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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library March/April 2009



Celebrate April 12-18, 2009
National Library Week
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Meet Astronaut Daniel Tani

**Tuesday, April 14, 4:30 p.m.
OR 7:30 p.m.**

For details see *National Library Week* on page 3.

The Connection Between NASA and the World We Live In

As we celebrate the arrival of Astronaut Daniel Tani and National Library Week, we have the opportunity to reflect on the many ways the NASA space program has influenced our everyday lives. You may remember with national pride Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon and the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who test the boundaries of space, but you may not realize the day-to-day impact of America's space program.

Satellite Television

Beginning in the late 1950s, NASA pioneered the technology that made satellite television broadcasts an everyday part of our lives. It is because of this technology that we here in the United States can watch what is happening across the globe and get real-time information about the world around us.

Cordless Power Tools

You may not need to drill down beneath the moon's

surface to collect core samples, but the astronauts did and, without an electrical outlet, they needed a tool that was small, lightweight, and battery-powered. NASA turned to Black & Decker to develop the computer technology essential to designing a motor that used as little power as possible. That computer program, along with the knowledge and experience gained in developing the drill, provided a strong technology base for developing battery-powered tools and appliances. As a result, today we have cordless drills, yard tools, and the infamous Dustbuster®.

Smoke Detectors

A fire aboard a space craft can have disastrous effects. In the 1970s, NASA needed a smoke and fire detector for Skylab, America's first space station. Honeywell, Inc., developed the unit for NASA. Now smoke detectors are required by law in all new homes. They are credited with saving countless lives. So the next time you are awakened by a smoke alarm, remember, it could be worse. Try running outside a space ship in your pajamas!

Feeding the World—and Other Worlds, Too

Lush, ripe tomatoes hang at the end

of the boat ride in the Land exhibit at Disney's EPCOT Center. They aren't there just for looks. NASA's Kennedy Space Center and Disney World are working together in a novel government and industry research partnership.

—see *NASA* on page 3

Introducing Your Guide

Your Guide is a new section that will appear twice a year in *Preview*. It includes information about the various resources available at the Library as well as suggestions and handy tips. The main section of *Preview* will continue to provide timely information about programs and events taking place at the Library. *Your Guide* is designed to be a pull-out section that can easily be saved for future reference. If there are specific topics you would like to see covered in this new section, please feel free to contact the Community Services staff of the Library.

Your Library Card: The Best Discount Card in Your Wallet

These are tough economic times for everyone. In order to save money, we are taking public transportation, clipping coupons, and cutting back on little luxuries. We are also taking advantage of discount cards, making sure we save money on groceries, clothing, and other necessities. In times like these, the purchase of new books and CDs is falling into the non-essential category. Spending money on a ticket to a concert or movie is also dropping down on the list of necessities.

Enter MPPL with the best discount card of all: a Library card. Consider this: A trip to the bookstore, where you might purchase one or two best-selling novels, a CD, and a DVD, could run you

\$75 or more. For entertainment, you could attend a concert, movie, play, or sign up for a series of craft programs. If you are lucky, that might run you another \$75 or so. Your total outlay? \$150 bucks.

Now think about making that same trip to the Library, stocking up on the bestsellers and CDs, attending a live performance, watching a movie, learning how to grow heirloom tomatoes. What will this run you? Not a dime. It's all free. A trip to the Library is one of the most practical and economically smart things you can do.

If you don't have a Library card, get one. Your wallet will thank you.



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for Easter

Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Spoon River Anthology: A Play With 20 Characters

Sunday, March 1, 1 p.m.

The Spoon River Players bring to life Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River Anthology*, a collection of poetic "epitaphs." Adapted for the stage and directed by Paul Swanson and Mark Larson, the *Spoon River Anthology* takes a humorous and honest look at small town life. This play is set in a graveyard where an eclectic group of characters from a fictional small town in western Illinois in the early 1900s comes back from the grave to reflect on their lives. As they reveal their innermost secrets, they share the unvarnished truth about love, deception, sacrifice, betrayal, contentment, and awakening. (R)

Water Damage and Flood Insurance: Are You Covered?

