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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2020

Special Delivery



Bringing the World to You

How meaningful are library books delivered to your front door when you can't leave your home?

If you ask Gloria, a Mount Prospect resident who participates in the Library's Homebound delivery services, she sweetly sums it up in four little words: "It is a lifesaver."

Homebound delivery at Mount Prospect Public Library operates year-round. It is a free service for residents and registered cardholders when they are unable to travel to the Library due to disability, long-term illness, or other restrictions.

"Over the years, we have had countless participants share with us how life-changing this service has been for them," said Jennifer Massa, Homebound coordinator. "From people who are unable to drive in the snow and in need of temporary delivery to those with limited mobility, this service

connects people to the books and community they love."

Volunteers and Patrons

Central to its success, Homebound services pairs dedicated volunteers with patrons.

"I love this program," said Jean, a long-time volunteer. "After I retired, I gave myself permission

to read more. I can easily get lost in a book."

Deliveries are scheduled based on the needs of the patron, as well as their reading preferences. Each patron has a conversation with a staff member who can suggest books. For years, Jean delivered books to one patron, chatting over books and coffee during visits.

Earlier this year, the Library matched Jean with Gloria, a newcomer to Homebound services. It had been some time since Gloria had been able to read the books she wanted; she qualified for the service and needed large-print books. Homebound services fit the bill.

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—Homebound services patron Gloria  
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What a Difference a Year Makes

Before Gloria learned about Homebound services, "I missed my books," she said.

When a Library employee told her about the service, it was set up quickly.

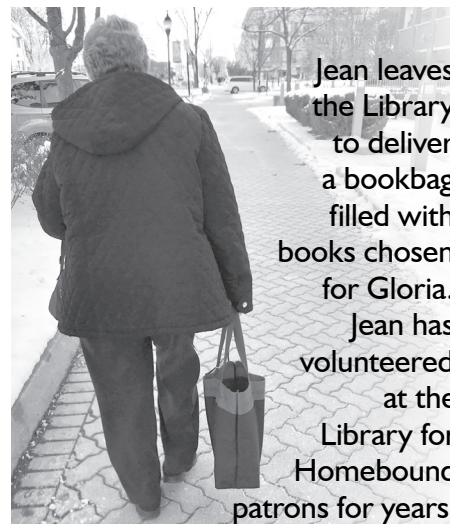
"I was flabbergasted," she said. "I can get what I like. There is no doubt how good this program is. I greatly appreciate it; it brings the world to me."

For Jean, her motivation to volunteer is getting out and staying busy, but she also believes in "paying it forward."

"This is such a great program," said Jean. "I hope that someone will do this for me if I can't get to the Library."

"A seemingly small service can have a great impact," said Massa.

To find out if you, a relative, or friend qualify for monthly deliveries, please call 847/253-5675 and ask for the Homebound coordinator.



Jean leaves the Library to deliver a bookbag filled with books chosen for Gloria. Jean has volunteered at the Library for Homebound patrons for years.



Jean takes a moment to listen to Gloria, a Homebound services patron, as she chats about her books. Jean brings Gloria books once a month, and they were partnered together last year through Homebound services at the Library.

donations to the Friends; she leaves with a wave to head back to the Library. In a month, Gloria will receive another visit from Jean, with a delivery of new adventures and stories.



Authority Records

How do you find books by an author you love when they also use a pseudonym? How can you search books about Mercury cars, but not get buried by information about planets? How about a deep dive into research?

HINT: It's not Google.

While using search engines might be a start, the catalog at Mount Prospect Public Library is a rich resource for researchers and casual readers alike. Its online platform allows searches most patrons expect: author, title, subject, or date of publication, as well as suggestions from the collection. But MPPL's online platform has additional features "under the hood" not found in most catalogs at public libraries. Specifically, it's filled with special details called "authority records."

The Secret Sauce

Authority records are additional sources of data that describe and give information about other data (metadata) about authors, content creators, works, and subjects. This includes:

- ▶ Synonyms
- ▶ Alternate spellings
- ▶ Related terms

—see *Authority Records* on page 2

A Homebound Delivery Day in Motion

When Gloria's books are ready, Jean receives an email from Library staff in advance to let her know the bag is ready. She contacts Gloria to confirm a delivery day and time. Then Jean comes to the Library to pick up the special bookbag.

A friendly volunteer with a quick smile, Jean picks up the assigned bookbag for Gloria, checks out some books for herself, and returns to her SUV.

After a 10-minute drive, Jean arrives at Gloria's home and knocks on the door.

Gloria is clearly delighted by Jean's arrival. She greets her warmly and welcomes Jean into her home.

Gloria's adult children also say hello with thanks. Gloria's son stopped by for a visit and her daughter—a teacher—

sits at the dining room table, busy grading a stack of papers.

Jean knowingly sets the bookbag next to Gloria's recliner, so they will be by her and easily accessible when it's time to read.

Gloria offers Jean a seat at the table, and they chit-chat for a moment.

Jean's favorite books are historical fiction. If you ask Gloria, she's quick to say historical romances are her favorites. Plus Christmas stories.

"They'll always cheer you up," she says.

Gloria mentions that she once belonged to a mail-order book club, but she could no longer read the print. She points to two bags filled with new books, placed by the front door next to last month's Library bookbag that's ready to return. Jean will deliver these

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The Main Library and South Branch will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

The South Branch will be closed on Monday, February 17.

