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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2016

## Begin the Year With New Places and Spaces on the Second Floor

Start 2016 with a tour of our renovated Second Floor. Discover the seven additional meeting rooms, including five study rooms and two conference rooms. Choose from two computer areas: one for quiet work and one for group discussion and moderate noise.

Take a break in the vending area. And teens can study, hang out, or participate in a program in the new Teen Space. Updated signage and new carpeting and furniture will help you find what you need to enjoy your time in the Library.



## Two Honors End Year On a High Note

MPPL is pleased to announce that it was recently honored by two organizations.

The Library has been selected as one of the *Chicago Tribune's* Top Workplaces for 2015. This is the third consecutive year that the Library has been named to this list. The Library was also named a Star Library by *Library Journal*, a publication that serves public and academic libraries.

### Chicago Tribune's Top Workplaces

The Top Workplaces are determined based solely on employee feedback. The employee survey is conducted by WorkplaceDynamics, LLP, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement. The Library was ranked in the small category, which represents workplaces with fewer than 250 employees.

MPPL employees were surveyed in June and said they felt appreciated, believed in the organization's ethics, and liked working with the public.

"We are always looking toward the

future, embracing new technologies, and making a library visit a positive experience for our patrons," one employee said in the comments section of the survey. "We are here for the community."

The *Chicago Tribune* published the complete list of Top Workplaces on November 12. For more information about Top Workplaces lists and WorkplaceDynamics, please visit [www.topworkplaces.com](http://www.topworkplaces.com) and [www.workplacedynamics.com](http://www.workplacedynamics.com).



### Library Journal Star Libraries

*Library Journal* covers technology, management, policy, and other

professional concerns for public, academic, and institutional libraries.

*Library Journal* reviews public library data reported to the government—including visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet terminal use per capita—and ranks the best-performing libraries within budget categories. Mount Prospect Library placed 35th out of the 209 libraries listed in the \$5-9.9 million/year operating expenditures category.

Mount Prospect was one of 19 libraries in Illinois listed this year. Library staff extends congratulations to neighboring libraries that made the list as well.



## Bosch Foundation Grants Boost STEAM Efforts

We are grateful to the Bosch Community Foundation for two recent grants to the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation that will support our efforts to encourage exploration in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) subjects.

One of the grants purchased the 3-D zSpace device in the Discovery Zone. zSpace is a virtual-reality system that responds to eye movements and allows kids to interact with images and participate in a range of activities from virtually dissecting a frog to constructing a roller coaster. The Library will use this new technology for programs and school visits.

Another grant will help continue

to fund Tutor.com, a live, one-on-one online tutoring service for students in elementary, middle, and high school as well as for early college students.

At least half of the sessions conducted on Tutor.com are about STEAM-related subjects. From May 2014-May 2015, tutors conducted 1,541 sessions with students, and 57% of those sessions were in algebra, chemistry, physics, and trigonometry. Since 2008 this service has been provided with financial help from Bosch.

The Bosch Community Fund supports local charitable projects targeted at scientific, technological, and environmental initiatives.



## Mini Golf @ MPPL!

between the stacks, and down the stairs. Our 19th Hole Entertainment Area will offer refreshments, entertainment, and fun activities.

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, which provides funding for special programs and projects to the Library that are otherwise unattainable with tax dollars.

Join us again as we host an 18-hole miniature golf course *FUN*draiser at the Library for a day of family fun from **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 5**. The event will have golfers putting throughout the Library,

## 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 materials to registered cardholders who are unable to come to the Library due to disability or long-term illness and who have no other way to pick up and return items.

To register, complete a form available online at [mppl.org/services/homebound-delivery](http://mppl.org/services/homebound-delivery) or contact Diane Davis at 847/253-5675.

After registering you will be contacted by the 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.

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### The Library will be closed:

Friday, January 1

# 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](http://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.*

## Conquer Your Clutter and Get Organized!

**Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.**

Do you often feel like you have too much stuff and not enough space? Do you waste valuable time looking for items in your home that you have misplaced? The new year is a great time to reduce the clutter and get organized. In fact, January is National Get Organized Month! Join Professional Organizer Beverly Shipshock, owner of Organize with Beverly, as she shares tips and strategies to control the clutter and live in a more organized home. (R)

## Sign Up for Affordable Care Act Insurance

**Saturday, January 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

The deadline to sign up for insurance under the Affordable Care Act is fast approaching! Trained navigators will be available to assist you with the Affordable Care Act Web sites and completing the enrollment process. Assistance will be available in English, Korean, and Spanish. *This program is presented by GetCoveredIllinois.* (NR)

