



Preview

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2014

A Little Bragging...



LIBRARY IS TOPS IN TWO POLLS

Our year ended with two honors that we were pleased to receive. First, MPPL learned that we were named a **Star Library** by *Library Journal*. Then, we were selected as one of *The Chicago Tribune's* **Top Workplaces for 2013**.

Each year, *Library Journal* recognizes the best libraries in the country based on data reported annually, including library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use. This was the first year that MPPL made the list. To see all the libraries on the list, visit www.lj.libraryjournal.com/category/managing-libraries/lj-index/.

The Chicago Tribune's **Top Workplaces** are determined based solely on employee feedback. The employee survey is conducted by WorkplaceDynamics, LLP, a leading

research firm on organizational health and employee engagement.

MPPL employees were surveyed in July and expressed confidence in Library leadership and appreciation for the organization's strong ethics and values, flexible work schedules, and thorough training program.

"We knew we had a professional, committed staff that delivers high-level service every day, but now we can say that they are truly award winning," said MPPL Executive Director Marilyn Genther.

For more information about the Top Workplaces lists and WorkplaceDynamics, please visit www.topworkplaces.com and www.workplacedynamics.com.

We thank you, our patrons, for helping us achieve both awards. Of course, the ultimate honor is to serve and to be a part of the Mount Prospect community.



Homebound Service

We Deliver Materials to You!

Are you homebound and unable to come to the Library? Then let us bring the Library to you!

MPPL provides free delivery of Library materials to registered cardholders who are physically unable to come to the Library due to disability or long-term illness or who have no one to pick up and return items for them.

Registration for this service is easy.

Simply complete a registration form available online at mppl.org/services/homebound-delivery or contact Diane Davis at 847/253-5675.

After registering for this service, you will be contacted by Library staff to discuss what types of materials interest you. Books, audiobooks, and magazines are eligible for homebound checkout, and deliveries are generally scheduled once per month.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

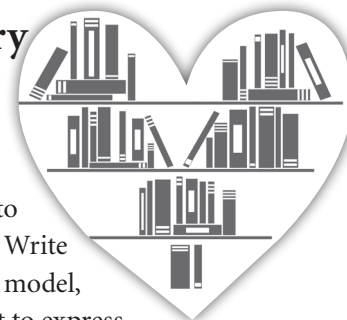
Tell Us Why You Love the Library

Kids and Teens Multimedia Contest
Entries Due March 3

Every year we celebrate National Library Week in April. This year we want to turn the week over to kids and teens to tell us why they love the Library. Write us a poem or an essay, take a picture, build a Lego model, or create an online animation—however you want to express it, tell us what the Library means to you. We'll pick the best from different age levels and announce the winners before National Library Week, April 13-19.

So start thinking! You can enter individually or get a group together. Submit your entries to the Youth Services Desk from February 1 through March 3. Enter in one of the following age groups: **Kindergarten-1st Grade, 2nd-3rd grades, 4th-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades.**

Find the entry form online or ask for a copy at the Youth Services Desk on the first floor or the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk on the second floor.



NextReads Says Goodbye, But You Can Still Get to Know a Great Story

Do you subscribe to *NextReads* e-mails to find new and interesting titles? The company that offers the service is making changes, and the Library will cease sending *NextReads* newsletters by the end of January 2014.

The good news is that there are still many ways to discover hot titles and hidden gems. Visit, call 847/590-4070, or e-mail readers@mppl.org to ask the Fiction/AV/Teen Services staff about current releases and to receive personalized book recommendations.

If online is more your style, the Books, Movies, and Music page of the Library website offers Staff Picks, Lists and Suggestions, and featured reviews to spotlight choices designed to fit your mood and interests. Surprise yourself with the next book you didn't know you would love!



New Fiction materials located on the second floor.

February Is Bursting With Great Reads!

Snap up something great to read or listen to during our **Pop Open a Good Book!** Winter Reading Program from February 1-28. Kids, teens, and adults can visit the Library or the South Branch to tell us what they have been reading and try for a prize.

START WINTER READING WITH A BANG

PLAYAWAY®
THE ALL-IN-ONE AUDIOBOOK

No Cassettes. No CDs. No Downloading. Just Press Play!

**Saturday, February 1,
1-4 p.m.**

Discover the grab-and-go convenience of a pre-loaded digital audiobook on **Playaway Day!** Pop a few into your bag and get started on Winter Reading!



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The Library will be closed:

Wednesday, 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.*

Overcoming Extreme Clutter

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

Professional organizing expert Chris Faltynnek will provide insights and tips about dealing with extreme clutter, including identifying and coping with this behavior. Learn how to distinguish a “collector” from a “hoarder” and how to develop the best possible plan to achieve your goal or help a loved one. Faltynnek has appeared on A&E show *Hoarders* and has been helping people get organized for over 15 years. (R)

Choosing Your Calories Wisely

Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.

