



Preview

Mini Golf Fundraiser
Financial Literacy Programs
Documentary Film Event: *Invisible Warriors*



Spring is the perfect time for a fresh start and your library is the perfect place to discover something new. In this newsletter you'll find engaging programs to beautify your spaces, help with financial literacy, and relax and unwind. Our library cards received a mini makeover, too! We invite you to stop in anytime to swap your old card for a fresh design.

Game On!

We've added a bundle of board games and puzzles to our Library of Things collection. Gather your friends and family for a fun game night or enjoy some quiet time with a challenging puzzle.

National Library Week: *There's More to the Story*

Games, meeting spaces, Playaways, crafts, online learning, and much more! Celebrate National Library Week with us April 23-29, and discover all the library has to offer with special giveaways, activities, and displays.

Preserve Your Memories

Transfer your old VHS tapes and 8mm/Super 8 film with our easy-to-use system that lets you convert your precious memories to a digital format. You can also digitize photos, negatives, and slides easily with step-by-step instructions.

On the Cover

One of our new library card designs!



e-Newsletter Sign Up

Be in the know! Sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date programs, readers' advisory ideas, program videos, online resources, and more.

Follow Us!

Our social media channels continue to bring more news to you.



Library Programming

Program registration is often required using the online calendar or by contacting the library. Program format and location will be indicated within the online calendar.

The library needs at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.

Program Symbols

Registration Required (R)

No Registration Required (NR)

Virtual Programs (V)

Hybrid Programs: both in-person and virtual options (H)



South Branch Events

1711 W. Algonquin Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056
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Most of our programs at South Branch are presented in English and Spanish. | La mayoría de nuestros programas en la Extensión del Sur se presentarán en inglés y español.

Play & Learn | Jugar y Aprender

- FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesdays,
11:30 a.m.

Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, crafts, and play-based learning. (R)



Animal Encounters

- FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, March 11
12 p.m. OR 1:15 p.m.

Meet animals from around the world with naturalist Kim White and learn about tortoises, hedgehogs, Patagonian caviar, and more. (R)

Teen Volunteering

- FOR GRADES 6-12

Mondays, March 13 and
April 10, 5 p.m.

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours as you



work for a good cause helping with community service projects. (R)

Teen Homework Hangout

- FOR GRADES 6-12

Saturdays, March 18 and
April 8, 11:30 a.m.

Work on school assignments or group projects and when you need a break, we'll provide snacks and games. (R)

Clay Fossils | Fósiles de barro

- FOR GRADES 1-5

Monday, March 20, 5 p.m.

Make your own textured trinkets that look like real fossils! Create dinosaur fossils for a Jurassic look, or plant fossils for a floral vibe. (R)



Family Movie Night | Noche de película

- FOR FAMILIES

Enjoy a movie night at the library – *be sure to register!* (R)

Brother Bear (PG)

Friday, March 24, 5 p.m.

A Bug's Life (G)

Friday, April 21, 5 p.m.

Illinois Wildlife Bingo | Bingo de la fauna de Illinois

- FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, March 29, 5-6 p.m.
(R)

Unfinished Craft Club | Club de manualidades incompletas

- FOR ADULTS

Saturday, April 15, 11:30 a.m.

Have a craft that you just can't seem to finish? Join the club!

Work on your unfinished project along with kindred crafters. (R)

Perler Bead Creations | Creaciones de Perler

- FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, April 19, 5 p.m.

Design your own colorful bead creations with supplies provided by the library. (R)

Día de los Niños

- FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, April 26, 5 p.m.

Celebrate Día de los Niños/Children's Day with bilingual stories and traditional games. (R)

Youth Events

Super Saturday

• FOR FAMILIES

Hogan Irish Dancers

Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.

Bring the whole family to enjoy a performance by the talented Hogan Irish Dance Academy with colorful costumes, lively music, and dynamic dancing. Discover the history of Irish dance and learn the steps to a traditional Irish jig! (R)

Magic by Randy

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.

