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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

November/December 2010

## Reflecting on Libraries

The American Library Association is reporting that libraries across the country are being recognized as much more than storehouses for books. This trend is reflected here in Mount Prospect as well. MPPL is much more than the sum of its parts because of the people it brings together. The Library is a place where people and relationships are nurtured. Here, the community comes together to learn, discuss, and pursue new interests. New parents are connecting with other parents through our weekly storytimes. Our book discussion groups are flourishing, not only because they offer an opportunity to delve deeper into a book but because they create an environment for people to interact with each other. Craft programs bring people together as they work on new skills (think quilting bees of yesteryear). Educational classes

create group learning environments, where information is shared, not just by the speaker but by fellow classmates as well. Displaced workers are networking with people and resources offered through the Library. The connective thread that brings this whole effort together is a Library staff committed to providing a welcoming and supportive environment. This is what it means to be a community.

Advances in this electronic age are expanding our ability to connect with people thousands of miles away, yet we still yearn for the personal connection that can only come from being face-to-face with our fellow human beings. The Library fosters these relationships within the community.

We still respect our heritage and the power of books and cannot imagine a time when the printed word is no

longer relevant. Over the summer we asked Mount Prospect residents to share their stories about how the Library factored into their lives. We heard how the stories housed in our four walls piqued the imagination, inspired action, and stretched minds. We also heard how the Library was a special haven that allowed this experience to happen. Our goal is to marry the two—books and community—to create a place where everyone feels at home.



## You Told Us Your Stories

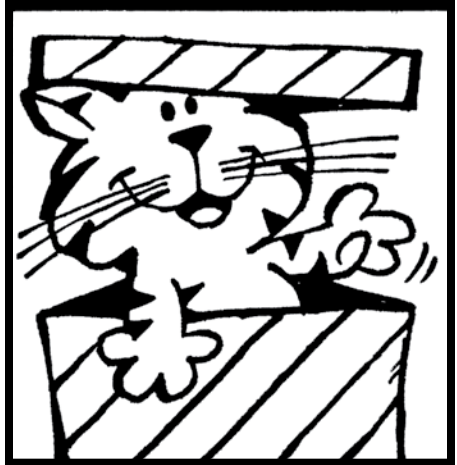
"Through the library I have visited exotic places, got to know some colorful characters in print, was transported to other times, was inspired by biographies, listened to audio tapes while driving, watched documentaries video stores did not stock, heard inspiring lectures, took computer classes, and joined a great book club. The library remains my life line." —Noreen H.

"I have always loved to read, but the library has given me a new and better way to do it. A comfortable chair in the back of a silent library always beats the middle of a bush with ear plugs trying to evade loud younger brothers...I can always count on MPPL for a book, if it's to study for a test (which I should be doing right now), find something for a book report, or to cool off when things get too crazy. To me, books aren't objects, but places that I spend hours inside. And where do I get books when I've memorized every novel on my shelf? The library." —Anna S.

"I have been a resident of Mount Prospect since 1996 and I have watched the library grow over those 14 years into a place of learning, solace, and adventure. I have used the library to develop job

search strategies, revisit creative hobbies I long ago abandoned, research customers and business strategies, borrow music that soothes my soul, borrow movies from a bygone era, solve problems, and find inspiration...When my children were younger we would use the library to research science projects, term papers, and essays. So many young people today think that the Internet is the sole source of information. I'll never forget when both of my sons revealed to me that they used the Mount Prospect library to do college-level research. It made me feel proud that I had instilled in them the value of a library as part of their continued education.

As the Mount Prospect Public Library continues to expand its online services, I have found new e-books and databases from the comfort of home; however, I usually pay a visit to the library at least once a month in good weather and bad regardless of the season. I guess in some respects I just enjoy being around books...Sometimes I go there for a specific purpose, other times I just browse the aisles and wait for a title to jump out at me. I get a good feeling knowing that I can find answers, knowledge, entertainment, opinions, inspiration, and comfort all in one place." —Barry S.



## Give the Gift of Reading

Monday, November 15-

Sunday, December 12

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

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### The Library will be closed:

Friday, November 5  
*Staff In-service*

Thursday, November 25  
*Thanksgiving*

Friday, December 24  
*Christmas Eve*

Saturday, December 25  
*Christmas*

### The Library will close at 5 p.m.

Friday, December 31  
*for New Year's Eve.*

# Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

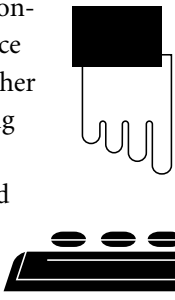
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Please sign up for programs on the Internet at [www.mpppl.org/events](http://www.mpppl.org/events), at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). Priority registration is given to Mount Prospect cardholders for programs with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

## Self-paced Learning Lab: Office 2007, Including Word, Excel, & PowerPoint

**Monday, November 1, 7-9 p.m.**

Do you have questions about working with the 2007 versions of Word, Excel, or PowerPoint? Drop in to the Computer Training room to use our computers and get one-on-one help with these Office 2007 applications. Whether you need help formatting a document in Word or want to learn how to add a slide in PowerPoint, this open lab time is your chance to practice your skills with the assistance of an expert tutor. Library computer trainer Michelle Vonderhaar will be on hand to answer your individual questions. *No registration required; stop in anytime between 7 and 9 p.m.* (NR)



