



Preview

New South Branch Hours
Once Upon a Fairy Tale Winter Adventure
Our Favorite Children's Books



Happy New Year from all of us at MPPL!



Looking back at 2022:

Top 5 Circulating 2022 Releases:

- *Sparring Partners* by John Grisham
- *The Investigator* by John Sanford
- *Nightwork* by Nora Roberts
- *West Side Story* (film)
- *The 6:20 Man* by David Baldacci

Programs: over 850 presented

Visitors: 272,200

Library Cards Issued: 2,387 as of December 1.

Online Research: 137 Resources for you to explore.

Stay tuned to mppl.org and social media for our complete annual report.

Looking into 2023: A Place for You

We welcome you to the library for new adventures, exciting and valuable programs, and fun community events. Be on the lookout for upgrades to our physical spaces and additions to our circulating collections.

Speaking of upgrades for 2023, we are pleased to announce new hours for both locations: Weekend hours at the Main Library

- **Saturdays** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Sundays** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Saturdays at South Branch** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

South Branch will now be open every Saturday and to celebrate, we have giveaways and treats for those who visit on Saturdays in January.

Stop by to say "hello" and see all that South Branch has to offer!



On the Cover

Our South Branch staff leads an International Storytime session held at RecPlex.

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.



Library Programming

Program registration is often required using the online calendar or by contacting the library. Program format and location will be indicated within the online calendar.

The library needs at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.

Program Symbols

Registration Required (R)

No Registration Required (NR)

Virtual Programs (V)

Hybrid Programs: both in-person and virtual options (H)



South Branch Events

1711 W. Algonquin Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056
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)



Zumba on Zoom

• FOR ADULTS

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

Winter Bingo | Bingo de invierno (R)

• FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, January 25, 5 p.m.



Family Movie Night | Noche de película

• FOR FAMILIES

Enjoy a movie night at the
library! (NR)

Rise of the Guardians (PG)

Friday, January 20, 5 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland (G)

Friday, February 24, 5 p.m.

Puzzle Palooza |

Palooza de Rompecabezas

• FOR GRADES 1-5

Monday, January 30, 5 p.m.

Complete a giant jigsaw, play
tangrams along
with the iPad,
and discover
many other
head scratching
puzzles! (R)



Hot Chocolate Bombs |

Bombas de chocolates

• FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, February 8, 5 p.m.

Scare the cold away with some
warm milk and your very own hot
chocolate bomb. Using various
mix-ins, you will design, fill, and
decorate a special treat. (R)



Sugar Cookie Decorating |

Decorar galletas de azúcar

• FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, February 11, 1 p.m.

Stop by the South Branch to decorate and
eat some sweet sugar cookies. (R)

Teen Volunteering

• FOR GRADES 6-12

Mondays, January 9 and
February 13, 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)



LEGO Mania

• FOR GRADES K-6

Wednesday, February 22, 5 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)

The background features a light green to blue gradient. On the left, there is a detailed line drawing of a tree with intricate branches and leaves. On the right, a castle with multiple towers, spires, and flags is depicted. A stone staircase leads up to the castle entrance. The overall style is whimsical and classic.

once upon a ♦
FAIRY TALE
♦ a winter adventure

February 1-28

For children birth through grade 5.

**Enchantment and magic await at the library!
Pick up an activity log to begin your
fairy tale adventure and earn prizes.**

érase un ♦
CUENTO DE HADAS
♦ una aventura de invierno

1-28 de febrero

Para bebés y niños de hasta 5to grado.

**¡Encantamiento y magia te esperan en la biblioteca!
Recoge un registro de actividad para comenzar tu
aventura de cuento de hadas y ganar premios.**

Youth Events

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)



The Princess in Black

• FOR GRADES K-2

Tuesday,
January 10, 6 p.m.



Who says princesses don't wear black? Join us for games and hands-on activities featuring the action-packed series Princess Magnolia and her monster-fighting alter ego. (R)

Developmental Playgroup

• FOR FAMILIES

Thursdays, January 12 and
February 9, 10:30 a.m.

