

## Ready-Set-Study!

Mount Prospect Public Library patrons have been asking for more space to study, meet, or work. Now, with second-floor renovations complete, there are more rooms and more options for individuals and groups.

Seven study/meeting rooms are now open on the east side of the building. Along with two existing rooms that accommodate small groups, two more of the same size have been constructed in the former periodicals area. That area, now the East Reading Room, has seating for quiet individual study.

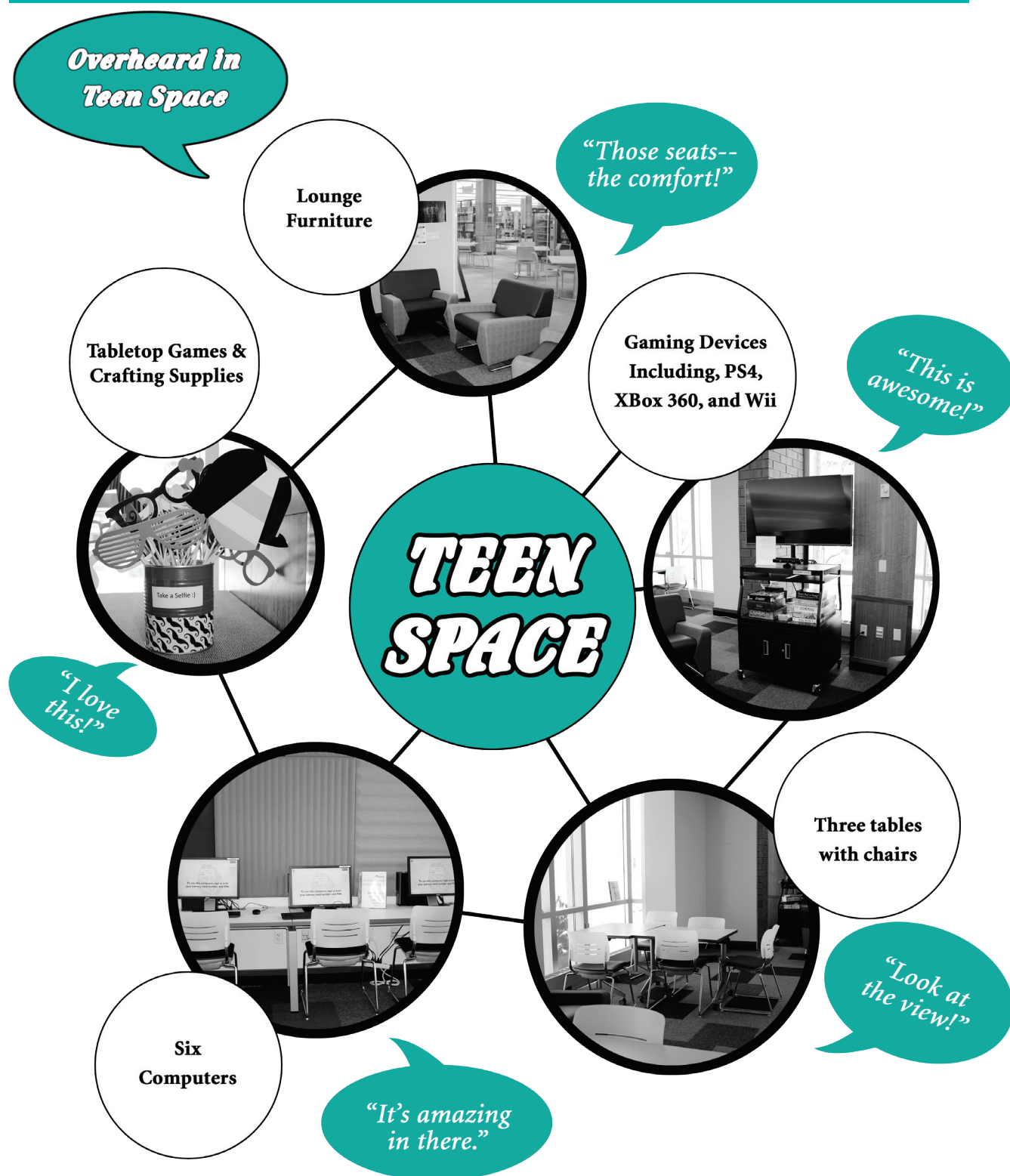
In addition, a few one- to three-person study rooms have been built where the circulating art collection was located previously. Circulating art can now be found in the Fiction area.

Two rooms are now available on the west side of the second floor next to the Teen Space. One room features a large table and a screen to allow groups to access the Internet. The other room is great for small groups. Both rooms are adjacent to a new café vending area.

To reserve any of these rooms, stop at the Reference Desk on the Second Floor or call 847/253-5675. For information about meeting rooms, visit [mppl.org/services/meeting-rooms](http://mppl.org/services/meeting-rooms).



