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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

November/December 2009



Don't miss it! The 29th Annual Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday,
December 5,
10 a.m.-noon



Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH as the Library celebrates the 29th annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. We will also sing along with Parents' Choice Gold Winner Mark Dvorak as he brings some of your favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. Reserve your spot by registering at the Library.

The festivities continue at Mt. Prospect Park District's Holiday Open House at Friendship Park Conservatory (395 Algonquin Road, Des Plaines) from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This free annual event is always popular because there's something for everyone. Various musical groups will entertain throughout the day. There will be crafts for the little ones, live reindeer, hayrides, beautiful holiday floral displays, and, of course, Santa. For further details call the Park District at 847/298-3500

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The Library will be closed

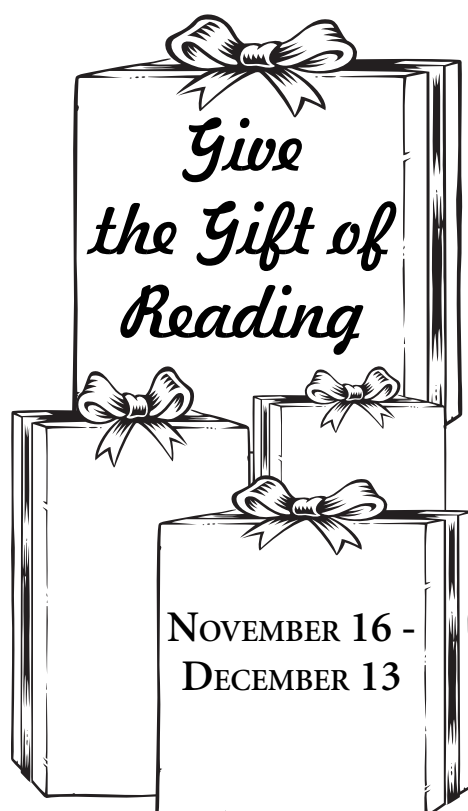
Friday, November 6
for Staff In-service.

Thursday, November 26
for Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, December 24
for Christmas Eve.

Friday, December 25
for Christmas Day.

The Library will close at 5 p.m.
Thursday, December 31
for New Year's Eve.



It seems logical: children who are exposed to books early in life have better language skills than those who wait until later. Research shows that the development of literacy skills, through early experiences with books and stories, is critically linked to a child's success in learning to read.

The harsh reality: roughly 35% of children in the United States enter school without the skills necessary to learn to read. One study found that 47% of public-aid parents reported no alphabet books in the home. Knowledge of alphabet letters at entry into kindergarten is a strong predictor of reading ability in the 10th grade. There is a direct, proven relationship between reading scores and the number of books in the home. The lack of books in the homes of young children severely limits their potential.

You can help a child become successful in school and in life by donating children's books to the Library's Give the Gift of Reading drive. Between November 16 and December 13, drop off new or like-new unwrapped books at the Library. These books will go to local children in need, age six and under. Donations of books in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.

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Tapping Railroad Records in Family History Research

Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m.

Railroads were the backbone of America from the 1850s to the 1930s. A wave of immigrant workers spread across the United States as they helped build the giant web that connected trade centers and towns. The meticulous record-keeping of railroads can be a gold mine of information for family history researchers. Craig Pfannkuche, genealogical archivist for the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society, will explain what type of information is available, how you can determine if these records can shed light on your own personal family history, and how to access this information. Along the way, you will learn more about the seminal role railroads played in American history. (R)

Training to Be Top Dog: Guiding Your Pet to Good Behavior

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.



Alex Brooks, owner of the Alex Brooks Canine Center in Des Plaines, will share his secrets for dealing with a variety of behavior-related issues, including how to train an aggressive, timid, or overactive dog; teaching basic commands; ending excessive barking; leash training; tips for purchasing a dog; the differences between pet shops, private breeders, and shelter dogs; understanding your dog's body language; and how to introduce a new dog into the home or to an existing dog. Brooks will explain how to communicate with your dog in its natural language and how to fulfill your

Midway Ramblers: A Taste of Cajun Music

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

National French Week ♣ La Semaine du Français

The Midway Ramblers Cajun Band will help us kick off National French Week. Join us for a lively and entertaining evening of true Cajun, hot Zydeco, and Louisiana Blues music as we look at how the French have reached across the Atlantic and touched our lives. Mount Prospect's Sister City of Sèvres is just one of our many connections to France! *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission.* (R)

Stop by the Lobby from November 4-10 to pick up a crossword puzzle that challenges your knowledge of France and highlights French words that have been incorporated into the English language.

dog's instinctive need for leadership. This seminar will be followed by a question and answer session.

