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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2013



Happy New Room

South Branch Expansion Benefits All Community Partners

Since opening in 2009, the Library's South Branch, located at the Community

Connections Center at 1711 West Algonquin Road, has been a busy and popular destination. The Library, the Village of Mount Prospect, and other partners gain more room now that the Center has expanded into an adjoining storefront. A bigger Community Room and additional office space allow for larger meetings or programs as well as additional space for counseling.

"The additional space will help the community partners at the Center provide more services to residents," said MPPL's South Branch Manager Maria Garstecki. On the Library side of the Center, from the space gained by relocating the Community Room to the new area, there will now be an extended Circulation Desk with three service stations, more public access computers, WiFi connectivity, and additional shelving for the collection.

The South Branch welcomed nearly 63,000 patrons through its doors in 2011. Before the expansion, program attendance often had to be limited because of the small size of the Community Room. The new space will be used for kids' crafts, computer classes, and events.

The South Branch features a full range of Library services, including programs for kids, families, teens, and adults, and a collection of audiovisual materials and books in English, Spanish, Korean, Gujarati, Polish, and Hindi. The Village of Mount Prospect and other community partners at the Center help residents with a range of social, health, economic, and other services.



How Sweet It Is

The Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle

~ FEBRUARY 6-19 ~

If it's February, then it's time for chocolate! Join the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation as it kicks off its sixth annual "Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle" on Wednesday, February 6 in MPPL's Lobby and at the South Branch. This year's event will feature 13 sumptuous baskets designed for the chocolate lover in all of us.

Raffle items range from Elegant Chocolate, a basket featuring a gift certificate to experience Chicago's premier Chocolate Bar at the award-winning Peninsula Hotel, to Irish Chocolate, a basket brimming with sweet Celtic flair.

"There's really something for everyone," says Suzanne Busse, president of the MPPLF and one of the



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organizers of this year's chocolate raffle. "We think of this event as chocolate with a twist and create baskets that appeal to all ages and interests from sports and entertainment to yummy, fun surprises for children."

All proceeds from the "Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle" will benefit the Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library that otherwise would not be available through public funding.



Strategic and Operational Plan BOARD DEFINES COURSE FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

by Jane Everett
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Library board recently approved the Strategic and Operational Plan for 2013-2015. A collaborative effort by the Board and Staff, the plan provides not only a vision and direction but also key strategies and activities. The Library will:

- Continue to engage in new and emerging technologies, especially those that facilitate sharing, openness, and social networking while allowing patrons to customize their experience within the Library facility.
- Reach out to patrons in the community and provide services where needed.
- Develop stronger ties with other Mount Prospect organizations.

► Create opportunities for learning, collaboration, and connection.

Some of the vision is already evident at the Library. Our E-Reader and Tablet Test Drive Open House already has provided patrons with the opportunity to try out the new devices and ask questions. We will be rolling out a Library Facebook page early in 2013. The South Branch expansion will help us better serve residents who have responded very positively to services offered to date. We continue to form partnerships with businesses and other local organizations in ways that benefit our patrons, and we are committed to expanding access to materials and programs that allow all ages to continue learning.

Celebrate our

Mount Prospect Public Library started out in 1930 with 300 secondhand books on a single tier of shelves. In 1943 a referendum created a tax-supported Village Library. Today our annual circulation tops one million items in two locations that feature programs and services for all ages. Join us as we mark our 70th anniversary and reaffirm our commitment to maintaining our service to you and our vital role in the community. Look for festive events and special commemorations around the Library in 2013. Want to know more about MPPL over the years? Visit mppl.org/about/history for a timeline and history.



We Reading WINTER READING PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 1-28

Do you adore books? Do you have a passion for reading? Then don't hold back—show us your true feelings. Express your devotion to stories and books by telling us what you love to read. Details and prize offerings for each program—adult, teen, and youth—are available inside!

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The Library will be closed:

Tuesday, January 1
for New Year's Day

Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Please sign up for programs on the Internet at www.mppl.org, at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). Priority registration is given to Mount Prospect cardholders for programs with limited attendance. Please have your MPPL card when registering.

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

Decluttering Your Home One Room at a Time

Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone has those trouble spots in their home, whether it's the kitchen counter, the dining room table, or the laundry room. It seems no matter what you do, these areas are always a mess. In this workshop, professional organizer Michelle Prima of Prima By Design, Inc. will focus on specific areas of the home, such as the kitchen, garage, and bedroom closet, and offer organizing and storage options for each of these areas. (R)

Healthy Eating on a Dime: Eat Well for Less!

Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m.

Did you know that groceries are the second-biggest household expense? In this eco-friendly program, Laura Bruzas, the founder of Healthy Dining Chicago, will let you in on secrets to save time and money, including how to shop smart, save on cooking supplies, conserve energy in the kitchen, and stock your pantry so that whipping up nutritious and tasty meals in minutes is a snap! (R)



Ancestry[®] Library Edition

Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m.

