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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

November/December 2011



Holiday Movie Fest Saturday, December 17

• for adults and children age nine and older

The week before Christmas, get out of the shopping melee and come to the Library for a day of classic movies that will bring joy to your heart and memories of Christmases past. We will show *White Christmas* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, one after the other, with an hour break for you to go get lunch. Ring in the spirit of the season by wearing your favorite holiday sweater. Just before the second feature, we will have a contest for the "Most Outrageous Sweater," with \$5 Caribou Coffee gifts cards for the winners. Come to one movie or both! (NR)

Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m.

White Christmas

[1954; Not Rated; 120 minutes] *Starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, Vera-Ellen. Directed by Michael Curtiz.*

Featuring the songs of Irving Berlin, this classic film captures the warmth and generosity of Christmas when two song-and-dance men team up with a sister act to help their old army general who's in financial trouble.

Saturday, December 17, 1:10 p.m.

It's a Wonderful Life

[1946; Not Rated; 130 minutes] *Starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore. Directed by Frank Capra.*

A man is saved from a suicide attempt by an angel and is then shown how important he is to the people who love him.

Show Off Your Holiday Sweater!

Saturday, December 17, 1 p.m.

Model your favorite holiday sweater and compete for the title "Most Outrageous Sweater." Three categories: men, women, and under 21. Each winner will receive a \$5 Caribou Coffee gift card.



Family Gives Back in More Ways Than One

When it comes to charitable giving, it's a family affair for Lawrence R. Krupp, his wife Melanie, and son Josh. As a trustee in a family-run charitable foundation, Krupp has long known the value of giving back.

"My parents have always been charitable," says Krupp, a resident of Mount Prospect since 1987. "We grew up in Glen Ellyn and my parents were always volunteering and involved in our schools and community, giving both of their time and money."

"After my mom passed away, my dad decided to set up a foundation to honor her and as a way to continue this tradition of giving back."

Thus was born The Leo L. & Roslyn L. Krupp Family Foundation, which since its inception in 1997 has donated thousands of dollars to charities and not-for-profits including the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). In a telephone conversation about charitable giving, Krupp easily recalls details from some 50 years ago, describing visits to his local library as a kid. Even then, Krupp says he

understood how lucky he was to have a library filled with so many amazing books or a place to simply hang out with his friends.

Today Krupp chooses to donate to MPPLF to honor



Giving is all in the family for Larry Krupp and son Josh

—see *A Family Legacy* on page 7

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The Library will be closed:

Friday, November 4
for Staff In-service Day (MAIN ONLY)

Thursday, November 24
for Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 24
for Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25
for Christmas



Give the Gift of Reading Monday, November 14 – Sunday, December 11

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.

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, 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.*

E-reader Test Drive

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

Intrigued by the idea of an E-reader but not sure what to buy? Come test drive the two most popular models: a Barnes & Noble NOOK and the Amazon Kindle. Touch, play with, and ask Library staff about the devices. What about the difference between an E-reader and a tablet? Check out the iPad and its newest competitors. It is easy to transform a tablet into an E-reader with an app. Take our iPad for a spin; it will be loaded with several apps for you to try.

Apple's Geniuses, Best Buy's Geeks, Barnes & Nobles' NOOK experts, and Kindle aficionado Jack Waddick will be on hand to answer device-specific questions while Library staff can explain how to get access to free e-books with MyMediaMall. Don't miss this time to try out these devices before you do your holiday shopping — plus you could win a gift card to spend on your new toy. (NR)

Crafting Handmade Gift Tags and Bags

Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for the holidays by creating those handmade touches every gift deserves: gift tags and gift bags. Participants will use a variety of techniques, including rubber stamping, punching, and accessorizing to add pizzazz to any gift. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; all other supplies are included in the \$10 nonrefundable material fee. For participants 16 years and older. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Crowd-pleasing Holiday Cooking

Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

Don't finalize your holiday menu just yet! Get insight and seasonal recipes for your Thanksgiving and December holiday feasts from the culinary team at Whole Foods Market Palatine. Recipes and taste 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)

William Busse: Mount Prospect's Founding Father

Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m.

The Busse name is well known throughout the area for good reason. William Busse was instrumental in getting Mount Prospect incorporated into a village, constructing Northwest Highway, and building School District 57's first school. Part visionary, part environmentalist, William Busse left his indelible mark on the northwest suburbs. Learn more about the man who was, arguably, Mount Prospect's biggest booster at the latest installment of Mount Prospect Stories, presented by Greg Peerbolte, Director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society. (R)

Great Digital Photos—The Basics

Monday, November 28, 7 p.m.

Digital cameras make taking pictures quick and easy, and, with a few simple tips, you can create lasting images to share with family and friends. Jack Waddick will walk you through the basics of taking, editing, and sharing great digital photos. Leaving technical jargon behind, he will help you make

Great Green Solutions to Clutter-free Living

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

Turn your commitment to the environment and getting organized into a reality. Beth Randall of Joe Organizer will show you how to reuse your own things to get better organized. You will learn how to set up convenient recycling systems in your own home, the best way to recycle items to keep them from ending up in a landfill, and the safest way and place to dispose of toxic materials. A great presentation for you and the environment! (R)

The Mount Prospect Sustainability Education Program is presented in partnership with the Village of Mount Prospect and the Mount Prospect Public Library and funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).