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

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY: European and U.S. Newspapers and Directories—Good News!

Saturday, January 4, 9 a.m.-noon

The Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will hold its meeting at the Library with presenter Jacquie Schattner. Schattner will explain how to find stories, birth, marriage, and death announcements, including children whose births or deaths occurred between censuses. Directories provide occupations, place of birth, deaths, and family relationships. A list of 75 newspaper and directory websites from both the U.S. and Europe will be provided. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.; presentation starts at 10 a.m. Open to the public. (R)

SCORE Mentoring

Wednesday, January 15, 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5, 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 4-7 p.m.

Chicago SCORE retired volunteers with years of business experience will be at the Library to offer expert advice to local entrepreneurs and small business owners. Appointments can be made through the SCORE website: <http://scorechicago.org/mentoring>. (R)

Stem Cell Treatment for Arthritis and Orthopedic Injuries

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

Information about stem cell treatments can be confusing. In this presentation, Dr. Chadwick Prodromos, who is board certified in orthopedic surgery and regenerative medicine, will provide current safety, efficacy, FDA status, costs, and the future developments of stem cell treatments. (R)

Top-to-bottom Home Organizing

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m.

Home organizing can be a chronic problem for many people, but there is a solution to “straighten-up” your act. Author and home organizing professional Caralyn Kempner will provide best practices and then dig into specific areas of the home, room-by-room. Her technique includes dealing with projects and arranging household items to promote long-term order. (R)

The Path to Your Family Story with Ancestry®

Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m.

Ancestry Library Edition is one of the

most popular and powerful genealogy databases available, and it is available for free at the Library. Learn the benefits of this subscription database compared to its commercial version. (R)

Financial Forecast 2020

Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m.

What does 2020 hold for the stock market: stormy weather or sunny skies? John Daly, CFP of Daly Investment Management, will discuss how the markets fared in 2019 and the expectations for 2020. This educational presentation takes a look back at last year's predictions by pundits along with an outlook for the coming year given the current economic environment. (R)

The Lasting Legacy of the Hershey Chocolate Company

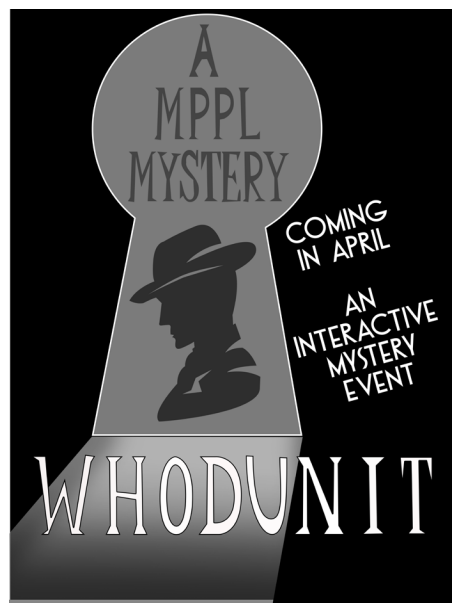
Tuesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.

The name Hershey is synonymous with quality milk chocolate, but that wasn't always the case. Milton S. Hershey worked hard and failed often before his chocolate company was finally successful. When he did become a household name and earned a vast fortune, Hershey and his wife, Catherine, decided to give it all away to help children. Join us for an illustrated lecture to hear the behind-the-scenes story of this beloved American company and enjoy some chocolate, too. (R)

Harry Potter Trivia Night

Thursday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Join us for a magical Harry Potter trivia night. Adult and teen muggles may register up to 5 players for a team. Feel free to come in your finest wizard apparel and show off your spellbinding knowledge about the Potter-verse! (R)



MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago

See and hear Shakespeare and his contemporaries in a new light. As there are no sets, props, or costumes, you may find the Project's readings help you truly experience Shakespeare's words.

These programs are sponsored by the Mount Prospect

Public Library Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events. (R)



Richard III

Tuesday, January 14, 7 p.m.

Romeo and Juliet

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.

With Parents in Mind

Preschool and Child Care Information Night

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

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

Toddlers, Toilet Training, and Tantrums

Tuesday, February 18, 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 address common but frustrating parenting issues of potty training, fussy eaters, and more. Dr. Lee Holmes brings sensitivity and insight that will help you keep your cool. (R)



BEHIND THE STACKS: Authority Records

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- Definitions
- Attributes like gender, occupation, or place of residence

The cataloging librarians at MPPL have been trained by the Library of Congress to create these records, which are also used in a national database. All of this information is sorted by tags used by the catalogers. Historically, it was only used by librarians—a patron never saw it. However, unique to MPPL, the Library opens this access to patrons so they can create their own searches using this metadata.

Why Is This Helpful?

Authority records are used to make sure works by the same person, versions of the same title, or works on the same topic are found together in a search. Or, these records can be sorted so works by different people, different works with similar titles, or different topics that sound similar—homonyms—are separated in the catalog. This way, a person researching about the Ford Motor Co. and Mercury cars, for instance, will receive results about automobiles, instead of information about Mercury the planet or the chemical element.

As a result, users can benefit from

improved search strategies, discover more about their favorite creators, discover authors they didn't know existed, and learn new related topics. It's how we can find fantasy authors from Great Britain other than J.K. Rowling, the author of the *Harry Potter* series. Or how to find novelists who are also lawyers and physicians.

