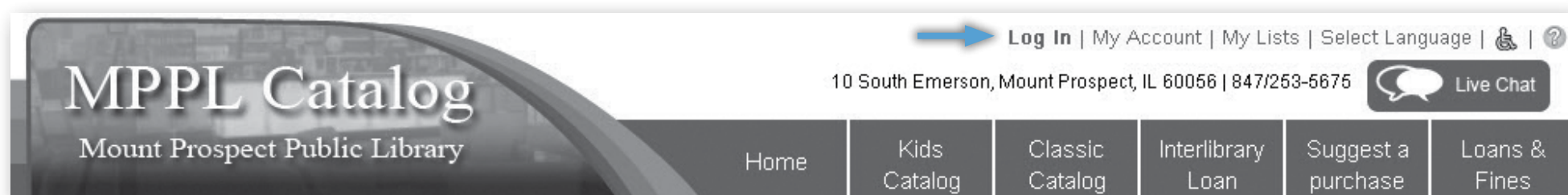


Something's Different...and Better for You!

The Library has a new catalog with some great new features. Don't worry—it still has some of the old favorites, too.

What's new ?

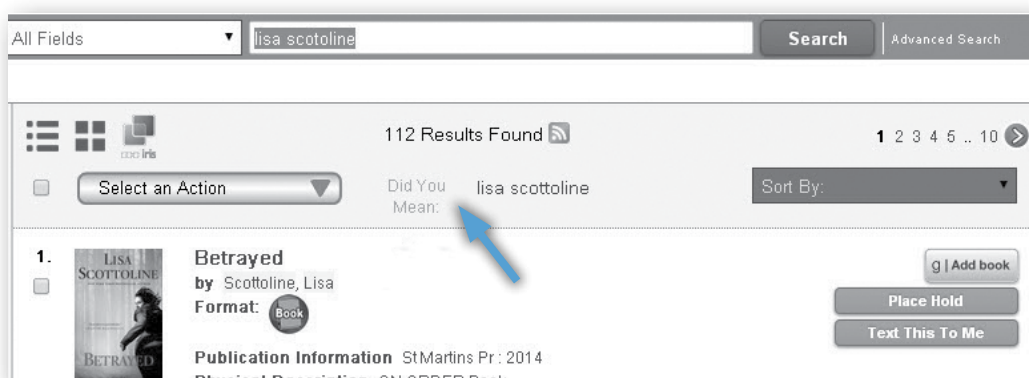
- ✓ **My Account** is now fully integrated with the catalog. Sign in once without leaving the catalog to view checked out items, holds, or other useful Library card information and to create and save lists.



- Once you find an item you want, send a text* to yourself with details, including the title and call number. **Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- E-mail or print lists you create, plus text* individual titles from your lists. **Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- Search available articles as well as Library materials when you do any search. Just click the “Article Finder” tab to see results.
- If you misspell a word or author's name, the catalog may now bring up results with the correct spelling and ask “Did you mean...” so you can confirm you are getting the results you want.

What key features are staying?

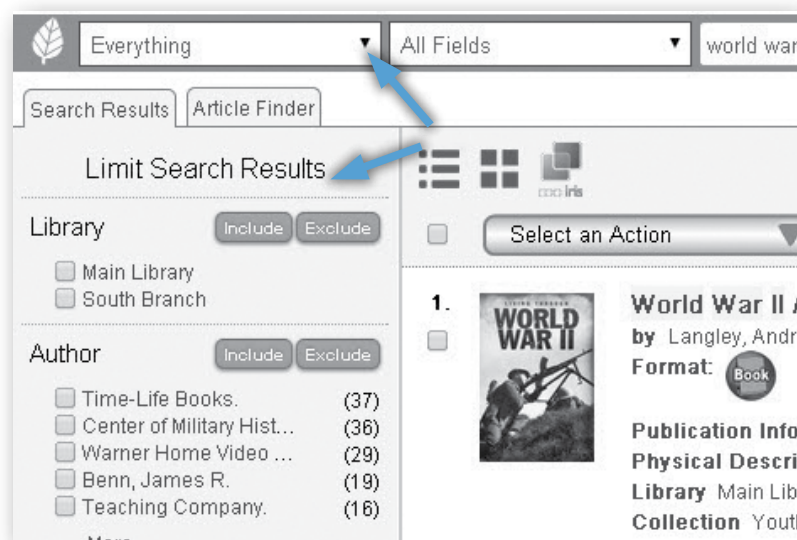
- Kids still have a catalog just for them that features materials available in the Youth collection.
- ✓ You may limit both before and after your search to find the items most relevant to you. Limit by location, new materials, format, or other useful categories.



