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your guide  
SPECIAL PULL-OUT  
SECTION

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

March/April 2010

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



APRIL 11-17, 2010

## COMMUNITIES THRIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Today's libraries are modern community centers where everyone is invited to explore, dream, and learn. At MPPL, people come together for community events, lectures, and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get help finding a job, or to discover the next great read. During National Library Week, we invite you to visit the Library, either in person or online. Come see how your Library helps the community thrive.



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### Best Place in Mount Prospect to...

In keeping with the theme, **Communities Thrive @ Your Library**, we want to celebrate those aspects of Mount Prospect that make our community special. Come to MPPL to cast your vote for the

*Best Place in Mount Prospect to...* watch fireworks, ride a bike, read a book, take a picture, or name your own favorite activity and location. Every vote enters you into a drawing for one of several gift cards to local businesses. Stop by the display in the Lobby anytime during this week to cast your vote. A list of "not to be missed" winning locations will be made available at the conclusion of National Library Week.

### Get to Know Your Community Organizations

**Monday, April 12-Friday, April 16, 3-7:30 p.m.**

Meet and talk with members of Mount Prospect community service groups to learn more about their organizations, what they offer, and volunteer opportunities. Different groups will set up displays and informational tables on weekdays, 3-5 p.m. and 5:15-7:15 p.m. Stop by to learn a little bit about the organizations to which your fellow residents are donating their time.

## Snapshot Day @ your library!



On February 10, MPPL joined libraries across Illinois in *Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Your Library*. The goal was to collect information, comments, and photographs to capture a typical day in the Library. Our Library's information will be combined with other Illinois libraries and shared with legislators to offer indisputable proof that libraries consistently provide invaluable services to our communities. Here are just a few comments we received:

*I'd give up my driver's license before my library card!*

—See *Snapshot* on page 8



## THE UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

The Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle ended on a sweet note with the drawing on Sunday, February 14 in the Registration Lobby of the Library. The Foundation wishes to thank everyone who participated in the raffle. Through your generosity, more than \$4,500 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.

### The following are our 2010 raffle winners:

- Michael McMahon, Des Plaines, *Valentine Lovers*
- Lori Soehn, Mount Prospect, *Oscar-Worthy Chocolate*
- Jim Zahrt, Mount Prospect, *Bliss for Two*
- Burt Schultz, Mount Prospect, *Sweetest Basket Ever!*
- Mary Scanlon, Mount Prospect, *Bake Something Chocolate Tonight*
- Tim Hirz, Mount Prospect, *Gourmet Chocolates & More*
- Joan Kotwica, Mount Prospect, *Just Desserts!*
- Susie Pilafas, Mount Prospect, *Treats for Kids*
- Joyce Helwig, Mount Prospect, *Chocolate Treasure*
- Paul Lyman, Arlington Heights, *Will Work for Chocolate!*
- Nick Fosco, Mount Prospect, *Tools & Truffles*
- Valsa Panikulam, Mount Prospect, *Chocolate Times Three!*
- Maureen Murray, Mount Prospect, *Chocolate Times Three!*
- Pat McNabb, Mount Prospect, *Chocolate Times Three!*

### WHOLE LOTTA LOVE for the Foundation!

On Thursday, March 4, from 3-8 p.m. serve up a good deed for dinner and dine at the Randhurst Chipotle to support MPPL's Foundation. Pick up a copy of the flyer at the Library. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation. Visit [www.mpplfoundation.org](http://www.mpplfoundation.org) for details!

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### The Library will be closed

Sunday, April 4  
for Easter

# Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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

## Wake Up Your Wardrobe Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

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

## Images of Ireland Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Ireland is known for its dreamlike landscape and proud cultural heritage. Join us for a virtual tour of this North Atlantic jewel, appropriately nicknamed the "Emerald Isle." Guest speaker Myrla Brand will immerse you in the area's history and culture with pictures of Blarney Castle, Connemara, the Dingle Peninsula, the Wicklow Mountains, and more. (R)