Calories matter, and every calorie consumed contributes to our daily calorie allotment. Dr. George Motto, an expert in the treatment of endocrine and metabolic diseases, will help you make healthier food choices for yourself and your family. Dr. Motto will discuss “good vs. bad calories” and explain why you can gain weight while eating foods that are healthy. He will also explain how to decode food

labels, the symptoms of pre-diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome, and the consequences of high blood sugar, as well as the role that exercise and lifestyle play in disease prevention. (R)

Scrapbooking With Tina

Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m.

Get started scrapbooking at this class for beginners as paper crafting instructor Tina Gary steers you on the path to scrapbooking success. Gary will help you create birthday pages that your family will admire for years to come. You will complete one scrapbook page and make an assortment of elements that can be used to complete additional pages. *This fun class is for anyone 16 years old and older.* Please bring acid-free adhesive (your choice of what kind), scissors, and an assortment of 7-10 birthday photos (preferably from the same celebration); all other supplies are included in the **\$10 nonrefundable material fee**. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online registration is not available). Payment is due at registration. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)



Love Notes: Romances of the Great Composers

Tuesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.

Who were the “significant others” of the great composers? Who inspired these immortal geniuses to create some of the most beautiful music of all time? Join composer and music researcher Jim Kendros as he returns to the Library with a musical celebration for the sweetest time of year! Experience the muse who inspired Beethoven to create one of the greatest piano masterpieces ever; the “lost love” of Brahms, whose name is inscribed in one of his most impassioned melodies; and the forever-burning flame of Robert Schumann’s heart, which found its true voice in an amazing love story turned symphony! (R)

Finding Health Information Online

Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m.

Don’t take chances with your health—make sure that the health information you are finding online is trustworthy. Let Reference Librarians Anne Shaughnessy and Steven Browne show you how to find accurate and reliable health information from several online sources available exclusively with your MPPL card. You’ll learn about other reputable health-related websites as well. This program will take place in the Computer Training room. **Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended.** *Space is limited to 13.* (R)

Social Security: Your Questions Answered

Monday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Brian Hamm, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, will provide important information on Social Security, including how it fits into an individual’s retirement plan, when to start taking benefits, and tax strategies. (R)

Preschool/Childcare Information Night

Tuesday, January 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Parents: did you know that there are more than 20 preschools, child care 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)

A Love Affair With Dessert Featuring Chef Michael Maddox

Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.

Romance is in the air! World-class, award-winning Chef Michael Maddox shows you how to prepare

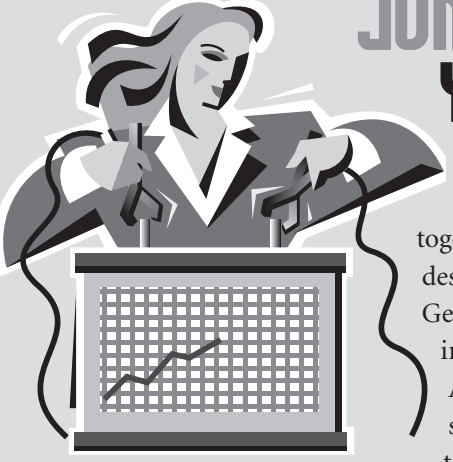
recipes that you can make for your sweetheart. Maddox will make Bittersweet Chocolate Macaroons with Raspberry Filling, Citrus Pot au Crème with Raspberries, and finally, Warm Chocolate Ambrosia with Milk Chocolate Caramel Essence. *There is a \$5 nonrefundable tasting fee payable upon registration.* Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). (R)

Dating at 40, 50, and Beyond

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

You’ve probably heard that you have a better chance of getting struck by lightning than finding a mate after age 40. We’re not sure if this is true, but don’t sit around waiting to find out! Dating after age 40 may seem daunting, but it’s not impossible. In fact, it’s fairly easy, especially when you use the Internet to help expand your search. In this class, you’ll learn how to avoid the most common dating mistakes and examine dating options to help you find Mr. or Ms. Right. You’ll also learn how to make a great first impression and how to keep the conversation rolling when on a date. Finally, you will hear about the best online dating sites and how to be both successful and safe on them. (R)





JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS

The Library and Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce have come together to present a series of programs designed to help local businesses succeed. Get tips, techniques, and valuable information from experts in their fields. Attend one program or the entire series—either way, you will have new tools to help you grow your business.

Online Advertising vs. Search-engine Optimization

Thursday, January 16, 8:30 a.m.

What if you don’t have the budget to advertise—can your business still get listed on the first page of search engine results? Learn how search-engine optimization (SEO) compares to advertising, the best practices for SEO, and if it is the right fit for your business. (R)

Capturing and Sharing Your Story Through Images and Words

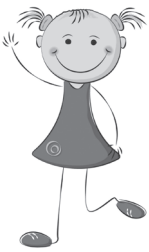
Thursday, January 23, 8:30 a.m.

