



Preview

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2015



**Park Quickly, Stay Dry,
and Start Your Visit Easily
With Lower-level Parking**

Find the best Library parking spots below the Library building. There is always plenty of parking at the bottom of the parking deck, your car stays out of the sun and the cold, and a convenient elevator brings you right into the lobby.

Enter through the Village parking deck next to the Library. The entrance to the parking deck is located at the southernmost (nearest to Busse Avenue) driveway. You will see the ENTER sign on Emerson Street.

Parking for Village business is immediately inside the deck. To get to the Library, make an immediate right and then a quick left turn, and then you are on the downward sloping ramp that will lead to you Library parking.

Follow the yellow signs down the ramp: look for the multilingual welcome messages on the glass doors to the elevator and stairway to the lobby. Handicap parking spaces are located



Now entering MPPL's parking area.



MPPL's lower-level entrance.

directly north of the lower lobby doors.

Remember, when you are on the deck ramps, please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians. And if you are walking on the ramps, please watch around you for cars.

Former Trustee Samuel Hess Dies

FOUNDERS' AWARD WINNER HELPED LIBRARY EXPAND AND MODERNIZE

Samuel Hess, who served on the Library Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1987 and helped guide the Library during a major renovation, died in November.

Born in Detroit in 1921, he graduated from Amherst College in 1943. Sam served three years in the U.S. Army in World War II, stationed in the Philippines, Okinawa, and Korea.

He worked for Mobil Oil, now Exxon Mobil, for 35 years in marketing and personnel.

In an oral history recorded in 1994, Sam recalls purchasing his family's house in Mount Prospect. "I remember when we bought the house," Sam recalled. "The real estate man said, 'Well, we're at 30,000 now,' and he said, 'I'm sure we can't possibly get any bigger than this.'"

He served on the Library board for twelve years and as President for six years. During his time on the board, Central School was demolished to make way for a completely new building,

His role in the Library's history earned him a Library Founders' Award in 1999 for implementing "various modern management practices and set(ing) in motion the fast-paced growth that resulted in the 1980s."

which opened in December 1976.

Former Librarian Sharon Grieger remembers him as "a very outgoing and intelligent man. As a board member," she says, "he always liked to gather all of the information he could before making decisions."

Sam also served 10 years on the Northwest Community Healthcare Foundation Board and as a trustee of the Elk Grove Township School Board, receiving a "Mount Prospect Living Legend" award in 2002 for his many years of involvement with village social and civic groups.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annabel. He is survived by his daughters, Andrea and Mary Barbara.

The Possibilities Are Endless During National Library Week

Unlimited *adj*: 2 : BOUNDLESS, INFINITE

Celebrate National Library Week from April 12-18 and discover the "Unlimited Possibilities @ your library!" Programs and displays are designed to show you all your Library can offer, no matter your interest, age, or stage of life. We will host a special community program during that week, so watch for information.

Encounter STEM Wonders at the Discovery Zone

School-age kids will soon encounter a high-tech, STEM-focused area for interacting, learning, and playing!

In the Discovery Zone, kids in 1st-5th grades can explore the science all around them. A large audio-video console, iPad tables, moveable furniture, an IdeaPaint wall, and a multi-colored display wall will let kids engage with the world and with each other.

Topics will be updated frequently and will let kids find out about weather, space, simple machines, and more.

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The Library will be closed:

Thursday, January 1
for New Year's Day

The South Branch will be closed:

Friday, January 2



Join us as we host an 18-hole miniature golf course FUNdraiser at the Library for a day of family fun from **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 14.** The event is sponsored by the Robert Bosch Tool Corporation and will have golfers putting throughout the Library, between the stacks, through the reading areas, and down the stairs. The 19th Hole Entertainment Area is sponsored by Edward Jones, Friedrichs Funeral

Mini Golf @ MPPL!

Home, and Village Bank & Trust and will offer refreshments, entertainment, games, and a raffle for fun prizes.

"We wanted to host a unique family event to bring the community in to see the Library in a different way and perhaps learn something new," said Suzanne Busse, president of the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

The fee to play is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. This event is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). *The MPPLF provides funding for special programs and projects to the Library that are otherwise unattainable with tax dollars.*

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.*

Love Life, Live Lean: Improve Health by Eating Well in 2015

Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.

You have been gracious to others during the holiday season, so take this time and give yourself the gift of good health. Have fun learning how to make the changes in your daily routine that satisfy your body's nutrition needs. This fun and informative presentation will include details on "Traffic Light" eating, fats, fiber, immune-boosting foods, and reading food labels. A few bonus yummy recipes will also be shared. Love life and live lean in the coming year! (R)

Super Bowl in a Snap: A Crash Course in Pro Football Basics

Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.