## Building Job Skills to Be More Marketable

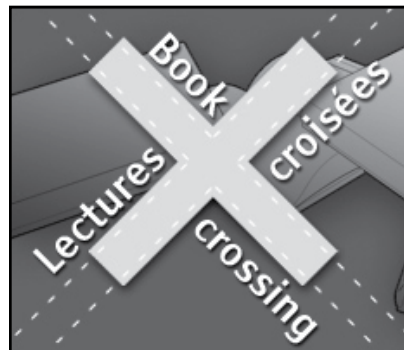
**Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m.**

Invest in yourself—take active steps to develop your computer skills and polish your résumé. Librarians Patti Smolin and Julie Collins will demonstrate *LearningExpress Library* and *LiveTutor*, two Library online resources that can give you hands-on training to help you succeed in the job marketplace. *LearningExpress* gives you access to tutorials for Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and other applications you may need for your next job. With *LiveTutor*, you can get one-on-one advice for writing your résumé and cover letters. Use these resources at the Library or from home, with an Internet-connected computer. You'll discover a wealth of Library and area resources to help prepare you for your next job. (R)

## FamilySearch: Another Tool for Genealogists

**Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m.**

Writing your family history? Try *FamilySearch*, a resource, now available online, provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which has spent 100 years gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records. Millions of people have used *FamilySearch* records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. Susan Anderson, a genealogy teacher and lecturer, will explain how to conduct a search of the records and indexes compiled by *FamilySearch*. (R)



## Book Crossing Celebration: Sister Cities Intercontinental Book Discussion

**Sunday, November 7, 1-2:30 p.m.**

Come celebrate our first-ever intercontinental book discussion with our Sister City, Sèvres, France. Did you read one of the books on our selection list? Participate in a discussion? Comment on the blog? Attend one of the Book Crossing storytimes? Then join us as we gather to share the experience while enjoying refreshments and activities. Highlighted clips of the discussions will be shown. (R)

## Smart Shopping on eBay

**Monday, November 8, 7 p.m.**

Add convenience to your shopping this holiday season and learn to shop eBay. The Library welcomes eBay University Instructor and Education Specialist Jack Waddick for a program that shows users how to effectively search for and purchase holiday gifts through eBay, the popular shopping and auction site. (R)

## Getting to “You’re Hired” Workshop

**Tuesday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

This full-day workshop, presented by Illinois workNet, will focus on effective techniques for getting a job in today's market. Experienced staff will provide expert guidance on writing résumés and cover letters that get results. You will then learn how to prepare for the interview, review common interview questions, and learn effective ways to answer them. Mock interviews and “elevator speeches” will be conducted to practice your newfound skills. *A lunch break will be scheduled; please plan to bring a lunch.* (R)

## Learn to Knit: A Simple Project for Beginners

**Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Caryl Sclove, a lifelong knitter and copresident 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. *There is a \$2 nonrefundable class fee.* Please see list of supplies online or contact the Registration Desk. (R)



## Celebrate the Season With Whole Foods Market

**Tuesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.**

At this time of year, bring your family together at the table with delicious recipes from Whole Foods Market. Tantalize their taste buds with Panettone French Toast with apples & cranberries, a Wild Rice and Pecan Stuffing, and a Spiced Cranberry Sauce with chardonnay and orange zest. Recipes and tasting portions will be provided. *There is a \$2 nonrefundable fee due at registration, and space is limited.* Please sign up at the Registration Desk (no phone or online registrations.) (R)

## Handcraft a Beaded Necklace and Earring Set: Jewelry Workshop

**Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.**

Create your own unique beaded jewelry. During this hands-on class, talented jewelry maker Diane Conrad will show you how to fashion a simple but elegant necklace and earring set from a variety of beads, silver-toned spacers, and faceted, fire-polished glass crystals. Your finished project will be a perfect gift for “someone special” or a great present to yourself. *The \$12 nonrefundable class fee will cover all materials and instruction to complete this project in just one evening.* Payment is due at registration. Project samples will be available for viewing at the Library. Space is limited. Stop by the Library's Registration Desk to reserve your spot (no phone or online registrations.) (R)

## Learn How to Interview Like a Pro

**Wednesday, December 1, 2 p.m.**

A great interview is critical to securing the job you want. Barbara Safani, career expert, author, and owner of Career Solvers, will lead this webinar designed to help you feel comfortable during an interview (no more stumbling or freezing up). She will share the latest

## No ticket required

U.S. public library visits  
1.4 billion



U.S. movie attendance  
1.3 billion



U.S. sporting event attendance  
218 million



Every year, Americans visit the library more often than we go to the movies and six times more often than we attend live sporting events (includes professional and NCAA football, baseball, basketball and hockey).

