



Preview

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

November/December 2019

Library Notes

by Su Reynders
Executive Director



Executive Director Su Reynders recently joined the Mount Prospect Public Library, coming to the Library with years of leadership experience in both libraries and public companies. She shared some thoughts about her first months in the Mount Prospect community.

Q: Now that you have been with MPPL for a few months, what excites you about the Library?

A: I have been delighted to discover how much the residents of Mount Prospect love their library. During my first week on the job, I walked in the Fourth of July parade, and was blown away by how many people called out, "I love the library!" I knew that the Mount Prospect Public Library had a great reputation, and it is gratifying to see that borne out in the response of the community.

Q: What is the best library service that residents don't know about?

A: The Library has so much free online content! Did you know that you can download e-books, e-audiobooks, movies, and music from your phone or other device, all for free? All you need is your library card. Many people still think of libraries only as repositories of books (don't worry, we still have hundreds of thousands of books!), but we are keeping up with the times, and we provide electronic content as well.

Check out our e-Library here: mppl.org/e-library. Don't know what to read? Stop by the second floor and chat with a Readers' Advisor. There are thousands of books available in several forms to all MPPL patrons, and our Readers' Advisors work hard to connect the reader to "their" book.

Q: What factors do you consider critical to having a successful library?

A: A good library has something for everyone. As a community, we have many different points of view, different politics, different religions, different literary tastes. We at the library work hard to offer you a broad range of materials and resources, in many different formats, to help you no matter what you are interested in.

Q: What are some of the things you've noticed where MPPL strives to serve its community?

A: The Mount Prospect Public Library has a great mix of traditional and modern library services. We are deeply committed to our physical collection of books and other materials, and we are also providing newer items, like mobile hotspots. We pay attention to tradition, and keep our eye on the future so that we can serve the needs of all the community.

Q: What are the first impressions you hope people have when they walk into MPPL?

A: Whether you come into the physical library, call us on the phone, or use our online services, I hope people will find that we truly embody our stated values: accessible, welcoming, professional, and personal. Library staff are all dedicated to serving the residents of Mount Prospect, and we are passionate about providing excellent library services.

Do you have questions, comments, or ideas? Feel free to reach out to Su at sreynders@mppl.org or 847/590-3220.

Friends of the Library and Grand Book Sales

Enter the Mount Prospect Public Library from the parking garage, it's easy to quickly zip by a set of double doors before leading up to the main entrance.

Tucked away on this unassuming lower level and behind the doors is a special place: known as the Friends of the Library Room, it contains a treasure trove.

These devoted volunteers—fondly called "the Friends"—collect and manage donations from the community year-round to host book sales to benefit the community. The contributions are not just limited to books, but also records, CDs, and movies.

"This is an incredibly generous community," said Pat Klawitter, president of the Friends of the Library Board. "They donate quality books—



Pat Klawitter, president of the Friends of the Library Board

especially families. They love getting books, and when children outgrow them, they bring them here and help the next generation of children and they can get a 'new' set of books for their children."

Thousands of book titles come into

—see *Friends* on page 8

2020 Census: Quick Facts

Do you love Mount Prospect and the Chicago region? Every 10 years, the census counts everyone living in the U.S., but why is it so important locally? The information gathered from the census directly impacts people in their communities by supporting local government, public safety, schools, emergency services, and more. Companies and developers use census data to determine where to build a new store or a housing development. Popular services for children and senior citizens are all supported with data from the census. Without a proper census count, services are reduced or eliminated.

What you need to know about the 2020 Census:

It's in the Constitution. Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country

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The Main Library and South Branch will be closed for STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY Friday, November 1

The Library and South Branch are closed: **Thursday, November 28**
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Wednesday, January 1

The South Branch is closed
Friday, November 29

The Main Library and South Branch will close at 5 p.m. on
Tuesday, December 31



Gift of Reading Book Drive

Monday, November 11-Sunday, December 8

Give the gift of reading this holiday season by donating new books for local children in need. Drop off new, unwrapped books for ages 6 and younger to the Library. Book donations in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.

Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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

Don't Fall! Test Your Strength and Balance

SESSION 1: Tuesday, November 12, 2 p.m.

SESSION 2: Tuesday, November 12, 4 p.m.

