



Preview

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2010



Join the fun this month as all of Mount Prospect grabs a good book and reads. Stop by the Library to let us know what you are reading, and enter our raffle to win one of many valuable prizes. You'll discover just how profitable reading can be.

BOOKS

The list price of the latest Stephen King hardcover book is around \$35. The audio CD sells for \$39.99. Order the book from Amazon and you might be able to get it for the promotional price of \$9 plus \$3

Bookstore
\$35
MPPL
\$0

shipping. The CD will run \$26.39 (lucky you—Amazon will waive the shipping fee for qualified purchases over \$25). **Get it from the Library and it will cost you \$0.**

MOVIES

Netflix charges \$23.99 a month for you to have 4 DVDs at a time. At the Library, you can check out 4 new, recently released DVDs, 4 regular fiction DVDs, and up to 15 nonfiction DVDs on your MPPL card. That's a total of 23 DVDs. Netflix lets you create a queue of titles you are interested in. So does the Library. If one of the Library's DVDs is not available on the shelf, you can request it. When it's your turn, the Library will notify you by phone or e-mail, whichever you prefer. **Cost to get DVDs from the Library, \$0.**

Netflix
\$23.99
MPPL
\$0

ENTERTAINMENT

A performance of ShawChicago Theater's "Mid-winter's Tales" at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts costs \$22 plus \$8 for parking. **If you attended their 2008 performance at the Library, you paid \$0.**

Ruth Page Center
\$30
MPPL
\$0

Your Library card:
PRICELESS

Milestone for *Library Life* *Award-winning Show Reaches 100th Episode*

Do you know what vermiculture is? Cathy Cushing does. She can tell you it is the science of composting with worms. So, who is Cathy Cushing, and why does she know so much about worms, not to mention the NASA space program, antiques, and healthful cooking?

Cathy Cushing is *Library's Life's* producer, writer, editor, and host, and through her work on the show, she is becoming somewhat of an expert on a myriad of topics. *Library Life* is our 30-minute magazine-style TV show, which highlights many of the events, guest speakers, and services offered by the Library. The show is produced locally and recognized nationally, having received 3 Telly awards and 4 National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)



Cathy Cushing

programming awards. For a June 2009 episode of *Library Life*, Cathy interviewed Stephanie Davies, the Urban Worm Girl,

who described how to use red wiggler worms to compost kitchen waste. After conducting over 500 interviews, attending a slew of Library programs, and creating 100 shows, Cathy Cushing has heard and seen it all.

The secret to being as well-informed as Cathy: watch *Library Life*.

Each show includes an interview with an expert, several segments featuring Library programs

—See *Library Life* on page 8



THE UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

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Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation

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Irma Schlemmer

Inspired by Mrs. Schlemmer, Bill Sannwald became a Library Director, Building Designer, and Professor.

Bill Sannwald, Mount Prospect Roots Lead to Prominent Library Career

By Dick Bragaw,
Bragaw Public Relations Services

More than 50 years later, Bill Sannwald still vividly remembers a day when Mount Prospect Public Library's first head librarian, Irma Schlemmer, was getting ready to go to lunch.

Many of the newspapers and magazines the Library received had just arrived, and Mrs. Schlemmer noticed an article she was eager to read in *Time* magazine. Why not just take the Library's copy of *Time* along to read during lunch?

"'Oh no,' Mrs. Schlemmer told young Sannwald, an admirer and regular Library patron, I don't want to take it away from the people using the Library.' She was a very dedicated person, very serious about her job. She had such a high ideal of service. I felt that all the time I was using the Library. The staff was very friendly and closely followed her example," Sannwald remembers.

Now a lecturer in the business school at San Diego State University and

—See *Change in Career* on page 7

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The Library will be closed

Friday, 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, at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). Priority registration is given to Mount Prospect cardholders for programs with limited attendance. Please have your Mount Prospect Library card when registering. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

PC Maintenance: Best Practices

Monday, January 18, 7:30 p.m.

January is Clean Up Your Computer Month!

Learn which basic, built-in computer utility programs will keep your PC running cleanly and efficiently. This demonstration will show you how to perform disk cleanup, defragment your hard drive, delete old files, and more. (R)



features and functionality of digital cameras, how to save files to your computer, and e-mail pictures to friends and family. This program also offers a demonstration of the free Google® software program Picasa™ for Windows or Macintosh computers. Picasa allows users to crop, rotate, and enhance image quality, make slideshows and screensavers, order prints online, and make Gift Disks. (R)

Résumé Workshop

Tuesday, January 26, 1 p.m.