Savvy business owners know that a company’s brand drives sales. But finding the time to build their story brand is quite a battle. The Village of Mount Prospect’s Public Information Officer Marianthi Thanopoulos offers tips on how to promote a company’s image and reach the ideal fan base. Learn to showcase your company’s mission, services, and products through traditional and innovative ways. (R)

Toddlers, Toilet Training, and Tantrums

Tuesday, February 25, 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 Pediatric Solutions, as she discusses methods to deal with the common but frustrating issues of potty training, fussy eaters, and more. Dr. Lee Holmes brings sensitivity and insight to help you keep your cool and become a more effective parent. (R)



Smart Shopping: Be an Informed Consumer

Wednesday, February 26, 7 p.m.

Don't waste your money on inferior products. Whether you are buying hiking boots or a laptop, learn which websites give you honest reviews. Our librarians will demonstrate Library resources, including *Chicago Consumers' Checkbook* and *Consumer Reports*, and present an overview of free websites such as ConsumerSearch, CNet, Kelley Blue Book, and the Better Business Bureau. This program will be held in the Computer Training Room. **Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended.** *Space is limited to 13.* (R)

Is this the year you vow to learn more about computers & technology?



Computer Learning Lab

Monday, January 13, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29, 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 7-9 p.m.

Stop in anytime and bring your questions about Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, e-mail, or e-books. Our staff will help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. This is also a great time to find out about MPPL services, including how to download e-magazines from Zinio. No registration required—just drop in! For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords.

Meet Windows 8

Monday, January 20, 7 p.m.

Get to know the new features of this significant update to the Windows Operating System during this demonstration class. Discover how the tiles “animate” with updates and find out how to arrange your Start screen, switch between applications, and share information. (R)

How to Download Free Books From the Library Using Your Tablet

Thursday, January 23, 3 p.m.

Enjoy free MPPL e-books on your tablet using MyMediaMall and the Overdrive app. All you need to get started is an MPPL card, Library PIN, tablet, and App Store or Google Play account information. This hands-on session will teach you how to download MyMediaMall's OverDrive app as well as the Kindle app, browse and search for titles, add them to your cart, check out, and download titles directly to your tablet. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

There's an App for That?

Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.

Bring your iPad or Android tablet and discover the apps that can help make your life easier—or might just be a lot of fun! We'll show you Library apps you can download to check out books or read magazines, help you with the settings and configurations, and answer your questions. *Space is limited to 20.* (R)

eBay 101: Selling Basics

Monday, February 17, 7 p.m.

Don't just give it away—try selling it on eBay! Let eBay University instructor Jack Waddick walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This lively session will skip the technical language but will include real-time demonstrations on eBay as well as plenty of time for your questions. (R)



eBay Selling: Beyond the Basics

Monday, February 24, 7 p.m.

Jack Waddick, eBay University instructor, will demonstrate advanced tools, tips, and strategies used by some of eBay's top sellers to generate a part-time or full-time income. This session will include real-time demonstrations on eBay and plenty of time for your questions. No experience required. (R)



The **Afternoon Encore Series** consists of periodic art, cultural, and life skills programs previously presented on a Tuesday Night, now offered during the day.



Classical Piano Magic

Thursday, February 27, 1 p.m.

Experience the romantic allure of classical piano music performed by Charles Billington. Enjoy pieces by many of the world's most renowned composers, including works by Brahms, Beethoven, Debussy, and Prokofiev. Billington will introduce each selection with interesting “notes” on its historical and musical significance, making this an enriching and invigorating aural experience for the novice and veteran concertgoer alike. (R)

Senior Session



Introduction to Facebook

Tuesday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.

Do you want to go “on Facebook?” Would you like to be able to enjoy the pictures and stories that your children, grandchildren, and friends are “posting?” MPPL's computer trainer, Michelle Vonderhaar, will explain the basics of Facebook and how to get started. You may be surprised at how much you “like” it. (R)

Dental Care for the Older Adult

Tuesday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Blumofe, a geriatric dentistry specialist who practices in Mount Prospect, will discuss the dental issues that many seniors face and what treatments are available to improve oral health. Dr. Blumofe provides dental treatment to long-term nursing and rehabilitation centers throughout the state (R)

LIBRARY LIFE



AVAILABLE ON
www.mppl.org

January

WINTER READING 2014: Pop Open a Good Book!

A Visit With John Billheimer

Apps & Gadgets Fair

February

Preschool/Childcare Information Night

Crafting With Beads

SUPER Saturday!: “Circus Boy” Bobby Hunt

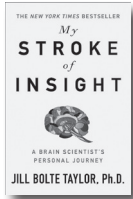
Catch us on **WOW** (Channel 6) and **Comcast** (Channel 15) at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Features subject to change.

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

Food for Thought

Please register for only one of the discussions. Registration will be open two months before the discussion date. Books are available to MPPL cardholders at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk. Registration for a discussion is required to receive a book.

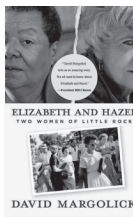


My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey

by Jill Bolte Taylor

Wednesday, January 8, noon OR 2 p.m.

