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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library November/December 2013



Have you tried Express Checkout?

With two terminals located in the Lobby and one in Youth Services, you may have learned how easy and quick it is to check out Library materials without waiting in line.

Now we are asking how we can make Express Checkout more convenient. Recently one terminal was moved to the Circulation Desk where you can pick up any materials on hold and even chat with one of our Circulation Assistants while still enjoying the ease of Express Checkout.

Pick up a comment card at the Registration Desk and let us know what you think. And remember—however you choose to use our services, Library staff is committed to making your experience here positive and enjoyable.



Circulation Assistant Victor Dula explains how easy it is to use Express Checkout.

Tell us what You think...

Saturday, December 7 ❄ 10 a.m.-noon



Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH!

Join in the fun as the Library celebrates the 33rd Annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. We will also sing along with Parents' Choice Gold Winner 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. Be sure to register for this popular event!



Give the Gift of Reading

From November 11-December 8 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. Containers are located in the Circulation Lobby and Youth Services. Donations of books in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.

Foundation Member Retires at 105

The Library Foundation bids a fond farewell to Harold Weary, who retired from the Foundation Board on his 105th birthday in October. A founding member, Mr. Weary suggests "it is time for a younger person, with new ideas and more energy, to have the opportunity to contribute to the important work that the Foundation does for the Library." Pat Aichele, Public Relations Assistant, calls Mr. Weary "a true people person. I have witnessed time and again how his love of the Library encourages others to support the Foundation." Harold relished the opportunity to sell raffle

tickets for the Foundation's fund-raisers and quickly became the TOP seller of MPPLF items—from note cards to teddy bears, and Moravian stars to cookbooks. "We tease him that he waited until retirement to find his calling as a super salesman!" says Marilyn Genther, Executive Director. Through 50 years of volunteer work, he exemplifies how one's enthusiasm and a desire to better the community and the Library create a legacy.

Friends Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.



Give Back With Friends Gift Certificates

The Friends can help you cross some names off your holiday gift list. Stop by MPPL and purchase gift certificates redeemable at any of their upcoming book sales. Certificates are sold individually for \$1 each or a book of five certificates for \$5.

Gift certificates give back in more ways than one. Not only does your purchase support the Friends, but it also means some lucky book lover gets a shopping spree at an upcoming sale, where \$5 equals five hardcover books or 10 paperbacks!

Gift certificates are available at the Circulation Desk or at Friends Book Sales.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2014 from the Board and Staff of the Library

The Library will be closed:

Friday, November 1

• STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY

Thursday, November 28

• THANKSGIVING

SOUTH BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, November 29

Tuesday, December 24

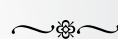
• CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 25

• CHRISTMAS

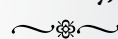
Wednesday, January 1

• NEW YEAR'S DAY



The Library will close at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31



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Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Money Smart: Keep It Safe: Your Rights as a Consumer

Monday, November 4, 7 p.m.

At year's end, we are often spending more on holiday purchases or contemplating our financial needs for next year. Protect your financial future by learning to guard against predatory lending practices and identity theft. David Gehrke, Vice President and Retail Branch Manager of Village Bank and Trust, will discuss laws and regulations that safeguard your deposits and your loan information. (R)

Digitally Repair Your Photographs and Documents With Photoshop® Elements

Tuesday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.

You may have irreplaceable photos or documents that represent family memories or history, but over time they have become bent, stained, or damaged. Larry Pepper, a professional photo restoration expert, will show you how to rescue these possessions. Instruction will include scanning tips, settings, available tools, and how to darken or lighten photos using Photoshop Elements 10. (R)

Legal Research With LexisNexis

Wednesday, November 6, 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)

Pretty Packaging Paper Crafting: Holiday Edition

Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Don't miss this special paper crafting class! Give your gifts a distinct touch this season with holiday bags and boxes and coordinating tags. Paper crafting instructor Tina Gary will provide you with the instruction, guidance, and materials for these projects using stamps and accessories. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; **all other supplies are included in the \$10 nonrefundable material fee.** *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)

Computer Learning Lab

Thursday, November 14, 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19, 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 4-6 p.m.