Sources: IMLS, 2007, *Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2007*; *Statistical Abstracts of the United States, 2010*; [www.mppaa.org/researchStatistics.asp](http://www.mppaa.org/researchStatistics.asp).

interview styles, techniques, and how to answer the top two interview questions. You will also be introduced to many of the career resources available through the Library. *This program will be presented as a webinar*, an online web-based seminar, which will be broadcast on our large screen. Librarian Patricia Smolin will be available to field your questions at the conclusion of the webinar. Registration is required, and space is limited. (R)

## Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3 Player

**Thursday, December 2, 4 p.m. OR**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2 p.m.**

Forget cassettes, forget 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 you go by transferring the recording to your MP3 player. This hands-on training session will show you how to download books, use *Overdrive Media Console*, and transfer the recording from your computer to your MP3 player. Bring your MP3 player and Library card and you will be on your way to harnessing the power of this new technology. *Space is limited to 13 participants per session, so sign up now for one of the two sessions being offered.* (R)

## The Prospect High School Madrigals: A Holiday Concert

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

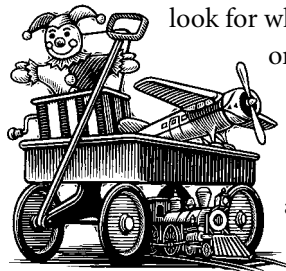
Prospect High School's a cappella singing group, the Madrigals, is a feast for both the eyes and ears. Wearing

traditional medieval costumes, the group has been performing holiday and chamber music at community gatherings for several years. Kick off the holiday season with this unique concert performed by these talented local students. (R)

## Choosing Safe Toys for Kids: What You Need to Know

**Tuesday, December 7, 7:30-9 p.m.**

Often parents believe they are purchasing safe toys for their children by selecting a recognized brand or buying one labeled "kid-tested." However, these products might not be safe. Sarah Chusid from Kids in Danger, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving product safety, discusses safe and age-appropriate toys and what to



look for when buying toys or products for children. Play yard equipment, nursery items, and recalls will be highlighted. (R)

## Job Searching During the Holidays: Yes, You Can

**Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m.**

Don't believe what you hear! The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is not the time to take a holiday from your job search. Bob Podgorski, coordinator of the St. Hubert Job Ministry, will discuss the seven myths about job hunting during the holiday season and provide strategies to make these six weeks fruitful. (R)

## ShawChicago Theater Company Presents *Santa Claus's Partner*

**Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.**

ShawChicago Theater Company will present its new holiday dramatic reading, *Santa Claus's Partner*. An American version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, *Santa Claus's Partner* is the story of a millionaire businessman who, in his obsession with making money, has forgotten the spirit of love and charity behind Christmas. The nine-year-old daughter of his office manager teaches him that the real test of humanity is whether, in the midst of one's own prosperity, one can take time to assist those who are less fortunate. This funny, suspenseful tale of a miser's transformation at Christmastime will lift your spirits and put you in the holiday mood. (R)

**A  
\$30  
value  
FREE!**

## Self-paced Learning Lab: Office 2007, Including Word, Excel, & PowerPoint

**Monday, December 13, 3-5 p.m.**

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## Holiday Harmonies With the BG Singers Encore!

**Monday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Encore!, the traveling vocal ensemble of the Buffalo Grove Singers, presents a holiday show featuring such crowd-

pleasing favorites as *Baby, It's Cold Outside*; *Let It Ring*, *Let It Swing*, *Let It Snow*; *The Twelve Groovy Days of Christmas*, and a medley of Christmas songs from Broadway that are sure to put you in the holiday spirit. *This concert is sponsored by the MPPL Foundation.* (R)

## Create a Holiday Centerpiece

**Tuesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.**

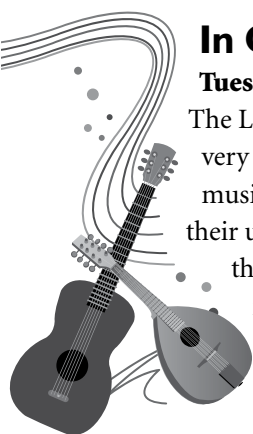
Add a festive look to your holiday table with a handmade centerpiece. Let Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens Interior Landscaping and Custom Floral Design show you how to create your own decorative holiday masterpiece during this hands-on workshop. Learn how to artistically combine fragrant greens, red berries, and a candle into a container to fashion a festive decoration. Bring garden gloves and a pruner; all other materials will be supplied. *There is an \$18 fee due at registration, and space is limited.* Stop by the Library's Registration Desk to reserve your spot (no phone or online registrations.) (R)

## Senior Session

## Tax-free Investing: It's Not What You Make, It's What You Keep

**Tuesday, November 16, 1:30 p.m.**

Municipal bonds are well suited for income-oriented investors seeking tax-free income. This month's Senior Session will feature Brian Hamm of Edward Jones Investments who will explain how fixed-income investments can be an important part of an investor's overall portfolio. He will discuss the benefits of tax-free municipal bonds and the three ways to own them. (R)



## In Concert: Dan Zahn & Kate Moretti

**Tuesday, December 21, 1:30 p.m.**

The Library is pleased to present Dan Zahn & Kate Moretti for a very special afternoon concert featuring holiday favorites, folk music standards, and original songs. This duo has been performing their unique blend of folk, original, and swing music throughout the Midwest and beyond for many years. Zahn is a fine guitarist, mandolin picker, songwriter, vocalist, and entertainer. When Zahn combines his talents with the sweet vocals, quick wit, and charming personality of Moretti, they truly make beautiful music together.

## Getting technical

More libraries—5,400—offer technology training classes than there are computer training businesses in the U.S. Every day, 14,700 people attend free library computer classes—a retail value of \$2.2 million. That's \$629 million worth of computer classes annually (based on 286 business days per year).

