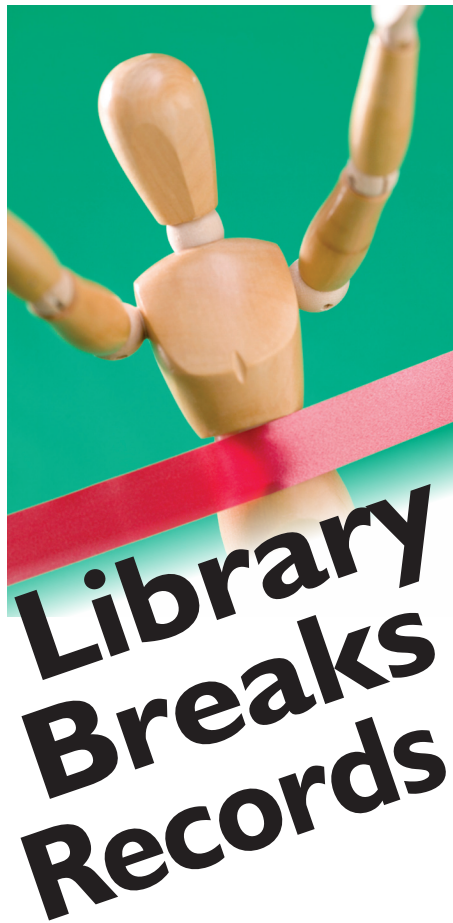




# explore the opportunities Preview

News and Information from Mount Prospect Public Library January/February 2009



The year 2008 may be remembered for many things—a historic presidential election, the Beijing Olympics, the economic downturn—but, here at the Library, we will remember it as the year we set new records. Possibly spurred on

by the economy, the people of Mount Prospect rediscovered the Library and all we have to offer. In 2008, we greeted almost half a million visitors, more than enough to fill all the seats in Soldier Field, U.S. Cellular Field, Wrigley Field, and the Prospect High School Stadium three times over.

Today the Library is a vibrant hub of activity where people come to explore their interests in a variety of ways. It is a gathering place and an entertainment

complex. It is not only a place to borrow books and DVDs but a place to attend workshops, computer training classes, and informative seminars. Monthly movies and performers draw crowds of all ages. Current events and book discussion groups provoke lively debates. Computers provide access to the Internet, online resources, and common applications like *Microsoft Word®*. Area schools and local organizations hold meetings at the Library. Study rooms are booked with students preparing group projects. Artwork displayed throughout the

building engages the senses and stirs the imagination.

The Library is busier than ever, and we have implemented several strategies to meet the increased demand for our services and materials. We continue to juggle staff schedules to provide greater coverage during high usage periods, and are constantly reviewing our purchasing strategies and negotiating techniques to maximize our buying power so we can ensure the availability of materials. We

have expanded beyond our brick walls to allow you to accomplish more from the comfort of your own home at a time that is most convenient to you. Through our Web site, you can reserve the latest best seller, renew materials, download books and DVDs, or get

answers to your most pressing reference questions with AskAway, our 24/7 Live Chat service. You can also use our Web site as a portal to information that is not available on the “free” Web. Our specially trained librarians have pulled together a great selection of the most

—see *Records* on page 7

## E-MAIL NOTICES @MPPL

We now have the ability to send you an e-mail message when material you have requested is available for pickup. This new e-mail service also allows us to send an electronic alert for upcoming due dates to help you avoid overdue fines, and will replace paper overdue notices. To sign up, go to the *My Account* area of our catalog ([catalog.mppl.org](http://catalog.mppl.org)), log in, and add your e-mail address to your profile. If you have any questions, please give us a call or stop by the Library.



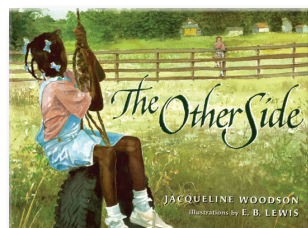
## Living Between Cultures Suburban Mosaic Books of the Year

Like many communities of the Northwest suburbs, Mount Prospect has been experiencing a growth in diversity—with people from many races and ethnic backgrounds moving into the area. This change in the makeup of our community was the catalyst for the Library, our civic leaders, and our schools to develop a program to address the challenging issues of racial and social inequities, down to the youngest members of our community. The result: the *Suburban Mosaic Books of the Year* program. Suburban Mosaic is an area-wide book discussion program in which individuals get together to discuss age-appropriate books with story lines that lend themselves to meaningful discussions about racism, religious bigotry, and ethnic hostilities.