Harvard-trained brain scientist Jill Bolte Taylor suffered a massive stroke at the age of 37. This intriguing memoir shares her unique perspective on the brain and its capacity for recovery, as well as the inspiring testimony that we can consciously influence what we think and how we feel. (R)



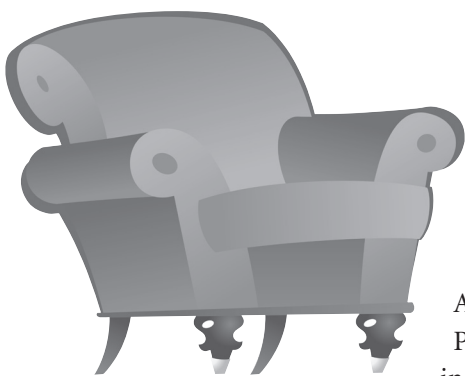
Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock

by David Margolick

Wednesday, February 5, noon OR 2 p.m.

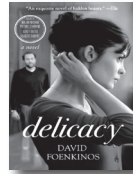
In a famous Civil

Rights-era photo, Elizabeth stoically walks up to Little Rock Central High School in 1957 in an attempt to desegregate the school, as Hazel screams racial epithets behind her. Margolick examines the history of this photo, its significance today, and how neither woman has ever escaped from its long shadow. (R)



Coffee, Books, & More

Books are available 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.



Delicacy

by David Foenkinos

Wednesday, January 15, 10 a.m.

Losing her beloved

husband after only seven years of marriage, heartbroken widow Natalie steels herself against emotional attachments, until she unexpectedly falls for her offbeat, guileless coworker, Markus, who represents the opposite of everything Natalie once admired. (NR)



Timeline

by Michael Crichton

Wednesday, February 19, 10 a.m.

A Yale history professor travels back in time to 15th

century France and gets stuck, unable to return to the present. His colleagues organize a rescue, but on landing they become involved in the Hundred Years War. (NR)

If You Like...



Author Lee Child
why don't you try...

- Barry Eisler
- Zoë Sharp
- Vince Flynn

Coffee & Conversation

Friday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: *Obamacare*

A number of new requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act kicked in on January 1. Will it give Americans access to affordable insurance and health care or will it be a massive

boondoggle? Let's see how it's going so far.

Friday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: *The Pursuit of Happiness*

Everyone knows this phrase from the Declaration of Independence: "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." But what did the Founding Fathers mean when they included it? Does it mean something different today? What makes us happy?

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)

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Lone Ranger

[2013; Rated PG-13; 149 minutes; Action/Adventure/Western]

Starring Johnny Depp, Armie Hammer.

Directed by Gore Verbinski.

Wednesday, January 8, 7 p.m.*

Thursday, January 9, 1 p.m.

Native American warrior Tonto recounts the untold tales that transformed John Reid, a man of the law, into a legend of justice. (R)

*Please note: the start time is 7 p.m.



Lee Daniels' The Butler

[2013; Rated PG-13; 132 min; Biography/Drama]

Starring Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, John Cusack.

Directed by Lee Daniels.

Wednesday, February 5, 7 p.m.*

Thursday, February 13, 1 p.m.

As Cecil Gaines serves eight presidents during his tenure as a butler at the White House, the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, and other major events affect this man's life, family, and American society. (R)

*Please note: the start time is 7 p.m.

Movie Discussion

Life Is Sweet

[1990; Rated R; 103 minutes; Drama/Comedy]

Starring Alison Steadman, Jim Broadbent, Claire Skinner.

Directed by Mike Leigh.

Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

An affectionate slice-of-life story about a lower middle-class family in the London suburbs. (NR)

Manhattan

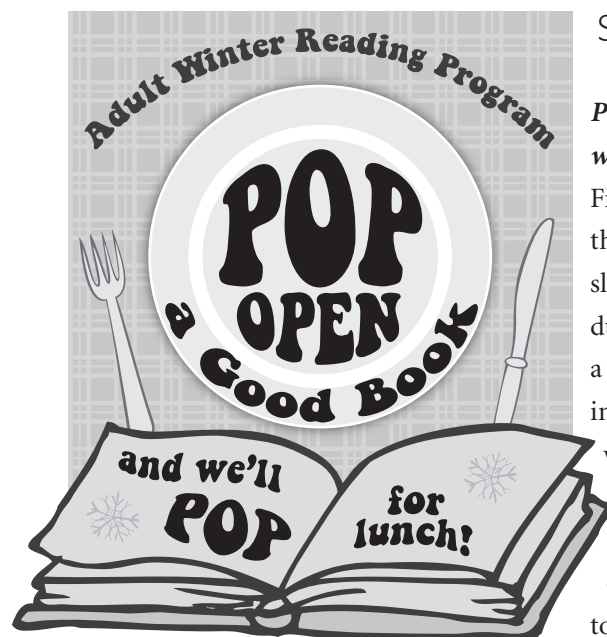
[1979; Rated R; 96 minutes; Drama/Comedy/Romance]

Starring Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Michael Murphy.