Come one, come all to experience one of the funniest magic shows in Chicagoland! Randy Bernstein will entertain all with his hilarious interactive show of magic, storytelling, and positive messages. (R)



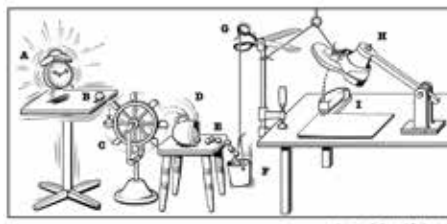
Blue, Barry, & Pancakes

• FOR GRADES K-2

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Do you love to create ice cream sundaes and practice new wrestling moves with your friends?

Discover this graphic novel series and its friends Blue, Barry, and Pancake with some fun, silly activities! (R)



Full STEAM Ahead Rube Goldberg Machines

• FOR GRADES 1-5

Monday, March 13, 5-6 p.m.

Fuel your imagination and drop by the Discovery Zone for hands-on STEAM exploration. (NR)

Developmental Playgroup

• FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.

Drop in to play and connect with other families who have children in therapy or are considering therapy. (NR)

Yummy Sweet Treats

• FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Ice cream, cakes, and pies oh my! Who doesn't love delicious treats? Learn the history behind some of your favorite snacks, play food trivia games, and make your very own candy sushi. (R)



New Dial-a-Story Selections

Monday, March 6 • Monday, April 3

The library is here to read to you, wherever and whenever with Dial-a-Story. Call 847-232-8600 and follow the prompts to select what you'd like to hear. *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.*

STEAM at the Library

Discover something new and learn fun facts with exciting hands-on activities presented by Mad Science. *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.*

Brilliant Butterflies

• FOR GRADES K-2

Monday, April 17, 6 p.m. (R)

Brainy Bugs

• FOR GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, April 26, 6 p.m. (R)

Homeschool Open Play

• FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, March 16, 10-11 a.m.

Meet other homeschooling families while exploring STEAM stations. Learn more about library homeschool services, materials, and programs. (NR)

Dragon & The Ice Sorceress

• FOR GRADES 1-5

Tuesday, March 28, 1 p.m.

Journey to a time of castles and dragons as science and storytelling combine in this fun program where experiments are used to stop an Ice Sorceress. (R)



Little Miss Ann Concert

- FOR AGES 5 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m.

Come join award-winning Chicago musician Little Miss Ann for a fun, interactive concert that will have you singing, dancing, and jumping along! Little Miss Ann's music features different genres such as indie, folk, rock, punk, country, bluegrass, and more. (R)

Pokémon Club

- FOR GRADES 1-5

Thursday, March 30, 1 p.m.

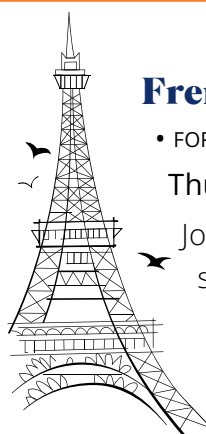
Have you lined up your perfect Poke team? Have you seen every Pokémon movie? Join us at the library where you can meet up with other Pokémon enthusiasts. Don't forget your cards! (R)

Canciones y Cuentos | Songs and Stories Family Concert

- FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.

The library welcomes Renée Nanzer from the Old Town School of Folk Music for an engaging, interactive concert honoring *Día de los Niños/ Children's Day*. Sing along with Renée and her guitar as we celebrate connecting children and their families to diverse books and cultures. (R)



French Storytime

- FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a special storytime with students from Prospect High School! This interactive session will focus on French language and culture. (NR)

Storytimes Sessions

Come join us either in-person or virtually for stories, dancing, and more! Some storytimes require registration and some, like Family Storytime, are drop-in sessions. Check our online calendar for dates and times throughout March and April.



Teen Events • FOR GRADES 6-12 •



Teen Volunteering @ Main Library

Fridays, March 17 and April 21, 5 p.m.

