

## TumbleBooks—Young Readers Flip for Digital Learning

When it comes to reading, more and more kids are tumbling at Mount Prospect Public Library (MPPL). But don't be alarmed. They're merely falling head over heels for a wildly popular collection of animated, talking picture books known as TumbleBooks.

Easily accessed online at [mppl.org/kids](http://mppl.org/kids), the TumbleBook Library provides beginning readers, primarily kindergarten through 2nd grade, with hundreds of children's book titles complete with animation, sound, music, narration, and fun, interactive learning tools. Since the collection was first introduced online in 2011, the TumbleBooks site has recorded close to 53,000 full book views by MPPL patrons with more than 17,000 in the first half of 2013 alone.

MPPL Youth Technology Librarian Laura Bos credits the success of the TumbleBook Library to one simple concept—balance.

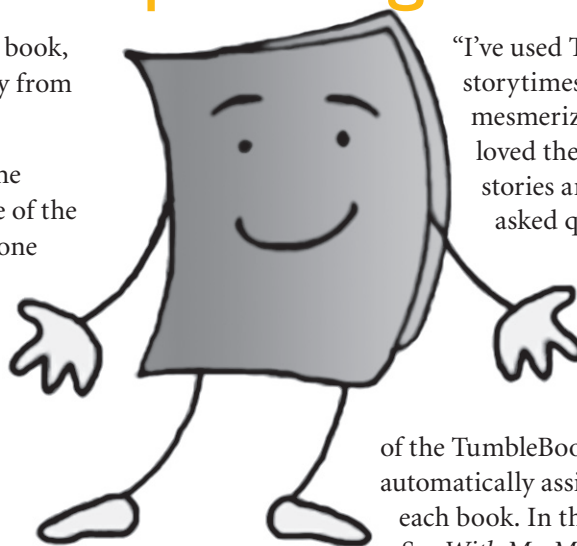
"TumbleBooks does a great job at balancing literacy and technology tools for readers of all ages," Bos explains. "The site is easy and fun to navigate, which reinforces and teaches technology skills without overwhelming children. At the same time, TumbleBooks provides valuable and effective tools for teaching reading and literacy skills."

The TumbleBook Library features animated books in three languages: English, Spanish, and French. The collection includes favorites such as the *Biscuit* books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, *Little Pea* and *Little Oink* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, and *Miss Malarkey Won't Be In Today* by Judy Finchler, each brought to life in an educational and interactive way. A collection of

puzzles and games accompany each book, reinforcing concepts and vocabulary from the story.

Bos demonstrates what she deems the effectiveness and customized nature of the TumbleBook Library by pulling up one of her favorite children's books, *Down to the Sea With Mr. McGee* by Chris Van Dusen.

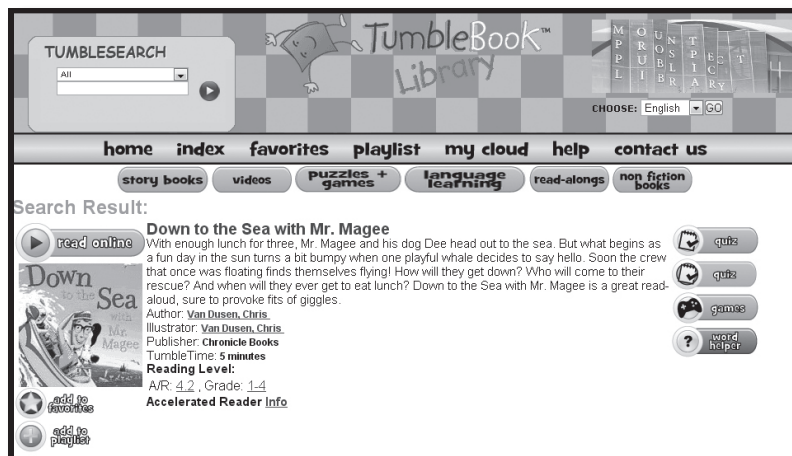
The book title and cover appear on-screen along with a brief synopsis. Next, links to learn more about the author and illustrator are



"I've used TumbleBooks in storytimes, and the kids were mesmerized," Bos says. "The kids loved the animation. When the stories are done playing, I've asked questions about the books, and the children were able to tell me what they had heard."

