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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

March/April 2011

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

CREATE *your own* STORY

@ your library

Sunday, April 10 – Saturday, April 16

Libraries are places where stories are not only recounted but created. All week long we will be celebrating your stories and the ways we can help you craft them. We will kick off the celebration with the opportunity for you to share your stories. Whether you used the Library to find a new job, turn a hobby into a career, plan the perfect vacation, or something else entirely, we want to know about it. Stop by the lobby and write a short note about how the Library has impacted you; then post it on our display. While you are there, you can enter our raffle to win one of several gift certificates from local businesses.

Ready for the next chapter in your life's story? Then register for one of the several programs being offered this week: Bagging Your Memories: Create a Scrapbook (for 6th-12th graders); Pride and Prejudice: A Live Performance by Radio Players West; Online Resources to Create Your Story; and Design Your Own Comic (for 2nd-6th graders).

You can continue to develop your story by taking advantage of the breadth of programs offered throughout the year at the Library: crafting classes, résumé workshops, genealogy lectures, travelogues, computer training, language programs, and more. See page 3 for our *National Library Week* programs.



Orbiting With Stars



The Library is very proud to count two "Shining Stars" as part of our family. On February 5 at the Village's Celestial Celebration, Chuck Bennett and Rose Allen were honored for their selfless commitment to the community.

Chuck Bennett was recognized as the Volunteer's Volunteer for his years of service to the Northwest Community Hospital, Northwest Paint-a-thon, Village Commissions, American Cancer Society, and the Library. We have been very fortunate to have Chuck

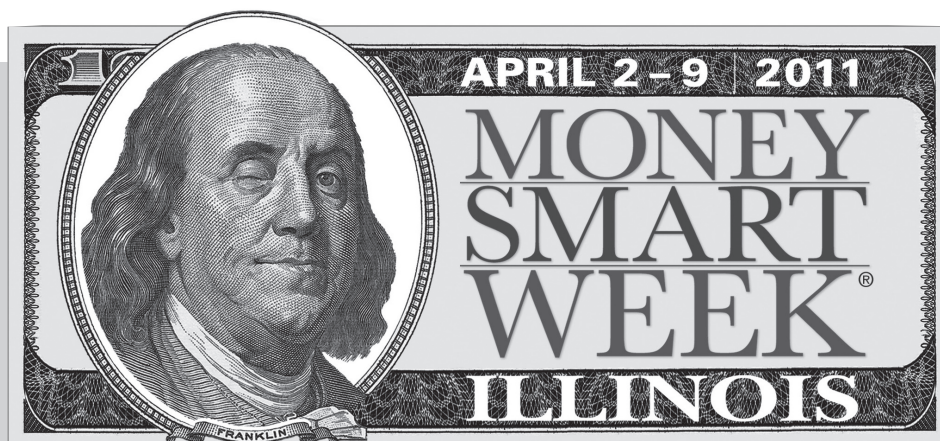
working with us since 1993, when he was elected to our Board of Trustees. He served on the Board until 1999, holding the positions of secretary, assistant treasurer, and treasurer. Following his Library Board tenure, Chuck continued supporting the Library's endeavors by becoming a member of the Foundation's Board in 2002. He

—see *Stars* on page 8



Chuck Bennett (top) *The Volunteer's Volunteer* accepting his award on behalf of all the volunteers in Mount Prospect and *Toast of the Town* Rose Allen with Mayor Irvana Wilks.

Photos by Frank Corry



The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (FRB Chicago) led the creation of Money Smart Week (MSW) in 2001 with the help of an advisory council composed of forty Chicago-area organizations. This one dedicated week in April offers programs and activities focused on financial literacy,

education, and informed consumerism. The 10th anniversary will be celebrated in April 2011, and the Federal Reserve Bank plans to expand the program nationwide. The FRB Chicago is the seventh district among the twelve regional districts across the U.S. which comprise the Fed, our nation's

central bank. The FRB Chicago continues to welcome new partners and sponsors to this annual series, and successful campaigns have been planned in all five states within the Seventh District (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin) with new cities joining every year. Illinois public libraries have taken an interest in participating in MSW since its inception, and the American Library Association has joined with the FRB Chicago as an active national partner to promote and expand its reach. See our *Money Smart Week* programs listings on page 2.