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours as you work for a good cause helping with community service projects. (R)

Craft Programs

Each month we meet to get crafty and make something new with supplies from the library. (R)

Embroidered Bag

Thursday, March 30, 4:30 p.m.



Paper Quilling Designs



Thursday
April 27,
4:30 p.m.

Think Tank

Teen

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

- March 22
- April 26

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. (R)



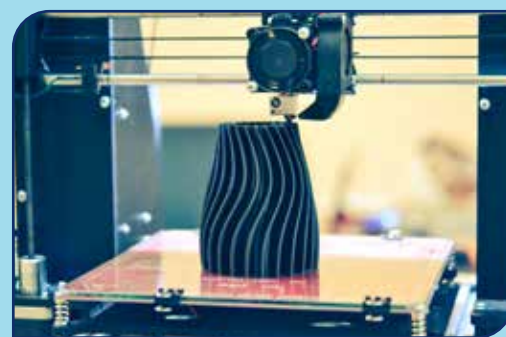
Teen Book Café



Attention, book lovers!

Join us as we share new books and recommend some of our favorites. Participants will pick out a free book to take home. (R)

Fridays, March 10 and
April 14, 4:30 p.m.



Introduction to 3-D Printing

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to create objects using TinkerCad, a digital-design computer software, and a 3-D printer, which makes objects out of plastic. We'll teach you the software and how to submit designs to the library to print. (R)



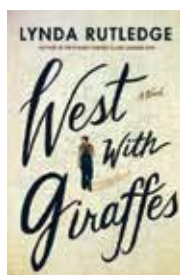
Book Discussions

 Traditional discussion

 Pick your own read

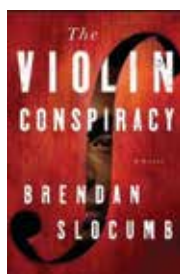
Wednesday Morning Book Group

First Wednesday of the month. (R)



Wednesday, March 1
11 a.m.

West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge

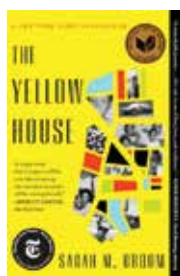


Wednesday, April 5
11 a.m.

The Violin Conspiracy
by Brenden Slocumb

Book Chat

Second Monday of the month. (R)



Monday, March 13
7 p.m.

The Yellow House
by Sarah M. Broom



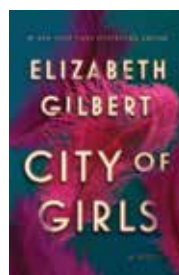
Monday, April 10
7 p.m.

Project Hail Mary
by Andy Weir

Wednesday Night Book Group

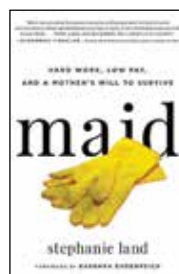
Third Wednesday of the month. (R)

(Presented both in-person, inside the library, and via Zoom.)



Wednesday, March 15
7 p.m.

City of Girls
by Elizabeth Gilbert



Wednesday, April 19
7 p.m.

Maid
by Stephanie Land

Tuesday Afternoon Book Share

Second Tuesday of the month. (R)

Tuesday, March 14, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11, 1 p.m.

Join other readers to share which books inspire recent raves, rants, or "it's complicated" reactions. Recommend your favorite discoveries and learn which titles have others talking.

Let's Talk Books (Virtual)

Tuesdays (R)

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Settle in for a bookish hour and listen to what your neighbors are raving about! We welcome you to drop in and share your reading ups and downs. Watch out, your to-read list may get longer!

Adult Events

SCORE Mentoring

Wednesdays, March 1, 15 and April 5, 19, 4-7 p.m.

Chicago SCORE retired volunteers with business experience are available to offer advice to local entrepreneurs and small business owners. (V) (R)



Drop-in Crochet and Knit Group

Thursdays, March 2 and April 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

Bring your latest knit or crochet projects and share your enthusiasm with other needlecrafters. (NR)

Myths and History of the Great Highland Bagpipe

Monday, March 6, 7 p.m.