Interested in family history?

The New FamilySearch.org Website

Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m.

Is it time to begin researching your family tree? A great place to start is FamilySearch.org, a free website sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The information found on FamilySearch.org has been a primary research stop for many family history researchers. Maureen Brady, a professional genealogist, will provide a tour of the completely redesigned site, including indexes linked to images of original documents and a library of instructional videos. She will also share navigational tips and search techniques that will help focus your search. *This program was rescheduled from October 10.* (R)



Finding Grandma's Birthplace

Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m.

You can use U.S. records to search for clues on where your European ancestors were born. Shifting borders and name changes can make the process challenging, but genealogist Steve Szabados will give you tips and tricks to find maiden names of women, birth and marriage dates, and, most importantly, the village or city from which the ancestor came. (R)

Bringing Family History to Life: The Stories We Could Tell

Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

Writing the unique stories of one's own family cannot only preserve the facts and provide a record for future generations but provide keen insight into the family's values and heritage. Learn how to develop a story that will give context to a collection of family images, documents, and heirlooms. This presentation will help people interested in telling their family stories overcome their fears of writing and commit the oral traditions to the written word. (R)



the most of your photos during this lively demonstration. Plenty of time will be allotted for your questions. (R)

Computer Learning Lab: E-mail, Internet, and Office 2007

Wednesday, November 30, 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, 4-6 p.m.

Have you taken a computer class but still have questions? Get answers during this open lab where a computer trainer will be available to answer your specific questions about any one of the topics covered in our regular classes: E-mail, Internet, Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Use this time to practice skills or work on a project with the confidence that a tutor is available to help you. No registration required. (NR)

The Prospect High School Madrigals: A Holiday Concert

Monday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

Wearing traditional medieval costumes, this a cappella singing group has been performing holiday and chamber music

at community gatherings for years. Kick off the holiday season with this unique concert. (R)

Building Job Skills to Be More Marketable

Monday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Invest in yourself—take active steps to develop your computer skills and polish your résumé. Our Librarians will demonstrate LearningExpress Library and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center, two online resources available only through MPPL. LearningExpress gives you access to tutorials for Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and other applications you may need for your next job. Ferguson's can help you discover occupations/industries that best match your interests and provides valuable information on how to look for jobs, format a résumé, ace an interview, and more. Use these resources at the Library or from home, with your Library card and an Internet-connected computer. You'll discover a wealth of Library and area resources to help prepare you for your next job (R)

MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS: Random Ringers Handbell Holiday Concert

**Monday, December 12,
7:30 p.m.**

The Random Ringers, a community handbell ensemble, presents a festive concert to welcome the holiday season to Mount Prospect. Performing secular and religious holiday favorites, the Ringers will delight audience members with their technical skill at this unique program. *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)



Create a Holiday Centerpiece

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.

Add a festive look to your holiday table with a handmade centerpiece. Let Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens Interior Plantscaping and Custom Floral Design show you how during this workshop. Learn how to combine fragrant greens, red berries, and a candle into a container to fashion a festive decoration. If you own garden gloves and a pruner or strong scissors, please bring them; all other materials will be supplied. *There is an \$18 materials fee due at registration, and space is limited.* Stop by MPPL's Registration Desk to reserve your spot (R)

Senior Session

Three Illinois Women of the Civil War

**Tuesday,
November 15,
1:30 p.m.**

Betty Kay, author and reenactor, portrays three different Illinois women who made an impact during the Civil War. Kay will play Jenny Hodggers, also known as Albert Cashier, a woman who fought as a man for the full four years of the war. She will then transform herself into Mother Bickerdyke, one of the most colorful nurses to serve under General Sherman. Finally, she becomes



Mrs. Julia Dent Grant and describes her life traveling with General Grant during the war. (R)

Holiday Songs and Sing-along

Tuesday, December 20, 1:30 p.m.

Get into the spirit of the holidays with Patti Ecker, award-winning singer/musician. Sing along to favorites like *Jingle Bells*, *Deck the Halls*, and *Silent Night*, plus traditional German and English caroling gems. Ecker's warm and refreshing performance will take you back to the holidays of your youth. (R)

Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug Programs: Now Is the Time to Shop

One of the best ways seniors can save money is to shop around for Medicare Part C and Part D programs during Open Enrollment.

The deadline for enrollment decisions by seniors on Medicare is December 7—sooner than last year! During this time, recipients may switch to another Part D prescription drug plan or from a Medicare Advantage plan to a traditional plan or vice versa.