## The L.E.A.N. Approach to a Mindful Mealtime

**Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Make this the year that you set the goal of “nothing hurts and everything works” by making some simple changes in your lifestyle that improve your quality of life by reducing inflammation, the cause of many of today’s diseases. Kim Salzman will discuss how nutrition and lifestyle affect your health and quality of life. Learn about the role of blood sugar, how inflammation is the root of many avoidable ailments, how to read a nutrition label, and more. (R)

## How Smart Meters May Help You Save Money

**Monday, February 8, 7 p.m.**

The average household spends more than \$2,000 annually on gas and electricity. However, new technologies might help you cut those costs. With new smart meters being installed in your community, you can now take control of your energy use and potentially save money. Local nonprofit Elevate Energy can help homeowners in the area make smart choices about energy and uncover these possible savings. (R)

## Sweet Perfection: Cupcake Decorating

**Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Pastry Chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate how to prepare a variety of cupcakes for your Valentine. Learn how to transform everyday ingredients to fill and decorate these individual treats just like the professionals! Space is limited. *A \$3 fee includes recipes and samples and is due at registration.* Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). (R)

## Understanding the Impact of Rising Interest Rates on Your Portfolio

**Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.**

Certified Financial Planner John Daly will discuss the effect rising interest rates will have on a bond portfolio. Daly will explain sound investment principles of modern finance as they relate to this sometimes confusing topic. He will also tell you how to weather inevitable changes in interest rates and how to balance risk and return. (R)

## How Technology Is Changing Your Homeowner’s Association

**Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m.**

This seminar will review recent developments and advances in technology that affect condominium and homeowner associations, including the use of Web sites, social media, and electronic communication. The impacts on voting and legal issues surrounding the use of drones will also be discussed. (R)

## Power Employment Workshop

**Monday, February 22, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Join experts from Illinois workNet as they discuss resume creation, interviewing strategies and techniques, and other vital job seeking skills. Lunch is on your own. (R)

## Color Me Amazing

**Thursday, February 25, 1 p.m.**

Take some time to relax your mind and spirit during the cold winter season. Join us for a session of coloring for adults age 16 and up. A fantastic selection of coloring pages will be available. Limited pencils and markers provided – or bring your favorites. Space is limited. (R)

## ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS

### Preschool/Child Care Information Night

**Tuesday, January 26, 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 23, 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 insights that will help you keep your cool and learn effective parenting tips. (R)

## Senior Session

### GRACELAND CEMETERY: An Armchair Tour

**Tuesday, January 19, 1:30 p.m.**

One of the oldest and most historic spots in the city, Graceland Cemetery is the final resting place for many of Chicago’s founding fathers. From architects Daniel Burnham and Mies



van der Rohe to business legends Potter Palmer and Marshall Field, the cemetery is bursting with a rich history of Chicago stories. In this Senior Session, Librarian



### Greatest Presidential Decisions

**Wednesday, February 17, 1:30 p.m.**

Often one person’s choices have had a major impact on our history. In this Senior Session, Professor Gary Midkiff will discuss some of the greatest decisions that presidents have had to make during their terms of office. (R)

## HIGHLIGHTING GENEALOGY ONLINE RESOURCES — A 3-PART HANDS-ON SERIES

### The Path to Your Family Story With Ancestry® Library Edition

**Wednesday, January 13, 7 p.m. OR Thursday, January 14, 3 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. Come to learn the benefits of this subscription database compared to its commercial version, including basic and advanced searching techniques, finding relevant results, and more. (R)

### The Path to Your Family Story With Fold3 and Heritage Quest

**Wednesday, February 10, 7 p.m. OR Thursday, February 11, 3 p.m.**

Discover how the online resources *Fold3* and *Heritage Quest*, which are available free at MPPL, can help you research your family’s history. Learn basic and advanced searching techniques, how to find relevant results, and more. (R)

Part three, **The Path to Your Family Story With Find My Past and Historic Newspapers**, will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. or Thursday, March 10 at 3 p.m.



# THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO

The Library marks the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death in 2016. Widely considered to be not only one of the best playwrights in history but also one of the best English-language writers, Shakespeare takes center stage when the Library Foundation hosts The Shakespeare Project of Chicago for three performances.

The actors perform with books in hand but still make entrances and exits and move across the stage as they would in a full production. As there are no sets, props, or costumes, these productions provide you with the best way to experience Shakespeare's words.

For each performance the pre-show introduction begins at 7 p.m. Following is a post-show discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors.

## Upcoming productions:

*Cymbeline*

Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m.