Participation in this program is for the two-legged members of your family. (R)

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Revolutionary Kindle Digital Reader

Monday, November 9, 7 p.m.

Considering a Kindle? Then don't miss this fun and informative program on Amazon's Kindle wireless reader. Jack Waddick will show you how this amazing new device is shaping the future of wireless reading. Enjoy instant access to thousands of your favorite books, magazines, newspapers, and blogs anytime, anywhere. This program will include a "live" demonstration of the Kindle's many features and plenty of time for your questions. (R)

Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3 Player

Wednesday, November 11, 3 p.m.

Forget cassettes and CDs, digital audiobooks are the latest technology for listening to a book. MyMediaMall is an online service offered by MPPL that allows you to download audiobooks to your home computer. Take the book wherever

Smart Shopping: Be an Informed Consumer

Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Don't waste your money on inferior products. Head into this year's holiday buying season with information that will help you make a good purchase. Whether you are buying hiking boots or a laptop, learn which Web sites give you honest reviews. Discover what other people have to say about local restaurants, theaters, and services. Librarians

The Fascinating iPhone 3G

Thursday, December 10, 7 p.m.

"The future is here...it is called iPhone 3G." Sit back and enjoy this fun and interactive demonstration by Jack Waddick of the iPhone 3G Smartphone. This is a true Internet Pocket PC with thousands of applications spanning business, education, entertainment, finance, games, healthcare, music, navigation, news, photography, reference, sports, travel, weather, and more...you will be amazed at all it can do. Combine the iPhone with the Library's MyMediaMall, and you can check out and listen to audiobooks anytime! Everyone is welcome—no technical mumbo jumbo. (R)

Home for the Holidays With Whole Foods Market

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 p.m.
Spice up this year's family gatherings and dinner parties with new recipes that reflect the flavors of the season. Whole Foods Market is back with three new recipes to add to your holiday repertoire: pumpkin cream cheese dip with gingersnaps, potato latkes, and maple apple crisp. Recipes and preparation tips will be provided. *There is a \$2 nonrefundable fee due at registration, and space is limited to 50. Please sign up at the Registration Desk.* (R)



Sleep Apnea Relief

Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.
Snoring is the sound of a partially obstructed airway during sleep. While snoring may be harmless, it can also be the sign of a more serious condition known as obstructive sleep apnea or OSA.

Join us as David Bohm, DDS, explains the comfort, ease of

use, and convenience of oral appliance therapy as a treatment alternative to a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine for sleep apnea. (R)



The Prospect High School Madrigals: A Holiday Concert

Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Prospect High School's a cappella singing group, the Madrigals, is a feast for both the eyes and ears. Wearing traditional medieval costumes, the group has performed holiday and chamber music at community gatherings for several years. Now they return to the Library for a triumphant holiday show. (R)

Create a Holiday Centerpiece

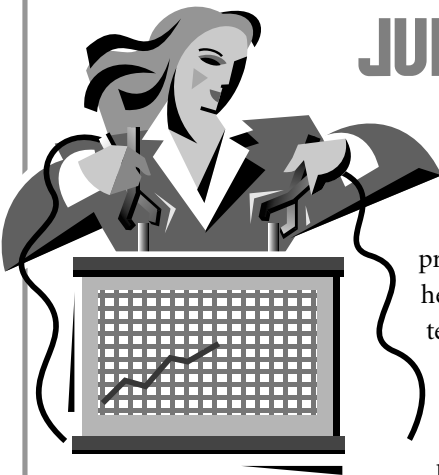
Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.
Let Peggy Garvin, of Garvin Gardens Interior Plantscaping and Custom Floral Design, illustrate how to create your own decorative holiday masterpiece during this Christmas craft workshop. Combine mixed greens and holly, a candle, velvet ribbon, and a glass ball into a festive decoration that will brighten your home for the holidays. Bring a pruner and some holiday spirit. *There is an \$18 fee due at registration.* (R)



MPPL Foundation Presents: The Arlingtones Barbershop Chorus Holiday Show

Monday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation hosts a celebratory holiday concert featuring The Arlingtones, an a cappella barbershop chorus that will take audience members on a trip down memory lane. Under the direction of Roger Turek, The Arlingtones will walk you through a winter wonderland of traditional tunes. (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.