Drop in to play and connect with other families who have children in therapy or are considering therapy. Facilitated by Anne Inwood, a social worker from Successful Families Together and presented in partnership with C.I.T.Y. of Support. (NR)

Introduction to 3-D Printing

• FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, January 18, 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. (R)

Preschool and Child Care Information Night

• FOR PARENTS

Tuesday, January 24, 7-8 p.m.

This annual open house is your chance to speak with teachers and directors of the more than 20 preschools and child care centers located in Mount Prospect. No registration is necessary; just drop in! (NR)

Homeschool Open Play

Thursdays, January 26 and
February 23, 10 a.m.

Meet other homeschooling families while exploring STEAM stations. (NR)

Super Saturdays

• FOR FAMILIES

FIREFLY FAMILY THEATER PRESENTS Spark's Snow Day

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.

Join us for a Firefly Family Theatre performance as they tell the story of Spark the Firefly's first experience with snow and exciting winter activities like sledding and ice skating. Spark's Snow Day includes puppets, music, interactive movement, and lots of winter fun for families! (R)

African Music and Dance with Idy Ciss

Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.

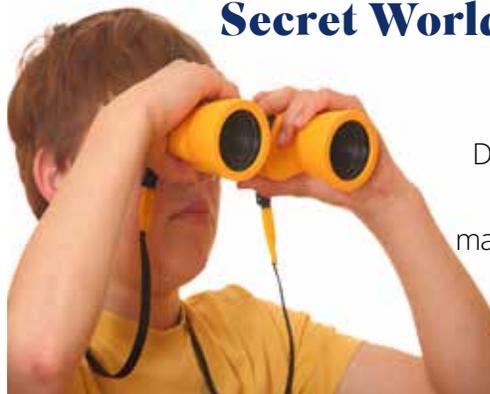
Share the experience of Africa and experience traditional song and dance in an interactive way with Idy Ciss of the Old Town School of Folk Music. *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

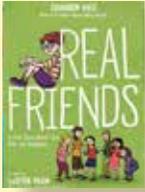
Secret World of Spies

• FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be a spy? Learn spy skills and techniques to maintain your cover while on top-secret missions. Explore the lives of real spies who've inspired the stories that capture imaginations. (R)





Comics Club:

Real Friends by Shannon Hale

• FOR GRADES 4-8

Wednesday, February 1, 6 p.m.

Calling all fans of graphic novels and comics! Join us to chat about **Real Friends** written by Shannon Hale and illustrated by LeUyen Pham. We will discuss how Shannon navigates friendships in middle school and talk about our upcoming virtual visit with the author. (R)



Graphic Novel Author Visit: Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham

• FOR GRADES 4-8

Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m.

Love the graphic novel series **Real Friends**? Join us for a virtual author visit with writer Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham! They will talk about their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity! Attend from home or join the watch party at the library. (V) (R)

Winter Storytimes

Come join us either in-person or virtually for stories, dancing, and more!

Some storytimes require registration and some, like Family Storytime, are drop-in sessions. Check our online calendar for dates and times beginning the week of January 16.



New Dial-a-Story Selections

- Monday, January 9
- Monday, February 6

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.

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Our Favorite Children's Books

• FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND TEACHERS

Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m.

Let the library help you find the best books for the kids in your life. We've read through hundreds of new titles and can't wait to share our favorites with you! (R)



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Adaptive Yoga for Families

• FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m.

Join Molly Kranovich of MK Namaste for a morning of yoga, mindfulness, and breath practices geared for all abilities. This class will be a great opportunity for families to practice finding their calm in a fun and playful way. *This program is for families with children receiving or considering therapy.* (R)

STEAM at the Library

Video Game Design

• FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, February 15, 6 p.m.