*Cardenio*

Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m.



This series is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

## The Winter's Tale

Tuesday, January 19, 7 p.m.

Shakespeare's romance not only contains the playwright's most famous stage direction ("Exit, pursued by a bear") but a story that goes to the deepest side of tragedy before finding its triumphant redemption. A Sicilian king becomes consumed by the belief that his best friend has committed adultery with his wife, and this passionate jealousy ignites a series of events that take us on an adventure in which we witness several miracles. This beautiful play may have you believing "What's gone and what's past help should be past grief."

## JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS

This program is brought to you by the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative. The Village of Mount Prospect, the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, Mount Prospect Public Library, and the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association work together as the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative to connect people to resources that encourage, strengthen, and support small business.

## Small Business Health Care Solutions

Wednesday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Join Michael Scott of Creative Benefit Strategies for a seminar discussing the issues facing employers with fewer than 50 full-time employees and the solutions available to them. (R)

## MOUNT PROSPECT ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE



## LIBRARY LIFE



AVAILABLE ON  
www.mppl.org

### January

WINTER READING PROGRAM: Escape With Books  
Discovery Zone  
Dream Catcher Craft @ South Branch

### February

Friends Book Sale  
Make and Take Craft @ South Branch  
SUPER Saturday! Kids & Families  
Rock With ScribbleMonster

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

Features subject to change.

## Technology and Training

Please pick up a Technology Classes flyer and calendar for program descriptions. Unless otherwise 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.**

### Become a Chrome Expert

Tuesday, January 19, 3 p.m.

Google's Chrome is one of the most popular Web browsers. Learn tips and tricks that can help you make the most of this application, including settings, privacy, bookmarks, apps and extensions, and more. (R)

### Using CAD Software for 3-D Printing

Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 22, 4 p.m.

You may have seen some incredible things created on 3-D printers, but what can you do with this new technology in real life? Learn about 3-D design and printing using the computer-aided design (CAD) software Tinkercad. Create

your own projects, such as toys, models, and custom objects. Designs will be available for pickup at a later date. You will need an e-mail address to create a Tinkercad account. *Sessions are limited to 10 participants.* (R)

### Looking Into Windows 10

Monday, February 29, 7 p.m.

Microsoft's latest operating system, Windows 10, is a giant leap forward for those who want to use Windows on tablets and phones as well as computers. But it looks very different from the previous version of Windows you may be using. *This demonstration class, held in Meeting Room A, will help you navigate the new system and show you what's changed and the features that can benefit you.* (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)

**Have e-reader questions and can't make it to the class?**

Come to a Computer Learning Lab listed below.

### Using a Kindle®

Wednesday, January 27, 4-6 p.m.

### Using a Tablet

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

## Computer Learning Lab

Thursday, January 21, 4-6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 9, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, February 25, 7-9 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. You may also find out how to download e-magazines from Zinio 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

### Tech Devices for Beginners

Monday, January 11, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3, 7 p.m.

### iCan Use My iPad®

Thursday, January 14, 6 p.m.

### Using PowerPoint®

Saturday, January 16, 10 a.m.

### Browser Basics

Monday, January 18, 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 7 p.m.

### Safari® Web Browser Basics

Wednesday, January 20, 6 p.m.

### PowerPoint®: Beyond the Basics

Saturday, January 23, 10 a.m.

### Using Word®

Monday, February 1, 7 p.m.

### Taking Photos With iPhone/iPad

Tuesday, February 2, 6 p.m.

### Excel® Basics

Saturday, February 6, 10 a.m.

### Android Advice

Monday, February 8, 7 p.m.

### Word®: Beyond the Basics

Monday, February 15, 7 p.m.

### Getting to Know Android Smartphone

Wednesday, February 17, 4 p.m.

### Excel®: Formulas and Functions

Saturday, February 20, 10 a.m.

### Taking Photos With Android Device

Wednesday, February 24, 4-6 p.m.

### Excel®: Tables, Charts and Formulas

Saturday, February 27, 10 a.m.

## BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

### Food for Thought



#### ***Everything I Never Told You***

by Celeste Ng

**Wednesday,  
January 6  
noon or 2 p.m.**

“Lydia is dead. But they

don’t know this yet...” So begins this highly acclaimed debut novel about a mixed-race family living in 1970s Ohio and the tragedy that will either be their undoing or their salvation. (NR)



#### ***Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy***

by Karen Abbott

**Wednesday,  
February 3  
noon or 2 p.m.**

One of the most

fascinating, yet little-known, aspects of the Civil War is illuminated in the stories of four courageous women—a socialite, a farm girl, an abolitionist, and a widow—who risked everything to take on a life of espionage. Their adventures comprise a fascinating

quartet of determination and intrigue from both sides of the battle lines. (NR)

### Coffee, Books, & More



#### ***The Absolutist***

by John Boyne

**Wednesday,  
January 20, 10 a.m.**

Recalling his time in one of the most gruesome trenches of

France during World War I, Tristan Sadler describes both the details of what to him became a senseless war and an intense friendship with a man that brought Tristan a mix of happiness and unbearable pain. (NR)



#### ***My Name Is Mary Sutter***

by Robin Oliveira

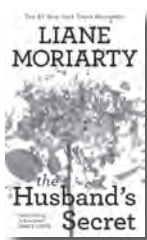
**Wednesday,  
February 17, 10 a.m.**

Traveling to Civil War-era Washington, D.C.

to tend wounded soldiers, headstrong midwife Mary pursues her dream of becoming a surgeon against all odds as she receives guidance from two smitten doctors and resists her mother’s pleas for her to return home. (NR)

### Book Chat

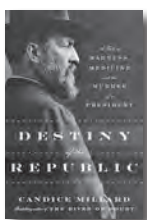
Limited copies of books are available 30 days prior to discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.



#### ***The Husband's Secret*** by Liane Moriarty

**Monday, January 4, 7 p.m.**

Discovering a tattered letter that says she is to open it only in the event of her husband’s death, Cecelia is unable to resist reading the letter and discovers a secret that shatters her life and the lives of two other women. (NR)



#### ***Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President*** by Candice Millard

**Monday, February 15, 7 p.m.**

This narrative account of James A. Garfield’s political career offers insight into his background as a wunderkind scholar and Civil War hero, his battles against the corrupt establishment, and Alexander Graham Bell’s failed attempt to save him from an assassin’s bullet. (NR)

### Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation, MPPL’s 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 15, 7:30 p.m.**

TOPIC: *The Illinois Economy*

Is Springfield still in gridlock? How can the pension crisis be addressed? How’s Mount Prospect’s economy doing? Let’s take a look at the economy right here in Illinois and see if any progress is being made.

**Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.**

TOPIC: *Prescription Drugs*

The cost of prescription drugs has skyrocketed. Even generic drugs have seen major increases in cost. How are drugs brought to market? How are they priced? Why do they cost less in other countries?



## MOVIES AND MORE

### Movies @ MPPL



#### ***A Walk in the Woods***

[2015; Rated R; 104 minutes; Adventure/Comedy/Drama]

*Starring Robert Redford, Nick Nolte, Emma Thompson.*

Directed by Ken Kwapis.

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

**Thursday, January 14, 1 p.m.**

After spending two decades in England, Bill Bryson returns to the U.S., where he decides the best way to connect with his homeland is to hike the Appalachian Trail with one of his oldest friends. (R)



#### ***The Martian***

[2015; Rated PG-13; 144 minutes; Adventure/Drama/Sci-fi]

*Starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig.*

Directed by Ridley Scott.

**Wednesday, February 3, \*7 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 11, 1 p.m.**

During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, wit, and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal Earth that he is alive. (R)

*\*Due to the length of this movie, the February 3 showing starts at 7 p.m.*

### Movie Discussion

#### ***Hannah and Her Sisters***

[1986; Rated PG-13; 103 minutes; Comedy/Drama]

*Starring Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest, Michael Caine.*

Directed by Woody Allen.

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

Between two Thanksgivings, Hannah’s husband falls in love with her sister Lee while her hypochondriac ex-husband rekindles his relationship with her sister Holly. (NR)

#### ***Her***

[2013; Rated R; 126 minutes; Romance/Sci-fi]

*Starring Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams, Scarlett Johansson.*

Directed by Spike Jonze.

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

A lonely writer develops an unlikely relationship with his newly purchased operating system that’s designed to meet his every need. (NR)



## Escape With Books!

Your winter escape can be anything from a tropical island adventure to the best cookie recipe ever. And it’s all available at the Library! Find a book that whisks you away to a very different time or place or that just lets you forget the cold and the snow for an afternoon. Adults 18 and older can fill out one entry slip for each book they have read during February. Audiobooks and e-books are included. At the end of the month we will draw from all the entries to pick our prize winners. Looking for more ways to get away from the everyday? Ask our staff for book suggestions!