## MPPL Foundation Presents: An Irish Concert

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

Welcome the intriguing Irish vocal duo Banna. Their Irish ballads and sing-alongs are filled with a splendid blend of vocals, guitar, and keyboard. Banna's music will transport you to places both majestic and magical. *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation*, which raises funds for special programming and events such as this concert. (R)

## Skeletons in Our Closets: Researching a Family Scandal

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

Robin Seidenberg reveals an intriguing tale of wealth, romance, betrayal, jealousy, and murder. After investigating rumors of an old family scandal that took place during the Roaring Twenties in Chicago, Robin uncovered a sensational story that made newspaper headlines across the nation. Robin will explain how you too can use historical newspapers to yield valuable and, perhaps, unexpected family information. (R)

## America During Revolutionary Times Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

We are opening a portal to the past with this look at America during the late 1700s. Historical interpreters will discuss the weapons used by the 1st Continental Regiment of Light Dragoons, the "modern" medical equipment used to treat soldiers, and the women who followed the camps and supplied wool and other necessities. You will also be privy to a conversation with a period reenactor who will discuss the climate of the times. *This program is presented by the Northwest Territory Alliance (NWTa) and is cosponsored by the Mount Prospect Historical Society.* (R)

## How Secure Is Your PC? Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Library Computer Trainer Michelle Vonderhaar leads this program focusing on Internet and computer safety. Learn how tools such as antivirus software and firewalls can help keep computers safe from hackers, scam artists, and viruses. This demonstration program will be held in Meeting Room A. (R)

## Create a Fresh Floral Arrangement for Spring Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Welcome spring into your home with a bright, inviting floral arrangement you put together yourself. Paul Seils of Busse's Flowers and Gifts will help you create an arrangement using a variety of fresh seasonal flowers and foliage. Class size is limited to assure that each student receives individual attention, so stop by the Library's Registration Desk to reserve your spot. **A \$15 nonrefundable materials fee is due at registration.** Please bring scissors, a small knife, or a pruner; all other materials are included. (R)

## Ramping Up Your Résumé Thursday, April 1, 10 a.m.

A résumé should be a reflection of who you are, while highlighting those qualifications that meet the employer's needs. This workshop will offer tips and techniques to make your résumé stand out from the crowd and touch on the value of a cover letter. Roberta Glick, a career counselor from Jewish Vocational Service, will share the most up-to-date information about résumé construction that will showcase your best qualities. (R)

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### Adults

## Community Flavors: An International Cooking Class

**Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the diverse flavors that come together in our own community: Polish, Mexican, Indian, and more. Chef Michael Niksic,

a self-described food mercenary, lover of many cooking styles, and one of the first chefs listed in the Registry of Professional Chefs in America, will prepare and serve a variety of foods that represent the different cultures found in Mount Prospect. Chef Niksic's clear and energetic presentation style will leave you feeling confident that you can recreate these recipes at home. *There is a \$2 nonrefundable fee due at registration, and space is limited. Please sign up at the Registration Desk. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

## Workforce Investment Act – Qualify for Free Job Training

**Wednesday, April 14, 4 p.m.**

Learn how to obtain a \$3,000 grant for job training. An Illinois workNet representative will provide an

orientation and explanation of the process for obtaining grants that will help cover the cost of learning a new skill for the changing job market. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) combines federally funded job training programs in Illinois into a "workforce development" system where individuals can find a job or train for a new career. Attend this meeting to learn how you might qualify for a training voucher worth up to \$3,000. Register for this program at <http://ah.worknetncc.com> or contact Julie Maday at workNet, 847/437-4273. (R)

## Web Resources for Newshounds

**Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m.**

Get the latest news from a wide range of sources with the click of a button. Your Library card gives you access to information from the local papers as well as media around the world, from any computer, any time of day. Reference Librarians Steven James Browne and Julie Collins will provide an introduction and tour of the Library's online resources, including LexisNexis, InfoTrac, *Chicago Tribune*, and *The Daily Herald*. You will also become familiar with techniques that will help you narrow your search and get the results you want. (R)

### Youth

## Create-a-Craft: Community Heroes

**Friday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Celebrate your community by making these crafts all about the people in your neighborhood. (NR)