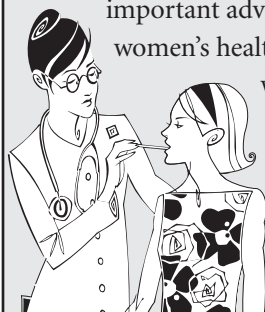
Monday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

If the last few years are any indication, this year's spring showers could bring floods instead of flowers. Many insurers in the United States do not provide flood insurance. Don't get caught off guard. State Farm Insurance Agent Thomas B. Henderson will explain the different types of water damage and flood coverage provided by homeowner's insurance to help you determine if you are properly covered. (R)

The HPV Vaccine: What You Need to Know

Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Gardasil is touted as a breakthrough in the fight against cervical cancer. On average, there are 9,710 new cases of cervical cancer resulting in 3,700 deaths in the United States each year. Gardasil, the vaccine that protects girls and women against most strains of the sexually transmitted HPV viruses, is steeped in controversy and confusion. Join Emily Chang, D.O. of Gynecological & Obstetric Associates in Arlington Heights, for an overview of the pros and cons of this potentially important advancement in women's health. Dr. Chang will allow ample time after her presentation to answer your questions. (R)



The Family History Research "Circle"

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.

The amount of information available to today's family history researcher is staggering. Knowing where to start and what type of information each resource offers is key to tracing your own family's story. Using "real-life" research examples, Maureen Brady, a professional genealogist, will demonstrate how a successful research strategy can be developed by building on the strengths of each part of the Family History Circle, including the Internet, libraries, LDS family history centers, and local repositories. (R)

Discover England's Southwest

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

The Southwest of England stretches from Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds down to Dorset and westward as far as Land's End in Cornwall. Join us for a virtual visit to the stunning coastal scenery of Cornwall and the exquisite towns of Boscastle, Clovelly, and Castle Combe. Learn about Devon cream teas, "scrumpy," pilchard fishing, the first picture "negative," cob architecture, the making of willow products, and devil-proof houses. (R)

Nippersink Rogues: Irish Music to Lift Your Spirit

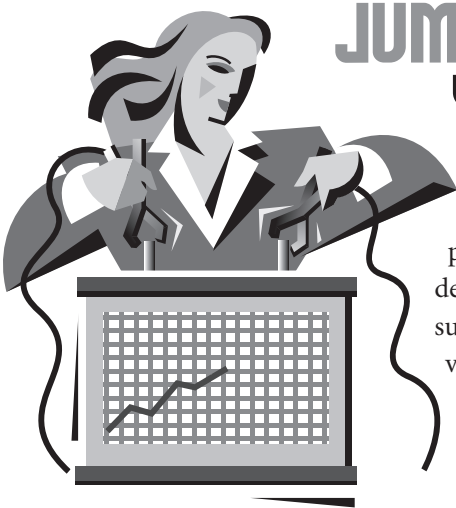
Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of the wit, wisdom, sadness, and joy captured in the traditional songs of the Irish. Performing together for almost 20 years, the Nippersink Rogues sing and play to a tradition that embodies the love of freedom and the dignity of the Irish people. The duo, featuring Thomas Steffens (piano and vocals) and Mike Knauf (flute, soprano sax, Irish whistle, and vocals), will present engaging music that breaks down barriers and lifts the spirit. *This concert is sponsored by the MPPL Foundation.* (R)

Show-and-Tell With Microsoft® Photo Story 3

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.

Bring your digital photos to life with Photo Story 3, free software from Microsoft. Go beyond putting your photos into a simple slide show and



JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS

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

Building Relationships

Wednesday, March 18, 8:30 a.m.

Networking is the art of building relationships. In today's communication-driven business environment, it is critical that business owners clearly identify their network contacts, develop a personalized networking plan, and build an administrative process to manage it all. Dan Quiery, a marketing professional with several years of experience at a local taxi company, will discuss best practices, tips, and suggestions for developing

and maximizing your person-to-person networking opportunities. (R)

Promotion & Publicity

Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 a.m.

Keeping your product top of mind with customers helps stimulate demand for your product. Fred Broviak of Broviak Communications will provide an overview of tips and techniques to help you to communicate your brand image, build awareness for your product or service, and create high-impact, cost-effective promotional programs. (R)

learn how to communicate the story behind the photos by adding music, motion, and narration. This software includes photo editing tools that allow you to remove red-eye, correct lighting and color imperfections, select custom panning and zooming options, and rotate and crop pictures to customize each photo. By following a few simple steps you can create dynamic photo DVDs or CDs. (R)

Basic Floral Design for Spring

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Bring the look and feel of spring into your home by creating a fresh floral arrangement. Under the guidance of Paul Seils of Busse's Flowers & Gifts in Mount Prospect, you will learn how to use fresh seasonal flowers and foliages to create a spring centerpiece that will brighten up any corner of your house. A \$15 nonrefundable materials fee is due at registration. All materials are included. (R)

Why You Shouldn't Be Afraid of Vista

Monday, March 30, 7 p.m.