Whether you are just beginning to put together your ancestral story or are in the midst of the process, we can help. Join librarians Anne Shaughnessy and Steven Browne for an overview of *Ancestry Library Edition*, one of the most important online genealogical collections available today. This unique resource gives you free access to more than four billion names through census, church, court, immigration, and vital records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas. You will gain a better understanding of this vast collection of data and learn how to effectively focus your search. Time will be set aside to explore the resource and ask questions. This hands-on training session will take place in the Computer Training room. **Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended.** *Space is limited.* (R)

Preschool/Childcare Information Night

Tuesday, January 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Parents: did you know that there are more than 20 preschools, childcare centers, and park district preschool programs located in Mount Prospect? Come to this annual open house for an opportunity to meet early-childhood directors and teachers who will answer your questions and help you learn about the variety of local programs available. (NR)

Toddlers, Toilet Training, and Tantrums

Tuesday, January 29, 7:30 p.m.

Many of the most difficult times as a parent involve childhood transitions, such as toilet training or dealing with a picky eater or strong-willed toddler. Join pediatrician Carissa Lee Holmes, MD, of Pediatrics Solutions in Arlington Heights, as she discusses methods to deal with the common but frustrating parenting issues of potty training, fussy eaters, and more. Dr. Lee Holmes brings a sensitivity and insight that will help you keep your cool and learn to parent effectively. (R)

Jump Start Your Business: QuickBooks

Tuesday, February 5, 8:30 a.m.

Learn to use QuickBooks, an accounting program designed for the small-to mid-sized business owner. Record your transactions easily, track your company's spending and income, and run financial reports like a pro. *Cosponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Library, the Jump Start series is aimed at supporting the success of local businesses.* (R)

Creative Valentine Paper Crafting

Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.

Papercrafting expert Tina Gary will help you use paper, stamps, punches, and other personal touches to show those you love how much you care. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; all other supplies to create four items are included in the **\$10 nonrefundable material fee**. For participants 16 years and older. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk

to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Exclusive to You: Basic Researching With Library Web Resources

Wednesday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Your Library offers resources that you can't find anywhere else. These online sources can help you do everything from digging through archived news stories to answering the latest health and fitness questions. Librarians Steven Browne and Julie Collins show you how to search for articles in two of our most powerful exclusive-to-library databases. You'll get an introduction to LexisNexis, which contains nearly 7,000 sources for articles, as well as the many

databases offered by EBSCO, Facts on File, and Gale. (R)



Chocolate! Chocolate!

Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

Chef Michael Niksic presents a guilt-free hour of fun! Sample a variety of mouth-watering chocolates that are sure to delight your taste buds. Learn about handling, storage, and melting techniques during this relaxing and informative evening. Recipes will be provided. **There is a \$4 nonrefundable tasting fee due at registration.** For participants 16 years and older. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)



Open Lab: Help With Online Job Applications

Monday, January 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

Do you have difficulty understanding how to complete an online job application? Don't let this stop you from applying for the job you want. Receive individual assistance from Business Reference Librarian Patricia Smolin, who will work directly with attendees to understand how to properly complete an online application. If possible, please bring or have access to an electronic version of your résumé. (NR)

Employment Power Workshop

Tuesday, January 22, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

This free full-day workshop, presented by Illinois workNet, will focus on techniques for getting a job in today's market. Experienced staff will provide expert guidance on writing résumés and cover letters that get results. You will then learn how to prepare for an interview, review common interview questions, and learn effective ways to answer them. Mock interviews and "elevator speeches" will be conducted to practice your newfound skills. The scheduled lunch break is on your own. (R)

What Alexian Brothers Vocational Services Can Do for You

Monday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health's Vocational Visions Program provides work and life skills training and support services to adults with mental health challenges. The center partners with local businesses to obtain and maintain employment for those they serve. Adult job seekers can learn about how this service can help them find jobs, take classes, and achieve both professional and personal goals. (R)

Your Job Search: Managing Your Way to the Finish Line

Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.

Your job search is a marathon, not a sprint...but how do you begin? You need to treat your search as a regular job by creating routines and setting goals. Mary Beth Barrett-Newman, CRC Advisor and President of 2nd Career Consulting, will walk you through what works best to keep you on track and how to conduct an effective search that produces results. (R)

The Spirit of Motown, Soul, and R&B



Monday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.

In the early 1960s, Detroit was Motown U.S.A.—the automobile capital of the world. In 1959, Motown Records founder Barry Gordy gathered the best musicians from Detroit's thriving jazz and blues scene to form his studio band, the Funk Brothers. Together they created a sound that would bridge the racial divide and produce more number-one hits than the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones, Elvis, and The Beatles combined. Join us as Mount Prospect's own Jose Sandoval presents a solo piano concert and discussion celebrating the spirit of Motown and its influence on soul, R&B, and rock. Featured songs include "My Girl," "Heard It Through the Grapevine," and "Just My Imagination." *This event is sponsored by the MPPL Foundation in recognition of African American History Month.* (R)

Senior Session

Ready or Not... Life Happens

Tuesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m.

