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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

November/December 2012



The 32nd Annual Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.-noon

Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. We will also sing along with Mark Dvorak as he brings some of your favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march over to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Please sign up for programs on the Internet at www.mppl.org, at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

Give the Gift of Reading

From November 12-December 9 bring new or like-new unwrapped books for local children in need, age six and under. Donations of books in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.

**Happy Holidays and
Best Wishes for 2013!**
from the Board and Staff of the Library!

YOU Are the Jury

When *Defamation: The Play* Comes to MPPL

Defamation: The Play, a thought-provoking courtroom drama where the audience becomes the jury, is coming to the Library at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 15.

Presented by Canamac Productions, *Defamation* is a twist on the he-said she-said story. During the course of the trial, lawyers on both sides elicit testimony regarding discrimination and the hardships and privileges of class.

After a verdict is reached, audience members are encouraged to further explore issues during a Q&A session with the playwright and cast.

"Whether we like it or not, we still have major divides in this country. Most of us still go to bed at night in cities, communities, and neighborhoods that are segregated by race, religion, ethnicity, and/or class," said *Defamation* playwright,

"I wanted to write a play that encourages greater tolerance and understanding by spurring self-examination and promoting compelling civil discourse."

—*Defamation* playwright Todd Logan

Todd Logan. "I wanted to write a play that encourages greater tolerance and understanding by spurring self-examination and promoting compelling civil discourse."

Logan is a filmmaker, playwright and humorist. His past work includes the play *Botanic Garden* directed by Olympia Dukakis; the independent film *With a Family Like Mine...*; and humor pieces published in *The New York Times* and *The Boston Globe*, among other notable publications.

Since its premier in 2010,

MPPL Foundation Marks 15th Anniversary...With

1997 is the year
a group of
Library

supporters established the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). Their long-range vision was to develop and manage an endowment fund through fundraising and charitable contributions. The initial goal of \$200,000 was surpassed in 2010.

The fund continues to grow thanks to your generous support.



\$800 is the amount raised in the 2012 Stay Fit Kids' Fun Run to benefit the Foundation. This annual event demonstrates MPPLF's commitment to community partnerships and willingness to grow in meaningful ways outside of the Library.

—See *Foundation* on page 3

Numbers to Grow By!

11 dedicated board members volunteer their time and energy to the current MPPL Foundation Board.

3 SUPER Saturday! programs are sponsored by MPPLF each year. These culturally-rich family programs are in celebration of African American, Asian Pacific American, and Hispanic Heritage Months. In 2012, these free programs together provided a mosaic of education and enrichment for more than 300 children and their families.



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The Library will be closed:

Friday, November 2
for Staff In-service Day (MAIN ONLY)

Thursday, November 22
for Thanksgiving

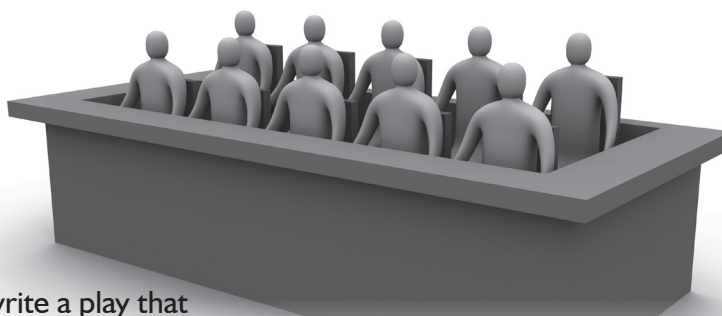
Friday, November 23
South Branch is closed

Monday, December 24
for Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25
for Christmas

The Library will close at 5 p.m.

Monday, December 31
for New Year's Eve.



Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Legal Research With Westlaw

Wednesday, November 7, 3 p.m.

Westlaw is an online resource that gives you access to legal materials, including Illinois statutes, administrative law, and case law, as well as selected federal and circuit court findings. This session will cover the basics of navigating Westlaw and using it to research cases, statutes, and secondary materials. (R)

Papercrafting: Ten Terrific Tags

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

Every gift deserves a handmade touch. Get ready for the holidays by creating gift tags with a holiday or winter theme. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; *all other supplies are included in the \$10 nonrefundable materials fee.* This class is for participants 16 years and older. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Legal Research With LexisNexis

Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

LexisNexis, one of the most popular online resources, is a legal reference powerhouse. A representative from LexisNexis will discuss how to search state and federal cases, statutes, codes and regulations, and law reviews and journals. You'll get a demonstration of the product's features, discover search strategies, and have a chance to ask questions. (R)