Stop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. and bring your questions about Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, e-mail, or e-books. Our trained staff will help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. This



Online Life: Facebook and Twitter

Monday, November 4, 7 p.m.

Find out the differences between Facebook and Twitter. (R)



is also a great time to find out about Library services, including how to download e-magazines from Zinio. No registration required—just drop in! For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)

Fall Floral Design With Busse's Flowers

Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for autumn by creating a floral arrangement with help from Paul Seils of Busse's Flowers and Gifts. This handmade combination of fresh seasonal flowers and foliage will make a welcome addition to your home's table or hearth. Please bring a pair of scissors and a small knife or pruner; **all other supplies are included in the \$15 nonrefundable material fee.** *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)

MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS: A Holiday Concert With The Harmonaires

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

Led by Alberta Fischer, this group of ladies from throughout the Northwest suburbs will showcase their three- and four-part harmonies as they sing your holiday favorites at this memorable event. (R)

The Prospect Madrigals: A Holiday Concert

Monday, December 9, 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 Renaissance costumes, these entertaining revelers return to MPPL

...MADE EASY

People of all ages are keeping in touch and even building friendships online through social media. This two-part series will introduce you to some of the major online sites where families meet and people share interests and conversations.

Online Life: Instagram, Tumblr, and Pinterest

Monday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Instructions on how to post online with Instagram, Tumblr, and Pinterest. (R)



for a triumphant holiday show. (R)

Create a Holiday Centerpiece

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

Peggy Garvin will show you how to create your own festive centerpiece complete with fragrant greenery, red berries, and a candle. Please bring a pair of garden gloves and pruners or strong scissors; **all other supplies are included in the \$18 nonrefundable material fee.** *Space is limited.* Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online registration is not available). Payment is due at registration. *Cosponsored by Friends of the Library.* (R)

Your Job Search



Ignite the Motivation Within

Monday, December 16, 7 p.m.

Life Coach Antonette Taylor will discuss how to spark momentum in your job search. She'll focus on steps to get you moving forward, including finding clarity, telling your story, creating an action plan, and using the tools available to you, including Mount Prospect Public Library. (R)

Apps & Gadgets Fair

**Monday, November 11
7-8:30 p.m.**

You'll be ready for Black Friday after visiting this open house to learn about the latest and greatest tablets, e-readers, and applications. Stop by any time between 7 and 8:30 p.m. to discover new devices and learn what you can do with them. Vendors will be available to demonstrate tablets and e-readers, and MPPL staff will show you the services you can use to download e-books, e-magazines, apps, and other content. (NR)





UNDERSTANDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Health Care Reform and the Insurance Marketplace

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m.

The time is now to sign up for health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Kris Sadur, Constituent Advocate for Rep. Jan Schakowsky's office, will bring us up to speed on the Affordable Care Act. Giovanni Gomez of the Illinois Department of Insurance will walk us through the Illinois Insurance Marketplace, which will have a number of plans for those seeking health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The seminar will address when the major provisions

of the act take effect, how the law is already impacting your benefits, how individuals will purchase insurance, and more. (R)

Health Care 411: The Affordable Care Act — Explained

Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Insurance experts from Midwest Certified Insurance Agency, Inc. will break down the federal Affordable Care Act and how it impacts group and individual insurance choices. Topics to be covered include new regulations for insurance companies, extended coverage for children, employer requirements, and the upcoming Affordable Insurance Exchanges that enable the consumer to shop for insurance and compare health plans. (R)

Affordable Health Care Act Open Lab

Tuesday, December 3, 1-3 p.m.

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

Our computer lab is open for you to stop by and research or sign up for health care as part of the Affordable Health Care Act. Staff will be present to help you with the computers but cannot offer advice on health care plans. (NR)

Learn to Download Free eBooks With



...to a Kindle

Thursday, December 5, 4 p.m.