Dealing with life's inevitable twists and turns is challenging. Nick Brait, a financial advisor with Lasting Legacy in Park Ridge, will offer ways to collect the information needed during an emergency and educate family members on how to understand and use this information. Brait will cover topics such as getting organized, understanding an estate plan, taking an asset inventory, dealing with insurance, managing household finances, taking care of investments, and making end-of-life decisions. (R)

How to Have a Four-season Harvest

Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Learn how environmentally friendly processes, powered solely by the heat of the sun, can allow you to harvest vegetables through the winter months and eliminate pesticides from your gardening routine. Barb Ottolino, master gardener and owner of The Cultivated Choice, will show you how to build and operate a cold frame to grow salad crops during the cold months. Lists of materials, suppliers, and crops will be provided for vegetable and flower gardeners. (R)

Eye Health: Cataracts and Floaters

Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.

As the eyes age, they can develop cataracts and floaters. If your vision has become blurry, cloudy, or dim, you may have developed a cataract in one or both of your eyes. If little flecks are drifting across your field of vision, you may have floaters. While cataracts are one of the most common causes of vision loss, they are treatable with cataract surgery. Floaters, though, may respond to dietary changes or supplements. Dr. Eirit Yonatan and Dr. Jill Bert of The Eye Site will review the causes of each condition and treatment options. (R)

An Afternoon With Your Drafty House

Tuesday, February 19, 1:30 p.m.

If you just can't shake winter's chill—even inside your house—you may be letting the cold in through your windows and doors. Mary Edsey from the Chicago Conservation Corps will lead this discussion of air leaks, attics, and insulation and help you discover inexpensive, energy-saving tips and weatherization rebates that will cut your costs, keep you cozy, and even help save the planet. A raffle of weatherization supplies from Neradt Ace Hardware in Mount Prospect will let at least one attendee get started that day! (R)

Computer Learning Lab: E-mail, E-books, and Office

Tuesday, January 22, 4-6 p.m.

Monday, February 25, 7-9 p.m.

Do you have questions about e-mail, e-books, Word, Excel, or PowerPoint? Use this time (and our computers) to get answers, practice skills, or work on a project with the confidence that a tutor is available to help you. **No registration required; stop in during the appointed times. For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords.** (NR)

Free Books for My e-Reader? How?

Monday, February 4, 7 p.m.

We know, we know—you received a new e-reader as a holiday gift and now you need an e-book to read. No matter which e-reader or tablet you have, we will show you how to search for content and also discuss ways to make sure the book you choose will work on your device. We will even explain the concept of "digital rights management" and how publishers and libraries impact what's available for you to download. (R)

Kindle: How to Download Free Books From the Library

Tuesday, February 5, 4 p.m.

Enjoy free Library e-books on your

Technology & Training

Amazon Kindle using MyMediaMall. All you need to get started is an MPPL card, your Library PIN, and your Kindle. This hands-on training session will teach you how to use MyMediaMall to browse and search for Kindle books, add titles to your cart, check out, and sync your Kindle to download the book. You will be connecting to Amazon, so be sure you have your Amazon.com account information. Be sure to bring your cord to connect to the PC. *Space is limited to 8.* (R)

How to Download Free Books From the Library With a NOOK

Wednesday, February 13, 4-6 p.m.

Enjoy free Library e-books on your Barnes & Noble NOOK using MyMediaMall. All you need to get started is a MPPL card, your Library PIN, and your NOOK (and the cord to connect it to a PC). This hands-on training session will teach you how to download and register Adobe Digital Editions software, authorize a computer, browse and search for titles, add them to your cart, check out, download to your computer, and transfer titles to your NOOK. *Space is limited to 8.* (R)



Send us an IM... We'd Like to Live Chat!

During regular Library hours, you can instant message with a staff member. Look for the "Live Chat" icon on the bottom left side of the page. All you need to do to start chatting is enter your name. A staff member will respond and answer your question or help you find the information you need. Live Chat is available on the Books, Movies and Music, Research, Kids, and Teen pages as well as the homepage and the Contact Us page.

If you see "E-mail Us" or "Leave a Message" in the bottom left corner, send us an e-mail message and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible.

Of course, you are always welcome to stop by MPPL or call us at 847/253-5675.

Featured Books	Featured DVDs	Featured Music	Featured Audiobooks	Featured for Kids	Featured for Teens

Upcoming Mount Prospect Public Library Events

South Branch Closed
When: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 - All Day
Where: Community Connections Center

The South Branch of the Library will be closed for construction December 17, 18, and 19. The Main Library at 10 South Emerson Street is open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. The South Branch will reopen on December 20 at 11 a.m. [...]

Winter Holidays With the Sentimentalists
When: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 - 1:30 PM
Where: Mount Prospect Public Library at Meeting Room A room 154

The Mount Prospect Sentimentalists directed by Phil Crail, is a group of older adults who love to sing. Founded in 1993, the 15-member group performs a

Live Chat

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LIBRARY LIFE

January

2013 Winter Reading Program: We ♥ Reading

Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club

SUPER Saturday!:
The World of Pooh



February

E-Reader/Tablet Test Drive Night-Open House

Musical Babies and Toddlers

SUPER Saturday!:
Morris, the Magic Man!