This year's theme, *Living Between Cultures*, builds upon last year's theme of immigration. Each of the following

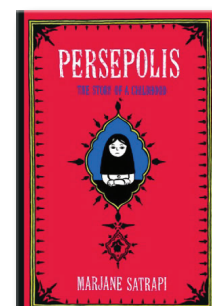
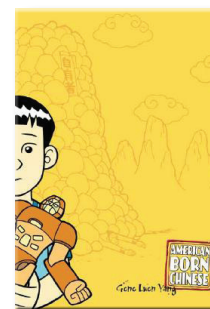
selections, in some way, focuses on the characters finding their identity by living between cultures. *Copies of the books are readily available at the Library.*

For kindergartners-2nd graders  
***The Other Side*** by Jacqueline Woodson



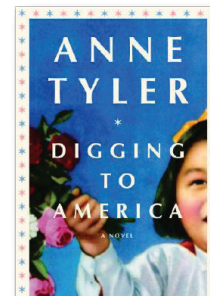
For 3rd-5th graders  
***The Year of the Dog*** by Grace Lin  
**Wednesday,  
March 11, 6 p.m.**  
*Trees & Seeds:  
Intergenerational  
Book Discussion*

For 6th-8th graders  
***American Born Chinese***  
by Gene Luen Yang



For 9th-12th graders  
***Persepolis***  
by Marjane Satrapi

For Adults  
***Digging to America***  
by Anne Tyler  
**Wednesday,  
January 7, 1 p.m.**  
*Food for Thought  
Book Discussion*



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**The Library will be closed:**

**Thursday, January 1**  
for New Year's Day



# Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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

## Organizing Your Paperwork, Painlessly

**Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Overwhelmed by the piles of papers lying around your house? Learn the painless approach to managing your important documents. Identify which papers to keep, which to shred, and how to set up a simple filing system. Michelle Prima, a certified professional organizer and home stager, shares her expertise for successful paper management. Make this year's tax filings quicker and easier by getting your paperwork under control now. (R)

## Your Retirement Dollars: When and How to Tap Tax-deferred Retirement Savings

**Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Putting money away in a tax-deferred retirement savings account was probably an easy decision. How and when you withdraw the money requires careful decision-making. If you have money sitting in a previous employer's 401(k) or you are retired and trying to decide when to begin taking withdrawals from your IRA, then this workshop is for you. Karen Chan, Consumer and Family Economics Educator for the University of Illinois Extension Center, will explain the ins and outs of the rules governing retirement savings. Learn how to avoid tax penalties, when you must start taking money out, what rules

apply if you inherit your spouse's IRA, and what happens to the money when you're gone. (R)

## Preschool/Child Care Information Night

**Tuesday, January 20, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

This annual open house gives parents the opportunity to meet face to face with representatives of Mount Prospect preschools and child care centers. The event will help attendees learn more about a variety of local early childhood programs and services available to families. No registration is necessary, so bring your friends! (NR)

## Are You Ready for Some Football—Hollywood Style?

**Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.**

The Super Bowl attracts millions of viewers and no one knows this better than Hollywood. Striving to capitalize on America's passion for football, Hollywood has used this sport as the theme for scores of movies, from *Horse Feathers*, starring the Marx Brothers, to the inspirational film *Rudy*. Join us as we explore the numerous ways Hollywood has treated football, from slapstick to sentimental. (R)

## Presenting New Works by MPPL's Writers Group

**Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m.**

Pull up a chair, enjoy some refreshments, and experience an



## Demographics

**Wednesday, January 21, 8:30 a.m.**

Local business owners and entrepreneurs will want to attend this first session led by Brian Simmons, the Village's Deputy Community Development Director, who will discuss the demographics of the Village using the latest statistics. This information is critical to effectively identify a customer base, target customers' needs, and develop better marketing plans. (R)

## Negotiating Leases

**Wednesday, February 18, 8:30 a.m.**

This second session in our series is designed to help local businesses evaluate their commercial leases. Attorney Mark J. Watychowicz will lead this discussion, which will focus on understanding the key elements of commercial leases and identifying the essential items that should be included in the lease agreement. (R)

This six-part monthly series, *Building Your Business in Mount Prospect*, is designed to help Mount Prospect businesses prosper. *Cosponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Library.*

## Building Your Business in MOUNT PROSPECT



evening of enlightening entertainment. Members of the Library's Writers Group will premiere their manuscripts at this celebration of unique voices. Listen to excerpts from pieces being produced by this talented group and

be inspired to put pen to paper to express your own thoughts. Learn how the process of sharing work, constructive feedback, and fresh eyes can help you develop as a writer. *The Writers Group, facilitated by local*

*author Lisa Rosenthal, is made possible by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

## Register now for the next session of the MPPL Writers Group.

See details on page 4.

## A Valentine's Date With Whole Foods Market

**Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.**

Join the culinary team from Whole Foods Market Palatine as we prepare an array of foods to tempt your taste buds just in time for Valentine's Day. Add a touch of romance to your dinner with tantalizing desserts, including raspberry chocolate mousse, frozen raspberry macadamia pie, and a very berry seasonal tart. Recipes and preparation tips will be provided. *There is a \$2 non-refundable fee due at registration. Please sign up at the Registration Desk.* (R)

## In Praise of Gospel Music

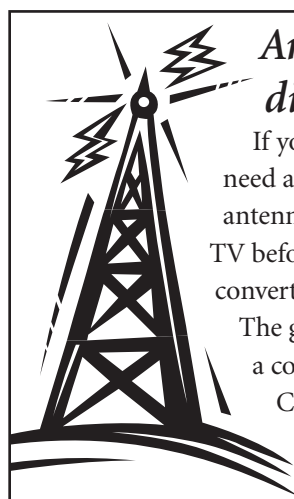
**Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a special concert with the many talented voices of the Second Baptist Church of Evanston's Gospel Choir. The choir will demonstrate the beauty and power of the African American experience through gospel music under the direction of Dr. Charles Clency. *This event is sponsored by the MPPL Foundation in recognition of Black History Month.* (R)