Why look at other programs even if you are happy with your current plan? Because insurance companies often change their plans year-to-year, especially Medicare Part D drug plans. Some drug costs increase; others may be more difficult to get. Also, your list of drugs may have changed, and another plan may work better. As for Medicare Advantage programs, which are similar to an HMO or PPO, new this year is a five-star quality rating plan to help you make the best choice. According to an article in the *Detroit Free Press*,

Dr. Berwick of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) noted that premiums for 2012 Medicare Advantage programs on average are decreasing. When comparing plans, you will want to check the premiums, deductibles and other costs, whether your current doctors accept the plan, if you need to get referrals, and any other factors that may be important to you. So, whether you are a senior on Medicare or a family member helping out an aging relative, now is the time to review your options.

For more information or to compare costs and benefits of your current coverage with other plans, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800/633-4227. Mount Prospect Human Services Department at Village Hall (847/870-5680) and Wheeling Township SHIP Volunteers (847/259-7730) are also available to help. Whatever you do, you should not need to give anyone your Social Security number or Medicare number.

TIPS FROM OUR CATALOG— Finding Your Next Great Read



other titles, search for your favorite in the catalog and take a look at the ideas NoveList comes up with.

These suggestions from NoveList are also a great way to find something you might like if the title you were looking for is checked out. You can place a hold on the checked-out item and, while waiting for it to become available, find something to enjoy in the meantime—all on the same page!

What you see in our catalog is just a snippet of what NoveList can do for you. The full version of NoveList offers many other ways for you to discover new authors and titles. You can narrow your search by story line, tone, writing style, and more. Our Readers Advisors would be happy to show you how to take full advantage of this resource.

Online searching not your thing? Prefer the personal touch? Then start a conversation with one of our Readers Advisors. They love to talk about books. By spending a few minutes with you, they can get a feel for what you do and do not like and make thoughtful suggestions.

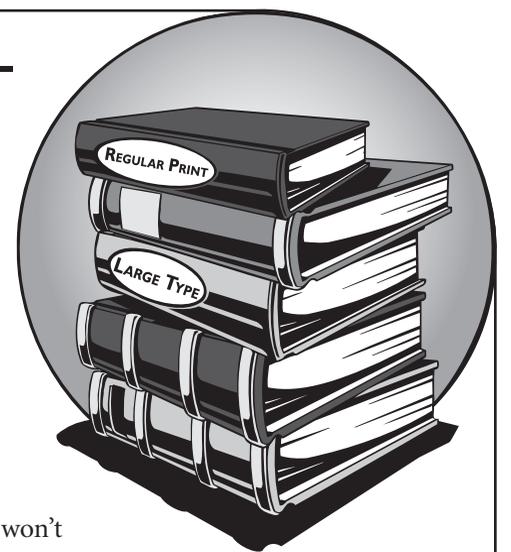
There is a new feature in our catalog—suggestions from NoveList. Look up a title in our catalog and scroll to the bottom. If the title is part of a series, you will see the other titles in the series. A little farther down, you will see lists of similar titles and authors you might find appealing.

So if you enjoyed a particular book and would like a few suggestions of

Bestsellers Club— Improvements Are on the Way

The definition of “most popular authors” is always in flux. We keep tabs on the trends and what you like to read and, consequently, are making some changes to the Bestsellers Club's list of authors. We are dropping a few authors to make way for some new ones. (Don't worry, we will still carry the books, they just won't be part of the Bestsellers Club.) We have also increased the availability of large type books.

What is the Bestsellers Club? It is a way for you to be automatically put on the reserve list for the first edition hardcover new releases from your favorite authors. No need to track when a new book is coming out; we do it for you. You can join by visiting the Books, Movies, & Music page of our website. If you are already a member, you may want to revise your selections to include some of the newly added authors.



LIBRARY LIFE

November

Crowd-pleasing Holiday
Cooking

Crafting Handmade Gift Tags and Bags
Create a Holiday Centerpiece

The Prospect High School Madrigals:
A Holiday Concert



December

Festival Night: Chicago Cossacks

The Tai Chi Approach to Better Health
Trees & Seeds: *The Seven Wonders of
Sassafras Springs* by Betty G. Birney

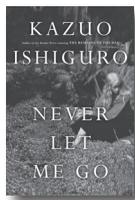
Features subject to change.

AVAILABLE ON
www.mppl.org

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

Food for Thought



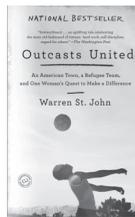
Never Let Me Go

by Kazuo Ishiguro

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

A reunion with two childhood friends

draws Kath and her companions on a nostalgic odyssey into the supposedly idyllic years of their lives at Hailsham, an isolated private school in the serene English countryside, and a dramatic confrontation with the truth about their childhoods and about their lives in the present.



**Outcasts United:
A Refugee Team,
an American Town**

by Warren St. John

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

In a fascinating true story, a wildly diverse group of young kids miraculously unite as a team against

the backdrop of a southern community that has become the first American home for scores of families in flight from the world's war zones.

Coffee, Books, & More



Zeitoun by Dave Eggers

**Wednesday,
November 16, 10 a.m.**

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, longtime New Orleans residents

Abdulrahman and Kathy Zeitoun are cast into an unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water. In the days after the storm, Abdulrahman traveled the flooded streets in a secondhand canoe, passing on supplies and helping those he could. A week later, on September 6, 2005, Zeitoun abruptly disappeared—arrested and accused of being an agent of al Qaeda.

