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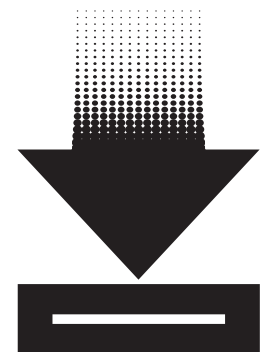
News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library May/June 2009

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Read on the **WILD SIDE**

Let your reading run wild this summer! We'll celebrate your passion for all things related to a good story with programs and prizes that will appeal to every age. Sign up online or in person and start keeping track of your reading as we head into an untamed summer of adventure, discovery, and the unexpected. *Register beginning June 1!*

Monday, June 1 - Friday, July 31



May Is Downloadables Month

Downloading a copy of an audiobook is a great option for commuters, multitaskers, and people on the go. The ultimate in flexibility and portability, downloadable books allow you to enjoy a book at home, on the way to work, or when you travel—without worrying about due dates. Access to downloadable material is available 24/7 at home or across the globe.

This month MPPL is focusing on helping you become comfortable with our downloadable site, MyMediaMall. Through hands-on instructional classes, demonstrations by our staff, and simple, detailed instructions, you will learn what is readily available—from fiction to nonfiction, mysteries to classical literature—and be able to transfer the book from your computer to your favorite portable device. Soon you could

—see *Downloadables* on page 7

Cutting Your Carbon Footprint

A carbon footprint is a measure of the impact our activities have on the environment and, in particular, climate change. Inevitably, in going about our daily lives—commuting, sheltering our families, eating—each of us contributes to the greenhouse gas emissions that are causing climate change. Yet there are many things each of us, as individuals, can do to reduce our carbon emissions. The choices we make in our homes, our travel, the food we eat, and what we buy and throw away all influence our carbon footprint and can help ensure a stable climate for future generations.

In May and June, MPPL is hosting several programs to help you go green. See page 3 for full descriptions.

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

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Take care
of the earth
and she will
take care
of you.

~Author
Unknown



RECYCLING WITH EASE

The MPPL Foundation offers you another way to help the environment by recycling your cell phones and used printer cartridges. Since 2007 the Foundation has collected 1,249 items that might have otherwise ended up in our landfills. This simple act of “going green” translates into a different kind of green for the Foundation. Monies earned by recycling these items support the Foundation in its ongoing mission of funding special events and other services at the Library.

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The Library will be closed:

Monday, May 25
for Memorial Day

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, 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.*

The Fascinating iPhone 3G

Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.

"The future is here...it is called iPhone 3G."

Sit back and enjoy this fun and interactive demonstration of the new iPhone 3G Smartphone by Jack Waddick. This is a true Internet Pocket PC with thousands of applications spanning business, education, entertainment, finance, games, healthcare, music, navigation, news, photography, reference, sports, travel, weather, and more... you will be amazed at all it can do.

Combine the iPhone with the Library's MyMediaMall, and you can check out and listen to audiobooks anytime! Everyone is welcome—no technical mumbo jumbo. (R)

Coping With Your Child's Sleep Problems

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

An expert from Alexian Brothers Medical Center will discuss common child sleep disorders and offer an overview of different treatment options, including information on how good sleep—or lack thereof—affects child development. *This program is cosponsored by Alexian Brothers Medical Center.* (R)

Making the Most of Your Trip to DisneyWorld

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

Join amateur travel planner Karen Thompson as she shares her tips on how to save time and money, avoid the crowds, and have a truly magical vacation the whole family will enjoy. Topics to be covered include how to make reservations for shows and character breakfasts, the pros and cons

of staying on-site, and planning your time to maximize your travel dollar. (R)

Bienvenue Sèvres/Welcome Sèvres

Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to share a cup of coffee with members of our Sèvres, France, Sister City delegation. This is an opportunity for the people of Sèvres to get to know the people of Mount Prospect and vice versa. No French required; we will be speaking the international language of peace and friendship. *This program is cohosted by The Sister Cities Commission and the Library.* (R)

Chicago in the Movies

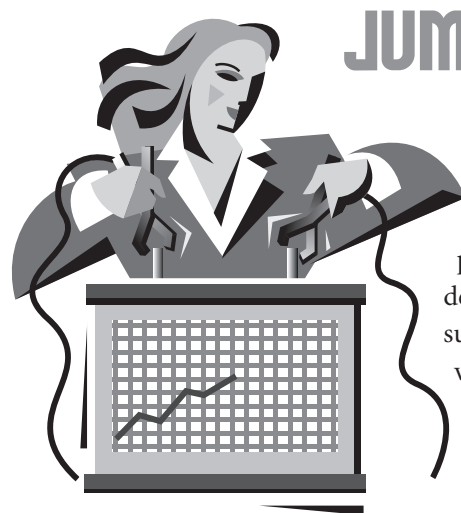
Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.

