



Preview

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

September/October 2009

yourguide
SPECIAL PULL-OUT
SECTION

Let's Celebrate and TAKE FIVE

It's time to take five and join in an afternoon of fun as MPPL celebrates the fifth anniversary of the opening of our current building. The theme for the celebration is Take Five and will feature a variety of special activities including live jazz music, a magician, and dedication of new art work.

"We chose Take Five as our theme because we think it captures the spirit of the day," explains Executive Director Marilyn Genther. "No matter someone's schedule, we hope they can be a part of the celebration. Whether it's for a few minutes or the entire afternoon, the idea is to relax and come join in the fun as we mark the milestone of five years in our current building."

The event will run from 1-4 p.m.

and will include behind-the-scenes tours, raffle prizes, light refreshments, and a special giveaway in keeping with the five-year anniversary theme. Musical entertainment will be provided by a four-piece jazz combo from the Mount Prospect Community Band and at 2 p.m. magician and illusionist Mark Presley Hawkins will entertain all ages in Youth Services.

Another highlight of the day will be the dedication of new artwork in honor of Mary Jo Hutchings, a former Library executive director. The new pieces were made possible through donations

Sunday,
September 13
1-4 p.m.

- entertainment for all ages
- raffles
- refreshments
- tours



and feature four "faux stone" panels, each depicting one of the seasons. The dedication will begin at 1:15 p.m. in Meeting Room A where the artwork will be permanently displayed.

Now I understand what is going to be on my test a lot better! —5th grader

I like the idea that I have help at my computer. Sometimes, it is just good to have that reassurance, or someone to explain what you are supposed to do. —8th grader

I thought it was very helpful. I was seamlessly connected to a Web site to answer my question. This is a fabulous tool!! —11th grader

Live Homework Help



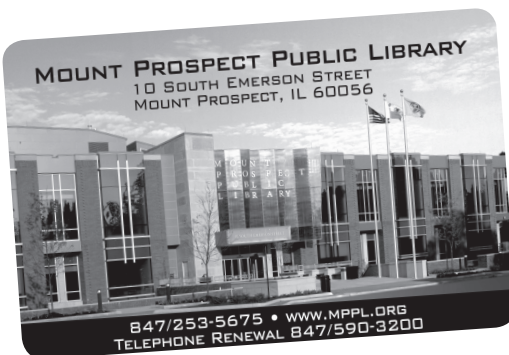
MPPL's online tutoring service is getting rave reviews from students.

Have you tried it yet? From 2-9 p.m. daily you can get help from a certified tutor in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies, FREE! All sessions are online and one-to-one with a live tutor. Tutors work step-by-step with you to make sure you really understand the material. Go to www.mppl.org/tutor.html.

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Monday, September 7
for Labor Day.



Your Library card just got more valuable. The Library has struck a deal with over 50 local businesses to reward cardholders. During the month of

Show Your Card

It's Worth More Than You Think!

September 1
thru 30

September, show your MPPL card at participating businesses and receive a discount or gift.

For a complete list of businesses and their offers, go to www.mppl.org/events or pick up a flyer at the Library.

Don't have a Library card? Then now's the time to stop in and apply for one. Besides giving you access to everything the Library has to offer, you won't want to miss these deals.

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING EVENT By Request: Barbara Rinella

Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation welcomes "academic entertainer" Barbara Rinella for an enlightening first-person dramatization of Empress Michiko of Japan as imagined by John Burnham Schwartz in *The Commoner: A Novel*. Rinella brings Schwartz's fictional account to life, telling this very personal story through the voice of Empress Michiko, the current Empress of Japan and the first nonaristocratic woman to

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1 P.M.

Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased at the Registration Desk by October 4 at 5 p.m.

marry into the Japanese royal family. This presentation offers not only a glimpse into the mysterious world of the Japanese monarchy but also the opportunity to support the work of the Library Foundation, which sponsors



Barbara Rinella

Library programming and special events. Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased at the Registration Desk by October 4 at 5 p.m. (R)

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.*

Understanding Organics With Whole Foods Market

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

There are several reasons to choose organic foods—they promote good health and reduce the amount of toxins in our environment. The Whole Foods Market culinary team will help you reap these benefits with recipes for easy, economical, organic dishes. The menu includes Carrot Salad with Almond Butter Dressing, Capellini Pomodoro, and Strawberries Romanoff. 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)

Water Damage and Flood Insurance: Are You Covered?