What is Vista? It is the new operating system by Microsoft that is now

standard on new PCs. It looks different from Windows XP and offers new features that allow you to easily search files, create videos, and organize photos. Scott Weidig, Technology Coordinator at Schaumburg High School, will discuss transitioning from Windows XP to Vista and highlight the new features that help you more safely and easily accomplish your favorite things, from watching TV to sharing memories with family and friends. (R)

The Tomato Lady Speaks

Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Aggie Nehmzow, aka The Tomato Lady, is spreading the word about the amazing varieties of heirloom tomatoes. Forgo the hard, bland tomatoes carried in the grocery stores and embrace the different colors, flavors, and shapes of heirloom tomatoes. An expert who personally grows 75 varieties of heirloom tomatoes in her postage stamp-sized back yard in Oak Lawn, the Tomato Lady will share growing tips for making the most out of even the smallest garden. *This program is cosponsored by the Mount Prospect Garden Club.* (R)

Oh, My Aching Back!

Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

With more than 800,000 spinal compression fractures diagnosed each year, it is vital that everyone—especially older women—learn to identify the symptoms of this serious and growing problem. About two-thirds of spinal compression fractures go undiagnosed because many patients and families think back pain is merely a sign of aging and arthritis. Spinal compression fractures can permanently alter the strength and shape of the spine. Fortunately, treatments have evolved significantly over the last 10 years. Dr. Franklin Marden from the Neurosciences Institute at Alexian Brothers Medical Center will discuss who may be at risk and new therapies available, including vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty. *This program is cosponsored by Alexian Brothers Medical Center.* (R)

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

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

Alex Brooks, owner of the Alex Brooks Canine Center in Des Plaines, will share his secrets for dealing with a variety of behavior-related issues, including how to train an aggressive, timid, or overactive dog; teaching basic commands; ending excessive barking; leash training; tips for purchasing a dog; the differences between pet shops, private breeders, and shelter dogs; understanding your dog's body language; and how to introduce a new dog into the home or to an existing dog. Brooks will explain how to communicate with your dog in its natural language and how to fulfill your dog's instinctive need for leadership. This seminar will be followed by a question and answer session. *Participation in this program is for the two-legged members of your family.* (R)

Celebrate April 12-18, 2009 National Library Week Worlds Connect @ your library®

This year's theme, Worlds Connect @ your library, pays homage to the many ways libraries connect us with our community and the world and beyond. In this age of globalization, we are beginning to realize how we are all interconnected. Help show how our little corner of the northwestern suburbs is connected to the rest of the world by making your mark on our international map displayed in the Lobby. Stop by the Library to place a marker on all the locations you have been to in the world. While you are here, explore the various programs and materials that link our small community to the world around us. By connecting you with people and information, libraries help bring neighbors and countries closer together.

FAMILIES

NASA Astronaut Landing @ MPPL

**Tuesday, April 14,
4:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.**



Come meet NASA astronaut Daniel Tani as he helps us celebrate National Library Week. Tani, who graduated from Glenbard East High

School in Lombard, Illinois, is a veteran of two space flights and has logged over 131 days in space. Learn what it takes to become an astronaut and let Mr. Tani connect you to a world 200 miles above Earth. Hear firsthand about his 6 spacewalks and life aboard the International Space Station. A Q & A and autograph session will be held at the end of this presentation. This program, which is best suited to adults and families with children ages seven and up, *is made possible by the generous support of the Friends.* Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. Please sign up for one of the two times, either 4:30 or 7:30 p.m. (R)

Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, noon-4:30 p.m.**

ADULTS

The Definitive Resource—LexisNexis®: Hands-on Training Seminar

Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.