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Spring Card Crafting: Bags, Tags, and Cards

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

Papercrafting instructor Tina Gary returns to help you create an assortment of unique items that can be used to add a personal touch to any gift or note. This fun class is for anyone 16 years old and older who enjoys card-making or would like to learn. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; all other supplies are included in the *\$10 nonrefundable material fee*. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online registration is not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Online Job Search Essentials

Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m.

If you are in the market for a job, then you know about Monster and CareerBuilder – but how comfortable are you with using them? Let Librarians Patricia Smolin and Ellen Dini show you some tricks of the trade for creating your online job search accounts, uploading or copying your résumé to online job applications, and searching for job types, location, and salary range. Be sure to bring your current résumé on a USB flash drive, and you must have an active e-mail address. Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended. *Space is limited to 13.* (R)

MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS: An Irish Music Concert

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

The intriguing Irish vocal duo Banna returns to MPPL with Irish ballads and sing-alongs. Banna's music is filled with a splendid blend of vocals, guitar, and keyboard. Let them 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)



Dealing With Bad Guys in One's Family Tree

Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m.

Don't shy away from documenting unflattering facts about your family's history. Your family's indiscretions are not a stain on your personal reputation that should be glossed over. Instead, explore them! Experienced genealogist Craig Pfannkuche will discuss how these "better-off-forgotten" episodes can lead to a treasure trove of documents and data that can shed light on other family members and history. The presentation will also include a discussion of how to encourage living relatives to talk about unpleasant situations. (R)

Reenergize Your Job Campaign

Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Fire up your job search with five techniques to help focus your efforts and provide greater success in pursuit of your next job. Bob Podgorski of St. Hubert's Job Ministry will explain how working with partners and accountability groups can keep you from becoming complacent and lead to faster, positive results. (R)

Tax Basics and Tips for Filing Your 2010 Return

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

A tax expert from the IRS will offer helpful tax information to save you time, frustration, and money. Topics will include last-minute tax tips, tax law updates, and income tax planning tips for 2011. (R)

Spring Floral Design Class With Busse's Flowers

Tuesday, March 29, 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 participant receives individual attention, so stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online registration is not available). A *\$15 nonrefundable materials fee is due at registration*. Please bring scissors, a small knife, or a pruner; all other materials are included. (R)

MONEY SMART WEEK ILLINOIS APRIL 2-9 | 2011

Ten Money Rules to Live By

Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Create your own financial rule book! Learn the ten basic rules that can help prepare you for the future and protect you from major financial missteps. Karen Chan, a Certified Financial Planner and Consumer & Family Economics Educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will draw from real-life experiences to help you understand how a simple plan can guide you to financial success. (R)

Garage Sale Success

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

Are you thinking about having a garage sale? Learn how to successfully turn unwanted items into cash. Join Beth Randall of Joe Organizer for this informative, how-to class designed to get you ready for a profitable garage sale! Beth will discuss the best days to hold a sale, advertising, organizing and displaying your items, and pricing strategies that will make the time you invest in your garage sale really pay off. Just in time for the Village-wide Garage Sale to be held May 20-22. (R)

DID YOU KNOW?

A quarter has **119 grooves** on its edge. The much smaller dime has just **one fewer—118.**



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.

A Woman's Guide to Money Matters

Wednesday, April 6, 7 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)

Research Your Portfolio

Thursday, April 7, 2 p.m.

In the investment world, information is essential. Learn how to research stocks, bonds, and mutual funds using *Morningstar* and *S&P NetAdvantage*. Build custom investment reports and get independent and unbiased stock and mutual fund evaluations. Attendees are welcome to bring specific examples of their current portfolio. This hands-on training session will take place in the Computer Training room. Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended. *Space is limited to 13.* (R)

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

Monday, April 4, 7-9 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 computer classes: E-mail, Internet, Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Use this time (and our computers) to practice skills or work on a project with the confidence that a tutor is available to help you. No registration required; stop in anytime between 7 and 9 pm. (NR)



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Bagging Your Memories: Create a Scrapbook

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• For teens in 6th-12th grades—see page 7 for details!