Monday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.

Just one year ago, over eight inches of rain fell in Mount Prospect causing much flooding and water damage. Two years ago, at this time, a major storm virtually shut down Mount Prospect for several days. Don't get caught off guard. Many insurers in the United States do not provide flood insurance. State Farm Insurance Agent Thomas B. Henderson will explain the different types of water damage and flood coverage provided by homeowner's insurance to help you determine if you are properly covered. (R)

Research Tools Guaranteed to Bowl Your Teacher Over

Tuesday, September 15, 4-5:30 p.m.

Tap into a world of online resources that will make your research papers solid. Librarians Steven James Browne and Julie Collins will provide an overview of the many Library resources you can use for free, from home, 24/7. They will show you how Infotrac can pull up the most current research to help prove your point, what sections of LearningExpress Library can help you improve your ACT scores, and how Live Homework Help tutors can help you understand your assignments in ways your teacher couldn't. *Space is limited to 10 students enrolled in high school or college, so sign up now.* (R)

eBay 101 -- Selling Basics

Wednesday, September 16, 7 p.m.

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

Emergency Preparedness

Monday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.

It's National Preparedness Month. Do you know what to do in case of a major emergency? If you were told you had to evacuate your home, would you be ready? Being prepared goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead bolts, and extra food in the pantry. Mount Prospect Fire and Life Safety Educator Jim Miller will walk you through the things you should have on hand to make sure you and your family are ready for anything. (R)

Floral Design: Create an Autumn Centerpiece

Tuesday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for autumn by creating a beautiful fall centerpiece with help from Paul Seils of Busse's Flowers and Gifts. This handmade combination of fresh seasonal flowers and foliage will make a welcome addition to your home's table or hearth. *There is a \$15 nonrefundable fee due at registration, and space is limited to 25.* Please sign up at the Registration Desk. (R)

Research Your Portfolio

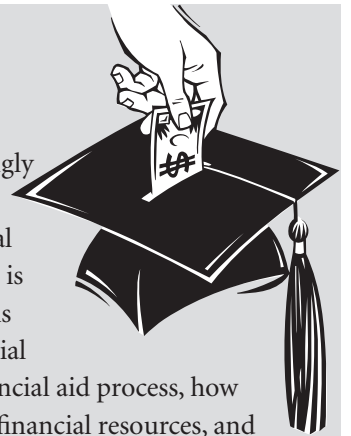
Thursday, October 8, 7 p.m.

In the investment world, information is essential. Learn how to research stocks, bonds, and mutual funds using Morningstar and S&P NetAdvantage. Build custom investment reports and get independent and unbiased stock and mutual fund evaluations. Attendees are welcome to bring specific examples of their current portfolios. This hands-on training session will take place in the Computer Training room. Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended. *Space is limited to 10.* (R)

Entering the College Zone: Financing Higher Education

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

As the cost of education rises, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students and parents to meet their financial obligations in attending universities. The goal of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is to make college accessible and affordable for all Illinois students. Russ Goeltenbodt, Student Advocate/Financial Literacy Specialist with the ISAC, will explain the financial aid process, how to estimate your total educational expenses, available financial resources, and the university billing process. Whether you have a child planning for, currently attending, or graduating from college this program is for you. (R)



Preparing for the Job Interview: Know the Company

Tuesday, October 13, 10 a.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)

Smart Shopping on eBay

Monday, October 19, 7 p.m.

Save time and money when you learn to shop eBay. The Library welcomes eBay University Instructor and Education Specialist Jack Waddick, who will show you how to effectively search for and purchase items through eBay, the popular shopping and auction site. It's a great option for your holiday shopping. (R)

A black and white illustration of a woman with long hair, wearing a blazer, sitting at a desk. She is looking at a laptop screen that displays a line graph. The graph shows an upward trend. The woman is holding a pen in her right hand.

JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS

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

The Stimulus Plan, COBRA, and the Changing Tax Code

Thursday, September 17, 8:30 a.m.

Brett Koenig of Paychex will discuss the implications of The American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Economic Stimulus Plan) for small business. He will review what it means for your business, the changes to COBRA, and how to stay in compliance. Koenig will also highlight tax incentives and credits available to small businesses that may help you during these challenging economic times. (R)

Alternative Financing for Your Business

Thursday, October 22, 8:30 a.m.