Falls are a frequent cause of injuries, hospitalizations, and deaths. Injuries from falls can lead to fractures, bruises, head trauma, and joint dislocations. In many cases, falls can be prevented by identifying and treating the cause of balance impairments. Using a standardized balance test, the expert staff at Stay Fit Physical Therapy will assess your balance and explain the results. An overview of therapeutic interventions and best practice treatments is included. Registration is required. (R)

Using Westlaw®

Wednesday, November 13, 2-3 p.m.

This program will cover research fundamentals on the online legal research service *Thomson Reuters Westlaw*, including how to pull up documents by citation and name, search for documents by legal issue, research a case, and check if a case is still good law. Users of all levels are welcome to attend. (R)

MOUNT PROSPECT STORIES Prohibition Era Mount Prospect

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m.

This past October marked the 100-year anniversary of the Volstead Act, otherwise known as Prohibition, which lasted from 1919 to 1933. Mount

Prospect Historical Society Director Lindsay Rice will discuss what led to the ban on alcohol, how it affected Mount Prospect and surrounding areas, and what led the government to repeal the Volstead Act in 1933. Join us as we explore the juxtaposed worlds of politics, the temperance movement, gangsters, and the quiet village of Prohibition-era Mount Prospect. (R)

Get to Know Your Neighbor: Islamic Society of Midwest

Saturday, November 16, 2 p.m.

Would you like to learn more about your Muslim neighbors? Please join us for a friendly gathering to discover more about daily life and the similarities between cultures and religions. A presentation by a member of the Islamic Society of Midwest and the Turkish American Society of Chicago will be followed by social time. Stay to meet with members of the Muslim community and enjoy traditional music and refreshments. *Recommended for both teens and adults.* (R)

Honoring Our Veterans Throughout Life

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

In this program Linda Rockwell, veterans program manager at JourneyCare, will explore veterans' unique experiences and health concerns. She will also illuminate concerns that can arise as veterans age and advise what resources are available. (R)



Celebrating our freedom to read: We had lots of activities during Banned Books Week, including an impactful performance from City Lit Theater with readings from the American Library Association's top banned and challenged books. The audience asked super questions, plus some lucky folks left with a new book!

Shine a Light on Banned Books Week

Saturday, November 2-Saturday, November 9



Game on!

Celebrate International Games Week with board games, chess, cards, and more. Stop by the Research, Fiction/AV/Teen, or Youth Services desks to select a game to play with friends or family, or join us for one of our special events.

Family Gaming

• FOR ALL AGES

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

Kick off International Games Week by challenging your family to racing,

sports, and mini-games competitions. All games are rated E or E10+. **Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.** No registration necessary; just stop in! (NR)

All-ages Tabletop Game Night

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

Join us in Meeting Room A for an evening of tabletop gaming. From strategy games like *Catan*® to classics like chess and *Sorry!*®, we'll have something for everyone! No registration required. (NR)

For all ages!

Crafting for the Holidays

All New! Pretty Packaging Paper Crafting: 2019 Holiday Edition

• FOR AGES 16 AND UP

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

Giving gifts with distinct touches is a loving and personal way to wrap this holiday season. Don't miss this special session of paper crafting and create holiday bags, tags, and a gift card holder. Paper crafting instructor Tina Gary will provide 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 nonrefundable \$10 material fee.* Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to register (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Fall Holiday Floral Design

Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Create a beautiful fall holiday arrangement with a variety of fresh seasonal flowers and foliage. Guidance and supplies will be provided by Paul Seils of Busse's Flowers and Gifts. Class size is limited to ensure that each student receives individual attention. Please bring a scissors, a small knife, or a pruner. All other materials are included. *A \$15 non-refundable materials fee is due at registration.* Please register at the Library. (R)

Create a Holiday Outdoor Evergreen Container

• FOR AGES 16 AND UP

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

Create a festive winter outdoor evergreen container with Peggy Garvin, complete with mixed boughs of fragrant evergreens, branches, and pine cones in a decorative metal pot for your front entry. *A \$20 nonrefundable material fee includes all supplies and container; please bring garden gloves and gardening pruners.* Payment is due at registration. This program is limited to 25 patrons. Please register at the Library. (R)



FANFEST

**SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 22**



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Prospect High School Madrigals Holiday Concert

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

Prospect High School's acappella 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 the Library for a triumphant holiday show. (R)

MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS Holiday Concert With the Encore! Singers

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

Join us as the traveling ensemble Encore! shares the spirit of the season with "Holiday Harmonies." This joyful program features holiday classics, novelty selections, and seasonal cheer. Encore! will bring a smile to your face as they sing popular holiday favorites. There's something for everyone to enjoy, and Encore! is certain to add warmth to your holiday season. (R)



Friends Holiday Gift Sale

Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Just in time for the Holidays! Browse a wide variety of quality, multi-genre, used books, music, movies, games, and more. All items have been specially selected for this sale so you can find the right gift for the adults, teens, and children on your list. Funds raised will help the Friends of the Library support additional programs, events, and services.