Master Internet Marketing

Thursday, December 3, 8:30 a.m.

Internet marketing is more than creating a Web site. You need to convert visitors to customers, move your company Web site to the top of a *Google*, *Yahoo*, or *MSN* search, and put *Twitter*, *Facebook*, and *LinkedIn* to work for your business. You can effectively market online without paying expensive experts. This workshop will teach business owners how to stand out, successfully use social networking, and stay on top of the latest and hottest online marketing techniques. Norbert Barszczewski of JP NetQuest, a company specializing in IT solutions, will help you increase your business with these tips and techniques to get your business noticed and close sales. (R)

Senior Session

Heart-healthy Eating

Tuesday, November 17, 1:30 p.m.

Whether you have years of unhealthy eating under your belt or just need to fine-tune your diet, this month's Senior Session will show you how simple changes can give you big results. Once you know which foods to eat more of and which foods to limit, you'll be on your way toward heart-healthy living. A registered dietician from Alexian Brothers Medical Center will provide information on lowering fat, cholesterol, and sodium in your diet and give practical tips for dining out and modifying your recipes. *This program is cosponsored by Alexian Brothers Medical Center.* (R)



Christmas Music, Movies, and TV Specials From the Golden Days

Tuesday, December 15, 1:30 p.m.

Spend the holidays with Jack Benny, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby, Red Skelton, and many more of your favorite stars from yesteryear. We will revisit the Christmas movies and specials that have become as much a part of our cherished Christmas memories as the scent of fresh-cut evergreens and homemade cookies. Playing snippets from classic Christmas songs and clips from notable Christmas movies and TV specials, film historian Steven Frenzel will take us back to the Golden Days while sharing insights and trivia about the stars that brought us these memorable moments. (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.

Be among the first to hear some of the great pieces to come out of this group. Join us for: **Presenting New Works by MPPL's Writers Group** on 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 and be inspired to put pen to paper.

BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

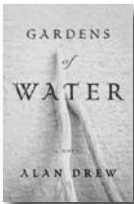
Food for Thought



Falling Angels
by Tracy Chevalier
**Wednesday,
November 4, 1 p.m.**

In a novel of manners and social divisions

set against the backdrop of turn-of-the-century England, two girls from different classes become friends, and their families' lives become intertwined in the process.



Gardens of Water
by Alan Drew
**Wednesday,
December 2, 1 p.m.**

The lives of two families, one Kurdish Muslim,

the other American, who live on the outskirts of Istanbul, are changed forever by a massive earthquake that brings them together in a dangerous intimacy in which forbidden love blossoms between Irem, a Kurdish girl yearning to escape the confines of a devout Muslim woman, and Dylan, a young American.

Coffee, Books, & More



Loving Frank
by Nancy Horan
**Wednesday,
November 18, 10 a.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.

Wednesday, December 16, 10 a.m.

This month's meeting is a planning session to determine titles for discussion in 2010. We welcome your input.

Book Chat @ Caribou*

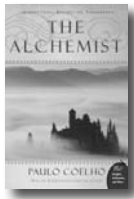


The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother

by James McBride

Monday, November 2, 7 p.m.

A young African-American man describes growing up in an all-black Brooklyn housing project, one of twelve children of a white mother and black father, and discusses his mother's contributions to his life and coming to terms with his confusion over his own identity.



The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho

Monday, December 7, 7 p.m.

The charming tale of Santiago, a shepherd boy,

who sets out to see the world and learns many lessons during his adventures. He journeys from Spain to Morocco in search of worldly success and eventually to Egypt, where a fateful encounter with an alchemist brings him at last to self-understanding and spiritual enlightenment. A fable about following one's dreams, listening to one's heart, and reading life's omens.

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

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



The Soloist

[2009; PG-13; 109 minutes]

Starring Jamie Foxx, Robert Downey, Jr., Catherine Keener.