You Are the Jury in Defamation: The Play

Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

Defamation: The Play is a thought-provoking courtroom drama where the audience becomes the jury. The performance includes an intriguing plot that draws the observer into the story to experience the consequences of prejudice in a meaningful way, and illustrates how bias affects our lives. Immediately following the play, audience members can participate in a facilitated discussion on the subject of prejudice, fear, and our inclination to project stereotypes onto unfamiliar cultures. (R) *The program is funded by the Elizabeth J. Clough Fund, whose generous bequest has allowed the Library to sponsor many special programs, and WRES (Workers for Racial and Ethnic Solidarity), which includes local parishes in Mount Prospect and Chicago and whose mission is to promote respect for the dignity of all people.*

Computer Learning Lab: E-mail, E-books, and Office 2010

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

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

Do you have questions about e-mail, e-books, Word, Excel, or PowerPoint? Use this time (and our computers) to get answers, practice skills, or work on a project with the confidence that a tutor is available to help you. **No registration required; drop in anytime during lab hours.** For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)

OPEN HOUSE

E-reader Test Drive

Monday, November 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Intrigued by the idea of an e-reader but not sure what to buy? Test drive the two most popular models: a Barnes & Noble NOOK and the Amazon Kindle. Touch, play with, and ask about the devices. Curious about the difference between an e-reader and a tablet? Check out the iPad and its newest competitors. It is easy to transform a tablet into an e-reader with an app. Experts from Apple, Barnes and Noble, and Abt Electronics along with Jack Waddick, our resident Kindle expert, will be on hand to demonstrate all of the devices and to answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to try out these devices before you do your holiday shopping and for the chance to win an e-reader! *The e-reader raffle is sponsored by the Friends of Mount Prospect Public Library.* (NR)

STOP BY FOR A CHANCE AT OUR E-READER RAFFLE

Sponsored by Friends of Mount Prospect Public Library

The Prospect Madrigals: A Holiday Concert

Monday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.

Prospect High School's a cappella singing group, the Madrigals, is a feast for both the eyes and ears. Wearing traditional medieval costumes, the group has performed holiday and chamber music at community gatherings for several years. Now they return to MPPL for a triumphant holiday show. (R)

MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS: Holiday Harmonies With the Encore! Singers

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

Join Encore! as they celebrate the season with selections such as "Christmas on Broadway," Paul McCartney's "Wonderful Christmastime," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," and more. Encore! is a nationally award-winning singing ensemble and is a patron favorite at the Library. (R)



Louise Koester

Mount Prospect's First Doctor

**Thursday, November 8
7 p.m.**

Louise Koester became Mount Prospect's first doctor in the 1920s after struggling to find a hospital that would let a woman complete her residency. When she started her practice, another doctor wondered, "Who wants to go to a woman doctor, anyway?" But, for more than two decades, Koester served the area's residents faithfully during a time when effective medications were rare, especially in a rural area. Greg Peerbolte, director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society, will discuss Koester's life and the history of medical care in our area in this latest program in our "Mount Prospect Stories" series. (R)



The 1963 Chicago Bears and the Fall of the Halas Dynasty



Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.

Author and sports historian Chuck Billington takes a fascinating historical look at one of the greatest periods in Chicago sports history. This comprehensive review of the Chicago Bears 1963 championship season will include the role George Halas, team founder, played in the team's triumphs and tragic decline that proved to be Halas' last hurrah. Football fans will especially appreciate the opportunity to see rare film footage taken when the Bears called Wrigley Field their home. (R)



Create a Holiday Centerpiece

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

Create your own festive holiday centerpiece complete with fragrant greenery, red berries, and a candle. Peggy Garvin will show you how and provide everything you need, including a container. Bring your own garden gloves and pruners/strong scissors. Space is limited to 25 participants. A supply fee of \$18 is due at registration. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). (R)

Senior Session

What the Senior Candidate Has to Offer

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

Wisdom, loyalty, experience – are you making the most of your marketable qualities as a mature job seeker? Bob Podgorski of St. Hubert Job and Networking Ministry will offer tips for presenting your skills and experiences as a senior candidate to a potential employer. (R)

Winter Holidays With the Sentimentalists

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

The Mount Prospect Sentimentalists, directed by Phil Crail, is a group of older adults who love to sing. Founded in 1993, the 15-member group performs a variety of favorite songs from yesterday. This concert features traditional carols and winter songs that celebrate the season. You are invited to listen and even join in as they rejoice in the holiday season. (R)

Friends Gift Certificates

Looking for a meaningful gift for teachers, coaches, or the book lover in your life? The Friends has the answer —gift certificates redeemable at any upcoming book sale. The certificates are \$1 each, or you can purchase a book of five for \$5. You can pick them up at the Registration Desk or Friends Book Sales.

Stock Up Before the Rush @ The Friends Holiday Book Sale!

Just in time for the holidays—both adults and kids will discover a treasure trove of quality, used books. Easy parking and a warm atmosphere will give you time to browse for that special someone. Funds raised will help the Friends support additional programs, events, and services.

Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Foundation Marks 15th Anniversary

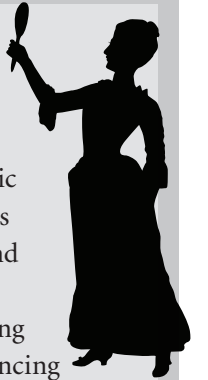
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10 Friday evenings each year, a crowd of current events enthusiasts meet to discuss the latest headlines or news of the day. It's all part of the Library's informal forum for the sharing of ideas and opinions known as Coffee and Conversation. Over the years, we've lost count of the number of cups of coffee consumed and cookies nibbled! We can report, however, the ideas and conversation shared each month during these Foundation-sponsored discussions are without measure.

\$1,729 is the amount earned this year from more than 500 cell phones, computer printer cartridges, and other recycled electronics that you dropped into the bright pink container in the Registration Desk lobby. *Thank you!* In turn, this money helps the Foundation fund its mission of providing special programming and events at the Library that otherwise would not be available through public funding.

99 people attended the July performance of *Going Places With the Encore! Singers*, one of four adult music programs now sponsored each year as part of the MPPL Foundation Concert Series. These programs are free of charge and regularly feature highly accomplished performers or award-winning entertainment such as *Encore!*, the 2011 winner of the national vocal talent competition, SING!

130 people attended a sold-out performance of *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by academic entertainer, Barbara Rinella. This event raised more than \$1,700 and is another example of MPPLF's ongoing commitment to providing programming dedicated to enhancing the cultural fabric of the community through music, arts, and literature.



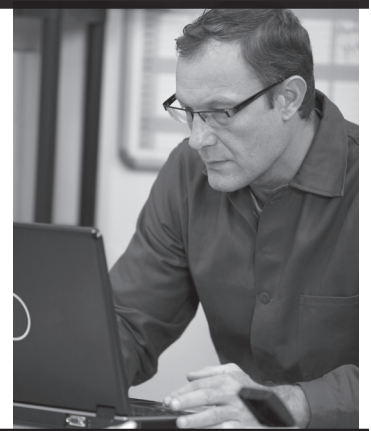
“We are fifteen years young and still building! Our goal is clear—to continue to build a healthy endowment fund that will help our Library remain vital to members of our community today and well into the future.” *Suzanne Busse, MPPL Foundation President*



Visit us at www.mppl.org/community/library-foundation

ACCESS-FREE ELECTRONIC RESOURCES DURING Try-It! Illinois

Try a wide variety of electronic resources during the State Library's annual *Try-It! Illinois* at www.finditillinois.org/tryit. Thanks to a collaboration between the state and participating electronic resource vendors, **you can access these databases for free until November 30.** Call or stop by the Library for the password.



LIBRARY LIFE

November

Festival Night: Edelweiss Dancers & Kinder Gruppe

Creative Crochet: A Bracelet With Beads

SUPER Saturday!

The Brothers Grimm

The Prospect Madrigals: A Holiday Concert



December

FOUNDATION CONCERT: Denny Diamond & the Family Jewels

The True Story of Mary Todd Lincoln & Her Famous Husband

Click & Create: Computer Animation for Kids

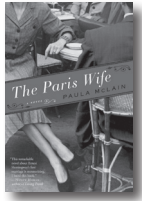
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AVAILABLE ON
www.mppl.org

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

Food for Thought



The Paris Wife: A Novel

by Paula McLain

**Wednesday, November 7,
1 p.m.**

Captivated by the
charismatic Ernest

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



The Bonesetter's Daughter

by Amy Tan

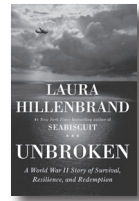
**Wednesday,
December 5, 1 p.m.**

Struggling to regain
her voice and express

her true feelings to her husband, ghostwriter Ruth Young discovers that her inability to speak closely parallels

the story of her mother Lu Ling's early life in China.

Coffee, Books, & More



Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

by Laura Hillenbrand

**Wednesday,
November 21, 10 a.m.**

The author of *Seabiscuit* chronicles the ordeal of an Olympic runner turned World War II airman whose bomber crashed in the South Pacific. Captured by the Japanese and driven to the limits of endurance, Lt. Louis Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity and suffering with hope, resolve, and humor.

2013 Planning Meeting

Wednesday, December 19, 10 a.m.

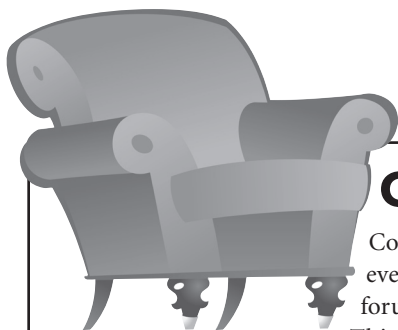
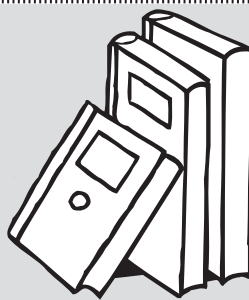
This month's meeting is a planning session to determine titles for discussion in 2013. We welcome your input.