Pride and Prejudice: A Live Performance by Radio Players West

Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

Relive—or experience for the first time—a story brought to life by the magic of old-time radio with sound effects and original music. The talented performers of Radio Players West will whisk you back to the time when voices over the air waves created dramatic mental images that brought audiences to laughter and/or tears. Today, they'll take you to Jane Austen's story of 19th-century England and the five Bennet sisters, whose lives are turned upside down by the arrival of the wealthy Misters Bingley and Darcy. (R)

Online Resources to Create Your Story

Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Each person has his/her own life story. It is made of past experiences, education, hopes, dreams, and interactions with the world around us. The Library's online resources can help you enhance your life story by linking to your family's past, providing ideas and information to enhance your present experiences, and develop your future goals. Let Librarians Steven Browne and Anne Shaughnessy show you how you can learn a new language, get directions for building a garden structure, increase your understanding of Microsoft Excel, develop a better resume, find out about a favorite author, and explore your family tree. (R)

Design Your Own Comic

Saturday, April 16, 2-3:30 p.m.

• For kids in 2nd-6th grades—see page 6 for details!



Snapshot Day @ your library!

One Day in the Life of Illinois Libraries

Wednesday, April 13

Today we are participating in *Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Illinois Libraries*. We will be collecting information, comments, and photographs from events that represent a typical day in the Library. If you support libraries, let your voice be heard. Stop by today to help us record how important the Library is to Mount Prospect.

On this day, we will be taking photos of people using our Library and its various services. The photographs taken today are intended for a

special, dedicated use and Library publicity. They will be used as part of a statewide initiative by public libraries. The initiative will promote the value of libraries. If you do not want your picture taken, please inform the photographer or a staff member and your request will be honored.

eBay 101— Selling Basics

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Ready to make some money selling some of your “stuff?” Then attend eBay 101—Selling Basics with eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick. Jack will walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling...including the new features and seller tools. This lively program will include real-time demos on eBay.com and plenty of time for questions. (R)



eBay Selling— Beyond the Basics

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Go beyond the basics of eBay selling and learn the best formats and techniques for developing a successful eBay-based business. Jack Waddick, an eBay University Instructor, leads this informative demonstration of the new advanced tools, tips, and strategies used by some of eBay's most successful sellers. This lively session will include real-time demos on eBay.com and plenty of time for your questions. (R)

What Is Facebook?

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Facebook, like other social networks, is about getting in touch with others, and it isn't just for kids. Globally, over 500 million people use Facebook to connect with family and friends, post information about themselves, and share photographs. This presentation will highlight what Facebook offers and introduce the lingo, such as tagging, friending and unfriending, status, and the Wall. We will also review some of the essential privacy settings that let you control what information is shared with whom. (R)

Making the Most of Your Digital Camera and Photo Editing With Picasa

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

Discover how to edit and improve your digital photos during this demonstration of the free software program Picasa™, offered by Google®. Learn how to transfer photos to your computer and then manipulate them to make your pictures look great. Techniques include cropping, rotating, exposure enhancement, and adding effects such as soft focus, sepia, and black and white. Once your photos have been edited to perfection, you can use Picasa to make gift disks, slideshows, and screensavers, order prints online, and create a backup copy of your pictures for safekeeping. You will also be introduced to the new features in Picasa, including artistic effects, stickers, frames, scrapbooking tools, and the advanced collage feature. (Picasa is currently available for Windows XP/Vista/7, MAC, or Linux). (R)

Rain Gardens—a Simple Solution to Improve Our Community

Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Rain gardens are a natural way to capture, clean, and reuse the water rushing off your home's hard surfaces (roofs, sidewalks, and driveways). They are landscaped areas planted with wild flowers and native vegetation that soak up and filter rainwater. They help protect water quality while creating a habitat for birds and butterflies and beautifying our neighborhoods. Learn the basic steps to building and maintaining this simple, proven, and inexpensive solution to help maintain our freshwater quality. (R)

This Sustainability Education program is presented in cooperation with the Village of Mount Prospect and funded through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant provided by the U. S. Dept. of Energy.

Hummingbirds: Our Flying Jewels

Tuesday, April
26, 7:30 p.m.