### Teen

## A Communal Teen Effort to Say "Thank You" to the Troops

**Sunday, April 11 – Saturday, April 17**

Come together and show your support for the servicemen and women who

have left their communities behind to fight for our country. "Let's Say Thanks" is a program that allows you to send a postcard expressing your appreciation to members of the U.S. military serving abroad. We will provide a link on the Teen page of our Web site to [www.letsaythanks.com](http://www.letsaythanks.com). All you need to do is click on your favorite postcard design, enter your name (first name only), your hometown, and either select a prewritten message or draft a personal note. Postcards are then printed and mailed in care packages by the military support organization Give2TheTroops®. It is a meaningful way you can brighten the day of someone overseas. (NR)





## Learn How to Use Your Computer: Free Online Courses

**Monday, April 12, 7 p.m.**

Learn how to use your computer from the comfort of your own home. The ever-evolving Internet has opened the door to an array of free, readily available, quality online courses. Join Computer Trainer, Michelle Vonderhaar, for this demonstration class on the best Web sites for learning Microsoft Word®, Windows 7, or even how to troubleshoot your own computer. The best part of learning online is you can progress at your own pace and no one sees your mistakes. All you need to get started is an Internet-connected computer. (R)

## The Tomato Lady Returns

**Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.**



Back by popular demand, Aggie Nehmzow, aka The Tomato Lady, will extol the virtues of heirloom tomatoes, their legends and lore, and growing tips for making the most out of even the smallest garden. Aggie is a tomato expert who personally grows 75 varieties of heirloom tomatoes in her postage stamp-sized backyard in Oak Lawn. (R)

## Generating Leads for Your Business or Job Search

**Monday, May 3, 7 p.m.**

Focus your efforts with detailed lists of companies to target for business or

job opportunities. Reference librarians Patricia Smolin and Anne Shaughnessy will show you how to tap into *ReferenceUSA* and *LexisNexis* to build lists of prospective clients or employers based on a range of criteria, including

location, industry, sales, and size. This hands-on demonstration will have participants manipulating queries and information on a PC, so experience with a PC and Microsoft Excel is strongly recommended. Space is limited. (R)

## Making the Move to Office 2007

Our Microsoft Word®, Excel®, and PowerPoint classes are now being taught using Office 2007. If you are interested in learning word processing, using spreadsheets, or creating presentations and have never worked with Office 2007, then we encourage you to become familiar with its features by taking our *Microsoft Office 2007: What Happened to My Toolbar?* class. It provides a great overview of Ribbons, Tabs, and other tools that allow you to spend more time writing and less time formatting. Registration for our computer classes opens the first of the month prior to the class, and space is limited.

## Remembering Marshall Field & Company

**Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.**

For more than 150 years, Marshall Field & Company reigned as Chicago's leading department store. Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., leads this lavishly illustrated talk that traces the store's history from its beginnings as a dry-goods store in 1852 into a world-class fashion and service trendsetter. Photographs, ads, postcards, and memorabilia highlight the store's cherished traditions—the Walnut Room Christmas tree, the State Street store's legendary window displays, and, of course, Frango Mints. (R)



**MONEY  
SMART  
WEEK**  
**APRIL 17-24 | 2010**

Money Smart Week, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, is aimed at building financial knowledge so consumers can manage their money more effectively and confidently. The week is filled with free area-wide workshops and activities designed to help people of all ages save, spend, and borrow wisely.

## Understanding College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Plan

**Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Saving for college can seem a daunting task. A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will explain the College Illinois!® 529 prepaid tuition program: an affordable, flexible, and tax-advantaged method of paying for a college education without the risk of stock market fluctuations. This program allows parents and grandparents to prepay or “lock in” future tuition and fee costs at a current rate and avoid the six to eight percent average “tuition inflation” that occurs every academic year. Don't miss this opportunity to ask questions and gather information. (R)

## Taking Stock in the Market

**Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.**

News media throw around words such as Dow Jones, NASDAQ, the S&P, IPOs, and exchanges as if we were all certified financial planners. Don't be bullied out of the market. Let Nancy Reiser of Edward Jones explain the basics of the stock market. Using simple terms, Nancy will review the ways individuals

can own stock, the types of stock, how to earn money by investing in stock, and how stock orders are executed. (R)