Create and play video games using blocks, special gameboards, and iPads. Bloxels make it easy to animate characters and develop stories in your game. (R)

Owl Pellets

• FOR GRADES K-2

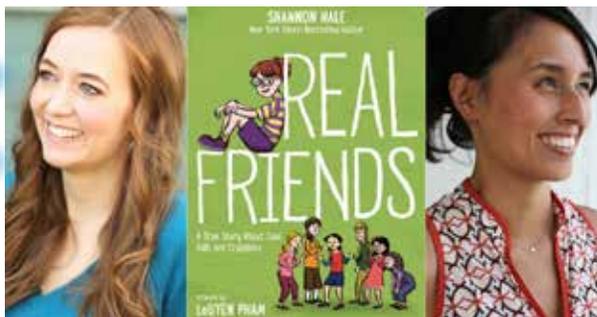
Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.

A gross but cool introduction to dissection with owl pellets – the undigested parts of an animal that are coughed up after an owl eats. (R)

Teen Events • FOR GRADES 6-12 •

**Shannon Hale
&
LeUyen Pham**

Saturday,
February 11,
3 p.m.



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**Teen Author
Visit**

Craft Programs

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

Light-up Cards

Wednesday, January 18
4:30 p.m.

Clothespin Wreaths

Wednesday, February 15
4:30 p.m.

Teen Volunteering @ Main Library

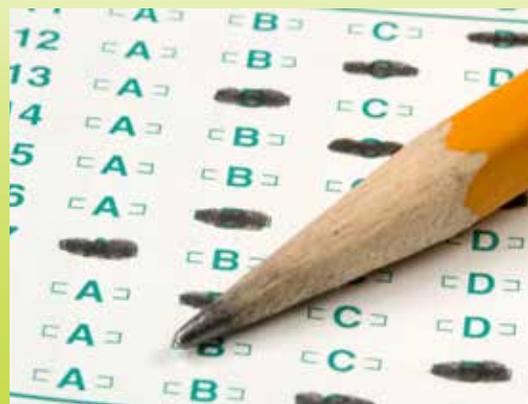
Fridays, January 20 and
February 17, 5 p.m.

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

Wednesdays, January 25 and February 22, 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)



SAT Practice Test with Huntington Learning

• FOR GRADES 9-12

Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.

Get ready for the SAT by taking a free full-length practice test proctored by Huntington Learning Center at the library. Then review your scores 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 28. (R-both sessions)

Teen Book Café



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, January 13 and
February 10, 4:30 p.m.



Book Discussions

 Traditional discussion

 Pick your own read

Wednesday Morning Book Group

First Wednesday of the month.



Wednesday, January 4
11 a.m.

The Only Woman in the Room
by Marie Benedict



Wednesday, February 1
11 a.m.

L.A. Weather
by María Amparo Escandón

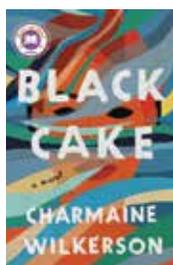
Book Chat

Second Monday of the month.



Monday, January 9
7 p.m.

Lovely War
by Julie Berry

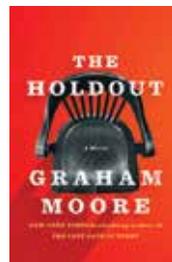


Monday, February 13
7 p.m.

Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson

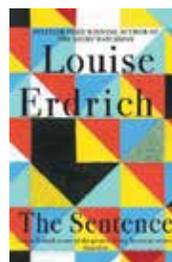
Wednesday Night Book Group

Third Wednesday of the month.



Wednesday, January 18
7 p.m.

The Holdout
by Graham Moore



Wednesday, February 15
7 p.m.

The Sentence
by Louise Erdrich

Tuesday Afternoon Book Share

Second Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday, January 10, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14, 1 p.m.

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

Let’s Talk Books (Virtual)

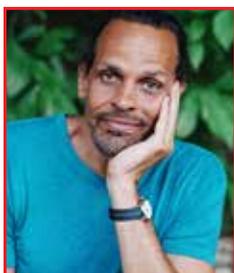
Tuesdays

Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.

Settle in for a bookish hour and listen to what your neighbors are raving about! We welcome you to drop in and share your reading ups and downs. Watch out, your to-read list may get longer!