Learn how to create a targeted, compelling résumé at a free Webinar (Web-based seminar) presented by Barbara Safani, owner of Career Solvers. Safani has over fifteen years of experience in career management, recruiting, executive coaching, and organizational development. This Webinar will show you how to write an effective résumé that gets attention—and interviews—and introduces you to all of the career resources available through the Library's Adult Career Center, a free online resource. (R)

Creative Valentine Cards and Projects: A Crafting Class

Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m.

The Stamp Lady, Tina Gary, will teach you how to create a Valentine card, gift tag, and decorative bag using stamps, ribbons, punches, and rub-ons. This program is for anyone over 16 years old who currently enjoys card crafting or the novice who would like to get started. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; all other materials, supplies, and envelopes are included in the \$10 class fee. ***The nonrefundable \$10 class fee applies to each participant, and space is limited.*** Please stop by the Library to register (no online registration). (R)



Tell Us What You Think

We are currently conducting an online survey to help us better understand how the community uses the Library. You can access the survey from our home page. Please take 5 minutes to give us your input. The survey will be available the entire month of January.

Preschool/Child Care Information Night

Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.

Attention, all parents! Here is a great opportunity for you to talk with directors and teachers of Mount Prospect preschools and child care centers. The evening's open house format allows you to ask questions and learn more about local early childhood programs and services available to your family. No registration is necessary, so bring your friends! (NR)

Your Dog Can Be a Clever Canine

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.

Teaching your dog to do tricks and play games is easier than you think. Dogs (like people) learn better when they are active participants and their lessons are taught in a playful, non-aggressive way. Join dog trainer Joanne Compton for an educational and entertaining lesson on how to teach your dog simple, crowd-pleasing tricks using positive reinforcement. Discover how dogs learn, how to get them to pay attention, and how to teach useful behaviors such as sit, come, stay, off, and the ever famous loose leash walking. If your dog can learn tricks, then he can also learn obedience and good manners. (R)

Vital Documents: What to Keep and Why

Tuesday, January 5, 7:30 p.m.

Every family has vital information, such as birth certificates, insurance policies, and credit card numbers, that must be stored safely. Frustration often results when, on short notice, these documents are needed and cannot be found. Let an instructor from the University of Illinois Extension educate you about what information you should keep and what you should discard, as well as where you can go to replace records that have been lost or misplaced. (R)

Are You LinkedIn?

Monday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Developing a network of trusted business contacts is critical for career advancement and opportunities. LinkedIn is a free social networking site designed for business professionals looking to connect with business acquaintances, jobs, and business prospects. Isabelle Flemming, Reference/Computer Specialist from Elia Area Public Library, will show you how to create a LinkedIn profile and use the site in your job search and professional networking. Participants are to bring information about their professional experiences (a résumé will suffice) and a wireless laptop. *Space is limited.* (R)

Learn to Knit: A Simple Project for Beginners

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.

Caryl Sclove, a lifelong knitter and co-president of the Prairie Knitters of Northern Illinois, will present this hands-on workshop for anyone,

age 16 or older, who wants to learn to knit or needs a refresher course. A demonstration of basic knitting techniques will be included during this two-hour class. Participants will create a Candy Wrapper Sachet. *Please see list of supplies online or contact the Registration Desk.* (R)

Understanding Your Credit Report

Monday, January 18, 4 p.m.

Your credit score can affect your loan rates and, in some cases, job offers. Good credit is the most valuable financial asset you own. Pat Hunter of Money Management International will provide information about credit reports, how credit reports are used, credit scoring, and how to maintain a good credit rating. She will also discuss what steps to take to avoid identity theft and what to do if you become a victim of this rapidly growing crime. (R)

Money Management International (MMI) is a nonprofit community service organization and the nation's largest full-service credit counseling agency. It provides confidential financial guidance, free consumer credit counseling services, educational resources, and debt management assistance.

Making the Most of Your Digital Photographs

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 p.m.

How does a digital camera differ from your father's (or mother's) 35mm camera? Is film going the way of the dinosaurs? Learn more about the

In Praise of Gospel Music

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.

Join us in welcoming back the Second Baptist Church of Evanston's Gospel Chorus. These talented singers 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)



Online Health Information: Not All Information Is Reputable

Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.

Back in the day there were snake oil salesmen, now there are snake oil Web sites. Let Reference Librarian Anne Shaughnessy show you how to find accurate, reliable, health information using the Internet. She will introduce you to several research sources available exclusively with your Library card, as well as reputable health-related Web sites. Don't take chances with your health; be sure you are getting the truth. *This is a hands-on training session; computer and keyboarding experience are recommended. Space is limited to 10.* (R)

The Census—and Why It Counts!