## Getting Through Tough Financial Times

**Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.**

Today's economy is forcing people to rethink their money management strategies. Karen Chan, Consumer and Family Economics Educator for the University of Illinois Extension Center, will give you tips for managing your finances, taking control of your spending, prioritizing debt, and talking with creditors. (R)

## Tax Implications of a Job Loss

**Friday, April 23, 3:30 p.m.**

Believe it or not, the IRS wants to help you if you lose your job. Sergio Guzman, Senior Tax Specialist with the IRS, will review the tax impact of a job loss. For example, if your income declines, you may be eligible for some credits or deductions. You may be able to deduct certain expenses you incur while looking for a new job, even if you are not hired. Some displaced workers may decide to start their own business. The IRS provides information and classes for new business owners. (R)

## Senior Session

### Your Body's Wisdom: Self-healing Movement

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

This workshop will merge the principles of modern Western neuroscience-based exercises with traditional Eastern healing methods to help improve your life function physically, mentally, and spiritually. Using elements of Tai Chi, Qigong, and self-acupressure, you will learn about how self-healing movement works and which techniques may be most effective in treating your personal health issues. (R)



## 1930s Chicago: An Immigrant Family's Story

**Tuesday, April 20, 1:30 p.m.**

In *Austin Lunch*, author Connie Constant tells the story of her Greek-American family's life in Chicago during the Great Depression. By 1910, seventy-five percent of Chicago's

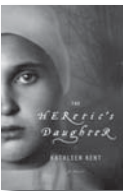
population was made up of first generation immigrants and their children. The percentage was still high in 1921 when Connie Constant's mother moved from Arcadia, Greece, to Chicago's Near West Side neighborhood at Madison and Ogden. At this Senior Session, Connie will talk about how a bag of old letters, discovered in 1984, precipitated an outpouring of recollections by her mother that became the foundation for the book, *Austin Lunch*. Connie uses her experience of documenting family stories she heard as a child to encourage others to record their own life stories for future generations. (R)



# BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

## Food for Thought



**The Heretic's Daughter**  
by Kathleen Kent  
**Wednesday, March 3, 1 p.m.**

Young Sarah Carrier tries to cope with life in Salem, Massachusetts, after her mother, Martha Carrier, is accused, tried, and hanged as a witch.



**Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers, Playboys, and the Battle for America's Soul**  
by Karen Abbott  
**Wednesday, April 7, 1 p.m.**

A history of America's most famous brothel, Chicago's Everleigh Club, which catered to some of America's leading moguls, actors, and writers from 1900 to 1911, profiles its aristocratic proprietors and their efforts to elevate the industry to new heights.

## Coffee, Books, & More

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

**Wednesday, April 21, 10 a.m.**

These sessions meet the third Wednesday of each month for a thought provoking discussion of a specially-selected book. For this month's title, please inquire at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk or call 847/253-5675.

## Book Share @ Caribou

**Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.**

People who are passionate about books are invited to share some of their favorite titles with fellow book lovers. Here's an opportunity to make friends, introduce someone to a new author, and discover a book you may have overlooked. It's an evening for immersion in favorite pastimes: books, conversation, and a good cup of coffee. Held at Caribou Coffee, 90 E. Northwest Hwy., Mount Prospect.

## Coffee & Conversation

**Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.**

**Facebook**

Facebook is a social networking site that lets you connect with friends, coworkers, and others who share similar interests or who have common backgrounds. Many people use it as a way to stay in touch after college, connect with friends out of state, or as a way to share their lives publicly. We'll start the evening with a quick tour of Facebook and then discuss the impact it is having on social interaction. (R)



**Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.**

(Topic TBD)

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

## MPPL Writers Group

**Tuesdays, April 20, May 18, June 15, 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 20 or participants will have to wait to sign up for the next series starting July 20. Register in person at the Library. The Friends of the Library sponsor this program. (R)



## If You Like...

### Indian authors

why don't you try...