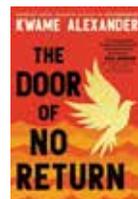
Illinois Libraries Present



Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay

Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. This discussion of his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, will explore the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what brings us together and to what we love. (V) (R)

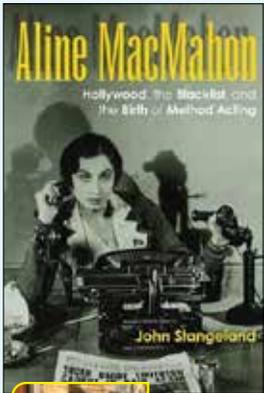


A Conversation with Kwame Alexander

Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m. (V) (R)

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During the 1930s and 1940s, Aline MacMahon was one of the most influential actors of the era. Her pioneering use of a new acting Method style began a revolution on the screen. Author John Stangeland will introduce the actress and her career, followed by a screening of her first starring role in the racy pre-code film *Heat Lightning* (1933). (R)




Aline MacMahon:

Hollywood, the Blacklist, and the Birth of Method Acting

Monday, February 6, 1 p.m.

Movies @ MPPL



Amsterdam

[2022; R; 134 minutes; Comedy, Drama, History] Starring Christian Bale, Margot Robbie, John David Washington. Directed by David O. Russell.

Thursday, January 12, 2 p.m.

In the 1930s, three friends witness a murder, are framed for it, and uncover one of the most outrageous plots in American history. (R)

Ticket to Paradise

[2022; PG-13; 104 minutes; Comedy, Romance] Starring George Clooney, Sean Lynch, Julia Roberts. Directed by Ol Parker.

Thursday, February 9, 2 p.m.

A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago. (R)



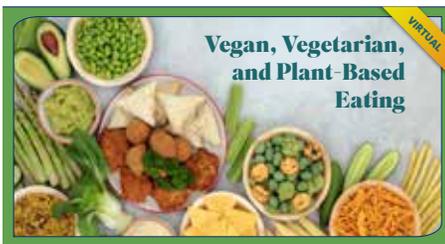
All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Adult Events

Bullet Journaling for Beginners

Monday, January 2, 7 p.m.

Want to try bullet journaling, but have become too intimidated by the museum quality examples on Pinterest? Learn the basics of bullet journaling including sample layouts and possible uses. (R)



Wednesday, January 4, 7 p.m.

Kickstart your new year's nutrition resolution by discovering the differences between vegan, vegetarian, and plant-based eating styles. Learn how to get started on your nutrition journey and how to stay on track. (V) (R)

The Life of Sir Winston Churchill

Tuesday, January 10, 7 p.m.

Historian Jim Gibbons will present the life of Sir Winston Churchill, who as Prime Minister of Great Britain during World War II, inspired the British people by rejecting defeat, surrender, and compromise and truly lived by his motto to "Never, never, never, give in!" This virtual program will be presented both in-person inside the library and via Zoom. (H) (R)

Job Search Essentials for 2023

Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m.

New year, new job? If you are thinking about changing careers, switching jobs, or just polishing up your resume, this session is for you. Join Gene Flynn of the Barrington Career Center to learn what trends job seekers must be aware of to thrive in the job market this year. (V) (R)

House Plants

Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m.

House plants are popular again and everyone seems to have at least one. Find out what plants need for life indoors and how to care for the ones you have. This presentation will also talk about a few potential pests that might spoil the fun. (V) (R)

Crafting Herbal Mocktails

Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m.

Join us as Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh of Backyard Patch Herbs demonstrates how to make simple syrup and infuse juice and faux alcohol flavors using a variety of methods. We will blend alcohol-free martinis, fizzes, and sours while discussing the history of herbs in alcoholic beverages. (V) (R)

Financial Forecast 2023

Monday, January 23, 7 p.m.

High inflation, rising interest rates, slow economic growth. In

this special presentation, John Daly, CFP of Daly Investment Management will analyze the events that took place in the market during 2022 and consider what it could mean for 2023. (R)

Art Therapy Night: Calm Coloring

Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m.