To discover more about using authority records, register for a class on **January 23** or contact Research Services.

Catalog Searching Like a Pro

Thursday, January 23, 6 p.m.

How do you find a book by Stephen King without having to sort through items about royalty? And how do you include books written under his pen name, Richard Bachman, in the search? Would you like to be able to identify other novelists who also write horror fiction? Library staff responsible for populating our catalog will share tips and detail new features, exclusive to mppl.org, to find the information you're looking for. Both bibliophiles and researchers can benefit from this informative session. (R)

Power Employment Workshop

Monday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Experts from Illinois WorkNet will review a variety of topics related to job seeking including résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, and networking. (R)

The Sound of Inspiration: A Gospel Music Performance

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

Experience the power of Gospel music and learn how it has changed and developed through history, including its role in the Civil Rights Movement. Join us for a special concert in celebration of Black History Month with this entertaining and educational performance by pianist and bandleader, Joyce Renee, guitarist Steve Pederson, and vocalist Marlene Murphy. Selections will include "Precious Lord," "Oh Happy Day," "Amazing Grace," "This Little Light of Mine," and many more. Renee has performed at the City of Chicago Mayor's Night Out Program and Chicago Music Awards Summer Festivals, where her band was nominated twice in the Best Band category. *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

TRENDING ENDINGS:

Re-imagining the Funeral for the Way We Live Today

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

Professional memorial service planner, Michael Murschel, will present an overview of funeral trends with anecdotes and stories to show how historical practices shape current decisions. Understand what it all means for future planning. This program will discuss a range of funeral topics, including rites and rituals, celebrations of life, living funerals, home funerals, cremation, green burials, scatterings, digital tombstones and monuments, and predictions about the future of death care. (R)

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk

Wednesday, February 26, 6-8 p.m.

Need legal advice, but don't know where to start? Free legal consultations are available at the Library. An attorney from Chokshi Filippone Law will be available to help individuals connect to legal resources and take the first steps to resolve legal concerns. Thirty-minute appointments are available between 6-8 p.m. Visit the Registration Desk or call 847/253-5675 for more details or to schedule your appointment. (R)

Technology and Training

Unless otherwise specified, all classes are hands-on sessions using PCs and held in the Computer Training Room (Meeting Room C). Sessions begin promptly.

Open Tech Lab New Device Advice and Set-up

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

Stop by Meeting Room A and bring the new tech gifts you received as holiday presents. Ask questions or have us help you set up your new smartphone, iPad®, Kindle Fire, or other tech device. Our trained staff can also 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 RBDigital and movies and music from Hoopla. No registration required. For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)

Open Tech Lab Downloads and Streaming With Your New Devices

Saturday, January 18, 10 a.m.-noon

Stop in and bring your tablets, smartphones, e-readers and laptops to ask questions about downloading books or streaming movies, and music. Our trained staff can also help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, and find some great digital content to try. You can also learn about Library services, including how to download e-magazines from RBDigital and movies and music from Hoopla or Kanopy. No registration required—just drop in! For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)

Open Tech Lab

Thursday, January 30, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, 7-9 p.m.

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2-4 p.m.

Stop in during the above times and bring your questions about Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, email, or e-books. Our trained staff will help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. You will also find out how to download e-magazines from *RBDigital* and music and movies from *Hoopla*®. *No registration required—just drop in!* For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)

Don't forget your laptop, tablet, phone, or e-reader

Technology Classes

These programs require registration. (R)

Windows® 10 Clinic

Thursday, January 9, 4 p.m.

Using Word®

Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.

Word®: Beyond the Basics

Monday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Taking Photos With for Android™ Device

Wednesday, January 15, 3 p.m.

iCloud® Basics

Thursday, January 16, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18, 3 p.m.

Word®: Tables and More

Monday, January 20, 7 p.m.

iCan Use My iPhone®/iPad®

Tuesday, February 4, 3 p.m.

Using PowerPoint®

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.

Excel® Basics

Monday, February 10, 7 p.m.

Understanding Photos for Apple® Devices

Tuesday, February 11, 3 p.m.

PowerPoint®: Beyond the Basics

Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m.

Excel®: Formulas and Functions

Monday, February 17, 7 p.m.

Excel®: Tables, Charts, and Formulas

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.

Excel®: Pivot Tables and Charts

Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Publisher® Basics

Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m.

Pop-up Virtual Reality

• FOR ALL AGES

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come experience the excitement of virtual reality using the Oculus Rift. Challenge yourself to a VR game without leaving the comfort of the Library! No need to register—just drop in. (NR)

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**Saturday,  
February  
22!**

**FanFest Is For  
Everyone!**



Get ready to "Geek Out" February 22 when FanFest returns to the Library. This inclusive, day-long event includes gaming, crafts, costumes, virtual reality, trivia, and more. The event, generously *sponsored by the Friends of the Library*, kicks off at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

## New This Year

- 👉 Cosplay Runway
- 👉 Tabletop Gaming
- 👉 Disney® BINGO
- 👉 Book Buzz
- 👉 Cartooning with Mark Anderson
- 👉 Face Painting

Adults and children of all ages will enjoy meet-and-greets with professional cosplayers, VR stations, and scavenger hunts. Visit the maker station to create

superhero cuffs and magic wands.

For families, there is also a storytime featuring heroes and a sing-along of hit movie songs.