2012 Planning Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 10 a.m.

This month's meeting is a planning session to determine titles for discussion in 2012. We welcome your input.

Coffee & Conversation

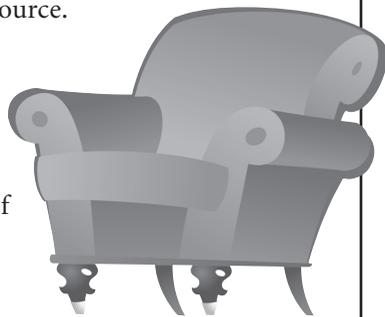
Coffee & Conversation, MPPL's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views. This moderated discussion strives to encourage greater understanding of diverse viewpoints and offers a venue where people can participate in honest discussion. The evening's coffee is generously provided by Starbucks Coffee, Mount Prospect. (R)

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

TOPIC: Nuclear Power—Illinois leads all states in nuclear capacity and electricity generation and accounts for over 10% of national totals. Nuclear power is used throughout the world. Should new nuclear power plants be constructed? In light of recent disasters that have affected nuclear power plants, are such facilities safe? Join us as we discuss this alternative energy source.

Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: Good News—With the overwhelming onslaught of negative news, we take time to discuss what went right for a change. Participants are encouraged to bring an example of something positive and why it's working, whether it's on the global, national, local, or personal level.



MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Waiting for "Superman"

[2010; Rated PG; 111 minutes; Documentary] *Starring Geoffrey Canada, Michelle Rhee. Directed by Davis Guggenheim.*

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

Thursday, November 10, 1 p.m.

From the Academy Award-winning director of *An Inconvenient Truth* comes this groundbreaking feature film that provides an engaging and inspiring look at public education in the United States. *Waiting for "Superman"* follows the compelling stories of five unforgettable students, including Emily, a Silicon Valley eighth-grader who is afraid of being labeled as unfit for college, and Francisco, a Bronx first-grader whose mom will do anything to give him a shot at a better life. (R)



Water for Elephants

[2011; Rated PG-13; 120 minutes; Drama] *Starring Reese Witherspoon, Robert Pattinson, Hal Holbrook, Christopher Waltz. Directed by Francis Lawrence.*

Wednesday, December 7, 7:30

Thursday, December 8, 1 p.m.

During the Great Depression, Jacob, a penniless and recently-orphaned veterinary school student, parlays his expertise with animals into a job with a second-rate traveling circus. He falls in love with Marlena, one of the show's star performers, but their romance is complicated by Marlena's husband, the charismatic but unbalanced circus boss. (R)

Movie Discussion

White

[1994; Rated R; 91 minutes; Comedy/Foreign Language] *Starring Zbigniew Zamachowski, Julie Delpy. Directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski.*

Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m.

The second installment of the late Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Three Colors* trilogy about liberty, equality, and fraternity—the French motto represented by the three colors of the French flag. *White* explores the idea of equality. It is the tale of a Polish immigrant whose life disintegrates when his beautiful French wife of six months deserts him...and he plots revenge. *French with English subtitles.* (NR)

Red

[1994; Rated R; 99 minutes; Drama/Foreign Language] *Starring Irène Jacob, Jean-Louis Trintignant, Frédérique Feder. Directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski.*

Wednesday, December 14, 7 p.m.

This is the final installment of the late Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Three Colors* trilogy. In *Red*, a young woman's chance meeting with an unusual stranger leads her down a path of intrigue and secrecy. As her knowledge of the man deepens, she discovers an astonishing link between his past...and her destiny! *French with English subtitles.* (NR)

If You Like...



Water for Elephants
by Sara Gruen, why
don't you try...

The Blue Moon Circus:
"A Three-ring Novel"
by Michael Raleigh

The Aerialist by Richard Schmitt
The Way to Bright Star by Dee Brown
**Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-
Stop Cafe** by Fannie Flagg
The Circus Fire: A True Story
by Stewart O'Nan

Documentary Days

NOVEMBER 1-30

Documentary films encompass more than exposés, historical recreations, and natural phenomena. Perhaps you enjoy the investigative tension of a true crime story or long for a deeper understanding of your favorite musician or style of music. Cast aside your old-fashioned "newsreel" image of documentaries! Documentary films have evolved into gripping tales that entertain as well as inform.

At the heart of every good documentary is a fascinating story framed around factual content. How many good stories have you missed because they were labeled "documentary?" Discover our hidden treasure of nonfiction DVDs during November's "Documentary Days." Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk to draw a suggestion from a jar or choose a nonfiction DVD from our collection, watch the movie, and enter a raffle to win a prize.