Tuesday, February 23, 2 p.m.

It's that time again! Every 10 years the United States Census Bureau undertakes the massive project of counting every person in America. Lee Habich of the U.S. Census Bureau will provide some interesting history and facts about the U.S. Census as well as explain why it is important to each



and every Mount Prospect resident. Hint: It can affect federal tax dollar allotments for our community. (R)

Increase Your Eye-Q: Dry Eyes vs. Allergic Eyes

Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.

That dry, gritty, burning sensation in your eyes could indicate a medical condition commonly referred to as dry eyes. Drs. Eirit Yonatan and Peggy Gramates of The Eye Site in Mount Prospect will provide an overview of the different eye issues associated with these symptoms and how to differentiate between dry eyes and allergic eyes. They will discuss the causes and review treatment options, including nutritional and lifestyle changes as well as over-the-counter and prescription medications. (R)

Wake Up Your Wardrobe

Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Find out what's new for spring and how to incorporate the latest styles into your wardrobe. Professional fashion consultant Jan Alberts will discuss the five basic items everyone should have in her closet. Shopping tips for the budget-conscious include how to "shop" in your own closet for new outfits, which pieces can do double duty, and clothing care advice. Join us for a closer look at new trends that will position you as most likely to succeed. Alberts' career includes working for Neiman Marcus at their Northbrook and Michigan Avenue stores. (R)

JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS

The Library and the Chamber of Commerce have come together to present a series of programs designed to help local businesses be successful. Get tips, techniques, and valuable information from experts in their fields. Attend one program or the entire series—either way you will have new tools to help you grow your business.

Retirement Plans for Small Business

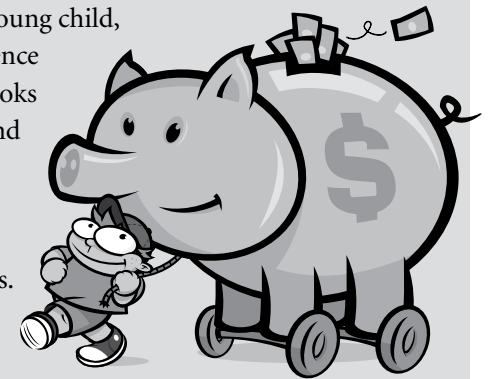
Tuesday, February 23, 8:30 a.m.

Small business retirement plans are critical to providing a secure future for the owner and as a recruitment tool to attract and retain quality employees. Brian Hamm of Edward Jones will explain the options, considerations, and benefits of the various business retirement plans to help you, the business owner, determine which plan best suits your needs. (R)

Invest in Children

Contribute to the *Literacy Is Priceless* Fund

During our *It Pays to Read* program, we are collecting money to purchase books for Mount Prospect children in need. Your spare change can make a difference. The combined purchasing power of your pennies, quarters, and dollars will enable the Library to buy books for children who have none. Borrowing books from a library is a wonderful privilege. It enhances learning and encourages a passion for reading. For a young child, actually owning a book can be the difference between success and failure in school. Books in the home promote letter knowledge and print motivation, two key early literacy skills. All monies collected will be used to purchase books for Mount Prospect children living in low-income households. Invest in the future of Mount Prospect by investing in the children of today.



Senior Session

Warm Up to These Winter Reads

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

At this month's Senior Session, let Cathleen Blair, our Readers Advisory Coordinator, help you discover some great stories. We will be discussing the content, tempo, and style of suggested titles to pique your interest without giving away any major plot secrets. Whether you prefer fiction, nonfiction, the classics, mysteries, or something else, Cathleen will offer a suggestion that is bound to suit your taste. (R)



Digital Cameras and Photo Editing: It's Easier Than You Think

Tuesday, February 16, 1:30 p.m.

How does a digital camera differ from the cameras you used when your children were young? For one thing, you can now easily

enhance and share your photos using a free software program from Google® called Picasa™. This month's Senior Session will help you learn how to transfer photos from your camera to your computer, edit them, and e-mail the pictures to friends and family. Once you understand how to edit your photos to perfection, you will learn how easy it is to order prints online, create backup copies for safekeeping, and turn them into gifts, slideshows, and screensavers. (R)

ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING

MPPL Writers Group

Tuesdays, January 19, February 16 and March 16, 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 19 or participants will have to wait to sign up for the next series starting April 20. Register in person at the Library. *The Friends of the Library* sponsor this program.