BOOKS to go

Book discussion kits for Adults

In a book club or want to start one? Try one of our Books-to-go kits. The kits include multiple copies of popular titles, information about the author, and discussion questions.

The six-week loan period gives everyone plenty of time to read. Stop by to check out the available titles and host your own book discussion!



Coffee & Conversation

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

This moderated discussion strives to encourage greater understanding of diverse viewpoints and offers a venue where people can participate in honest discussion. The evening's coffee is generously provided by Starbucks Coffee, Mount Prospect. *Coffee & Conversation* is sponsored by Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. (NR)

Election Aftermath Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.

Who won and who lost in the November elections? Is there any end in sight to the political stalemate that has been the hallmark of our government over the past years?

The Good News Friday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.

At our December meeting, we discuss some of the things that have gone right in the past year. Bring a piece of good news to share from the international, national, local, or personal happenings of the past year.

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Moonrise Kingdom

**Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 8, 1 p.m.**

[2012; Rated PG-13; 94 minutes; Comedy/
Drama/Romance]

Starring Jared Gilman, Kara Hayward, Bruce Willis.

Directed by Wes Anderson.

On an island off the coast of New England in the 1960s, a young boy and girl fall in love and are moved to run away together. Various factions of the town mobilize to search for them, and the town is turned upside down—which might not be such a bad thing. (R)



Hope Springs

**Wednesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 13, 1 p.m.**

[2012; Rated PG-13; 100 minutes; Comedy/
Drama/Romance]

Starring Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, and Steve Carell.

Directed by David Frankel.

After thirty years of marriage, a middle-aged couple attends an intense, week-long counseling session to work on their relationship. (R)

Movie Discussion

Synecdoche, New York

Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

[2008; Rated R; 124 minutes; Drama]
Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman,
Samantha Morton, Michelle Williams.
Directed by Charlie Kaufman.

A theater director struggles with his work, and the women in his life, as he attempts to create a life-size replica of New York inside a warehouse as part of his new play. (NR)

Sex, Lies, and Videotape

Wednesday, December 12, 7 p.m.

[1989; Rated R; 100 minutes; Drama]
Starring James Spader, Andie MacDowell,
Peter Gallagher.

Directed by Steven Soderbergh.

A sexually repressed woman's husband is having an affair with her sister. The arrival of a visitor with a rather unusual fetish changes everything. (NR)

If You Like...



DVDs Based on Books
why don't you try...

*Abraham Lincoln:
Vampire Hunter*
*The Best Exotic
Marigold Hotel*

Blue Like Jazz

Delicacy

Headhunters

The Hedgehog

John Carter

The Lucky One

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

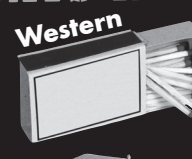
Think Like a Man

Wallander

We Bought a Zoo

The Woman in Black

FOR 30 DAYS IN NOVEMBER... READ Outside Your BOX



We challenge you to read a book in a genre that is new to you! Visit the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk to spin the wheel. You could land on street lit, cozy mysteries, steampunk, or one of our other trendy categories. Our staff will find the right book for you, or you can choose your book (or audiobook or e-book) from our specialized suggestion lists. After you're finished reading, fill out a raffle ticket to enter a drawing for fabulous prizes. You just might discover a new author or a new way of storytelling—and get to know the variety of offerings at MPPL!

NOVEMBER

- 1** Read Outside Your Box
November 1-30
- 2** Main Library CLOSED for Staff
In-service Day, Friday, November 2
- Storytime With Make and Take Craft:
Day of the Dead | Hora de Cuentos y
Hazlo y Llévatelo: Día de los Muertos
Friday, November 2, 5-6:30 p.m. **SB** **Y**
- 3** ACT Practice Test Strategies 101
Workshop: Part II, Saturday,
November 3, 11 a.m.-noon **Y**
- 5** Teen Poetry Reading
Monday, November 5, 5-7 p.m. **SB**
Y
- TREES & SEEDS: *Clementine* by Sara
Pennypacker, Monday, November 5,
6:30-7:30 p.m. **Y**
- 7** FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK
DISCUSSION: *The Paris Wife: A
Novel* by Paula McLain, Wednesday,
November 7, 1 p.m. (NR) **A**
- Legal Research With Westlaw
Wednesday, November 7, 3 p.m. **A**
- Storytime at the South Branch
Wednesday, November 7, 4-4:45 p.m.
SB (NR) **Y**
- MOVIES @ MPPL: *Moonrise Kingdom*
Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. **A** **Y**