Another important feature of the TumbleBook Library is that it automatically assigns a Reading Level to each book. In the case of *Down to the Sea With Mr. McGee*, the Reading Level is Accelerated Reader (A/R) 4.2, Grade 1-4. Bos explains that an A/R level is a tool that some of Mount Prospect schools use when selecting reading materials appropriate for children. She adds that parents often come to the Library in search of reading materials that support the school's recommendations. TumbleBooks is an easy and time-saving solution for parents to select books that match their child's A/R level so that reading is challenging but not overwhelming.

"This really is such a great program for families to sit down together, talk about, and share," Bos says.



provided. Then comes TumbleTime, the amount of time it will take for the book to play in automatic mode during which pages turn by themselves and are narrated. Users can also opt for manual mode, meaning the narration and animation continue but children turn the pages at their own speed. The sound on/off button allows students to mute narration and read to themselves.

TumbleBooks can be accessed at the Library or from home 24/7 by visiting the Kids page of the website. Users do not need to enter a Library card number. Simply click on TumbleBooks and let the fun and learning begin.

## Once Each Year, Your Library Card Is Worth Twice as Much

Whether we call them patrons or customers, both the Library and local businesses are here to serve the people of our community. Each September, the two partner up to double the value of your Library card.

The annual **Show Your Card** promotion takes place during National Library Card month. **Show Your Card** offers discounts or small gifts to people who present their Library cards to participating businesses or organizations anytime from September 1-30. This is in addition to the great deal that your Library card gives you every day of the year.

The Library promotes the program and the participating businesses to our patrons through a brochure listing all the deals available. Businesses also get a poster to display, and the Library displays

logos on our website. Since there is no cost to participate in the program, it's really a win-win for everyone—especially patrons!

Many businesses and organizations have participated since the program began in 2008 and can speak to the value of the program.

"Thanks again for including us in the 2012 Show Your Card promotion," wrote Steve Nakon of Northwest Yoga. "We had six new students take advantage of the promotion. Looking forward to next year!"



**SPECIAL PULLOUT SECTION**  
Save for Future Reference



Central Continental Bakery is just one Mount Prospect business that has participated in Show Your Card for multiple years. How sweet!

Watch for **Show Your Card** brochures in the Library and for posters in local businesses beginning September 1.



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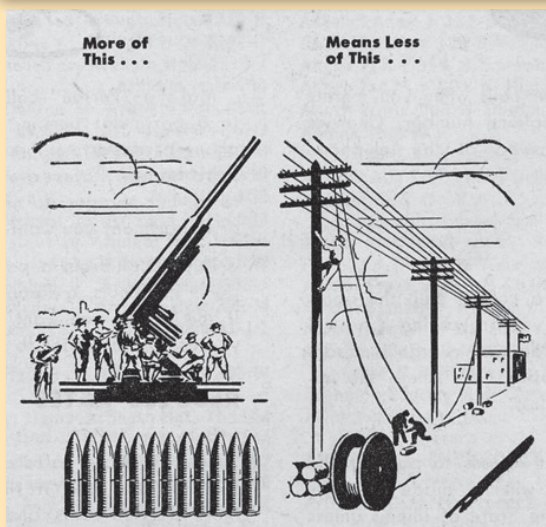
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A 1943 Mount Prospect-area phone book featured ads from businesses with familiar local names, as well as old telephone exchange names. This particular year also explained the limits that World War II, and the need for copper and other metals, placed on phone service. Customers may have had to share or even go without a phone “to provide telephone service for persons designated by War Production Board order.”

To view more photos and other documents from Mount Prospect’s past, visit *Illinois Digital Archives* under the **Research** tab of our website.

#### WAR LIMITS TELEPHONE SERVICE



## HOW TO: Discover Your Family Tree



Genealogy volunteer Jan O'Keefe

If television shows like *Who Do You Think You Are?* have piqued your curiosity but you're confused about where to begin your own ancestral search, look no further than Mount Prospect Public Library and its team of experts. Anne Shaughnessy, Genealogical/Local History Librarian and several of the volunteers who staff the Harold Weary Genealogy Room, provided the following tips—the ABCs, if you will—of how to begin researching your family tree.