Presenting New Works by MPPL's Writers Group

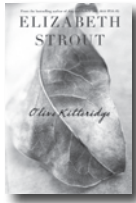
Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m.

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

BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

Food for Thought



Olive Kitteridge
by Elizabeth Strout
**Wednesday, January 6,
1 p.m.**

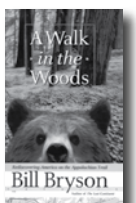
Thirteen linked tales present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. *Winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.*



**Breakfast at Sally's:
One Homeless Man's
Inspirational Journey**
by Richard LeMieux
**Wednesday,
February 3, 1 p.m.**

A self-made man with his own successful company, Richard LeMieux lived a very comfortable life. After losing everything, he spent two years living out of his van and learning to rely on others' generosity. His uplifting story cuts through stereotypes and offers a powerful look at homelessness in society. *Selected as a Suburban Mosaic Book of the Year.*

Coffee, Books, & More



**A Walk in the Woods:
Rediscovering America
on the Appalachian
Trail** by Bill Bryson
**Wednesday, January 20,
10 a.m.**

Returning to the U.S. after twenty years in England, Iowa native Bryson decides to reconnect with his mother country by hiking the length of the 2100-mile Appalachian Trail. A witty and entertaining guide, he introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way.



Lincoln: A Novel
by Gore Vidal
**Wednesday,
February 17, 10 a.m.**

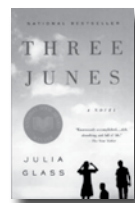
The character of President Lincoln, unremittingly tested by the trials of the war years, is reflected through the eyes of the diverse and colorful denizens of Washington, including his wife Mary and his political rivals and disciples.

Book Chat @ Caribou*



**Luncheon of the
Boating Party**
by Susan Vreeland
**Monday, January 11,
7 p.m.**

Renoir is inspired to paint "Luncheon of the Boating Party" when his other work is criticized by Emile Zola and, while doing so, is drawn into lives of the thirteen people featured in it as they enjoy a Parisian summer during the late 1800s.



Three Junes
by Julia Glass
**Monday, February 22,
7 p.m.**

Told in three parts, each set in the month of June, this moving first novel traces the lives of a Scottish family over a decade as they confront the joys and longings, fulfillments and betrayals of love in all its guises.

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

Coffee & Conversation

Friday, January 15, 7:30 p.m.
Education in the United States

Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.
(Topic TBD)

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)



If You Like...

Rock and Roll
why don't you try...

The Commitments
by Roddy Doyle

High Fidelity by Nick Hornby

The Wishbones by Tom Perotta

Rock Bottom by Michael Shilling

Never Mind the Pollacks
by Neal Pollack

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Julie & Julia

[2009; PG-13; 123 minutes.]
*Starring Meryl Streep, Amy Adams,
Stanley Tucci. Directed by Nora Ephron.*

Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 14, 1 p.m.

Writer-director Nora Ephron adapted and intertwined two bestselling memoirs, *My Life in France* by Julia Child with Alex Prud'homme and Julie Powell's *Julie & Julia*, to create this film that tells the story of Julia Child's start in the cooking profession and blogger Julie Powell's 2002 challenge to cook all 524 recipes in Child's first book. Though separated by time and space, both women are at loose ends until they discover that, with the right combination of passion, fearlessness, and butter, anything is possible. (R)



The Hurt Locker

[2009; R; 131 minutes] *Starring Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes. Directed by Kathryn Bigelow.*

Wednesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 1 p.m.

This film is a riveting, suspenseful portrait of the courage under fire of the military's unrecognized heroes: the technicians of a bomb squad who volunteer for one of the most dangerous

jobs in the world. When a new sergeant takes over a highly trained bomb disposal team amidst violent conflict, he surprises his two subordinates by recklessly plunging them into a deadly game of urban combat. As the men struggle to control their wild new leader, Baghdad explodes into chaos, and the sergeant's true character reveals itself in a way that will change each man forever.
(R)

Movie Discussion

Two for the Road

[1967; Not Rated; 111 minutes] *Starring Audrey Hepburn, Albert Finney. Directed by Stanley Donen.*

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

On their third identical voyage from London to the Riviera, a husband and wife explore their 12-year marriage in a series of wry and illuminating flashbacks. They reminisce about the glorious beginning of their love affair, the early years of marriage, and the events that led to their subsequent infidelities. As they try to understand their relationship, they must accept how they have changed if they are to rekindle their original love. (R)

Annie Hall

Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

[1977; PG; 93 minutes] *Starring Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts. Directed by Woody Allen.*

This four-time Academy Award®-winning film is a bittersweet, romantic comedy about contemporary love and modern urban relationships that explores the interaction of past and present. The story chronicles the ups and downs of obsessive, neurotic, NY comedian Alvy Singer's relationship with shy, flighty, Midwestern, WASP Annie Hall. (R)



**Stock up on great books at
bargain prices...**

**The Friend's Winter
Used Book Sale!**

Saturday, January 23, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24, noon-4:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on some great deals at 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.