NOVEMBER

1 Documentary Days
November 1-30

Storytime at the South Branch, Tuesday,
November 1, 4-4:45 p.m. **SB** (NR) **V**

Open Storytime, Tuesday, November 1,
6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

2 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
November 2, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book Discussion, *Never Let Me Go*
by Kazuo Ishiguro, Wednesday,
November 2, 1 p.m. (NR) **A**

Creaciones de Origami/Origami Creations, Wednesday, November 2,
3:30-5 p.m. **SB** **V**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *Waiting for "Superman"*, Wednesday, November 2,
7:30 p.m. **A** **T**

3 La Hora de Cuentos en Español
en la Extensión del Sur (Spanish
Storytime), Thursday, November 3,
4-4:45 p.m. **SB** (NR) **V**

4 Main Library Closed for Staff
In-service Day, Friday, November 4

5 The New Familysearch.org Website
Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m. **A**

7 TREES & SEEDS
INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION: *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* by Betty G. Birney
Monday, November 7, 6-7 p.m. **V**

E-reader Test Drive, Monday,
November 7, 7-9 p.m. (NR) **A**

8 Storytime at the South Branch
Tuesday, November 8, 4-4:45 p.m.
SB (NR) **V**

Open Storytime, Tuesday, November 8,
6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

Crafting Handmade Gift Tags and Bags
Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$10 fee

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

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *White*
Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

10 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Waiting for "Superman"*, Thursday,
November 10, 1 p.m. **A** **T**

La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur (Spanish Storytime)
Thursday, November 10, 4-4:45 p.m.
SB (NR) **V**

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

12 SUPER SATURDAY: Jim Gill's
Family Room Concert, Saturday,
November 12, 11-11:45 a.m. **V**

Indian Children's Day Celebration
Saturday, November 12, 1-2 p.m. **SB** **V**

14 Give the Gift of Reading
Monday, November 14-
Sunday, December 11

15 SENIOR SESSION: Three Illinois
Women of the Civil War
Tuesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Storytime at the South Branch, Tuesday,
November 15, 4-4:45 p.m. **SB** (NR) **V**

Open Storytime, Tuesday, November 15,
6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

Crowd-pleasing Holiday Cooking
Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$2 fee

16 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
November 16, 9:30-10 a.m.
(NR) **V**

COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE Discussion Zeitoun by Dave Eggers, Wednesday,
November 16, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

17 La Hora de Cuentos en Español
en la Extensión del Sur (Spanish
Storytime), Thursday, November 17,
4-4:45 p.m. **SB** (NR) **V**

Regular Library Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m.

William Busse: Mount Prospect's Founding Father, Thursday,
November 17, 7 p.m. **A**

18 Open Storytime, Friday,
November 18, 10:30-11 a.m.
(NR) **V**

CREATE-A-CRAFT: Turkey Time
Friday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(NR) **V**

Twilight Extravaganza
Friday, November 18, 4-6 p.m. **T**

Click & Create: Computer Animation for Teens, Friday, November 18,
4-5 p.m. **SB** **T**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Nuclear Power, Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.
(NR) **A**

19 Finding Grandma's Birthplace
Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. **A**

21 BOOK VOYAGERS: Fall,
Fabulous Fall, Monday,
November 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **V**

22 Open Storytime, Tuesday,
November 22, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

Bringing Family History to Life: The Stories We Could Tell
Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m. **A**

23 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
November 23, 9:30-10 a.m.
(NR) **V**

24 Library Closed for Thanksgiving,
Thursday, November 24

25 Open Storytime, Friday,
November 25, 10:30-11 a.m.
(NR) **V**

South Branch Closed
Friday, November 25 **SB**

28 Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Meeting, Monday, November 28,
4:30-5:30 p.m. (NR) **T**

Great Digital Photos — The Basics
Monday, November 28, 7 p.m. **A**

29 Open Storytime, Tuesday,
November 29, 6:30-7 p.m.
(NR) **V**

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November 30, 9:30-10 a.m.
(NR) **V**

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Great Green Solutions to Clutter-free Living, Wednesday, November 30,
7:30 p.m. **A**

Adult **A** Teen **T** Youth **V**
All Ages **G** South Branch **SB**
(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.

DECEMBER

2 Open Storytime, Friday,
December 2, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

3 Teddy Bear Walk
Saturday, December 3, 10-noon **V**

5 Winter Storytime Lottery Begins
Monday, December 5

Polish Holiday Storytime
Monday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **V**

The Prospect High School Madrigals: A Holiday Concert
Monday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. **A**

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

7 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
December 7, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK DISCUSSION, *Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, an American Town*
by Warren St. John
Wednesday, December 7, 1 p.m. **A**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *Water for Elephants*
Wednesday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. **A** **T**

8 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Water for Elephants*, Thursday, December 8,
1 p.m. **A** **T**

9 Open Storytime, Friday,
December 9, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

CREATE-A-CRAFT: Holiday Hullabaloo, Friday, December 9,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **V**

10 Infant Massage, Saturday,
December 10, 10-10:45 a.m. **V**

Children's & Christmas Book Sale
Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

"Giftable" Crafts for Teens
Saturday, December 10, 2-4 p.m. **T**

11 Gift of Reading Ends
Sunday, December 11

12 Building Job Skills to Be
More Marketable, Monday,
December 12, 7 p.m. **A**

MPPL Foundation Presents: Random Ringers Handbell Holiday Concert
Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. **A**