Directed by Joe Wright.

Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 1 p.m.

This biographical drama tells the true life story of musical prodigy Nathaniel Ayers. After developing schizophrenia, Ayers dropped out of Julliard and became a homeless musician on the streets of Los Angeles. A reporter looking for an article discovers Ayers and develops a close relationship with the troubled, but gifted, artist. (R)



My Sister's Keeper

[2009; PG-13; 106 minutes]

Starring Cameron Diaz, Alec Baldwin, Abigail Breslin.

Directed by Nick Cassavetes.

Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, 1 p.m.

Based on the novel by Jodi Picoult, this touching story takes the viewer inside the intimate world of a family stricken by cancer. A couple chooses to conceive

another child to provide a donor match for their daughter who is diagnosed with leukemia. The family is torn apart when the healthy younger sibling, after countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots to help her older sister fight leukemia, sues her parents for the right to decide how her body is used. (R)

Movie Discussion

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

[1998; R; 128 minutes]

Starring Johnny Depp, Benicio Del Toro, Christina Ricci, James Woods.

Directed by Terry Gilliam.

Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.

This film is a wildly imaginative adaptation of the classic pop culture novel by Hunter S. Thompson. Writer Raoul Duke (Johnny Depp) and Dr. Gonzo (Benicio Del Toro) embark on a savagely funny journey down a road that runs a not-so-straight-and-narrow path into the heart of the American Dream.

Metropolitan

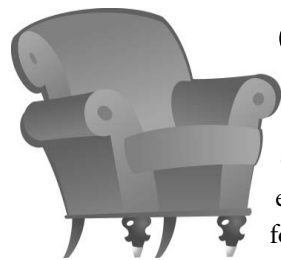
[1990; PG-13; 98 minutes]

Starring Carolyn Farina, Edward Clements, Taylor Nichols, Christopher Eigeman.

Directed by Whit Stillman.

Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.

Writer-director Whit Stillman's debut film *Metropolitan* is a sparkling comedic chronicle of a middle-class young man's romantic misadventures among New York City's debutante society. Stillman's deft, literate dialogue and hilariously highbrow observations earned this debut film an Academy Award® nomination for Best Original Screenplay. Alongside the wit and sophistication, though, lies a tender tale of adolescent anxiety.



Coffee & Conversation

Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.

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...



Audiobooks

why don't you try...

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

When You Are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris

Duma Key by Stephen King

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch



We have over 13,000 music CDs in our collection. How many of them have you listened to? Have you liked every one you've checked out? We want to know what you think, and we're making it easy with the first-ever Music Fest raffle. Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk to pick up a randomly selected CD—it may be a style of music you are not familiar with or a recording that is new to you. Once you've listened to it, give it a simple rating of either a thumbs-up or thumbs-down or jot down a few comments. Your review becomes your entry into a raffle for gift cards and more.

NOVEMBER

1 Get Reel @ the Library—
Teen Film Fest Competition
Call for Submissions **T**

Music Fest at MPPL
November 1-30 **AT**

2 BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU
Book Discussion, *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride,
Monday, November 2, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

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Thursday, November 12, 1 p.m.
AT

Smart Shopping:
Be an Informed Consumer
Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. **A**

14 Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
Saturday, November 14,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **T** \$15 fee

SUPER SATURDAY:
Fractured Fairy Tales
Saturday, November 14, 11-11:45 a.m. **V**

16 Gift of Reading Begins
Monday, November 16-
Sunday December 13

BOOK VOYAGERS: All About
Elephants, Monday, November 16,
4:15-5:15 p.m. **V**

17 SENIOR SESSION:
Heart-healthy Eating
Tuesday, November 17, 1:30 p.m. **A**

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18 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Book Discussion, *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan, Wednesday,
November 18, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

19 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m.
(NR) **A**

20 CREATE-A-CRAFT: Turkey
Time, Friday, November 20,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **V**

Coffee & Conversation
Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m. **A**

24 Sleep Apnea Relief
Tuesday, November 24,
7:30 p.m. **A**

26 Library Closed for
Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26

27 Twilight Saga: *New Moon*
Movie and Book Discussion
Friday, November 27, 2-3 p.m. **T**

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

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7 Winter Storytime Lottery Begins
Monday, December 7 **V**