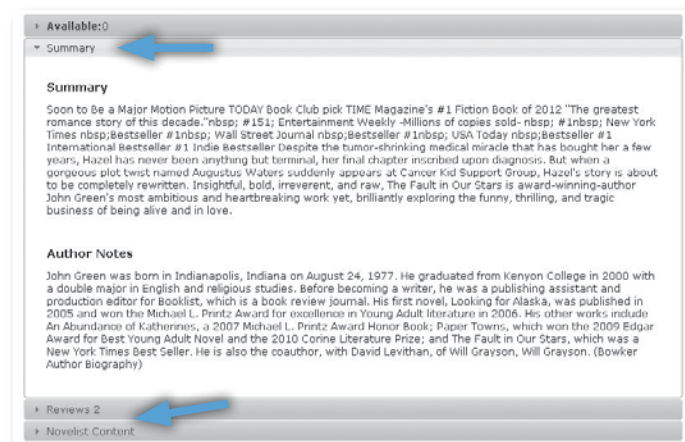
- Place a hold for an item directly from the catalog, as usual.

What's interesting?

- Choose how you view your results—a traditional list, a thumbnail view of cover art and details, or the Cool Iris format, which allows you to scroll through the cover art of items to find the version you want.
- ✓ Save books you find in the catalog directly to your Goodreads account.



- ✓ Click the title for additional details on many items, including summaries, reviews, and content from *NoveList*, which has read-alikes, ratings, Lexile reading levels, and other information.



What do patrons have to do?

Nothing—except to try the new catalog in the Library or online. Ask staff if you have questions. We hope you will enjoy the upgraded experience!

www.mppl.org/catalog

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Past Founders' Award Recipients

Awarded for Exceptional Support to the Mount Prospect Public Library

Founders' Awards 1990-1999

1990 – Robert D. Teichert
 1990 – John W. A. Parsons
 1991 – Irma Schlemmer
 1993 – 1943 Library Board – Meta Bittner
 1993 – 1943 Library Board – Ruth Carlson
 1993 – 1943 Library Board – Edmund Clevon
 1993 – 1943 Library Board – Mildred Gallagher
 1993 – 1943 Library Board – Martin Green
 1993 – 1943 Library Board – Dorothy Kester
 1996 – Thomas Dunn
 1996 – William Blaine
 1998 – Stella L. Jones
 1999 – Samuel A. Hess
 1999 – Martha Hopkins Lesak

Founders' Award Recipients 2010

Lu Leschyk
 Dorothy H. Perz
 Dr. George F. Luteri
 Laura L. Luteri
 Sham L. Gupta
 Janis O'Keefe
 Adeline Kruse

Founders' Award Recipient 2011

Harold E. Weary



Founders' Award winner Stella Jones was famous for using a red wagon to collect donated books from the people of Mount Prospect.

Guiding Hand Founders' Award Recognizes Librarian's Impact On Collection



Librarians are generally a modest group. They let their work, and their libraries, speak for them. In fact, it's often difficult to get a librarian to stand for a round of applause. Still, a librarian who has dedicated her life to making a library an exemplary resource in the community should be celebrated. This summer, Mount Prospect Public Library recognized the contributions of former Librarian Sharon Grieger, who has earned a Founders' Award.

