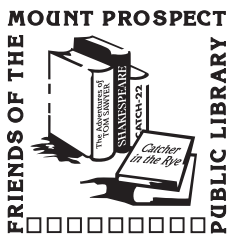




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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library July/August 2009



An Evening With The Friends

by Pat Aichele,
Publicity & Events Assistant

Membership has its privileges. No one knows this better than members of The Friends of Mount Prospect Public Library. Numbering more than 300 strong, members of The Friends are supporters of the Library in countless ways from sponsoring special events like the summer reading programs to funding art work and other building improvement projects. In return, members receive perks, including a quarterly newsletter on special events and admittance to members-only nights at the group's ever-popular book sales.

Preview caught up with some Friends at a recent Book Sale Members-only Night. What we discovered was that the reasons people belong to The Friends were as varied as the books they were buying.

Meet Bill and Dee Schjerven, 25-year residents of Mount Prospect who joke they've been members of The Friends for so many years, that they've lost count. No matter. Their passion is books, and, when it comes to describing the perfect Friday night on the town, an evening of combing through books suits them just fine.

How many books did you purchase tonight?

Bill: A dozen, easily.

Dee: No, you bought more than that.

You've already put a full bag into the car.

Bill: Okay then, at least two dozen books.

Dee: By the time we're done here



Dee and Bill Schjerven

tonight, we'll go home with three or four full bags of books.

Are you looking for any books in particular?

Bill: Well, I'm a World War II buff and love anything on aviation, so I'm always looking for coffee table books on those subjects.

Dee: We are both book lovers as you can easily tell when you visit our house.

We hold on to all of our books. We're book holders.

Besides finding great books to buy, why else do you belong to The Friends?

Dee: Well, it's just been fun over the years getting to know other book lovers and being able to share ideas with them. When we come to the sales, we see people we know. Really, we've met so many nice people.

Bill: It's been a very nice experience.

Dee: It's nice to be associated with an organization that enjoys working to make the Library better.

Bill: We're shopping tonight, but tomorrow we are volunteering at the Book Sale.

—see *Membership* on page 8



Help Fill Hungry Stomachs, Replenish the Food Banks

MPPL Food Drive — JULY 6-12

One in eight Americans struggles with hunger each year; one third of them are children. We all know, and are in contact with, people affected by hunger, even though we might not be aware of it. These are often hardworking adults, children, and seniors who simply cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days. Our local food pantries are struggling to meet our community's needs, particularly with the increased demand resulting from the current economy. As a member of the community, we want to help make a difference. From July 6-12, we will be a collection site for our

local food pantries. Please bring your nonperishable food items to the Library.

As an added incentive, MPPL will allow you to use your donation to help offset your overdue fines. Each donated item equals a \$1 credit against existing fines, up to a maximum of \$5 per Library card. We hope you will take this opportunity to help replenish our local pantries' dwindling food supplies, whether or not you owe a fine.

Donations will cover current fines only and cannot be applied to bills for lost or damaged Library materials. Donations cannot be credited against future fines. Fines will be rounded to the nearest even dollar amount. Maximum credit of \$5 per Library card.



Resources for Job Seekers

Finding a job is a stressful and time consuming process. In today's job market, traditional job hunting strategies may no longer be productive. The Library is here to help you be successful in your search with a wide range of programs and resources, including tips, techniques, and valuable information from experts. See page two for program offerings. **Please note:** several of these programs have a limited number of spaces, so register early.

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The Library will be closed:

Saturday, July 4
for Independence Day
Friday, August 14
for Staff In-service Day

Don't Miss the Summer Book Sale

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

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during The Friends of the Library's summer used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help The Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

Adult Events

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Please sign up for programs on the Internet at www.mpppl.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.*

Keeping You Cool— Summer Salads With Whole Foods Market

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

Ahhhhh, summer! Nothing tastes better on a warm weather day than a nice refreshing salad. Mark your calendar to see the culinary team from Whole Foods Market showcase ways to entertain without turning on the oven. Recipes include a crunchy quinoa salad, strawberry spinach salad, and greens with homemade raspberry vinaigrette. Recipes and preparation tips will be provided. *There is a \$2 nonrefundable fee due at registration*, and space is limited to 50. Please sign up at the Registration Desk. (R)

What's Triggering Your Headache?