**5,400**

U.S. public libraries  
offering free  
technology classes

**4,000**

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computer  
training

Sources: ALA, 2009, "Libraries Connect Communities 3: Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, 2008-2009"; ReferenceUSA Business and Residential Directory; OCLC, 2010, primary research; www.geekquad.com.

## BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

### Food for Thought



#### *Cry, the Beloved Country*

by Alan Paton

**Wednesday,  
November 3, 1 p.m.**

In the troubled and changing South Africa of the 1940s, Stephen Kumalo, a Zulu Christian pastor, discovers his son Absalom has been accused of murdering a white man who devoted his life to justice.



#### *Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil*

by Deborah Rodriguez

**Wednesday, December 1,  
1 p.m.**

In this appealing oddball memoir, an impetuous Michigan hairdresser flees her miserable marriage, relocates to Kabul, and opens a beauty academy. The line between teacher and student quickly blurs as women used to ultraconservative Taliban rule share their stories, their hearts, and their strength.

### Coffee, Books, & More



#### *The Lacuna: A Novel*

by Barbara Kingsolver

**Wednesday,  
November 17, 10 a.m.**

The story of Harrison William Shepherd, a man caught between two worlds—Mexico and the United States in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s—whose search for identity takes readers to the heart of the twentieth century's most tumultuous events.

### Planning Session

**Wednesday, December 15, 10 a.m.**

This month's meeting is a planning session to determine titles for discussion in 2011. We welcome your input.

### Coffee & Conversation

**Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Energy**

**Friday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Good News**

Coffee & Conversation, the Library's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views. The evening's coffee is generously provided by Starbucks Coffee, 100 W. Northwest Hwy., Mount Prospect. (R)

## SHORT BOOKS FOR SHORT DAYS

**Monday, November 1-Tuesday, November 30**

When was the last time you read a short story? Get reacquainted with this fascinating approach to storytelling during the Library's "Short Books for Short Days" event. During the month of November stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk and choose one of our short story suggestions or one from our collection. We have short stories written by famous authors (and noted novelists), including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Agatha Christie, and Mark Twain, and modern-day authors, such as Maeve Binchy, Stephen King, and Sherman Alexie, as well as authors who exclusively write short stories. Read at least one story to enter our drawing for a chance to win a gift basket or gift cards.

## LIBRARY LIFE

### November

Celebrate the Season With Whole Foods Market

Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America

Creative Paper Crafts for the Holidays

The Prospect High School Madrigals:

A Holiday Concert



### December

Who Is Amy? Children's Author, Grown-up Author, Filmmaker, and More!

Book Crossing Celebration: Sister Cities Intercontinental Book Discussion

No Oven? No Problem With These No-bake Treats

Features subject to change.

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[www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org)

## MOVIES AND MORE

### Movies @ MPPL



#### *Solitary Man*

[2010; Rated R; 90 minutes; Drama/Comedy] Starring Michael Douglas, Susan Sarandon, Danny DeVito, Mary-Louise Parker. Directed by Brian Koppelman and David Levien.

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

**Thursday, November 11, 1 p.m.**

Academy Award®-winner Michael Douglas plays a fifty-something New Yorker and former successful car dealer who, through his own bad choices, lost his entire business. His marriage and businesses were lost to him through a series of indiscretions. His new girlfriend's father offers him a second lease on life, but the one catch is he has to take his girlfriend's daughter on a weekend college visit where he absolutely must behave himself with the one girl he shouldn't touch or he'll risk losing everything. (R)

#### *Grown Ups*

[2010; Rated PG-13; 102 minutes; Comedy] Starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade, Rob Schneider. Directed by Dennis Dugan.

**Wednesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 9, 1 p.m.**

Five friends and former teammates reunite years later to honor the passing of their childhood basketball coach. With their wives and kids in tow, they spend a holiday weekend together at the lake house where they celebrated their championship years earlier. Picking up where they left off, they discover why growing older doesn't mean growing up. (R)

### Movie Discussion

#### *Goodbye Solo*

[2009; Rated R; 91 minutes, Drama] Starring Souleymane Sy Savane, Red West. Directed by Ramin Bahrani.

**Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.**

On the lonely roads of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, two men forge an improbable friendship that will change both of their lives forever. Solo is a Senegalese cab driver working to provide a better life for his young family. William is a tough Southern good ol' boy with a lifetime of regrets. Despite their differences, both men soon realize they need each other more than either is willing to admit. Through this unlikely but unforgettable friendship, this film explores the passing of a generation as well as the rapidly changing face of America. (R)



#### *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*

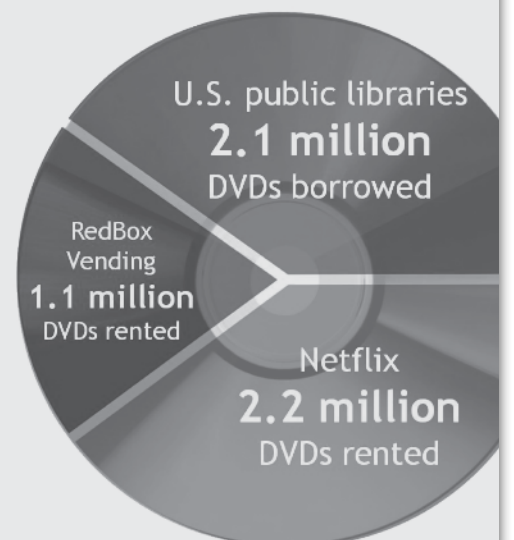
[2005; Rated R; 102 minutes; Thriller/Comedy] Starring Robert Downey Jr., Val Kilmer, Michelle Monaghan, Corbin Bernsen. Directed by Shane Black.

**Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.**

While fleeing from the cops, small-time hood Harry Lockhart stumbles into an acting audition. He does so well he gets to go to Hollywood. While there, Harry pursues a girl he loved in high school and ends by getting caught up in a twisted murder mystery. His only chance of getting out alive is a private detective named Gay Perry, who also works as a consultant for movies.

## Movie night


Every day, Americans borrow 2.1 million DVDs from libraries, and we spend over \$22 million for DVD rentals at outlets like Netflix and RedBox vending machines.





Sources: OCLC, 2010, primary research; [www.netflix.com/HowItWorks](http://www.netflix.com/HowItWorks); Stross, Randall, "When the Price Is Right, the Future Can Wait," *New York Times*, July 12, 2009; McBride, Sarah, "Cinema Surpassed DVD Sales in 2009," *Wall Street Journal* online, January 4, 2010.


# NOVEMBER


**1 Short Books for Short Days**  
Monday, November 1-Tuesday,  
November 30

**Self-paced Learning Lab: Office 2007,  
Including Word, Excel, & PowerPoint**  
Monday, November 1, 7-9 p.m. (NR) 

**2 Open Storytime**, Tuesday,  
November 2, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) 

**Creative Paper Crafts for the Holidays**  
Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.  \$10 fee


**3 Open Storytime**, Wednesday,  
November 3, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) 


**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**  
**Book Discussion**, Wednesday,  
November 3, 1 p.m., *Cry, the Beloved  
Country* by Alan Paton (NR) 

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
**Storytime Favorites**  
Sunday, November 7, 1-1:30 p.m. 

**8 TREES & SEEDS Intergenerational  
Book Discussion**, *How to Steal a  
Dog* by Barbara O'Connor  
Monday, November 8, 6-7 p.m. 

**Smart Shopping on eBay**  
Monday, November 8, 7 p.m. 


**9 Getting to "You're Hired"  
Workshop**, Tuesday, November 9,  
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 


**Open Storytime**, Tuesday, November 9,  
6:30-7 p.m. (NR) 


**Learn to Knit: A Simple Project for  
Beginners**, Tuesday, November 9,  
7:30 p.m.  \$2 fee


**10 Open Storytime**, Wednesday,  
November 10, 9:30-10 a.m.  
(NR) 

**MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Goodbye Solo***  
Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. 

**11 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Solitary Man***  
Thursday, November 11, 1 p.m. 

**12 Open Storytime**, Friday,  
November 12, 10:30-11 a.m.  
(NR) 


**CREATE-A-CRAFT: Fantastic Fall**  
Friday, November 12, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
(NR) 


**13 SUPER SATURDAY:  
Sea Beast Puppet Company  
Presents "Surf and Turf"**, Saturday,  
November 13, 11-11:45 a.m. 

**14 Who Is Amy? Children's Author,  
Grown-up Author, Filmmaker,  
and More!**, Sunday, November 14,  
2-3 p.m. 

**15 Give the Gift of Reading**  
Monday, November 15-Sunday,  
December 12


**BOOK VOYAGERS: Food,  
Glorious, Food!**, Monday, November 15,  
4:15-5:15 p.m. 

**16 SENIOR SESSION: Tax-free  
Investing: It's Not What You  
Make, It's What You Keep**  
Tuesday, November 16, 1:30 p.m. 

**Open Storytime**, Tuesday,  
November 16, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) 


**Celebrate the Season With  
Whole Foods Market**  
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
**18 Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m.


**19 Open Storytime**, Friday,  
November 19, 10:30-11 a.m.  
(NR) 

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**  
Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. 


**20 No Oven? No Problem With  
These No-bake Treats**  
Saturday, November 20, 2-4 p.m. 

**23 Open Storytime**, Tuesday,  
November 23, 6:30-7 p.m.  
(NR) 





**Handcraft a Beaded Necklace and  
Earring Set: Jewelry Workshop**  
Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.  \$12 fee

**24 Open Storytime**, Wednesday,  
November 24, 9:30-10 a.m.  
(NR) 

**25 LIBRARY CLOSED**  
**for Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 25

**26 Open Storytime**, Friday,  
November 26, 10:30-11 a.m.  
(NR) 


**30 Open Storytime**, Tuesday,  
November 30, 6:30-7 p.m.  
(NR) 


Adult  Teen   
Youth  All Ages   
(NR) No registration necessary

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Fees, when applicable, must be paid at the Registration Desk and are  
not refundable unless the program is canceled. *The Library requires  
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# DECEMBER


**1 Open Storytime**, Wednesday,  
December 1, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) 


**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**  
**Book Discussion**, *Kabul Beauty School:  
An American Woman Goes Behind the  
Veil* by Deborah Rodriguez  
Wednesday, December 1, 1 p.m. (NR) 

**Learn How to Interview Like a Pro**  
Wednesday, December 1, 2 p.m. 


**MOVIES @ MPPL: *Grown Ups***  
Wednesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.  


**2 Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3  
Player**, Thursday, December 2,  
4 p.m. 


**3 Open Storytime**, Friday,  
December 3, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) 


**4 Teddy Bear Walk**, Saturday,  
December 4, 10 a.m.-noon 


**6 Winter Storytime Lottery Begins**  
Monday, December 6


**Polish Holiday Storytime**  
Monday, December 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 

**The Prospect High School Madrigals:  
A Holiday Concert**  
Monday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. 