Adult Winter Reading Program




# JANUARY


**1** Library and South Branch Closed, Friday

**4** **BOOK CHAT:** *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty, Monday, 7 p.m. NR 

**6** **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng, Wednesday, noon or 2 p.m. NR 


**SB** Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe, Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. NR 


**MOVIES@MPPL:** *A Walk in the Woods* Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. 


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


**9** **SUPER SATURDAY:** Kids & Families Rock! With ScribbleMonster, Saturday, 11-11:45 a.m. 

**SB** Arm Knitting for Teens and Adults Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  


**11** Tech Devices for Beginners Monday, 3 p.m. 

**12** Conquer Your Clutter and Get Organized! Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 

**13** **SB** Make & Take Craft / Hazlo y Llévatelo, Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m. NR 

**MOVIE DISCUSSION:** *Hannah and Her Sisters*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. NR 

The Path to Your Family Story With *Ancestry® Library Edition*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. 

**JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS:** Small Business Health Care Solutions, Wednesday, 7 p.m. 

**14** **MOVIES@MPPL:** *A Walk in the Woods*, Thursday, 1 p.m. 


The Path to Your Family Story With *Ancestry® Library Edition*, Thursday, 3 p.m. 

iCan Use My iPad, Thursday, 6 p.m. 



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


**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** The Illinois Economy, Friday, 7:30 p.m. NR 


**16** Friends Winter Book Sale, Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Using PowerPoint®, Saturday, 10 a.m. 


**17** Friends Winter Book Sale, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

**18** Browser Basics, Monday, 3 p.m.   
**BOOK VOYAGERS:** Extremely Cool Sports, Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 

**SB** Family Health Carnival/¡Salud! una Fiesta Para la Familia, Monday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. 


**19** **SENIOR SESSION:** Graceland Cemetery: An Armchair Tour, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. 

Become a Chrome Expert, Tuesday, 3 p.m. 


MPPLF Shakespeare Project of Chicago: The Winter's Tale, Tuesday, 7 p.m. 

**20** **COFFEE, BOOKS, AND MORE:** *The Absolutist* by John Boyne, Wednesday, 10 a.m. NR 


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


**SB** Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe, Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. NR 


Safari Web Browser Basics, Wednesday, 6 p.m. 


**21** Computer Learning Lab, Thursday, 4-6 p.m. NR 

Library Board Meeting, Thursday, 7 p.m.

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


Open Drawing Session for Teens, Saturday, 2:30-4 p.m. 

**24** ACT Practice Test Presented by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, Sunday, 12:30-4 p.m. 

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

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


Computer Learning Lab, Monday, 7-9 p.m. NR 

**26** Preschool/Child Care Information Night, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. NR 


**27** Download Books With Your Kindle, Wednesday, 4 p.m. 

**28** Download Books With Your Tablet, Thursday, 4 p.m. 

**KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE:** Winter Wonders, Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m. 

**29** **SB** Crafting With Perler Beads / Vamos a Hacer Creaciones de Perler, Friday, 5-6:30 p.m. 

**30** MPPLF's Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle, Saturday, January 30-Saturday, February 13

Sign Up for Affordable Care Act Insurance, Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. NR 

Adult  Teen  Youth  Family   
All Ages  South Branch **SB**  
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# FEBRUARY


**1** Winter Reading Program: Escape With Books, February 1-29


MPPLF's Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle, January 30-February 13

Mad Scientists Club Junior: *We Can Dig It*, Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 

Using Word®, Monday, 7 p.m. 


**2** Taking Photos With Your iPhone/iPad, Tuesday, 6 p.m. 


The L.E.A.N. Approach to a Mindful Mealtime, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 

**3** **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott, Wednesday, noon or 2 p.m. NR 

**SB** Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe, Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. NR 

Tech Devices for Beginners, Wednesday, 7 p.m. 

**MOVIES@MPPL:** *The Martian*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. 


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

Family Movie Night: *Monsters, Inc.*, Friday, 6-8 p.m. 


**6** Friends Cookbooks Only Sale, Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.


Excel® Basics, Saturday, 10 a.m. 


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


**8** Teen Open Lab: 3-D Printing, Monday, 4-5:15 p.m. 

Android Advice, Monday, 7 p.m. 

How Smart Meters May Help You Save Money, Monday, 7 p.m. 


**9** Computer Learning Lab, Tuesday, 4-6 p.m. NR 

Sweet Perfection: Cupcake Decorating, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. \$3 fee 

**10** **SB** Make & Take Craft / Hazlo y Llévatelo, Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m. NR 


The Path to Your Family Story With *Fold3* and *Heritage Quest*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. 


**MOVIE DISCUSSION:** *Her*, Wednesday, 7 p.m. NR 


**11** **MOVIES@MPPL:** *The Martian*, Thursday, 1 p.m. 

The Path to Your Family Story With *Fold3* and *Heritage Quest*, Thursday, 3 p.m. 

