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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2019

## Mural Brings the Outside In, Fosters Curiosity

A cardinal casually perches on the branch of a white oak tree. A white-tailed deer cautiously grazes on the grasses near a patch of violets. A painted



turtle leisurely makes his way out of the wetland. These are just a few of the Illinois state symbols depicted in the Library's newest addition to the public art collection.

Installed in the entryway to Youth Services, this vividly colored mural, entitled *A Gathering at Dusk*, by artist Greg Gove, presents a serene woodland and prairie scene showcasing several natural elements native to Illinois. An added architectural detail to the entryway portrays an organic leaf-like element, designed as a canopy to welcome young visitors.

"When planning the mural, we thought it would be nice to expound on that theme with trees and wildlife indigenous to Illinois," explained Blythe Lee, Vice President of Design and Strategic Solutions at Corporate Artworks in Arlington Heights, who has been working with MPPL on its public art acquisitions for over 10 years.

"The artist was given a template

of the canopy so he could paint critters and details peeking through the openings, creating a 'search-and-find' element to the mural," she added. Children of all ages

enjoy looking through the cutouts as they explore the hidden aspects of the mural. This exploration continues during their visit to the Library, whether to attend a storytime or to pick out a special book.

Greg Gove is no stranger to MPPL.

He also painted *Wild Curiosity*, the whimsical mural in Youth Services of young children playfully interacting with animals and books. *A Gathering at Dusk* was painted on canvas and applied to the wall. The artist has spent the majority of his career based in the Chicagoland area and is now currently living on the Central Oregon Coast.

On the far end of the mural beneath a tree is an open book, fittingly entitled *75 Years* by "author" Greg Gove, paying homage to the Library on the 75th anniversary it celebrated in 2018. This



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important piece of art will certainly delight visitors for years to come.



*The mural and canopy architectural detail were purchased by the Irene Scanlon Memorial Fund.*

## MPPL FanFest 2019

On February 23, the Library's first-ever MPPL FanFest welcomes everyone to a celebration of popular culture. This inclusive and fun event is an opportunity for fans of all ages to explore and enjoy fandom in all its forms, and features comic authors/artists, games, crafts, costumes, and more. Whether you're barely geeky or very geeky, if you're a fan, then FanFest has something for you!

The festivities will include an *Author/Illustrator Panel Discussion* and book signing featuring Chicago comics creators Ivan Brunetti, Katie Schenkel, and Michael Moreci.

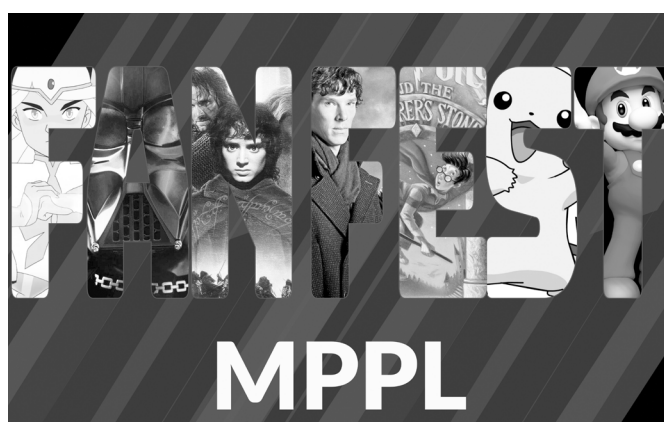
Dressing up as a favorite character is the focus of the *Cosplay Social*, where fans both in and out of costume can

meet, find books and other resources, and pick up tips and ideas for designing their own cosplay.

Throughout the day, fan-related craft activities for all ages will be available, as well as a scavenger hunt to find some of the most fan-beloved titles throughout the Library's collection. Other activities will include sessions of the popular and imaginative card game *Superfight!*™ and chances to experience virtual reality technology.

The event will culminate with *Fandom Feud*, a gameshow-style competition in which contestants can use their knowledge of the pop culture they love to win prizes.