Come experience *LexisNexis Library Express*, the premiere online resource for news, business, and legal information. This powerful, easy-to-use service offers one-stop access to authoritative news coverage, a full range of credible sources for business information, plus primary and secondary legal materials. Julie Collins, Reference Librarian, and Patricia Smolin, Business Reference Librarian, will provide hands-on training while demonstrating how simple it is to navigate this resource. *LexisNexis* sets the standard for powerful, precise, and authoritative results. If you are a news junkie, a business owner, or a legal professional, you won't want to miss this seminar. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

TEENS

It's a Tinkertoy® and Duct Tape Happening

—for students and teens in grades 6-12

Wednesday, April 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tinkertoys, duct tape, and friends – imagine the possibilities! Bring your friends and your creativity to our

National Library Week celebration! We'll transform the Teen Zone into an artist's paradise and connect you with all the tools you need to bring the next greatest Tinkertoy or duct tape invention to life. The most talented will take home a prize, and everyone is guaranteed a good time. (R)

KIDS

Create-a-Craft: Recycled Art

Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Reduce, reuse, recycle... and recreate! Turn your trash into treasure at this Earth Day-inspired event. Bring in your old socks, jar lids, and dairy containers to

NASA and the World We Live In

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NASA and Disney are finding ways to use human and industrial waste to provide the ingredients needed for growing edible plants. This technology could be used for establishing human colonies on other worlds. Many vegetable farmers around the world are learning how to grow crops without soil. This method, known as hydroponics, is increasing the Earth's food-growing capacity. Growing food without soil also has promise for long space flights. Astronauts could grow their own food without carrying heavy soil into space.

Other NASA Technology You May Recognize:

- Infrared Thermometer
- Temper Foam
- Polarized Sunglass Lenses
- "Jaws of Life"
- DeBaKey Heart Pump
- Football Helmet Padding
- Firefighter Breathing Systems

Senior Session

The Tai Chi Approach to Better Health

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

People of all ages can learn and benefit from the gentle turning and stretching movements of tai chi, which can be adapted to match any level of ability. This month's Senior Session will introduce the healing art of tai chi. Our modern lifestyle often results in stress and lack of sufficient physical activity. Many thousands of individuals have found the tai chi movements to

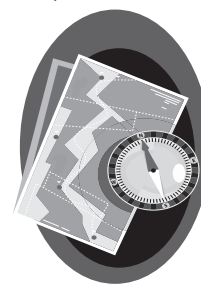
be an effective way to counteract these pressures and to cultivate health. The exercises emphasized in tai chi have been shown to improve circulation, balance, and posture. They also increase strength and flexibility and reduce stress. (R)

Travel Safe and Smart

Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 p.m.

At this month's Senior Session, District 214 Community Education Travel Manager and veteran traveler, Linda Kerr, will discuss traveling in the 21st

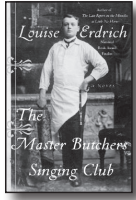
century. From preparing to packing to postcards, she'll provide you with tips to make your trip hassle-free. Topics include how to apply for a passport, how to pack, the new 3-1-1 carry-on rule, how to get through security, how to stay healthy on a crowded plane, plus the difference between land tours, cruises, all-inclusive vacations, and more. (R)



BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

Food for Thought



The Master Butchers Singing Club

by Louise Erdrich

Wednesday, March 4, 1 p.m.

Returning to his quiet German village home after World War I, trained killer Fidelis Waldvogel, accompanied by his wife, leaves to start a new life in America and finds his life irrevocably changed by a new relationship.



Loving Frank

by Nancy Horan

Wednesday, April 1, 1 p.m.

Fact and fiction blend in a historical novel that chronicles the relationship between seminal architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, from their meeting in Oak Park, Illinois, when they were each married to others, to the clandestine affair that shocked Chicago society.

Coffee, Books & More



Ballad of the Whiskey Robber

by Julian Rubinstein

Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m.

This uproariously funny story follows the misadventures of Budapest bank robber Attila Ambrus, who struggled in his pursuit of women and a career as an untalented hockey goaltender before taking up crime.



Saturday

by Ian McEwan

Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m.

A successful, happily married neurosurgeon, Henry Perowne is drawn into a confrontation with Baxter, a small-time thug, following a minor motor vehicle accident on the way to his regular squash game. An encounter has savage consequences when Baxter, believing that the doctor has humiliated him, visits the Perowne home that evening during a family reunion.

Book Share @ Caribou*

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.

This program is dedicated to people who are passionate about books. Share some of your favorite titles with fellow book lovers. Turn someone on to a new author. Discover a book you may have overlooked. Make this your night to immerse yourself in a few of your favorite pastimes: books, conversation, and a good cup of coffee.

Book Chat @ Caribou*



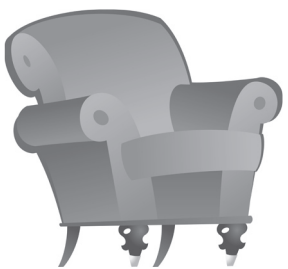
House of Sand and Fog

by Andre Dubus

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.