**7 Open Storytime**, Tuesday,  
December 7, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) 

**Choosing Safe Toys for Kids: What You  
Need to Know**, Tuesday, December 7,  
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. 


**8 Open Storytime**, Wednesday,  
December 8, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) 


**MOVIE DISCUSSION:**  
*Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*,  
Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. 


**9 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Grown Ups***  
Thursday, December 9, 1 p.m.  

**Job Searching During the Holidays:  
Yes, You Can**  
Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m. 

**10 Open Storytime**, Friday,  
December 10, 10:30-11 a.m.  
(NR) 


**CREATE-A-CRAFT: Holiday  
Hullabaloo**, Friday, December 10,  
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) 


**ShawChicago Theater Company  
Presents *Santa Claus's Partner***  
Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. 


**11 Friends "Kids Books" Sale**  
Saturday, December 11,  
noon-4 p.m. (NR) 


**Holiday Crafts to Make & Take**  
Saturday, December 11, 2-4 p.m. 


**12 Gift of Reading Ends**  
Sunday, December 12

**13 Self-paced Learning Lab:  
Office 2007, Including Word,  
Excel, & PowerPoint**  
Monday, December 13, 3-5 p.m. (NR) 

**Holiday Harmonies With the  
BG Singers Encore!**  
Monday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. 


**14 Putting Audiobooks on  
Your MP3 Player**, Tuesday,  
December 14, 2 p.m. 

**Create a Holiday Centerpiece**, Tuesday,  
December 14, 7:30 p.m.  \$18 fee

**15 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE**  
**Discussion**, Wednesday,  
December 15, 10 a.m. (NR) 

**16 Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, December 16, 7 p.m.

**17 COFFEE & CONVERSATION:**  
**Good News**, Friday,  
December 17, 7:30 p.m. 

**21 SENIOR SESSION: In Concert:  
Dan Zahn & Kate Moretti**  
Tuesday, December 21, 1:30 p.m. 

**24 LIBRARY CLOSED**  
**for Christmas Eve Day**  
Friday, December 24

**25 LIBRARY CLOSED**  
**for Christmas Day**  
Saturday, December 25

**31 LIBRARY CLOSING at 5 p.m.**  
**for New Year's Eve**  
Friday, December 31, 5 p.m.

# Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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## Who Is Amy? Children's Author, Grown-up Author, Filmmaker, and More!

• FOR ALL AGES

**Sunday, November 14, 2-3 p.m.**

How would you describe yourself? That's what *New York Times* bestselling author, public radio contributor, mother, and Chicago resident Amy Krouse Rosenthal is on a journey to discover. She knows she likes to write books for children, including *Little Pea*, *Duck! Rabbit!*, *The Wonder Book*, the upcoming *One Smart Cookie*, and many more. She also likes writing books for adults, including *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life*. She even knows she likes to talk with kids and adults about what she does for a living. Find out what else she likes when she visits MPPL. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

## SUPER Saturday! —for all ages

### Sea Beast Puppet Company Presents “Surf and Turf”

**Saturday, November 13, 11-11:45 a.m.**

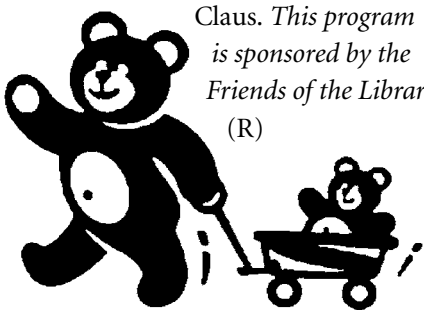
Come rediscover the classic stories of *Stone Soup* and Rudyard Kipling's *How the Whale Got His Throat* in this new, exciting production. Sea Beast Puppet Company's “Surf and Turf” utilizes puppetry, music, and audience interaction to tell these imaginative tales in a colorful and entertaining way. (R)

### Teddy Bear Walk

**Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m.-noon**

Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH as the Library celebrates the 30th 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. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)



### Give the Gift of Reading

**Monday, November 15-**

**Sunday, December 12**

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

### Choosing Safe Toys for Kids: What You Need to Know

**Tuesday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.**

Often parents believe they are purchasing safe toys for their children by selecting a recognized brand or buying one labeled “kid-tested.” However, these products might not be safe. Sarah Chusid from Kids in Danger, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving product safety, discusses safe and age-appropriate toys and what to look for when buying toys or products for children. Play yard equipment, nursery items, and recalls will be highlighted. (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)

### Fantastic Fall

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

Drop in and “leaf” with some amazing art for autumn—created by you!

### Holiday Hullabaloo

**Friday, December 10, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Visit our special workshop to create a wonderful wintry work of art.

### Friends “Kids Books” Sale

**Saturday, December 11, noon-4 p.m.**

Just in time for the holidays—adults and kids will discover a treasure trove of quality, used kids books at this one-of-a-kind sale presented by the Friends of the Library. Stop by the Library between noon and 4 p.m. to stock up on kids books. Plus, you'll find a great selection of holiday books for all ages. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.