### Ancestry Chart

Like any good story, the best genealogical search starts at the very beginning and that means with you!

“We always advise people to start with yourself and work backwards,” says Jan O'Keefe, a seasoned genealogy researcher and volunteer at MPPL.

Pick up a free ancestry form and lineage chart in the Harold Weary Genealogy Room. Write in your name and other pertinent information. It's official; your family search is underway!

### Births, deaths, marriages

A trifecta of life events for genealogical researchers, these three occasions provide a documented framework for telling your family's story. Tracking down records may take time and some old-fashioned detective work, but the payoff can be a bounty of valuable information regarding an individual's age, parents, and places they lived. Eventually, this

information becomes the key for opening up other important events, such as immigration and military service.

“I advise people to work on one person at a time,” Shaughnessy says. “It is easy to bite off too much and feel overwhelmed. But if you keep focused and research one individual completely, an interesting biography begins to unfold.”

### Computer

Online resources and technology, such as *Ancestry Library Edition* and *Heritage Quest*, have revolutionized genealogy research. Available for free at the Library, these online resources feature a collection of databases offering a time-saving, one-stop approach for research. Armed with even the most basic of information about a relative, a wealth of additional details may just be a few computer clicks away. Online records include passenger manifests and ship records, voter lists, military service documents, and U.S. Census reports as far back as 1790.

“Really what you are doing with genealogy is being a detective or a mystery solver,” says Nancy Reese, an experienced genealogist who volunteers in the Harold Weary Genealogy Room. “You have to have a lot of curiosity, ask a lot of questions, and then dig in and begin looking for the answers.”

To learn more about researching your family tree, call the Library and ask for the Reference Desk.



Genealogy volunteer Nancy Reese with Genealogical/Local History Librarian Anne Shaughnessy.



## Remembering George

A ginkgo tree, junipers, and dusty miller annuals outside the entrance of the Library now honor the late George Luteri, who served as President of the Friends of the Library. For more than two decades, George's leadership resulted in thousands of dollars being raised through the group's four annual book sales, allowing the Friends to sponsor countless Library programs, services, and improvements. The tree was purchased with funds collected for the George Luteri Memorial Fund.



## Premium Online Resources Don't Pay More for What You Already Have!

You know the Library is a good deal—books in many formats, DVDs, programs, resources for early readers, and public computers are just some of the many benefits that can save you money.

To discover even more money saving ideas, we encourage you to look at some of our online resources and databases. Many contain premium services that you might be paying for on your own. Here are a few examples of resources that you have available with your Library card:

### Learning a New Language



**Our Resource:** Mango Languages can help you learn Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian, and more.

**Comparable Resource:** Rosetta Stone

**What You Save:** Rosetta Stone's Spanish language with TOTALE is \$299; digital download version is \$499.

**Pro Tip:** Supplement your learning with a movie from our foreign language DVD collection.

### Technology Training



**Our Resource:** Learning Express Library features tutorials for Adobe, Microsoft, and Windows products.

**Comparable Resource:** Lynda.com

**What You Save:** \$250 per year

**Pro Tip:** If you prefer classroom-style learning, sign up for a computer training session at the Library.

### General Knowledge



**Our Resource:** World Book Online

**Comparable Resource:** A subscription to World Book Online at home.

**What You Save:** Using it at the Library saves \$45 per year.

**Pro Tip:** As your need for information gets more specialized, rely on the Library to find a database that addresses your topic.



### Consumer Information



**Our Resource:** Chicago Consumer Checkbook. Locate articles and ratings on local services, such as plumbers, heating and air conditioning contractors, auto repair shops, dentists, doctors, and more.

**Comparable Resource:** Angie's List

**What You Save:** Angie's List starts at \$14 per month, although there are discounts for signing up for multiple years.