For a timeline of events, visit [mppl.org/fanfest2020](http://mppl.org/fanfest2020).

## Calling All Artists!

Enter the Library's FanArt "Show Us Your Fandom" gallery! Submit original art showing your favorite fandom; selections may be displayed at FanFest, on the MPPL website, and on social media. Each participant who submits FanArt will receive a personalized badge featuring their artwork.

**Deadline to enter is January 31.**

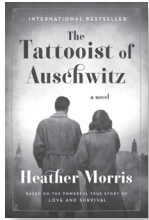
Pick up an entry form at the Library or **online: [mppl.org/fanfest2020](http://mppl.org/fanfest2020).**



## BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

### Food for Thought



#### **The Tattooist of Auschwitz**

by Heather Morris

**Wednesday, January 8  
1 p.m.**

A fictional story based on true events traces

the experiences of Lale, a concentration-camp tattooist who secures food for his fellow prisoners. One day in 1942, he comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have a number tattooed onto her arm. In that first encounter, Lale vows to survive and marry her. (NR)



#### **The Leavers**

by Lisa Ko

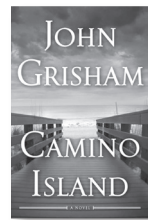
**Wednesday, February 5  
1 p.m.**

One morning, Deming Guo's mother, an undocumented Chinese

immigrant, goes to her job at the nail salon and never returns. With his mother gone, the 11-year-old is eventually adopted by two white college professors who move him from the Bronx to a small town. They rename

him Daniel and try to make him an "all-American boy." (NR)

### Coffee, Books, & More



#### **Camino Island**

by John Grisham

**Wednesday, January 15  
10 a.m.**

After being laid off from her teaching position, young novelist

Mercer Mann is approached by a mysterious woman with an offer to go undercover and infiltrate dubious bookstore owner Bruce Cable's life and his circle of literary friends, ideally to learn his secrets. (NR)



#### **The Great Alone**

by Kristin Hannah

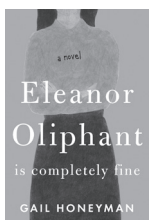
**Wednesday, February 19  
10 a.m.**

Leni and her family embark on a new way of life in Alaska's

wilderness in 1974—hoping this is finally the solution for her troubled, POW father. However, the harsh conditions bring out the worst in the patriarch, and exacerbates what Leni sees as the toxic relationship between her parents. (NR)

### Book Chat

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

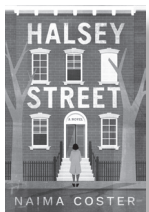


#### **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**

by Gail Honeyman

**Monday, January 13, 7 p.m.**

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: she struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Her carefully timetabled life suddenly changes when Eleanor and a bumbling IT guy from her office come to the rescue of an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk. (NR)



#### **Halsey Street**

by Naima Coster

**Monday, February 10, 7 p.m.**

When Penelope, who has given up her dream of being an artist, moves into the attic apartment of the affluent Harpers, she thinks she's found a semblance of family—and maybe even love. But her world is upended again when she receives a postcard from her estranged mother asking for reconciliation. (NR)

## A Short Story Discussion

### The **SHORT** of it

**Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m.**

Engage with other literature lovers and enjoy a compelling discussion! Join retired high school teacher Ron Crowley-Koch for a conversation revolving around three short stories. Selections for this meeting are available online: *The Ledge*, by Lawrence Sargent Hall, *Welding with Children*, by Tim Gautreaux, and *A Small Good Thing*, by Raymond Carver. Please read the stories twice to glean their true beauty. (R)

## MOVIES AND MORE

### Movies @ MPPL



#### **Downton Abbey**

[2019; Rated PG; 122 minutes; Drama/Romance]

*Starring Matthew Goode, Maggie Smith, Tuppence Middleton.*

Directed by Michael Engler.

**Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.**

**\*Thursday, January 9, 1 p.m.**

The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century. (R)



\*Once the credits roll, stay for a short discussion with Library staff after the Thursday screenings.



#### **Judy**

[2019; Rated PG-13; 118 minutes; Biography/Drama/History]

*Starring Rufus Sewell, Renée Zellweger, Jessie Buckley.*

Directed by Rupert Goold.

**Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.**

**\*Thursday, February 13, 1 p.m.**

Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts. (R)

*These films will be shown with closed captioning.*

## A Good Yarn

### Knitting and Crocheting Guild



#### **Thursdays**

• **January 16, 7 p.m.**

• **February 20, 7 p.m.**

The group meets the third Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Study Room 2A. All experience levels welcome! Bring your latest projects and share your enthusiasm with other needle crafters. *No registration necessary!* (NR)

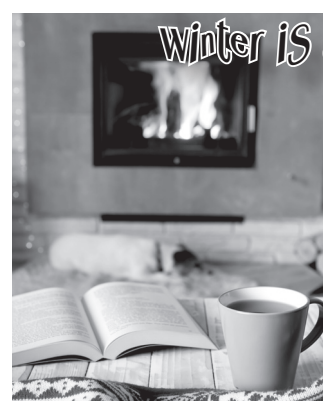


## NIGHT OFF? GAME ON!

THE FEATURED GAME OF THE EVENING:  
**Azul**

**Monday, January 27 • 7-9 p.m.**

Spend your night off playing tabletop games with other gaming enthusiasts in Meeting Room A! From *Ticket to Ride*® to *Catan*® to *Codenames*, we have a little bit of everything. Games will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. No registration necessary—all experience levels are welcome! (NR)



**ADULT WINTER READING  
FEBRUARY 1-29**

*Winter is coming. Oh, wait! It's here!*

**Chill Out at Your Library** with library experiences that might warm you up. Whether it be finding a cozy spot to ponder what to read next or enjoying a winter program, there are endless things you can do at your library to escape winter's chill. During the program, choose for yourself how you will participate: read whatever helps you unwind or opt for a mini-reading challenge to avoid a winter brain freeze. Visit the Fiction/AV/Teen Services desk to fill out an entry slip for every book you have cozied up to between **February 1-29** and you may win a prize!