If you've always been unclear on the fundamentals of pro football and wondered what's happening on the field, you'll get the scoop in a friendly, unintimidating atmosphere. Learn key concepts, basic rules and terminology, and player positions. Say "yes" to that Super Bowl party because now you can watch and understand the big game from the coin toss to the last whistle. You'll appreciate more than the great snacks and memorable commercials during the Super Bowl after this informative program. (R)

Sign Up for Affordable Care Act Insurance

Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sign up now for insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Trained navigators will be available to assist

you in accessing the ACA websites and completing the enrollment process. Appointments are suggested but walk-ins are also welcome. To make an appointment and reserve a time, call 847/392-8682 x 227. *Presented by GetCoveredIllinois.* (NR)

Overcoming Organizing Obstacles

Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.

When it comes to getting organized, are you overwhelmed? Unsure about how to start? Or, just too busy to think about it? The year is still young, and there's plenty of time to find helpful strategies on how to get organized and stay organized. Learn a three-step model for overcoming whatever obstacle is in the way of your being organized. Stay for the Q & A to ask questions and get personalized advice. (R)

Food in the Internet Age

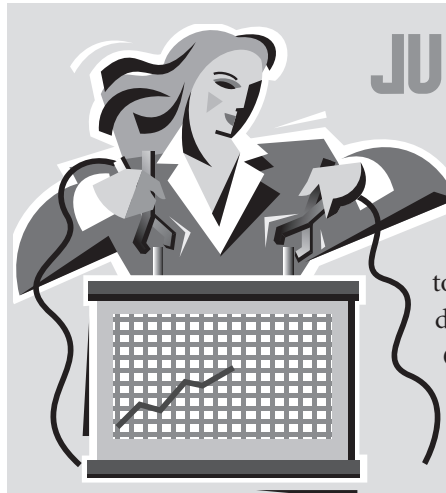
Tuesday, February 10, 7 p.m.

Taste what the Internet has to offer when it comes to food preparation and enjoyment. Reference Librarians Julie Collins and Steven Browne round up some helpful web resources for cooks, gourmets, and deal-spotters, including popular food sites and blogs, recipe-sharing, coupons, and shopping for groceries. (R)

Chocolates From Around the World

Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.

Pastry Chef Rose Deneen will take your taste buds to new heights with a sampling of chocolates from all over the world. Chef Deneen will demonstrate how to make a variety of chocolate treats, including chocolate



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.

Using Social Media

Friday, January 9, 8:30 a.m.

Join social media guru Bruce Bixler as he discusses several of the most useful platforms and how to determine which one is right for you. (R)

Jump Into Human Resources

Monday, February 9, 8:30 a.m.

Set a solid foundation for handling human resources in your business. You'll find information on basic best practices, policies and procedures, recruitment, employee relations, training, and performance management. Those business leaders just starting out will benefit from the seminar before employee issues may appear and inhibit growth. Established business leaders will gain knowledge that will help propel their businesses forward. (R)

mousse, chocolate chunk cookies, and truffles. Recipes and samples included. *A \$4 tasting fee is due at registration.* Space is limited. Stop by the Library's Registration Desk to reserve your spot.

The World of Midlife Dating

Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.

Many years may have passed since you were out in the dating world. Are you still looking for heart-pounding love and reckless abandon? Is that still possible? Or are you more interested in friendship, companionship, or financial stability? Join us as author and public speaker Barbara Shapiro discusses navigating the world of midlife dating. Shapiro (writing as Maro Eliot) is the author of *Ask Avery Anything*, and

she will share tips for finding someone special during midlife and the valuable lessons you can learn while looking. (R)



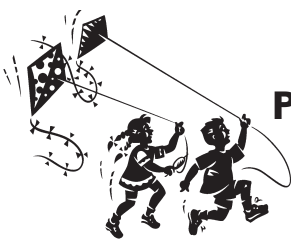
Instant Recess

Monday, January 5 through Friday, March 27, 4-4:10 p.m.

Here's your chance to take a quick, healthy break with your favorite Library staff and community members. Instant Recess is an easy way to keep yourself on the move and your brain in the groove. Library staff will lead you in low-impact, simple physical activities that could include a bit of yoga, dancing, or stretching but will always be fun. We will meet weekdays in the second floor Genealogy area at 4 p.m. for 10 minutes. All ages and abilities are welcome. *No registration required.* (NR)



ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS



Preschool and Childcare Information Night

Tuesday, January 27, 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)



Toddlers, Toilet Training, and Tantrums

Tuesday, February 24, 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 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 sensitivity and insight to help you keep your cool and become a more effective parent. (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.