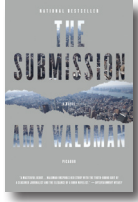
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Features subject to change.

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

Books are available to MPPL cardholders 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk. (NR)

Food for Thought



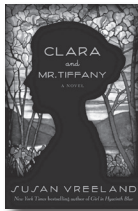
The Submission

by Amy Waldman

Wednesday, January 2, 1 p.m.

Selected for a jury that must choose an appropriate memorial

for victims of a terrorist attack, Claire Burwell struggles to navigate a media firestorm when the winning designer is revealed as an enigmatic Muslim American. *Selected as a Suburban Mosaic Book of the Year.*



Clara and Mr. Tiffany

by Susan Vreeland

Wednesday, February 6, 1 p.m.

Louis Comfort Tiffany staffs his studio with

female artisans—a decision that protects him from strikes by the all-male union—but refuses to employ women who are married. Lucky for him, Clara Driscoll's romantic misfortunes ensure that she can continue to craft the jewel-toned glass

windows and lamps that catch both her eye and her imagination.

Coffee, Books, & More



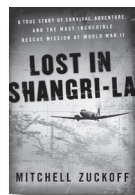
The Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls

Wednesday, January 16, 10 a.m.

The child of an alcoholic father and an eccentric

artist mother discusses her nomadic upbringing, during which she and her siblings fended for themselves while their parents outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities.



Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II

by Mitchell Zuckoff

Wednesday, February 20, 10 a.m.

In a true story of danger, daring, and determination, an extraordinary World War II rescue mission is carried out when a plane crash in the South Pacific plunges a trio of U.S. military personnel into the jungle-clad land of New Guinea.

Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation, MPPL's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views. This moderated discussion strives to encourage greater understanding of diverse viewpoints and offers a venue where people can participate in honest discussion. The

evening's coffee is generously provided by Starbucks Coffee, Mount Prospect. *Coffee & Conversation is sponsored by Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (NR)

Fiscal Cliff Friday, January 18, 7:30 p.m.

What is the "Fiscal Cliff" and how do we avoid taking the fall? One way or the other, something will have to give to avoid "going over the edge." Join us as we discuss the steps that were taken on the road to the Fiscal Cliff deadline.

The Post Office Friday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.

Our Founding Fathers considered the Post Office to be of such great import to our fledgling nation that it is one of the few government agencies specifically authorized in the Constitution. But technology and ecological awareness has changed the way we communicate. Is the Post Office obsolete? Do we still need it? Can the Post Office be saved?



Tax Forms Available on the Second Floor

From January through April, the Library

offers paper copies of many popular tax forms. You can find these forms on the second floor near the Reference Desk. Staff at the Reference Desk are available to assist with obtaining forms

you need and are able to print out any additional forms that are not received in quantity from the IRS. Staff can also assist with finding tax form preparation aids and can refer you to local resources available for preparation assistance.

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Arbitrage

Wednesday, January 2, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 10, 1 p.m.

[2012; Rated R; 107 minutes; Drama/Thriller] *Starring Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, Brit Marling.*

Directed by Nicholas Jarecki.

A New York hedge-fund magnate appears to be the portrait of American business success. But he is in over his head and is forced to turn to an unlikely person for help before the depths of his fraud are revealed. (R)



To Rome With Love

Wednesday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 14, 1 p.m.

[2012; Rated R; 112 minutes; Comedy/Romance] *Starring Woody Allen, Penélope Cruz, Jesse Eisenberg.*

Directed by Woody Allen.

The enchanting Eternal City plays host to the adventures of visitors and residents, including a well-known American architect reliving his youth; an average middle-class Roman who suddenly finds himself a celebrity; a young provincial couple drawn into separate romantic encounters; and an American opera director trying to put a singing mortician on stage. (R)

Movie Discussion

A Matter of Life and Death (a.k.a. Stairway to Heaven)

Wednesday, January 9, 7 p.m.

[1946; Rated PG; 104 minutes; Drama/Fantasy/Romance] *Starring David Niven, Kim Hunter, Robert Coote. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.*

A British wartime aviator who cheats death must argue for his life before a celestial court. (NR)

(500) Days of Summer

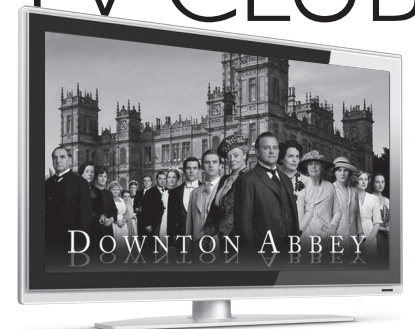
Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m.

[2009; Rated PG-13; 95 minutes; Comedy/Romance] *Starring Zooey Deschanel, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Geoffrey Arend.*

Directed by Marc Webb.

An offbeat romantic comedy about a woman who doesn't believe true love exists and the young man who falls for her. (NR)

TV CLUB



Tuesday, January 22, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 29, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 3 p.m.