Holiday Celebration With the Harmonaires

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

Come and get in the holiday spirit with music from the Des Plaines Harmonaires. A local women's choral group that has been performing for over 60 years, the Harmonaires will showcase their three- and four-part harmony as they sing holiday favorites. (R)

Technology and Training

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

Open Tech Lab

Monday, November 4, 7-9 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 20, 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, December 5, 4-6 p.m.

Monday, December 9, 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17, 2-4 p.m.

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

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

Technology Classes

These programs require registration. (R)

Excel® Basics

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m.

iCan Use My iPhone®/iPad®

Tuesday, November 5, 3 p.m.

Windows® 10 Clinic

Wednesday, November 6, 4 p.m.

Using Word®

Thursday, November 7, 6 p.m.

Excel®: Formulas and Functions

Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m.

Excel®: Tables, Charts, and Formulas

Monday, November 11, 7 p.m.

Understanding Photos for Apple® Devices

Tuesday, November 12, 3 p.m.

Word®: Beyond the Basics

Wednesday, November 13, 6 p.m.

iCloud® Basics

Tuesday, November 19, 3 p.m.

Excel®: Pivot Tables and Charts

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

Mail Merge with Microsoft Word®: Labels, Letters, and Envelopes

Thursday, November 21, 6 p.m.



With Business in Mind

Grow Your Business With SCORE Mentoring

Tuesday, November 5, 7 p.m.

Join SCORE representative John Fisher as he discusses the SCORE Mentoring program at the Library. Learn how one-on-one guidance from individuals with years of business experience can help grow your entrepreneurial idea or small business. *Presented by the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative.* (R)

SCORE Mentoring

Wednesday, November 6, 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 4-7 p.m.

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



Small Business

Saturday @ Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, November 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) for Small Business Saturday at the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce office, located at 46 E. Northwest Highway. Stop by and learn how the Library, Village, and Chamber of Commerce can help you grow your small business. (NR)

MPEI Open Office Hours @ Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, December 12, 1-4 p.m.

Join the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) during open office hours at the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce office, located at 46 E. Northwest Highway. Stop by and learn how the Library, Village, and Chamber of Commerce can help grow your small business. (NR)



Pop-up Virtual Reality: Beat Saber and Sports Scramble

Tuesday, December 3, 6-8:30 p.m.

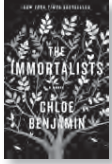
Come experience the excitement of virtual reality using Oculus Quest. If you like lightsabers and dancing, *Beat Saber* is the perfect VR rhythm game for you. Groove to a catchy song while slicing cubes using sabers as they fly toward you! You can also take a shot at *Sports Scramble*, the whimsical athletic simulator that mixes up multiple sports together, like bowling and tennis. No registration necessary, just drop in. (NR)



BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

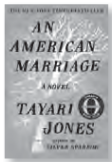
Books are available 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen desk.

Food for Thought



The Immortalists
by Chloe Benjamin
Wednesday, November 6
noon or 2 p.m.

If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life? It's 1969 in New York City's Lower East Side, and the Gold children—four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness—sneak out to hear their fortunes. The prophecies inform their next five decades. Simon escapes to the West Coast, searching for love in San Francisco; Klara becomes a Las Vegas magician, blurring reality and fantasy; Daniel seeks security as an army doctor post-9/11; and Varya goes into longevity research, testing the boundary between science and immortality. (NR)



An American Marriage
by Tayari Jones
Wednesday, December 4
noon or 2 p.m.
Celestial and Roy are newly married

Book Chat

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



I, Eliza Hamilton by Susan Holloway Scott
Monday, November 11, 7 p.m.
Alexander Hamilton's wife, Eliza—a fascinating strong-willed heroine—becomes an adored member of society, respected for her fierce devotion to Hamilton as well as her grace. (NR)



The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone
Monday, December 9, 7 p.m.
The true story of Elizabeth Smith, a Shakespeare expert who met and married a groundbreaking cryptologist and worked to discover and expose Nazi spy rings in South America by cracking multiple versions of the Enigma machine. (NR)

professionals leaning in to a bright future when Roy is convicted of a crime he did not commit. This is not a heroes vs. villains tale with a tidy resolution. It is a complicated messy, moving, and thought-provoking story about love, family, and the wide-reaching effects of incarceration. (NR)

Coffee, Books, & More



A Dog's Way Home
by W. Bruce Cameron
Wednesday, November 20
10 a.m.