Directed by Woody Allen.

Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m.

A divorced New Yorker currently dating a high-schooler brings himself to look for love with the mistress of his best friend instead. (NR)



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1-
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Pop Open a Good Book—and we'll pop for lunch! Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk throughout the month and fill out an entry slip for each book you have read during February. Treat yourself to a great read—audio and e-books included. At the end of the month we will draw from all the entries to award gift cards to local restaurants. Take some time to enjoy books on us before it's time to spring forward!



Now Features Back Issues

You can now view back issues of all magazines to which the Library subscribes as part of our Zinio

e-magazine service. Zinio features full-color, cover-to-cover issues that you can read anytime on your computer, tablet, or mobile device with your MPPL card. Select as many titles and issues in our collection as you want and keep them as long as you like. To start subscribing, click on Zinio Digital Magazines under the e-Library tab on our website.

JANUARY

1 LIBRARY CLOSED
New Year's Day, Wednesday

3 Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club
Friday, 4-6 p.m. **T**

4 Tales With Tails Registration
Begins, Saturday **V**

Teen Open Creation Session
Saturday, 1-3 p.m. **T**

6 Storytime at Panera Bread
Monday, 2-2:30 p.m. **V**

7 Excel 2010®: Formulas and
Functions, Tuesday, 4 p.m. **A**

Overcoming Extreme Clutter
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

8 FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *My
Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor
Wednesday, noon or 2 p.m. **A**

SB MAKE & TAKE CRAFT: Winter
Wednesday, 4-6 p.m. **V**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Lone Ranger*
Wednesday, 7 p.m. **AT**

9 Winter Storytime Lottery Ends
Thursday **V**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Lone Ranger*
Thursday, 1 p.m. **AT**

Computer Basics, Thursday, 1 p.m. **A**

11 Using Power Point®
Saturday, 10 a.m. **A**

SUPER SATURDAY: "Circus Boy"
Bobby Hunt, Saturday, 11-11:45 a.m. **G**

13 Storytime at Panera Bread
Monday, 2-2:30 p.m. **V**

Computer Learning Lab
Monday, 7-9 p.m. (NR) **A**

14 Using Word®
Tuesday, 4 p.m. **A**

Choosing Your Calories Wisely
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

15 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE:
Delicacy by David Foenkinos
Wednesday, 10 a.m. **A**

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Life Is Sweet*
Wednesday, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

16 JUMP START YOUR
BUSINESS: Online Advertising
vs. Search-engine Optimization
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. **A**

Learn to Use the Internet
Thursday, 1 p.m. **A**

Library Board Meeting
Thursday, 7 p.m.

17 COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Friday, 7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

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

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

20 CHAT & CHEW: *The Templeton
Twins Have an Idea* by Ellis
Weiner, Monday, 1-2 p.m. **V**

SB Crafting With Perler Beads
Monday, 4-5:30 p.m. **T**

BOOK VOYAGERS: Winter Animals
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **V**

Meet Windows 8, Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

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Finding Health Information Online
Wednesday, 7 p.m. **A**

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BUSINESS: Capturing and
Sharing Your Story Through Images
and Words, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. **A**

How to Download Free Books From
the Library Using Your Tablet
Thursday, 3 p.m. **A**

25 PowerPoint®: Beyond the
Basics, Saturday, 10 a.m. **A**

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

Publisher® Basics, Monday, 6 p.m. **A**

Social Security: Your Questions
Answered, Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

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

29 Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle
January 29-February 13 **G**

Computer Learning Lab
Wednesday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) **A**

30 KINDERGARTEN
CLUBHOUSE: Penguins
Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m. **V**

Polish Book Club | Klub Książki Polski
Thursday, 7 p.m. **A**

FEBRUARY

1 Pop Open a Good Book!
Winter Reading Program begins
Saturday **G**

Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle
through Thursday, February 13 **G**

3 There's an App for That?
Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

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MOVIES @ MPPL: *Lee Daniels' The
Butler*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. **AT**

7 CREATE-A-CRAFT: Made With
Love, Friday, 11:30 a.m.-5p.m. **V**

Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club
Friday, 4-6 p.m. **T**

8 Publisher® Basics
Saturday, 10 a.m. **A**

Friends' "Cookbooks Only" Sale
Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

10 Learn to Use the Internet
Monday, 3 p.m. **A**

Preparing for the Job Interview: Know
the Company, Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

11 **SB** Tres Sesiones de Microsoft
Excel®, martes, 5:30 p.m. **A**

A Love Affair With Dessert
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$5 fee

12 Excel® Basics
Wednesday, 3 p.m. **A**

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Manhattan*
Wednesday, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

13 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Lee Daniels' The
Butler*, Thursday, 1 p.m. **AT**

iCan Use My iPad, Thursday, 4 p.m. **A**

17 CHAT & CHEW (& Skype):
The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas
Monday, 1-2:30 p.m. **V**

Teen Blind Date With a Book at
Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy
Monday, 1-3 p.m. **T**

