kosinski.

Thursday, December 8, 2 p.m.

Maverick is still pushing the envelope as a top naval aviator, but must confront ghosts of his past when he leads TOP GUN's elite graduates on a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it. (R)



*All movies are shown with closed captioning.*

# Adult Events

## Preserving Your Photographs and Paper Documents

Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m.

Dunn Museum curator Heather Johnson will share how best to care for your precious photographs and paper documents. Learn tips for preserving the current condition of items and preventing future damage. (V) (R)

## Fall Cooking Series

Cook along at home with Chef Krysten Slick! (V) (R)

## Sharing is Caring: Thanksgiving Food Fun

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

## Appetizers for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

## Shipwrecks: Treasures of the Great Lakes

Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m.

Dive into an evening with Cal Kothrade for a visual tour of ten of the most photogenic and commonly dived shipwrecks in the Great Lakes. Breathtaking images and a brief story of each tragedy help to tell the tale of life and loss on the tempestuous Great Lakes. (V) (R)

## Maximizing Financial Aid and Scholarships

Monday, November 14, 7-8 p.m.



Jennifer Stewart from the College of DuPage Office of Student Financial Assistance

will offer clear answers on how to maximize available financial aid, find scholarship opportunities, and identify which student loans are right for you for both two- and four-year colleges. (V) (R)

## Holiday Concert with The Harmonaires

Tuesday, December 20, 7 p.m.

Come and get in the holiday spirit with music from the Des Plaines Harmonaires. A local women's choral group that has been performing for over 60 years, the Harmonaires will showcase their three- and four-part harmony as they sing holiday favorites. (R)

## The Power of Self-Compassion

Thursday, December 29, 7 p.m.

Join Certified Mindfulness and Compassion Facilitator Chris George to discover how practicing self-compassion motivates us to make positive changes in our lives. (V) (R)

## Fun & Games

### D.I.Y. Board Game and Game Night

• FOR ALL AGES

Wednesday, November 9  
6:30 p.m.

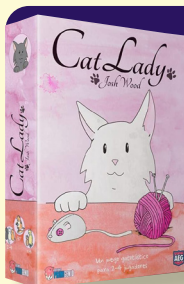
Celebrate International Games Month by creating your own board game to play with friends, or by playing favorite or new games from the library! (R)

### Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

• FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Monday, December 5  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Puzzle solo or gather a team of up to four people and put your jigsaw puzzle skills to the test. Each team receives the same 500-piece puzzle and will have up to 2 hours to complete as much as possible. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. (R)



FOR AGES 18+

## Night Off? Game On!

Spend your night off playing tabletop games with other gaming enthusiasts! Games will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. All experience levels welcome! (R)

Monday, November 21, 7 p.m.  
*Cat Lady*

Monday, December 19, 7 p.m.  
*King of Tokyo*

# Technology & Online Resources Events

## Photoshop Pro (V)(R)

Thursday, November 3, 6 p.m.

## Digital Travel Resources (V)(R)

Monday, November 7, 10 a.m.

## Tinkercad Basics (V)(R)

Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.

## Lightroom (V)(R)

Tuesday, November 15, 6 p.m.

## Computer Security Essentials (V)(R)

Thursday, November 17, 6 p.m.

## Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services (V)(R)

Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m.

## Computer Buying Basics (V)(R)

Tuesday, November 22, 10 a.m.

## Open Tech Lab (NR)

Tuesday, November 29, 6-8 p.m.

## SCORE Mentoring (V)(R)

Wednesday, November 2 and 16  
December 7 and 21, 4-7 p.m.

## The Path to Your Family Story: *Beyond Ancestry Library Edition*

Tuesday, November 8, 2 p.m.

Librarians Steven Browne and Anne Shaughnessy will help you make the most of Genealogy subscription databases Heritage Quest, MyHeritage, Fold3, and Heritage Hub to add rich narratives to family stories. (V)(R)

## What's New in Web Resources?

Tuesday, December 6, 2 p.m.

The library offers an extensive collection of free online resources for cardholders. Learn about new additions, including newspaper databases, financial and career tools, language and genealogy programs, consumer resources, education sites, and more. (V)(R)

## Digital Estates

Thursday, December 1, 6 p.m.

Management of your digital accounts is important when creating a living will, and the process can be rigorous. Join Estevan Montano to learn how to organize and accentuate your digital presence in preparation for the future. (V)(R)

## Digital Scrapbooking: Holiday Edition

Monday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Join Estevan Montano to learn how to capture your special memories, organize, and present them beautifully in a digital format. This session is geared toward the holiday season and creating the perfect collage of festive images. (V)(R)

## Mac Studio Computers

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### Contact Us!

Our public service desk is available by chat, text, and phone.

**Phone:** 847-253-5675

**South Branch:** 847-590-4090

**Chat:** bit.ly/MPPLlivechat

**Text:** 847-750-4275

**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

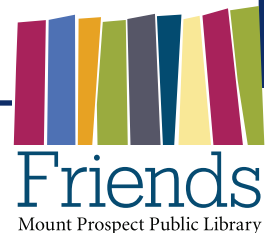
Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.



### Friends Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, November 19  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Just in time for the Holidays! Browse a wide variety of quality, multi-genre, used books, music, movies, games, and more. All items have been specially selected for this sale so you can find the right gift for the adults, teens, and children on your list. Funds raised will help the Friends of the Library support additional programs, events, and services.



### Library and South Branch will be closed

- Friday, November 4
- Thursday, November 24
- Saturday, December 24
- Sunday, December 25
- Sunday, January 1.



The Main Library will close at 5 p.m.  
on Saturday, December 31.

South Branch will be closed  
Friday, November 25.