## Super-couponing = Super Savings

**Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.**

Join shopping experts Jill Cataldo and Amy Paulus to learn how to maximize your grocery savings and purchase hundreds of dollars worth of groceries for just pennies! It's easy, it's fun, and anyone can do it. Whether you regularly shop at Jewel, Dominick's, Walgreens, or Target, super-couponing will save you money. You'll learn which stores let you stack multiple coupons, what products you'll never have to pay for again, how to track sales and discounts online, and, best of all, how to get the store to pay you to shop. Jill and Amy's couponing techniques have captured the attention of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *WGN news*, *WLS news*, *The Loop radio*, and many other local media outlets. Now, they'll share their methods with you! (R)



## Are you ready for the transition to digital television on February 17?

If you do not have cable, satellite, or a digital TV, you will need a digital converter box. In other words, if you use an antenna to receive your television signal and you bought your TV before 2008, you will most likely need to purchase a digital converter box. Did you request your converter box coupons yet? The government is offering coupons worth \$40 off the price of a converter box. Each household is entitled to two coupons. Coupons are mailed 2-4 weeks after you apply for them and are valid for 90 days from date of issue. To apply for your coupons, go to [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov).

## How to Request a Digital TV Converter Box Coupon

**Monday, January 26, 7 or 7:30 p.m.**

*Need help applying for your coupons?* On January 26, Library staff will be available in the Computer Training Room to help you register online for digital TV converter box coupons. To be sure there is a computer available for your use, you must sign up for one of the time slots offered. *Space is limited to 10 people per half hour.* (R)



## Celebrate Lincoln's Legacy 1809-2009

As a young man, Abraham Lincoln "feared of achieving nothing that would make men remember him." Today, the 16th President tops the list of most influential—and most revered—Americans.

Lincoln is commemorated in music, poetry, and sculpture. His words are quoted by poets and politicians. His face appears on stamps, coins, and currency. Mountains, cities, highways, and schools bearing his name dot the land. Illinois is the "Land of Lincoln."

Abraham Lincoln defines the civic ideal of what it means to be an American. But what more is there to learn about our 16th president? What remains relevant about a president born nearly two centuries ago?

These questions and more will be answered on February 17 when we will host Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. Join in an

afternoon conversation with the Lincolns, or eavesdrop on one of their private evening moments to learn more about the thoughts and feelings of this great man.

### OUR FEATURED PERFORMERS

Max and Donna Daniels have an extensive background in community theatre and have been portraying Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln professionally since 1988. They are past Vice-Presidents of the National Association of Lincoln Presenters and were named by the Association as the first recipients of its award for "Best Abraham and Mary Lincoln Team" in 1994. They take great pride in bringing history to life for audiences of all ages.

Registration is required. To sign up, visit [www.mmpl.org/events](http://www.mmpl.org/events), call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

### An Afternoon With Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln

**Tuesday, February 17, 1:30 p.m.**

President Abraham Lincoln (Max Daniels) will spend the afternoon moderating a discussion of the compromises and challenges that confronted our young nation. The audience will be asked to confront the same issues that faced our founding fathers, follow the decisions that led us to civil war, and understand the sacrifices made to keep the nation together while putting an end to slavery. For her part, Mary Todd Lincoln (Donna Daniels) will discuss the woman's place during these tumultuous times, from the roles women had to assume to the rules of fashion they were expected to follow. By inviting audience participation, the Lincolns offer an afternoon that promises to be both enlightening and entertaining. (R)

### An Evening With Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln: A Play in One Act

**Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.**

Travel back in time to the hour before Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln departed for their tragic visit to Ford's Theatre. The Daniels portray the famous couple in this theatrical presentation during which the Lincolns reflect on the Civil War and discuss the future. At the end of the play, the audience will have the opportunity to question the Lincolns and discuss the complex issues they faced. (R)

## Senior Session

### How to Get the Most Out of Your Next Doctor's Visit

**Tuesday, January 20, 1:30 p.m.**

Don't leave the doctor's office feeling rushed, confused, or frustrated. Attend this month's Senior Session and let Sue

Barrett, MLT (ASCP), show you how to prepare for your next doctor's visit, how to communicate accurately with your physician and the medical staff, and what steps to take after the visit. By following a few simple rules, you can take control of your health and get the most out of your next appointment. (R)

## WINTER READING PROGRAM

# Take Your Reading to New Heights

### FEBRUARY 1-28

Everyone's a winner when you take part in our winter reading challenge! It's one of the simplest reading programs we've ever done. Read a book, fill out a slip, and you'll be entered to win fabulous prizes. No reading logs; read whatever you like. If you need a suggestion, stop in and we will gladly make a recommendation.

*Let's see how many books you can read in just 28 days. (NR)*

### Adults

We're heading for the "summit" during this year's winter reading program. Join us in Mount Prospect's attempt to set a new reading record. The challenge: beat the 2008 record of 691 books read during the month of February. No reading logs, no themes; just read what you like. Fill out a raffle slip for every book you read, and you will be entered into a drawing for our Tower of Prizes.

### Teens

Make reading an extreme sport! Attempt the reading half-pipe and challenge yourself to beat last year's reading numbers. Don't worry about wipeouts. There are no theme requirements, no logs, and no restrictions; read what you like. Let us know what books you've read or Web sites you've visited. Count up the number of pages, and enter our drawings for weekly prizes. A grand prize drawing will also be awarded. Every time you come in to tell us about your reading, you'll receive a small treat. Start now; February is a short month, and we've set the bar high – we are aiming to beat last year's record of 86,995 pages!