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for the Older Adult
Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Windows 7: The Basics
Tuesday, 3 p.m. **A**

SB Tres Sesiones de Microsoft Excel®
martes, 5:30 p.m. **A**

Dating at 40, 50, and Beyond
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

19 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE:
Timeline by Michael Crichton,
Wednesday, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

Excel®: Formulas and Functions
Wednesday, 3 p.m. **A**

20 Library Board Meeting
Thursday, 7 p.m.

Computer Learning Lab
Thursday, 7-9 p.m. (NR)

21 COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Friday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

22 Excel®: Tables and Charts
Saturday, 10 a.m. **A**

SUPER SATURDAY: African Drumming
Rhythms With Michael Taylor,
Saturday, 11-11:45 a.m. **G**

Please sign up on the Internet at
www.mppl.org/events, at the Library,
or by calling 847/253-5675.

Registration is required for all programs except those
denoted by (NR). Programs are held at the Library unless
otherwise noted. Fees, when applicable, must be paid at
the Registration Desk and are not refundable unless the
program is canceled. *The Library requires at least a one-week
notice if special accommodations are needed.*

24 Spring Storytime Lottery
Begins, Monday **V**

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

eBay Selling: Beyond the Basics
Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

25 Click & Create: Stop-motion
Animation for Kids
Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m. **V**

SB Tres Sesiones de Microsoft Excel®
martes, 5:30 p.m. **A**

Toddlers, Toilet Training, and
Tantrums, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

26 Smart Shopping: Be an
Informed Consumer
Wednesday, 7 p.m. **A**

27 AFTERNOON ENCORE:
Classical Piano Magic
Thursday, 1 p.m. **A**

KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE:
Ha! Ha! Funny Stories
Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m. **V**

28 RPG and Drop-in Games for
Teens, Friday, 4-6 p.m. **T**

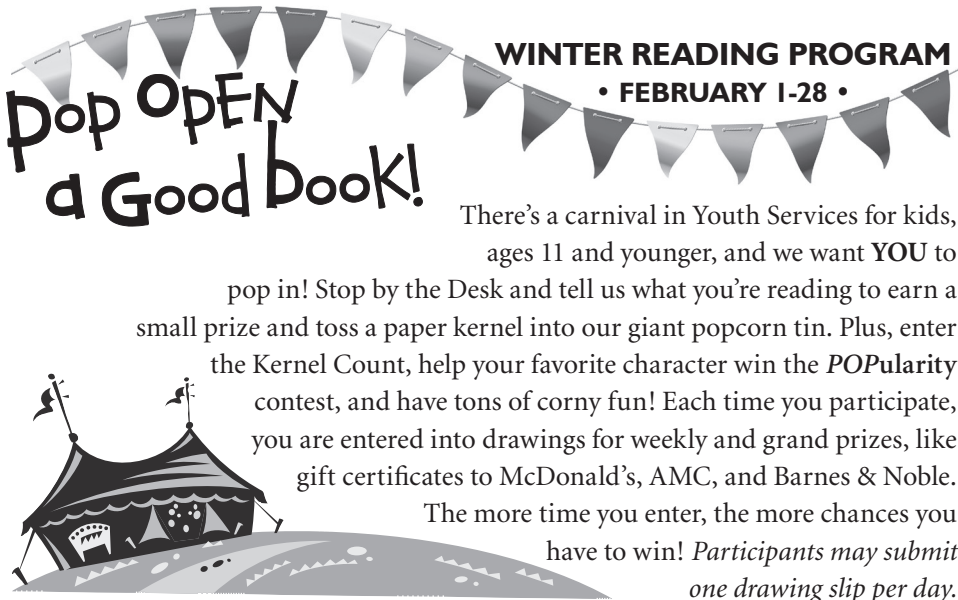
Pop Open a Good Book! Winter
Reading Program Ends, Friday **G**

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Pop Open a Good Book!

WINTER READING PROGRAM
• FEBRUARY 1-28 •

There's a carnival in Youth Services for kids, ages 11 and younger, and we want **YOU** to pop in! Stop by the Desk and tell us what you're reading to earn a small prize and toss a paper kernel into our giant popcorn tin. Plus, enter the Kernel Count, help your favorite character win the **POPularity** contest, and have tons of corny fun! Each time you participate, you are entered into drawings for weekly and grand prizes, like gift certificates to McDonald's, AMC, and Barnes & Noble. The more time you enter, the more chances you have to win! *Participants may submit one drawing slip per day.*

CLICK & CREATE: STOP-MOTION ANIMATION FOR KIDS

• FOR 4TH-6TH GRADERS

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

Want to create simple animations, music videos—or almost anything else you can imagine? You can do all this and more by creating a stop-motion animation video! Using a digital camera, a computer, and some imagination, you can make still images come to life and tell a story. We'll teach you the basics and then you get to design your own masterpiece. Please bring to the program your own digital camera, the cords to your camera, and a USB drive to save your work. (R-MPPL)



MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Wednesday, February 12, 4:30-6 p.m.