Kathy Nicolo is a recovering addict whose house is mistakenly sold at public auction. Massoud Amir Behrani is the struggling immigrant who buys the house in the hope that he can provide his family with a lifestyle like the one they enjoyed in Iran. Emotions take precedence over ethics, logic, love, and the law as their paths collide in a surprising and tragic conclusion.

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



Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation, the Library's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views. This moderated discussion strives to encourage greater understanding of diverse viewpoints and offers a venue where people can participate in honest discussion.

Draconian Measures

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

Draco was a 7th century lawmaker in Athens, Greece, whose harsh legal code punished both serious and trivial crimes with death. His name lives on in the phrase "draconian measures," which is used to describe repressive legal systems. Would draconian measures serve as deterrents to crime today? (R)

Media Standards

Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Is the phrase "media standards" an oxymoron? Have television programs and commercials "crossed the line" with regards to language, subject matter, and presentation? Is journalism still a "profession" in which it's important that information be verified? With today's instant media access, is fact-checking even done (or does anyone even care if it's done?) (R)

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Nights in Rodanthe

[2008; PG-13; 97 minutes]

Starring Diane Lane, Richard Gere. Directed by George C. Wolfe.

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

Thursday, March 12, 1 p.m.

In this romantic drama, based on the best-selling novel by Nicholas Sparks, a woman retreats to a tiny coastal town in North Carolina, where she hopes to find the tranquility she so desperately needs to rethink the conflicts surrounding her. Almost as soon as the woman arrives at the inn, which she is tending for a friend for the weekend, a major storm is forecast and Dr. Paul Flanner arrives. The only guest at the inn, Flanner is not on a weekend escape but rather is there to face his own crisis of conscience. Now, with the storm closing in, the two turn to each other for comfort and, in one magical weekend, set in motion a life-changing romance that will resonate throughout the rest of their lives. (R)



Happy-Go-Lucky

[2008; Rated R; 118 minutes]

Starring Sally Hawkins, Alexis Zegerman, Eddie Marsan. Directed by Mike Leigh.

Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 1 p.m.

Quirky, upbeat school teacher Poppy takes great joy in all things, especially in teasing her grumpy new driving instructor. This interesting outlook on

modern urban relationships integrates humor with moments of isolation, sadness, and conflict as flighty Poppy attempts a romantic relationship with a social worker who collaborates with her at school. (R)

Movie Discussion

Citizen Kane

[1941; Not Rated; 119 minutes]

Starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Agnes Moorehead. Directed by Orson Welles.

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

Told through a series of flashbacks, this film traces the epic rise of publishing mogul Charles Foster Kane, a fictionalized caricature of real-life media tycoon William Randolph Hearst. The phrase "rosebud," uttered by Kane at his death, sets a newspaper reporter on a quest to solve the mystery behind the word and a greater understanding of Kane's life. Along the way, Kane is revealed to be a man central to his time, whose life was news and whose newspapers not only reported but formed public opinion. (R)



Fargo

[1996; Rated R; 98 minutes]

Starring William H. Macy, Frances McDormand, Steve Buscemi. Directed by Joel Cohen.

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.

This winner of two academy awards is based on true events that occurred in Minnesota in 1987. A car salesman, who is desperate for cash, plots to have his wife kidnapped and his wealthy father-in-law pay the ransom. His plan backfires when the two kidnappers he hired kill a state trooper and two innocent bystanders. With the local police chief on the case, finances become the least of this salesman's problems in this wickedly hilarious black comedy. (R)



ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING

MPPL Writers Group

Tuesdays, April 21, May 19, June 16, 7 p.m.

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


their work during these monthly sessions.


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





MARCH



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8 **Chess for All Ages** Sunday, March 8, 2-4 p.m. 


10 **Discover England's Southwest** Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. 


11 **TREES & SEEDS: INTERGENERATIONAL Book Discussion: *The Year of the Dog*** by Grace Lin, Wednesday, March 11, 6-7 p.m. 


MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Citizen Kane* Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. 


12 **MOVIES @ MPPL: *Nights in Rodanthe***, Thursday, March 12, 1 p.m.  

13 **CREATE-A-CRAFT: St. Paddy's Day**, Friday, March 13, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) 


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

SUPER SATURDAY: The Puppet Place Theater Presents Peter Rabbit, Saturday, March 14, 11-11:45 a.m. 