If you are trying to finance a new business venture or need additional funding for an established business, this program will help you identify potential resources. Susan Spector of ACCION Chicago will introduce you to the various types of loans available, including bank loans, SBA guaranteed equity providers, asset-based lenders, and not-for-profit loan funds. Spector will explain the pros and cons of the different options to help you determine which loan might best fit your needs. (R)

ANNUAL CULTURAL SERIES: An American Sampler

October 1-31, 2009

Every October the Library presents a series of programs that offer insight into the cultures of people across the globe. This year we are turning the spotlight inward to examine the culture, landscape, and art forms that are unique to America.

Festival Night Native Voices: Past, Present, and Future

Friday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrated radio show host and performer James DeNomie will introduce you to the Native American culture through music, stories, and dance. As a descendant of the Bad River Chippewa and the Loon clan, DeNomie feels that his ability as a storyteller is inherent. Through his radio program, *Voices From the Circle*, DeNomie provides a touchstone for area Native Americans to connect with their past through language and music. DeNomie will open a window into the customs and beliefs of the people who inhabited this land long before the Europeans settled here. (R)

Get Your Kicks on Route 66

Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

Arguably the most famous highway in the world, Route 66 has played a major role in U.S. history from the time of the Great Depression through today, where it still serves as a way to see America by car. This lively presentation by author Dave Clark includes music, a virtual tour from Chicago to LA, and little-known facts about this historic highway called by a variety of names, including Will Rogers Highway, the Mother Road, and the Main Street of America. Follow trails first blazed by Native American footpaths, 19th century canals, and railroad trunk lines. Learn how the highway was built, why it started in Chicago, and how the Interstate

Highway System brought about the demise of Route 66. (R)

Tapestry of Sound Concert: Music of the People, by the People, for the People

Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

Music has long been a vital thread in the cultural fabric that makes up our nation. Join us for an entertaining and educational concert of country, folk, and bluegrass music from a uniquely American perspective. Music lovers will appreciate this special opportunity to enjoy Eric Lambert's compelling performance of the traditional Acoustic Americana music of Woody Guthrie, Stephen Foster, the Carter family, and others on the banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and guitar. (R)

Discover America's Last Frontier: Alaska

Tuesday, October 20, 1:30 p.m.

Alaska is celebrating fifty years of statehood, but its history dates back thousands of years to the Eskimo. At this month's Senior Session veteran traveler and Community Education Travel Manager Linda Kerr will discuss the history and culture of the "Land of the Midnight Sun." Learn about the natural wonders, salt-of-the-earth people, and spectacular wildlife. From glaciers in Juneau to the fjords in Kenai, from the Russian influence in Sitka to the Gold Rush Era in Skagway, from brown bear and moose in Denali Park to an Iditarod training team in Wasilla, our 49th state is waiting to be discovered. (R)

From Spacious Skies to Purple Mountains Majesty: Traveling to 3 National Parks

Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Intrepid traveler John Lynn will share his 600-mile mountain biking adventure from Jackson Hole, Wyoming to West Glacier, Montana – including Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks. Along the way, he will take you to small-town America, American Indian Reservations, popular tourist sites, and roads less traveled. John, a Chicago area native with a degree in history, has personally hiked, bicycled, and canoed nearly 25,000 miles of historic and scenic routes in North America and the British Isles. (R)

"Tapping" the Light Fantastic

Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

Reggio McLaughlin will tap his way into your hearts as he shares his love and enthusiasm for this uniquely American style of percussive footwork. Reggio "the Hooper" brilliantly revives the history of tap, taking you on a journey through time with the sounds of his feet. He will trace this American art form from its foot-stomping roots in Africa to the footlights of Broadway. A question and answer session will follow. Don't miss this opportunity to see Reggio, a Chicago tap icon. (R)

Annual Cultural Series Movie: American Graffiti

Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.

[1973; PG; 110 minutes]

Starring Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Harrison Ford, Cindy Williams, Mackenzie Phillips. Directed by George Lucas.

American Graffiti captures the look, feel, and sound of the early 1960s by chronicling one memorable night in the lives of several young Californians on the cusp of adulthood. This coming-of-age comedy-drama is as authentic as any documentary of the cruising and rock-and-roll cultures popularized amongst the post-World War II baby boom generation. (R)

Senior Session

Getting Control Over the Clutter

Tuesday, September 15, 1:30 p.m.