Relive—or experience for the first time—the great and splendid lives of the Crawley family as we screen the first season of *Downton Abbey* over the course of seven weeks. Share the experience of watching this popular series with other fans and participate in a Library staff-guided discussion following each episode. (R)

We ♥ Reading

WINTER READING PROGRAM


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Do you adore books? Do you have a passion for reading? Show us your true feelings during February. Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen desk on the second floor to fill out an entry slip for each book, e-book, or audiobook you read.

At the end of the month, Library staff will draw from the entries to select the winners of gift certificates and other prizes from local businesses.


JANUARY

1 Library Closed for New Year's Day
Tuesday

2 **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**
The Submission by Amy Waldman
Wednesday, 1 p.m. (NR) 


MOVIES @ MPPL: *Arbitrage*
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. 


3 Winter Storytime Lottery Ends
Thursday 


4 **SB** Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Friday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) 


5 Tales With Tails Registration
Begins, Saturday 


Duct Tape Creations
Saturday, 2-4 p.m. 

7 **OPEN LAB: Help With Online
Job Applications**
Monday, 7 p.m. (NR) 


8 Decluttering Your Home One Room
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Wednesday, 4-4:45 p.m. (NR) 


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Branch | Polskie Bajki, Wednesday,
4-4:45 p.m. (NR) 

**Uncovering Your Family History With
Ancestry® Library Edition**
Wednesday, 7 p.m. 

17 **Regular Library Board Meeting**
Thursday, 7 p.m.


18 **SB** MAKE & TAKE CRAFT:
Winter, Friday, 4-6:30 p.m.
(NR) 


Coffee & Conversation
Friday, 7:30 p.m. (NR) 


**Friends Book Sale "Members Only
Night,"** Friday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.


19 Friends Book Sale, Saturday,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.


20 Friends Book Sale, Sunday,
noon-4 p.m.


21 **CHAT & CHEW:**
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
Monday, 1-2 p.m. 

SB Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Monday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) 

BOOK VOYAGERS: Winter Sports
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 


22 **Employment Power Workshop**
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 

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COMPUTER LEARNING LAB:
E-mail, E-books, and Office
Tuesday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) 

**Preschool/Childcare Information
Night**, Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (NR)


23 **SB** La Hora de Cuentos en
Español en la Extensión del Sur
miércoles, 4-4:45 p.m. (NR) 

28 **Teen Advisory Board Meeting**
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (NR) 

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Tuesday, 3 p.m. 


Chocolate! Chocolate!
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  \$4 fee

13 How to Download Free Books
From the Library With a NOOK
Wednesday, 4 p.m. 


SB Polish Storytime at South Branch |
Polskie Bajki
Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. (NR) 


**MOVIE DISCUSSION: (*500*) Days of
Summer** Wednesday, 7 p.m. 

14 **MOVIES @ MPPL: *To Rome
With Love***, Thursday, 1-4 p.m. 


SB MAKE & TAKE CRAFT:
Valentine's Day, Thursday, 4-6:30 p.m.
(NR) 


15 **SB** Computer Learning Lab |
Laboratorio de Aprendizaje
de Computación, Friday, 1-3 p.m. 


Sesión de Cuentos en Español
viernes, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) 

Coffee & Conversation
Friday, 7:30 p.m. (NR) 

18 **Spring Storytime Lottery
Begins**, Monday 


**CHAT & CHEW: *A Tale Dark &
Grimm*** by Adam Gidwitz
Monday, noon-1 p.m. 


**A Very Grimm Visit With Adam
Gidwitz**, Monday, 1-2 p.m. 


SB Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Monday, 4-6 p.m. 

The Spirit of Motown, Soul, and R&B
Monday, 7:30 p.m. 


19 An Afternoon With Your Drafty
House, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. 

TV CLUB: *Downton Abbey*
Tuesday, 3 p.m. 


20 **COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE:**
Lost in Shangri-La by Mitchell
Zuckoff, Wednesday, 10 a.m. (NR) 


SB La Hora de Cuentos en Español en
la Extensión del Sur
miércoles, 5-5:30 p.m. (NR) 


How to Have a Four-season Harvest
Wednesday, 7 p.m. 


21 **SB** Using the *LearningExpress*
Library Online Resource
Thursday, 5 p.m. 


Library Board Meeting
Thursday, 7 p.m.


22 **SB** Game On! Wii and
Xbox 360, Friday, 4-6 p.m. 


Sesión de Cuentos en Español
viernes, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) 


25 **BOOK VOYAGERS:**
Terrific Tooth Tales
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (NR) 

COMPUTER LEARNING LAB:
E-mail, E-books, and Office
Monday, 7-9 p.m. (NR) 

26 **TV CLUB: *Downton Abbey***
Tuesday, 3 p.m. 

Eye Health: Cataracts and Floaters
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 

27 **SB** Storytime at South Branch
Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. (NR) 

**Click & Create: Computer Animation
for Kids**, Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 

28 **Spring Storytime Lottery Ends**
Thursday 

DON'T MISS OUT!

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12

**ACT Practice Test and Test
Strategies 101 Workshop:
A Two-Part Program**

**Saturday, March 2, 12:30-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 10, 2-3 p.m.**

In the first part of this program, students take a practice ACT test to experience what to expect. In the second part, get tips and strategies to score higher on the test.