This hands-on training session will teach you how to use MyMediaMall to browse and search for Kindle books, add titles to your cart, check out, and sync your Kindle to download the book. You will be connecting to Amazon, so be sure you have your Amazon.com account information. Be sure to bring your cord to connect to the PC. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

...to a NOOK

Tuesday, December 10, 4 p.m.

Enjoy free Library e-books on your Barnes & Noble NOOK using MyMediaMall. All you need to get started is a MPPL card, your Library PIN, and your NOOK (and the cord to connect it to a PC). This hands-on training session will teach you how to download and register Adobe Digital Editions software, authorize

a computer, browse and search for titles, add them to your cart, check out, download to your computer, and transfer titles to your NOOK. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

...to a Tablet

Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m.

All you need to get started is an MPPL card, your Library PIN, your Tablet, and your App Store or Google Play account information. This hands-on training session will teach you how to download MyMediaMall's app as well as the Kindle app, browse and search for titles, add them to your cart, check out, and download titles directly to your Tablet. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)



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

See page 2 for dates and times.



A VISIT WITH John Billheimer

Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Author John Billheimer stops by to talk about his new book, *A Player to Be Maimed Later*, the second book in the mystery series featuring midwestern sportswriter Lloyd Keaton. In *A Player to Be Maimed Later*, Keaton—who killed a successful sportswriting career with a gambling addiction—gets a

second chance when Blaze Stender, a retired major-league superstar, asks him to write his biography. But when Stender disappears, Keaton discovers some dark secrets that make him a moving target. Billheimer's previous books include *Field of Schemes*, *Contrary Blues*, and *Dismal Mountain*. (R)

Senior Session

Screening of the Film *Veteran's Day 11-11-11*

Tuesday, November 19, 1:30 p.m.

Veteran's Day 11-11-11 is a film that tells the story of how we celebrate veterans. Photographers from across the country submitted stories which were brought together by faculty at Loyola University to make this special film about how veterans continue to

contribute to the story of America. Roy Limbach, a Vietnam veteran and a volunteer with the Pritzker Military Library, will host this screening. (R)



Winter Holiday Music on the Hammered Dulcimer

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

Welcome the holiday season with the beautiful sound of the hammered dulcimer.



Phil Passen showcases traditional and modern melodies with songs celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the winter solstice. Reels, spirituals, carols, and family favorites are among Passen's repertoire. After the performance, Passen invites the audience to come take a closer look at the dulcimer. (R)

LIBRARY LIFE



AVAILABLE ON
www.mppl.org

November

FESTIVAL NIGHT: Bollywood & More: Dances of India

Healthy Holiday Food

BOOKS & BITES FAMILY BOOK CLUB:
Mystery Mania!

THE PROSPECT MADRIGALS:
A Holiday Concert

December

70th Anniversary Event: Year in Review

Exploring Indian Cooking With Anupy Singla

SUPER Saturday!: Groovin' With Ajanta

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

Features subject to change.

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

Food for Thought

Please register for only one of the discussions. Registration will be open two months before the discussion date. Books are available to MPPL cardholders at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk. Registration for a discussion is required to receive a book.



The Dovekeepers
by Alice Hoffman
**Wednesday, November 6,
noon OR 2 p.m.**

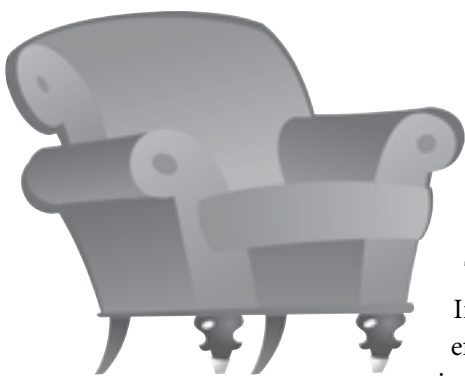
A tale inspired by the tragic first-century massacre of hundreds of Jewish people at Masada, this is the story of a hated daughter, a baker's wife, a girl disguised as a warrior, and a medicine woman who keeps doves and secrets while Roman soldiers draw near. (R)



The Tiger's Wife
by Tea Obrecht
**Wednesday, December 4,
noon OR 2 p.m.**

Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told

her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man, would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife. (R).