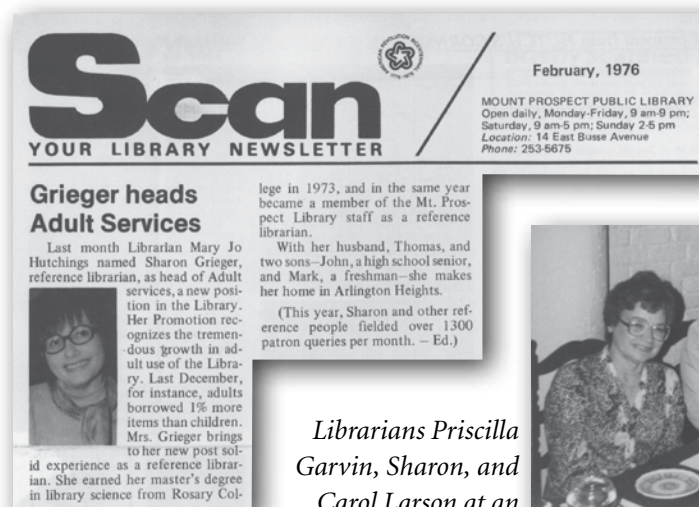
If you've ever been amazed at MPPL's collection, it's because Sharon helped formulate the philosophy that guided all material purchases. The Library Board of Trustees, in their proclamation on Sharon's award, noted that the community "would not have this wonderful resource of which we are so proud had it not been for her many, many years of love and devotion to the collection."

Sharon graduated in 1973 with a Master's in Library Science from Rosary College (now Dominican University). She held many positions at MPPL, including reference librarian, head of adult services, assistant director, and collection development librarian. It was in this last role that Sharon truly put her expertise to great use.

"Sharon's knowledge, skills, and dedication made the Library's collections what they are today—a collection of depth and balance appreciated and used by the community," said Larry D'Urso, current head of Fiction/AV/Teen and one of Sharon's former supervisors.

Executive Director Marilyn Genther remembers that she and Sharon wrote the first collection development policy in 1989 with the intention that it would be a "living document" and change with the

MPPL newsletter from February 1976 announcing Sharon's promotion to be the very first head of Adult Services.



Librarians Priscilla Garvin, Sharon, and Carol Larson at an April 1983 celebration.



Founders' Award recipient Librarian Sharon Grieger

times to adapt to new collections and formats. This flexibility—backed with a solid collection philosophy and deep knowledge of the community—has guided MPPL as books have branched out from paper to tape to CD to digital.

Although she retired in 1999, Sharon has continued to assist at the Library, making her encyclopedic knowledge available to a broad range of Library staff. Mentoring and training have always been important to Sharon. MPPL has continued her example in

collection development and readers' advisory.

The Founders' Award honors individuals who exemplify the dedication and hard work of Mount

Prospect Woman's Club members who worked to start the Library. The Woman's Club went door to door for book donations and raised money through card parties in their homes. Some of the volunteers pulled red wagons to gather the books, and a red wagon has come to symbolize the award. Volunteers staffed the tiny Library, which began in 1930. Their efforts led to a tax-supported Library in 1943.

Sharon took the concept of that red wagon to a very high level, tapping not only into the community and into the skills of her coworkers but also working closely with publishers and networking with other librarians to find out about trends and practices.

"Sharon is a true example of the 'unsung' librarian whose professional work created the success of a Library's collection," said former Library board trustee Laura Luteri. The MPPL

you visit today is a vibrant, relevant, and welcoming place because of Sharon.



Dedication to STEM Earns Trustee, Librarian Award

Engineering Group Cites Science Kits and Programs



Mount Prospect Public Library Trustee John Zulaski and Head of Youth Services Mary Smith were recently honored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-USA (IEEE-USA) with a K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Literacy Committee Educator-Engineer Partnership Award. They were recognized for their role in creating STEM science-teaching kits used at MPPL as well as public libraries in nine states.

IEEE-USA promotes the careers and public policy interests of more than 200,000 engineers, scientists, and allied professionals who are U.S. members of IEEE. Zulaski was an engineer before retirement.

Supporting STEM programming and materials is one of the key activities the Library has outlined in its current strategic plan. But helping to foster the next generation of scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and other professionals has always been important for MPPL.

“Offering kids a variety of hands-on experiences will not only strengthen skills and knowledge but will also build enthusiasm and interest in the subject areas,” said Smith.

The Snap Circuit Rover kit.

With help from the IEEE, the science kits that earned Zulaski and Smith the award were developed a few years ago, in conjunction with the popular Mad Scientists Club for grade-school children. After the MPPL kits were developed as a prototype, libraries in other states started to use them.