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

Seven in 10 people have at least one headache a year. Some are occasional, some frequent, some dull and throbbing, and some cause debilitating pain and nausea. Lawrence Robbins,

M.D., Assistant Professor of Neurology at Rush Medical College specializing in headaches, will lead this informational session designed to help you understand and treat your headaches. Considered one of the top 10 experts in the country on management of headache medications, Dr. Robbins will discuss key strategies for taking control of your headaches, including triggers, preventative treatment, and pain management. (R)

Destination Denmark

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

Journey to the land that brought us LEGO® bricks and the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen. Enjoy the magnificent vistas of this ancient seafaring nation whose hills and valleys have been shaped by the forces of Ice Age glaciers. Learn about Danish Modern design, amber, and why Danish pastries are not entirely Danish. See thatchers at work, migrating sand dunes, the church frescoes of Møn, and a Viking ship under construction. Copenhagen, the Horsens Medieval



questions to ask, explain what those credentials and letters after the advisor's name mean, and highlight the red flags you should watch for. (R)

Who Can You Trust? Choosing a Financial Professional

Tuesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Choosing a financial professional to help you can be a scary idea. It's not easy to know who to trust with your hard-earned money. It can be difficult to know how to evaluate who will do a good job of managing your money or giving you advice. You want someone you can talk to, feel comfortable asking questions, and have the confidence that the advice is credible and on target. Karen Chan, consumer and family economics educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will review what

Festival, distinctive castles, and the Danish culture await you. You won't want to miss this virtual tour of one of the smallest countries in Europe. (R)

Creative Cards: A Crafting Class

Tuesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m.

Join the talented and artistic staff of Craft Fancy in Arlington Heights for an evening of handcrafted cardmaking during which you will create 3 different cards using stamps, ribbons, punches, and rub-ons. This program is for anyone over 16 years old who currently enjoys cardmaking or the novice who

would like to get started making cards. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; all other materials, supplies, and envelopes are included in the class fee. *The nonrefundable \$10 class fee applies to each participant*, and space is limited to 25. Please stop by the Library to register. (R)

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

Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m.

Come experience LexisNexis Library Express, the premiere online

An illustration of five diverse people—three men and two women—wearing hard hats and safety glasses. They are all looking intently at a large, unrolled scroll that dominates the foreground. The scroll has a decorative, wavy border. The people are drawn in a simple, clean style with bold outlines.

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Preparing for the Job Interview: Know the Company

Thursday, July 2, 3 p.m.

Your hard work has paid off and you have landed a job interview. You will set yourself apart from other job candidates if you show genuine interest in the company's business. Attend this hands-on training session to learn how to use the Library's resources to gather information that will help you discuss the company's objectives, recent developments, history, competitor overview, and industry forecast. Armed

with information, you will be able to deliver a more professional and confident interview. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

Job Search Strategies: Rewriting the Paradigm

Tuesday, July 14, 2 p.m.

In today's world, looking for a job takes more than combing the want ads or searching monster.com. As a job seeker, you need to approach your job search in the same way an entrepreneur markets his business, only in this case the product is you. It is a 40-hour a week endeavor that requires

the same commitment, self-discipline, self-motivation, and ingenuity that an entrepreneur would give to his company. Let Mohammed Faheem of Illinois workNet Center show you powerful strategies to improve your job search skills along with tactics and techniques to find jobs in today's market. (R)

The Art of Networking for Job Seekers

Thursday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Networking is one of the most effective ways to secure employment. Many people, however, feel nervous about contacting others for help and struggle with what to say and how to say it. During this program Roberta Glick, a career counselor for Jewish Vocational Service, will offer information, tools, and techniques to help you better understand the process, improve your networking ability, and increase your likelihood for success. (R)

Sell Yourself in Any Interview

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

Learn what it takes to make you shine when your career is on the line. Oscar Adler, a successful author with four decades' experience interviewing,

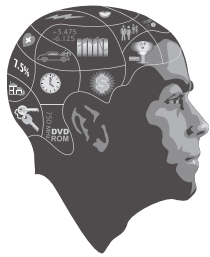
hiring, and training thousands of sales representatives, sales managers, and support staff for Maidenform International, will share the techniques of sales pros to help you ace any interview, explain how to turn your personal features into must-have benefits, and teach you the secret behind recognizing and addressing the interviewer's needs. You will leave with the lifelong skills and confidence to be successful in your next interview, performance review, or request for promotion. (R)

Craft a Winning Resume

Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m.

Your resume is the key to getting an interview. Are you giving the employer what he needs to put your resume on the top of the pile? Stand out from the crowd and make employers notice you! Learn the basics of writing effective, attention-grabbing resumes with Kathleen Canfield, Director of the Career Center and Women's Program at Harper College. Canfield, a certified career counselor specializing in helping people with career transition and job search techniques, will demonstrate how a good resume and cover letter act as keys to unlocking the doors to professional success. (R)

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



Developing Your Natural Intuition

Tuesday, August 25, 7:30 p.m.