Jhumpa Lahiri

Roopa Farooki

Vikas Swarup

Vikram Chandra

Advaita Kala

# MOVIES AND MORE

## Movies @ MPPL



### The Time Traveler's Wife

[2009; Rated PG-13; 107 minutes]

Starring Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana, Ron Livingston. Directed by Robert Schwentke.

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

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

This film is based on the best-selling, Oprah-recommended book about a love that transcends time. A Chicago librarian suffers from a rare genetic disorder that sends him hurtling through time whenever he is under extreme duress. Despite this complication, he attempts to build a stable future with the beautiful young heiress he loves. This romantic drama shows that love knows no boundaries and transcends time and death. (R)

### The Blind Side

[2009; Rated PG-13; 128 minutes]

Starring Sandra Bullock, Kathy Bates, Tim McGraw. Directed by John Lee Hancock.

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

**Thursday, April 8, 1:30 p.m.**

The remarkable true story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home who transformed his life to become an All-American football player and a 2009 first-round draft pick for the Baltimore Ravens. The story begins when a wealthy white family generously brings Michael into their home. What starts

out as a gesture of kindness turns into something more as Michael becomes a part of the family despite the differences in their backgrounds. Living in his new environment, Michael faces a completely different set of challenges to overcome. And as the family helps Michael fulfill his potential, both on and off the football field, Michael's presence in the family's life leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own. (R)

## Movie Discussion

### Casablanca

[1942; Not Rated; 102 minutes]

Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid. Directed by Michael Curtiz.

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

Winner of three Academy Awards®, including Best Picture, this film is set in a Moroccan city on the tip of unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II. An American expatriate who runs a swank nightclub, Rick's Café Américain, meets a former lover with unforeseen complications. (R)

### The Sweet Hereafter

[1997; Rated R; 112 minutes]

Starring Ian Holm, Sarah Polley, Caerthan Banks, Bruce Greenwood. Directed by Atom Egoyan.

**Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Following a tragic school bus accident, a high-profile lawyer descends upon a small town with promises of retribution and a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of the community. As his investigation into the quiet town begins, he uncovers a tangled web of lies, deceit, and forbidden desires. (R)

## Yes, it's almost spring... and time for the Friends Book Sale!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 9:30-4:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 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. The Friday, April 16 evening sale is reserved for members of the Friends. The annual membership fee is \$5 for an individual, \$10 for a family, and \$25 for a Good Friend. To become a member, stop by Registration to complete a membership form.



# MARCH

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Storytime at the South Branch

Monday, March 1, 11-11:30 a.m. (NR) **SB**

Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/  
Spanish Storytime

Monday, March 1, 6-6:30 p.m.
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Wake Up Your Wardrobe

Tuesday, March 2, 7:30
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Book Discussion, *The Heretic’s Daughter* by Kathleen Kent, Wednesday, March 3, 1 p.m. (NR)

TREES & SEEDS: An Intergenerational Book Discussion, *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* by Lenore Look, Wednesday, March 3, 6-7 p.m.

MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Time Traveler’s Wife*, Wednesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.
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Spring Storytime Lottery Ends

Thursday, March 4

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Chess for All Ages

Sunday, March 7, 2-4 p.m.
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Storytime at the South Branch

Monday, March 8, 11-11:30 a.m. (NR) **SB**

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JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS: Generating Leads and Holding On to Customers

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Recursos Federales y Estatales Para Empresarios y Pequeños Negocios

Thursday, March 11, 2:30 p.m. **SB**
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Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros/Children’s Day, Book Day, Thursday, April 29, 6:30-8 p.m.

PLAN AHEAD!

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

Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 1, All Day (NR)

Generating Leads for Your Business or Job Search, Monday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Picture-perfect Switzerland

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.



# Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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## Mad Scientists Club

• for children in grades 3-5

**Wednesday, March 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Mad about science? Join us for fun hands-on science explorations and even create an amazing project to take home. *Space in the lab is limited to 20 Mount Prospect scientists*, so register today! (R)

## Turkish Shadow Puppet Show and Stories

• for children and their families

**Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m.-noon**

Come see a traditional Karagöz Puppet Story told through the ancient art of shadow puppetry. These unique, articulated flat figures are animated by sticks manipulated by a talented puppeteer who can make the figures walk and dance, jump and fight, nod and laugh. The puppet show and traditional tales will offer a taste of the language and culture of Turkey. *Brought to you by the Turkish American Society of Chicago, a large portion of this program will be in the Turkish language.* (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)

## Community Heroes

**Friday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

*See article under National Library Week on Page 2.*

## SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

## Dennehy Irish Dancers

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

Leap into the Library for this festive performance by the charming and talented Dennehy Irish Dancers. Children and families will delight in a variety of traditional and modern dances and pick up a few steps along the way! Dennehy School of Irish Dance has been training dancers for local, regional, national, and international competitions for over 40 years and counts Michael Flatley, star of *Riverdance*, *Lord of the Dance* and *Celtic Tiger*, and the current World Champion and Chicago native, Michael Putman, among its more famous alumni. (R)



## Boogie Oogie Baby Bop

**Saturday, April 10,**

**2-2:30 p.m. or 3-3:30 p.m.**

Babies 23 months and younger and their parents are invited to our annual BabyTalk event. We'll move to the music, hear a variety of musical sounds, enjoy baby-friendly puppets, and have loads of fun with Julie Helenius of Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. Each half-hour celebration is *sponsored by the Friends of the Library* and is **limited to 25 Mount Prospect babies and their parents**. Sorry, no siblings. Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. (R)

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

• for all ages

**Thursday, April 29, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Families and books come together for our Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros celebration! El Día de los Niños is a traditional day of celebration in Mexico honoring children. This year, come and see Pocket Circus, the smallest circus in the world! Pocket Circus, a "new circus-style" duo that comes from Argentina, will perform an energetic show in Spanish and English with a blend of humor, magic, acrobatics, juggling, and music. Join one of your favorite storybook characters for an evening of entertainment, booksharing, and refreshments. And this is not a trick—you get to take home a free book! (R)



## Juggling With a Side of Laughs

**Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m.-noon**

Witness amazing juggling, balancing acts, and comedic stunts at this wacky and hilarious variety show! Jason Kollum will wow you with his high-energy performance, full of astonishing tricks and plenty of silliness to crack up the whole family. Want to try your hand at juggling, feather balancing, or plate spinning? Jason will lead a short workshop at the end of the program so you'll get to experiment with a few stunts of your own! (R)

## Fun With Books!



## Spring Storytime Lottery ends March 4

Parents can register their children—birth through age six—for MPPL's spring storytime session. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run March 15-April 23. Due to the popularity of these storytimes, *registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for Mount Prospect cardholders*. To participate in the lottery, please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

### Open Storytime

• MARCH 15 TO APRIL 23

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

**Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

Children ages 6 and under and their families are invited to attend these 30-minute sessions that feature stories and songs. These sessions run March 15 to April 23. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* (NR)



## Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/ Spanish Storytime

**lunes, 1 de marzo, 6-6:30 p.m.**

**lunes, 8 de marzo, 6-6:30 p.m.**

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

## Book Voyagers

—for 1st-3rd graders

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

## Stellar Space Stories

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

To infinity and beyond! Are you interested in the sun, moon, and stars? Join us for an "out-of-this-world" afternoon learning about outer space.

## Under the Sea

**Monday, April 19, 4:15-5:15 p.m.**

Whales, dolphins, and sharks, oh my! Have you ever wondered about these and other kinds of marine life? Join us as we explore ocean creatures.

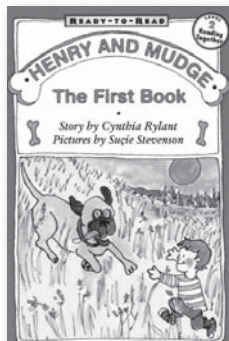
## Caribou Coffee Storytime

**Wednesday, April 28, 11-11:30 a.m.**

Come to a special storytime held at Caribou Coffee, located at 90 E. Northwest Highway, where MPPL staff will present stories and songs to children and their parents. (R)



## If You Like...



*Henry & Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant try...