*These upgrades come after listening to patrons and observing how they use the Second Floor. The work on the Second Floor is part of the Library's Strategic Plan and was paid for with money the Library Board set aside in the Capital Improvement fund.*



## Borrow a New Look for Your Home or Office

Our circulating art collection is a great way to give one or more of your rooms a temporary new look. Featuring the work of many local artists, art can be checked out for special occasions, to customize a guest room, or to help you make redecorating decisions.

To browse the collection in the catalog, visit [catalog.mppl.org](http://catalog.mppl.org) or click the catalog link in the blue bar. On the far right side of the search bar you will find "Advanced Search." Clicking that brings you to a page where you can choose "Format type." Choose "painting," "photo," or "print." Then click the blue "Advanced Search" button on the lower right side of the page. You will get a listing of items along with detailed information and a thumbnail of the piece.

Patrons can borrow up to four framed pieces and keep them for 60 days.

The collection is located in the Fiction area. If you have questions or would like a specific art piece, ask staff for help.



**SPECIAL PULLOUT SECTION**  
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What part of the economy has the biggest potential for growth?

I have a great business opportunity. How can I find out more about the company?

Where can I research the industries that might hire someone with my skills?

Small businesses, investors, and job hunters often need complex and complete information about single companies or whole sectors of the economy. MPPL has several online resources that can help you make business or career decisions.

**Morningstar Investment Research Center offers information on:**

- New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and NASDAQ stocks
- Thousands of mutual funds, including their Morningstar ratings
- Investment indexes, types, sectors, and styles

There's even a retirement cost calculator, so you can figure out how much investing you have to do in the coming years.

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**Value Line investment research service gives you:**

- Access to *Value Line's* leading publications covering stocks, mutual funds, options, and more
- Graphic indicators to bring trends and comparisons to life so you can easily assess investment opportunities
- Performance-tested ranks and ratings to help you make confident decisions

For more information about business reference tools, call 847/253-5675 or ask at Research Services.



## Patrons Say, "More Bilingual Storytimes, Por Favor," and "Dziękuję!" for the Chance to Learn and Interact

Mount Prospect librarians are using storytimes to help families who have recently arrived in this country connect to their new home and neighbors. Bilingual storytimes at both the Main Library and the South Branch, feature not just books but music, movement, and crafts, sparking associations between languages as well as bonds among families.

"Our world is multilingual and multicultural," said South Branch Manager Maria Garstecki, who leads many bilingual storytimes. "We can show how important it is to speak a few languages and to respect other cultures and people."

### La Hora de Cuentos

South Branch, located at the Community Connections Center at 1711 West Algonquin Road, was established in 2009 and expanded in 2012.

The Branch features a full range of Library services, including programs for kids, families, teens, and adults, and a collection of audiovisual materials and books in English, Spanish, Korean, Gujarati, Polish, and Hindi. The Village of Mount Prospect and other community partners at the Center help residents with a range of social, health, economic, and other services.

The South Branch previously hosted separate storytimes for English, Spanish, and Polish speakers. To better serve families, however, the content of each South Branch storytime is now tailored to the day's audience.

"Before we know who is coming to the storytime, we make sure we are ready to present stories in different languages," said Garstecki. "We also adjust our reading to their reading level, starting with easy words and pictures. We have a bilingual rug which includes numbers, letters, and colors."

Garstecki explained that typical storytime features, such as flannelboards, songs, and crafts, get more mileage in bilingual programs, as they can aid with language comprehension for multiple age groups. "Even if children can't speak another language, they still enjoy the company of other kids and participate in the dancing, clapping, and showing part of the programs," she said.

South Branch staff worked with Community Connections Center staff to develop the more specialized **Play and Learn** program for parents and their 3- to 5-year-old children. This program features arts, crafts, exercise, stories, and music and has been presented to children who speak English, Spanish, Polish, Tamil, and Hindi.

While parents and children are listening to a story or doing a fingerplay, staff can make suggestions for other services at the Center. They stress the importance of teaching kids at home by reading and counting with them. It's also helpful for parents to meet and learn from each other.

### Polskie Bajki

At the Main Library, Polish speakers can also attend storytimes in their language. The first Polish program was presented in 2003 with more than 80 patrons attending. Last year six more programs were added to accommodate demand. An average of 45 patrons attend each program.

"I still see the need for more programs in Polish, and warm appreciation coming from our patrons who use the Library on a regular basis," Garstecki said.

"During programs, kids can not only listen, sing, or talk in Polish, but they have a chance to meet new friends and learn about their parent's country."

Garstecki often looks for stories that highlight famous Polish people. During a storytime focused on astronomer Nicolas Copernicus, kids portrayed objects in outer space to demonstrate his great discovery -- that the earth revolves around the sun.

Every program includes a craft that relates to Poland. Kids make a Polish flag, a bookmark with a folk theme, or ornaments during the holidays.

Parents, Garstecki says, have fun too, especially when they get to sing songs they remember from their youth.

"Interaction is always a great way to spend family quality time at the Library," she says.