Eliminating clutter and organizing your stuff will help you free up time to enjoy the important things in life, such as grandkids and hobbies. Michelle Prima, a certified professional organizer and home stager, will break down the de-cluttering process into simple steps

that anyone can accomplish. By setting realistic goals, making lists, and initiating a few small changes, you can regain control of your time and your life. (R)

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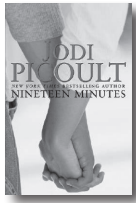
See Annual Cultural Series section for complete program description.



BOOKS AND CONVERSATION

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

Food for Thought



Nineteen Minutes
by Jodi Picoult

**Wednesday,
September 2, 1 p.m.**

In the aftermath of a horrific small-town school shooting, lawyer Jordan McAfee finds himself defending a youth who desperately needs someone on his side. Meanwhile, intrepid detective Patrick DuCharme works with a primary witness, the daughter of the superior court judge assigned to the case.



**Breakfast With
Tiffany: a Memoir** by
Edwin John Wintle

**Wednesday, October 7,
1 p.m.**

A forty-year-old, gay, successful professional experiences the ups and downs of parenting firsthand when he takes in his troubled teenage niece, Tiffany. This memoir offers a witty and compassionate account of a young girl's coming of age, the evolution of an unconventional family, and the challenges of being a surrogate parent over the course of a single year.

Coffee, Books & More



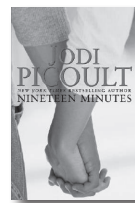
**Interpreter of
Maladies**

by Jhumpa Lahiri

**Wednesday,
September 16, 10 a.m.**

This stunning debut collection unerringly charts the

emotional journeys of characters seeking love beyond the barriers of nations and generations. In stories that travel from India to America and back again, Lahiri speaks with universal eloquence to everyone who has ever felt like a foreigner. Winner of the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

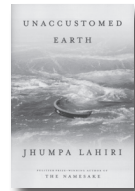


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Book Chat @ Caribou*



Unaccustomed Earth
by Jhumpa Lahiri

**Monday, September 21,
7 p.m.**

This collection's five powerful stories explore the inevitable tension brought on by family life and the fates of two Bengali families in America. "Unaccustomed Earth," the title story, dramatizes the divide between immigrant parents and their American-raised children.

*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.

Coffee & Conversation

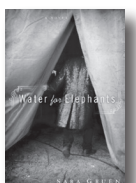
Friday, September 18, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 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)

If You Like...



Water for Elephants
by Sara Gruen, why
don't you try...

**The Blue Moon Circus: A Three-Ring
Novel** by Michael Raleigh

The Aerialist by Richard Schmitt

The Way to Bright Star by Dee Brown

**Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-
Stop Cafe** by Fannie Flagg

The Circus Fire: A True Story
by Stewart O'Nan

MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



Duplicity

[2009; PG-13; 125 minutes] *Starring Julia Roberts, Clive Owen, Tom Wilkinson. Directed by Tony Gilroy.*

**Wednesday, September 2, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 10, 1 p.m.**

Oscar® winner Julia Roberts and Clive Owen reunite in this film directed by Tony Gilroy, the Oscar-nominated writer/director of *Michael Clayton*. CIA Officer Claire Stenwick and MI6 agent Ray Koval are two spies-turned-corporate operatives having a clandestine love affair. When they find themselves on opposite sides of an all-out corporate war, they discover the toughest part of their job is deciding how much to trust the one you love. (R)



State of Play

[2009; PG-13; 118 minutes] *Starring Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams. Directed by Kevin Macdonald.*

**Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 8, 1 p.m.**

Oscar® winner Russell Crowe plays a D.C. reporter whose street smarts lead him to untangle a mystery of murder and collusion among some of the nation's most promising political and corporate figures. (R)

Movie Discussion

Fahrenheit 451

[1966; Not Rated; 113 minutes]
Starring Julie Christie, Oskar Werner. Directed by François Truffaut.

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.