What is intuition, and how can it help you understand your life's purpose? These questions and more will be explored during this program designed to help you better understand intuition. The discussion will include how intuition works, its benefits, and how to cultivate it into a useful tool to provide the focus and clarity you need to make your own best decisions. (R)

Ten Secrets to Getting Your Book Published

Thursday, August 27, 7:30 p.m.

Bestselling author Bret Nicholaus and experienced literary agent Joe Durepos will provide an insider's glimpse into the publishing world. Authors and would-be authors will learn what it takes to get a book published in today's competitive environment. Nicholaus and Durepos will reveal 10 essential publishing



The Music of the Veena, India's Lute

Tuesday, August 18, 7:30 p.m.

To mark the 62nd anniversary of India's independence we are bringing you the sweet, melodious sounds of the veena, as performed by renowned musician Dr. Jaishree Prasad. Dr. Prasad has been performing on this demanding instrument for over two decades. Join us for this musical presentation and learn more about the ancient origins of the veena, the plucked string instrument known as the queen of musical instruments. (R)

rules and "secrets" as they explain how advances and royalties work, what to be wary of when working with publishers and literary agents, and the top tips every author must know to successfully market a book. You won't want to miss this highly insightful and honest perspective on how the publishing world really works. (R)

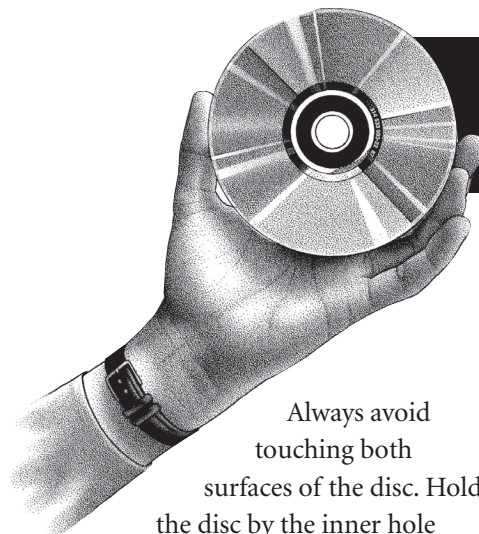
Cleaning CDs and DVDs by Heloise

What's the best way to clean CDs and DVDs? Bob Demetter, Scottsdale, AZ



The procedure is basically the same for both. If your CD or DVD looks grimy or is skipping, it's time to clean it. Pick up the disc and hold it by the edge or loop a finger through the hole in the center. Using a clean, soft, lint-free cloth, wipe the surface, starting at the center and moving outward to the edge. Wipe across the disc rather than in a circular motion, which can cause microscratches and damage the data stored on the disc.

If that doesn't do the job, dampen the cloth with a gentle soap-and-water solution and rewipe. Never use household cleaners, abrasives or solvents on CDs or DVDs. Keep the inside of the player clean by dusting regularly, especially near the loading mechanism. Avoid getting food or anything else on the discs. Return discs promptly to protective covers.



Always avoid touching both surfaces of the disc. Hold the disc by the inner hole and outside edge. Scratches on the bottom can usually be repaired, but scratches to the label itself may damage the data and ruin the disc. Our CD and DVD collection is extensive, and we work very hard to maintain it. Handling the discs carefully and keeping them clean will help us keep the materials in circulation and minimize our replacement costs.

We examine every disc when it is returned and clean the ones that are dirty. The Friends purchased buffing machines for us that we use to eliminate minor scratches. Deep scratches cannot

Hints From Circulation

How can I prevent damage to CDs and DVDs? Anonymous MPPL user

be repaired. We cannot always tell if there is a problem with a disc even though we inspect the item. Please take advantage of the insert we include with our AV materials to alert us to any problems. The quality and condition of your machine can affect play. If you are having difficulty playing a disc, you may want to investigate ways to clean your machine and laser pickup lens.

Heloise offers great advice for cleaning a disc, but the best suggestion she makes is to return the disc to its protective case. This simple step will help ensure that the disc gets back to the Library in good condition. We make about 120 calls a month to people who have forgotten to return a disc in its case.

Senior Session

Resources for Seniors: The Center of Concern

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

The Center of Concern is a not-for-profit agency that focuses on providing assistance and support to individuals and families working to meet the needs of aging family members. Eva Gertzfeld, coordinator of Employment & Shared Housing at the Center, will review the many services available through the Center, including shopping and transportation help, friendly visitors, transitional housing, and home

sharing. The Center also offers legal, will, Medicare, and health insurance counseling. (R)

Keeping Your Balance and Preventing Falls

Tuesday, August 18, 1:30 p.m.