Coffee, Books, & More

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



Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver
**Wednesday,
November 20, 10 a.m.**

Tired of living on a failing farm and suffering oppressive poverty, bored housewife Dellarobia Turnbow, on the way to meet a potential lover, is detoured by a miraculous event on the Appalachian mountainside that ignites a media and religious firestorm and changes her life forever. (NR)

2014 Planning Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 10 a.m.

This month's meeting is a planning session to determine titles for discussion in 2014. We welcome your input. (NR)

BOOKS



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

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

TOPIC: *Drones and the Future of War*

In the battle against terrorism, the amazing effectiveness of drones used to attack individual targets has changed the way war is

waged. Now, soldiers sitting in a control center in the United States can engage the enemy in Afghanistan and elsewhere. How will wars be fought in the future?

Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: *The Good News*

A Coffee & Conversation tradition continues. 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 last year.

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)

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



The Heat

[2013; Rated R; 117 minutes; Action, Comedy, Crime]
Starring Sandra Bullock, Michael McDonald, Melissa McCarthy.
Directed by Paul Feig.

**Wednesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 14, 1 p.m.**

An uptight FBI Special Agent is paired with a foul-mouthed Boston cop to take down a ruthless drug lord. (R)



Paranoia

[2013; Rated PG-13; 106 min; Drama/Thriller]
Starring Liam Hemsworth, Gary Oldman, Harrison Ford.
Directed by Robert Luketic.

**Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 1 p.m.**

An entry-level employee at a powerful corporation finds himself occupying a corner office, but at a dangerous price: he must spy on his boss's old mentor to secure for him a multi-billion dollar advantage. (R)

Movie Discussion

The Bicycle Thief

[1948; not rated; 93 minutes; Drama]
Starring Lamberto Maggiorani, Enzo Staiola, Lianella Carell.
Directed by Vittorio De Sica.

Wednesday, November 13, 7 p.m.

A man and his son search for a stolen bicycle vital for his job. *In Italian with English subtitles.* (NR)

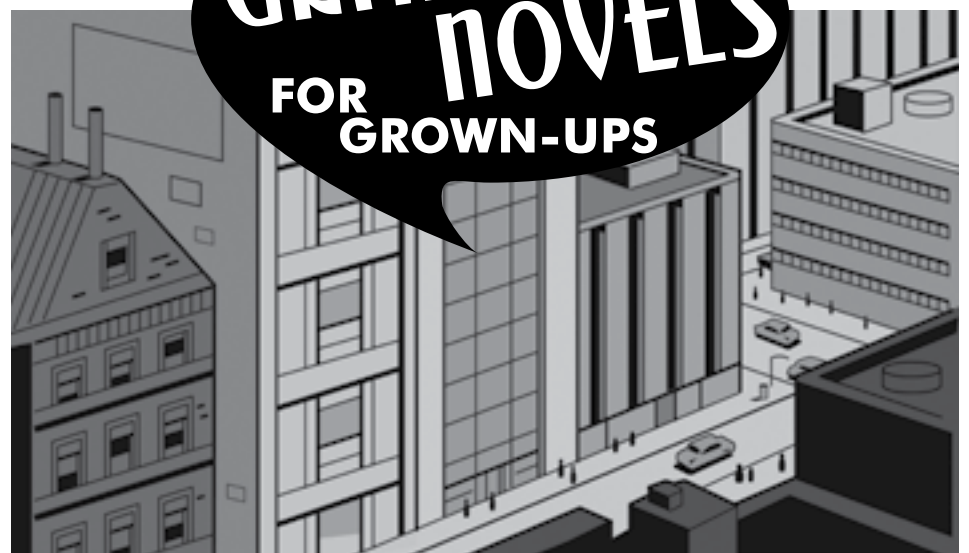
Moon

[2009; Rated R; 97 minutes; Sci-Fi]
Starring Sam Rockwell, Kevin Spacey, Dominique McElligott.
Directed by Duncan Jones.