An adorable dog falls instantly in love with a Veterans Affairs worker only to be separated from him by rules that disallow Pit Bulls in their Denver community. Sent to a foster home 400 miles away, the distraught puppy sets off on a seemingly impossible journey back to the person she loves. (NR)

2019 Planning Session
Wednesday, December 18, 10 a.m.
No book discussed this month. Please join us for our annual members' meeting. (NR)

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Rocketman
[2019; Rated R; 121 minutes; Biography/Drama/Music]
Starring Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell, Richard Madden.
Directed by Dexter Fletcher.
Wednesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 14, 1 p.m.
A musical fantasy about the fantastical human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. (R)



Where'd You Go, Bernadette
[2019; Rated PG-13; 109 minutes; Comedy/Drama/Mystery]
Starring Cate Blanchett, Kristen Wiig, Judy Greer.
Directed by Richard Linklater.
Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 1 p.m.
A loving mom becomes compelled to reconnect with her creative passions after years of sacrificing herself for her family. (R)

These films will be shown with closed captioning.



Join us for a holiday classic!

It's A Wonderful Life

[1946; Rated PG; 130 minutes; Drama/Family/Fantasy]
Starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore.
Directed by Frank Capra.

Join us for a special screening of this black-and-white holiday classic. An angel is sent from heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed. (R)

Monday, December 23, 1 p.m.

A Good Yarn

Knitting and Crocheting Guild

Thursdays,

• **November 21, 7 p.m.**

• **December 19, 7 p.m.**



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

A Short Story Discussion

The **SHORT** of it

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

Enjoy a compelling discussion and engage with other literature lovers! Join retired high school teacher Ron Crowley-Koch for a discussion revolving around three short stories including: **A Worn Path** by Eudora Welty, **A Jury of Her Peers** by Susan Glaspell, and **Same Place, Same Things** by Tim Gautreaux. Please read the stories twice to glean their true beauty. (R)



NIGHT OFF? GAME ON!

THE FEATURED GAME OF THE EVENING:
Ticket to Ride

Monday, December 16 • 7-9 p.m.

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

10th Anniversary Celebration of South Branch



Community members, employees from past and present, and Mount Prospect Village officials all came out for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of South Branch and the Community Connections Center. There was rain, but it most certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirit! Visitors enjoyed music, dancing, food, and intricate tattoos designed by staff.

Overheard in the crowd: "I love South Branch," "This is one of the first places we discovered when we moved here," and "This is amazing, I'm coming back."

Thanks to the Friends of the Mount Prospect Library for sponsoring the event.



Clifford Visits With Early Readers!



Clifford the Big Red Dog made a special visit during *Get Ready to Read* at the Main Library and *Play and Learn* at South Branch in September. He was a super guest and

loved by all of the kids!

The *Get Ready to Read* program celebrated children participating in **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** and introduced the program to new families. Library staff also donned costumes of *Pete the Cat*, the *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* tree, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Parents are encouraged to bring children to MPPL for every 100 books they complete so their child can celebrate each milestone.

The event was sponsored by the Mount Prospect Library Foundation.



Census: Get Counted!

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be counted every 10 years. **Fun fact:** The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation.

The results of the census are used to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, determining how many seats Illinois gets. If Illinois has an undercount, communities will lose representatives and the people who know their towns.

It's short, it's easy.

The 2020 Census is a short form with just a few questions. There are no questions about citizenship. The census can be completed with a paper form, phone, or online starting in March. Census Day is April 1! This is both the

official reference day to use to fill out the census and when events will happen to celebrate being counted.

It's private.

The information collected may only be used for statistical purposes. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone in your household, not even to law enforcement. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.

For information about the 2020 Census or to receive information about how to apply for a job with the 2020 Census, please visit a desk at the Library or stop by South Branch.