Losing your balance and falling can be unnerving; for a moment your world is literally turned upside down. Because falling is such a common and potentially serious problem—1 in 4 people over the age of 65 (who live at home) will fall during the next year—it is important

to find out what you can do to decrease your risk. The good news is that much of the deterioration in balance associated with age can be addressed with physical therapy. At this month's Senior Session, a licensed physical therapist from Tru Rehabilitation and Wellness will discuss the effects of aging on balance, the leading cause of falls, and how to prevent them. Free fall assessments will be offered at Tru Rehabilitation's facility on Central Road. Additional information about these assessments will be distributed at the program. (R)

Looking for Suggestions about CDs and DVDs?

Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk—we love to talk about all kinds of movies and music. We make suggestions based on what you like and what you don't. Speaking of what you like, one of our most popular resources is our collection of "If You Like..." lists. Available online at our "Books, Movies, and Music" page of our Web site (www.mpppl.org/books) or as bookmarks to take home, these suggestions make it easy for you to connect with movies that are similar to those you've already enjoyed. For music, try the "Find Music" tab to the left of the page and investigate a variety of Web sites specializing in music.

BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

Food for Thought



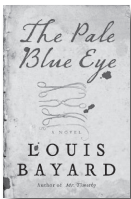
The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

Wednesday, July 1, 1 p.m.

Living with a foster family in Germany

during World War II, a young girl struggles to survive her day-to-day trials through stealing anything she can get her hands on, but when she discovers the beauty of literature, she realizes that she has been blessed with a gift that must be shared with others, including the Jewish man hiding in the basement.



The Pale Blue Eye

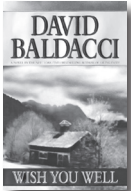
by Louis Bayard

Wednesday, August 5, 1 p.m.

When a murder occurs on the grounds of West

Point, retired NYPD detective Gus Landor is enlisted to solve the case, recruiting the assistance of an eccentric young cadet, named Edgar Allan Poe, to help him find the culprit.

Coffee, Books & More



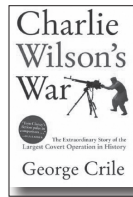
Wish You Well

by David Baldacci

Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m.

In 1940, tragedy forces Lou, her little brother

Oz, and their invalid mother to leave New York and move to the mountains of southwestern Virginia to live with their great-grandmother, Louisa Mae Cardinal, but a climactic courtroom battle could determine the fates of the entire family and all those who have been touched by them.



Charlie Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of the Largest Covert Operation in History

by George Crile

Wednesday, August 19, 10 a.m.

An astonishing chapter of our recent past, this is the true story of how a Texas Congressman and a rogue CIA agent conspired to launch the biggest, meanest, and most successful CIA campaign ever — the operation to fund the mujahideen in their fight against the Soviet army that had invaded Afghanistan.

Book Chat @ Caribou* *Middlesex*

by Jeffrey Eugenides

Monday, August 10, 7 p.m.

From the opening paragraph, in which the

narrator explains that he was “born twice,” first as a baby girl in 1960, then as a teenage boy in 1974, readers are aware that Calliope Stephanides is a hermaphrodite. To explain his situation, Cal starts in 1922 with the story of his grandparents, who are brother and sister, and his parents who are blood relatives as well. Then he tells his own story, which is that of a female child growing up in suburban Detroit with typical adolescent concerns. The story questions what makes us who we are and concludes that one’s inner essence stays the same, even in light of drastic outer changes.

*Held at Caribou Coffee, 90 E. Northwest Hwy. Limited copies of the books are available at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk 30 days prior to each discussion.

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL

Gran Torino

[2008; Rated R; 116 minutes]

Starring Clint Eastwood, Christopher Carley, Brian Haley. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

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

Thursday, July 9, 1 p.m.

Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this moving drama that marks his first film role since his 2004 Oscar-winning movie *Million Dollar Baby*. Korean War vet and retired autoworker Walt Kowalski doesn’t much like how his life or his Detroit neighborhood has turned out. His prize possession is a 1972 *Gran Torino* that he keeps in cherry condition. When a neighboring teenager tries to steal it, Kowalski sets out to reform the youth. Although he doesn’t especially like the people next door, Hmong immigrants from Southeast Asia, events force Walt to defend those neighbors against a local gang that feeds on violence and fear. (R)



Last Chance Harvey

[2008; Rated PG-13, 92 minutes]

Starring Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson. Directed by Joel Hopkins.

Wednesday, August 5, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, 1 p.m.

Academy Award® winners Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson reunite in this heartfelt, romantic film that celebrates new beginnings, at any age. New Yorker Harvey Shine is on the verge of losing his job as a jingle writer and has only one more chance to deliver a hit. When he goes to London to attend his daughter’s wedding, he

discovers that his daughter has chosen her stepfather to walk her down the aisle. Harvey leaves before the wedding reception but misses his plane home and is fired on the spot. He then strikes up a conversation with a woman in a bar, and the unexpected connection transforms both of their lives. (R)

Movie Discussion

My Own Private Idaho

[1991; Rated R; 104 minutes]

Starring River Phoenix, Keanu Reeves. Directed by Gus Van Sant.