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Game On: A Guitar Hero Tournament Friday, March 20, 7-9 p.m. 

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Draconian Measures, Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. 

24 **Basic Floral Design for Spring** Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.  \$15 fee

27 **Spanish Storytime** Friday, March 27, 6-6:30 p.m. 

30 **Why You Shouldn't Be Afraid of Vista**, Monday, March 30, 7 p.m. 

31 **The Tomato Lady Speaks** Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. 

Adult  Teen 

Youth  All Ages 

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APRIL




National Library Week Program


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18 **MONEY SMART WEEK** Saturday, April 18 through Saturday, April 25


FRIENDS BOOK SALE Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  

19 **FRIENDS BOOK SALE** Sunday, April 19, noon-4:30 p.m. 


20 **BOOK VOYAGERS: Step by Step**, Monday, April 20, 4:15-5:15 p.m. 


21 **SENIOR SESSION: Travel Safe and Smart**, Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 p.m. 


Mount Prospect Public Library Writers Group, Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.  \$10 fee


MONEY SMART WEEK: Estate Planning for Real People Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. 


22 **JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS: Promotion & Publicity**, Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. 


MONEY SMART WEEK: Understanding Today's Economic Reality, Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m. 


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28 **Training to Be Top Dog: Guiding Your Pet to Good Behavior**, Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. 

29 **Storytime at Caribou Coffee** Wednesday, April 29, 11-11:30 a.m. 

30 **Battle of the Bands 2009 – An Invitation to Play, LAST CALL!** Thursday, April 30 

Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros/ Children's Day, Book Day, Thursday, April 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 

PLAN AHEAD!

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

Adult Programs

The Fascinating iPhone 3G, Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Coping with Your Child's Sleep Problems, Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.

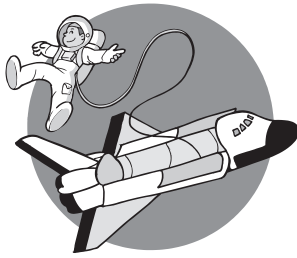
Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Get Fancy With Nancy

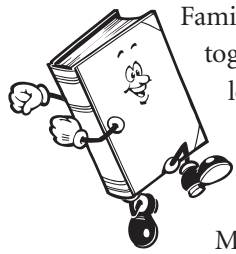
• for princesses ages 3-5 and their families

Wednesday, March 4, 10-11:30 a.m.

You are cordially invited to don your gowns (that's a fancy word for getting dressed), drape yourself in a feather boa, and top off your ensemble with a dazzling tiara for our exclusive Fancy Nancy fête. (That's a French word for party because everything in French is fancy.) We will listen to stories, including one from the Fancy Nancy series by Jane O'Connor, eat snacks with our pinkies in the air, and make a fabulous craft. Répondez s'il vous plaît (French for please reply) to the Library if you would like to attend. (R)

Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros/Children's Day, Book Day

Thursday, April 30, 6:30-8 p.m.



Families and books come together at our El Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros celebration! El Día de los Niños is a traditional Mexican celebration honoring children. This

year, singer-songwriter-musician Tricia Sebastian returns! Tricia uses the universal language of music to entertain children of all ages with traditional and original songs in English and Spanish. Come join one of your favorite storybook characters for an evening of music, booksharing, and refreshments! You'll leave with a song in your heart and a free book! (R)

Spring Into Storytime... we've got some hopping-good tales!

Open Storytimes

March 17-April 24

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

Storytime at Caribou Coffee

Wednesday, April 29, 11-11:30 a.m.

The Library brings storytime to Caribou Coffee! Join us for one of two special storytimes featuring books, songs, puppets, and more that will entertain kids ages 6 and under. Sign up at the Library and meet us at Caribou Coffee, located at 90 E. Northwest Highway in Mount Prospect. (R)

Spanish Storytime

Friday, March 20, 6-6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 27, 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3, 6 - 6:30 p.m.

MPPL presents three special storytimes told primarily in Spanish. Come to one or come to all three! These sessions are most appropriate for 3-7-year-olds, but all are welcome. *Children under the age of 3 must be accompanied by an adult.* (R)



Trees & Seeds —for all ages

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children are invited to a lively book discussion of the Suburban Mosaic title, *The Year of the Dog*. This story makes a great family read-aloud and offers the opportunity to talk about one of the many cultures found in the United States. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. Dinner will be provided. (R)



The Year of the Dog
by Grace Lin
Wednesday, March 11, 6-7 p.m.