Mad about science? Earthquakes, tornadoes, or blizzards—nothing can stop this Mad Scientist Club as we

explore the natural disasters bad weather may bring. *Space in the lab is limited to 24 budding scientists, so register today!* (R)

Create-a-Craft

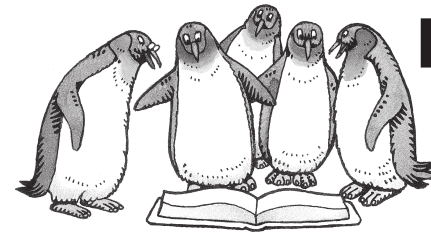
—for all ages

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

Made With Love

Friday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Love is in the air! Stop by to make heartfelt cards and gifts for Valentine's Day.



Open Storytime

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

Children ages 6 and younger and their families are invited to attend these sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children younger than age 3.* These sessions run January 20-February 28. (NR)



• FOR ALL AGES

Monday, January 6, 2-2:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13, 2-2:30 p.m.

Come to this storytime at Panera Bread, located at at Randhurst Village in Mount Prospect, where staff will present stories and songs to children and their parents. Please register through the Library. (R)

Tales With Tails

• FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

February 20-March 20, 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 for 5 consecutive 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 begins Saturday, January 4.* (R-MPPL)



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)



The Templeton Twins Have an Idea

by Ellis Weiner

Monday, January 20, 1-2 p.m.

and SKYPE with the author!

The Magic Thief
by Sarah Prineas

Monday, February 17, 1-2:30 p.m.



Fun With Books



KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE

• FOR KINDERGARTENERS AGES 5 AND UP

Join us for an after-school storytime where you and your friends will enjoy stories and songs, followed by a snack and a DVD. You'll also get to create a project to take home! (R)

Penguins

Thursday, January 30, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ha! Ha! Funny Stories

Thursday, February 27, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Spring Storytime Lottery

From February 24-March 6, parents can register their children—birth through age 5—for the Spring storytime session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run **March 17-April 25**. Due to the popularity of these storytimes, registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for Mount Prospect Public Library cardholders. To participate in the lottery, please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk.

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 Animals

Monday, January 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Friends? Fantastic!

Monday, February 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages



"Circus Boy"
Bobby Hunt

Saturday, January 11, 11-11:45 a.m.

Let's welcome "Circus Boy" to the stage! This dynamic variety show performer comes to us from Barnum & Bailey Circus and has been recognized in three *Ripley's Believe It or Not* books. He will make us roar with laughter while he juggles and balances. He'll even ride the world's smallest bike. Don't miss this amazing performance! (R)

African Drumming Rhythms With Michael Taylor

Saturday, February 22, 11-11:45 a.m.

Join Old Town School of Folk Music's Michael Taylor for a thrilling performance in honor of **African American History Month**. You will be immersed in West African culture through Michael's unique rhythms on the djembe and dunun drums. Families are encouraged to participate and find their own rhythms during this interactive event. *This program is sponsored by Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

If You Like...



Wonder by R. J. Palacio
why don't you try...

Firegirl by Tony Abbott
Anything But Typical
by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key
by Jack Gantos

The Thing About Georgie by Lisa Graff

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

Warp Speed by Lisa Yee



Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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POP OPEN A GOOD BOOK! TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM

Are you bursting to tell everyone about an awesome book you've read? Or are you looking for more books with bang? During February, tell us about books with snap or find out what's exploding onto the teen reading scene during the Winter Reading program. Come to the second floor Fiction/AV/Teen Desk and fill out a blurb with the title of the book that you "popped open" to be entered into a raffle for a chance to win weekly gift cards to popular places in Mount Prospect. Books, school-related reading, or e-books and audiobooks are eligible to be blurbed. The blurbs will be featured in the Teen Zone in the large display case so you can see what other teens are reading. There will also be a "Guess How Many Candies That Pop" contest. Enter for a chance to win teen books plus a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card (and all the candy) for the closest guess.

Open Creation Session

Saturday, January 4, 1-3 p.m.

Stop by and make something! We'll provide the space, the supplies, and instructional books for you to create whatever you'd like. Hand sewing, duct-tape creations, T-shirt recycling, paper crafts, and more are all possible in this open creation space. Feel free to bring your own projects to work on, too. Laptops and mobile devices are welcome if that is your preferred method of creating. And, of course, snacks and drinks will be provided. (R)



Teen Knitting/ Crocheting Club

Friday, January 3, 4-6 p.m.
Friday, February 7, 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. (R)



RPG & Drop-in Games for Teens

Friday, February 28, 4-6 p.m.