From our rambling El trains to our distinctive skyline, Hollywood loves Chicago. See how the Windy City has been immortalized in such films as *The Blues Brothers*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *In the Good Old Summertime*, *The Fugitive*, and *The Untouchables*. In fact, Chicago's history of filmmaking is almost as old as movies themselves. The first motion picture camera was manufactured around 1895, and, by 1897, William Selig, a former magician, was producing and showing films in Chicago. Steve Frenzel, film historian, will discuss the challenges of filming in one of the greatest cities in the world and share fun facts and trivia about Chicago and the movies filmed here. (R)

PC Maintenance: Best Practices

Monday, June 8, 7 p.m.

Learn which basic, built-in computer utility programs will keep your PC running efficiently. This demonstration



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.

Customer Service That Works

Wednesday, May 27, 8:30 a.m.

Good customer service is the lifeblood of any business. You can offer promotions and slash prices to bring in as many new customers as you want, but unless you can get some of those customers to come back, your business won't be profitable for long. Good customer service is all about bringing customers back. Learn some of the best practices in customer services and the common pitfalls to avoid. (R)

Trends in E-mail Marketing

Thursday, June 18, 8:30 a.m.

E-mail marketing is an electronic version of direct marketing. It is a fast and affordable way to drive sales and build strong customer relationships. Let Steve Robinson, Regional Development Director for Constant Contact®, show you how to get the most out of this new medium. His goal is to help you learn proven techniques and achieve success by staying connected with current customers and using affordable marketing technologies to do it. (R)

will show you how to perform disk cleanup, defragment your hard drive, delete old files, and more. (R)

What's It Worth? Antique Appraisals at MPPL

Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.

Those antiques gathering dust in the attic or basement might be worth something! Antiques teacher and appraiser Karl Gates will present a general history of appraising and an overview of current trends in the antique world. Gates, a former appraiser for the U.S. Department of Treasury, has conducted several appraisal seminars at MPPL in recent years. Gates will appraise one item brought from home by each guest. **If you would like an item appraised, a \$4 nonrefundable program fee is due at registration.** There is no fee to hear Mr. Gates' presentation, but registration is required. Please stop by the Library to register for either an appraisal or to simply observe the program. (R)

Online Games

Monday, June 15, 7 p.m.

Whether you like word games, memory games, or games of skill, you can find hundreds of free, entertaining options online. Instead of whiling away the

hours playing the standard Solitaire that came with your computer, tap into a world of dynamic, interactive games that will challenge your mind. Our computer trainer, Michelle Vonderhaar, will take you on a tour of Web sites that offer the best games on the Internet. *This demonstration program will be held in Meeting Room A.* (R)

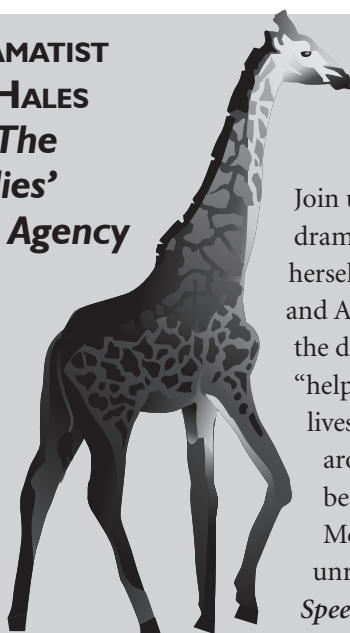
Unleash the Power of Vista's Windows Media Center™

Monday, June 22, 7 p.m.

If your PC is running Vista Home Premium or Ultimate, you now have Windows Media Center. Here's your chance to get answers to your "burning" questions about creating audio and picture CDs. Learn how to use Windows Media Center to organize your pictures, play slide shows, create music playlists, and share photos with family and friends. Scott Weidig, Technology Coordinator at Schaumburg High School, will provide tips, tricks, and suggestions for getting the best entertainment experience from your PC. (R)

BOOK DRAMATIST SUZANNE HALES PRESENTS *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*

Wednesday, June 10, 7 p.m.