# Soon to be Famous Finalist in Our Midst

Author and Mount Prospect resident Karen Herkes was named a 2019 finalist in the Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project, a library-driven initiative that highlights the work of local, independent authors. Herkes' novel was one of three entries



Karen Herkes

from the University of Notre Dame in biology with a concentration in chemistry. For 18 years, Herkes worked at Borders Books & Music as a bookseller and trainer, opening over 30 bookstores for the retailer during her career there.

from across the state named in the adult fiction category. Patrons will find Herkes at Registration Services and special events at the Mount Prospect Public Library, including as a moderator during author roundtables.

Her entry, *Controlled Descent*, is the first book in a series about the experiences of an inventor and his collection of unlikely allies in the wake of a second Revolution in the U.S. The novel and its sequels are available to check out at the Library.

"I knew I had a story I wanted to tell," said Herkes, "and I had an editorial process that included friends and professional editors. I'm fortunate I'm able to connect with brutally honest people who are willing help the process."

Herkes holds a bachelor's degree

With her experience in the book market, she has a keen awareness about book publishing, from the written word to cover art. She even considers how a book holds in the hand.

She is also a self-professed advocate of independent publishing.

The Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project, in its sixth year, was launched in 2013 to emphasize the importance of libraries, e-books, and self-publishing. Winners of the contest are given the opportunity to promote their book in Illinois libraries across the state as well as receive a monetary prize. The project is coordinated in collaboration with the Illinois Library Association and Reaching Across Illinois Library System. For more information about the project, visit [www.soontobefamous.info](http://www.soontobefamous.info).

## By Request: Checkout History

Patrons now have the option to store and view their checkout history using their Library account or MPPL app. By default, the Library does not save checkout history, but users may now choose to opt-in and enable this service for themselves.

To save your checkout history, log in to **My Account**, and click on the **Personal Information** tab; scroll to the bottom section to **Preferences**. Click on the drop-down box next to **Save My Checkout History** to change the setting to **Enabled**. Click on the **Update** box to

save your changes.

Once enabled, all future checkouts for physical materials will be seen for up to five years. It does not save history for eMedia, such as *Overdrive*, *Kanopy*, or *Hoopla*®. Family members linked on the MPPL app will also be able to view checkout history along with current checkouts.

Please visit the Patron Services desk if you have questions or would like assistance setting up this feature on your account.

## United States® Census 2020

### 2020 Census: Local Jobs

Census workers in the community are getting ready for the 2020 Census. They are checking addresses, collaborating with Complete Count Committees, working in offices, and recruiting Census Takers. There is a range of Census jobs in Cook County, and pay starts at \$18 per hour. The U.S. Census Bureau promotes available positions for retirees, stay-at-home parents, college students, or adults looking for a temporary or second job with flexibility.

To be eligible, workers must be 18 years old and have a valid social security number, an email address, and complete an application and background check. Males born after Dec. 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selected Service System or have a qualifying exception. Veterans may be eligible for veterans' preference.

Census employees are required to have access to a computer to complete training, plus a vehicle and a valid driver's license unless public transportation is readily available. For additional information, check out [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or stop by the Research Services desk or South Branch.

#### Census Day is April 1.

By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once it arrives, you should respond online, phone, or mail. Questions? Stop by the Library or South Branch—we are here to help.

## 7 YEARS!

### MPPL Named to Tribune Top Workplaces 2019

For the seventh consecutive year, Mount Prospect Public Library has been awarded a 2019 Top Workplaces honor by the *Chicago Tribune*. The *Chicago Tribune* has presented the lists for the past 10 years in the Chicago region. Companies with at least 100 employees are eligible to participate.

"We are delighted to earn this recognition," said Executive Director Su Reynders. "Every day our employees demonstrate a welcoming environment for each other and our Mount Prospect community. Being friendly and approachable is a natural extension of who we are as a Library, and I see it from how our staff works with each other and our patrons."

The Top Workplace list is based on employee feedback gathered through anonymous surveys that measure workplace culture, including leadership, communication, and working environment.

**Congratulations  
from near and far  
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#### TWO PEOPLE. ONE CONSPIRACY. EVERYTHING TO LOSE.

Alison Gregorio thinks her new job with a prestigious law firm is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, but explosive secrets lurk beneath its golden façade. When a plane crash takes out the firm's biggest client, she finds herself in a situation that will test her conscience and her courage to the limits.

Surviving a crash-landing is only the first challenge Justin Wyatt faces after his fall from power. He loved the toys he built more than the fortune they brought in, but neglecting his corporate empire left his deadliest creations in the wrong hands.