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

River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves star in director Gus Van Sant’s haunting tale of two young street hustlers: Mike Waters, a sensitive narcoleptic who dreams of the mother who abandoned him, and Scott Favor, wayward son of the mayor of Portland and the object of Mike’s desire. Navigating a volatile world of junkies, thieves, and johns, Mike takes Scott on a quest from the grungy streets to the open highways of the Pacific Northwest in search of an elusive place called “home.” A stirring look at unrequited love and life at society’s margins. (R)

The Big Chill

[1983; Rated R; 105 minutes]

Starring Tom Berenger, Glenn Close, Jeff Goldblum, William Hurt, Kevin Kline, JoBeth Williams. Directed by Lawrence Kasdan.

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 p.m.

This film finds a cluster of old 1960s college radicals, who have since gone on to sundry professions and various degrees of materialism, reuniting over the suicide of a friend. They use the occasion to reacquaint themselves with each other and to speculate as to what happened to their idealism, which had been abundant when they were younger. While they do not fully resolve the issue of their friend’s suicide, their youthful bonds serve as a method of healing for the current issues in their lives. (R)

If You Like...



The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

by Alexander McCall Smith, why don't you try...

The Rich Man of Pietermaritzburg
by C. L. Sibusiso Nyembezi

The Second Death of Goodluck Tinubu
by Michael Stanley

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie
by C. Alan Bradley

The Marriage Bureau for Rich People
by Farahad Zama

If you like Audiobooks, try...

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

When You Are Engulfed in Flames
by David Sedaris

Duma Key by Stephen King

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING

MPPL Writers Group

Tuesdays, July 21, August 18, September 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, July 21 or participant will have to wait to sign up for the next series starting October 20. Register in person at the Library. *The Friends of the Library sponsor this program.*



JULY

1 Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
Signup for August 12 program
starts Wednesday, July 1 **T**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book
Discussion: *The Book Thief* by Markus
Zusak, Wednesday, July 1, 1 p.m. (NR) **A**

MOVIES @ MPPL: Gran Torino
Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. **A**

2 Preparing for the Job Interview:
Know the Company, Thursday,
July 2, 3 p.m. **A**

4 LIBRARY CLOSED for
Independence Day, Saturday, July 4,
Fourth of July Parade, Saturday, July 4,
1 p.m. **G**

7 Keeping You Cool—Summer
Salads With Whole Foods Market
Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$2 fee

8 Jungle Safari Party, Wednesday,
July 8, 1-2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m. **V**

MOVIE DISCUSSION: My Own Private
Idaho, Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. **A**

9 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Gran Torino*
Thursday, July 9, 1 p.m. **A**

11 Tales With Tails Registration
Starts for Fall Session
Saturday, July 11 **V**

SUPER SATURDAY: Emerald City
Theatre Presents *Doctor Dolittle*
Saturday, July 11, 11 a.m.-noon **V**

14 Job Search Strategies:
Rewriting the Paradigm
Tuesday, July 14, 2 p.m. **A**

Who Can You Trust? Choosing a
Financial Professional
Tuesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m. **A**

15 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Book Discussion
Wish You Well by David Baldacci
Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

3rd Annual Sister Cities French Festival
Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **V**

16 TREES AND SEEDS:
Intergenerational Book
Discussion, *James and the Giant*
Peach by Roald Dahl, Thursday, July 16,
6-7 p.m. **V**

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 7 p.m.

18 Friends Book Sale, Saturday,
July 18, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

19 Friends Book Sale, Sunday,
July 19, noon-4:30 p.m.

21 SENIOR SESSION Resources for
Seniors: The Center of Concern,
Tuesday, July 21, 1:30 p.m. **A**

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

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22 Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
Wednesday, July 22,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **T** \$15 fee

23 The Art of Networking for
Job Seekers, Thursday, July 23,
2 p.m. **A**

24 CREATE-A-CRAFT:
Animal Art, Friday, July 24,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **V**

Storytime at River Trails Park District
Friday, July 24, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) **V**

25 Open Chess Tournament
Saturday, July 25,
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **V****T**

28 Polskie Bajki
Tuesday, July 28, 10-10:30 a.m. **V**

Sell Yourself in Any Interview
Tuesday, July 28, 7:30 p.m. **A**

29 X-Games Medalist Matt
Wilhelm, Wednesday, July 29,
2-3 p.m. **V****T**

30 Write On! Creative Ways to
Keep a Journal, Thursday,
July 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon **V**

Craft a Winning Resume
Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m. **A**

31 LAST DAY for *Read on the Wild*
Side, Friday, July 31



**FOOD
DRIVE**

**Fill Hungry
Stomachs,
Replenish the
Food Banks**

JULY 6-12

See page 1 for details.