Join us for an exotic adventure as book dramatist Suzanne Hales transforms herself with authentic accent, costume, and African flair into Precious Ramotswe, the detective drawn to her profession to "help people with the problems in their lives." Hales will transport you halfway around the world to the untamed beauty of Botswana, where Alexander McCall Smith's heroine attempts to unravel the mystery in *The Miracle at Speedy Motors*. (R)



The Truth About Trash and Recycling

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

Make the most of your recycling efforts while learning about the simple things that anyone can do to help reduce waste and conserve resources. Mary Allen, Recycling and Education Director for the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will bring us a fascinating look into solid waste technologies used in garbage disposal and recycling. Ms. Allen will also highlight currently available community recycling programs and how you can make a difference. (R)

Create Your Own Container Garden

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

Growing plants in pots or urns offers you a variety of ways to provide flexibility,

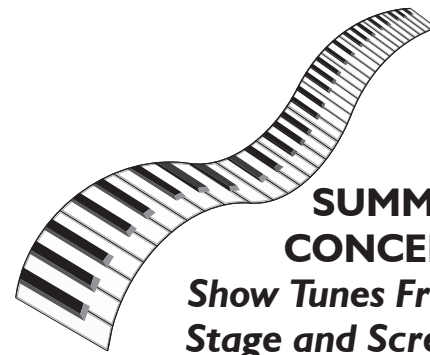


creativity, and decoration to your garden. Even the smallest patio or porch can boast a crop of vegetables or a garden of flowers in containers. Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens will guide you through this project as you make a lovely garden planter. Pot, soil, and annuals are included in the \$18 nonrefundable supply fee. Bring gardening gloves. Space is limited. (R)

A New and Creative Way to Compost

Tuesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m.

Composting with worms, also known as vermiculture, is a simple, clean, and odorless way to recycle kitchen waste. You can use worm composting in your house or apartment to harness the natural wisdom and efficiency of red worms, thus reducing the amount of garbage being sent to landfills and nurturing the symbiotic relationship between the earth and all of its living beings. During this program, an Urban Worm Girl representative will show you how a pound of hungry worms fed kitchen scraps, such as egg shells and paper towels, will provide you with nutrient-rich fertilizer. Return your goodness to the earth, minimize your waste, and feed your garden, houseplants, and the earth with this easy way to go green. (R)



Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m.

Let the talented singers of Encore! entertain you with songs from hit musicals that made the successful transition from Broadway stage to silver screen. Whether it's a classic from *Gypsy* or *Sound of Music* or one of the more contemporary tunes featured in *Mamma Mia* or *Rent*, you'll be able to name that tune in just a few notes. This 20-member ensemble is based in Buffalo Grove and performs at festivals and events throughout Chicagoland. So "clear the decks, clear the tracks,

you've got nothing to do but relax" at this entertaining evening sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. (R)

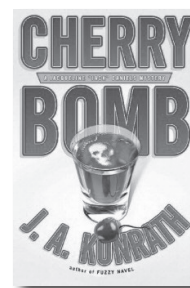
* Can you name that song?

Making the Most of Your Digital Photographs

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

How does a digital camera differ from your father's (or mother's) 35mm camera? Is film going the way of dinosaurs? Learn more about the features and functionality of digital cameras, how to save files to your computer, and e-mail pictures to friends and family. This program also offers a demonstration of the free Google® software program Picasa™. Picasa allows users to crop, rotate, and enhance image quality, make slideshows and screensavers, order prints online, and make Gift Disks. (R)

A Few Minutes With Area Author J.A. Konrath



Local author J.A. Konrath's sixth novel, *Cherry Bomb*, hits the shelves July 7, 2009. Born in Skokie, Konrath weaves local

details into his writing. His currently available title, *Fuzzy Navel*, is the fifth novel in the Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels mystery series. This fast-paced novel is similar to Donald Westlake's Dortmunder series and Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series. Konrath's quirky characters from previous novels are involved in a hostage situation with escaped, convicted murderer, Alex Kork (Jack's nemesis), while under sniper fire by three inept, but dangerous vigilantes turned cop killers bent on revenge against Lt. Daniels. Despite the unlikely coincidences, it is a page turner with constant action and comedic dialogue that should delight Jack's fans.

Our own Nancy Prichard, Head of Collection Management, interviewed Konrath about the series.

QUESTIONS:

NP: Congratulations on your fifth book in the Jack Daniels series, *Fuzzy Navel*. I've never read a book so fast

in my life. *How do you write such snappy dialogue to move the action along so quickly?*

JAK: Thanks for the kind words. The best parts of any book are dialogue and action, so I try to make those the only parts of my books.