It's the Chinese Year of the Dog, and as Pac

celebrates with her family, she finds out that this is the year she is supposed to "find herself." As the year goes on, Pac struggles to find her talent, deals with disappointment, and makes a new best friend, Melody. Pac and Melody know that the Year of the Dog will be their lucky year!

SUPER Saturday! —for all ages



The Puppet Place Theater Presents Peter Rabbit

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

See Beatrix Potter's classic book come to life with The Puppet Place and their special style of puppetry. Peter is a little rabbit who, disregarding his mother's advice, ventures into Mr. McGregor's garden and eventually realizes why it is best to listen to one's parents. A ballet of cabbages, a singing scarecrow, and Farmer McGregor join Peter in his escapades. (R)

Wee T'ai Chi

Saturday, April 4, 11-11:45 a.m.

Who does t'ai chi? We do t'ai chi! And so can you! Get in touch with your

inner animal by acting out poses like White Crane Spreads Its Wings and Needle at the Bottom of the Sea, as you learn the ancient Chinese art of t'ai chi, a graceful form of exercise. Master t'ai chi instructors from Multidimensional Therapies will teach technical aspects in age-appropriate ways, adding elements of story to enrich the experience. This

program, best suited for children ages 3-10, is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation in celebration of Asian culture. (R)



If You Like...



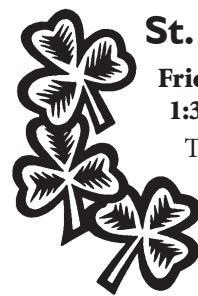
If you like the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney, try

Dear Dumb Diary series by Jim Benton

Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist series by Jim Benton

Create-a-Craft —for all ages

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



St. Paddy's Day

Friday, March 13, 1:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The luck o' the Irish and a little creativity will help you put together these art projects for St. Patrick's Day. Drop

into the Library and create a special work of art!

See NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK on page 3 for April Create-A-Craft offering!

Book Voyagers —for 1st-3rd graders

This group is for young adventurers who like to listen to stories, eat snacks, and participate in fun activities. (R)

The March to Spring

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

Spring is just around the corner! Celebrate the growing daylight with stories, a craft, a snack, and a video as we welcome this wonderful season.

Step by Step

Monday, April 20, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Why didn't the grizzly wear any shoes? He wanted to go bear foot. Come join us for silly stories, a snack, a craft, and a video about the clothing made just for feet.

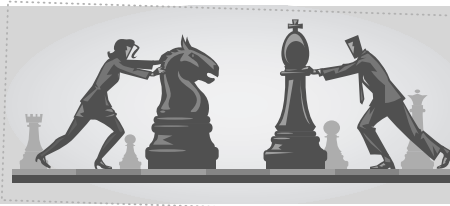




Teen Zone

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

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Chess for All Ages

Sunday, March 8, 2-4 p.m.

Come to the Library for a special afternoon of open play chess. While a base knowledge of the game is required, all ages and skill levels are invited. You supply the moves; we'll supply the chessboards. Refreshments will be served. *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.* (R)

Game On: A Guitar Hero Tournament

Friday, March 20, 7-9 p.m.

Not going to Florida for Spring Break? Then head over to the Library to showcase your rock 'n' roll skills during our Guitar Hero tournament. This interactive rock festival lets you channel your inner rock star while you hone your skills and compete head-to-head, not only for bragging rights but gift cards, video games, and more. Pick your avatar, pick your song, and lay down the score. (R)



See **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** on page 3 for the April 15 **Tinkertoy® and Duct Tape** program!

Teen Open Mic at Starbucks Mount Prospect

Friday, April 17, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Highschoolers, here's your chance to speak your mind. Whether it's poetry, music, or your favorite piece of writing, this is your opportunity to give voice to whatever moves you. After school, stop by the Starbucks at 1 West Rand Road, just down Kensington from Prospect High School, for an afternoon of fun and entertainment as we celebrate National Poetry Month. The Library will pick up the tab for your favorite drink while you hang out with friends and showcase your talent. (NR)

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
**FREE COMIC
BOOK DAY**
Saturday, May 2



Money Smart Week, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, is filled with free area-wide workshops and activities designed to help people of all ages save, spend, and borrow wisely. During this time when economic conditions are making people uneasy, Money Smart Week offers opportunities to take a step toward dealing with financial uncertainty.