LIBRARY LIFE

AVAILABLE ON
www.mppl.org

November

City Lit Theater Company presents:
Books on the Chopping Block
Teen Speed Volunteering:
Crafts for Charities
Prospect High School Madrigals
Holiday Concert

December

TICKET TO RIDE: Exploring England and Wales MPPL Cultural Month
Festival Night: Kaleidoscope Eyes—A Beatles Tribute
Mary Shelley: Love & Frankenstein
SUPER Saturday!: The World of Pooh

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



Homebound Delivery Service

Homebound for the winter and can't make it to the Library? Whether temporary or indefinite, let the Library come to you!

Mount Prospect Public Library provides free delivery of library materials to Mount Prospect residents and registered cardholders who are physically unable to come to the Library due to disability, long-term illness, or other restrictions.

Call 847/590-4070 to see if you're eligible for free monthly book, DVD, and CD delivery.



Youth Activities

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Best Children's Books of 2019

• FOR ALL AGES

Thursday, November 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

As you gear up for holiday shopping, look to the Library for suggestions for this year's best children's books. Join us for a fast-paced book-talking bonanza featuring Youth Services' favorite titles, plus snacks and new book giveaways. We will share fabulous fiction and nonfiction titles for preschoolers through grade 6. Perfect for teachers, parents, and families! *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

Let's Be Friends

FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

Join us for fun activities, snacks, and a chance to make new friends in a supportive environment. Teen volunteers will help make everyone feel welcome and have a great time. Children of all abilities are welcome. (R)

Project Build Tuesday, November 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Masterpieces Tuesday, November 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Animal Fun Tuesday, November 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tech Playground

• FOR GRADES 1-5

Wednesday, November 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Be a tech explorer and try out the latest technology the Library offers. From robots to virtual reality, holograms to instruments—you won't know what you'll discover until you stop by! (NR)

Family LEGO® Mania

• FOR GRADES K-6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, November 25, 3-6 p.m.

Exercise your hands and brain by building amazing LEGO® creations with your family. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

Coding Club

• FOR GRADES 1-2

Monday, December 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Want to learn how to create your own website, animation, and computer games? This class will start with the basics of computer programming and coding concepts so you can create your own code. (R)

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FULL STEAM Ahead

• FOR GRADES 1-5

Friday, November 29, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

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CELEBRATE DAY OF THE DEAD/CELEBRA DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

• FOR GRADES K-5 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Join us for this Mexican and Latin American holiday to honor people we love who are no longer with us. We will make traditional folk art and crafts, listen to music, sample delicious food, and learn about this joyous holiday. See MPPL's community ofrenda (altar), which remembers our loved ones, and add your own tribute. (R)

• PARA NIÑOS EN EL KINDER-5 GRADO CON SUS FAMILIAS

sábado 2 de noviembre, 10:30 a.m.-noon

El Día de los Muertos es una celebración tradicional en México y América Latina para honrar a los que amamos que ya no están con nosotros. Acompáñanos en la biblioteca principal para crear arte y manualidades tradicionales, escuchar música, probar comida deliciosa, y aprender más sobre esta celebración. Ven a ver nuestra ofrenda comunitaria y añade tu propio homenaje. (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.

Fabulous Fall (NR)

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

Winter Wonders (NR)

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

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

Ralph's World Live!

Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m.-noon

Join Ralph Covert for a rock 'n' roll concert with songs that incorporate activities, dancing, stories, and a good dose of silliness and wiggling. (R)

Teddy Bear Walk

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

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. (R)



FUN WITH BOOKS

Family Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

November 4-December 13

• **Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

• **Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.***

• **Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

* No storytime November 27

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

Stop in for a **Saturday Storytime** on **November 16 from 10:30-11 a.m.**



Gift of Reading Book Drive

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Give the gift of reading this holiday season by donating new books for local children in need. Drop off new, unwrapped books for ages 6 and younger to the Library. Book donations in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.



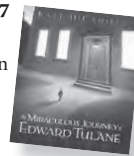
Younger siblings may attend with older siblings.