NP: *What brings Jack from Chicago out to the suburbs, particularly Bensenville?*

JAK: I needed her someplace secluded for *Fuzzy Navel*, so I had her move in *Dirty Martini*, knowing I'd use it later. Bensenville provided the perfect setting.

NP: *When you first penned the character Alex Kork, did you know she would appear in future books to torment Jack and her friends/family?*

JAK: Yes. While the books can all be read individually, I originally planned a four-book story arc with *Whiskey Sour*, *Rusty Nail*, *Fuzzy Navel*, and *Cherry Bomb*. Continuing heroes are fun. Why not continuing villains?

NP: *As the author, how do you feel about this particular book, comparing it to the previous four?*

JAK: I love all of my children, but this one was particularly fun to write because of the situation. Jack is stuck

—see J.A. Konrath on page 8

Senior Session

Understanding Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids



Tuesday, May 19, 3 p.m.

It's frustrating to be unable to hear well enough to enjoy talking with friends or family. If you have

trouble hearing, you're not alone. More than 25 million Americans have hearing loss, including one out of four people older than 65. The good news is that, for most people who have a hearing loss, there are ways to fix the problem. At this month's Senior Session, Melissa Dowsett, AuD, CCC-A, a licensed Clinical Audiologist at Northwest ENT Associates in Elk Grove Village, will discuss the types, causes, and degrees of hearing loss and help you understand the communication difficulties associated with hearing loss. She will review available treatment options, including hearing aids and assisted

listening devices, and the process associated with obtaining these devices. Please note the special time for this Session: 3 p.m. (R)

Legal Planning to Protect Your Quality of Life

Tuesday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.

This month's Senior Session offers older adults and their families information on how they can protect themselves and their loved ones should someone be affected by a progressive illness, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, or dementia. Learn about creating a plan of care that preserves assets while providing the necessary care, advanced directives, including medical power of attorney, and how to favorably navigate the Medicaid rules. Attorney Larry Magill, an Elder Law Practitioner, will address these issues along with estate planning, its special considerations and pitfalls, and how to ward off the dangerous exploitation of older adults. (R)

BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

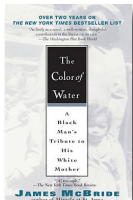
Books are available 30 days prior to each discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk. (NR)

Food for Thought



Whistling in the Dark
by Lesley Kagen
**Wednesday, May 6,
1 p.m.**

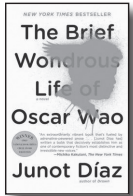
After promising on her father's deathbed to protect her sister, Troo, young Sally O'Malley finds she and her sister are on their own—with their mother hospitalized, their stepfather descending into alcoholism, and their big sister preoccupied with her boyfriend—at the same time that a child molester and murderer is on the loose.



The Color of Water: a Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother
by James McBride
**Wednesday, June 3,
1 p.m.**

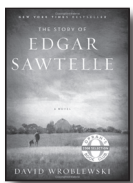
A young African-American man describes growing up in an all-black Brooklyn housing project, one of twelve children of a white mother and black father, and discusses his mother's contributions to his life and his coming to terms with his confusion over his own identity.

Coffee, Books & More



The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
by Junot Díaz
**Wednesday, May 20,
10 a.m.**

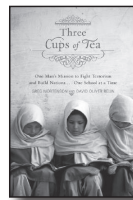
Things have never been easy for Oscar, a sweet but disastrously overweight Dominican ghetto nerd. From his home in New Jersey, Oscar dreams of becoming the next J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, of finding love. Unfortunately, he may never get what he wants, thanks to the curse that has haunted Oscar's family for generations.



The Story of Edgar Sawtelle
by David Wroblewski
**Wednesday, June 17,
10 a.m.**

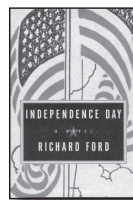
Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar leads an idyllic life with his parents on their dog breeding farm in remote Wisconsin. When Edgar is forced to flee after the sudden death of his father, he must fight for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him.

Book Chat @ Caribou*



Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.
Traces how the author, having been rescued and resuscitated by

Himalayan villagers after a failed attempt to climb K2, worked to build schools that would particularly benefit the young girls who were forbidden an education by Taliban restrictions, an endeavor for which his life has been repeatedly threatened.



Independence Day
by Richard Ford
Monday, June 29, 7 p.m.

This account of American life follows middle-aged American everyman Frank Bascombe through the transformative events of a Fourth of July weekend.

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

Coffee & Conversation

Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.

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)



MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Doubt

[2008; Rated PG-13; 110 minutes]
Starring Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams, Viola Davis. Directed by John Patrick Shanley.

Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 14, 1 p.m.