- 8** MOVIES @ MPPL: *Moonrise
Kingdom*, Thursday, November 8,
1 p.m. **A** **Y**
- Louise Koester: Mount Prospect's
First Doctor
Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m. **A**
- 10** Microsoft Excel: Instrucciones
y Practica, sabado 10 de
noviembre, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
SB **A**
- Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Saturday, November 10, 2-4 p.m. **Y**
- 11** Musical Toddlers, Sunday,
November 11, 12:30-1 p.m. **Y**
- Musical Babies
Sunday, November 11, 1:30-2 p.m. **Y**
- 12** Gift of Reading begins
Monday, November 12 (NR)
- CHAT & CHEW: *The Shadows*
by Jacqueline West
Monday, November 12, 6-7 p.m. **Y**
- 13** Papercrafting: Ten Terrific Tags
Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.
A \$10 fee
- 14** La Hora de Cuentos en Español
en la Extensión del Sur (Spanish
Storytime), miércoles 14 de noviembre,
4-4:45 p.m. **SB** (NR) **Y**

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15 Regular Library Board Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 7 p.m.

You Are the Jury in *Defamation:
The Play*
Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. **A**

16 CREATE-A-CRAFT: Fantastic
Fall, Friday, November 16, 11:30-
5 p.m. (NR) **Y**

Scrapbooking at the South Branch
Friday, November 16, 5-6:30 p.m. **SB**
A **Y**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:
Election Aftermath
Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

17 SUPER SATURDAY!: The
World of Pooh, Saturday,
November 17, 11-11:45 a.m. **Y**

19 BOOK VOYAGERS: All
About Elephants, Monday,
November 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Y**

E-reader/Tablet Test Drive—
Open House
Monday, November 19, 7-9 p.m. (NR) **A**

20 SENIOR SESSION: What the
Senior Candidate Has to Offer
Tuesday, November 20,
1:30 p.m. **A**

21 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand,
Wednesday, November 21, 10 a.m. (NR)
A

MAKE & TAKE CRAFT: Thanksgiving
| HAZLO Y LLÉVATELO: Día de
Acción de Gracias, Wednesday,
November 21, 12-3 p.m. **SB** (NR) **Y**

22 Library and South Branch
CLOSED for Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22

23 South Branch CLOSED for
Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday, November 23 **SB**

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

28 Computer Learning Lab:
E-mail, E-books, and Office
2010, Wednesday, November 28,
4-6 p.m. (NR) **A**

Storytime at the South Branch
Wednesday, November 28, 4-4:45 p.m.
SB (NR) **Y**

The 1963 Chicago Bears and the Fall of
the Halas Dynasty
Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. **A**

30 Teen Knitting/Crocheting
Club, Friday, November 30,
4-6 p.m. **Y**

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360, Friday,
November 30, 4-6 p.m. **SB** (NR) **Y**

Adult **A** Teen **Y** Youth **Y**
All Ages **G** South Branch **SB**
(NR) No registration necessary

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www.mppl.org/events, at the Library,
or by calling 847/253-5675.

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are held at the Library unless otherwise noted. Fees, when applicable, must be paid
at the Registration Desk and are not refundable unless the program is canceled.
The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.

DECEMBER

- 1** Teddy Bear Walk, Saturday,
December 1, 10 a.m.-noon **G**
- 3** Green Teen Crafting, Monday,
December 3, 5-7 p.m. **SB** **Y**
- Polish Holiday Storytime
Monday, December 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Y**
- The Prospect Madrigals: A Holiday
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SB (NR) **Y**
- MOVIES @ MPPL: *Hope Springs*
Wednesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. **A** **Y**
- 6** Holiday Creations | Creaciones
Navideñas, Thursday, December 6,
5-6:30 p.m. **SB** **A** **Y**

- COMPUTER LEARNING LAB:
E-mail, E-books, and Office 2010
Thursday, December 6, 7-9 p.m. (NR) **A**
- 7** CREATE-A-CRAFT: Holiday
Hullabaloo, Friday, December 7,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **Y**
- TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: *Elf*
Friday, December 7, 7-9 p.m. **Y**
- 8** Friends Holiday Book Sale
Saturday, December 8,
10 a.m.-2 p.m. **G**
- 9** Gift of Reading ends Sunday,
December 9 (NR) **G**
- 10** Winter Storytime Lottery
Begins
Monday, December 10 **Y**
- 11** Create a Holiday Centerpiece,
Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
A \$18 fee
- 12** La Hora de Cuentos en Español
en la Extensión del Sur (Spanish
Storytime) miércoles 12 de diciembre,
4-4:45 p.m. **SB** (NR) **Y**

13 MOVIES @ MPPL:
Hope Springs, Thursday,
December 13, 1 p.m. **A** **Y**

15 Giftable Crafts, Saturday,
December 15, 2-4 p.m. **Y**

18 Winter Holidays With the
Sentimentalists, Tuesday,
December 18, 1:30 p.m. **A**

19 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
DISCUSSION: Planning
Session for 2013, Wednesday,
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21 MAKE & TAKE CRAFT:
Holiday | HAZLO Y
LLÉVATELO: Celebraciones de
Diciembre, Friday, December 21,
4-6:30 p.m. **SB** (NR) **Y**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: The
Good News, Friday, December 21,
7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