### Youth

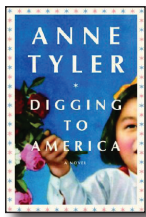
Attempt Mount Prospect's reading challenge! Help us go for the reading record as we strive to build a LEGO® mountain to rival Mount Everest. For each book you read, hike over to the Youth Services Desk to pick up a LEGO to add to Mount Prospect's Reading Mountain. During this trek, you'll take home small prizes and attempt our legendary Guess How Many contest. Plus, you'll be entered in a raffle for your shot at winning weekly and grand prizes, including gift certificates to Borders. The more times you enter the more chances you have to win. Participants are limited to submitting one raffle slip per day. So grab a book and read; our sights are set on beating last year's record of 491 books read in just one month.



## BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

### Food for Thought



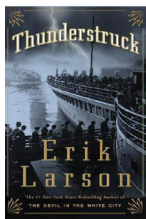
**Digging to America**

by Anne Tyler

**Wednesday, January 7, 1 p.m.**

2008 Suburban Mosaic Book of the Year

When American couple Bitsy and Brad Donaldson and Iranian-American Sami and Ziba Yazban both adopt Korean infant girls, their chance encounter at the Baltimore airport the day their daughters arrive marks the start of a long, intense, and sometimes awkward friendship. A penetrating light is shed on the "American way" as seen from two perspectives, those who were born here and those who are still struggling to fit in.



**Thunderstruck** by Erik Larson

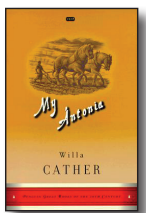
**Wednesday,**

**February 4, 1 p.m.**

A vivid portrait of the Edwardian era

recounts two parallel stories—the case of Dr. Hawley Crippen, who murdered his wife and fled the country with his mistress to build a new life in America, and Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of wireless communication, the new technology used to capture the killer.

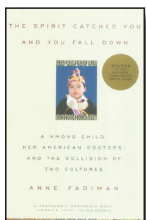
### Coffee, Books & More



**My Antonia** by Willa Cather

**Wednesday, January 21, 10 a.m.**

Antonia works as a servant for her neighbors after her father's death, elopes, and then returns to marry a Bohemian farmer.



**The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of the Two Cultures** by Anne Fadiman

**Wednesday, February 18, 10 a.m.**

A tragic tale of cultural differences chronicles the fight over the proper care of an epileptic Hmong child between a California medical center and her tradition-minded Laotian refugee family.

### Book Chat @ Caribou\*

**Loving Frank** by Nancy Horan

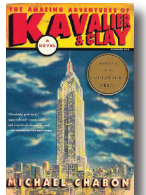
**Monday, January 12, 7 p.m.**

Fact and fiction blend in a historical



novel that chronicles the relationship between seminal architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, from their meeting in Oak

Park, Illinois, when they were each married to others, to the clandestine affair that shocked Chicago society.



**The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay: A Novel**

by Michael Chabon

**Monday, February 23, 7 p.m.**

Joe Kavalier is a Houdini-style escape artist—a talent that gets him safely out of Nazi-ridden Prague in 1939. He makes it to New York City, where he teams up with his cousin Sammy Clay to write comic books. The duo find themselves sitting on a gold mine when they create a host of superheroes who fight Hitler and his evil forces. But, off the page, the complexities of the real world beckon, as Kavalier struggles to raise money to bring his family to America, and he and Clay both come under the sway of Rosa Saks, a seductive muse who changes their lives forever. *Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize.*

\*Held at Caribou Coffee, 90 E. Northwest Hwy.

### Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation, the Library'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. (R)

**Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.**

**Cultural Relativism**

Cultural Relativism is the principle that an individual's beliefs and activities should be understood in terms of his or her own culture. An action that would be shocking if committed in one culture may be perfectly acceptable—even expected—in another. Can you think of any examples? Join us for what promises to be a lively discussion. (R)

**Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.**

**The Financial Bailout: Is There a Plan and How Does It Affect Us?**

The financial bailout began back in October 2008. We'll take a look at what's been done so far and try to see where the bailout plan is headed. Hold on to your wallets for this one! (R)

## MOVIES AND MORE

### Movies @ MPPL



**Mamma Mia**

[2008; Rated PG-13; 108 minutes]

Starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Amanda Seyfried.

Directed by Phyllida Lloyd.

**Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 8, 1 p.m.**

Set on an idyllic Greek island, this film interweaves ABBA's most popular songs from the 1970s into a story about a young girl's search for her father. Raised by a fiercely independent mother and about to get married, 20-year old Sophie's greatest wish is to have her father walk her down the aisle. She narrows down the possibilities to three men from her mother's past and secretly invites them to her wedding. Over the next 24 hours, her idealized plan starts to unravel as new love blooms and old romances are rekindled. (R)



**Brideshead Revisited**

[2008; Rated PG-13; 133 minutes]

Starring Emma Thompson, Michael Gambon, Matthew Goode. Directed by Julian Jarrold.

**Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 12, 1 p.m.**

Based on Evelyn Waugh's 1945 classic British novel, *Brideshead Revisited* takes place during the doomed romantic period between the world wars and concerns a young Englishman of modest means and social standing, Captain

Charles Ryder. Stationed at Brideshead Castle, he becomes entranced with the aristocratic Marchmain family and is swept into a world that bedazzles, beguiles, and bedevils him. The rise and fall of Charles' infatuations reflect the decline of a decadent era in England between the wars. (R)

\*Note: Due to the length of this movie, the February 4 program will begin at 7 p.m.

### Movie Discussion

**Sweet Smell of Success**

[1957; Not Rated; 96 minutes]

Starring Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis, Susan Harrison, Martin Milner.

Directed by Alexander Mackendrick.

**Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.**

J.J. Hunsecker, the most powerful newspaper columnist in New York, is determined to prevent his sister from marrying jazz musician Steve Dallas. He covertly employs Sidney Falco, a sleazy and unscrupulous press agent, to break up the affair by any means possible. (R)

**Walker**

[1987; Rated R; 94 minutes]

Starring Ed Harris, Richard Masur, Rene Auberjonois, Marlee Matlin. Directed by Alex Cox.

**Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.**

This film is based on the true story of 19th century American adventurer William Walker, who abandons a series of careers in medicine, law, politics, and journalism to become a soldier of fortune. Like many of his 19th century contemporaries, Walker wholeheartedly embraced the idea of America's "manifest destiny." He and his mercenary corps enter Nicaragua in the middle of the 19th century, where he orchestrates a coup d'état and is installed as dictator. (R)

## ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING

### MPPL Writers Group

**Tuesdays, January 20, February 17, March 17, 7 p.m.**

Local author Lisa Rosenthal leads the Library's Writers Group, where writers of all genres are welcome to discuss their works with other

creative minds, find inspiration, and reinvigorate their work during these monthly sessions.

A \$10 registration fee for the three-part series must be made by Tuesday, January 20 or participant will have to wait to sign up for the next series starting April 21. Register in person at the Library. *The Friends of the Library sponsor this program.*



**Don't miss an evening of new works by the group!**  
**Wednesday, January 28 7 p.m.**  
See details on page 2.



# JANUARY

**1** Library Closed for New Year's Day  
Thursday, January 1

**5** Tales With Tails Registration  
Begins  
Monday, January 5 **Y**

**6** Organizing Your Paperwork,  
Painlessly  
Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m. **A**

**7** FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book  
Discussion, *Digging to America*  
by Anne Tyler, Wednesday, January 7,  
1 p.m. (NR) **A**

Movies @ MPPL: *Mamma Mia*  
Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m. **A T**

**8** Winter Storytime Registration  
Ends, Thursday, January 8 **Y**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *Mamma Mia*  
Thursday, January 8, 1 p.m. **A T**

**12** BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU  
Book Discussion, *Loving Frank*  
by Nancy Horan, Monday, January 12,  
7 p.m. (NR) **A**

**13** Your Retirement Dollars: When  
and How to Tap Tax-deferred  
Retirement Savings, Tuesday, January  
13, 7:30 p.m. **A**

**14** MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Sweet  
Smell of Success*, Wednesday,  
January 14, 6:30 p.m. **A**

**16** Coffee & Conversation  
Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. **A**

**17** SUPER SATURDAY: The  
Incredible Stunts of Circus Boy  
Saturday, January 17, 11-11:45 a.m. **Y**

**19** CHAT & CHEW: *Diary of a  
Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's  
Journal* by Jeff Kinney, Monday,  
January 19, 1-2 p.m. **Y**

The Twilight Series: From the Movie to  
*Breaking Dawn*, Monday, January 19,  
2-3:30 p.m. **T**

BOOK VOYAGERS: *Snowy Day Fun*  
Monday, January 19, 4:15-5:15 p.m. **Y**

**20** SENIOR SESSION: How to  
Get the Most Out of Your Next  
Doctor's Visit, Tuesday, January 20,  
1:30 p.m. **A**

Mount Prospect Public Library Writers  
Group, Tuesday, January 20, 7 p.m. **A**

Preschool/Child Care Information  
Night, Tuesday, January 20, 7:30-8:30  
p.m. (NR) **A**

**21** Building Your Business in  
Mount Prospect: Demographics  
Wednesday, January 21,  
8:30 a.m. **A**

COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE Book  
Discussion, *My Antonia* by Willa Cather,  
Wednesday, January 21, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

**24** FRIENDS BOOK SALE  
Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.-  
4:30 p.m. **G**

**25** FRIENDS BOOK SALE  
Sunday, January 25, noon-  
4:30 p.m. **G**

**26** How to Request a Digital TV  
Converter Box Coupon  
Monday, January 26, 7 or  
7:30 p.m. **A**

**27** Are You Ready for Some  
Football – Hollywood Style?  
Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. **A**

**28** Presenting New Works by  
MPPL's Writers Group  
Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m. **A**

**30** The Ultimate Chocolate Raffle  
Friday, January 30-Sunday,  
February 8 **G**

Adult **A** Teen **T**  
Youth **Y** All Ages **G**  
(NR) No registration necessary

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not refundable unless the program is canceled. *The Library requires  
at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

# FEBRUARY

**1** Take Your Reading to New Heights  
First Day of Winter Reading  
Sunday, February 1 **G**

Red Cross Babysitting Clinic  
Sign up for March 14 program starts  
Sunday, February 1 **T**