Based on the 1951 Ray Bradbury novel of the same name, this film was François Truffaut's first color production and his only English-language film. The story is set in a future electronic age when all books are banned by a government fearing an independent-thinking public. It is the duty of Guy Montag, a firefighter, to burn any books on sight and keep the fires burning at 451 degrees—the temperature at which paper burns. After the married Montag falls in love with book-hoarding schoolteacher Clarisse, he begins to read confiscated books and starts to question the government's motives behind book-burning. Montag is soon found out and must decide whether to return to his job or run away, knowing full well the consequences that he could face if captured. Julie Christie plays dual roles—one as Linda, Montag's wife, and the other as Clarisse, his paramour. (R)

Brick

[2005; R; 110 minutes] *Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, Nora Zehetner. Directed by Rian Johnson.*

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

This dynamic debut film from writer/director Rian Johnson won a Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Prize for Originality of Vision. Brendon Frye is a loner, someone who always knows all the angles but has chosen to stay on the outside. When the girl he loves turns up dead, he is determined to find the 'who' and 'why'. His dangerous journey takes him through the world of a high school's richest, toughest, and most vicious students in this unique thriller. (R)

ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING

MPPL Writers Group

**Tuesdays, October 20, November 17
and December 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, October 20 or participants will have to wait to sign up for the next series starting January 19. Register in person at the Library. *The Friends of the Library* sponsor this program.



SEPTEMBER

1 SHOW YOUR CARD
It's Worth More Than You Think!
September 1-30

Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
Sign up for October 3 program starts
Tuesday, September 1 **T**

2 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Duplicity*
Wednesday, September 2, 7:30 p.m.
A T

7 LIBRARY CLOSED for Labor Day
Monday, September 7

8 TREES AND SEEDS:
An Intergenerational Book Discussion, *The Skirt* by Gary Soto
Tuesday, September 8, 6-7 p.m. **V**

Understanding Organics With Whole Foods Market
Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$2 fee

9 Homeschool Connection
Wednesday, September 9,
10-11:30 a.m. (NR) **V**

MOVIE DISCUSSION: *Fahrenheit 451*
Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. **A**

10 MOVIES @ MPPL: *Duplicity*
Thursday, September 10, 1 p.m.
A T

12 La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur/ Spanish Storytime at the South Branch
Saturday, September 12, 11-11:30 a.m.
(NR) **V SB**

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Friday, September 18, 6-6:30 p.m. **V**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Friday, September 18, 7:30 p.m. **A**

19 SUPER SATURDAY: La Bamba, Latin American Journey
Saturday, September 19, 11-11:45 a.m. **V**

Scoop Up a Good Read at Capannari's
Saturday, September 19,
noon-12:30 p.m. **V**

20 Board Game Challenge in the Teen Zone, Sunday,
September 20, 2-4 p.m. **V**

21 BOOK VOYAGERS:
Ahoy Mateys!, Monday,
September 21, 4:15-5:15 p.m. **V**

Emergency Preparedness
Monday, September 21, 7:30 p.m. **A**

22 Storytime at the South Branch
Tuesday, September 22,
4-4:30 p.m. (NR) **V SB**

MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS:
An Oktoberfest Concert With Die Musikmeisters
Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 p.m. **A**

25 Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/Spanish Storytime
Friday, September 25, 6-6:30 p.m. **V**

26 Infant Massage
Saturday, September 26,
10-10:45 a.m. **V**

29 Floral Design: Create an Autumn Centerpiece, Tuesday,
September 29, 7:30 p.m. **A** \$15 fee

30 MPPL Foundation's Fall Classic Raffle, Wednesday,
September 30-October 11 (NR) **G**

Volunteer Orientation, Wednesday,
September 30, 4-5:30 p.m. **V T**

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

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

4 Chess for All Ages
Sunday, October 4, 2-4 p.m. **G**

5 Barbara Rinella Portrays Empress Michiko for Foundation Fundraising Event, Monday, October 5,
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9 CREATE-A-CRAFT: America's Creative Natives, Friday, October 9,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) **V**

10 Hora de Cuentos de la Herencia Hispana/Hispanic Heritage Storytime, Saturday, October 10,
12:30-1:15 p.m. **V SB**

11 MPPL Foundation's Fall Classic Raffle Drawing
Sunday, October 11, 1 p.m. **G**

12 Fall II Storytime Lottery Begins
Monday, October 12

CHAT & CHEW: *Night of the Howling Dogs* by Graham Salisbury
Monday, October 12, 1-2 p.m. **V**