Color away the winter blues while enjoying friendly conversation and relaxing music! We have plenty of coloring pages, colored pencils and markers on hand. (R)



Central Europe Genealogy is Easy – Merci Napoleon!

Monday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will explore European and American websites to locate family in the countries where Napoleon ruled, including France, Netherlands, Northern Italy, Germany, and surrounding areas. (V) (R)

Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception

Thursday, February 2, 7 p.m.

In this engaging program, magician, storyteller, and author William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why

people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously. (V) (R)

Cryptocurrency Scams and Fraud Prevention

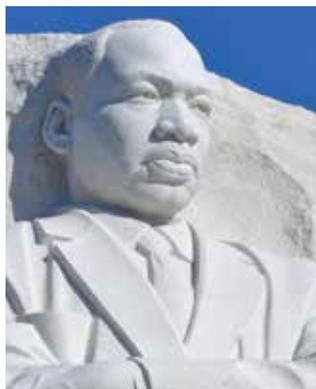
Wednesday, February 8, 2 p.m.

As cryptocurrencies find new uses in the marketplace, scammers find new opportunities to commit fraud. Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect Police Department will provide examples of cryptocurrency and financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a scam. (R)

LinkedIn 2.0: Advanced LinkedIn Tips for Job Seekers

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Lauren Milligan of ResuMAYDAY will discuss how LinkedIn is used by employers and recruiters, how to set up your profile so you are visible to employers and recruiters, and how to use all the LinkedIn tools to your benefit. (V) (R)



Martin Luther King & The October Surprise

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

As the Sensational Sixties loomed, the 1960 election was the gateway to a decade of incredible transformation. Join historian Clarence Goodman to learn how the growing movement of sit-ins and stature of Dr. Martin Luther King changed one of the closest elections in American history. (R)

Exploring Benelux - the Low Countries

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.

Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are three small countries in Western Europe, packed with natural beauty and rich history. Come along with photographer Jim Rowan for an armchair tour featuring the beautiful architecture and canals of Amsterdam, the medieval town of Brugge, fortified Luxembourg City, and all World Heritage Sites. (R)

Monsters in the Cosmic Sea: Black Holes

Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.

Black holes are a common part of the natural lives of stars and galaxies. Join Shane Larson, research professor of physics at Northwestern University and Associate Director of CIERA, to learn bizarre and brain melting predictions about black holes and how astronomers are discovering black holes with gravitational waves. (V) (R)

Technology & Online Resources Events

Open Tech Lab (NR)

Tuesday, January 17, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24, 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2-4 p.m.

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services

(V) (R)

Tuesday, February 7, 6 p.m.

Free and Useful Programs on the Internet (V) (R)

Monday, February 13, 6 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Basics (R)

Tuesday, February 21, 6 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Advanced (R)

Tuesday, February 28, 6 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Pivot Tables (R)

Tuesday, March 7, 6 p.m.

SCORE Mentoring

Chicago SCORE retired volunteers with years of business experience are available to offer expert advice to local entrepreneurs and small business owners. (V) (R)

Wednesdays, January 4, 18, and February 1, 15, 4-7 p.m.

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk

Wednesday, January 25

Wednesday, February 22

6:30-7 p.m., 7-7:30 p.m., and

7:30-8 p.m. (V) (R)

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Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.
Thursday, February, 7 p.m.

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: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**NEW hours at
Main and
South Branch!**

South Branch Hours

Monday – Friday: 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



Friends
Mount Prospect Public Library



**Friends Winter
Book Sale**

Saturday, January 14
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 15
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Used Book Sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.



The Foundation would like to thank the organizations, businesses, volunteers, and individuals who generously supported the Fall Raffle event including Bruce Automotive,

Crafted by Iszie, Friedrichs Funeral Home, A Hardy Party, Jameson's Charhouse, Neradt Ace Hardware, and Trader Joe's Arlington Heights.



Save the Date...

It's Mini Golf!

**FOR ALL
AGES!**

✂ Saturday, March 11 ✂



The Library will be closed on
Sunday, January 1.