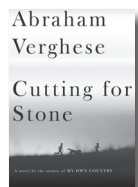
Hummingbirds—those colorful, iridescent little bundles of energy—are some of the most enjoyable birds to observe. Entice them to visit your yard by learning about plants that attract them and different hummingbird feeders. Master Gardener Nancy Carroll will also teach you how to identify different species and share many interesting and amazing facts about these winged wonders. This program is cosponsored by the Mount Prospect Garden Club. (R)



BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

Food for Thought



Cutting For Stone
by Abraham Verghese
Wednesday, March 2, 1 p.m.

Twin brothers, born from a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon in Addis Ababa, Marion and Shiva Stone come of age in an Ethiopia on the brink of revolution, where their love for the same woman drives them apart.



In Cold Blood: A True Account of a Multiple Murder and Its Consequences
by Truman Capote
Wednesday, April 6, 1 p.m.

With the publication of this book, Capote permanently ripped through the barrier separating crime reportage from serious literature. Here he reconstructs the 1959 murder of

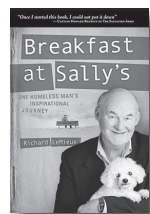
a Kansas farm family and the investigation that led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers.

Coffee, Books, & More



Animal Farm
by George Orwell
Wednesday, March 16, 10 a.m.

As ferociously fresh as it was more than a half century ago, this remarkable allegory of a downtrodden society of overworked, mistreated animals and their quest to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality is one of the most scathing satires ever published.



Breakfast at Sally's
by Richard LeMieux
Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.

A self-made man with his own successful company, Richard LeMieux lived a very comfortable life. After losing everything, he spent two years living out of his van and learning to rely on others' generosity. His uplifting story cuts through stereotypes and offers a powerful look at homelessness in society.

Coffee & Conversation

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

TOPIC: *Legalization of Marijuana*

Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: *Taxation—Is the Tax System “Broke?”*

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. *The evening's coffee is generously provided by Starbucks Coffee, Mount Prospect.* (R)

Senior Session

Increase Your Eye-Q: Dry Eyes vs. Allergic Eyes
Tuesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m.

That dry, gritty, burning sensation in your eyes could indicate a medical condition commonly referred to as dry eyes. At this month's Senior Session, Dr. Eirit Yonatan of The Eye Site in Mount Prospect will provide an overview of the different eye issues associated with these symptoms and how to differentiate between dry eyes and allergic eyes. She will discuss the causes and review treatment options,

including nutritional and lifestyle changes as well as over-the-counter and prescription medications. (R)

Oh, Just Bury Me in the Backyard!

Tuesday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.

Death and dying are natural parts of life, yet many of us are uncomfortable discussing it with our loved ones. Loretta Downs, a certified senior adviser, nationally recognized writer, and hospice volunteer, uses humor and stories to talk about the issue in positive

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



The Social Network

[2010; Rated PG-13; 120 minutes; Biography/Drama]

Starring Jesse Eisenberg, Justin Timberlake, Rooney Mara.

Directed by David Fincher.

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

Thursday, March 10, 1 p.m.

On a fall night in 2003, Harvard undergrad and computer programming genius, Mark Zuckerberg, sits down at his computer and heatedly begins working on a new idea. In a fury of blogging and programming, what begins in his dorm room soon becomes a global social network and a revolution in communication. A mere six years and 500 million friends later, Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest billionaire in history... but, for this entrepreneur, success leads to both personal and legal complications. (R)



Morning Glory

[2010; Rated PG-13; 107 minutes; Romantic Comedy]

Starring Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford, Diane Keaton.

Directed by Roger Michell.

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, 1 p.m.

Set in the hilarious, dysfunctional world of morning television, a young

female television producer takes on the challenge of revitalizing a last-place morning news show. Amidst warring cohosts, plummeting ratings, and a blossoming love affair, this dedicated, career-focused woman soon finds herself struggling to save her reputation, her relationship, her job, and the show itself. (R)

Movie Discussion

Dr. Strangelove

[1964; PG, 93 minutes; Dark Comedy]

Starring Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, and Sterling Hayden.

Directed by Stanley Kubrick.

Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m.*

Chaos erupts when an American general orders a nuclear attack on the U.S.S.R because he suspects that the communists are trying to contaminate Americans' precious bodily fluids. The Soviets threaten to retaliate with their so-called "Doomsday Device" that will destroy the U.S. The world hangs in the balance while the U.S. President and his aides struggle to find a way to stop the impending doom. (NR)

Blue

[1993; Rated R; 93 minutes; Drama/Foreign Language]

Starring Juliette Binoche, Benoit Regent.

Directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski.

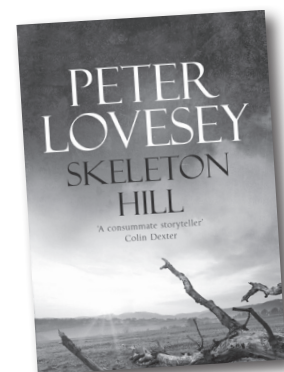
Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.*

This movie is the first 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. **Blue** explores the idea of emotional liberty. A young woman, numb after the tragic deaths of her husband and child, abandons her old life and begins an anonymous life in the middle of Paris. French with English subtitles. (NR)

*Please note: the start time is 7 p.m.


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British Mysteries With Humor
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3 Spring Storytime Lottery Ends
Thursday, March 3


**4 Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/
Spanish Storytimes**, Friday,
March 4, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) 


8 TREES & SEEDS
INTERGENERATIONAL
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Dodger and Me by Jordan Sonnenblick
Tuesday, March 8, 6-7 p.m. 

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Research Your Portfolio
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Springtime Art, Friday, April 8,
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**27 Día de los Niños, Día de
los Libros/Children's Day,
Book Day**, Wednesday, April 27,
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30 Boogie Oogie Baby Bop
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Click & Create: Computer Animation for Kids

• FOR 4TH-6TH GRADERS

Wednesday, March 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Calling all young directors, artists, video game fans, and creative minds! Want to try your hand at creating simple animation, computer games, music videos... and almost anything you can imagine? You can do all this and more with "Scratch," an easy-to-use, fun and free program developed by the creative geniuses at the MIT Media Lab.

We'll start by teaching you the basics in our computer lab and then give you time to design your own masterpiece. *This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Public Library cardholders.* (R)



Sunday, March 20, 1-2 p.m.

Rocket into the world of building with LEGOs at this exciting new program. Draw inspiration from out-of-this-world stories to construct your very own space creation using MPPL's vast supply of LEGOs. Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. (R)

SUPER Saturday!
—for all ages

Very Funny Magic With Dennis DeBondt

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

At 6 feet 7 inches tall, Dennis is truly the "Sears Tower of Magic." He's not just some guy doing a few magic tricks—he does some of the funniest stuff you've ever seen! This show blends his lightning-quick wit, improvisational experience (with the famed Second City), and years of performing for a wide range of audiences. Witness the excitement of a child floating in the air during this unparalleled family magic show. (R)

Wonderfully Wacky Juggling With Andy Head

Saturday, April 9, 11-11:45 a.m.

Have a ball at this juggling spectacular that's all about laughter and FUN! Andy Head's hilarious high-energy performance is packed with juggling, comedy, unicycling, audience participation, and lots of surprises. Get ready to laugh until your stomach hurts! (R)

Design Your Own Comic

• FOR 2ND-6TH GRADERS

Saturday, April 16, 2-3:30 p.m.

Are you crazy for comics? Learn how to create your own story through comics, and learn about cartoon comics like *Garfield*, *Pokemon*, *Calvin & Hobbes*, and, of course, superheroes! Art teacher and children's book illustrator Christine Thornton will teach the techniques to get you started, and then you'll get to invent and draw your own main character, complete with a nemesis and a sidekick! Just another way to share your story as part of our *National Library Week Celebration*. Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. (R)

Boogie Oogie Baby Bop

• FOR 23 MONTHS AND YOUNGER AND THEIR PARENTS

Saturday, April 30, 2-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 3-3:30 p.m.