"Fandom is for everyone" is the motto for MPPL FanFest, so one thing's certain—there will be fandom fun for every fan! *This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* For more information and a detailed schedule of the day's events, please visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org).



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**The Main Library and South Branch will be closed on Tuesday, January 1.**



# 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](http://www.mppl.org), at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

## FAKE NEWS: Nutrition Edition

**Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.**

Whether it's self-styled "experts" peddling a product, sensationalist media headlines designed to catch your attention, or uninformed professionals who haven't kept up with the research, there's a bewildering array of sources of misinformation out there. Where can you turn for science-based answers? Join us as nutrition expert Joan Davis, RN, MS, discusses practical approaches to evaluating nutritional claims and tells you where to find reliable information. (R)

## Northwest Housing Partnership Homeowners' Information Program

**Saturday, January 26, 9:30 a.m.**

Join us as the Northwest Housing Partnership offers presentations on homeownership. Six professionals in the areas of law, finance, and real estate will share guidelines and pathways for buying and maintaining a home. Information about the various programs offered by the Partnership, such as the Handyman Program, will also be provided. Each professional will also be available to answer questions.

Come and learn about resources for home buying and home maintenance guidance that are available nearby. (NR)

## Financial Forecast for 2019

**Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.**

What does 2019 hold for the stock market: stormy weather or sunny skies? John Daly, CFP, of Daly Investment Management, will discuss how the markets fared in 2018 and the expectations for 2019. This educational presentation takes a look back at last year's predictions by pundits along with an outlook for the coming year. (R)

## Power Employment Workshop

**Monday, February 11, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Experts from Illinois Worknet will cover a variety of topics related to job seeking including; resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and networking. (NR)

## Enjoy Bird Watching From Your Yard

**Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.**

Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited in Glenview offers tips on bird feeding, choosing and placing a nest box,

the value of offering water in your backyard, and some bird-friendly landscaping ideas. He will also offer advice on thwarting squirrels. Bring Tim your bird feeding and bird-watching questions. (R)

## Condo and Homeowners Association Legal Updates

**Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m.**

Attorney David Bendoff of Kovitz Shifrin and Nesbit will provide updates on new laws affecting condo and homeowners associations. (R)

## Turning 65: Making the Most of Your Medicare Resources

**Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m.**

A benefits counselor from the Kenneth Young Center will help you plan for this milestone birthday. You will learn about the different parts of Medicare, find out when you are eligible, when to apply, and how to choose the coverage you need. (R)

## MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS

See and hear Shakespeare in a new light when Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project of Chicago back for two theatrical readings. As there are no sets, props, or costumes, you may find the Project's readings help you truly experience Shakespeare's words.

At 7 p.m. the preshow introduction begins. Following the play, a discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team will further enrich your experience. *These programs are sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events.*

### Titus Andronicus

**Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.**

*"I am Revenge, sent from the infernal kingdom  
To ease the gnawing vulture of thy mind  
By working wreakful vengeance on thy foes"*

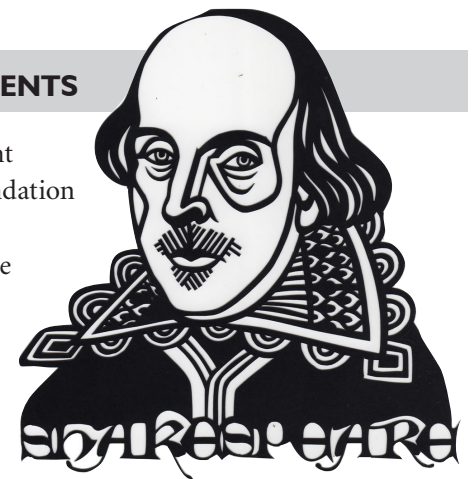
Considered to be Shakespeare's very first tragedy and by far his most violent, *Titus Andronicus* may have been co-authored with George Peale. It is representative of the revenge tragedy genre, popular at the time. Titus, a victorious Roman general, returns from the war with the enemy in tow. He publicly refuses to show mercy to his fallen foe, Tamora, Queen of the Goths, and executes her son. Unexpectedly, Tamora is elevated to empress of Rome, locking the two in a titan's battle for justice. The drama may have delighted and at the same time horrified Elizabethan audiences by its pervasive violence throughout. Is there ever a point in this play where justice is finally, truly served? Or is the play caught in an endless loop of retribution? And, if the latter, is loss of humanity the end result or is it just gory spectacle? Join us and find out. *For mature audiences only.* (R)