Organizing 101

Thursday, February 26, 1 p.m.

Amber Sanchez of Organized Solutions is an expert on helping people conquer clutter so they can use their time, energy, and money on what's most important to them. Learn the basics for any organizing issue big or small, including how to

start your project strong, finish strong, and maintain your strategy. Sanchez will also share effective organizing tips and give you the inside scoop on her favorite organizing tools. (R)

Senior Session

From Russia, With Love: A Traveler's Perspective

Tuesday, January 20, 1:30 p.m.

Spend some time with veteran traveler and District 214 Community Education Travel Manager Linda Kerr to learn about her trip to Russia, host to the 2014 Winter Olympics. From the interior of the Kremlin to the steppes of Siberia, to the wealth in St Petersburg's Hermitage, to the joy of having tea with a Russian family, she'll fill you in on what the country is all about. (R)

The American Civil War: Beyond Gettysburg

Tuesday, February 17, 1:30 p.m.

Most Americans are familiar with some of the major battles of the American Civil War, such as the Battle of Gettysburg. But the war was filled with many lesser-known battles, such as Cedar Mountain. Dan Swinson, a local historical reenactor, will discuss this battle as he reveals the experience of Civil War veterans during and after the war. (R)

Learn to Download Free eBooks With MyMediaMall



These hands-on sessions will teach you how to use MyMediaMall to browse and search for titles, check out, and sync your device to download books. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

Using a Tablet

Tuesday, January 20, 4 p.m.

Using a Kindle

Monday, January 26, 7 p.m.

Using a Nook

Thursday, January 29, 4 p.m.

Have e-reader questions and can't make it to the class? Come to a **Computer Learning Lab** listed below.

Computer Learning Lab

Thursday, January 8, 4-6 p.m.

Monday, January 19, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 4-6 p.m.

Stop in during the above times and bring your questions about Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, e-mail, or e-books. Our trained staff will help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. This is also a great time to find out about Library 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. (NR)

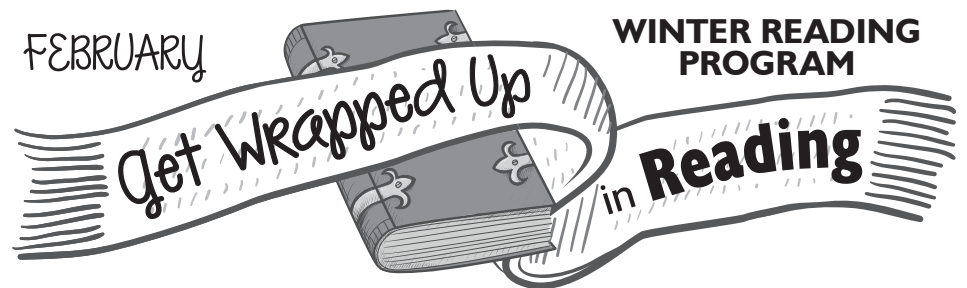


Fun With Windows 8.1

Monday, January 12, 7 p.m.

Bring your tablet or laptop with Windows 8.1 installed and learn about the Start screen, how to switch between applications and share information, and more. *Space is limited to*

13. Please note: Classes begin promptly. Open seats will be given to someone on the wait list as early as 5 minutes before class starts. (R)



Winter is a great time to get wrapped up in a book! Get out the quilt, find a warm corner, and sink into a world of romance, adventure, fantasy, humor, or mystery. Visit the Fiction/AV/Teen desk during the month of February and fill out an entry slip for each book, audiobook, or e-book you read. At the end of the month, staff will draw from all entries to pick prize winners. Prize baskets will include items to keep you warm and cozy through the last of the winter months, including a Keurig K-Cup Brewing System for that perfect cup of coffee or tea to accompany your next curl-up-with-a-book time.

Ask About Our Homebound Delivery Service

If you are physically unable to come to the Library, we can 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 and who have no one that can pick up and return items for them.

Registration for this service is easy.

Simply complete a registration form available online at mpl.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.

LIBRARY LIFE



AVAILABLE ON
www.mpl.org

January

Get Wrapped Up in Reading!
WINTER READING PROGRAM

Instant Recess

SUPER Saturday!