Become a member of the Friends and you can attend Members Only Night on Friday, January 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The annual membership fee is \$5 for an individual, \$10 for a family, and \$25 for a Good Friend. To become a member, stop by Registration to complete a membership form.

JANUARY

1 Library Closed for New Year's Day
Friday, January 1

2 Tales With Tails Registration
Starts, Saturday, January 2 **Y**

5 Vital Documents:
What to Keep and Why
Tuesday, January 5, 7:30 p.m. **A**

6 FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Book Discussion, *Olive Kitteridge*
by Elizabeth Strout, Wednesday,
January 6, 1 p.m. (NR) **A**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *Julie & Julia*
Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m. **AT**

7 Winter Storytime Lottery Ends
Thursday, January 7

11 Are You LinkedIn?
Monday, January 11, 7 p.m. **A**

BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU

Book Discussion, *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland,
Monday, January 11, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

12 Learn to Knit: A Simple Project
for Beginners Tuesday, January
12, 7:30 p.m. **A**

13 Online Resources for
Homeschoolers, Wednesday,
January 13, 10-11 a.m. **Y**

MOVIE DISCUSSION:
Two for the Road, Wednesday,
January 13, 6:30 p.m. **A**

14 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Julie & Julia*
Thursday, January 14, 1 p.m. **AT**

15 Coffee & Conversation
Friday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. **A**

16 SUPER SATURDAY:
Magic Morris, Saturday,
January 16, 11-11:45 a.m. **Y**

18 CHAT & CHEW: *The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman,
Monday, January 18, 1-2 p.m. **Y**

Understanding Your Credit Report
Monday, January 18, 4 p.m. **A**

BOOK VOYAGERS: Winter Sports
Monday, January 18, 4:15-5:15 p.m. **Y**

PC Maintenance: Best Practices
Monday, January 18, 7:30 p.m. **A**

19 SENIOR SESSION: Warm Up to
These Winter Reads
Tuesday, January 19, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Writers Group
Tuesday, January 19, 7 p.m. **A** \$10 fee

Making the Most of Your Digital
Photographs
Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 p.m. **A**

20 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Discussion, *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson
Wednesday, January 20, 10 a.m. **A**

21 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 7 p.m.

23 Friends Book Sale
Saturday, January 23,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

24 Friends Book Sale
Sunday, January 24,
noon-4:30 p.m.

26 Résumé Workshop
Tuesday, January 26, 1 p.m. **A**

Creative Valentine Cards and Projects:
A Crafting Class
Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$10 fee

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

30 Get Reel @ the Library—
Teen Film Fest Screening
and Awards, Saturday, January 30,
2-4 p.m. **TA**

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

Please sign up on the Internet at
www.mppl.org/events, at the Library,
or by calling 847/253-5675.

Registration is required for all programs except those denoted by (NR). Programs are held at the Library unless otherwise noted. Fees, when applicable, must be paid at the Registration Desk and are not refundable unless the program is canceled. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

FEBRUARY



1 *It Pays to Read* Winter Reading
Program, Monday, February 1-
Sunday, February 28 **G**

Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
Registration for March 6 program starts
Monday, February 1 **T**

2 Preschool/Child Care
Information Night
Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

3 Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle
Wednesday, February 3-Sunday,
February 14

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book
Discussion, *Breakfast at Sally's: One Homeless Man's Inspirational Journey*
by Richard LeMieux, Wednesday,
February 3, 1 p.m. (NR) **A**

Volunteer Orientation
Wednesday, February 3, 4-5:30 p.m. **Y**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Hurt Locker*
Wednesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. **A**

6 Chocolatepalooza:
A Teen Tasting Fest, Saturday,
February 6, 1-3 p.m. **T**

10 MOVIE DISCUSSION:
Annie Hall, Wednesday,
February 10, 6:30 p.m. **A**

In Praise of Gospel Music
Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. **A**

11 MOVIES @ MPPL:
The Hurt Locker, Thursday,
February 11, 1 p.m. **A**

12 CREATE-A-CRAFT: Hearts
& Crafts, Friday, February 12,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **Y**

13 SUPER SATURDAY
Children's Theater:
Tales From Africa, Saturday,
February 13, 11-11:45 a.m. **Y**

14 Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle
Sunday, February 14, starts at
2:30 p.m.