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

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or by calling 847/253-5675.

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AUGUST

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MOVIES @ MPPL: Last Chance Harvey
Wednesday, August 5, 7:30 p.m. **A****T**

6 Write On! Creative Ways to Keep
a Journal, Thursday, August 6,
10:30 a.m.-noon **V**

9 Chess for All Ages, Sunday,
August 9, 2-4 p.m. **V****T**

10 BOOK CHAT @ CARIBOU
Book Discussion
Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides,
Monday, August 10, 7 p.m. (NR) **A**

11 Creative Cards: A Crafting
Class, Tuesday, August 11,
7:30 p.m. **A** \$10 fee

12 Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
Wednesday, August 12,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **T** \$15 fee

MOVIE DISCUSSION: The Big Chill
Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 p.m. **A**

13 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Last Chance*
Harvey, Thursday, August 13,
1 p.m. **A****T**

The Definitive Resource—LexisNexis®:
Hands-on Training Seminar
Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m. **A**

15 SUPER SATURDAY:
Music for Wiggleworms With
Shana and Karen, Saturday, August 15,
11-11:45 a.m. **V**

Storytime at River Trails Park District
Saturday, August 15,
11-11:30 a.m. (NR) **V**

Rock Band® Video Game Tournament
at River Trails Park District
Saturday, August 15, 1-3 p.m. **T**

17 Fall I Storytime Lottery Begins
Monday, August 17 **V**

18 SENIOR SESSION: Keeping Your
Balance and Preventing Falls
Tuesday, August 18, 1:30 p.m. **A**

The Music of the Veena, India's Lute
Tuesday, August 18, 7:30 p.m. **A**

19 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE
Book Discussion, *Charlie*
Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story
of the Largest Covert Operation in
History by George Crile, Wednesday,
August 19, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

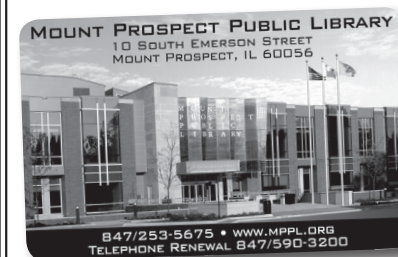
20 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m.

25 Developing Your Natural
Intuition, Tuesday, August 25,
7:30 p.m. **A**

27 Ten Secrets to Getting Your
Book Published, Thursday,
August 27, 7:30 p.m. **A**

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card just got more valuable. During
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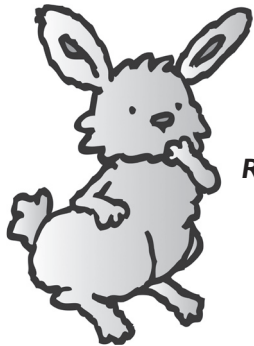
Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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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!



Friday, July 31 is the last day to complete the program!

Jungle Safari Party

• for those entering K through 2nd grade
Wednesday, July 8, 1 p.m. OR 3 p.m.
Join the expedition and hunt up a good time at the Jungle Safari Party! Along the trail, we will discover stories, a craft, tasty treats, and games with fun prizes. *Space is reserved for 24 Mount Prospect cardholders at each event!* (R)

SISTER CITIES FRENCH FESTIVAL

• for children of all ages and their parents
Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bring the whole family for a festive celebration in honor of our Sister City Sèvres, France. MPPL will provide stories, songs, and a craft with a French flair. Language Stars of Arlington Heights will return to help deliver the

fun! Plus, Capannari's Ice Cream Shop will bring a special French-y flavor for the occasion. *The Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission hosts this program.* (R)

Write On! Creative Ways to Keep a Journal

• for children entering grades 4-6
Thursday, July 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Thursday, August 6, 10:30 a.m.-noon
A journal offers an opportunity to write stories and poetry, draw pictures, and create an original masterpiece – all about YOU! Let your creative juices flow during this two-part program about fun ways to keep a journal. The Library will provide journals to all attendees at the start of the program. **Participants must attend both sessions!** (R)

SUPER Saturday!

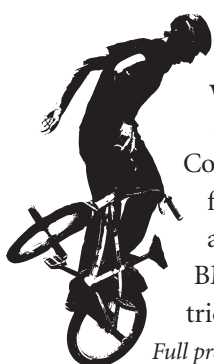
—for all ages

Music for Wiggleworms With Shana and Karen

Saturday, August 15, 11-11:45 a.m.
Clap, clap, clap your hands and stomp, stomp, stomp your feet with Shana Harvey and Karen Banks-Lubicz as they sing their own Wiggleworm renditions

of classic and original children's songs. These gifted and talented teachers from Chicago's own Old Town School of Folk Music will have you singing, dancing, and playing instruments to their jazzy tunes. You are never too young (or too old) to learn to express yourself musically. (R)

X-Games Medalist Matt Wilhelm



• for teens and youth age 9 and up
Wednesday, July 29, 2-3 p.m.