*Down Girl and Sit* series  
by Lucy A. Nolan

*Just Grace Walks the Dog*  
by Charise Mericle Harper

*Mush's Jazz Adventure*  
by Daniel Pinkwater

*Henry and Ribsy*  
by Beverly Cleary

## Chess for All Ages

**Sunday, March 7,  
2-4 p.m.**

*Be sure to register!*



# Teen Zone

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

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## TEEN TECH WEEK: Are You Retro Savvy?

Sunday, March 7-

Saturday, March 13

Back in the day, when your parents were teens, the Library carried materials for what you might call “retro” technology. Ever hear of a Sony Walkman? During Teen Tech Week, stop by the Library to put your knowledge of old-time gadgets to the test, and you could win a gift card to Best Buy or GameStop. Smaller prizes will also be given out, so everyone will walk away a winner.

Today you’ll find MPPL chock-full of stuff for your cool, new gadgets. Got an iPod, Wii, or Xbox 360? Then



come to the Library—we have games and music you can borrow, or you can go to the Library’s Web site to log on to MyMediaMall for downloadable audiobooks. With computers and WiFi, we’re also a great place to get connected to the Web.



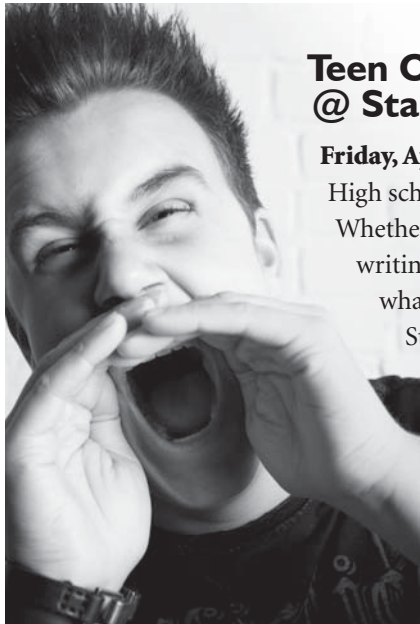
## Got Game? Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, Wii Sports, and Board Games

Wednesday, March 24, 2-4 p.m.

No plans for Spring Break? Need to get out of the house (and away from chores)? Come to the Library to hang with friends and try your hand (or feet) at one of our video or board games. Borders and GameStop gift cards awarded at random; snacks for everyone! (R)

See National Library Week on page 2  
for the April 11-17

“Thank You” to the Troops program!



## Teen Open Mic @ Starbucks Mount Prospect

Friday, April 23, 3-5 p.m.

High schoolers, 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 One 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)



Watch the winning  
movie on our Teen page!

**WINNER**  
*AN EARLIER WINTER*  
by Daniel Younger

## Best Up-and-Coming Director: Daniel Younger

Daniel Younger received top honors at the Library’s first Teen Film Fest.

On January 30, the Library screened five films submitted by area teens. A panel of judges awarded Daniel Younger’s film, *An Earlier Winter*, first prize.

Daniel’s passion for snowboarding—and his desire to capture his moves on film—led him to discover his latest passion, film-making. A senior at Barrington High School, Daniel has been writing, directing, editing, producing, and starring in films for several years now. In the fall, he will be attending USC and hopes to enter the School of Cinematic Arts.

Daniel’s grandmother tipped him off to the Library’s contest. “It’s important to get exposure for your movies,” noted Daniel. “I also post my films on YouTube™ and Vimeo™.” Entering contests like this one is just one more way to find an audience.



# FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Attention, all teens and kids—it’s the largest one-day comic book giveaway! MPPL is joining participating comic book shops around the world to give away comic books, no strings attached. On Saturday, May 1, stop by Fiction/AV/Teen or Youth Desks—*limit one per person, while supplies last*. Books donated by **Comix Revolution**, 115 West Central Road, Mount Prospect.

## If You Like...

Real Stories About Real People,  
try...