Wii Sports Open Play, Monday,
October 12, 3-5 p.m. (NR) **V SB**

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18 Celebrate Teen Read Week: Read Beyond Reality
October 18-24

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4:15-5:15 p.m. **V**

Smart Shopping on eBay
Monday, October 19, 7 p.m. **A**

20 SENIOR SESSION: Discover America's Last Frontier: Alaska
Tuesday, October 20, 1:30 p.m. **A**

La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur/Spanish Storytime at the South Branch, Tuesday, October 20,
4-4:30 p.m. (NR) **V SB**

21 From Spacious Skies to Purple Mountains Majesty: Traveling to 3 National Parks
Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. **A**

22 JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS: Alternative Financing for Your Business
Thursday, October 22, 8:30 a.m. **A**

Fall II Storytime Lottery Ends
Thursday, October 22

24 SUPER SATURDAY: Aloha! Stories and Dance From Hawaii, Saturday, October 24,
11-11:45 a.m. **V**

26 Sled Dogs: Siberian Huskies and the Iditarod
Monday, October 26, 7-8 p.m. **V**

27 Polskie Bajki/Polish Storytime
Tuesday, October 27,
10-10:30 a.m. **V**

"Tapping" the Light Fantastic
Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. **A**

28 ANNUAL CULTURAL SERIES MOVIE: *American Graffiti*
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m. **A T**



Annual Cultural Series

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Homeschool Connection

Wednesday, September 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

Start off the season right with the Homeschool Connection! Whether you're already homeschooling or just thinking about it, drop by to network with other homeschooling families. Learn about our valuable services and resources that can assist your child with projects, research, and more, as well as Library programs to supplement your curriculum. Children are welcome. (NR)

Infant Massage

Saturday, September 26, 10-10:45 a.m.

Parents, bring your not-yet-mobile babies and enjoy a relaxing introduction to infant massage. Certified Infant Massage instructor, Lana May of Beneficial Bodywork, will share a variety of gentle ways to "get in touch" and relax with your babies. Bring an oversized towel or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents. *This BabyTalk program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.* (R)

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, September 30, 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)

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

La Bamba, Latin American Journey

Saturday, September 19, 11-11:45 a.m.

During this musical voyage through Latin America, Salsa, Merengue, and Cha-Cha-Cha rhythms will get your hips moving and your hands clapping with musician Nelson Sosa. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month *this program is sponsored by Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)



Sled Dogs: Siberian Huskies and the Iditarod

Monday, October 26, 7-8 p.m.

• FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES



Each year, more than 50 mushers and their dog teams enter the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, a journey over 1,150 miles of jagged mountain ranges, frozen river, dense forest, and freezing winds, all in our very own state of Alaska. With the help of some of their furry friends, Mike and Noel Dagley of Adopt a Husky, Inc. will share information about Siberian Huskies, sledding equipment, and the world-famous Iditarod race. There will be time at the end of the presentation to ask questions and interact with the dogs. *This program is sponsored by the Clough Fund in honor of our Annual Cultural Series.* (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)

America's Creative Natives

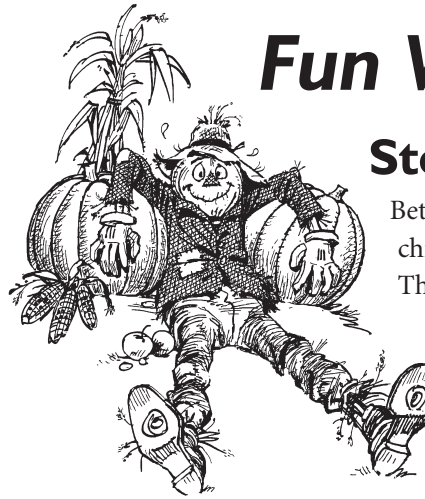
Friday, October 9, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Drop in and sample some crafts inspired by the many different Native American tribes *in honor of our Annual Cultural Series.*

Aloha! Stories and Dance From Hawaii

Saturday, October 24, 11-11:45 a.m.

The spirit of Hawaii awaits you! Holly Nagel will be your guide for this island adventure. You'll travel back in time with an ancient Hawaiian folktale, soak up native music, and get a chance to make your own music with some Hawaiian rhythm instruments. And it wouldn't be Hawaii without the hula! Enjoy the expressive dancing that is the hula, and try a few moves yourself! *This program is sponsored by the Clough Fund in honor of the Library's Annual Cultural Series.* (R)



Fun With Books!