24 Library and South Branch
CLOSED for Christmas Eve,
Monday, December 24

25 Library and South Branch
CLOSED for Christmas
Tuesday, December 25

26 La Hora de Cuentos en Español
en la Extensión del Sur
(Spanish Storytime)
miércoles 26 de diciembre, 4-4:45 p.m.
SB (NR) **Y**

28 Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club
Friday, December 28, 4-6 p.m. **Y**

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
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31 Library and South Branch
CLOSING AT 5 P.M. for
New Year's Eve
Monday, December 31

Mark Your Calendar!

Library and South Branch CLOSED
for New Year's Day, Tuesday,
January 1, 2013

FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK
DISCUSSION: *The Submission*
by Amy Waldman
Wednesday, January 2, 1 p.m. **A**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *TBA*
Wednesday, January 2, 7:30 p.m. **A**

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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MUSICAL TODDLERS



Sunday, November 11, 12:30-1 p.m.

• FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-23 MONTHS WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

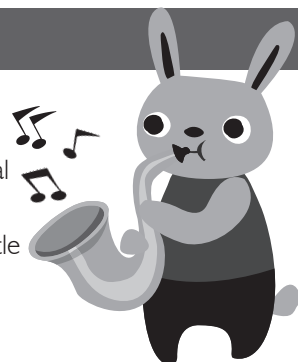
Experience the joys of music with your little one through singing, moving, exploring instruments, and playful free movement to songs and chants from a variety of cultures. You may think you're not a singer, but our guest staff from Merry Music Makers will help you learn how you contribute to your child's music environment, regardless! And, it's fun for all!

MUSICAL BABIES

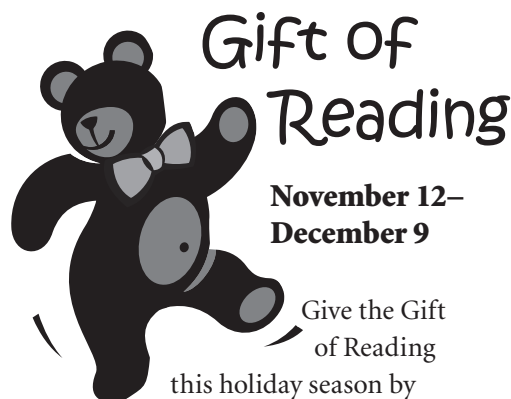
Sunday, November 11, 1:30-2 p.m.

• FOR BABIES UP TO 9 MONTHS WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

Enjoy baby-friendly activities designed to support the special bond between parent and child through music. Teachers from Merry Music Makers will engage parents with their little ones through babbling, infant massage, gentle movement, finger plays, and mirrors.



These programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Library and are limited to 15 children with a parent or caregiver. Sorry, no siblings. (R)



Gift of Reading

November 12–December 9

Give the Gift of Reading

this holiday season by bringing new or like-new unwrapped books for local children in need (ages 6 and younger). Donations of books in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.

SUPER Saturday!

Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.-noon

Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH at the 32nd Annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. We will also sing along with Mark Dvorak as he brings some of your favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march over to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. (R)*



Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

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

Fantastic Fall

**Friday, November 16
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Drop in and “leaf” with some amazing art for autumn, created by you!

Holiday Hullabaloo

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

Visit our special workshop to create a wonderful wintry work of art.

If You Like...



why don't you try...

Ghost Diamond! by Michael Broad

Prince of Underwhere by Bruce Hale

Freddie Ramos Takes Off by Jacqueline Jules

Captain Awesome to the Rescue! by Stan Kirby

Super Chicken Nugget Boy and the Furious Fry by Josh Lewis

Magic Pickle and the Planet of the Grapes by Scott Morse

Fun With Books!



Open Storytime

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

Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under and their families are invited to attend these sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children under the age of 3.* These sessions run through December 14. (NR)

Winter Storytime Lottery

From December 10-January 3, parents can register their children, birth through age 6, for Winter storytimes. This session will run **January 14 through February 22**. Due to the popularity of these storytimes, *registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for Mount Prospect cardholders.* To participate, sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

Chat & Chew

—for 4th-6th graders

Chew on some good food while chatting about a great book! Spend an hour talking about favorite characters, villains, and story lines while participating in theme-related activities. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

Book Voyagers

—for 1st-3rd graders

This group is for young adventurers who like to listen to stories, eat snacks, and participate in fun activities. Limited to 30 voyagers. (R)

All About Elephants

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

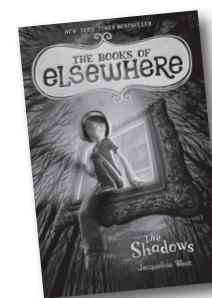
Come celebrate elephants – one of earth's largest, most interesting, and most noble endangered land animals.