15 CHAT & CHEW: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, Monday,
February 15, 1-2 p.m. **Y**

BOOK VOYAGERS:
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February 15, 4:15-5:15 p.m. **Y**

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Thursday, March 4 **Y**

Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/
Spanish Storytime
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Learn to Use E-mail: Self-paced
Learning Lab, Tuesday, February 23,
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28 Last Day of *It Pays To Read*
Winter Reading Program
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Youth Activities

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Online Resources for Homeschoolers

Wednesday, January 13, 10-11 a.m.



Start the new year with a boost as you explore the Library's vast array of study tools and resources available through our Web site, www.mpppl.org. This program will provide an overview of the Library Web site, highlight key online tools and resources, and introduce you to Live Homework Help, our online tutoring service. Discover new ways to enhance your homeschool curriculum. This program is best suited for families with children, ages 6 and older. (R)

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages



Magic Morris
Saturday, January 16,
11-11:45 a.m.

"Ooohh" and "aahhh" with disbelief at the amazing tricks of Morris, the Magic Man!

Morris has been mesmerizing kids all over the world with his enchanting act for nearly 30 years. If you want to see objects disappear before your eyes and other mysterious illusions, then sign up for this fun-filled magic show today! (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)



Hearts & Crafts

Friday, February 12, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Drop into the Library to create sweet gifts and cards for Valentine's Day! (NR)

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, February 3,
4-5:30 p.m.

Attention, middle and high school students! If you have completed sixth grade, consider the Library's volunteer program. You must have turned in an application to the Youth Services staff before attending the orientation. This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Library cardholders only. For more information, please stop by or call the Youth Services Desk. (R)



Children's Theater: Tales From Africa

Saturday, February 13, 11-11:45 a.m.

Music and drama transport you to a jungle full of talking animals with African Village Folktales. Join the actors and actresses from Hot Silk Productions for a theatrical performance of three African tales. Storytelling, body movement, African music, and dramatization will make classic tales like "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears," "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters," and "How the Snake Got His Rattle" come alive before your eyes. This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation in celebration of Black History Month. (R)

Tales With Tails Registration Starts

Register early for this popular program in which children in grades 2-5 read to a specially trained dog from Rainbow Animal-Assisted Therapy. Weekly, 15-minute sessions will be held Thursday evenings, February 11 to March 11.



Bring your MPPL card to the Youth Services Desk beginning Saturday, January 2 to sign up. (R)



Fun With Books!

Storytime Lottery

WINTER - sign up through Thursday, January 7

SPRING - sign up starts Monday, February 22 to Thursday, March 4
Parents can register their children—birth through age six—for MPPL's winter and/or spring storytime session. These sessions, with a variety of times and age groups, will run January 18-February 26 and March 15-April 23. 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 Storytime

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under and their families are invited to attend these 30-minute sessions that feature stories and songs. These sessions run January 18 to February 26. An adult must accompany children under the age of three. (NR)

Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/ Spanish Storytime

lunes, 22 febrero, 6-6:30 p.m.

Uno, dos, tres, ¡Ándale! Apresúrese en pasar una media hora divertida con sus pequeños escuchando cuentos, canciones, y rimas en español. Además de risas y diversión, los niños recibirán actividades para llevar a casa. Recomendado para niños de 3 -7 años, pero todos son bienvenidos. *Un adulto deberá acompañar a niños menores de 3 años. Es necesario que se registre. Open to both Spanish- and English-speaking families.* (R)

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)

Winter Sports

Monday, January 18, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Do you like hockey, ice skating, and sledding? Join us for activities about different kinds of cold-weather fun.

Terrific Tooth Tales

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

You might be surprised by some of the things people around the world do with their baby teeth, once they finally fall out.

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)



The Homework Machine

by Dan Gutman

Monday, January 18,
1-2 p.m.

Meet the D Squad, a foursome of fifth graders at the Grand Canyon School made up of a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker. They are bound together by one very big secret: the homework machine. Because the machine, code-named Belch, is doing their homework for them, they start spending a lot of time together, attracting a lot of attention. Before long, things start to get out of control, and Belch becomes much more powerful than they ever imagined. Now the kids are in a race against their own creation, and the loser could end up in jail... or worse!