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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We ♥ Reading

2013 WINTER READING PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 1-28

• FOR CHILDREN AGE 11 AND YOUNGER



**Show us
some love!**

Stop by the Youth Desk and tell us what you've enjoyed reading this month. Each time you do, you can choose a small prize, plus enter your name in a raffle for a chance to win weekly and/or grand prizes, including gift certificates to Barnes & Noble and even a Kindle Touch! The more times you enter, the more chances you have to win. **Participants may submit one raffle slip per day.** Also, guess how many candy hearts it took to fill our jar, and tell other kids why they should read your favorite book.

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

Morris, the Magic Man!

Saturday, January 12, 11-11:45 a.m.
Abracadabra! Alakazam! Come along for a magical time when Morris the Magic Man presents puppets, and of course—magic! Bring your family and prepare to be amused and amazed! (R)

A Musical Journey, Wiggleworms-style!

Saturday, February 9, 11-11:45 a.m.
Join Old Town School of Folk Music's Linda Robertson and James Warner for a concert in honor of African American History Month. They will be featuring the guitar as well as the African djembe drum, rainstick, and frog guiros. *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary; just drop in. (NR)

Hearts & Crafts

Friday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Book Voyagers

—for 1st-3rd graders

This group is for young adventurers who like to listen to stories, eat snacks, and participate in fun activities. Limited to 30 voyagers. (R)

Winter Sports

Monday, January 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Terrific Tooth Tales

Monday, February 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Wednesday, January 30, 4:30-6 p.m.

Mad about science? Help us light up the room with fun hands-on experiments. You'll even get a chance to capture your shadow. *Space in the lab is limited to 24 Mount Prospect junior scientists, so register today!* (R)



Click & Create: Computer Animation for Kids

• FOR 4TH-6TH GRADERS

Wednesday, February 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Want to create simple animations, computer games, and music videos—or almost anything else you can imagine? You can do all this and more with “Scratch,” an easy-to-use, fun, and free program. We'll teach you the basics in our computer lab, and then you get to design your own masterpiece. *This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Public Library cardholders.* (R)

Sesión de Cuentos en Español

Spanish Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

Friday, February 15, 6-6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 22, 6-6:30 p.m.

Uno, dos, tres, ¡Ándale! Hurry on in to spend a fun half hour with your little ones hearing stories, songs, and rhymes in Spanish. In addition to the laughs and enjoyment, kids will receive an activity to take home. Best suited for children ages 3-7, but all are welcome. *An adult must accompany children under the age of 3.* Registration is not necessary. (NR)



Fun With Books!

Open Storytime

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m., Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.,
Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

Children ages 6 and under and their families are invited to attend these sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children under the age of 3.* These sessions run January 15-February 22. (NR)

Spring Storytime Lottery

From February 18-28, parents can register their children—birth through age 6—for the Spring storytime session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run March 11-April 19. Due to the popularity of these storytimes, registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for MPPL cardholders. To participate in the lottery, please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk.

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE!**

Winter Storytime
Lottery ends
January 3!

Tales With Tails ~ FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 21

• FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

Thursday, February 21, 7-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 28, 7-8:15 p.m.

Do dogs like stories? Here's your chance to find out. Readers may sign up for a 15-minute session on Thursdays to read to a specially trained dog. *This program is open only to Mount Prospect Library cardholders.* Please bring your Library card when signing up at the Youth Services Desk. **Registration for this program begins January 5.**



Chat & Chew

—for 4th-6th graders

Chew on some good food while chatting about a great book! Spend an hour talking about favorite characters, villains, and story lines while participating in theme-related activities. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)



Chasing Vermeer

by Blue Balliett

**Monday, January 21,
1-2 p.m.**

When a priceless painting disappears,

6th graders Petra and Calder are

drawn clue-by-clue into a mystery that challenges them to use their powers of intuition, their problem-solving skills, and their knowledge of the artist Vermeer. Can Petra and Calder—or you—decipher a crime that has left even the FBI baffled? (R)



A Very Grimm Visit

Monday, February 18, 1-2 p.m.

• FOR ALL AGES

When Adam Gidwitz, the author of *A Tale Dark &*

Grimm and *In a Glass Grimmly*, talks to kids, he tries to scare the bejeezus out of them. He begins with a real Grimm fairy tale—not a sweet, cute, boring one with singing mice and fairy godmothers, but a real one. Once everyone's good and scared, they get to ask him questions about how his book came about, what a writer's life is like, or anything else of burning interest. Guests will also be able to purchase copies of his books, provided by The Book Stall and signed (in blood-red ink) by the author himself. *Recommended for ages 9 and up, but all*



A Tale Dark & Grimm

by Adam Gidwitz

**Monday, February 18,
noon-1 p.m.**

Reader: beware.

Warlocks with dark spells, hunters with deadly aim, and bakers with ovens retrofitted for cooking children lurk within these pages. But if you dare, turn the page and learn the true story of Hansel and Gretel. It may be frightening, it's certainly bloody, and it's definitely not for the faint of heart, but unlike the other fairy tales you know, this one is true.