Browser Basics, Thursday, 7 p.m. 

**12** **CREATE-A-CRAFT:** *Hearts & Crafts*, Friday, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NR 

Blind Date With a Book, Friday, 4-5:30 p.m.  Oberweis Ice Cream, 80 E. Northwest Hwy.


**15** **CHAT & CHEW:** *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* by Kathi Appelt, Monday, 1-2 p.m. 


**SB** BuilderFest/Jóvenes Constructores. Monday, 5-6:30 p.m. 


**BOOK CHAT:** *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard, Monday, 7 p.m. NR 

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


**16** Using CAD Software for 3-D Printing, Tuesday, 7 p.m. 

Understanding the Impact of Rising Interest Rates on Your Portfolio, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 

**17** **COFFEE, BOOKS, AND MORE:** *My Name Is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira, Wednesday, 10 a.m. NR 

**SENIOR SESSION:** *Greatest Presidential Decisions*, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. 

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone, Wednesday, 4 p.m. 


**SB** Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe, Wednesday, 5-5:30 p.m. NR 


How Technology Is Changing Your Homeowner's Association, Wednesday, 7 p.m. 

**18** Library Board Meeting, Thursday, 7 p.m.

**19** Family Gaming, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. NR 

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** Prescription Drugs, Friday, 7:30 p.m. NR 


**20** Excel®: Formulas and Functions, Saturday, 10 a.m. 

**SUPER SATURDAY:** Kidworks Presents Games, Dances, and Traditions of Africa, Saturday, 11-11:45 a.m. 

**22** Spring Storytime Lottery Begins, Monday, February 22 

Power Employment Workshop, Monday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 

Using CAD Software for 3-D Printing, Monday, 4 p.m. 

**BOOK VOYAGERS:** Superheroes With Heart, Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 

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

**24** Taking Photos With Your Android Device, Wednesday, 4 p.m. 

**25** Color Me Amazing, Thursday, 1 p.m. 


**KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE:** *Hide & Seek*, Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m. 

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

**27** Excel®: Tables, Charts, and Formulas, Saturday, 10 a.m. 

Open Drawing Session for Teens, Saturday, 2:30-4 p.m. 

**28** LEGO®Mania: Dazzling Dinosaurs, Sunday, 1-2 p.m. 

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

Looking Into Windows 10, Monday, 7 p.m. 



# Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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## Escape With Books



### Youth Winter Reading Program • February 1-29

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 11 AND YOUNGER

Unlock adventure and excitement at the Library! You can experience daring escapades or take a thrilling journey by reading a good book. Stop by the Youth Services desk to tell us what you've been reading this month and dare to enter the Guess

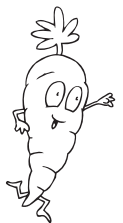
How Many contest. Then, test your courage and creativity with activities that will earn you coupons and prizes. Every activity card you complete is your ticket for a chance to win! Prizes include weekly gift cards and grand prize packages, such as games at Party Time Palace, movies at AMC, books from Barnes and Noble, and more. **Participants may submit one card per day.**

## MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

**Wednesday, January 20, 4:30-6 p.m.**

Mad about science? Join us as we test our taste buds with food-related science explorations. **Please indicate any food allergies upon registration.** Space in the lab is limited to 30 scientists. (R)



## MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB JUNIOR

### We Can Dig It

JR.

• FOR 1ST-2ND GRADERS

**Monday, February 1, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Let's unearth some fun as we explore rocks and minerals with hands-on science experiments. Space in the lab is limited to 20 young scientists who live in Mount Prospect. (R-MPPL)



FOR ALL AGES!

## FAMILY GAMING

**Friday, February 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Drop in for racing, sports, and mini-games and challenge your family to some competition. We'll have multiple players set up on Wii, Xbox 360 with Kinect, PlayStation 3, and iPads. All games are rated E or E 10+. **Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.** No registration necessary; just stop in! (NR)



## Family LEGO® Mania

• FOR K-6TH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Monday, January 25, 4:30-6 p.m.**

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

## LEGO® Mania: Dazzling Dinosaurs

• FOR 2ND-4TH GRADERS

**Sunday, February 28, 1-2 p.m.**

Venture millions of years back in time and construct prehistoric creatures using MPPL's vast supply of LEGOs. The hour will be packed with books, ideas, creativity, and fun. So, whether it's a Triassic, Jurassic, or Cretaceous creature you favor, join us for an event of epic proportions! **Registration is limited to Mount Prospect LEGO-lovers.** (R-MPPL)

## SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

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

**Kids & Families Rock! With ScribbleMonster** (R)  
**Saturday, January 9, 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Kidworks Presents Games, Dances, and Traditions of Africa**  
**Saturday, February 20, 11-11:45 a.m.**  
*This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (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)

**Hearts & Crafts**  
**Friday, February 12, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**



## Fun With Books!

Take a break and stop in for one of our all ages Open Storytimes, which run January 18-February 27. *No registration required;* just join us at the appointed time!