*Wheelchair Warrior: Gangs, Disability,  
and Basketball* by Melvin Juette

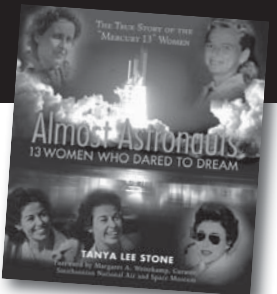
*Vera Wang: Enduring Style*  
by Katherine Krohn

*Remember Little Rock: The Time, the  
People, the Stories* by Paul Robert  
Walker

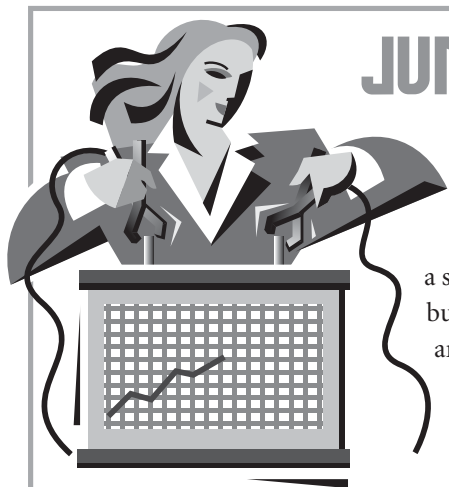
*Almost  
Astronauts:  
13 Women  
Who Dared  
to Dream* by  
Tanya Lee Stone

*Chasing Lincoln’s Killer*  
by James L. Swanson

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







## JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS

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

### Generating Leads and Holding On to Customers

**Tuesday, March 9, 8:30 a.m.**

Studies show that the number one issue facing small business owners today is a lack of qualified prospects. Learn what the ultimate lead generation system looks like and ways to follow up with leads you have generated. This program is presented by the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Harper College. (R)

### Using Social Media to Build Your Business

**Tuesday, April 6, 8:30 a.m.**

Facebook® and Twitter™ are two social media tools that can provide cost-effective ways for the small business owner to build a brand and generate leads. Learn more about social media, how to harness its power, and specific strategies to start your own social media campaign. This program is presented by Chaffee-Thanh Nguyen, cofounder of Knowledge Plus Action, a company that provides coaching and training on the latest concepts and trends with the goal of developing and implementing strategies that lead to success. (R)

## Snapshot Day

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*I love it here. It's a "shot in the arm" on a cold winter day.*

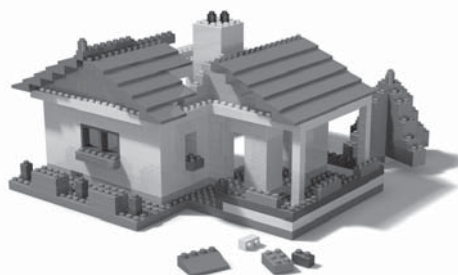
*For me, it is such a lifesaver to be able to come with my laptop. I don't have a good Internet connection at home and I really need it for school.*



*The Library is very important to my family.*



*Wonderful resource for Mount Prospect and surrounding areas! Can't live without it.*



The Mount Prospect Public Library is gearing up for a program and we need your help—we need LEGOs. We are collecting both LEGOs and DUPLOs. If you have any unwanted, gently used LEGOs or DUPLOs, please consider donating them to the Library. Just drop them off in Youth Services.



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### Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.  
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Sunday noon-5 p.m.

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## 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. Airs daily at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Comcast (channel 15) and WOW (channel 6).



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### March 2010

Movies & Movie Discussions  
@ MPPL

In Praise of Gospel Music

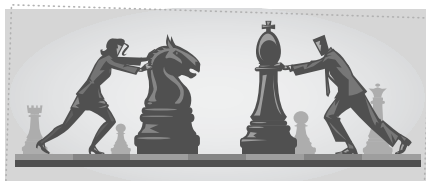
Chocolatepalooza: A Teen Tasting Fest

### April 2010

Storytime at the South Branch  
SENIOR SESSION Your Body's  
Wisdom: Self Healing Movement

MPPL Foundation Presents:  
An Irish Concert

*Features subject to change.*



## Chess for All Ages

**Sunday, March 7, 2-4 p.m.**

Come to the Library for a special afternoon of open play chess. While a basic 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 nine must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.* (R)