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 babies and their parents. Sorry, no siblings. Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. (R)

Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

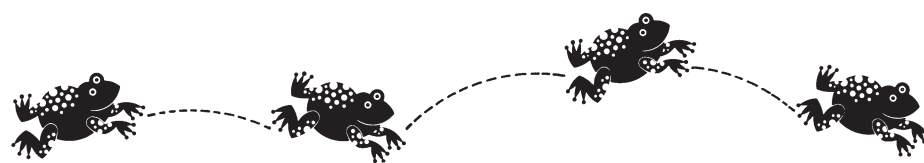
Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary; just drop in. (NR)

St. Paddy's Day

Friday, March 11, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Springtime Art

Friday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Leap in and have fun with books!

Open Storytime

March 15-April 22

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. (NR)

Sesiones de cuentos en Español/ Spanish Storytimes

viernes, 4 de marzo, 6-6:30 p.m.

Uno, dos, tres, ¡Ándale! Apresúrese en pasar una divertida media hora 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.* Registración no es necesario. (NR)



Spring Lottery Ends

Thursday, March 3 is the last day to register for our Spring storytime lottery. Please stop by the Youth Services Desk with your Library card.

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)

Kites for Kids

Monday, March 21, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Up, up, and away! It's finally kite flying weather again! Come listen to stories about these colorful toys that are perfect for flying on a windy day at the park or the beach.

Mom's the Word

Monday, April 25, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Mother's Day is coming up, but why wait until May to celebrate? We think moms are special every day. We'll also make a craft she's sure to love.

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)

Dodger and Me

by Jordan Sonnenblick

Tuesday, March 8, 6-7 p.m.

Willie is having a rough time. He is being stalked by this annoying girl in his class, he's the worst baseball player on his team, and his mom is smothering him. When he meets Dodger, an oversized blue chimp who can grant magic wishes, it appears his luck may be improving—all he has to do is wish his troubles away. The problem is Dodger's plans only make things worse. Now, one bruised head, a bloody nose, and an indefinite grounding later, Willie has to decide if his friendship with Dodger is worth it.

DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS, DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

Children's Day, Book Day

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

• FOR ALL AGES

Join us for the sights and sounds of *La Bamba: A Latin American Journey* when families and books come together for our El Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros celebration! El Día de los Niños is a traditional day of celebration honoring children. Nelson Sosa, a native of Los Andes, Chile, will have you singing and dancing through his guitar and percussion performance. You will be led on a passage in Spanish and English through the sounds and rhythms of Latin America with the help of maps, flags, native percussion instruments, and a live dancer! Join us for this evening of family book sharing, entertainment, and refreshments...and you get to take home a free book! (R)



Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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



Teen librarians Colleen Seisser and Renee Neumeier

Photo by Bob Mathews

Say "Hey" to Our Two New Teen Librarians!

Did you know that this generation of teens is the largest since the Baby Boomers? To better meet the growing needs of Mount Prospect's youth, we are dedicating more resources to teens.

Introducing Colleen Seisser and Renee Neumeier, our two new teen librarians.

Colleen Seisser grew up in Arlington Heights and attended Harper and Dominican University, where she also received her Master's degree in Library Science. She began serving teens in a school library and went on to develop the teen program at Deerfield Library. Her interests are diverse; she is a trained artist and a second degree black belt in martial arts.

► **Favorite types of books:** urban fantasy and mysteries

► **Favorite author:** Holly Black

► **Favorite TV show:** *The Office*

► **Favorite Movie:** *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Talladega Nights* (I could keep going, don't make me choose!)

► **Pet:** English bulldog, Frank

Renee Neumeier grew up outside Milwaukee (in Shorewood, to be exact) and, after getting her teaching degree at Winona State in Minnesota, moved to Illinois. She is currently finishing her Masters in Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin,

Milwaukee. You may already know her; she's been working in Youth Services for almost 4 years.

► **Weirdest foods eaten:** Sea urchin and cow tongue

► **Favorite Movie:** *Billy Elliot*

► **Favorite YA book (at the moment):** *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver

► **Favorite Adult book:** *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova

► **Favorite activity:** trying new restaurants

► **Pets:** Two cats, Trixie and Moxie

Each of these women brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives to the team. It is hard to sum up a person in a few lines, so please stop by to chat with Colleen and Renee. You will find them upstairs at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.

With two staff members, we can focus our efforts both on teens here at the Library and in locations outside our four walls. We will also continue to develop partnerships with agencies that strive to meet the needs of this group.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Bagging Your Memories: Create a Scrapbook

Sunday, April 10, 1-2 p.m.