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

**Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

Join us for a **Saturday Open Storytime** on **January 30 and February 27 from 10:30-11 a.m.** This program will feature themes used in the weekday Open Storytimes.

## Spring Storytime Lottery

From February 22-March 3, parents can register their children—birth through age 5—for MPPL's Spring storytime session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run March 14-April 23. *Due to the popularity of these storytimes, registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for Mount Prospect Public Library cardholders.* To participate in the lottery, please sign up in person at the Youth Services desk. (R-MPPL)

Winter Storytime  
Lottery Ends  
Thursday, January 7!

## Chat & Chew

—for 4th-6th graders

Join us for lunch and a discussion of this rollicking adventure. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)



## The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp

BY KATHI APPELT

**Monday, February 15, 1-2 p.m.**

Being a Swamp Scout in the Sugar Man Swamp is not an easy job. Just ask Bingo and J'miah, the newest Swamp Scouts. Of course, they are also raccoons. Their job is to let the Sugar Man know when trouble is coming so that he can take care of it. However, the trouble coming is not only from the animal world but from a human, Sunny Boy Beaucoup, owner of the swamp. If Sunny Boy gets his way, then the other humans, Chap and his grandma, will have to move away, and the swamp will never be the same. Can Bingo and J'miah find the Sugar Man in time? (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)

**Extremely Cool Sports**

**Monday, January 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Superheroes With Heart**

**Monday, February 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**



## KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE

• FOR KINDERGARTNERS

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 create a project to take home! (R)

**Winter Wonders**

**Thursday, January 28, 4:30-5:15 p.m.**

**Hide & Seek**

**Thursday, February 25, 4:30-5:15 p.m.**

## Family Movie Night

### Monsters, Inc.

• FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT

**Friday, February 5, 6-8 p.m.**

Put on your jammies, pack up a stuffed animal friend, and head over to the Library to watch **Monsters, Inc.** With not-so-scary snacks and lots of fun, you can sit back and enjoy the show. 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 at this family event.** (R)

## Sensory Storytime

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-8 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Saturday, February 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Children with special needs and their families are invited to join us for an inclusive sensory storytime. The hour may include stories, crafts, sensory activities, music, and play. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Please contact Youth Services at least one week in advance for special requests or accommodations. Space is limited, so register today! (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). 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.*

### ACT Practice Test Presented by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions

**Sunday, January 24, 12:30-4 p.m.**

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 by mail or e-mail, detailing individual strengths and weaknesses. Be sure to bring a calculator, two #2 pencils, and wear comfortable clothes. Cell phones will not be allowed. (R)



### Escape With Books

When reality becomes just too much, you know you can escape with books. We'll escape together—stop by MPPL to fill out a blurb with the title of the book you are “escaping with” and maybe a short sentence about the book. Personal and school-related reading both count.

Your blurbs will be featured in Teen Space. You will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win gift cards to popular Mount Prospect places during weekly drawings. Complete as many blurbs as you like for limitless chances to win! Earn extra drawing entries when you post a photo of your book on Instagram (remember to follow and tag MPPLteen in your photo). You can also qualify for a \$50 Amazon gift card if your guess is the closest in the *Guess How Many Unicorn Pops* contest.

### BLIND DATE with a BOOK

**Friday, February 12, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Join us at Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store, 80 E. Northwest Highway, to meet some new books. We'll tell you a little about some great reads, and you decide if they sound good to you. There will be games and treats, too. Please bring your Library card so you can bring home your dream book! (R)

### TEEN LAB

Once monthly on Mondays, come to the computer lab to create with RPG Maker, Arduino, and more. There will be scheduled activities each month, and you may also use the time to work on your own projects. Be sure to sign up for these labs—space is limited. (R)

#### 3-D Printing

**Monday, February 8, 4-5:15 p.m.**

Interested in 3-D design? Learn with the online application Tinkercad, which will let you create an object to be printed. (R)