Wednesday, December 11, 7 p.m.

Astronaut Sam Bell has a quintessentially personal encounter toward the end of his three-year stint on the Moon. (NR)

NOVEMBER
1-30



Comics aren't just for kids. Graphic Novels—long form or anthologized comics in a book format—can deal with topics as varied as love stories, the Holocaust, economics made easy, and zombies. Featuring clever writing and vivid illustrations, Graphic Novels give storytelling a visual twist. This November our Fiction/AV/Teen staff wants you to experience the thrill of discovering a new genre and of exploring our expansive Graphic Novel collection. Draw a suggestion from the jar at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk (or choose your own from the Adult or Teen Graphic Novel collections). Check out your Graphic Novel and read it. Then stop back at the desk to be entered into our drawing and to tell us about the Graphic Novels you have been enjoying.

NOVEMBER

1 Graphic Novels for Grown-ups
All month

Library and **SB** South Branch
CLOSED for Staff In-service Day
Friday

2 Crafts for Day of the Dead /
Manualidades Para Día de los
Muertos, Saturday, 2-3 p.m. **Y**

3 Job Seeking for Teens
Sunday, 2-3 p.m. **T**

4 **SB** Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Monday, 4-6 p.m. **Y**

Online Life: Facebook and Twitter
Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

Money Smart: Keep It Safe: Your
Rights as a Consumer
Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

5 **SB** Healthy Holiday Food
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. **A**

Digitally Repair Your Photographs
and Documents With Photoshop®
Elements, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

6 FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK
DISCUSSION: *The Dovekeepers*
by Alice Hoffman, Wednesday,
Noon **OR** 2 p.m. **A**

CLICK & CREATE:
Computer Animation for Kids
Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Y**

Legal Research With LexisNexis
Wednesday, 7 p.m. **A**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Heat*
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

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

Books and Bites Family Book Club:
Pajama Party!
Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **G**

11 Gift of Reading Begins
Monday, November 11-
Sunday, December 8

SB Polish Independence Day Craft I
Program dla dzieci z okazji Święta
Niepodległości Polski
Monday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) **Y**

Apps and Gadgets Fair
Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

12 Pretty Packaging Paper
Crafting: Holiday Edition
Tuesday, 7 p.m. **A** \$10 fee

13 MOVIE DISCUSSION:
The Bicycle Thief
Wednesday, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

14 MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Heat*
Thursday, 1 p.m. **A**

Computer Learning Lab
Thursday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) **A**

Health Care Reform and the
Insurance Marketplace
Thursday, 7 p.m. **A**

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

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:
Drones and the Future of War
Friday, 7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

16 SUPER SATURDAY:
Emerald City Theatre
Company Featuring Llama, Llama
Saturday, 11-11:45 a.m. **G**

17 *Catching Fire* Movie Release
Party, Sunday, 2-4 p.m. **T**

18 BOOK VOYAGERS: The
Wonderful World of Weather
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Y**

Online Life: Instagram, Tumblr, and
Pinterest, Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

19 Screening of the Film
Veteran's Day 11-11-11
Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. **A**

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

Fall Floral Design With Busse's
Flowers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$15 fee

20 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
DISCUSSION: *Flight Behavior*
by Barbara Kingsolver
Wednesday, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

Health Care 411: The Affordable Care
Act—Explained
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

21 Library Board Meeting
Thursday, 7 p.m. **A**

22 Wii Play Video Games
Friday, 4:30-6 p.m. **Y**

24 Family Gaming
Sunday, 2-4 p.m. (NR) **G**

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

27 **SB** MAKE & TAKE CRAFT:
Thanksgiving
Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m. (NR) **Y**