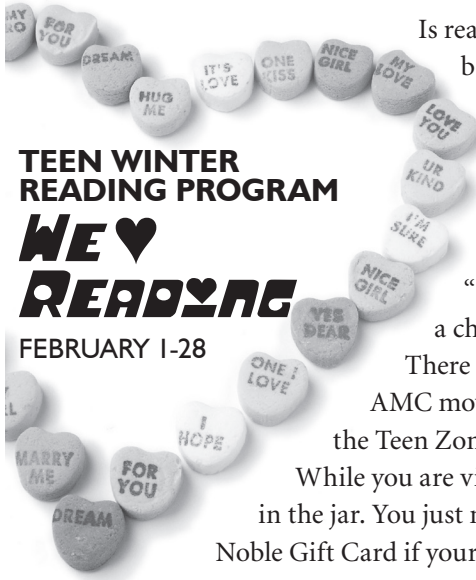
are welcome. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (R)



Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM **WE ♥ READING** FEBRUARY 1-28

Is reading your TRU LUV? Do you look at a book and think BE MINE? Is your love for reading RED HOT? Then don't hold back—show us your true feelings during February. Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk and fill out a paper heart with the title of a book (or e-book) that you “heart.” You will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Kindle or a NOOK e-reader. There will also be weekly drawings for a pair of AMC movie passes. The hearts will be featured in the Teen Zone, so check out what's popular at MPPL! While you are visiting, try to guess how many hearts are in the jar. You just might win some books and a Barnes and Noble Gift Card if yours is the closest guess... *SWEET!*

DUCT TAPE CREATIONS



Saturday, January 5, 2-4 p.m.
We're rolling out the duct tape! Unleash your artistic talents and create clever duct tape inventions. Bags, wallets, flowers...you are only limited by your imagination. Bring your friends and your creativity; we'll provide the tools, nearly limitless rolls of colorful duct tape, and instructions. Snacks will be provided. (R)

Teen Knitting/ Crocheting Club

Friday, February 1, 4-6 p.m.

Are you an expert with knitting or crochet needles, just learning, or want to learn? Then come to the Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club. We'll have yarn, needles, and the know-how to teach the basics of knitting and crocheting. You can also bring your own supplies—and your friends—for an afternoon of sharing ideas and conversation. Refreshments will be served. (R)

Make Sweet Stuff for Your Sweetheart Sunday, February 10, 2-4 p.m.

A handmade gift is a great way to show someone you care. Stop by and create three different crafts with string: friendship bracelets, woven keychains, and a Thai string doll. There's plenty here to make sweet stuff for your BF, GF, BFF, or even yourself! (R)



You!

CAN HELP DECIDE WHAT THE
LIBRARY OFFERS TEENS —

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB, for short). Come to a meeting to see what it is all about. Work with our teen librarians to:

- ✕ help plan and volunteer at teen events
- ✕ discuss books, movies, music, and even video games
- ✕ post on the website and blog

We meet once a month for an hour, and snacks are always served. It's a chance to have an impact on what's available at the Library for teens and earn volunteer service hours (always good for college applications). (NR)

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, January 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.



South Branch Events

(R) Registration required. | Inscripción requerida. (NR) No registration required. | No inscripción requerida.

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360 ¡Juega ahora! Wii y Xbox 360 (NR)



Adolescentes | Teens
6-12 Grado | Grades 6-12

Friday, January 4, 4-6 p.m.
Friday, February 22, 4-6 p.m.

Niños | Kids
3-6 Grado | Grades 3-6

Monday, January 21, 4-6 p.m.
Monday, February 18, 4-6 p.m.

Chess for Kids & Teens

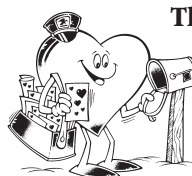


• FOR 3RD-12TH GRADERS

Saturday, February 9, noon-2 p.m.

Interested in learning the basic moves and strategies in the game of chess? Come to the South Branch for a special afternoon of chess. Children and teens with all skill levels are invited. You supply the moves; we'll supply the chessboards. Refreshments will be served. *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.* **Registration required.** (R)

Make and Take Craft: Valentine's Day | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Día de San Valentín



**Thursday, February 14,
4-6:30 p.m.**

Join us for our Valentine's Day craft program. No registration necessary; just drop in! Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

jueves 14 de febrero, 4-6:30 p.m.

No inscripción necesaria; solo ven. *Niños menores de 9 años deben de venir acompañados por un adulto.*

CLASES DE COMPUTACIÓN

Computer Learning Open Lab | Laboratorio de Aprendizaje de Computación

Friday, February 15, 1-3 p.m.

Have you ever taken computer classes but still have questions? Get answers during this open lab where a computer instructor is available to answer your specific questions on topics related to computer classes: e-mail, Internet, Word, or Power Point. Use this time (and our computers) to practice your skills or work on a project with the confidence that a tutor will be available to help. (R)

viernes 15 de febrero, 1-3 p.m.