Storytime Lottery

Between October 12 and 22, parents can register their children—through age 6—for Fall II Storytimes.

This session will run November 2-December 11.

Due to the popularity of these storytimes, *registration is determined by lottery and is reserved for Mount Prospect cardholders.* To participate in the lottery, please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

Open Storytime

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

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



Scoop Up a Good Read at Capannari's

Saturday, September 19, noon-12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a free family storytime at Capannari's, located at 10 S. Pine Street. Pizza, juice, and, of course, ice cream will be available. *This storytime is reserved for 30 Mount Prospect cardholders.* Contact the Library to register. (R)

Chat & Chew

—for 4th-6th graders

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. (R)

Night of the Howling Dogs

by Graham Salisbury

Monday, October 12, 1-2 p.m.

This program is part of our Cultural Series.



Trees & Seeds

An Intergenerational Book Discussion
—for all ages

Parents, grandparents, and children are invited to dinner and a lively book discussion of a family story that makes a great read-aloud. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)

The Skirt by Gary Soto

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

¿Dónde está la falda? Miata, a spunky and imaginative young girl, has left the beautiful folklórico skirt her mother wore in Mexico on the bus. Miata was going to wear the skirt on Sunday when her dance group performed folklórico. Can she and her friend Ana rescue the precious skirt in time?

Sesiones de Cuentos en Español/Spanish Storytime

Friday, September 18, 6-6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 25, 6-6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2, 6-6:30 p.m.

A petición popular regresan tres sesiones de cuentos en español. ¡Venga a una o a todas! Las sesiones están diseñadas especialmente para niños de 3 a 7 años. Todos están bienvenidos, pero un adulto tiene que acompañar a niños menores de tres años. Open to both Spanish- and English-speaking families. (R)

Polskie Bajki

Tuesday, October 27, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join us for 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)

Book Voyagers

—for 1st-3rd graders

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

Ahoy Mateys!

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

The Wild, Wild West

Monday, October 19, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

This program is part of our Annual Cultural Series.





Teen Zone

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

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Board Game Challenge in the Teen Zone

Sunday, September 20, 2-4 p.m.

Bored of school already? Homework monopolizing your time? All you need is a couple of Scrabble tiles to change things up. Come hang out in our Teen Zone for an afternoon of Monopoly, Scrabble, Uno, Operation, and checkers. We'll provide the beverages; you provide the winning moves. (R)

Red Cross Babysitting Clinic

Saturday, October 3, 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 September 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 October 3. (R)

Chess for All Ages

Sunday, October 4, 2-4 p.m.

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



Meet Comic Book Artist Gene Ha

Sunday, October 18, 1:30-4 p.m.

The graphic artist behind *Top Ten* will give you tips and techniques for drawing your own "beyond reality" comics. Born in Chicago, raised in the Midwest, Gene Ha is a first-generation Korean-American whose list of credentials includes *The Adventures of Cyclops and Phoenix*, *Superman*, *Fantastic Four*, *Justice League of America*, and *Global Frequency*. Attend this event and you will be immortalized by Gene with your own caricature! *This program kicks off Teen Read Week.* (R)



Celebrate Teen Read Week: Read Beyond Reality

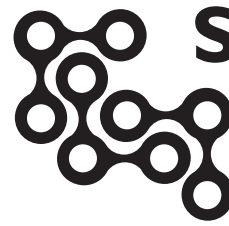
October 18-24

Drop by the Library during Teen Read Week to read beyond reality! Check out materials to change your world, take you somewhere unlike your world, or learn about other cultures. Stop by today and pick up a page-turner that you can read or listen to, just for the fun of it!



What did you think of the book you read from your high school's summer reading list? Not what you wrote in the essay for the teacher, but how did you really feel about it?

Use our Teens Talk Blog to let the world know your thoughts on this topic or any other book, movie, or music, and you could win a \$20 gift card. **Hurry, this offer expires October 1.** Submit your entry at www.mppl.org/teens.



South Branch Events

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The South Branch of Mount Prospect Public Library is an easily accessible, neighborhood library offering books, movies, computer access, homework and reading help, information, and programs in a wide range of languages to the residents and businesses located within a one-mile radius of the Community Connections Center. The South Branch will serve as one of the major anchors for the Community Connections Center.