Nominated for five Academy Awards, this film takes place in the politically charged 1960s at St. Nicholas in the Bronx. A charismatic priest, Father Flynn, is trying to upend the school's strict customs, which have long been fiercely guarded by Sister Aloysius Beauvier, the iron-gloved principal who believes in the power of fear and discipline. (R)

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

[2008; Rated PG-13; 166 minutes]
Starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Kimberly Scott. Directed by David Fincher.

Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m.*
Thursday, June 11, 1 p.m.

Adapted from the short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald, this winner of three Academy Awards tells the bizarre story of Benjamin Button, who is born in his eighties and ages backwards. Set in New Orleans, the movie follows Button's story from the end of World War I in 1918 into the 21st century. (R)

*Note: Due to the length of the movie, this program will begin at 7 p.m.

Movie Discussion

Choose Me

[1984; Rated R; 106 minutes]
Starring Keith Carradine, Lesley Ann Warren, Genevieve Bujold, Rae Dawn Chong, John Larroquette. Directed by Alan Rudolph.

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

This tale of romantic entanglements takes place in hedonistic, mid-1980s Los Angeles. An all-star ensemble cast dances in and out of love with strangers while searching for the true meaning of life. A successful on-air relationship counselor hosts a popular show, "The Love Line," that has everyone in L.A. listening, especially her new roommate. When a strange drifter enters these women's lives, things take a sudden, confusing, and tumultuous turn in the heart department, forcing all to take a closer look at what they really want out of relationships, and, more importantly, just who they really are. (R)

The Long Goodbye

[1973; Not Rated; 112 minutes]
Starring Elliot Gould, Nina Van Pallandt, Sterling Hayden. Directed by Robert Altman.

Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

This unconventional film adaptation of author Raymond Chandler's detective story bears the unmistakable stamp of maverick director Robert Altman. Elliot Gould plays famed detective Philip Marlowe, who appears unflustered, seemingly confused, and yet doggedly determined to plow through the maze of clues that lead to murders, suicides, and disappearances. (R)

ADULT SUMMER READING

READ ON THE WILD SIDE

June 1 to July 31

Join us this summer as we head off the beaten path and venture into unexplored territories. Take a virtual trip to the world beyond Mount Prospect through books, movies, and music. Discover a lesser known author, see the world through someone else's eyes, or let a filmmaker transport you to a different time and place. You are just five steps away from being eligible for our prize drawings, which include a GPS, luggage, our World Literacy Prize, and books.

Worldwide Literacy Prize for Adults This Summer

During our summer reading program, we celebrate our ability to read and enjoy a good book. Can you imagine what life would be like if you couldn't read or write? Consider how difficult everything would be, how limited your horizons. Yet many people around the world never have the opportunity to go to school to learn these vital skills that most of us take for granted. As part of our Adult Summer Reading program this year, we want to celebrate and promote literacy where we can. One of our prizes, the Worldwide Literacy Prize basket, is one way to help



you make a difference in children's lives and their futures.

Participants will be entered into a drawing for the two prize baskets upon completing a full round of the reading program. The basket includes an Afghan hand-embroidered bell,

—see *World Literacy* on page 8

MAY

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12 Making the Most of Your Trip to DisneyWorld
Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. **A**

13 Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3 Player, Wednesday,
May 13, 10 a.m. **A**

Storytime at Caribou Coffee
Wednesday, May 13, 11-11:30 a.m. **Y**

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Choose Me*
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14 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Doubt*
Thursday, May 14, 1 p.m. **AT**

Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3 Player, Thursday, May 14, 3 p.m. **A**

15 COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. **A**

16 SUPER SATURDAY:
Spin, Pop, Boom!, Saturday,
May 16, 11-11:45 a.m. **Y**

Battle of the Bands
Saturday, May 16, 6:30-9 p.m. **T**

18 BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU
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Swietujmy Polski Dzień Dziecka!
Celebrate Polish Children's Day!
Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. **Y**

21 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.

25 LIBRARY CLOSED for
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

26 Create Your Own Container Garden, Tuesday, May 26,
7:30 p.m. **A** \$18 fee

27 JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS: Customer Service That Works, Wednesday, May 27,
8:30 a.m. **A**

Volunteen Orientation
Wednesday, May 27, 4 - 5:30 p.m. **T**

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MOUNT PROSPECT HAPPENINGS

Village-Wide Garage Sale

May 15, 16, & 17
Details are available at
www.mountprospectgaragesale.com

Find more local events at
Village Vibe
www.mppl.org/services/community

Adult **A** Teen **T**
Youth **Y** All Ages **G**
(NR) No registration necessary

Please sign up on the Internet at
www.mppl.org/events, at the Library,
or by calling 847/253-5675.