28 Library and **SB** South Branch
CLOSED for Thanksgiving
Thursday

29 **SB** South Branch CLOSED
Day After Thanksgiving, Friday

Magic: The Gathering Club
Friday, 4-5 p.m. **T**

Adult **A** Teen **T** Youth **Y** Family **F**
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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DECEMBER

2 Polish Holiday Storytime
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **G**

3 Affordable Health Care Act Open
Lab, Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. (NR) **A**

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Harmonaires, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

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Friday, 4-6 p.m. **T**

7 Teddy Bear Walk
Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon **G**

8 Gift of Reading ENDS
Sunday

9 **SB** Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Monday, 4-6 p.m. (NR) **T**

Winter Storytime Lottery Begins
Monday **Y**

CHAT & CHEW: *Museum of Thieves*
by Lian Tanner, Monday, 6-7 p.m. **Y**

Affordable Health Care Act Open Lab
Monday, 7-9 p.m. (NR) **A**

The Prospect Madrigals: A Holiday
Concert, Monday, 7:30 p.m. **A**

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From the Library Using a
NOOK, Tuesday, 4 p.m. **A**

Create a Holiday Centerpiece
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$18 fee

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Holiday Hullabaloo, Friday,
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14 Friends Holiday Book Sale
Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

16 Your Job Search: Ignite the
Motivation Within
Monday, 7 p.m. **A**

SB Teen/Adult Holiday Crafts
Monday, 4-6 p.m. **T****A**

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Holiday Music on the
Hammered Dulcimer
Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. **A**

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Wednesday, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

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Crafts for Day of the Dead

Saturday, November 2, 2-3 p.m.

• FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

El día de los muertos/Day of the Dead is a Mexican and Latin American holiday to honor people we love who are no longer with us. Many children celebrate by creating traditional folk art and crafts—and you can too! Join us at the Main Library to decorate a sugar skull, construct your own papel picado (“perforated paper”), and learn more about this joyous holiday. (R)

Click & Create: Computer Animation for Kids

Wednesday, November 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

• FOR 4TH-6TH GRADERS

Want to create simple animations, computer games, and music videos—or almost anything else you can imagine? You can do all this and more with “Scratch,” an easy-to-use, fun, and free program. We’ll teach you the basics in our computer lab, and then you get to design your own masterpiece. **This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Public Library cardholders.** (R)

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)

Fantastic Fall

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

Friday, November 15, 11:30-5 p.m.

Holiday Hullabaloo

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

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

Wii Play Video Games

Friday, November 22, 4:30-6 p.m.

• FOR 3RD-6TH GRADERS

Get ready for some fierce competition with loads of racing, sports, and mini-game challenges. We’ll have multiple players set up on Wii, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360 with Kinect, some on big screens. **This program is reserved for Mount Prospect cardholders.** (R)

Family Gaming

Sunday, November 24, 2-4 p.m.

• FOR ALL AGES

Drop in and challenge your family to some competition with loads of racing, sports, and mini-games. *Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* No registration necessary; just stop in! (NR)

SUPER Saturday!—for all ages



Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-noon

Don’t miss the ultimate BEAR BASH as

we celebrate the 33rd Annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see 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)

EMERALD CITY THEATRE COMPANY FEATURING Llama, Llama

Saturday, November 16, 11-11:45 a.m.

Enjoy a day in the life of little Llama and his Mama as Chicago’s own Emerald City Theatre combines books with play to create a performance that will enchant fans of all ages! From school to bedtime, it’s going to be an all-out Llama drama featuring an adaptation of the family-favorite books by Anna Dewdney. (R)



Fun With Books

Open Storytime

- **Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.**
- **Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**
- **Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

Children ages 6 and younger and their families are invited to attend these sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children younger than age 3.* These sessions run November 5-December 13. (NR)

Winter Storytime Lottery

From December 9 to January 9, parents can register their children—birth through age 6—for the Library’s Winter storytime session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run January 20-February 28. 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.