Jim Gill Concert

February

BEHIND THE SCENES @ MPPL:
Technical Services

A Taste of Asia With Ying Stoller

SUPER Saturday!

Noodles the Wonder Dog

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

Features subject to change.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Please pick up a Computer Classes flyer and calendar for program descriptions. Unless specified, all classes are hands-on sessions using PCs and held in the Computer Training Room (C) with a limit of 13 participants per class. **Classes begin promptly.** *Open seats will be available as early as 5 minutes before class starts.*

iCan Use My iPad®

Monday, January 5, 1 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 4 p.m.

Computer Basics

Wednesday, January 7, 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.

Using Word®

Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.

Learn to Use the Internet

Wednesday, January 14, 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 28, 10 a.m.

Word®: Beyond the Basics

Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m.

Excel® Basics

Wednesday, February 4, 3 p.m.

Using PowerPoint®

Monday, February 9, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint®: Beyond the Basics

Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.

Excel®: Formulas and Functions

Wednesday, February 18, 4 p.m.

Safari® Web Browser Basics

Thursday, February 19, 4 p.m.

Windows 7: The Basics

Monday, February 23, 6 p.m.

Publisher® Basics

Tuesday, February 24, 3 p.m.

Excel®: Tables and Charts

Wednesday, February 25, 4 p.m.

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

Food for Thought

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



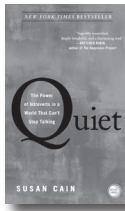
Orphan Train

by Christina Baker Kline

Wednesday, January 7, noon OR 2 p.m.

A captivating story of an unexpected friendship

between two very different women: 91-year-old Vivian, who has a hidden past as an orphan-train rider, and Molly, a teenager whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask. (NR)



Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

by Susan Cain

Wednesday, February 4, noon OR 2 p.m.

Passionately argued, impressively researched, and filled with indelible stories of real people, this book shows how dramatically we undervalue introverts and how much we lose in doing so. (NR)

Coffee, Books, & More

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



The Rosie Project

by Graeme Simsion

Wednesday, January 21, 10 a.m.

Don Tillman is a brilliant, socially challenged genetics

professor who's decided it's time he found a wife. Enter Rosie – oddly beguiling, but not wife material. After Don helps Rosie find her biological father, their relationship grows, and the science behind Don's search for love might have to be reconsidered. (NR)



The Paris Wife

by Paula McLain

Wednesday, February 18, 10 a.m.

Captivated by the charismatic Ernest

Hemingway, Hadley soon finds herself married and living in Paris. There she makes a convincing transformation from an overprotected child to a brave young woman who endures poverty and loneliness to support her husband's career. (NR)

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



The Hundred-Foot Journey

[2014; Rated PG; 122 minutes; Drama]
Starring Helen Mirren, Om Puri, Manish Dayal.

Directed by Lasse Hallström.

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

Thursday, January 8, 1 p.m.

The Kadam family leaves India for France, where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery. (R)



The Judge

[2014; Rated R; 141 minutes; Drama]
Starring Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall, Vera Farmiga.

Directed by David Dobkin.

Wednesday, February 4, *7 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 1 p.m.

Big-city lawyer Hank Palmer returns to his childhood home where his father, the town's judge, is suspected of murder. Hank sets out to discover the truth and, along the way, reconnects with his estranged family. (R)

**Due to the length of this movie, the February 4 showing starts at 7 p.m.*

Movie Discussion

One, Two, Three

[1961; Not Rated; 115 minutes; Comedy]
Starring James Cagney, Horst Buchholz, Pamela Tiffin.

Directed by Billy Wilder.

Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m.

Coca Cola's manager in West Berlin may be fired if he can't keep his American boss's daughter from marrying a Communist. (NR)

One From the Heart

[1982; Rated R; 107 minutes; Musical/Romance]
Starring Frederic Forrest, Teri Garr, Raul Julia.

Directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

Wednesday, February 11, 7 p.m.

A Las Vegas couple breaks up on the 4th of July, leading them both to a night on the strip in pursuit of their romantic fantasies. But in this town of gamblers and dreamers, should they bet it all on dreams, or give true love another roll of the dice? (NR)

Book Chat

Limited copies of books are available 30 days prior to discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.



The Other Wes Moore

by Wes Moore

Monday, January 5, 7 p.m.

Two kids with the same name were born blocks apart in the same decaying city within a few years of each other. One grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, army officer, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. Here is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation. (NR)



The Round House

by Louise Erdrich

Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.