**2** Children's Author Visits the  
Library, Monday, February 2,  
7-8 p.m. **Y**

**3** A Valentine's Date With Whole  
Foods Market, Tuesday, February 3,  
7:30 p.m. **A** \$2 fee

**4** FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book  
Discussion, *Thunderstruck* by  
Erik Larson, Wednesday, February 4,  
1 p.m. **A**

Volunteering Orientation  
Wednesday, February 4, 4-5:30 p.m. **Y T**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *Brideshead Revisited*  
Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m. **A T**

**6** CREATE-A-CRAFT: Made With  
Love, Friday, February 6, 11:30 a.m.-  
5 p.m. (NR) **Y**

**7** Boogie Oogie Baby Bop  
Saturday, February 7, 2-2:30 p.m.  
OR 3-3:30 p.m. **Y**

**8** The Ultimate Chocolate Raffle  
Ends, Sunday, February 8 **A**

**11** MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Walker*  
Wednesday, February 11,  
6:30 p.m. **A**

In Praise of Gospel Music  
Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. **A**

**12** MOVIES @ MPPL:  
*Brideshead Revisited*, Thursday,  
February 12, 1 p.m. **A T**

**14** Hearts & History, Saturday,  
February 14, 10:30 a.m.-noon **Y**  
Make a Valentine Craft for That Special  
Someone, Saturday, February 14,  
2-4 p.m. **T**

**16** CHAT & CHEW: *Emmy and  
the Incredible Shrinking Rat*  
by Lynne Jonell, Monday, February 16,  
1-2 p.m. **Y**

BOOK VOYAGERS: *Signed, Sealed, and  
Delivered!*, Monday, February 16, 4:15 -  
5:15 p.m. **Y**

**17** An Afternoon With Mr.  
and Mrs. Lincoln, Tuesday,  
February 17, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Mount Prospect Public Library Writers  
Group, Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m. **A**

An Evening With Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln:  
A Play in One Act, Tuesday, February 17,  
7:30 p.m. **A**

**18** Building Your Business in  
Mount Prospect: Negotiating  
Leases, Wednesday, February 18,  
8:30 a.m. **A**

COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE Book  
Discussion, *The Spirit Catches You and  
You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her  
American Doctors, and the Collision of  
the Two Cultures* by Anne Fadiman  
Wednesday, February 18, 10 a.m. **A**

**20** COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
The Financial Bailout: Is There  
a Plan and How Does It Affect Us?  
Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m. **A**

**23** Spring Storytime Registration  
Begins, Monday, February 23 **Y**

BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU\*  
Book Discussion, *The Amazing  
Adventures of Kavalier & Clay: A Novel*  
by Michael Chabon, Monday, February  
23, 7 p.m. (NR) **A** \*Held at Caribou  
Coffee, 90 E. Northwest Hwy., Mount Prospect

**24** Super-couponing = Super  
Savings, Tuesday, February 24,  
7:30 p.m. **A**

**28** Take Your Reading to New  
Heights, Last Day to be Counted  
Saturday, February 28 **G**

## PLAN AHEAD!

The following programs will be  
offered in the beginning of March.  
Registration for these programs starts  
January 1.

### Adult Programs

Spoon River Anthology: A Play  
With 20 Characters, Sunday,  
March 1, 1 p.m.

Water Damage and Flood  
Insurance: Are You Covered?  
Monday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

The HPV Vaccine: What You Need  
to Know, Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

The Family History Research "Circle"  
Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.

# Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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## Top-notch Children's Author Visits the Library

**Monday, February 2, 7-8 p.m.**

Candace Fleming takes storytelling to new heights! Start your Winter Reading ascent with Mount Prospect's own award-winning author of over 20 children's books. Discover the secrets behind her books, her love of words, and the creative writing process. Children will be invited to ask Ms. Fleming questions about her popular titles, including *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* and *Lowji Discovers America*. In addition, guests will be able to purchase signed copies of her books courtesy of Crocodile Pie Children's Books & More. (R)



## Tales With Tails

**Thursdays, February 19- March 19, 7-8:35 p.m. (15-minute sessions)**

—for 2nd-5th graders

Do dogs like stories? Here's your chance to find out. Readers may sign up for a 15-minute session each Thursday for 5 consecutive dates to read to a specially trained dog. This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Library cardholders. Please bring your Library card when signing up at the Youth Services Desk. Registration begins January 5. (R)

## Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

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

## Made With Love

**Friday, February 6, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Drop into the Library to create sweet cards and gifts for your loved ones this Valentine's Day.