¿Alguna vez has tomado clases de computación pero aun tienes preguntas? Recibe respuestas durante este laboratorio abierto donde un instructor de computación estará disponible para responder tus preguntas específicas sobre temas relacionados con clases de computación: correo electrónico, Internet, Word o Power Point. Usa este tiempo (y nuestras computadoras) para practicar tus habilidades o trabajar en un proyecto y con la confianza de que un tutor va estar disponible para ayudarte.

Using LearningExpress Library Online Resource

Thursday, February 21, 5-6:30 p.m.

LearningExpress Library, an online resource, offers practice tests, software tutorials, skill-building courses, job search help, and more to help you achieve your educational, professional, or personal goals. Our staff will show you how to access *LearningExpress Library* and use it both in the Library and from home. (R)

South Branch Hours

Monday-Friday • 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday before the second Saturday
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Ring in the New and Give Us the Old

If your holiday wishes came true in the form of a new cell phone, digital camera, tablet, or laptop computer, connect away with your latest gadgets but remember—don't discard your used electronics! Donate them to the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). This simple act fulfills yet another wish list as part of the Foundation's electronics recycling program.

Through a partnership with the Texas-based Recycling Fundraiser, MPPLF earns money from donated

electronics. What otherwise would be destined for a landfill becomes treasure for MPPLF.

All you have to do is drop the used items in the bright pink container near the Registration Desk. The Foundation takes care of the rest. It's that easy.

Here are the items on MPPLF's Recycling Fundraiser Wish List:

- Cell phones--no chargers or accessories
- Laptop computers only
- Ink-jet cartridges--small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. No toner please!
- Apple iPods and iPads

- Digital cameras / video cameras
- Handheld game systems--Sony PSP handheld and Nintendo's DSi, DS lite, DS original, Gameboy Advance, or Gameboy Color
- MP3 Players--Microsoft Zune, Sandisk or Creative only
- GPS devices--Garmin, Mio, Magellan, and TomTom only
- Radar detectors--Escort, Beltronics, and Cobra only
- E-Book reader--Kindle, Sony, and Verizon iReX only

Remember, it pays to recycle! For more information visit MPPLF at www.mppl.org/community/library-foundation.

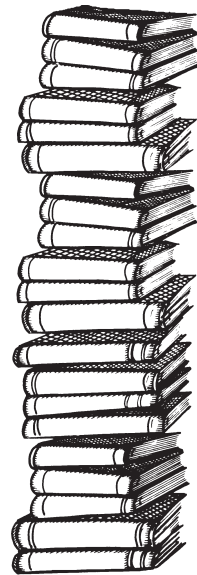
UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

FEBRUARY 6-19

There's a hint of chocolate in the air as the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation rolls out its annual raffle.

Tickets are six for \$5, twelve for \$10, or \$1 each and can be purchased from a volunteer or at the Registration Desk.

The drawing will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 11 a.m. *Winners need not be present to win.* All funds raised by the raffle support the Foundation and its mission of providing special programming and events that otherwise would not be possible with public funding.



Friends Winter Book Sale

Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 20, noon-4 p.m.

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends winter used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support Library programs, events, and services.

Can't wait until Saturday for those great deals?

Stop in at the Members Only Night!

Friday, January 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

This evening's sale is reserved for members of the Friends. The annual membership fee is \$5 for an individual, \$10 for a family, and \$25 for a Good Friend. To become a member, stop by Registration to complete a membership form.

What's for dinner tonight?

Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Now's the time to stock your pantry with new recipes from our stellar collection of gently used cookbooks. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

COOKBOOK SALE

South Branch Events



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(NR) No registration required. /
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We ♥ Reading

WINTER READING PROGRAM FEBRUARY 1-28

Do you adore books? Do you have a passion for reading? Then stop by to tell us what you are reading, and fill out raffle slips for gifts and prizes. We would love to see readers of all ages!

PROGRAMA DE LECTURA DE INVIERNO: NOS ♥ LA LECTURA

Del 1ro al 28 de Febrero

Te gustan los libros? Tienes pasión por la lectura? Entonces visitanos en Febrero en la Sucursal del Sur durante el Programa de Lectura de Invierno. Dejanos saber que estas leyendo. También puedes llenar un boleto para la rifa que tendrá como premios. Nos encantará ver a todos los amantes de la lectura de todas las edades!



Make and Take Craft: Winter Hazlo y Llévatelo: Invierno

Friday, January 18, 4-6:30 p.m.

Join us for our winter craft program. No registration necessary; just drop in! Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

viernes 18 de enero, 4-6:30 p.m.

No inscripción necesaria; solo ven. *Niños menores de 9 años deben de venir acompañados por un adulto.*



Storytime at the South Branch

Wednesday, January 9, 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6, 5-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27, 5-5:30 p.m.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required; just come on in! (NR)

La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur

miércoles 23 de enero, 4-4:45 p.m.

miércoles 20 de febrero, 5-5:30 p.m.

Todos los niños tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto. No inscripción requerida; solo ven. (NR)

Polish Storytime at the South Branch

Wednesday, January 16, 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13, 5-5:30 p.m.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required; just come on in! (NR)

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