## Baby, It's Cold Outside!



### 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 sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* These sessions run through December 10. (NR)

### Storytime Favorites

**Sunday, November 7,  
1-1:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a family storytime featuring *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood and *Zee Is Not Scared*

by Michel Gay plus favorite songs and rhymes. These books are part of Book Crossing, our intercontinental reading program with our Sister City, Sèvres, France. *An adult must accompany children under the age of 3.* (NR)



## Winter Storytime Lottery Begins

**Monday, December 6**

Parents can register their children—birth through age six—for the Library's Winter storytime session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run January 17-February 25. 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.*

## 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. Limited to 30 voyagers.* (R)

### Food, Glorious Food!

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

Whether for breakfast, lunch, or dinner you probably have a favorite food. Join us as we snack on tasty tales about the foods we like to eat.



### Polish Holiday Storytime

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

Children ages 3-7 and their families are invited to a special storytime in Polish and English. *This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Library cardholders.* (R)



## 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)



*How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor

**Monday, November 8, 6-7 p.m.**

“Half of me was thinking, ‘Georgina, don't do this. Stealing a dog is just plain wrong.’ The other half of me was thinking, ‘Georgina, you're in a bad fix and you got to do whatever it takes to get yourself out of it.’” After being evicted from their apartment and forced to live in their car, Georgina and her family are desperate. When Georgina spots a missing-dog poster, she thinks a solution might be within reach. All she and her little brother have to do is “borrow” the right dog and its owners are sure to offer a reward. What happens next is the last thing Georgina expected. With unmistakable sympathy, Barbara O'Connor tells the story of a young girl struggling to see what's right when everything else seems wrong.



# Teen Zone

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

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## No Oven? No Problem With These No-bake Treats

**Saturday,  
November 20,  
2-4 p.m.**

Create your own edible works of art! We're going to make iPod brownies, Twinkie sushi, and Ho-Ho Turtles. If you like frosting, licorice, and gummy fruit, then this program is for you! (R)



## Holiday Crafts to Make & Take

**Saturday, December 11,  
2-4 p.m.**

Turn CDs into great holiday gifts. Show your artistic side with handmade cards. Make munchies for your friends. We'll supply the materials and instructions. All you need to bring is your creativity. (R)



## Retiring Rose



This December Rose Allen, Young Adult Librarian extraordinaire, will retire. How do you sum up the impact Rose has had on our community? Words such as *committed*, *dedicated*, and *passionate* get tossed around all the time, but Rose truly embodies them.

Rose has been a part of the library community for 37 years. She started her career helping with the bookmobile in a small town in Maryland. As she moved from coast to coast and then to the Midwest, Rose always focused her career on libraries and helping people find informational and recreational materials. Rose's dream had always been to become a degreed librarian, but prior to her settling in the Chicago area, life had always gotten in the way. With the encouragement of her supervisor, Larry D'Urso, Rose decided to pursue her dream. She started at Harper, moved on to Northern Illinois University, and finally earned a Masters of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Not one to shy away from challenges, Rose was an early participant in U of I's LEEP program, an online education program that combines very brief periods of on-campus instruction with Internet instruction and independent learning. Back in the mid-90s, this innovative program was one of the first to harness the Internet as a platform for distance learning. Her quest to become a librarian took 10 years and a lot of hard work.

To Rose, her master's degree was more than a piece of paper; it was a platform for making a difference. Rose credits some wonderful mentors for getting her through library school and, as a way of acknowledging the support she received, has become a mentor herself. Within the library community, Rose has

been an active contributor to the American Library Association, Illinois Library Association, Public Library Association, and North Suburban Library System. Her efforts have been recognized through several awards, including the ILA Jane O'Brien Award for outstanding contributions to the library community and the Library School Alumni Association Student award from U of I for "catching the spirit" of the profession. She is also a member of Beta Phi Mu, the library and information studies honor society.

Rose has taken her mentoring efforts down to an individual level — taking teens under her wing. "She's an outgoing, friendly role-model who encourages us and introduces us to new ideas," notes Haley Dircks, a senior at Prospect High School who has been a member of the Teen Advisor Board (TAB) since 6th grade. Rose's genuine interest in teens was evident in everything she tackled. From organizing creative craft programs to book discussions to pizza tastings to band competitions, Rose continually demonstrated her commitment to helping Mount Prospect's young people grow and discover the world around them. She reached outside the Library, bringing authors and open mic programs to Starbucks, even joining one teen's Relay for Life team. "She will be missed," said Urszula Tyl, another TAB member. "She was always there when I needed her and gave me great advice."

Libraries foster a community of sharing — sharing of materials and sharing of ideas. Rose Allen has dedicated her life's work to libraries, and these ideals and both the Library community and Mount Prospect are a better place because of Rose. Thank you so much, Rose. We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life.

Every community is a constellation of stars with varying degrees of intensity and spectrum. While we know the stars shine above us, we often take for granted their presence. The Mount Prospect community, and in particular, its young people have a shining star in Rose Allen. Her vision, leadership, and advocacy have given our young people a place to read, research, and build technology skills. Her Teen Advisory Board (TAB) program has given our youth a voice in book selections and library programs.

While Rose may not be as young as the patrons she serves, she certainly shares their enthusiasm for learning and adventure. Perhaps it is Rose's own experience growing up in the segregated Baltimore, Maryland area that has shaped her commitment to creating a collection and library experience where ideas are cherished and tolerance is the norm.