When his mother, a tribal enrollment specialist living on a reservation in North Dakota, slips into an abyss of depression after being brutally attacked, fourteen-year-old Joe Coutts sets out with his three friends to find the person who destroyed his family. *Winner of the National Book Award.* (NR)

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If You Like...

Books to Movies

Here's a preview of what's coming in 2015:

The Martian by Andy Weir

Dark Places by Gillian Flynn

Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín

Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

by Seth Grahame-Smith

The Testament of Youth

by Vera Brittain

A Walk in the Woods

by Bill Bryson

Inherent Vice

by Thomas Pynchon

The Fiction/AV/Teen staff are always available if you would like suggestions on great books, movies, or music.



Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation, MPPL's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views.

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

Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. TOPIC: *Immigration and the Americas*

Immigration and immigration reform were brought to the forefront by the unprecedented influx of unaccompanied minors crossing into the U.S. last fall. What steps have been taken to deal with this and other immigration issues?

Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m. TOPIC: *TED Talks*

TED talks grew out of a 1984 conference that noted the convergence of the fields of technology, entertainment, and design. The conference grew into an annual event, and the presentations have spawned a series of "genius" talks available for worldwide viewing. We'll take a look at several of the most popular talks and their influence on our society.



JANUARY


1 LIBRARY AND SOUTH BRANCH CLOSED for New Year's Day
Thursday


2 SOUTH BRANCH CLOSED
Friday

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

3 Tales With Tails Registration Begins, Saturday 


5 iCan Use My iPad
Monday, 1 p.m. 

Instant Recess, Weekdays, January 5-March 27, 4-4:10 p.m. 


BOOK CHAT *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore, Monday, 7 p.m. (NR) 


7 FOOD FOR THOUGHT
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Computer Learning Lab
Thursday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) 


9 Jump Start Your Business: Using Social Media, Friday, 8:30 a.m. 

10 Using Word®
Saturday, 10 a.m. 


SUPER SATURDAY! Noodles the Wonder Dog, Saturday, 11-11:45 a.m. 


 Winter Storytime
Saturday, 12:30-1:15 p.m. (NR) 



12 Family LEGO®mania
Monday, 4:30-6 p.m. 


Fun With Windows 8.1
Monday, 7 p.m. 

13 Love Life, Live Lean: Improve Health by Eating Well in 2015
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 


14 Playtime @ the Library
Wednesday, 9:30-11 a.m. 


Learn to Use the Internet
Wednesday, 3 p.m. 

 La Hora de Cuentos en Español
miércoles, 5-5:30 p.m. (NR) 

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *One, Two, Three*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. (NR) 

15 Library Board Meeting
Thursday, 7 p.m.


16 Family Fun: Books, Apps, and More, Friday, 10-11 a.m. 


COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Immigration and the Americas
Friday, 7:30 p.m. (NR) 

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


Word®: Beyond the Basics
Saturday, 10 a.m. 


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


19 CHAT & CHEW (& SKYPE):
Al Capone Does My Shirts
Monday, 1-2:30 p.m. 

Open Creation in the Lab
Monday, 2-4 p.m. 

 MAKE & TAKE CRAFT: 100th Day of School, Monday, 5:30-7 p.m. (NR) 


BOOK VOYAGERS: Snowy Day Fun
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 



Computer Learning Lab
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 Polskie Bajki | Polish Storytime
Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. (NR) 


23  Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Friday, 5-6:30 p.m. (NR) 


FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: *Frozen*
Friday, 6-8 p.m. 


24 Kaplan ACT Practice Test
Saturday, 12:30-4 p.m. 


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


Download Free Books From the Library With Your Kindle, Monday, 7 p.m. 

27 Preschool and Childcare Information Night
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. 

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

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

29 Download Free Books From the Library With a NOOK
Thursday, 4 p.m. 

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Adult  Teen  Youth  Family 
All Ages  South Branch 
(NR) No registration necessary


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or by calling 847/253-5675.


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FEBRUARY

1 Instant Recess, Weekdays through Friday, March 27, 4-4:10 p.m. 

WINTER READING: Get Wrapped Up in Reading, February 1-28 

2 Mad Scientists Club Jr.
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 



3 Computer Learning Lab
Tuesday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) 

Overcoming Organizing Obstacles
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 


4 Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle
Wednesday, February 4-Saturday, February 14


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Volunteer Orientation
Wednesday, 6-7 p.m. 


MOVIES: *The Judge*
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Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.


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Dances of West Africa
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TEEN BOOK-TO-MOVIE DISCUSSION: *The Giver*
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BOOK CHAT: *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, Monday, 7 p.m. (NR) 

PowerPoint®: Beyond the Basics
Monday, 7 p.m. 