J. Kevin Chapman, owner of Bagpiping Chicago, presents the rich history of bagpipes, one of the world's oldest currently played musical instruments. Dressed in full regalia, he gives a stirring demonstration of his piping skills. (R)

Advanced Polish Genealogy Research

Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m.

Genealogist and author Jason Kruski will provide the tools you need to take your family tree backwards in time in Poland and learn more about the lives of your ancestors. (R)

Documentary Film Event

Invisible Warriors: African American Women in World War II

The film *Invisible Warriors* shares the individual experiences of a small group of elegant ladies who represent the 600,000 Black women who fled lives as domestic workers and sharecroppers to work in factories and U.S. government offices during World War II.

Watch this powerful film at the library or receive a link to stream when you register for either virtual session featuring producer Gregory S. Cooke.

An Introduction to the Film

Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m.

Hear more about the documentary and learn about the producer's journey to gather and preserve these remarkable stories. (V) (R)

An Evening with Documentary Historian Gregory S. Cooke

Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.

After watching the film, attend the Q&A for inciteful conversation and your chance to interact and ask questions of the producer. (V) (R)

In-Person Screening at MPPL (R)

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.

This program is proudly presented in partnership with over 50 Illinois public libraries and the College of DuPage.





Illinois Libraries Present



The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach

Wednesday, March 1, 7 p.m.

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with *New York Times* best-selling science author Mary Roach, who will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live. (V) (R)



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Movies @ MPPL



The Fabelmans

[2022; PG-13; 151 minutes; Drama] Starring Michell Williams, Gabriel LaBelle, Paul Dano. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

Thursday, March 9, 2 p.m.

Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a

filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth. (R)

Tár

[2022; R; 158 minutes; Drama, Music] Starring Cate Blanchett, Noémie Merlant, Nina Hoss. Directed by Todd Field.

Thursday, April 13, 2 p.m.

Set in the international world of Western classical music, the film centers on Lydia Tár, widely considered one of the greatest living composer-conductors and the very first female director of a major German orchestra. (R)



All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Spring Green Series

Programs to encourage sustainability and beautify your indoor and outdoor spaces.

Gardening Basics for Beautiful Spaces

Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Enjoy a successful garden with help from members of the Mount Prospect Garden Club. Learn tips for planting annuals and perennials, discover which plants are easy to grow in our area, and keep weeds under control. (R)

Green Cleaning Alternatives

Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.

Kate Carney from the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, will discuss the basics of household hazardous waste. Save money and make your home safer by creating simple green cleaning products using materials provided by the library. (R)

Turn your Garden into a B&B for Birds

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Join Alyse from The Wildbird Shack to learn how to entice a variety of birds to your yard with the right balance of food, feeders, water, and shelter. Alyse will also discuss birdscape locations, food, proper hygiene, and squirrel prevention. (R)

Adult Events

Job Search Like a Pro: Resume Refresh

Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Level up your resume with the latest techniques and best practices used by professional resume writers. (V) (R)

A Path to Your Family Story with *Ancestry Library Edition*

Tuesday, March 14, 2 p.m.

Ancestry Library Edition is one of the most popular and powerful genealogy databases and is available for free at the library. Learn from our genealogy and e-resources librarians about the benefits of this subscription database. (V) (R)

Hollywood Goes to the Library

Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents depictions of librarians and libraries in classic films as well as the influence of special real-life librarians upon the film industry. (R)

Traditional Chinese Tea Demonstration

Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.

According to Confucianism, the art of tea is as much transformative on an introspective level as it is on a ceremonial level. Engage in the ritual of tea handling, tea ware function and identification, tea steeping, and tasting. (R)



AARP Driver Safety Course

Wednesday, March 22, 12-4 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 12-4 p.m.