## Hearts & History

**Saturday, February 14, 10:30-noon**

—for all ages  
Roses are red,  
violets are blue,  
and this special  
storytime is just  
for you! Celebrate

Valentine's Day and Black History Month with stories, crafts, and sweets. (R)

## Boogie Oogie Baby Bop

**Saturday, February 7, 2-2:30 p.m. OR 3-3:30 p.m.**

Babies 23 months and younger and their parents are invited to this annual BabyTalk event. We'll move to the music, hear a variety of musical sounds, enjoy baby-friendly puppets, and have loads of fun with Julie Helenius of Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. Each event is limited to 25 Mount Prospect babies and their parents. Sorry, no siblings. *Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring BabyTalk.* (R)

## SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

## The Incredible Stunts of Circus Boy

**Saturday, January 17, 11-11:45 a.m.**

As seen on *Ripley's Believe It or Not*, famous stuntman Circus Boy wows and entertains audiences with hilarious physical tricks. You'll be amazed to witness him riding the World's Smallest Bicycle! For 25 years, Circus Boy (Bobby Hunt) has been traveling the world and cracking up crowds with his unique acrobatics. Register today to take part in this sidesplitting spectacle! (R)



# Don't miss storytime...

*come in from the cold and warm up with a good tale!*

## Winter Storytime Registration Ends

**January 8**

*Winter Session January 19-February 27*

## Spring Storytime Registration

**Monday, February 23 through**

**Thursday, March 5**

*Spring Session March 16-April 24*

Parents can register their children—birth through age 6—for the Library's storytime programs. *Due to the popularity of these storytimes, registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for Mount Prospect cardholders.* To participate in the lottery, please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

## Open Storytimes

**January 20-February 27**

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

The Library invites children ages 6 and under and their families to attend these 30-minute sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* (NR)



## 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.* (R)

## Snowy Day Fun

**Monday, January 19, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.**

The best part of cold weather is snow! After a 3-day weekend of sledding, making snow people, and trying to catch snowflakes, come in to the Library to warm up.

## Signed, Sealed, and Delivered!

**Monday, February 16, 4:15-5:15 p.m.**

What do you think of when you hear these words: stamps, envelopes, letters, and packages? The U.S. mail, of course!



## 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)

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal by Jeff Kinney

**Monday, January 19, 1-2 p.m.**



Being a kid can really stink. No one knows this better than Greg Heffley, an undersized weakling who is forced to share the middle school hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. When it comes to friendship and popularity, Greg finds himself constantly doing incredibly dumb things. Hey—it seemed like a good idea at the time!

## Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell

**Monday, February 16, 1-2 p.m.**



When Emmy's parents inherit a fortune, her world gets turned upside down and not for the better. Her teachers and classmates ignore her and her parents appear to abandon her, thrusting her into the hands of her coldhearted nanny, Miss Barmy. When the class pet begins talking to her, things get even more peculiar. With the help of new animal friends and a classmate named Joe, Emmy discovers the secrets of the Antique Rat store, the special powers of rodents, and Miss Barmy's true intentions. Can they uncover the nanny's scheme before it's too late?



# Records

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sought-after, reliable, online resources—information that would typically cost thousands to subscribe to and which we make available free to anyone with our Library card. Librarians are always on hand to provide the guidance, knowledge, and expertise that may be needed to navigate through our numerous resources.

## Highlights of 2008

### WE SET NEW RECORDS

- Overall circulation increased a record 9%.
- July set a monthly circulation record of 87,782.
- Our June Create-a-Craft program attracted 2½ times the number of participants than previous programs.
- Both the Summer and Winter Reading programs experienced their highest participation ever.
- July and August saw a 37% combined increase in new Library cards issued.
- *Library Life*, our cable TV program which features programs, book

recommendations, interviews, and services, received its third consecutive Telly Award.

### WE INTRODUCED NEW SERVICES AND COLLECTIONS

- **Live Homework Help** online tutoring is now available 2-9 p.m. daily in Math, Science, Social Studies, and Writing for students in kindergarten through beginning college and adult learners.
- **Morningstar Investment Resource Center** and **Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage** were added to help you evaluate your investments.
- DVDs can now be placed on hold so you can be notified when a title is available—which means you can create a DVD list of the movies you've always wanted to see.
- **Playaways, video games**, and multiple copies of popular DVD titles were added to the collection as a result of community interest.
- DVDs from other libraries are now available to our cardholders through the **Interlibrary Loan Lending (ILL)** program. ILL continues to be a valuable way for our residents to obtain a wide selection of materials from other libraries, with usage up 33% over last year.



## Teen Zone

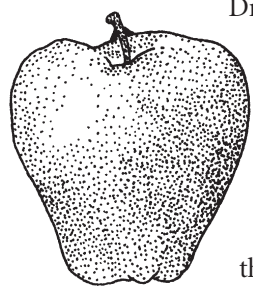
News and activities for students and teens in grades 6-12!

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### The Twilight Series: From the Movie to Breaking Dawn

Monday, January 19, 2-3:30 p.m.  
"Should I be afraid?" "Terrified."



Did Robert Pattinson embody Edward? Did *Twilight*, the movie, measure up to the book? What would you have done

differently? Here's your chance to talk about what you thought of the movie and how Stephenie Meyer ended the saga in *Breaking Dawn*. We'll tackle the

questions: who are shapeshifters?, what happened to Leah?, and is Billy actually Ephraim? We'll even raise the question: if *Breaking Dawn* were made into a movie, could it be done in one movie or should it be two? (R)

### Make a Valentine Craft for That Special Someone

Saturday, February 14, 2-4 p.m.