17 SENIOR SESSION:
The American Civil War
Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. 

The World of Midlife Dating
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 

18 COFFEE, BOOKS, AND MORE:
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
Wednesday, 10 a.m. (NR) 

Excel: Formulas and Functions
Wednesday, 4 p.m. 

19 Safari Web Browser Basics
Thursday, 4 p.m. 


 MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
Chinese New Year
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Library Board Meeting
Thursday, 7 p.m.

20 COFFEE & CONVERSATION
TED Talks Friday, 7:30 p.m. (NR) 

21 Sensory Storytime
Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. 


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Saturday, 2-4 p.m. 


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



Windows 7: The Basics
Monday, 6 p.m. 


24 Publisher® Basics
Tuesday, 3 p.m. 


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

25 Excel®: Tables and Charts
Wednesday, 4 p.m. 

Mad Scientists Club
Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m. 

 Polskie Bajki / Polish Storytime
Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. (NR) 

26 AFTERNOON ENCORE:
Organizing 101
Thursday, 1 p.m. 

KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE:
Dance to the Music
Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m. 

28 Learn to Use the Internet
Saturday, 10 a.m. 

SAVE THE DATE

An Evening With Author
Mary Hutchings Reed
Monday, March 2 • 7 p.m.

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Get Wrapped Up in Reading

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 11 AND YOUNGER

It's party time! Join the celebration by stopping by the Youth Services Desk to tell us what you're reading and enter the "Guess How Many" contest. Then, keep the festivities going all month long by completing activity cards to be rewarded with great gifts, and get chances to win one of our fabulous prize packages! *The more you play, the more chances you have to win!* Participants may submit one card per day.

YOUTH WINTER READING PROGRAM
February 1-28

Family LEGO® MANIA

• FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6 AND FAMILIES

Monday, January 12, 4:30-6 p.m.

Brave the cold and bring the whole family to build amazing creations together using the Library's large collection of LEGOs. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (R)

Family Movie Night: Frozen

• FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT

Friday, January 23, 6-8 p.m.

Need to "chill" out? Bundle up the family and venture out! You can even dress up like your favorite character. This program is best suited for families with children ages 3 and older, but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (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)

Just for You

Friday, February 13, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

Saturdays are family days! Join us for a morning of fun and entertainment that the whole family will enjoy. Programs are held in Meeting Room A. (R)

Noodles the Wonder Dog

Saturday, January 10, 11-11:45 a.m.

Who wants to meet a TV star who says "Woof?" Come and see Noodles the Wonder Dog perform his latest and greatest tricks. This talented dog, adopted from the Anti-Cruelty Society, was featured on Good Morning America's 2014 "Dog vs. Dog" competition. (R)

Celebration Dances of West Africa

Saturday, February 7, 11-11:45 a.m.

Experience the cultures of Africa through dancing, drumming, and proverbs. Brought to you by Urban Gateway's Soli Performing Arts Company, this show is guaranteed to excite! This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation in honor of African American History Month. (R)



CLICK & CREATE: LEGO® WeDo

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Tuesday, February 10, 4:30-6 p.m.

Want to create simple robots or almost anything else you can imagine? You can do this with "Scratch," an easy-to-use, fun, and free program, and LEGO WeDo, a robotics construction set. 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-MPPL)

MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB JUNIOR

• FOR 1ST-2ND GRADERS

Monday, February 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

We will light up the room with fun hands-on experiments and even get a chance to capture our shadows. (R-MPPL)

MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Wednesday, February 25, 4:30-6 p.m.

We'll be hot on the case as we use forensic science to solve mysteries. Space in the lab is limited to 30 scientists. (R)



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 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 27. (NR)

Tales With Tails

• FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

Do dogs like stories? Here's your chance to find out. Readers may sign up for a 15-minute session for 4 consecutive Thursdays, February 26-March 19 from 7-8 p.m. to read to a specially trained dog. Register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Saturday, January 3.

Playtime @ the Library

• Wednesday, January 14, 9:30-11 a.m.

Children ages 6 and younger and their caregivers are invited to stop in to interact and explore with a variety of materials and hands-on activities. Come join the learning and fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary; just drop in. (NR)

Family Fun: Books, Apps, and More

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 WITH AN ADULT

Friday, January 16, 10-11 a.m.