• FOR GRADES K-5 WITH AN ADULT
This family-focused book club features snacks, discussion, activities, and a celebration of books perfect for family reading.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Thursday, November 7 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a celebration of favorite toys and adventure! In our featured book by Kate DiCamillo, Edward Tulane is Abilene's beloved toy, and he is quite spoiled. After getting lost, Edward goes on a journey where he meets many new people, learning to love and care about others along the way. Bring a favorite stuffed animal or toy and enjoy treats, games, and fun activities. At the end of the night, you can leave your toy with us so it can have an adventure by sleeping over at the Library! Toys may be picked up on Friday, November 8, starting at 11 a.m. (R)



SENSORY STORIES & PLAY

• CHILDREN AGES 7 AND YOUNGER & THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, November 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for interactive stories, music, crafts, and all types of play that will engage the senses. This program, cofacilitated by Speech-Language Pathologist Megan Brazas and Board Certified Music Therapist Loren A. Goodman, is designed for children with special needs such as autism spectrum disorders and sensory integration challenges. Siblings and friends welcome! All children must be accompanied by an adult. (R)

Reading Clubhouse

—for grades K-2

For kids who like to listen to stories, eat snacks, and participate in fun activities.

Machines That Fly (R)

Monday, November 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

EVERYBODY PLAYS

• FOR AGES BIRTH-3 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, November 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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



Polish Holiday Storytime/ Polski program świąteczny

• FOR ALL AGES

Thursday, December 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Library invites children and their families to a special holiday storytime in Polish and English. This program is best-suited for children ages 3-7 and their parents, but all are welcome. (NR)

• DLA WSZYSTKICH DZIECI

Czwartek, 12 grudnia, 6:30-7:30 wieczorem

Zapraszamy dzieci w wieku 3-7 lat i ich rodziny na specjalny program świąteczny po polsku i angielsku.



noon year's eve party

• FOR ALL AGES

Tuesday, December 31 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

10, 9, 8 . . . Come celebrate the new year with us! Count down the clock with dance party music, crafts, snacks, and a balloon drop at noon. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (R)



Teen Space

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12

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

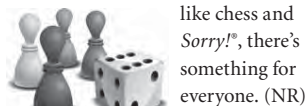


Game on! Celebrate with board games, chess, cards, and more. Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen desk to select a game to play with friends or join us for one of our special events.

All-ages Tabletop Game Night

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

Join us in Meeting Room A for an evening of tabletop gaming. From strategy games like *Catan*® to classics



like chess and *Sorry!*®, there's something for everyone. (NR)

Make-It MONDAY

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

Yarn Succulents

Monday, November 11, 4:30-6 p.m.

Learn how to make a cactus or succulent from yarn. No green thumb necessary, these cute plants don't need to be watered or fed!

Incredible Giftables

Monday, December 9, 4:30-6 p.m.

Make a giftable craft for a friend or family member, or even for yourself (we'll never tell!)

Teen Book Café @ Starbucks

Friday, November 8, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Attention, teen book lovers!

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



ACT Practice Test With Princeton Review

• FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

Saturday, November 16, 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Register to take a practice ACT test with Princeton Review at the Library. Please register using this link: <https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offering/437655>. (R)

Teen Speed Volunteering: Crafts for Charities

Wednesday, November 20, 5-6:30 p.m.

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

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, videogames, and more at our monthly meetings. (NR)

Teen Think Tank



Wednesday, November 27, 5-6:30 p.m.

South Branch Events

(R) Registration required. | Inscripción requerida.

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

More South Branch info on page 8!



Wii Night | Noche de Wii

• FOR AGES 5-16

Wednesday, November 6, 5-7 p.m.

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

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

Family Movie Night | Noche de Cine Para la Familia

• FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FRENEMIES The Angry Birds Movie 2

Friday, November 15, 5-7 p.m.

Home Alone Marathon

Friday, December 27, 3-7 p.m.

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



Make and Take Crafts | Hazlo y Llévatelo

• FOR KIDS UP TO GRADE 6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, November 20, 5-6:30 p.m.

Drop into the South Branch to make autumn crafts! The Library will provide all craft supplies. No registration required. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)



Make and Take Crafts | Hazlo y Llévatelo

• FOR KIDS UP TO GRADE 6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, December 9, 5-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

Drop into to make holiday-themed crafts! The Library will provide all craft supplies. No registration required. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. (NR)

Fandom FRIDAY

Friday, December 20, 4-6 p.m.



Join us to celebrate the release of the new movie *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* with games and a craft. Registration is recommended, but not required.

EXAM CRAM STUDY LOUNGE

Monday, December 16, 3-10 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17, 3-10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 3-10 p.m.

Thursday, December 19, 3-10 p.m.

High schoolers: find a place to study and prep for finals. We will have snacks, study supplies, and de-stressing activities. (NR)

No need to register, just drop by.