Put your heart into making a personal gift for someone special. Spend the afternoon with friends as you express your artistic talents using duct tape and decoupage. We'll fuel your creativity with a variety of materials, sweet treats, and hot chocolate. (R)

- iPod users can now download audiobooks through **MyMediaMall**. In fact, you can now link directly to MyMediaMall through our catalog to check out downloadable audiobooks and DVDs.
- **Reference by Appointment**, a one-on-one consultation with a Reference librarian, is now available and offers a new way to get your in-depth research questions answered.
- The six preliteracy skills were incorporated into **Youth Storytimes** to help build the essential skills necessary for success in school.
- **Notes from the Reference Desk** blog was initiated to keep the community apprised of government updates such as the 2008 economic stimulus package, how to avoid foreclosure, and where to find judicial evaluations for the 2008 election.
- **We Recommend**, personal recommendations from our staff, is available on our **Books, Movies, & Music** page.
- **Village Vibe**, our weekly summary of upcoming local events, is now on our Web site so you can find out what's happening in town and in the area.
- **E-mail notices** for holds, upcoming due dates, and overdues are now available. You can sign up for this option through **My Account**.

### WE OFFERED PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

- The first **Senior Housing Fair** brought together senior care providers and people looking for local options.
- Our **African American Read-in** with renowned author Debbi Chocolate introduced kids and adults to works by African American authors.
- **Money Smart Week**, offered in conjunction with the Federal Reserve, provided investment and financial planning information.

- **Second Garage Band Happening** program transformed the Library into a hot spot for teens.
- October's **Cultural Month** offered 12 programs that highlighted the traditions, music, dance, landscape, food, and history of the British Isles.
- Our 28th Annual **Teddy Bear Walk** continued to delight all.
- **Computer training** for the public was enhanced to meet the needs of participants, both English and Spanish speaking, who are reentering the work force or want to develop more marketable skills.

### WE ENHANCED THE LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

- **Two new pieces of art**, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, make our space more inviting.
- We **doubled our Internet connection speed**, making our free WiFi service more popular than ever.
- We **rebalanced the heating and air conditioning system** to make the Library environment more comfortable for everyone.

### WE ARE ALWAYS WORKING FOR YOU

- We receive a telephone call every four minutes.
- We check out an average of 2,530 items per day.
- We enhanced our instant messaging capabilities so that we are available to answer your questions in person, by phone, or online.

This past year has been both exciting and challenging as we strive to meet the ever evolving needs of the community. We invite you to continue to enjoy the Library in 2009, where you can explore your interests, whatever they may be, according to your time schedule, whatever time that may be.

## LIBRARY LIFE

*Library Life* is an award-winning, monthly cable television program about the Mount Prospect Public Library, produced in cooperation with the Village of Mount Prospect. Host Cathy Cushing provides an in-depth look into the events and happenings at the Library. Each 30-minute episode includes book reviews, compelling interviews, upcoming events, monthly program highlights, and Library trivia. Aired daily at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Comcast (channel 15) and WOW (channel 6).



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### January 2009

Take Your Reading to New Heights  
Rooms of Wonder for Early Childhood Teachers  
Music Americana

### February 2009

How to Write Comic Books: A Workshop With DC's Russell Lissau  
Discover Ceili Irish Dancing  
Super Saturday: If You Take a Mouse to School

*Features subject to change.*



**Friends Book Sale**  
**Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 25, noon-4:30 p.m.**  
 Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's winter used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

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**NEWS!**  
**Go Green at the Library**

If one of your new year’s resolutions is to “go green” by being more environmentally friendly, the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation provides a convenient solution.

Through a recycling partnership with EcoPhones, the Foundation collects items such as old cell phones and used ink-jet cartridges. It’s easy. Simply bring any of the following to the Library and drop them in the collection bin near the Registration Desk:

- Cell phones—no chargers or accessories please
- Ink-jet cartridges—small enough to fit in the palm of your hand
- Apple iPods
- Digital Cameras
- Digital video camcorders

From there, your simple act of “going green” translates into a different

kind of green for the Foundation. Monies earned from EcoPhones supports the Foundation in its ongoing mission of funding special events and other services at the Library. So, remember, turn your trash into treasure and support your Library today.



**Our Lucky Winners**


The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation Annual Raffle and Fundraiser ended on a high note for six lucky people. Foundation President Katy Rossi pulled the winning tickets on November 3, with the help of two young visitors to the Library, Ben and Grace Bailie. The following are our 2008 raffle winners:

**THE ULTIMATE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE**  
**JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 8**

Chocolate lovers will soon have something to savor when the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation kicks off its “Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle.” Beginning on Friday, January 30, you will have the opportunity to indulge yourself by purchasing a chance to take home one of the many decadent chocolate-related items or sumptuous specialty baskets aimed at the chocolate lover in all of us.

Baskets and raffle items will be on display in the Lobby through Sunday, February 8, giving everyone the opportunity to see the items firsthand. Purchase raffle tickets from a volunteer, or inquire at the Registration Desk. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or six for \$5.

All proceeds from the “Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle” will benefit the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library.



- Mary Kemp, Mount Prospect, \$500 Abt gift card
  - Jim and Eleanor Lincoln, Mount Prospect, Dinner for Eight at Retro Bistro
- Additionally, four people each won a \$25 gift certificate to Jolane’s Restaurant: Vishal Khurana, Mount Prospect; Edyth Leone, Mount Prospect; April Evans,

Mount Prospect; and Elizabeth Barclay, Wheeling.

The Foundation wishes to thank everyone who participated in the raffle. Through your generosity, the monies raised will be used by the Foundation to sponsor Library programs and special services that are not available through public funding.