The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

Monday, February 15,
1-2 p.m.

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school...again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them: Zeus' master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect.



Teen Zone

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

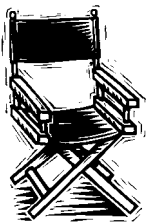
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GET REEL @ the Library TEEN FILM FEST

SUBMISSIONS DUE
JANUARY 15

Our Teen Film Fest is for creative film buffs in grades 6-12. Write, shoot, edit your own film, and submit it for consideration. Your piece could be one of the films featured at our January 30 public screening. Not only will you be able to see your work and name in lights, but there will be a chance

for one up-and-coming filmmaker to win the "Fan Favorite" award! Additional prizes will be awarded. Submissions are due January 15, so think of a story line, recruit your cast (aka friends), visualize your scenes, and shoot! Really, can you think of a better way to spend Winter Break than producing your own film? Full details are available at www.mppl.org/teens.



GET REEL @ the Library TEEN FILM FEST Screening and Awards

Saturday, January 30, 2-4 p.m.

Grab some popcorn and watch short films produced by local up-and-coming talent – your own classmates and friends! Put on your critic's hat and vote for your favorite. Who will be crowned best new director? The power is in your hands. Games, trivia, and prizes will round out the afternoon. For information on submitting a film, go to www.mppl.org/teens. *All submissions are due by January 15.* (R)



CHOCOLATEPALOOZA: A Teen Tasting Fest

Saturday, February 6, 1-3 p.m.

Help us put this statement to the test during an afternoon devoted to this famous and much beloved treat introduced to us by the ancient cultures of Mexico and Central America. Blind taste tests, cookie towers, trivia, and contests will "feed" your love of chocolate. (R)



"Anything is
good and useful if it's
made of chocolate."
Jo Brand

Red Cross Babysitting Clinic

Sign up beginning February 1
for the March 6 Red Cross
Babysitting Clinic

Sign up in person at the
Library's Registration Desk.
Participant must be at least
11 years old by March 6.
**This program requires
a \$15 nonrefundable
registration fee.**

Change in Career: Sannwald Made the Right Choice

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an authority on library architecture, retired after a successful career as a librarian, Sannwald received his career inspiration from Mrs. Schlemmer, who headed MPPL from 1943 to 1966.

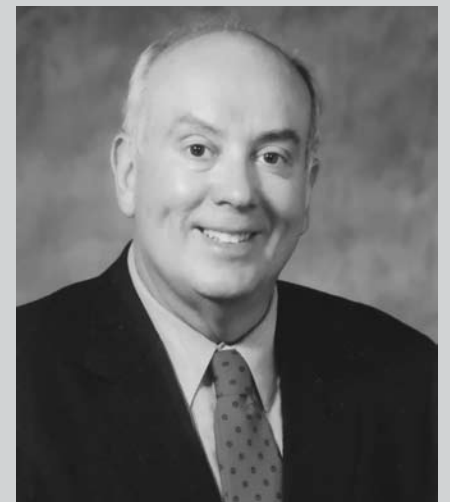
The Sannwald family lived on George Street back in the day when the Library was a "typical, rather boxy, and very spartan building" on East Busse Avenue. Sannwald used the Library regularly and got to know Mrs. Schlemmer very well. He shared with her his aspiration to become a naval aviator. His brother, Bob, did later become an airline pilot.

After graduating from Arlington High School, he tried to enlist in the U.S. Navy to fulfill his career dream, but a bad knee frustrated that ambition. Instead, he went to Beloit College in Wisconsin for a bachelor's degree in economics, followed by a master's in business administration from Loyola University, Chicago.

Sannwald had never considered a career in library science, but he was having a hard time finding his niche in the business world when Mrs. Schlemmer recommended that he go for a master's in library science at Rosary College (now Dominican University). She wrote a warm recommendation, and he received an H.W. Wilson scholarship to Rosary. He was elected class president and selected for membership in Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information services honor society.

Thanks to Mrs. Schlemmer, Sannwald's career blossomed. He started at the library in Libertyville, then directed the editorial service at the Chicago Sun-Times, and held a marketing position with Xerox Corporation's University Microfilms in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

When she resigned as head librarian in 1966, Mrs. Schlemmer recommended Sannwald as a candidate to succeed her. The Library Board instead selected Mary Jo Hutchings, who held the position



Bill Sannwald

until 1981. Mrs. Schlemmer and her husband, Roy, remained active in community activities. After her husband's death, she moved to Friendship Village in Schaumburg and started a library there before she died in 1984.