The “science-to-go” kits contain directions and supplies to conduct simple experiments. The Snap Circuit Rover kit allows kids to build a working, remote-controlled rover using Snap Circuits.



MPPL Trustee John Zulaski



Head of Youth Services Mary Smith

The Weather Station kit includes a thermometer, barometer, and hygrometer to help measure rain, wind, heat, humidity, and wind speed. With the Weighing Dinosaurs kit, students put ancient math rules into practice to find out how much dinosaurs weighed using Archimedes’ Principle. After seeing science in action during a Mad Scientist program, kids can take some of the kits home with them or use them in the classroom.

Other STEM programming for kids include digital and stop-motion animation in Click & Create, Mad Scientists Club Junior for children in 1st and 2nd grades, and Science Storytime for the preschool set. Science Storytime introduces science concepts through stories and hands-on activities. During a recent program, presenters read three stories about wind, did a falling leaves flannelboard, and played with scarves and leaves to music. The second part of the program offered three science stations—building houses out of straws or blocks and trying to blow them down, racing cars with sails by blowing through a straw, and making wind spinners to take home.

Egg Drop, Souped Up

An experiment conducted by the Library’s Mad Scientist Club in June was another way we have brought science and engineering principles to kids in a fun way. The challenge was to build a container that would protect a raw egg from breaking when dropped from over 30 feet. Forces acting on the egg include gravity, inertia (which causes the egg to want to keep moving even after its container has stopped), and the resistance that the container puts on the egg as it tries to move downward.

So how do you build something that will take all these forces into consideration and deliver your egg safely to the ground? You could fashion a propeller out of straws, make a parachute, or create another way to slow it down when it falls. Or, make an outer container with something to protect the egg on the inside, such as straws, foam, or paper. Another idea is to suspend the egg inside so that the outer container takes the impact instead of the egg. You cannot change the egg in any form, and success is being able to remove the egg—intact—after it is dropped.

For the June experiment, the 30-foot drop was provided courtesy of the Village of Mount Prospect Public Works Department. Young scientists were thrilled to open their containers and discover if their eggs survived. The experiment was conducted under the watchful eyes of Library staff and our resident eggs-pert, Trustee John Zulaski.



New Foundation Member Brings Management Experience to the Board

The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF) is pleased to announce that Dan Konieczka has recently joined its board. A resident of Mount Prospect for over 20 years, Dan brings a wealth of experience to the organization. Recently retired after a career at DeVry Education Group as a Project Manager in the Real Estate and Planning Department, Dan was looking to contribute his time to the Library in a meaningful way.



"We have been frequent users of Mount Prospect Public Library since moving here and were impressed by the expansion of the Library a number of years ago and the increased services and activities. Since

the MPPLF supports a number of those services and activities, I look forward to continuing its efforts in the future."

Konieczka's background will greatly benefit the Foundation as the plans are underway for a signature fundraising event coming in March 2015. "I plan to use my Project Management skills in the planning and organization of MPPLF's Mini Golf event. This event will take place inside the Library, and it should be a lot of fun for everyone."

The MPPLF welcomes you, Dan!



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Summer Roundup: Toy Story and Teen Crafts

Summer days are never lazy at the Library. We welcomed patrons of all ages who participated in the Summer Reading program and other activities.

The Mendez Family went to infinity and beyond during our Interactive Movie Night featuring Toy Story.



Teens dropped in to put their imaginations to use making handcrafted journals, upcycling T-shirts, sewing, scrapbooking, toy hacking, and creating brush bots (robots made out of toothbrushes and small batteries!) Follow teen activities on Instagram @MPPLTeen.



Honoring a Friend

This memorial near our entrance recognizes the contributions of the late Dr. George F. Luteri, who served the Friends of the Library for many years. The plaque recently joined the gingko tree, junipers, and dusty miller annuals that honor George. For more than two decades, George's leadership, including his time as the President of the Friends, resulted in thousands of dollars in donations going to sponsor countless Library programs, services, and improvements. George was instrumental in organizing the group's popular four annual book sales. The tree was purchased with money donated to the Luteri Memorial Fund.