Registration is required for all programs except those denoted by (NR). Programs are held at the Library unless otherwise noted. Fees, when applicable, must be paid at the Registration Desk and are not refundable unless the program is canceled. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

JUNE

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Monday, June 15, 4:15-5:15 p.m. **Y**

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4:30 p.m. **T** \$15 fee

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Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

Storytime at River Trails Park District
Wednesday, June 17, 1:30-2 p.m. (NR) **Y**

18 JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS: Trends in E-mail Marketing, Thursday, June 18,
8:30 a.m. **A**

19 CREATE-A-CRAFT: Decorate for Dad!, Friday, June 19,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **Y**

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

22 CHAT & CHEW: MVP:*
Magellan Voyage Project
by Douglas Evans,
Monday, June 22, 1-2 p.m. **Y**

Unleash the Power of Vista's Windows Media Center, Monday, June 22, 7 p.m. **A**

23 Summer Concert: Show Tunes From Stage and Screen
Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. **A**

25 Wii Play All Day
Thursday, June 25, 10 a.m.-
noon or 2-4 p.m. **Y**

27 SUPER SATURDAY: It's a Jungle out There!, Saturday,
June 27, 11-11:45 a.m. **Y**

29 BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU
Book Discussion:
Independence Day by Richard Ford,
Monday, June 29, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

30 Making the Most of Your Digital Photographs
Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. **A**



PLAN AHEAD!

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

Preparing for the Job Interview: Know the Company, July 2, 3 p.m. **A**
4th of July Parade, July 4, 1 p.m. **G**

COMING IN JULY:
Resources for Job Seekers

Youth Activities

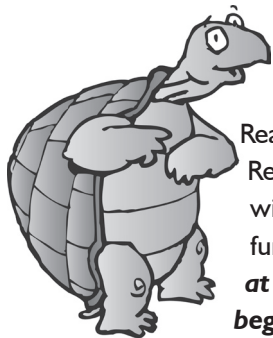
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READ on the WILD SIDE!

• for children up to age 11



It's a jungle in here! Swing, scamper, sprint, and slither in to "where the wild things are" for this year's Summer Reading Program, Read on the Wild Side. Read your way through a summer filled with prizes, adventures, and rip-roaring fun at the Library. **Register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, June 1!**

Monday, June 1 - Friday, July 31

Swietujmy Polski Dzień Dziecka! Celebrate Polish Children's Day!

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-8 p.m.

Celebrate Polish Children's Day at the Library with music, a craft, and stories told in Polish and English. Enjoy delicious ciastka/cookies and juice, too. Guests of all backgrounds are invited to register for this special event. The program is best suited for 3-7 year olds and their families, but all are welcome. (R)

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, May 27, 4-5:30 p.m.

Attention, middle and high school students! If you have completed sixth grade, consider the Library's volunteer program. You must have turned in an

application to the Youth Services staff before attending the orientation. *This program is reserved for Mount Prospect Library cardholders only.* For more information, please stop by or call the Youth Services Desk. (R)

Wii Play All Day

• for ages 8-11

Thursday, June 25, 10 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m.

Get ready for some fierce competition when Wii bring the great outdoors in! Serve up an ace, make a double play, or score a goal with Wii Sports and Wii Play. Or challenge your friends to an exhilarating race around the track in Mario Kart! Each uproarious event is *reserved for 16 Mount Prospect cardholders*. All games are rated E for everyone. Snacks will be provided. (R)

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

Spin, Pop, Boom!

Saturday, May 16, 11-11:45 a.m.

Put on your lab coats and safety goggles and make your way to the Library for a gravity-defying SUPER Saturday! Mad Science will spark your curiosity through science experiments, including making rainbows in huge test tubes and bursting foam into the sky. (R)

It's a Jungle out There!

Saturday, June 27, 11-11:45 a.m.

An imaginary safari adventure is coming to the Library! Explore caves, scale trees, and swim oceans to discover animals you might think are a bit scary—like spiders, snakes, bats, sharks, lizards, and wasps! Are they really that dangerous? Let the folks from C.R.I.CKET (Chicago Region

Interpreters), with their storytelling, live animals, music, and audience participation, help you uncover the truth behind some of nature's "living monsters." Grab your backpack and your courage and head to the Library to see these sometimes creepy critters face-to-face! (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)

Decorate for Dad!

Friday, June 19, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Give Dad a unique "made-with-love" gift this Father's Day. Drop by MPPL and take home a work of art.