La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur/ Spanish Storytime at the South Branch

Saturday, September 12, 11-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 20, 4-4:30 p.m.

Acompáñanos para la hora de cuentos este otoño en nuestra nueva Extensión del Sur. Escucha cuentos leídos en Español, canta canciones en Español y diviértete. Esta hora de cuentos es recomendado para niños de 3-7 años de edad y sus padres, pero todos son bienvenidos. Todos los niños tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto. No inscripción requerida; solo ven. (NR)

Storytime at the South Branch

Tuesday, September 22, 4-4:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon storytime. Listen to stories, sing songs, and have

fun! This storytime is best suited for children ages 3-7 and their parents, but all are welcome. *All children must be accompanied by an adult.* No registration required; just come on in! (NR)

Hora de Cuentos de la Herencia Hispana/ Hispanic Heritage Storytime

Saturday, October 10, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Celebra la gente, la lengua, y las culturas de Latinoamérica. Acompáñanos para cuentos, canciones y manualidades para celebrar la historia Hispana. Esta programa presentado en Español y en Inglés, es recomendado para niños de 3-7 años de edad pero todos son bienvenidos. Todos los niños tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto. Inscripción requerida. Open to both Spanish- and English- speaking families. (R)

Wii Sports Open Play

Monday, October 12, 3-5 p.m.

SCORE! Get ready for some fierce competition when Wii bring the great outdoors in! Score a goal, serve up an ace, or make a double play with Wii Sports. All games are rated E for everyone. Snacks will be provided. (NR)



The Puentes were our first customers at the South Branch, which opened on August 5.

LIBRARY LIFE

Library Life is our award-winning, monthly cable television program. It airs daily at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Comcast (channel 15) and WOW (channel 6).

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September 2009

Let's Celebrate and Take Five

The South Branch at the Community Connections Center

SUPER Saturday!: Music for Wiggleworms with Shana & Karen

October 2009

Wild Curiosity Mural

Creative Cards: A Crafting Class

The Music of the Veena, India's Lute

Features subject to change.

Read on the Wild Side

We had an awesome Teen Summer Reading Program!

This year we had 409 teens registered. 214 completed the 1st Round, 96 the 2nd Round, and 47 finished the 3rd Round.

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What's your idea of autumn? Perhaps it's the feeling of a soft quilt on a chilly night, the sight of freshly picked apples, or the rousing sounds of cheering on your favorite football team. Whatever comes to mind, you're bound to discover a hint of autumn in one of the twelve specialty theme baskets that are all part of the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation's "Fall Classic Raffle."

The raffle gets underway on



Wednesday, September 30. Among the Raffle items are a beautiful, handmade quilt, featured in a basket entitled "Wrapped in Beauty"; a year-long membership to the Chicago Botanic Gardens included in "The Fall Gardener" basket; plus a "Fall Fashion" basket, courtesy of A La Mode boutique of Arlington Heights.

"The fall season ushers in so many new, wonderful sensations," says Katy Rossi, MPPL Foundation Board President. "With this event we hope to tap into the best of the fall season by offering a dozen baskets, including a kid's Halloween basket, a fall harvest basket, and two fabulous tailgating baskets."

The baskets and raffle items will be on display in the Lobby through Sunday, October 11, giving everyone the opportunity to see the items firsthand. Purchase raffle tickets from a volunteer, or inquire at the Registration Desk. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or six for \$5. Winners need not be present to win.

"We invite everyone to stop by and check out the baskets," adds Rossi. "It's

a fun way to experience the fall season while supporting a good cause at the same time."

All proceeds from the "Fall Classic

Tickets available for purchase
September 30 through
October 11.
**Drawing begins at 1 p.m.
on Sunday, October 11.**

Raffle" will benefit the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library.



MPPL Foundation Presents: An Oktoberfest Concert With Die Musikmeisters

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

Roll out the barrel, we'll have a barrel of fun...with an authentic German Oompah band! Die Musikmeisters will use polkas, marches, classic songs, and authentic costumes to bring the spirit of Oktoberfest to our little corner of the world. *This free concert is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Library Foundation.* (R)



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009



Friends Book Sale

Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 18, noon-4:30 p.m.

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

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