Forty-two years have passed since the Restored United States emerged from decades of oppression and the chaos of revolution. It's a brave new world, but some things never change. Money still talks, power still corrupts, and trust is a rare and precious commodity.

## LIBRARY LIFE

AVAILABLE ON  
[www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org)

### January

**Chill Out at Your Library**  
2020 Winter Reading Program  
**MAKE-IT MONDAY:**  
Yarn Succulents  
**SUPER Saturday!:** Ralph's World Live!

### February

Friends of the Library Book Club  
**MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB**  
Dream, Design, Create  
**SUPER Saturday!:**  
Snowy Puppet & Magic Show

Catch us at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on MPDC Channel 17 on **Comcast** and **WOW!**, and Channel 99 on **AT&T U-Verse**. Features subject to change.





# Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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## CHILL OUT AT YOUR LIBRARY

• FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER



It's cold outside but toasty and warm at the Library. Choose a cozy spot to read and chill out with lots of fun ways to enjoy your library. Drop by Youth Services and pick up an Activity Card to complete. Share what you read to earn a small prize, plus a chance to win a **book, gift card**, or even a **Kindle Fire HD** or a pass to the **Shedd Aquarium** in Chicago. Activities and prizes change each week, so visit us often for more chances to win! *Participants may submit one card per day.*

YOUTH WINTER READING PROGRAM \* FEBRUARY 1-29

## Family Gaming

• FOR ALL AGES

**Friday, January 3, 5-7 p.m.**

Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

## MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB Dream, Design, Create

• FOR GRADES 3-5

**Thursday, January 9, 4:30-6 p.m.**



Did you know the popsicle was invented by a child, or that a teenager invented earmuffs?

Bring your best creative ideas to this fun-filled event and get ready to explore possibilities through teamwork, ingenuity, and experimentation. (R)

## Introduction to 3-D Printing for Families

• FOR GRADES 1-5 WITH AN ADULT

**Wednesday, January 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, February 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Learn how to create objects using digital-design computer software and a 3-D printer. This program requires attendees to have basic computer skills. At least one adult must attend per two children. (R)

## FAMILY SCIENCE CLUBHOUSE

### We Love Physics!

• FOR GRADES K-2 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Thursday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy family time while exploring hands-on activities related to forces and motion. (R)

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## FULL STEAM Ahead

• FOR GRADES 1-5

**Tuesday, January 14, 4-6 p.m.**

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

Fuel your imagination and drop by the Discovery Zone for hands-on STEAM exploration. A variety of activities will be on rotation. No registration required. (NR)

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## Family LEGO® Mania

• FOR GRADES K-6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Monday, February 24, 3-6 p.m.**

Exercise your hands and brain by building amazing LEGO creations with your family. No registration required, just drop in. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** (NR)

## SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

## Super Snowy Puppet & Magic Show

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

Mister Kipley is back for another fantastic performance! (R)

## Amazing Africa

**Saturday, February 15, 11-11:45 a.m.**

See dance troupe Ayodele from Urban Gateways use acrobatics, authentic African attire, and native instrumentation to bring the rhythms, culture, and dances of the Manding Empire, the largest in African history, to MPPL. *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation in celebration of African American History Month.* (R)

## Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

*Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.*

## Hearts & Kisses (NR)

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

## EVERYBODY PLAYS

• FOR AGES BIRTH-3 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Wednesday, January 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Join us for an inclusive playgroup for kids who like to move! A short group activity will include stories and songs in English and Polish, cofacilitated by Occupational Therapist Agnieszka Moroni. Children of all abilities are welcome. (NR)



## FUN WITH BOOKS!

### Family Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

**January 15-February 28**

• **Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

• **Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.**

• **Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

Take a break and pop in for one of our Family Storytimes—dates and times to the left. **Children younger than age 3 must be accompanied by an adult.** *No registration required!*

Stop in for a **Saturday Storytime** on **January 18 from 10:30-11 a.m.**

## Winter Storytime Lottery

• **Ends Thursday, January 2**

Parents can register their children—birth through age 5—for Winter storytime session that runs January 13-February 28. Registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for MPPL cardholders. Please sign up in person at the Youth Services desk.



## Pajama Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

**Saturday, February 1**

**10:30-11:15 a.m.**

We're kicking off the Winter Reading Program with a cozy family storytime! Come in your pajamas and "Chill Out at Your Library" with books, rhymes, and songs that will give you the warm fuzzies. We will also enjoy doughnuts, juice, and coffee. **All children must be accompanied by a participating adult.** (R)

## Reading Clubhouse

—for grades K-2

*For curious kids who like to hear stories, eat snacks, and enjoy fun activities.*

**Let's Laugh (R)**

**Monday, January 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Magical Creatures (R)**

**Monday, February 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**



## Polskie Bajki Polish Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

**Tuesday, February 18**

**6:30-7:15 p.m.**

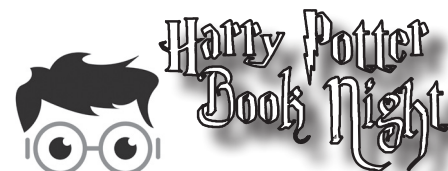
Listen to stories, sing songs, and have fun! This storytime will be presented primarily in Polish and is best-suited for children ages 3-7 and their parents, but all are welcome. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** (R)

• DLA WSZYSTKICH

**Wtorek, 18 lutego, 6:30-7:15 wieczorem**

Posłuchajcie bajek, zaśpiewajcie piosenki i bawcie się dobrze!