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Holiday Hullabaloo, Friday,
December 11, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **V**

12 It's a Teen Holiday Craft Party
Saturday, December 12, 2-4 p.m.
T

13 Gift of Reading Ends
Sunday, December 13

14 MPPL FOUNDATION
PRESENTS: The Arlingtones
Barbershop Chorus Holiday Show
Monday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. **A**

15 SENIOR SESSION: Christmas
Music, Movies, and TV Specials
From the Golden Days, Tuesday,
December 15, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Create a Holiday Centerpiece
Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$18 fee

16 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Book Discussion
Planning Session, Wednesday,
December 16, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

17 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 7 p.m.
(NR) **A**

18 Coffee & Conversation
Friday, December 18, 7:30 p.m. **A**

24 Library Closed for Christmas
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Friday, December 25

31 Library Closing at 5 p.m. for
New Year's Eve, Thursday,
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*Happy Holidays and
Best Wishes for 2010!*

From the Board and Staff of Mount Prospect Public Library

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Give the Gift of Reading

Monday, November 16-Sunday, December 13

Give the Gift of Reading this holiday season by bringing new or like-new unwrapped books for local children in need through age six. Donations of books in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated.



SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

Fractured Fairy Tales

Saturday, November 14, 11-11:45 a.m.

Make like the three little pigs and be blown away by the silliness of Cinema Academy's Fractured Fairy Tales performance. Seven classic stories from Aesop and the Brothers Grimm are given the Chicago-style improv treatment in this wild and wacky show.

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)

All About Elephants

Monday, November 16, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Come celebrate elephants—one of earth's largest, most interesting, and most noble endangered land animals. Join us as we share stories, a craft, a snack, and a video about these lovable giants.

Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

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

Turkey Time

Friday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.-5p.m.

Gobble up some fun when you drop into the Library and take home a work of art.

Holiday Hullabaloo

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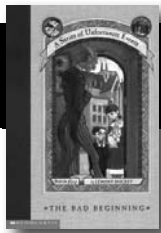
Express your affection for nature's coldest season by creating a wonderful wintry work of art.



If You Like...

A Series of Unfortunate Events
by Lemony Snicket try...

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell



Pure Dead Magic
by Debi Gliori

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry
Measle and the Wrathmonk
by Ian Ogilvy



Weather it's Warm or Cold— Join us for storytime!

Open Storytime

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

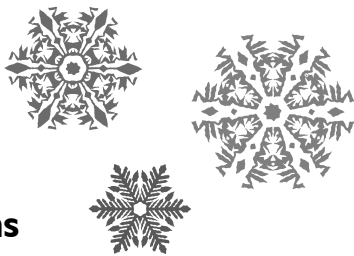
Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under and their families are invited to attend these 30-minute sessions that feature stories and songs. These sessions run November 2 to December 11. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three. (NR)*

Polish Holiday Storytime

Monday, December 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Library invites children ages 3-7 and their families to a special holiday storytime in Polish and English.



Winter Storytime Lottery Begins

Monday, December 7, 2009-Thursday, January 7, 2010

Parents, register your children—birth through age 6—for the Library's winter storytime programs. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run January 18-February 26, 2010. *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.*



Trees & Seeds

An Intergenerational Book Discussion
—for all ages

Parents, grandparents, and children are invited to dinner and a lively book discussion of a family story that makes a great read-aloud. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)



Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Monday, November 9, 6-7 p.m.

Strange things are happening in Chicago! When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings sixth-graders Petra and Calder together, bizarre events start to unfold revolving around the theft of a priceless Vermeer painting. This roller-coaster ride of adventure and mystery offers a bounty of codes for readers to decipher and hidden messages in the illustrations. Can they decipher a crime that has left even the FBI baffled? (Recommended for 2nd grade and up.)



Teen Zone

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

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.*

GET REEL @ the Library TEEN FILM FEST

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

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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.

Red Cross Babysitting Clinic

Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Become a Red Cross-certified babysitter during this educational session that covers basic childcare, emergency action, first aid, and more. Registration begins October 1 and is limited to 10 Mount Prospect residents. Register in person at the Library's Registration Desk. This program requires a \$15 nonrefundable registration fee. Participants must be 11 years old by the date of the program.