### Open Drawing Session for Teens

**Saturday, January 23, 2:30-4 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 27, 2:30-4 p.m.**

Teens at any level of drawing experience can come practice new techniques or use different drawing materials at our sessions. Pastels, colored pencils, graphite, and pen and ink are some of the tools that teens can experiment with. Instructional materials, as well as a staff person with drawing experience, will be on hand to help teens who want to learn more. Teens will need to bring their own sketchbooks, but drawing materials will be provided. **Seating is limited and teens must register.** No snacks or refreshments will be served due to the activity. (R)



### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Monday, January 25**

**Monday, February 29**



### **YOU!** CAN HELP DECIDE WHAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS TEENS

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB, for short). Come to a meeting to see what it is all about. We meet once a month, and snacks are always served. It's a chance to have an impact on what's available at MPPL for teens and earn volunteer service hours (always good for college applications). (NR)



### Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club

**Friday, January 8, 4-6 p.m.**

**Friday, February 5, 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)

## South Branch Events

(R) Registration required. | Inscripción requerida.

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

### Open Make & Take Craft | Hazlo y Llévatelo

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Wednesday, January 13, 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 10, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Drop into the South Branch to make crafts. The Library will provide all craft supplies. No registration required.

**Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.**

(NR)



### Crafting With Perler Beads | Vamos a Hacer Creaciones de Perler

• FOR CHILDREN IN 2ND-6TH GRADES

**Friday, January 29, 5-6:30 p.m.**



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

### BuilderFest | Jóvenes Constructores

• FOR AGES 6-12

**Monday, February 15, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Caution, construction ahead! Design a bridge, make a marshmallow tower, and open a mystery bag to see what you can engineer! (R)



Stop by and let a Library staff member show you how to stream movies and music or read magazines on your smartphone or tablet. Instantly watch movies or listen to the latest albums by going to [Hoopla.com](http://Hoopla.com). Read a wide variety of full-color magazines cover-to-cover using Zinio. Both can be found at [mppl.org/e-library/library-apps](http://mppl.org/e-library/library-apps). **All you need is your Library card—and time to watch, listen, and read!**





# UNBELIEVABLE



## January 30-February 13 CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

### Attention, chocolate lovers; this one's for you!

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation for its sweetest event of the year, the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle. The event takes place in the lobby of the Library and features sumptuous baskets designed for the chocolate lover in all of us. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5, and 12 for \$10. Tickets can be purchased from a MPPL Foundation volunteer, or inquire at the Registration Desk. The drawing will be held on Saturday, February 13 beginning at 3 p.m. *Winners need not be present.* All proceeds from the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle benefit the Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library that otherwise would not be available through public funding.

Tickets are six for \$5, twelve for \$10, or \$1 each.

## 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 16, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

\* **Sunday, January 17, noon-4 p.m.**

### Members Only Night

\* **Friday, January 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**



## Cookbooks Only Sale

**Saturday, February 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

If you love food and books, then this sale is for you! Stock your pantry with new recipes from our stellar collection of gently used cookbooks. *Stop by the Library early for the best selection!* Funds raised through the sale will help



the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

## South Branch Events



### community connections center

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847/590-4090 • [www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org)

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Inscripción requerida.

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



## ESCAPE WITH BOOKS

• FOR ALL AGES

Get ready to break out of your routine and escape with books! Unlock adventure and excitement in February with the Winter Reading Program. South Branch staff will track the total number of books read in a large display, and each book you read will help the Minecraft character Steve escape from different iconic baddies. You can also join in the *Guess How Many Keys* contest, and kids can complete additional activities beyond the books they read, such as reading out loud or illustrating a scene from a book. All ages can turn in their logs and enter to win an "escape"-themed basket.

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## Bilingual Storytime | La Hora de Cuento Bilingüe

• FOR KIDS AGES 3-6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

**Wednesday, January 20, 5-5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 3, 5-5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 17, 5-5:30 p.m.**

Children and their families are invited to 30 minutes of songs and stories. **An adult must accompany any children under the age of 3.** *Registration is not necessary; just drop in!* (NR)



ARM  
KNITTING  
for Teens  
and Adults

**Saturday, January 9,  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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

## Family Health Carnival | ¡Salud! una Fiesta Para la Familia

**Monday, January 18,  
4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Come play "minute-to-win-it" games and win prizes! Compete with your friends and family to see who knows the most about healthy habits. Do you have questions about medications, natural remedies, your diet, or other areas of your health? Chat with Village Nurse Jill Heinking about the health of anyone in your family and also get your blood pressure taken. (R)

More  
South Branch  
programs and  
activities on page 7!

### South Branch Hours

Monday-Friday • 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday before the second Saturday  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
2nd Saturday of the month  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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