LEGO® Mania

• FOR KIDS

Wednesday, November 27, noon-2 p.m.

Monday, December 23,

noon-2 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.



Use LEGO pieces to build almost anything! Make a favorite

character or place or even a never-before-seen creation. No need to register, just drop by! (NR)

Drop-in Craft /Manualidades

• FOR ALL AGES

Friday, December 6, 4-7 p.m.

Stop by the South Branch for a drop-in craft. We will have craft supplies on-hand for you to make a craft using repurposed library books. (NR)



Friends of the Library

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the Friends Room each year, with most sold for \$.25 to \$2.50.

Funds raised by the Friends support a variety of endeavors at MPPL. Issued like mini grants, the Friends help pay for special programming, events, and services. In 2018, Friends provided nearly \$30,000 to MPPL for events such as the Annual Teddy Bear Walk, Reading With a Principal, FanFest, Celebrate Polish Children's Day, and the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Show. The Friends also help fund public artwork and projects like the Library's electronic sign.

Well-oiled Machine

Key to the Friends' success are generous donations from the community and a fine-tuned system working with hands-on volunteers. With a donation space filled with books, it takes a methodical system to sort and shelve materials to get ready for a sale. Community members drop off donations in bags and boxes, sometimes after an estate or garage sale. It's not unusual to find brand new books in the stash.

The Friends then sort materials and place them in designated areas. All books are coded so the volunteers know when the donation arrived; they aim to sell all books within a year.

Subjects range from cookbooks to travelogues to Westerns and foreign languages. The volunteers are well-versed in book topics, so they are able

to sort books easily and understand how to group them by category.

"Our sorters know the criteria," said Klawitter. "We are able to have a well-organized sale and this helps people a lot."

Klawitter is especially pleased to see how many children's books they receive, as well as entire series. As children learn to read and their interests change, a book sale is a perfect way for families to economically keep up-to-date with the latest books for their growing readers.

Quarterly Book Sales

The Friends hosts its big sales four times a year, opening the Friends Room as well as using Meeting Rooms A and B in the Main Library. Sales are open to the general public on Saturdays and Sundays; preview sales are open to members on Friday. From start to finish, it takes more than 100 volunteers to run a single sale.

Membership Perks

For \$5 per person (\$10 per family), individuals are eligible to become a Friends of the Library member. Benefits include access to Friday Night Preview shopping one day before a quarterly sale opens to the general public.

Members can also request a book finder service, and volunteers will do

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their best to watch for a book title or author before a sale. If they spot the book, they will contact the member and place it on hold. All holds must be purchased and picked up during the sale.

Year-round Sales

The Friends also operates book cart trolleys for patrons to purchase books year-round. Visitors can purchase a book and place their payment in a lockbox or pay at Patron Services in the Lobby. Now there are three trolleys located throughout the Library: first floor Youth Services desk; second floor elevator; and second floor Teen Space.

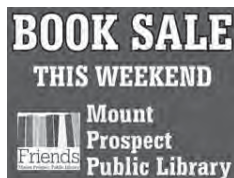
Volunteers Welcome

Community members who wish to be involved with the Friends of the Library program are encouraged to contact FOFMPPL@gmail.com to learn about volunteer opportunities and training.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

The Friends need you! Contact us for a yard sign to promote book sales—it's an easy way to help the Friends and the Library. Contact FOFMPPL@gmail.com to receive yours!



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South Branch Events



community connections center

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FOR TEENS
& ADULTS

INTRO TO ZUMBA

Friday, November 22, 6-7 p.m.

Join the fitness party at the Library! Learn the moves from Zumba Instructor Noemi Ramos, who will guide you step-by-step through the dances. Remember to bring a towel, water bottle, and wear athletic shoes and clothes that let you move freely. Register today to save your spot! (R)



Rolling Meadows High School Madrigals Holiday Concert

Friday, December 20 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The Madrigal Singers are the elite choral group from Rolling Meadows High School. During the holiday season, they dress in full Renaissance costumes and perform extensively throughout the community. Please join us at the Mount Prospect Public Library South Branch for beautiful holiday music by this talented group of performers. (R)



Hours

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

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

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

Jugar y Aprender | Play and Learn

Every Tuesday in November and December 3, 10, 17, and 31 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

More South Branch programs on page 7!

Main Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday noon-5 p.m.

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Su Reynders, Executive Director



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