Polish Holiday Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

Monday, December 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Children ages 3-7 and their families are invited to a special holiday storytime in Polish and English. *This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Library cardholders. (R)*



The Shadows
by Jacqueline West

**Monday,
November 12,
6-7 p.m.**

When 11-year-old Olive moves into

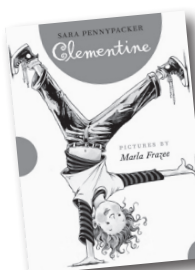
the crumbling old mansion on Linden Street, she's right to think there's something weird about the place, especially the creepy antique paintings covering the walls. Then she finds a pair of old-fashioned glasses in a dusty drawer and discovers the most peculiar thing yet—she can travel inside the paintings. In Elsewhere, as it's called, things are strangely quiet...and eerily sinister. Olive is determined to find out what secrets this house is hiding, but whom should she trust? Her neighbors? The talking cats? Or the people in the paintings?



Trees & Seeds

An Intergenerational Book Discussion
—for all ages

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children are invited for dessert and a lively discussion of a book that makes a great family read-aloud. Best suited for grades kindergarten and up, but all are welcome. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)



Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Monday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

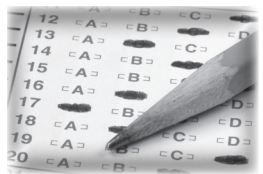
Third-grader Clementine is experiencing a really bad week. She is having colorful hair problems, being constantly told to pay attention at school, sent to the principal's office, and having trouble with her best friend. Combine that with worries that her parents are getting rid of her to keep the “good child” (her younger brother), and it spells d-i-s-a-s-t-e-r! Though she is creative and observant, she can't quite seem to stay out of trouble no matter how hard she tries.



Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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ACT Practice Test and Test Strategies 101 Workshop: Part II

Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m.-noon

Parents and students are invited to learn how to score higher on the ACT test. The format and content of the test are explored, including ways to take advantage of the test format to

maximize efficiency on the exam. This program is intended as a follow-up to the practice test held in October. Patrons can register one time for both programs. Seating is limited. (R)

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360

Saturday, November 10, 2-4 p.m.

A Wii, an Xbox 360, a big screen, your friends, and food—can you think of a better way to spend an afternoon? All games are rated T for teens or E for everyone. (R)



Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club

Friday, November 30, 4-6 p.m.
Friday, December 28, 4-6 p.m.

Are you an expert with knitting or crochet needles, just learning, or want to learn? Then come to the Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club. We'll have yarn, needles, and the know-how to teach the basics of knitting and crocheting. You can also bring your own supplies—and your friends—for an afternoon of sharing ideas and conversation. Refreshments will be served. (R)



Teen Movie Night

Friday, December 7, 7-9 p.m.

[2003; Rated PG; 97 minutes; Comedy] After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity. (R)



Giftable Crafts

Saturday, December 15, 2-4 p.m.

Gifts made by hand are loved the most. We'll have three different giftable crafts for you to choose from: paper snowflakes and ornaments, holiday magnets, and gifts in a Mason jar. Your friends and loved ones will appreciate your creativity and talent! (R)



South Branch Events

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

Adolescentes | Teens

6-12 Grado | Grades 6-12

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360 ¡Juega ahora!

Wii y Xbox 360 (NR)

Friday, November 30, 4-6 p.m.

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



Make & Take Craft: Thanksgiving | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Día de Acción de Gracias

Wednesday, November 21, 12-3 p.m.

No registration necessary; just drop in! *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* (NR)

miércoles 21 de noviembre, 12-3 p.m.

No inscripción necesaria; solo ven.

Niños menores de 9 años deben de venir acompañados por un adulto.

Holiday Creations | Creaciones Navideñas

• FOR ADULTS AND TEENS OVER AGE 13

Thursday, December 6, 5-6:30 p.m.

Create a handmade gift for someone special. We will provide the crafting supplies. Presented in English and Spanish. (R)

jueves 6 de diciembre, 5-6:30 p.m.

• PARA LOS ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES MAYORES DE 13 AÑOS

Crea un regalo hecho a mano para alguien especial. La Biblioteca proporcionará los materiales para las manualidades. Presentado en inglés y español. Inscripción requerida. (R)

CLASES DE COMPUTACIÓN

Cupo limitado a 8 participantes.

Microsoft® Excel Instrucciones y Practica (R)

sábado 10 de noviembre

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking at the South Branch

• FOR ADULTS AND TEENS AGES 13 AND UP

Friday, November 16, 5-6:30 p.m.