13 Create a Holiday Centerpiece
Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.
A \$18 fee

14 Computer Learning Lab: E-mail,
Internet, and Office 2007
Wednesday, December 14, 4-6 p.m.
(NR) **A**

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Red*, Wednesday,
December 14, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

15 Regular Library Board Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

16 Wii Sports Campeonato Abierto/
Wii Sports Open Play, Friday,
December 16, 4-6 p.m. **SB** (NR) **T**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Good News, Friday, December 16,
7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

17 Holiday Movie Fest
Saturday, December 17
(NR) **A** **T** **V** 9+

White Christmas, 10 a.m.
Show Off Your Holiday Sweater! 1 p.m.
It's a Wonderful Life, 1:10 p.m.

20 SENIOR SESSION: Holiday
Songs and Sing-along, Tuesday,
December 20, 1:30 p.m. **A**

21 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Discussion, Planning Meeting
Wednesday, December 21, 10 a.m.
(NR) **A**

Crea-una-Manualidad: Días Festivos/ Create-a-Craft: Holiday Fun
Wednesday, December 21, 11:30 a.m.-
5 p.m. **SB** (NR) **V**

24 Library Closed for Christmas Eve,
Saturday, December 24

25 Library Closed for Christmas,
Sunday, December 25

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Jim Gill's Family Room Concert

Saturday, November 12, 11-11:45 a.m.

Jim Gill and his banjo will transform MPPL into a family play room. This concert is more than just a show to watch... it is an invitation to family playtime! Clap, sing, dance, and even sneeze along to silly and inspiring musical games. Rather than performing for you, Jim leads you to sing and play together! Enjoy old favorites and celebrate the release of Jim's new CD and DVD, *Music Play for Folks of All Stripes*, during this energetic concert. (R)

Infant Massage

Saturday, December 10, 10-10:45 a.m.

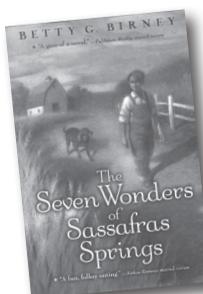
• FOR INFANTS AGE 7 MONTHS AND YOUNGER WITH A CAREGIVER

Parents, bring your not-yet-mobile babies and enjoy a relaxing introduction to infant massage. Certified Infant Massage instructor Lana May will introduce a variety of gentle ways to "get in touch" and relax with your babies. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is reserved for 15 pairs.* Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. (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)



The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs by Betty G. Birney
Monday, November 7, 6-7 p.m.

Have you ever heard of the Seven Wonders of the World? Well, according to Eben McAllister, Sassafras Springs is definitely not one of them! His father challenges him to find seven wonders in their own small farming town. If he succeeds, he will get his dream trip: an adventure out West. On his search, Eben encounters a singing saw, a real ship in a bottle, and many more surprises. This book is for anyone who has ever wondered,

"What's so special about my town?"

SUPER Saturday! —for all ages



Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.-noon

Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH as we celebrate the 31st 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 over to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (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)

Turkey Time

Friday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday Hullabaloo

Friday, December 9, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Come in from the cold and share a book



Winter Storytime Lottery

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 16-February 24**. 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.

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 9. (NR)

Polish Holiday Storytime

Monday, December 5, 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 residents.* (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. Limited to 30 voyagers. (R)



Fall, Fabulous Fall

Monday, November 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Crisp cool nights...falling leaves... football games...pumpkin patches. What do you think of when you think of "fall?" Join us as we share stories, a craft, a snack, and a video about the season we also call autumn.

Homeschool Connection

Do you know what George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt have in common? Besides having their faces carved into Mount Rushmore, they were also all educated at home!

This was more common when they were young, but even today the National Home Education Research Institution estimates that in 2010 there were 2.04 million homeschooling families in the United States. Families who choose to educate their children at home have more resources available than ever before because of access to the Internet and an ever increasing number of support groups.

We also provide a multitude of resources for homeschoolers. Some of these include over 2,000 books in the Parent/Teacher (PT) collection on a variety of topics, such as helping you decide if homeschooling is right for your family, curriculum suggestions, and organizing your day. We also have practice workbooks for most subjects and grade levels up through the sixth grade. Visit the Homeschool Services webpage at mpppl.org to learn more. Here you will also find information on Science-to-Go kits, bookbag services, and online resources. If you prefer, you can always stop by or call the Youth Services Desk for more information.





Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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Friday, November 18, 4-6 p.m.

Your invitation to the wedding of the century has arrived! *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 1* film is in theaters, and we are celebrating. Volturi, Vampires, Werewolves, and Humans are invited to get dressed in their finest and join us for food, music, crafts, and fun. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume and several other categories. (R)

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

**Monday, November 28,
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

You can help decide what the Library offers teens—join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB, for short.) Come to a meeting to see what it is all about.

Work with our teen librarians to:

- help plan and volunteer at teen events
- discuss books, movies, music, and even video games
- post on the website and blog

We meet once a month for an hour, and snacks are always served. It's a chance to have an impact on what's available at the Library for teens and earn volunteer service hours (always good for college applications.) (NR)

"Giftable" Crafts for Teens

Saturday, December 10, 2-4 p.m.