Don't Miss Out on Summer Storytimes!

Storytime at Caribou Coffee

Wednesday, May 13, 11-11:30 a.m.

The Library brings storytime to Caribou Coffee! Join us for a special storytime 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)

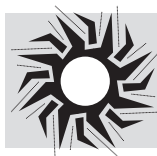
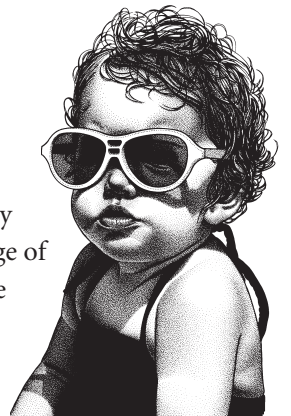
Storytime at River Trails Park District

Wednesday, June 17, 1:30-2 p.m.

Looking for a fun way to beat the summer heat but can't quite make it to

the Library? Try this for a change of scenery—come to a special storytime to be held at River Trails

Park District's Clayground Art Studio, located at 550 Business Center Drive. One of our Youth Librarians will lead you through a half hour of stories, songs, and merrymaking! This program is most appropriate for 3-7-year-olds, but all are welcome. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required; just meet us there!** (NR)



Take a break from the heat and pop in to the Library for one of our storytimes. *No registration required* during the summer; just join us at the appointed time! **These sessions begin Monday, June 8.**

Story Tots

• for children 2-3 years old and their parents or caregivers

Mondays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Designed to promote parent/child interaction, parents act as role models, leading 2- and 3-year-olds through finger plays, action rhymes, and sitting/listening behavior. Time is allowed at the end of the session for book sharing, playing with toys, and interacting with the other children. (NR)

Open Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.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. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* (NR)

From Bibs to Books

• for children birth through 23 months and their parents or caregivers

Fridays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children will interact with their parents and caregivers, enjoying a variety of rhymes, simple stories, and songs during these 45-minute sessions. Time is allowed at the end of the session for book sharing, playing with toys, and interacting with the others. (NR)

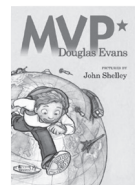
Chat & Chew

—for children entering 4th-6th grade

Chew on some good food while chatting about a great book! Spend an hour talking about favorite characters, villains, and story lines while participating in theme-related activities. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

MVP: *Magellan Voyage Project

by Douglas Evans



Monday, June 22,

1-2 p.m.

Adam Story longs to see the world, but he never believes he will get the chance. Then, on his 12th birthday, a mysterious prince challenges Adam to circle the globe in 40 days—no flying allowed. Equipped with some special techno gadgets and plenty of

Book Voyagers

—for children entering 1st-3rd grades

Hooray for Dads!

Monday, June 15, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Father's Day is just around the corner. Join us as we share stories about your favorite guy, Dad. We'll watch a video, have a snack, and make a craft your dad is sure to admire because it will have been made by his favorite artist—you! (R)

money, Adam embarks on the trip of a lifetime...but soon finds out that things are more complicated than he imagined. Turns out, he is competing in the Great Global Game, racing against time and 23 other kids, dodging tranquilizer darts and the dreaded Baron von Sheepsbottom, all for a prize of \$4 million. (R)



Teen Zone

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

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Attention, all teens and kids—it's the largest one-day comic book giveaway! The Library is joining

participating comic book shops across North America and around the world to give away comic books absolutely free, no strings attached. On Saturday, May 2, stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen or Youth Services Desks to pick up a free comic book. Limit one per person, while supplies last. Comic books generously donated by Comix Revolution, 115 West Central Road, Mount Prospect.

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

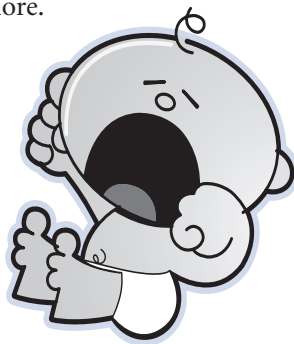
Red Cross Babysitting Clinic

Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Become a Red Cross-certified babysitter during this educational session that covers basic childcare, emergency action, first aid, and more.

Registration begins May 1 and is limited to 10 Mount Prospect residents.

Register in person at the Library's Registration Desk. **This program requires a \$15 nonrefundable registration fee.** Participants must be 11 years old by the date of the program. (R)



Downloadables Month @ MPPL

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be listening to a best-selling novel while sitting in a hotel room in China instead of watching the same stories being repeated on CNN International.