Sannwald worked in public libraries in Minnesota and Michigan before becoming City Librarian of the San Diego Public Library in 1979, a position he held until becoming Assistant to the San Diego City Manager and Manager of Library Design and Development in 1997. The San Diego Library serves over 1.3 million people through 35 branches. He retired from the City Manager's office in 2004 to devote his energies to teaching a variety of upper division undergraduate and MBA courses in the management department at San Diego State University.

Sannwald supervised the design and construction of 15 libraries in San Diego. He is a past president of the 4,000-member Library Administration and Management Association and has chaired the American Library Association's Architecture for Public Libraries section. During his career he has been involved in the construction of over 50 library buildings.

After a recent visit, he says the design of MPPL's new building impresses him very much. "It's very solid, handsome, and durable. One of the things I look at is how people use spaces. As I walked through the building, I found it easy to navigate."

Now 69 and a confirmed Californian, Sannwald still enjoys returning to the old neighborhood in Mount Prospect. He fondly remembers our town as the place that nurtured his talents and showed him that a library can be a great place to spend a lifetime.



LIBRARY LIFE

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It Pays to Read Winter Reading
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Tapestry of Sound Concert:

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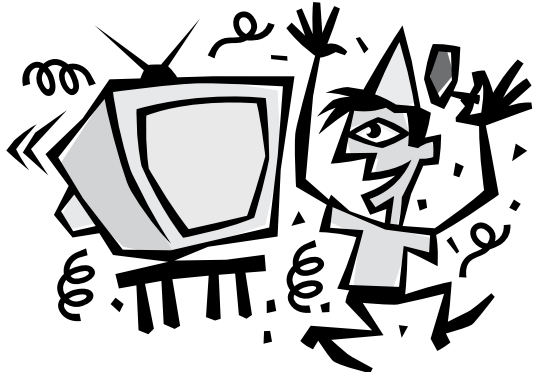
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Learn to Knit: A Simple Project for
Beginners

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question, and you could win a
DVD player. Additional
information and entry slips
are available at the Library and
online. *Entries must be received
by January 31, 2010.*



Sweeten Your Day With the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle

If it's February, then it's time for
chocolate! Join the Mount Prospect
Public Library Foundation as it kicks
off its third annual "Unbelievable
Chocolate Raffle" on Wednesday,
February 3 in the Lobby of the
Library. The event will feature twelve
sumptuous baskets designed for the
chocolate lover in all of us.

Raffle items range from a
"Valentine Lovers" basket sure to please
the chocolate-craving cupid on your
list to "Gourmet Chocolates & More,"
a bounty of chocolate treats donated

by Trader Joe's, a specialty grocer in
Arlington Heights.

"There's really something for
everyone," says Katy Rossi president of
the MPPLF and one of the organizers
of this year's chocolate raffle. "One of
the most popular baskets is sure to be
the breakfast treats basket, which is
always a hit with the kids as it is filled
with all of their favorite cereals."

Raffle tickets can be purchased
from an MPPL Foundation volunteer,
or inquire at the Registration Desk.
The drawing will be held on Sunday,

February Events made possible
by the Foundation:

In Praise of Gospel Music,
Wednesday, February 10

SUPER Saturday! Children's
Theater: Tales From Africa,
Saturday, February 13

February 14 beginning at 2:30 p.m.
Winners need not be present to win

All proceeds from the
"Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle" will
benefit the Foundation, which raises
funds for special programming and
events at the Library that otherwise
would not be available through public
funding.



Check Out a Free Museum Pass

With the help of Macy's, the Library is offering free admission
or discounts to 17 area museums and cultural institutions.

Celebrate Black History month with a visit to the
Bronzeville Children's Museum. Developed during the first
decades of the 20th century, the Bronzeville area of Chicago
became known for its numerous nationally prominent African-
American-owned and -operated businesses and cultural institutions.

Here you'll learn about African-American inventors, such as Lewis H. Latimer,
inventor of the long-lasting filament in the light bulb, and Garrett A. Morgan, inventor of the traffic light.

Perhaps the media blitz behind the movie (and book) *Lightning Thief* has your child interested in all
things Greek. Schedule a trip to the National Hellenic Museum to further explore the Greek myths and
legends.

We have a limited number of passes available each week and they are exclusively for MPPL cardholders.
Pick up your passes at the Youth Services Desk. For a complete list of participating museums, visit
www.museumadventure.org. There is something for everyone, age 1 to 100.



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