## Partnership Brings Expertise to Local Businesses

### MOUNT PROSPECT ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE



What launched in 2012 as the Entrepreneurs' Café, a joint effort to help new and established businesses that included the Village of Mount Prospect, the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, and the Library, has now grown and expanded into the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative. This re-named resource features mentors and support from the Chamber and Downtown Merchants group, business reference services from the Library, an e-newsletter and Web site from the Village, and more.

"We are trying to connect the community from many different perspectives," said Joe Collier, business reference librarian. "The Chamber, Village, and Library representatives work as a team to come up with ideas for programming."

One of those ideas is the *Spotlight on Success* Film series, featuring movies with an entrepreneurial focus to share the stories of successful business leaders and inspire new ones. Another is the *Jump Start Your Business* series of programs focusing on areas that can be challenging for business owners, such as health care or human resources.

Those with more specific questions can ask them during one-on-one appointments at the Library. Collier explains that, during these meetings, he can show potential entrepreneurs how to use a database or online resource to find customers, how to research business plans, or how to acquire more computer savvy with regard to today's online business presence.

The partners involved in the Entrepreneurs Initiative are committed to helping local businesses start and experience success.

"If we can't specifically meet a need ourselves, we will find someone who can," said Collier.

### Follow the Yellow Signs to the Best Parking Spots

There is always plenty of parking at the bottom of the Village/Library parking deck. There, your car stays out of the sun, rain, and cold, and a convenient elevator brings you right into the Library lobby.

The entrance to the parking deck is located at the southernmost (nearest to Busse Avenue) driveway. You will see the ENTER sign on Emerson Street.

Parking for Village business is immediately inside the deck. To get to the Library, make an immediate right and then a quick left turn, and then you are on the downward sloping ramp that will lead you to Library parking.

Follow the yellow signs down the ramp. Look for the multilingual welcome messages on the glass doors to the elevator and stairway to the lobby.

Handicap parking spaces are located directly north of the lower lobby doors. Remember, when you are on the deck ramps, please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians. And, if you are walking on the ramps, please watch for cars around you.



### Trustee Brian Gilligan Earns Professional Certifications



MPPL Trustee Brian Gilligan recently earned three professional certifications. Gilligan, who is the chair of the Department of Business Technologies at Morton College, is now a Certified Management Accountant as well as a Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) certified professional and a Professional in Human Resources.

A Certified Management Accountant has to have at least two years of management accounting experience and successfully complete an exam. SHRM recognizes the need for leadership in human resources teams. The Professional in Human Resources certification demonstrates mastery of the technical and operational aspects of human resources practices as well as laws and regulations.

Along with his position at Morton and as a Library Trustee, Gilligan is a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

### Zinio: More Device-friendly, Same Great Selection



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### See How Residents Have Shared Their Lives With the Library

We strive to connect the residents of Mount Prospect to information, resources, and opportunities. And we are pleased when residents share what they have achieved with us. We recently received two very different donations that reflect the lives of two residents, and we will be sharing their stories with you. Future editions of *Preview/Your Guide* will include your chance to meet Andrea Lenberg, who donated "Cherished One," a sculpture she created, and Frank Splitt, an engineer and education reformer, whose recently published writings on education and technology are available at the Library.





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## Foundation is Branching Out, Again!

What do chocolate gift baskets, mini golf, dine-and-share, and movie popcorn have in common? They're a small sampling of the unique fundraisers the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF) hosts to help raise money for the Library. For nearly 20 years the MPPLF has provided funding for a wide array of programs and projects, and helped to create and manage an endowment for the Library's future generations.

The MPPLF is seeking energetic, outgoing, and creative individuals to help develop and run activities with our Fundraising Committee. This can be done by becoming a volunteer or a Board Member for the Foundation. Joining the MPPLF is a great way to connect with our community, the Library, and to businesses and organizations within Mount Prospect.

In addition to fundraisers, the MPPLF raises money through corporate, family, and individual financial gifts and in-kind donations. Operating since 1997, the primary purpose of the MPPLF is to support the mission and roles of the Library by providing funding for special programs and projects otherwise unattainable with tax dollars.

Interested candidates can find more information about the MPPLF and request an Board Member application at [www.mppl.org/community/library-foundation](http://www.mppl.org/community/library-foundation).



**JOIN US FOR MINI GOLF ON MARCH 5**

"We are excited to bring the event back, especially since we received such positive feedback from players and our sponsors, plus there are so many new things to see at the Library." *Suzanne Busse, MPPLF President*

### Thanks for Playing Such an Important "Roll"

Volunteer Week is an annual celebration of the fantastic contributions hundreds of volunteers make to the Mount Prospect Public Library. To honor National Volunteer Week, held April 10-16, the Library would like to decree a special "Thank You" to all our dedicated volunteers who consistently give their time, energy, and talents.

Whether it's behind the scenes or out in the shelves; delivering a book to homebound patrons or checking in attendees for our programs; helping to set up our many book sales or working one of our fundraising raffles – to all, we thank you for making a difference by volunteering!

Our volunteers work onsite at the Main Library and South Branch, and also "offsite" throughout our community. If you have a love for your Library and would like to become part of our volunteer team, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 847/253-5675.



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