Twilight Saga: New Moon Movie and Book Discussion

Friday, November 27, 2-3 p.m.

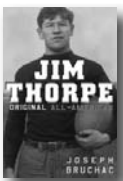
The movie *Twilight* ruled the 2009 MTV awards, taking home a Golden Popcorn for Best Movie, Best Kiss, and Best Fight, among others. After the *New Moon* preview was released, Stephenie Meyer promised that “when it comes to *New Moon*, you haven't seen anything yet!” Now you've seen it, what do you think? Did it do justice to the book?

It's a Teen Holiday Craft Party

Saturday, December 12, 2-4 p.m.

Capture the scent and sentiment of the holidays with crafts you can make and give as gifts: potpourri, pomanders, and greeting cards. We'll supply the materials and instructions. All you need to bring is your creativity. You may even walk away with a gift for yourself—door prizes will be awarded!

If You Like...



Real Stories About Real People, try...

Jim Thorpe: Original All-American
by Joseph Bruchac

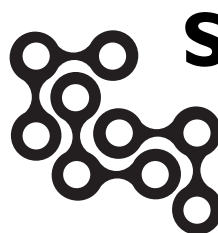
The Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir by Cylin Busby

Leaving Glorytown: One Boy's Struggle Under Castro by Eduardo Calcines

Black and White Airmen: Their True History by John Fleischman

Andy Warhol: Prince of Pop
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I Choose to Be Happy: A School Shooting Survivor's Triumph Over Tragedy
by Missy Jenkins



South Branch Events

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The South Branch of Mount Prospect Public Library is an easily accessible, neighborhood library offering books, movies, computer access, homework and reading help, information, and programs in a wide range of languages to the residents and businesses located around the Community Connections Center. The South Branch hours are Mondays, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 2nd Friday of the month 8:30 a.m.-noon, 2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Polskie Bajki/Polish Storytime

Tuesday, November 10, 11-11:30 a.m.

Zapraszamy do uczestnictwa w polskim programie bajek i piosenek w naszej nowej Filii Bibliotecznej South Branch, 1711 W. Algonquin. Będziecie mogli posłuchać bajek, piosenek po polsku. Program przeznaczony jest dla dzieci w wieku 3-7 lat i ich rodziców, (którzy powinni towarzyszyć dzieciom). Wszyscy będą mile witani.

Rejestracja nie jest potrzebna, po prostu przyjdźcie!

Bring your laptop to the Library



We offer WiFi so you can log on to the Internet to check e-mail, surf the Web, or browse the catalog using your personal laptop. All you need is a laptop computer with a wireless network (WiFi) card installed. Set your laptop to use “Automatic DHCP,” and you will be able to access the Wireless system whenever the Library is open.

Even better, now you can print wirelessly. Just be sure you have a Value Card to pay for your print job. Black and white prints cost 10 cents; color prints cost 25 cents.



LIBRARY LIFE

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Home for the Holidays With Whole Foods Market

Meet Comic Book Artist Gene Ha
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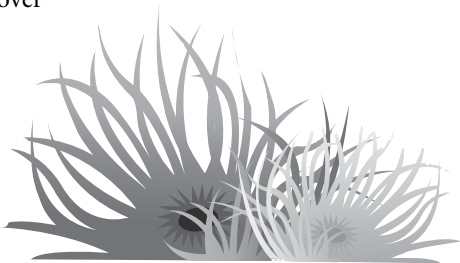
Volunteers Bring Depth to the Library



Library recognition brunch October 10, 2009

On October 10, we recognized the hundreds of volunteers who put in thousands of hours of work at the Library. While many organizations have to encourage people to “give back” or “pay it forward,” the Library is not among them. “People want to work at the Library,” says Janet Keena, volunteer coordinator. “We try to match applicants with positions they will find personally rewarding.” And those who apply and interview not only discover opportunities that suit their interests but also some welcome surprises.

Volunteers make an impact, albeit quietly, in areas that one might take for granted. Looking for a favorite cookbook or automotive repair guide? Chances are an Adopt-A-Shelf volunteer has made sure you’ll find it. Want to sharpen your computer skills? Computer Partners provide individual tutoring. Need assistance with your family history project? A genealogy volunteer can help you check it off your list. Volunteers help staff grease the wheels that keep the Library running smoothly and efficiently.



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