Transform your memories into art by designing your own scrapbooks. The Library will provide supplies. (R)

Green Teen Crafting

• FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12

Monday, December 3, 5-7 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how to recycle creatively? Give new life to old T-shirts by either restyling them or using them to create a new bag or scarf! All materials will be provided by the Library, although you can bring your own shirt! (R)

Make & Take Craft: Holiday | Hazlo y Llévatelo: Celebraciones de Diciembre

Friday, December 21, 4-6:30 p.m.

No registration necessary; just drop in! *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* (NR)

viernes 21 de diciembre, 4-6:30 p.m.

No inscripción necesaria; solo ven. *Niños menores de 9 años deben de venir acompañados por un adulto.*

You!

CAN HELP DECIDE WHAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS TEENS —

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB, for short). Come to a meeting to see what it is all about. Work with our teen librarians to:

- ✗ help plan and volunteer at teen events
- ✗ discuss books, movies, music, and even video games
- ✗ post on the website and blog

We meet once a month for an hour, and snacks are always served. It's a chance to have an impact on what's available at the Library for teens and earn volunteer service hours (always good for college applications). (NR)

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, November 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.



Point and Press Is All It Takes!

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comfortable to hold and operate. The instructions are basic: point and press. A laser point sighting helps to direct measurements toward the target, and a large backlit display shows both the current and maximum readings simultaneously. Inspecting the home took about 15 minutes.

Here's what the staff member discovered. The new windows were worth it. On average, temperatures around the newer windows held steady at about 66 degrees. The home's thermostat was set at 68 degrees. The older and bigger bay windows proved to be less energy-

efficient. Temperatures on those openings read in the range of 59 to 62 degrees. But the real culprit unearthed during the home inspection, in terms of draftiness and energy-loss, is the original front door. Near the interior base of the door, the temperature was a chilly 48 degrees! Upon closer inspection, it was discovered that the weather stripping on the exterior storm door had come loose over the summer and was no longer providing a much-needed barrier. The staff member said she'll add replacing the weather stripping to her weekend 'to do' list, adding that it is an easy problem to remedy before temperatures really plummet.



Reduce Your Carbon Footprint and Save Money With Energy Meters

We now have two ways for you to find energy leaks in your home: the Kill A Watt meter and Minitemp Noncontact Thermometer.

THE KILL A WATT METER will help you determine

which appliances are costing you the most money. This simple plug-in meter can be used to monitor the kilowatt hours of electricity consumed by household appliances and electronics on a daily basis. You can determine which appliances are actually worth keeping plugged in and which ones are worth replacing with more energy-efficient options.

THE MINITEMP NONCONTACT THERMOMETER is designed to detect heat leaks around doors and windows. Now that the colder weather has arrived, this device can help you determine where to add weather stripping or if a new window is necessary to keep heat from escaping your home.

These devices are made possible through the Mount Prospect Sustainability Education Program, presented in partnership with the Village of Mount Prospect and the Library and funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy

Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

Take control of your energy costs! Get more information and pick up the devices the Reference Desk on

the second floor. The loan period for each of these devices is one week. For additional energy savings tips, read our Public Green blog.

PUT TO THE TEST!

All It Takes Is a Quick Point and Press

We decided to put the portable Raytek MiniTemp MT6 thermometer to the test. It turned out to be one of the first chilly days of the fall with temperatures outside hovering around 45 degrees. A Library staff member took the device home for an inspection of the windows and doors in her 1950s, Arlington Heights, two-story colonial.

The staff member was curious. Would there be a difference in the energy efficiency of the doors and windows throughout the house? Back in 2001, the homeowners made a sizable investment by replacing twenty of the original, metal windows with new double-hung ones. The windows all have reinforced weather stripping and seals. The only

windows not replaced at that time were two large bay windows which are now nearly 30 years old. The front door is the original door to the home.

Inspecting the home proved to be quick and easy. The Raytek Minitemp is lightweight, and the device's ergonomic design makes it

—See *Point and Press* on page 7



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

South Branch Events



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



Storytime at the South Branch
Wednesdays, 4-4:45 p.m.
November 7 and 28
December 5 and 19

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

La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur
miércoles 4-4:45 p.m.

14 de noviembre, 12 y 26 de diciembre

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

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.



Storytime with Make and Take
Craft: Day of the Dead | Hora de
Cuentos y Hazlo y Llévatelo Día de
los Muertos

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND FAMILIES

Friday, November 2, 5-6:30 p.m.

Staff will read stories celebrating this Mexican holiday. Participants will enjoy songs and make crafts. Presented in English and Spanish. (R)

viernes 2 de noviembre, 5-6:30 p.m.

En la Extensión del Sur tendremos hora de cuentos con tenebrosas historias para celebrar el Día de los Muertos. Participantes disfrutaran de canciones y manualidades. Presentado en ingles y español.

teen poetry reading

• FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12

Monday, November 5, 5-7 p.m.

Show off your creative side and share a poem you wrote or one you love. Then reward yourself with refreshments! (R)

See page 7 for more South Branch programs!