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

**Tuesday, February 19 7 p.m.**

*"The course of true love never did run smooth."*

In dreams, anything is possible. The recipe for Shakespeare's most popular comedy includes a group of two young lovers, some amateur actors, and, of course, an assortment of fairies, including Oberon and Titania, in the midst of a bitter custody battle. The play commences with a marriage and then the fun really begins. What better time to depart Chicago's cold winter and sojourn to Athens and its nearby forests? Melanie Keller makes her Shakespeare Project of Chicago directing debut. (R)



## ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS

### Preschool/Child Care Information Night

**Tuesday, January 29, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

This annual open house is your chance to speak with teachers and directors of the more than 20 preschools and child care centers located in Mount Prospect. No registration is necessary; just drop in! (NR)



### Toddlers, Toilet Training, and Tantrums

**Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.**

Many of the most difficult times as a parent involve childhood transitions, such as toilet training or dealing with a picky eater or strong-willed toddler. Join pediatrician

Carissa Lee Holmes, MD, of Pediatric Solutions in Arlington Heights as she discusses methods to deal with the common but frustrating parenting issues of potty training, fussy eaters, and more. Dr. Lee Holmes brings sensitivity and insights that will help you keep your cool and learn effective parenting tips. (R)

### Legal & Future Planning for Special Needs Families

**Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m.**

An attorney from Rubin Law will present a program for parents and guardians of individuals with special needs. Begin the process of legal and financial planning, learn about government benefits, and the types and uses of Special Needs Trusts, and more. (R)

**Don't miss MPPL FanFest!—Saturday, February 23 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

## HIGHLIGHTING ONLINE RESOURCES

Can you name and locate all the states? Try a quiz in our latest Web resource offering, **AtoZ Maps Online**. This is the world's largest database of HD, downloadable, royalty-free maps. More than 100,000 maps are available in 48 categories. Users will find world, regional, country, and state maps, as well as environmental, climate, antique, and other maps. The database also contains extensive teaching tools for educators with lesson plans. It even has interactive video guides for state,

country, and world geography.

Anyone can access **AtoZ Maps Online** using MPPL's computers, or from outside the the Library with your MPPL card and your Library PIN.



Other similar databases include **AtoZ World Food**, **AtoZ The World**, and **AtoZ The USA**. Note: these are unrelated to **AtoZdatabases**, our new business and residential directory.

More online resources can be found on MPPL's Web site at [mppl.org/research/](http://mppl.org/research/) web-resources

### eLearning with MPPL's Web Resources

**Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m.**

Steven Browne from Research Services will give you the keys to some of our most fabulous e-learning resources, including **Rosetta Stone**®, **Lynda**®, **Mango Languages**®, and **Gale Courses**®. (R)

## Open Tech Lab

### New Device Advice and Set-up

**Monday, January 7, 2-4 p.m.**

Stop by Meeting Room A and bring those new tech gifts you received as holiday presents. Ask questions or have us help you set up your new smartphone, iPad®, Kindle® Fire, or other tech device. Our trained staff can also help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. This is also a great time to find out about Library services, including how to download e-magazines from **RBdigital** and movies and music from **Hoopla**®. *No registration required—just drop in!* For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)



### Your Digital Estate

**Tuesday, February 12, 2 p.m.**

As we become more intertwined within the digital world, more comprehensive aspects of life must be taken into account when preparing an estate plan. Learn the new features of digital estate planning with Presenter Estevan Montano. (R)