Join us for a storytime about the most special people in our lives—our families! After listening to stories and songs, children will make a craft, play with toys, and explore some children's apps that the whole family will love. (R)

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. (R)

Snowy Day Fun

Monday, January 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Get Well Soon

Monday, February 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chat & Chew

—for 4th-6th graders

Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

Al Capone Does My Shirts

by Gennifer Choldenko

Monday, January 19, 1-2:30 p.m.

Join us for lunch, discussion, and a virtual visit with the author via webcam! (R)

Storytime Lottery

From February 16-March 5, parents can register their children—birth through age 5—for the Spring session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run March 16-April 24. 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.

There's still time! Winter Storytime lottery registration ends **January 8!**

Sensory Storytime

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-8 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, February 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Children with special needs and their families are invited to join us for an inclusive sensory storytime. Each session may include stories, crafts, sensory activities, music, and play, including apps on the iPad. Parents and siblings are encouraged to participate and enjoy the experience together. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Youth Services at least one week in advance for special requests or accommodations. (R)



KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE

• FOR KINDERGARTNERS 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)

Winter Wonders

Thursday, January 29, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Dance to the Music

Thursday, February 26, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

Monday, February 16, 1-2 p.m.

Join us for lunch, discussion, and some wacky games of our own. (R)



Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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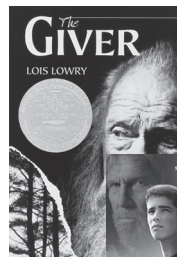
Kaplan ACT Practice Test and Test Strategies 101 Workshop: A TWO-PART PROGRAM

Saturday, January 24, 12:30-4 p.m.
Sunday, February 8, 2-3 p.m.

For the first part of this ACT Prep program, students will take a fully-proctored practice ACT test and will experience what to expect in a test-like environment. Students will receive a comprehensive analysis of their performance on the test, detailing individual strengths and weaknesses. Be sure to bring a calculator, two #2 pencils, and wear comfortable clothes. Cell phones will not be allowed.

In the second part on February 8, students will receive the results of their practice test, and both parents

and students are invited to learn how to score higher on the ACT test. The format and content of the test are explored, including ways to take advantage of the test format to maximize efficiency on the exam. This is an ideal follow-up to the practice test. Seating for both programs is limited, so sign up to save your place! (R)



Teen Book-to-Movie Discussion *THE GIVER* BY LOIS LOWRY

Monday, February 16, 2-4:30 p.m.

The Giver is a classic teen novel, recently made into a movie, about a 12-year-old boy's gradual disillusionment with a perfect society. We'll watch the PG-13 movie and then talk about the book, the movie, and the similarities and differences between the two. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so be sure to register. (R)



Open Creation in the Lab

Monday, January 19, 2-4 p.m.

Get your tech on during your day off! At this session, you'll have iPads, Scratch, RPG Maker, Minecraft online, and other technology like microcontrollers available to experiment with in our computer lab. Internet access and wi-fi will be available. Laptops and mobile devices are welcome. Space is limited, so be sure to register. (R)



Open Creation Session for Teens

Saturday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.

Stop by the Library and make something! We will provide the space, supplies, and instructional books to inspire you. Duct-tape creations, T-shirt recycling, sewing, technology tinkering, and more are all included 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. As always, snacks and drinks will be provided. (R)

When the cold gets to you, hibernate at the Library!

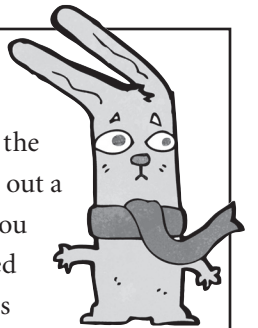
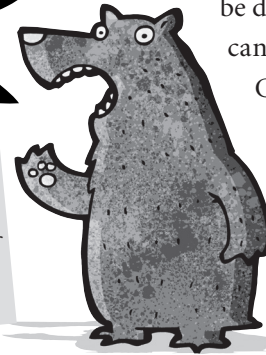
We have books in all kinds of formats, including e-books and graphic novels, to help you forget the frost. Visit during February and fill out a blurb with the title of the book you are "wrapped up" in to be entered into a drawing to win gift cards via weekly drawings. The blurbs will

be displayed in the Teen Zone so you can see what other teens are reading.

Get extra entries when you post a photo on Instagram with your favorite book. (Follow and tag *MPPLteen* in the photo to get the extra entry.) Books, school-related reading, e-books, and audiobooks all qualify.

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FEBRUARY

There will also be a "Guess How Many Pages" contest, where you can guess the page count of our wrapped-up books at the Fiction/AV/Teen desk.