Come see the world's fastest spinner on a bike demonstrate BMX Flatland bike tricks!

Full program details on the next page—register today!

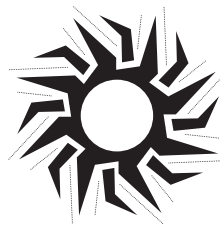
Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

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

Animal Art

Friday, July 24, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Lions, and tigers, and bears... let your imagination run wild! Drop by the Library and take home a work of art.



Hooray for Storytime!

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 end Friday, July 17.**

Story Tots

• for children 2-3 years old and their parents or caregivers
Mondays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Parents act as role models, leading children through fingerplays, action rhymes, and sitting/listening behavior in a program designed to promote parent/child interaction. Time is allowed at the end of the session for book sharing, playing with toys, and interacting with the other children. (NR)

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 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

Storytime at River Trails Park District

Friday, July 24, 6-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 15, 11-11:30 a.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! (NR)

Polskie Bajki

• for all ages
Tuesday, July 28, 10-10:30 a.m.
The Library hosts a morning session of stories, songs, and rhymes presented primarily in Polish for children of all ages. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* (R)

Fall Storytime Lottery

Between August 17 and September 3, parents can register their children—through age 6—for fall storytimes. This session will run September 14-October 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)

Tales With Tails

Registration begins Saturday, July 11 for this popular program where children in grades 2-5 read to a specially trained dog from Rainbow Animal-Assisted Therapy. Weekly, 15-minute sessions will be held Thursday evenings, September 10 to October 8. Bring your MPPL card to the Youth Services Desk to sign up. (R)



Trees & Seeds

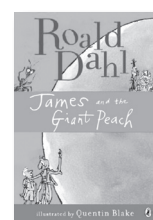
Intergenerational Book Discussion

—for all ages

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children are invited to a lively discussion of a book that makes a great family read-aloud. Come with an appetite because dinner will be served! Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Thursday, July 16, 6-7 p.m.

Dahl-icious fantasy at its best! Join James as he escapes from his miserable life with his two nasty aunts and becomes a hero to his new insect family, including Miss Spider, the Old-Green-Grass-hopper, and the Centipede (with his 21 pairs of gorgeous boots).





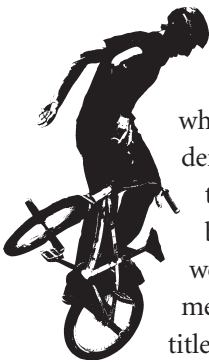
Teen Zone

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

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Red Cross Babysitting Clinic

Wednesday, August 12, 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 July 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 August 12. (R)



ROCK BAND® Video Game Tournament @ River Trails Park District

Saturday, August 15, 1-3 p.m.

Quick, before school starts, live out your rock and roll fantasy during our Rock Band® Video Game Tournament! Pick your most talented friends to form your own virtual band and *meet us at River Trails Park District's Clayground Art Studio, located at 550 Business Center Drive*, for the ultimate battle of virtual bands. Vie for worldwide rock stardom while demonstrating your collective guitar, drum, and vocal skills. Rack up points as you compete to score gift cards, video games, and more. *Be sure to register at the Library.* (R)

If You Like...

The Hunger Games
by Suzanne Collins try...

The Diary of Pelly D by L.J. Adlington

Feed by M.T. Anderson

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

The Adoration of Jenna Fox
by Mary Pearson

The Dead and Gone by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Unwind by Neil Shusterman

The Big Empty by J.B. Stephens

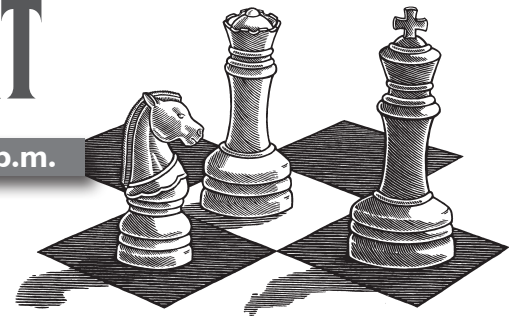
Uglies, Pretties, and Specials
a series by Scott Westerfeld

The Bar Code Tattoo by Suzanne Weyn

Open Chess TOURNAMENT

Attack...Pin... Sacrifice... Checkmate!

Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Chess players of all ages and abilities are invited to compete in one of three divisions for the title of MPPL Grand Champion. Ilya Korzhenevich, 1993 Russian Junior Championship prizewinner and candidate for U.S. Chess Master, will serve as Tournament Director for our first Open Chess Tournament. Trophies will be awarded to first-place winners in each of three divisions: kindergarten to third grade; fourth—eighth grade; ninth—twelfth grade. Recognition will also be given for second- and third-place winners. We'll help keep your brain cells fueled by providing lunch. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions when you register for this exciting day of strategy and tactics. (R)

Ilya Korzhenevich began playing chess at the age of six. By the time he was 10 years old, he could beat his dad. A full-time chess teacher, Korzhenevich believes that the best way to improve your chess game is to practice, playing against equal or better players. Several of his students have been ranked among the top 100 U.S. chess players for their age groups.



Chess for All Ages

Sunday, August 9, 2-4 p.m.

Come to the Library for a special afternoon of open play chess. You supply the skills; we'll supply the chessboards. While some knowledge of the game is required, all ages and skill levels are invited. Refreshments will be served. *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.* (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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August 2009

SUPER Saturday!: It's a Jungle Out There

Wii Play All Day

Jungle Safari Party

Features subject to change.

Read on the Wild Side

There's plenty of time to 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. **Friday, July 31 is the last day to complete the program!**



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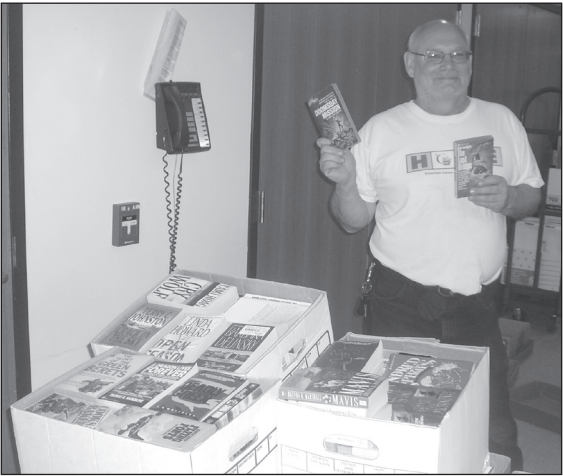
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Dee: That’s right. I price them, and he bags the books. We’re a good team.

When it comes to books, Keith Pajot means business. He is the owner of Downtown Books, a Milwaukee resale shop specializing in used books, comic books, movies, and records. Since 1991, Pajot has made the 70-mile journey between Milwaukee and Mount Prospect four times a year to search for books at The Friends Book Sales. He says the rewards outdistance the journey.

You must win the award for traveling the farthest to attend a Friends Book Sale. Is it really worth the trip?

Keith: Oh, definitely. We usually go home with half a van full of books.



19-year Friends of the Library member Keith Pajot

Really! How many books does it take to fill half a van?

Keith: I’d say about a 1,000 books.

Are you looking for any type of books in particular?

Keith: I’m looking for all sorts of stuff, current bestsellers, classic fiction, history, religion. I have a helper here tonight whose specialty is children’s books. I’m more into looking for the nonfiction.

Have you ever found any valuable or rare books?

Keith: Sure, over the years, I’ve found a few valuable books here. Last time, I bought a bible that I then sold for about \$100.

So, is it safe to say you’ve more than paid for your annual membership dues for The Friends?

Keith: (laughs) Yes. I think I’ve made more than \$5 selling used books.

Mount Prospect resident Howard Prager is what’s known as a browser. As a regular attendee at The Friends Members-only events, he tends to approach the book sales with an open mind and a curiosity in keeping with his professional life as Director of Lake Forest Corporate Education, a business unit of Lake Forest College, Graduate School of Management.

Are you looking for any type of books in particular tonight?

Howard: No, not really. I enjoy coming and just looking until I find something that sparks my interest or, a lot of times, I’ll find a book that I know a friend would really enjoy.

Why are you a member of The Friends?

Howard: I think the Library is a great cultural resource for the community. It’s a great gathering place for the community, and it is a center of knowledge and entertainment for the community. The Friends recognize this. It is a really special group that




Howard Prager, Friends member

knows how important it is to support the Library. It is nice to be associated with those types of people who care about, and are involved in, their community.

So, do you find you are a more informed citizen because you are a member of The Friends?

Howard: That’s a good question. Am I more informed because I am a member of The Friends, or am I a member of The Friends because I am more informed?



You, too, can be a part of this dynamic group of book lovers and supporters of the Library! Friends membership forms are available at the Library’s Registration Desk or on the Web at www.friendsofmppl.org



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JULY/AUGUST 2009

Help us celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the building renovation.

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