Show your family and friends how much you appreciate them by giving them a personal, handmade holiday gift. We'll fill mason jars with tasty recipes, design ornaments for lasting memories, and make handmade cards that express your creativity. (R)

"Kindness
in giving
creates love."
~Lao Tzu

A Family Legacy Is Giving

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his love of libraries and education through his family's foundation. A certified public accountant, Krupp enthusiastically describes the foundation's yearly process of determining where and to whom to make donations. The trustees, including Krupp (who goes by Larry), his two brothers, his sister, and a cousin, begin sharing ideas in late May. He says the emails begin flying back and forth as the discernment begins.

"It's such a powerful process because it allows us to look at who we are, what we believe in, and to discuss the values that are important to us as a family," says Krupp. "Writing the check is great, but getting to the heart of why we give to certain organizations or support certain causes is what's really important."

Once common ground is established, the family sits down with

their father Leo to decide where to send the annual contributions. Each trustee is then allotted additional funds to donate to charities of his/her own choosing, allowing the family to impact communities all across Chicago and Los Angeles, where one of the brothers resides.

"For my individual family the decision to donate to the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation is an easy one," explains Krupp. "We love the library. It is such an important part of the community, and from the very beginning we have always felt right at home here ever since we began bringing our young son to the Saturday morning programs."

That son is now in high school and a part of a new legacy of giving. The Krupp Foundation recently added the five grandchildren to its donor roster allowing them to select two charities to bestow \$100 each.

From Books to Baskets, Mount Prospect supports the Foundation



Baskets Deliver Bounty

All it took was \$1 to be a part of the two annual basket raffles sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). In February, visitors supported the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle followed by The Fall Classic Raffle in October. In the end, all those \$1 tickets added up to nearly \$6,000 in proceeds that the Foundation uses to sponsor events like the Adult Concert Series or Super Saturday programming for children.

Fun Run Hits Stride

Best foot forward was the motto of the day at the 2nd Annual Stay Fit Kids' Fun Run. Held in June, this community event was organized by Stay Fit Physical Therapy & Core Wellness, Inc. of Mount Prospect as part of its kids' running club programs. Dozens of local children took on a 1.5 mile running



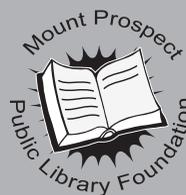
course at Melas Park and together raised more than \$700 to benefit MPPLF.

Cleopatra Lives!

An enthusiastic audience of more than 90 people was transported to an exotic time and place as the legendary Queen of Egypt was brought to life by academic entertainer Barbara Rinella in early October. The performance was pure Rinella. Dressed in a gilded headpiece and using her masterful storytelling techniques, Rinella wowed



her audience as she dramatically portrayed the mythical Cleopatra. The event raised more than \$1,000 for MPPLF. At the conclusion one participant was overheard to say, "Who knew history could be such fun!"



If you are interested in learning more about the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation, visit www.mppplfoundation.org or contact Pat Aichele at the Library, 847/253-5675.

"Involving the next generation has really been fun and has allowed us to have some great conversations and discussions," says Krupp. "Each of them now has to explain why we should donate to a certain charity, allowing us again to explore and talk about our core values."

Krupp adds that philanthropy isn't only about providing monetary

support. He and his family consistently offer up their time aiding worthy causes as well.

"My philosophy on philanthropy is that it should be a core value in everyone," reflects Krupp. "Whether you give a little or you give a lot, the important thing is that you give. It should be part of your soul, and it is something that should be done."