These are the best days of our lives! You've got the pictures to prove it; now create an album to tell your story. Using paper bags and other art supplies, you'll create your own mini-scrapbook album that captures your story and reflects your personality. *Bring 8-10 photos; all other supplies will be provided.* (R)

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MAY 7

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.

If You Like...

If you like *Glee* try...

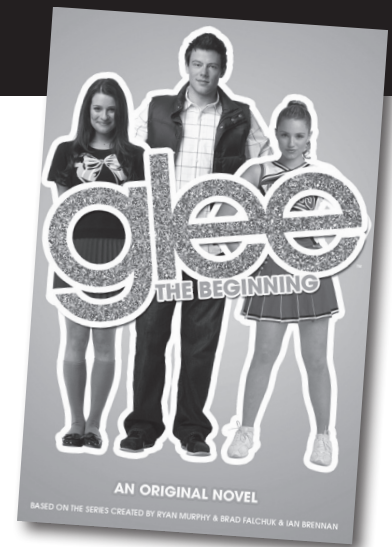
Glee: The Beginning by Sophia Lowell

Into the Wild Nerd Yonder
by Julie Halpern

Dramarama by E. Lockhart

Fame, Glory, and Other Things on My To Do List by Janette Rallison

Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have by Allen Zadoff



LIBRARY LIFE



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March

Duct Tape Creations
30-minute Chocolate
Desserts

SUPER Saturday!: A Musical Journey,
Wiggleworms-style!

April

Tales With Tails
The Ins and Outs of Gmail

SUPER Saturday!: Very Funny Magic
With Dennis DeBondt

Features subject to change.

So many books; so little time.

Friends Spring Book Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 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.

MEMBERS ONLY NIGHT – FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 6:30-9:30 P.M.

This evening's 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.

THE UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

How Sweet It Is!

Cupid delivered sweet news to thirteen area residents as the winners of the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle were announced on Sunday, February 13. The drawing was held in the Lobby of the Library, concluding the Foundation's annual February fundraising event. The raffle featured chocolate-themed baskets loaded with gourmet treats, specialty items, and gift certificates to area restaurants and businesses.

The winners were:

- **Cupid's Delight** - Jeanette Wojtyla, Mount Prospect
- **Champion Chocolate** - Alex Jacob, Mount Prospect
- **Elegant Chocolate** - Bernard Petosa, Mount Prospect

- **Chicago City Walking Tour!**
Laverne Frey, Mount Prospect
- **Bake Something Chocolate Tonight**
Shirley Matousek, Mount Prospect
- **Sweet Joe!** - Jo Segalla, Mount Prospect
- **Brain Candy** - Matthew and Megan Brandt, Mount Prospect
- **Table & Treats** - Alexia Lidsky, Mount Prospect
- **C*H*O*C*O*L*A*T*E*S**
Cathy Bonk, Mount Prospect
- **Cupid's Cupcakes** - Carla Peterson, Mount Prospect
- **Chic Chocolate** - Manuel Morales, Mount Prospect
- **Chocolate From Around the World**
Susan Jacob, Mount Prospect and Ramon Sanchez, Arlington Heights

Congratulations to all the winners!



Rose and Steve Allen Photo by Frank Corry

Stars: Shining Star Awards

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was instrumental in establishing the financial processes for the organization. He currently advises the group on financial matters as well as arranging the audit and handling the tax work.

Chuck has been a longtime supporter of the Library, working tirelessly with others on the multiple referendum attempts that eventually led to the renovation of our building. We are grateful for his contributions and congratulate him on his Shining Star award.

Rose Allen was a member of our Library family for over 23 years, having just retired in November. Starting out as a patron assistant,



Mount Prospect Public Library has started an E-newsletter!

Don't miss Library updates. Our printed newsletter tells you what is happening over the next two months, but sometimes special events or opportunities come up after we have published. Get the latest news e-mailed to you. Sign up on the website or at any public service desk!



Serve Up a Good Deed for Lunch or Dinner!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10
11 A.M.-8 P.M.**

Dine at Randhurst Chipotle and support the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. Half of the proceeds benefit the Foundation. Visit www.mpplfoundation.org for event flyer and more details!

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