Come explore this new way to "check out" books.

Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3 Player

Wednesday, May 13, 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 14, 3 p.m.

Forget cassettes, forget CDs, digital audiobooks are the latest technology for listening to a book. MyMediaMall is an online service offered by MPPL that allows you to download audiobooks to your home computer. Take the book wherever you go by transferring the recording to your MP3 player. This hands-on training session will show

you how to download books, use Overdrive Media Console, and transfer the recording from your computer to your MP3 player. Bring your MP3 player and Library card and you will be on your way to harnessing the power of this new technology. Space is limited to 10 participants per session, so sign up now for one of the these sessions being offered. (R)



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We are proud to announce the addition of OverDrive MP3 Audiobooks to our MyMediaMall downloadable media collection! The OverDrive MP3 Audiobook offers iPod®, iPhone™, and iPod Touch support!

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Learn more about MyMediaMall, OverDrive, and transferring books to an MP3 player at one of our training sessions, **Putting Audiobooks on Your MP3 Player**, scheduled in May. This hands-on program is limited to 10 people per session, so sign up soon. If you want to tap into the full potential of your iPhone, register for **The Fascinating iPhone 3G** on May 4 at 7 p.m.

Read on the Wild Side

Monday, June 1-Friday, July 31

Travel to the wild, exotic side of the seven continents. Enjoy books, magazines, movies, music, and Internet sites that take you on an "excellent adventure" to new places, different times, or another world. Everything you read, watch, or listen to gets you closer to winning an iPod, movie tickets, gift cards, and more.

Sign up at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk or online starting June 1.



CALLING ALL TEENS... DON'T MISS Battle of the Bands 2009

Saturday, May 16
6:30-9 p.m.

Experience new young talent. Join us on May 16 for this musical showcase featuring your friends and classmates. This isn't just any gig; it's a chance to hear the best of the best. Don't miss this opportunity to support your friends' musical talents. (R)



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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Read on the Wild Side

NASA Astronaut Landing @ MPPL
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June 2009

Battle of the Bands

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

SUPER Saturday!: Wee T'ai Chi

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J.A. Konrath Touts New Book



J.A. Konrath

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in the house with a serial killer, and the house is surrounded by snipers who want to kill her. I had a blast with this scenario.

NP: *What do you have planned next for Jack?*

JAK: *Cherry Bomb* is coming out in the summer of 2009. Between now and then, Jack will make a few short story appearances. Check out my Web site,

www.jakonrath.com, for details.

NP: *What question are you dying for interviewers to ask?*

JAK: No one ever asks if I'm single. I'm not, but it would be nice to say so every once and a while...

For more about Joe and his mystery series, please visit his humorous Web sites.

- www.JAKonrath.com
- <http://jakonrath.blogspot.com>
- www.myspace.com/jakonrath

World Literacy Prize Offered For Adults This Summer

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along with a copy of Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*. Mortenson's Central Asia Institute was born from his desire to change lives and promote peace through education. Since its inception, 78 schools have been established in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, and 28,000 children are receiving an education. The Friends of the Library have made

these prize baskets possible through a donation to the Central Asia Institute. Each donation pays one month of a teacher's salary in Afghanistan, provides a uniform and school supplies so an Afghan girl can go to school, and gives books to 5 underprivileged children in the U.S. to encourage literacy at home. The basket is both a lovely prize and a reminder of this goodwill gesture and the difference it will make in the lives of others.

Many Thanks to a Dedicated Trustee

We bid a fond farewell and offer a big thanks for serving on the Library Board for six years to William "Bill" Walters. Bill was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board just after the Library won the referendum in 2002 and started the renovation and expansion project. His legal expertise and prior experience with capital projects as a park commissioner for the Mount Prospect Park District were invaluable during the building program. Bill has been a longtime patron and supporter of the Library's mission. While serving on the board, Bill held the offices of president, vice president, and secretary. Bill continues as a board member of the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

**Library Trustee
Bill Walters**



NEW TRUSTEE ELECTED

We welcome Barbara Burns to the Library Board in May. Barbara actively supported and worked on the Library building referendum campaigns and has been serving as treasurer for the Friends of the Library for many years. She and her daughter have helped staff the Friends book sales for many years. Barbara brings a financial background to the board and a good understanding of public library philosophy and services.



Now that the weather is warmer...

Please remind your children that skateboarding and bike riding are not allowed in the Library parking area or on the grounds. Playing on the slopes is also not a safe practice. The Library staff does not want to see anyone hurt. Please inform the Library staff and call 911 to alert the police if you witness these activities.

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