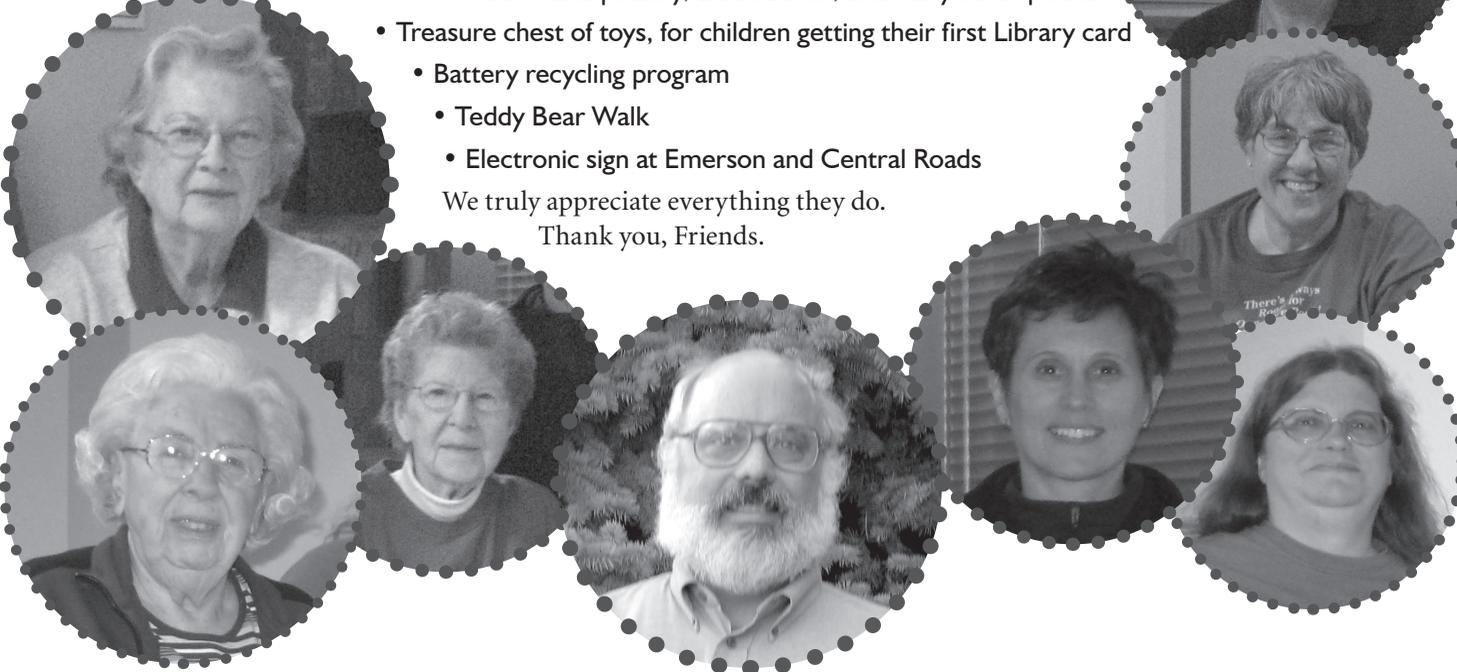


National Friends of the Library Week—A Big Thank-you

October 16-22 was National Friends of the Library Week, a time to officially recognize this volunteer organization that does so much for the Library. Through their book sales, they provide financial support for additional Library programs, events, and services. A few of the items they fund include:

- Summer Reading prizes for Adults and Teens
- Maintenance of the Library's indoor plants
- Art—Raku pottery, Duck Bench, and many other pieces
- Treasure chest of toys, for children getting their first Library card
- Battery recycling program
- Teddy Bear Walk
- Electronic sign at Emerson and Central Roads

We truly appreciate everything they do.
Thank you, Friends.



Children's & Christmas Book Sale

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.-3 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 11 a.m. and 3 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.



South Branch Events



community connections center

1711 West Algonquin Road, Mount Prospect
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Todos los niños tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto. / All children must be accompanied by an adult.

(R) Inscripción requerida. / Registration required.

(NR) No inscripción requerida. / No registration required.

Storytime at the South Branch (NR)

Tuesday, November 1, 4-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, November 8, 4-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15, 4-4:45 p.m.

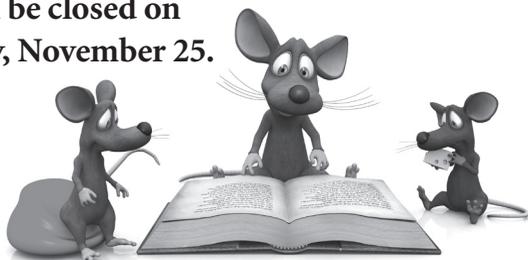
Creaciones de Origami/ Origami Creations (R)

Wednesday, November 2, 3:30-5 p.m.
• para grados de 1-6 / • for 1st-6th graders

La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur (NR)

Thursday, November 3, 4-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, November 10, 4-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, November 17, 4-4:45 p.m.

The South Branch will be closed on Friday, November 25.



INDIAN CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

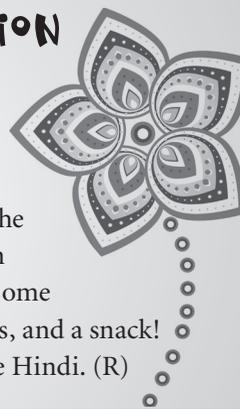
Saturday, November 12, 1-2 p.m.

• for children 3-8 years old and their families

India's first Prime Minister—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru—

loved children and so do we! In India, Children's Day is celebrated on Nehru's birthday because he believed children were the future of the nation and, therefore, should be carefully nurtured. Come celebrate Indian Children's Day with songs, crafts, and a snack!

This program will be presented in English, with some Hindi. (R)



Clic & Crea: Animación en computadora para adolescentes/Click & Create: Computer Animation for Teens (R)

Friday, November 18, 4-5 p.m.
• para 6-12 grado / • for 6-12th graders

Wii Sports Campeonato Abierto/Wii Sports Open Play (NR)

Friday, December 16, 4-6 p.m.
• para adolescentes de grados 6-12 / • for teens entering grades 6-12

Crea-una-Manualidad: Días Festivos/Create-a-Craft: Holiday Fun (NR)

Wednesday, December 21, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
• para jóvenes en 1-6 grado / • for 1st-6th graders

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