**Pro Tip:** You also get access to Consumer Checkbook's magazine and newsletter.

### Genealogy



**Our Resource:** Ancestry Library Edition

**Comparable Resource:** Ancestry.com

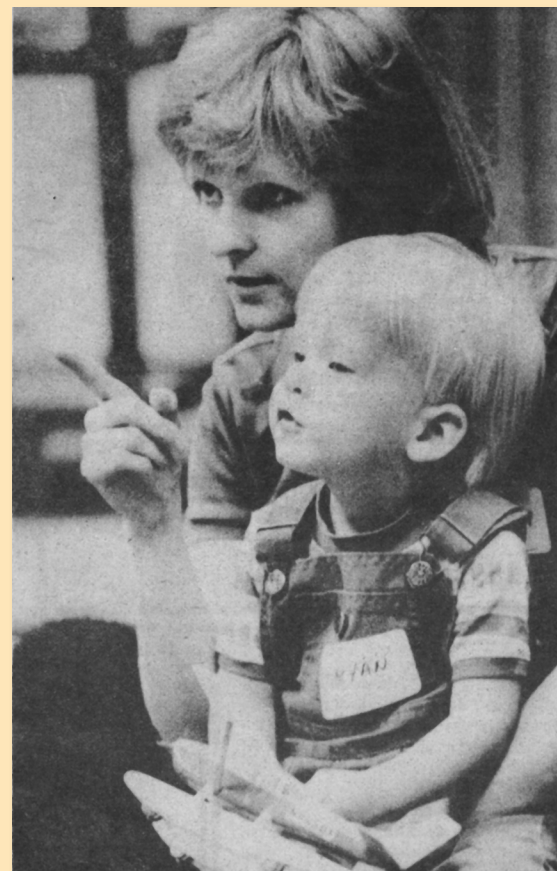
**What You Save:** \$200

**Pro Tip:** The Library Edition contains fewer databases than the version you purchase at home. However, the Library Edition is a great place to start exploring your family history. And your Library is also staffed with experts who can help you dig into those documents and databases.

In fact, our staff might be the most premium resource we have. They're trained not only to find information but help you get what you need out of what you find. If you would like to schedule in-depth time with one of our professionals, call Research Services at 847/590-4050 to make an appointment. You can also visit our website and e-mail your question.



## Memories



Do you have a memory of the Library you want to share with us? Belinda Mateja, a resident of Mount Prospect, does.

Mateja heard our call for memories as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary and shared this photo of herself and her then 2-year-old son Ryan. The photo was taken in 1985 at a storytime and appeared in the *Mount Prospect Journal*.

"We came to the Library all the time," Belinda recalls. "Ryan and his older sister Heidi played with the toys, and we'd check out books and movies. Their favorite book was *Curious George*, and they loved the *Winnie the Pooh* movies."

Mateja credits the Library with helping to nurture a love of reading and learning for her family. Even though it's been decades now since she's attended a storytime, she is still a regular user of the Library. As for Ryan, he just turned 30 and recently earned his PhD in Biophysics and Physiology—the next chapter for an MPPL storytime graduate!

We would love to hear your memories, too. Your "good old days" may be the 1950s, the 1980s, or last year. Contribute your story about Mount Prospect or the Library and help tell the story of our village. Submit your memories to [cmorency@mppl.org](mailto:cmorency@mppl.org) or post them on our Facebook page. Entries will be drawn at random for prizes.



## We Had Books...and We Travelled!

(And Helped Our Neighbors Along the Way)

It was anything but a lazy summer at the Library. Patrons kept us busy as they motored in to participate in Summer Reading programs, fueled their imaginations with crafts, and even made a trip over to see a car made of balloons! Many visitors also donated food to the Mount Prospect Pantry. We hope that you enjoyed wherever you journeyed to this summer and that you will trek back in to see us again soon.



*Emily Gordon was the winner of the Teen Summer Reading prize – an Ultimate Road Trip Survival Kit!*



*Dozens of teens dropped into the Library for crafts. Duct tape purses and wallets, recycled T-shirts, paper crafts, and hand-sewn dolls were just some of the creations.*



*Chicago balloon artist Smarty Pants and his team built a giant balloon car at the Library using more than 2,000 balloons (far left). Aiden Fergus and Conner Krebs got the chance to “drive” this special ride (left).*

*Many patrons completed bonus rounds as part of the Adult Summer Reading program, making them eligible for a “Culinary Trip to Italy” via a posh gift basket. (below)*



*Patrons were part of a community-wide effort to assist neighbors in need by dropping off a donation of nonperishable food items at the Library.*