If games are your thing, drop in to MPPL for role-playing or board games, chess, and Wii or Xbox 360 with a Kinect setup (all games will be rated "T" for teen or "E" for everyone). Bring your own games like *Magic: The Gathering* and *Dungeons and Dragons*. Snacks and refreshments will be served. (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 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m.



South Branch Events

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



Make & Take Craft: Winter | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Invierno

• FOR KIDS UP TO GRADE 6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, January 8, 4:30-6 p.m.

Stop by the South Branch and celebrate winter. Make a craft you can take home and enjoy a snack. *Recommended for children ages 3-7 and their parents, but all are welcome.* (NR)

Crafting With Perler Beads

• FOR CHILDREN IN 5TH-
8TH GRADES

Monday, January 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

Design your own bead creation! We supply the beads—just bring your ideas and your friends! (R)



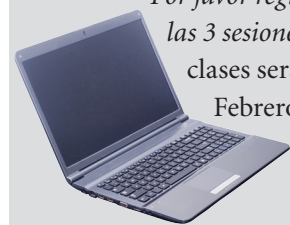
CLASES DE COMPUTACIÓN

Tres Sesiones de Microsoft Excel®— Clases Fundamentales

martes 11 de febrero, 5:30-7 p.m.
martes 18 de febrero, 5:30-7 p.m.
martes 25 de febrero, 5:30-7 p.m.

Aprenda las bases fundamentales de Microsoft Excel®. Domine lo básico, tal como entrada de datos y formateo de hojas de calculos, luego, aprenda calculaciones, formulas y funciones durante estas detalladas sesiones. Practique sus habilidades adquiridas con ejercicios y practica. **Limite de 8 participantes.**

Por favor regístrese para las 3 sesiones. Las clases serán ofrecidas
Febrero 11, 18, y 25.
(R)



Make & Take Craft: Winter Reading | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Lectura de Invierno

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Monday, February 17, 4-6 p.m.

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**More South Branch
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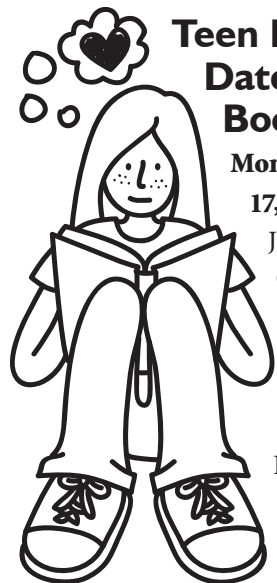
South Branch Hours

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.

Teen Blind Date With a Book

**Monday, February
17, 1-3 p.m.**

Join us at Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store, 80 E Northwest Highway, to meet some new books. We'll tell you a little



about some great reads, and you decide if they sound good to you. There will be trivia and treats, too. (R)

It's a Blast...

Sign up for the Library's e-Newsletter! Click on the e-Library tab on our website to sign up for our e-newsletter and get Library news delivered to your inbox twice per month. Hear about events and programs, discover new services, and find out what's happening in Mount Prospect. You also have one-click access to program registration, the catalog, your account, and the Library calendar.



UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

There's a hint of chocolate in the air as the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation rolls out its annual Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle. The event begins Wednesday, January 29 and continues through Thursday, February 13 and features specialty baskets each brimming with chocolate treats, unique experiences, or gift certificates to area businesses and restaurants. Stop by to see the sumptuous items on display in the lobby. 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 **Thursday, February 13 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.

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 13



—Tickets are six for \$5, 12 for \$10, or \$1 each

FRIENDS WINTER BOOK SALE



SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 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 17, 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.

LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR COOKING HORIZONS?

The Friends Cookbook Sale!

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you love food and books, then this sale is for you! 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.

South Branch Events



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WINTER READING • February 1-28

Are you bursting to tell everyone about a great book you've read? Or are you looking for more books with bang? Then stop by the South Branch during the Pop Open a Good Book Winter

Reading Program in February. Tell us what you are reading, and fill out drawing slips for gift-card prizes. We would love to see readers of all ages!

A Leer Se Ha Dicho!

PROGRAMA DE LECTURA DE INVIERNO
febrero 1-28

No puedes esperar de decirle a todos acerca del estupendo libro que leiste! O estas buscando por mas libros interesantes? Entonces visita la Extensión del Sur durante el programa de

Lectura de Invierno en

Febrero. Dejanos saber que estas leyendo y llena un boleto para el concurso donde podras ganar tarjetas de regalo. Nos encantaría ver a amantes de la lectura de todas las edades!

More South Branch programs and activities on page 7!



La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur

lunes 13 enero, 5-5:30 p.m.
miércoles 5 febrero, 5-5:30 p.m.

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

Storytime at the South Branch
Wednesday, January 29, 5-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 12, 5-5:30 p.m.

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

Polskie Bajki Centrum
Łączności ze Środowiskiem
Środa 22 styczeń, 5-5:30 wieczorem
Środa 10 luty, 5-5:30 wieczorem

Ale każdy będzie mile witany, jedyny warunek—dzieciom muszą towarzyszyć rodzice. (NR)



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