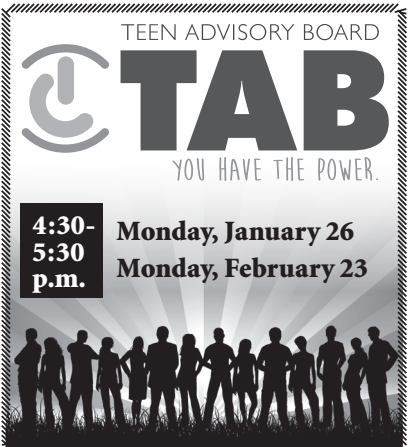


Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club

Friday, January 2, 4-6 p.m.

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

Do you love to knit or crochet? Are you interested in learning? Then join our monthly 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)



4:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 26
Monday, February 23

South Branch Events

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

Make & Take Craft: Celebrate the 100th Day of School | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Celebraremos el Día 100 de la Escuela

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, January 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

Drop in to make crafts to celebrate the 100th Day of School. The Library will provide all craft supplies. *No registration required. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* (NR)

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360 | ¡Juega Ahora! Wii y Xbox 360

• FOR CHILDREN IN 3RD-6TH GRADES

Friday, January 23, 5-6:30 p.m.

A Wii, an Xbox 360, a big screen, your friends, and food—can you think of a better way to spend an afternoon? Drop in for an afternoon of video games, snacks, and friendly challenges. All games are rated E for everyone. (NR)



ADULT WINTER CRAFT: Arm-knit Scarf

Monday, February 16, 5:30 p.m.

Leave the needles at home and learn to use your arms to knit a scarf. Some knitting experience will help but not needed. *Presented in English but Spanish instructions will be available.* (R)

Make and Take Craft: Chinese New Year | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Año Nuevo Chino

• FOR KIDS UP TO GRADE 6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, February 19, 5-6:30 p.m.

Stop by the South Branch and celebrate the Chinese New Year. Make a craft you can take home and enjoy a snack. *Recommended for children ages 3-7 and their parents, but all are welcome. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* (NR)



UNBELIEVABLE



February 4-14 CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

There's a hint of chocolate in the air as Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation rolls out its annual Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle. The event begins Wednesday, February 4, continues through Saturday, February 14, 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. The drawing will be held on Saturday, February 14 at 2 p.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.

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

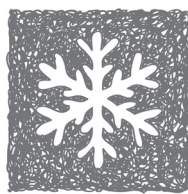


It Pays to e-Recycle

The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF) is collecting items for their Recycling Fundraiser:

- Cell phones (no chargers or accessories)
- Apple iPads & Tablets
- Ink Jet Cartridges (no toner)
- Apple iPods

This program raises funds to provide special programs and projects to the Library. For more information on the e-Recycle program and the MPPLF, visit www.mppl.org/foundation.



Friends Winter Book Sale

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

* **Saturday, January 17, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

* **Sunday, January 18, noon-4 p.m.**

Members Only Night

* **Friday, January 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**



"Cookbooks Only" Sale

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. Stop by early for the best selection. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

Saturday, February 7 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

South Branch Events



community connections center

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(NR) No registration required. /
No inscripción requerida.

More South Branch programs and activities on page 7!

Get Wrapped Up in Reading FEBRUARY

Winter is a great time to wrap yourself up in a book! Get out the quilt, find a warm corner, and sink into a world of romance, adventure, fantasy, laughs, or mystery. **Visit the South Branch during the month of February, and fill out an entry slip for each book, audiobook, or e-book you have read that month.** At the end of the month, staff will draw from all entries to pick prize-winners. Prize baskets will include items to keep you warm and cozy through the last of the winter months.

¡Invierno es el tiempo ideal para envolvernos con un buen libro! Saca una cobija, encuentra un lugar acogedor y escapa a un mundo de romance, aventura, fantasía, misterio o risas. **Visita la Extensión del Sur durante el mes de febrero y llena un boleto por cada libro, audiolibro o libro-electrónico que leas en el mes.** Al finalizar el mes se rifarán canastas con premios para estos meses de invierno.

Envuélvete en la Lectura



La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur
miércoles 14 de enero, 5-5:30 p.m.
miércoles 4 de 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 28, 5-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11, 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, 21 stycznia 5-5:30 po południu
Środa, 25 lutego 5-5:30 po południu

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

South Branch Hours

Monday-Friday • 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015



Winter Storytime | La Hora de Cuentos de Invierno

• FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AGES 3-7

Saturday, January 10, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Come in from the cold for this special storytime. Enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows and make a craft to take home.

No registration required. (NR)