Dzisiejszy program, prezentowany w języku polskim, jest przeznaczony dla dzieci zwłaszcza w wieku 3-7 lat i ich rodziców, ale każdy będzie mile widziany. **Jedyny warunek – wszystkim dzieciom muszą towarzyszyć rodzice.** (R)



• FOR GRADES 6 AND YOUNGER

**Thursday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Drop in for wizarding games, activities, and crafts in Youth Services. Costumes encouraged. *Best-suited for grades K-6, but all are welcome.* (NR)

## Chat & Chew

—for grades 3-5

*Join us for lunch, discussion, games, and more at each session! Books are available at the Youth Services desk.*

## Caldecott Workshop

**Monday, January 20, 1-2:30 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered how books win awards? The Caldecott Medal is one of the top awards for children's books. In this workshop, we will explore past winners, try some art techniques, and cast our own votes for who we think should win this year! (R)

## The Cardboard Kingdom

by Chad Sell

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

Join us for hands-on fun constructing costumes and building forts. Parents and siblings are invited for the last 30 minutes of the program for a Skype chat to meet the author. (R)



## SENSORY STORIES & PLAY

• CHILDREN AGES 7 AND YOUNGER & THEIR FAMILIES

**Saturday, February 29, 2-3 p.m.**

Meet other families and join in interactive stories, music, crafts, and more. Along with Library staff, Speech-Language Pathologist Megan Brazas and Board Certified Music Therapist Loren A. Goodman will provide communication supports and ways to receive sensory input while having a great time! **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** *Please contact Youth Services at least one week in advance for special requests or accommodations.* (R)





# Teen Space

## News and activities for teens in grades 6-12

Please sign up for programs on the internet at [www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org), at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

## chill out at your library

Teen Winter Reading Program

Take a break from wintry weather and chill out during February by earning a chance to win prizes with every book you read throughout the month. If you're looking to energize, rather than relax, try a mini-reading challenge instead.

Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Services desk to share what you have been reading and fill out an entry slip from **February 1-29!**

### Teen Speed Volunteering:

**Friday, January 3, 1-4 p.m.**

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours at the same time! Bring your friends, and be prepared to work! Stop in to help with community service projects for the Library and other organizations. Snacks will be served while supplies last. (NR)

### Crafts for Charities

**Wednesday, February 19, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours at the same time. Bring your friends, and be prepared to work for a good cause. Stop by Study Room 2A to help with community service projects for the Library and other organizations. (R)

## Teen Book Café @ Starbucks

**Friday, January 10, 4:30-6 p.m.**

**Friday, February 7, 4:30-6 p.m.**

*Attention, teen book lovers!*

Discover the hottest new teen books and tell us which books you can't put down. We'll treat you to a toasty beverage while we chat about books at Starbucks, located at 90 Northwest Highway in Mount Prospect. (R)



## Make-It MONDAY

Drop in to the Teen Space to make something new every month! The Library will provide all supplies. (R)

**DIY Phone Stands/Grippers**  
Monday, January 20, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Faux Stained Glass**  
Monday, February 10, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Learn how to make a faux stained glass wall decoration celebrating your favorite fandom.

## FRIDAY FUN DAY

Come join us in study room 2A! Whether you like strategy games like *Catan*® or party games like *Codenames*, we'll have something for everyone. (NR)

### TABLETOP GAMES

• Friday, January 17, 2-4 p.m. •

## Harry Potter Book Night

### Wand Making

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

Teens are invited to join us in the Teen Space to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night. We'll sort everyone into Hogwarts Houses and then create our very own wands! (R)

### Potions Class

**Friday, February 28, 4:30-6 p.m.**

Wizards, witches and Muggles are all welcome to join us for a potions class in the Teen Space! Attendees are welcome to come in costume. (R)

## Teen Think Tank

**Wednesday, January 22, 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 26, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Do you love the Library? This is your chance to join us to brainstorm and plan Library programs that interest you! Add your voice to the group and recommend books, movies, video games, and more at our monthly meetings. (NR)

# South Branch Events

(R) Registration required. | Inscripción requerida.

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

More South Branch info on page 8!

## Crafting with Perler Beads | Hacer Creaciones de Perler

• FOR GRADES 2 AND UP

**Friday, January 3, 4-7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Design your own bead creation with Perler beads. We supply the beads – just bring ideas and friends! (NR)

## Make and Take Craft | Hazlo y Llévatelo

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Monday, January 6, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Drop into to make crafts for El Día de los Reyes Magos (Three Kings Day)! We will provide all craft supplies. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

## Wii® Night | Noche de Wii®

• FOR AGES 5-16

**Wednesday, January 8, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Come play Wii games! No registration required, just drop by with the family and enjoy an evening of fun and friendly competitive games. All games are rated E. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

## Lotería

• FOR ALL AGES

**Wednesday, January 15, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Bring your family to play Lotería, a Mexican game like Bingo, using colorful cards. Everyone will get a chance to play and there will be prizes for the winners. (NR)

## LEGO® Mania

• FOR KIDS

**Monday, January 20, noon-2 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Use LEGO pieces to build almost anything. Make a favorite character or place or new creation. No need to register. (NR)