As an LRC Director at Lincoln Middle School in Mount Prospect, I can attest to her commitment to reach beyond the brick walls of the library, and work cooperatively with our school libraries. When the Mount Prospect Public Library began its subscription to Tutor.com, I asked Rose if the Library could come over and show our students how it worked. Rose recruited several of her colleagues and came over to teach our students. When I asked Rose if Tutor.com could be opened earlier, so I could teach students after school, Rose responded and a change was made to open the service at 2 p.m. When I asked Rose to come in to give our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders book talks for summer reading, Rose came to Lincoln with 20-30 books to share. Over the years, Rose has helped me locate quality literature for our school library, coordinated book bags for our teachers with lower-level reading materials, and pulled books on assigned topics. Our teachers have come to rely on her expertise and inspiring book talks.

While it's sad to hear Rose is retiring, I know she's just starting the next phase of her life's journey. We're fortunate she stopped off in Mount Prospect along the way.

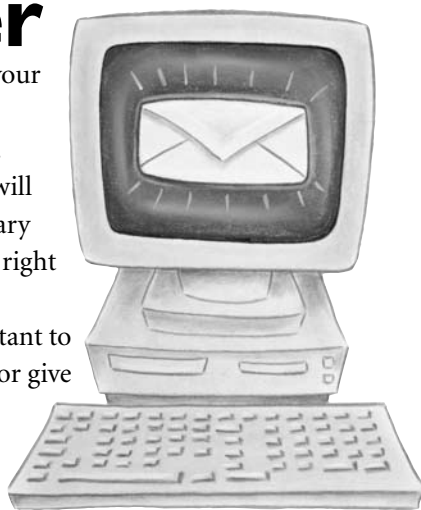
*Michelle Walsh*

LRC Director, Lincoln Middle School  
Mount Prospect

## Mount Prospect Public Library has started an e-newsletter

- Get timely information sent directly to your e-mail address!
- Sign up on our website or at the Library.
- By subscribing to our e-newsletter, you will receive periodic information about Library events, programs, and services delivered right to your inbox.

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## Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2011!

From the Board and  
Staff of Mount Prospect  
Public Library

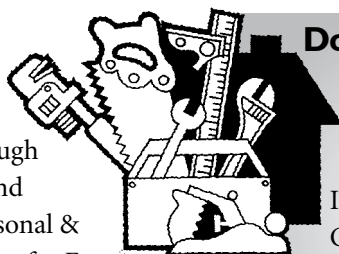
# Get a Hobby!

A hobby is a wonderful antidote to today's stressful life. What would you like to try? Chess? Photography? Knitting? Or maybe you are looking for a craft project to keep your kids/grandkids busy. Turn to our online Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center in the Research & Reference section of our website.

If you have a Mount Prospect Public Library card and access to the Internet, you have access to hundreds of illustrated articles and short videos about almost every hobby, craft, or activity you can think of. Begin your

search by browsing through eight broad categories and two special sections: seasonal & holiday crafts and kids' crafts. For each hobby, there is a "Hobby Profile" tab that provides a beginner's overview of the topic, including how to get started, initial investment, materials, trends, and time commitment. The "Projects" tab takes you directly to a selection of full-color, step-by-step instructions on hundreds of different projects.

If you already have a specific interest, then go directly to the "view



## Do-it-yourself Home Improvement

Is your home your hobby? Then go to our Home Improvement Reference Center for illustrated instructions on a wide variety of projects: learn how to replace a doorbell switch, fix a running toilet, install insulation, and more.

all topics" tab to find your hobby. With 140 topics, you are bound to find something of interest. Stop by or give us a call; we would be happy to help you find the information you need to get started on your next project.

# Foundation Closes in on Endowment Milestone

## Help us reach our goal!

by Katy Rossi, Foundation President

In 1997 a small group of Mount Prospect residents came together and started fundraising to gift money to the public Library of Mount Prospect to provide special programming and services to the community. This group formalized as the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF), a not-for-profit organization and separate entity from Mount Prospect Public Library, with the original goal

of creating an endowment fund worth \$200,000 to provide extras for the Library above what is possible with public funds.

For its first few years the Foundation's sole activity was fundraising. Today that energy continues in several visible events such as the *Fall Classic Raffle*, the *Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle*, and an engaging program featuring academic entertainer *Barbara Rinella*.

For the last decade, the Foundation has also been able to fund many recognizable activities at the Library

while continuing to close in on the original endowment milestone. We need less than \$10,000 to reach our milestone of \$200,000.

*The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the many community members who have been our tireless supporters and advocates.*

## EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Simply visit [www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org) and click on *About Us/Library Foundation* to download a donation form. All donations to the MPPL Foundation are tax-deductible.

Future fundraising efforts will then focus on raising money to sponsor programs above and beyond our current capabilities. Events made possible this year alone by the Foundation funding included *Young Yogis*, *In Praise of Gospel Music*, and *The Four Bettys* musical group.

Our mission matters now more than ever. Won't you join us and become a supporter of MPPL by making a donation in this year-end campaign to reach our endowment milestone of \$200,000. Checks should be made payable to Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation and mailed to 10 South Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, IL 60056.



# Friends "Kids Books" Sale

Don't Forget...

Saturday, December 11, noon-4 p.m.

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Sunday noon-5 p.m.

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