Gift of Reading

November 11–December 8

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.

If You Like...



Percy Jackson series
why don’t you try...

Children of the Lamp
series by Philip Kerr

Theodosia Throckmorton Adventures series
by R.L. LaFevers

Keys to the Kingdom series
by Garth Nix

The Kronos Chronicles series
by Marie Rutkoski

Leven Thumps series by Obert Skye

Young Heroes series by Jane Yolen

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)



The Wonderful World of Weather

Monday, November 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Will today’s weather include rain, wind, or snow? Since we live near Chicago, we never know! Come learn about all different types of weather.

Polish Holiday Storytime

Monday, December 2 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Library invites children ages 3-7 and their families to a special holiday storytime in Polish and English.

This program is open only to Mount Prospect Library cardholders. (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)



Museum of Thieves by Lian Tanner

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

Goldie Roth, like all other children in the city Jewel, has never done anything on her own. How can you when you are required to wear a guardchain connected to your parents or the Blessed Guardians until your Separation Day? When Goldie’s Separation Day is cancelled, she takes a great risk and runs away, stumbling into the mysterious Museum of Dunt, a place protected by thieves and filled with strange, shifting rooms, as well as dangerous secrets. Can Goldie and the museum’s residents keep the leader of the Blessed Guardians from destroying the museum...along with everyone they love?



Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

Please sign up for programs on the Internet at www.mppl.org, at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). Priority registration is given to Mount Prospect cardholders for programs with limited attendance. Please have your MPPL card when registering. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

Job Seeking for Teens

Sunday, November 3, 2-3 p.m.

Find the resources and learn the strategies that can help you get the job you want. Business Reference Librarian Patti Smolin will show you how to use the Library in your job search and will share job-seeking strategies especially for teens. Then, you can ask your questions about getting a job. **While all teens are welcome, this session is geared toward teens 16 and older.** (R)




Teen Knitting/Crocheting Club

Friday, November 8, 4-6 p.m.

Friday, December 6, 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. (R)



MAGIC The Gathering

Friday, November 29, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, December 27, 4-5 p.m.

Has "Magic: The Gathering" cast a spell on you? Join other planeswalkers for this role-playing card game at MPPL on the last Friday of each month. Bring your friends, or just stop by and see what the game is all about. Snacks and refreshments will be supplied, but *teens must provide their own decks to play.* (R)

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

**Monday, November 25
4:30-5:30 p.m.**



GIFTABLE CRAFTS

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

Need gifts for the holidays? Want them to be unique and handmade? We've got you covered. Join us for this craftstravaganza where you can make a no-sew scarf, a wood-block painting, or a paper ornament. (R)



Catching Fire Movie Release Party

Sunday, November 17, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate the movie release of *Catching Fire*, the second in the *Hunger Games* trilogy. Learn how to make yourself over with our own Cinna, create a craft, and test your knowledge of Suzanne Collins' series. You might even win a prize! Dress up like your favorite character from the series and enjoy snacks and refreshments. (R)

South Branch Events

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

Polish Independence Day Craft | Program dla dzieci z okazji Święta Niepodległości Polski

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, November 11, 4-6 p.m.

South Branch staff will read stories celebrating this holiday. Participants will enjoy songs and make crafts. Presented in English and Polish. (NR)

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

Wednesday, November 27, 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360

• FOR KIDS IN GRADES 3-6

Monday, November 4, 4-6 p.m.

• FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12

Monday, December 9, 4-6 p.m.

Need a break from school? Take a few hours off and spend it with a Wii, an Xbox 360, a big screen, your friends, and food. All games are rated E for everyone—T for teens for teen session only. (R)

Family Board Game Night

• FOR YOUTH UP TO 6TH GRADE AND FAMILIES

Thursday, December 19, 4-6 p.m.