## Family Movie Night | Noche de Cine Para la Familia

• FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**Abominable**

**Friday, January 31, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Maleficent 2**

**Friday, February 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Relax and enjoy movie night! No need to register, just drop by for pizza and the feature film. (NR)

## Knit a Chunky Scarf | Tejer Una Bufanda

• FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

**Monday, February 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Come to the South Branch and learn to knit a chunky scarf! We will provide all materials. No previous experience required. Please register to save your spot. (R)

## PJ Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

**Saturday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.-noon**

It's PJ Storytime at the South Branch. Leave your PJs on and come in from the cold to warm up with some stories read in English and Spanish, plus enjoy doughnuts and hot chocolate. No registration required. (NR)

## Make Your Own Bath Bomb | Crea tu Propia Bola Burbujiente

• FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

**Monday, February 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Bring a friend and learn how to make your own bath bomb scented with essential oil for an aromatic and relaxing bath. We will provide all materials. Please register to save your spot. (R)

## Make Your Own Valentine's Day Card | Haz tu Propia Tarjeta Para el Día de San Valentín

• FOR ALL AGES

**Friday, February 14, noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.**

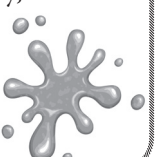
Valentine's Day is around the corner and it is especially thoughtful to give handmade cards. Come to the South Branch to learn how to create your own Valentine's Day cards. We will provide the instructions and materials. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

## Homemade Slime | Slime Casero

• FOR ALL AGES

**Monday, February 19, 5-6:30 p.m.**

What is it about slime that we love so much? Indulge that ick-factor as we measure, mix, and mush to make the favorite slippery, slimy, silky, slime to take home. We will provide all supplies. (NR)





## Celebrating Staff Milestones

The Mount Prospect Public Library Board of Trustees acknowledged staff for their years of service to the Library in November. Celebrating milestone anniversaries

at the November 21 board meeting include (from left): Joe Collier (5 years), Katharine Wohrstein (15 years), Julie Van Dyck (5 years), Pamela Nelson (20 years), Mary Jane Matecki (15 years), Kathleen Szafarz (10 years), Mary Anne Longpre (25 years), Lily Valentin (5 years), and Polly Garvin Gillogly (10 years).

Not pictured: David DeVault (30 years); Marcia Duracka and Jerry Malauskas (25 years); Erin Emerick, Hedy Otte, and Anne Wilson (15 years); Elaine Ball, Suriya Samikkannu, and Denise Truppa (10 years); and Tara Stone (5 years).



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## Chocolate Raffle

**Attention, chocolate lovers;** this one's for you! Join the Library Foundation for its sweetest event of the year! The event takes place in the lobby of the Library and features several sumptuous baskets designed for the chocolate lover in all of us. **The drawing will take place on Friday, February 14.**

*Winners need not be present.* All proceeds benefit the Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library that otherwise would not be available through public funding.



## South Branch Events



**community connections center**

1711 West Algonquin Road, Mount Prospect  
847/590-4090 • [www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org)

(R) Registration required. |  
Inscripción requerida.

(NR) No registration required. |  
Sin inscripción.

### Hours

**Monday-Friday**  
11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Friday before the 2nd Saturday**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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



## Makar Sankranti Celebration

• FOR ALL AGES | • PARA TODAS LAS EDADES

**Saturday, January 11, noon-1 p.m.**

Makar Sankranti is a seasonal harvest festival on the Hindu calendar celebrating the sun. The Kalakriti School of Dance will perform Bharatanatyam, an Indian classical style of dance where dancers use movement, hand gestures, and facial expressions to tell a story. Join the celebration and enjoy traditional snacks and dancing. (R)

## Jugar y Aprender | Play and Learn

**Every Tuesday in January and February - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**



Parents and their 2- to 5-year-old children are invited to enjoy arts, crafts, exercise, stories, and music! Call 847/506-4930 to register. (R)

**More South Branch programs on page 7!**

### WINTER READING PROGRAM

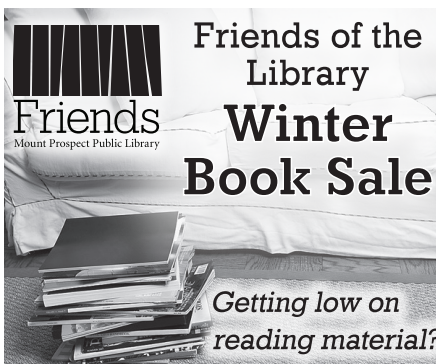
handmade card, and—of course—check out a book and dream of warm places. Sign up to participate in our Winter Reading Program and you'll be automatically entered to win winter-themed prizes, and you'll find them in books throughout the South Branch as well.

**PROGRAMA DE LECTURA PARA EL INVIERNO**

**¡Escápate Con la Lectura!**

• PARA TODAS LAS EDADES

Afuera hace frío pero dentro de la biblioteca hace calorcito. Métete dentro para escaparte del frío, elige un



**Don't miss the upcoming Sale!**  
Stock up on great books at bargain prices.

**Saturday, January 18**  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 19**  
noon-4 p.m.

**Members Only Night**  
**Friday, January 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**  
*You can join and shop that night!*

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Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday noon-5 p.m.

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The Board of Library Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Library. Meetings are open, and the public is welcome to attend.

Su Reynders, Executive Director



**February 1-29**

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