Estate Planning for Real People

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Are you prepared for the "what ifs" in life? Karen Chan, consumer and family economics educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will present an overview of ways to effectively prepare financially for emergencies or unexpected illness. Whether your assets total \$60 or \$60,000,000, you need to have a plan to determine who will pay your bills, handle your finances in case of emergencies, and care for your dependents. (R)

Understanding Today's Economic Reality

Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

The current economic situation is unlike any other we have experienced. This program will address the factors that contributed to creating this unprecedented crisis and put them in a context that will help you respond better and plan for the future. Dr. Art Cyr of Carthage College will break down the situation into simple terms to help you understand how it impacts you. (R)

Be an Informed Investor

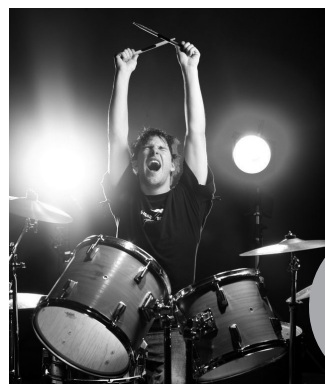
Thursday, April 23, 9 a.m.

Get access to some of the same investment information used by financial professionals—free! Learn how to use the Morningstar Investment Research Center, an online resource made available to you through the Library. Educate yourself on investment types and portfolio construction and gain access to independent analyses. This demonstration program will be led by Lars Wasvick, Associate Product Manager at Morningstar Investment Research Center. (R)

A Woman's Guide to Money Matters

Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.

Women face unique challenges as they plan for financial independence or retirement. Nancy Reiser, a licensed Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, will show you how to develop a budget, prepare for retirement, and pay for your child's education expenses. You will leave with a better understanding of how to prioritize your financial goals and create a strategy for the future. (R)



CALLING ALL TEEN MUSICIANS!

Battle of the Bands 2009 —AN INVITATION TO PLAY

Deadline
to enter is
April 30!

Here's your chance to play to a live audience and win prizes. Submit your entry now to participate in the Library's first ever Battle of the Bands competition on May 16. Only a handful of bands will make it past the judges and onto the stage. To compete for one of these coveted spots, you must submit

an application by April 30. So, if you are in a musical group, band, or orchestra, and are under the age of 19, come pick up an application. We will also need a recording of one of your songs, either on CD, in an electronic format, or you may submit a link to your performance on YouTube, Facebook, or other similar site. For details, contact Rose Allen, Teen Librarian, 847/253-5675, rallen@mppl.org, or stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

LIBRARY LIFE

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



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THE UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

The Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle ended on a sweet note for twelve people as the ten-day event concluded with the drawing on Sunday, February 8 at 1 p.m. in the Registration Lobby of the Library.

Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation President Katy Rossi pulled the winning tickets along with the help of several young visitors to the Library. The Foundation wishes to thank everyone who participated in the raffle. Through your generosity, more than \$2,700 was raised by the event. The Foundation uses monies from its fundraising efforts to sponsor special events and programming at the Library that otherwise would not be available through public funding.



Foundation President Katy Rossi receives help in pulling winning tickets from two sisters, Simran and Sandhya Patel.



Shaun Leary shakes up tickets for Katy Rossi, Foundation president, while his sister Ali looks on.

The following are our 2009 raffle winners:

- Rod Wade, Mount Prospect, *Bake Something Chocolate Tonight Basket*
- Rebecca Alexander, Mount Prospect, *Liquid Chocolate Basket*
- Joy Dato, Barrington, *Chocolate & Wine 101Basket*
- Margaret Wade, Mount Prospect, *Cuddle-up With Chocolate Basket*
- Judy Clutters, Mount Prospect, *Just Desserts Basket*
- Eileen Brassil, Mount Prospect, *Breakfast Bounty Basket*
- William Strubing, Highland Park, *Family Movie Night Basket*
- Lauri Huff, Mount Prospect, *Gourmet Chocolates & More Basket*



Chocolate treats galore!

- Karen Bouzas, Mount Prospect, *Cuddles & Cravings Basket*
- Nancy Doyle, Mount Prospect, *That's Entertainment Basket*
- Paul Hoefert, Mount Prospect, *Write-on Chocolate Basket*
- Katrina Segalla, Mount Prospect, *Oscar-worthy Chocolate Basket*

All ages can enjoy the Friends Book Sale!

Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, noon-4:30 p.m.

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's spring used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services. This program is offered as part of our National Library Week celebration.



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