This two-part, eight-hour program provides a refresher course for motorists age 55 and up. An AARP-certified instructor will present a review of driving skills and techniques along with safe driving tips. Participants who complete the class may be eligible for a discount on the liability portion of their car insurance. There is an additional fee for this program. (R)

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk

Wednesdays, March 29 and

April 26, 6:30-7 p.m., 7-7:30 p.m.,
7:30-8 p.m. (V) (R)

Adult Craft: Embroidered Bag

Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Adult crafters and DIY enthusiasts are welcome to come and embroider a bag! The library will provide all materials and instructions. (R)

Coin Collecting Appraisals

Tuesday, April 4, 2-7 p.m.

Lifelong coin collector Dave Ekstrom will meet with you privately to appraise your old coins. Each 15-minute appointment appraisal is intended as educational. There will be no buying or selling. (R)

Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 4, 3-7 p.m.

Help save lives and make a difference by donating blood. MPPL is partnering with Versiti to host a community blood drive for ages 17 or older (16 with parent/guardian permission). *Walk-ins may be accommodated if the schedule permits but cannot be guaranteed.* (R)



Famous First Ladies: Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Jackie Kennedy

Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m.

Join Jenny Riddle as she dramatizes the personal lives of three remarkable First Ladies. Get an insider's view of the White House through personal stories during this engaging and entertaining presentation. (R)



KonMari Method Basics

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Join Certified KonMari Consultant Megan Spillman to learn the basics of the KonMari method and how it can help you escape the vicious cycle of clutter.

Discover why people around the world are drawn to this philosophy that places great importance on being mindful and introspective. (R)

The Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble in Concert

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Enjoy a performance that explores different regions and examines the poetry of lyrics, as well as the scale system and rhythmic modes that are so central to Arabic music. *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

River Trails Middle School Steel Drum Band

Friday, April 28, 6 p.m.

Join us for a dynamic evening with the River Trails Middle School's Steel Drum Band. Enjoy a touch of the Caribbean, a bit of pop, and more during this lively performance. (R)

Financial Literacy

Making the Most of Your Social Security Benefits

Monday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Renee Boyle, certified Financial Planner with The Dala Group, will provide Social Security benefits and filing strategies that can often provide higher monthly lifetime benefits compared to standard filing options. (R)

How to Choose and Use Money Apps

Monday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Financial technology is changing the way we handle our money and can seem like the wild, wild west. Understand how these tools work and learn what to look for before you transfer money, make deposits, or link bank accounts and credit cards to digital wallets. (V) (R)

Technology Programs

Open Tech Lab (NR)

Tuesday, March 21, 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25, 6-8 p.m.

Microsoft Word Basics (R)

Monday, March 20, 6 p.m.

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services (V) (R)

Tuesday, March 28, 6 p.m.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship. Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft will explain how to ensure your final wishes can be protected. (R)

Understanding Credit Reports and Scores

Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Having a good credit score is important to locking in low rates on credit cards and loans. Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern Illinois will explain how to obtain, read, and understand credit reports, and offer strategies to improve scores. (V) (R)

Computer Essentials (R)

Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m.

File Management Essentials (R)

Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m.

Drop-in Virtual Reality (NR)

Wednesdays, April 5 and 26, 5-7 p.m. For ages 12+.

Come experience the excitement of virtual reality using *Meta Quest* to play a variety of games.



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Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.

Contact Us!

Our public service desk is
available by chat, text, and phone.

Phone: 847-253-5675

South Branch: 847-590-4090

Chat: bit.ly/MPPLlivechat

Text: 847-750-4275

Online: mppl.org/contact-us

Main Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**NEW hours at
Main and
South Branch!**

South Branch Hours

Monday – Friday: 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



Foundation Mini Golf!

Join us as we host an 18-hole miniature
golf course fundraiser for a day of family

**FOR ALL
AGES!**

fun. This unique adventure will have
golfers putting throughout the Main Library
and between the stacks. The fee to play is
\$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four
or more. There will also be a 19th Hole
entertainment area for players.



*This event is a fundraiser for the
Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.*

Saturday, March 11 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friends Book Sale

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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.



Friends
Mount Prospect Public Library



The Library will be closed on
Sunday, April 9.