Challenge friends and family members to a variety of board games. **No registration needed.** (NR)

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

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, December 23, 4-6 p.m.

Bring your family to the South Branch to make a special craft for the holidays. No registration necessary; just drop in! *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* (NR)

For Teens & Adults

Teen/Adult Holiday Crafts | Creaciones Navideñas Para Adultos y Adolescentes

• FOR TEENS 13 AND UP AND ADULTS

Monday, December 16, 4-6 p.m.

Make a special gift for the holidays. We'll have the supplies—all you need to bring is your creativity. (R)



View of Teen Events

It's kind of

like Twitter...but with pictures. Or maybe a shorter, quicker Facebook.

Describing **Instagram** in words is not always easy. But that's OK, because Instagram is all about pictures. Our teen librarians have been using Instagram this year to communicate with teens about programs and services and to tell the world about the awesome events going on at MPPL.

Instagram is a smart-phone app that allows you to take a photo and post it to an account. Your "followers" can "heart" or like the photo or comment on it, and you can do the same with their posts. Mostly, it is a great way to tell everyone what you are doing and how you feel about it.

Teen Librarians Colleen Seisser and Barbara Fitzgerald decided to try Instagram when they noticed that teens were taking photos of their creations at our craft programs and posting them. Also, they knew that teens would be able to search for photos that librarians

post and like and share them as well.

"We try to get photos of events or things as they are happening, and provide interesting and informative descriptions for the photos," Seisser says.

For example, an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed a visit with author Holly Black in September and Seisser posted pictures on Instagram. Those who could not make it were still able to share in the excitement.

"We saw the greatest increase in followers over the summer when we incorporated Instagram into our Summer Reading program," Seisser says. She and Fitzgerald let teens know if they are using a specific hashtag at an event, which will make it easy to find the photos. The general hashtag is **#mpplteen**.

Follow Teen Services on Instagram at **@MPPLTeen**. The profile is public, so anyone on Instagram can interact with our librarians and like their photos.



Memories, Music, and Much Appreciation

Thanks for Joining Our 70th Anniversary Celebration

During our 70th Anniversary year we learned once again that our patrons make Mount Prospect Public Library such a vital part of the community. Thank you for joining us at two concerts and many programs that highlighted what we do each month to provide you with entertainment and enrichment. Thanks for sharing your memories of the Library and of life in Mount Prospect. We hope you appreciated being a part of the celebration and maybe were surprised by a random prize during one of our programs. Although we are at the end of this milestone year, we will continue to provide you with great materials and resources and to focus on service to the community.



Mid-century adult reading area at the Library—located at 14 East Busse Avenue.



Alan Wilder (left) shared memories during the *Growing Up in Mount Prospect* program.

Mike Zadel (right) reminisced about Lions Park Pool.

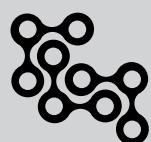


Library Board members Dale Barbara Draznin, Barbara Burns, Sylvia Haas, and Jane Everett at the Independence Day Parade.

DISCOVER NEW WEB RESOURCES DURING *Try-It! Illinois*

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

South Branch Events



community connections center

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

Healthy Holiday Food

Tuesday, November 5, 5:30 p.m.

Rich, luscious egg-nogs. Candy and baked goods galore. Savory roasts and creamy cheeses. When it comes to holiday foods, healthy eating isn't usually the first thing that comes to mind. However, there are a lot of things you can do to keep you and your family healthy and happy while they celebrate the holidays. An expert from Whole Foods Market in Schaumburg will show you how to transform some heavy holiday favorites into healthy new traditions. *This program will be presented in English. (R)*



La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur
miércoles 6 de noviembre 5-5:30 p.m.
miércoles 20 de noviembre 5-5:30 p.m.
miércoles 11 de diciembre 5-5:30 p.m.

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

Storytime at the South Branch
Wednesday, November 13, 5-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4, 5-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18, 5-5:30 p.m.

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

**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.
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