## LIBRARY LIFE

AVAILABLE ON  
[www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org)

### January

**Find Your Story**  
2019 Winter Reading Program  
All-ages Tabletop Game Night  
Chicago Team Logos: A Painting Workshop

### February

Friends of the Library Book Sale  
Introduction to 3-D Printing:  
*Family Edition*  
**SUPER Saturday!:**  
Art of Inflation Balloon Show

Catch us at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on MPDC Channel 17 on **Comcast** and **WOW!**, and Channel 99 on **AT&T U-Verse**. Features subject to change.



## Technology and Training

Please pick up a Technology Class flyer or calendar for program descriptions. Unless otherwise specified, all classes are hands-on sessions using PCs and held in the Computer Training Room (C) with a limit of 13 participants per class. **Classes begin promptly.** *Open seats will be available as early as 5 minutes before class starts.*

### Open Tech Lab

**Tuesday, January 22, 4-6 p.m.**

**Monday, January 28, 7-9 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2-4 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 14, 7-9 p.m.**

**Monday, February 18, 4-6 p.m.**

Stop in during the above times and bring your questions about Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, e-mail, or e-books. Our trained staff will help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. You will also find out how to download e-magazines from **RBdigital** and music and movies from **Hoopla**®. *No registration required—just drop in!* For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords. (NR)

*Don't forget your laptop, tablet, phone, or e-reader*

### Learn to Download Free e-Books With **MyMediaMall**®



#### Using a Kindle®

**Tuesday, January 15, 2-4 p.m.**

Enjoy free Library e-books on your Amazon Kindle using **MyMediaMall**®. All you need to get started is a MPPL card, your Library PIN, and your Kindle. This hands-on training session will teach you how to use **MyMediaMall** to browse and search for Kindle books, add titles to your cart, check out, and sync your Kindle to download the book. You will be connecting to Amazon, so please have your Amazon.com account information. Be sure to bring your cord to connect to the PC. (R)



### Social Media Basics

**Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.**

*What's a selfie? What's a hashtag?* Would you like answers to these burning questions and others like it? Come and learn what makes Facebook®, Twitter, and other digital social forums tick. (R)

## Technology Classes

These programs require registration. (R)

### Getting to Know Your Android™ Smartphone or Tablet

Wednesday, January 9, 3 p.m.

### Using Word®

Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m.

### Getting More From Your Gmail®

Monday, January 14, 4 p.m.

### Taking Photos With Your Android™ Device

Wednesday, January 16, 3 p.m.

### Word®: Beyond the Basics

Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m.

### Mail Merge With Microsoft Word®: Labels, Letters, & Envelopes

Monday, January 21, 7 p.m.

### Windows® 10 Clinic

Thursday, January 24, 4 p.m.

### Microsoft Word®: Tables, Templates, and More

Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.

### Excel® Basics

Monday, February 4, 7 p.m.

### iCan Use My iPad®

Tuesday, February 5, 3 p.m.

### Social Media Basics

Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.

### Excel®: Formulas and Functions

Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m.

### Become a Chrome® Expert

Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m.

### Understanding Photos for Apple® Devices

Tuesday, February 19, 3 p.m.

### Excel®: Tables, Charts, and Formulas

Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m.

### iCloud® Basics

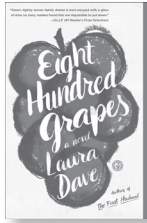
Tuesday, February 26, 3 p.m.



## BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

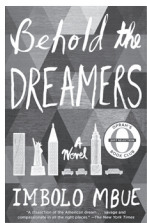
### Food for Thought



**Eight Hundred Grapes** by Laura Dave  
**Wednesday, January 2 noon or 2 p.m.**

Growing up on her family's Sonoma vineyard, Georgia has

come to learn important secrets about making wine and about life. One week before her wedding, she discovers her fiancé has been keeping a secret that will change their lives forever, and the family she turns to for comfort may be keeping secrets of their own. (NR)

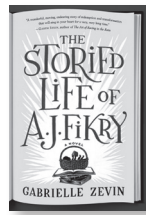


**Behold the Dreamers** by Imbolo Mbue  
**Wednesday, February 6 noon or 2 p.m.**

When Cameroonian immigrants Jende and Neni Jonga find jobs

working for a senior executive, the American Dream seems real. In the course of their work, they begin to witness infidelities, skirmishes, and family secrets, but it is in the aftermath of a corporate collapse that tragedy changes all their lives forever. A 2017 Oprah Book Club pick. (NR)

### Coffee, Books, & More



**The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry**

by Gabrielle Zevin

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

A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. His wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe's poems, has been stolen. Slowly he begins to isolate himself when an unexpected arrival gives A.J. the opportunity to change his life. (NR)



**Manhattan Beach**

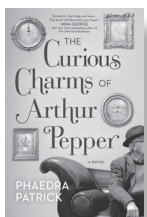
by Jennifer Egan

**Wednesday, February 20 10 a.m.**

Immersive and richly detailed, Egan brings the 1930s and 40s to life. Anna Kerrigan works at the Brooklyn Naval Yard, where women are allowed to hold jobs that had always belonged to men. A chance meeting with someone from her family's past sets her on a new path to understand the reasons her father may have vanished and the complexity of his life. (NR)

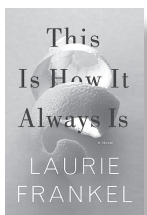
### Book Chat

Limited copies of books are available 30 days prior to discussion at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk.



**The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick  
**Monday, January 14, 7 p.m.**

Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper's simple life takes a turn when he finds a gold charm bracelet he has never seen before in his late wife Miriam's possessions, setting him on an epic quest across the world to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met. (NR)



**This Is How It Always Is** by Laurie Frankel  
**Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.**

When youngest son Claude reveals increasingly determined preferences for girls' clothing and accessories, his family discovers that children grow but not always according to plan, that families with secrets don't get to keep them forever, and that ideas about family, love, and loyalty may need to change. (NR)



**Wednesday January 9  
6-8 p.m.**

### Everyone's Talking About Coffee and Conversation

Join us for a civil discussion of timely topics over coffee. Librarians will present information on two separate issues which patrons will discuss in small groups. Topics will be announced the week before the program via social media.

Sponsored by Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

## MOVIES AND MORE

### Movies @ MPPL



**Mission Impossible: Fallout**

[2018; Rated PG-13; 147 minutes; Action/Adventure/Thriller]

Starring Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill, Ving Rhames.

Directed by Christopher McQuarrie.

**Wednesday, January 2, 7 p.m.\*  
Thursday, January 10, 1 p.m.**

Ethan Hunt and his IMF team, along with some familiar allies, race against time after a mission gone wrong. (R)

\*Due to the length of this movie, the January 2 showing starts at 7 p.m.



**The Old Man & the Gun**

[2018; Rated PG-13; 93 minutes; Comedy/Crime/Drama]

Starring Robert Redford, Sissy Spacek, Casey Affleck.

Directed by David Lowery.

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

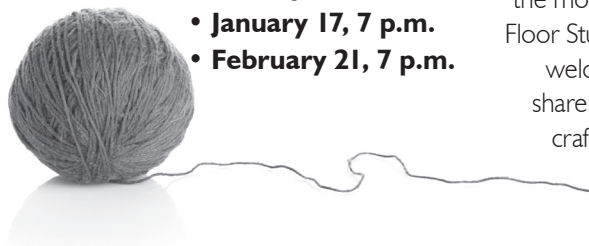
Based on the true story of Forrest Tucker and his audacious escape from San Quentin at the age of 70 to an unprecedented string of heists that confounded authorities and enchanted the public. (R)

## A Good Yarn

Knitting and Crocheting Guild

Thursdays,

- January 17, 7 p.m.
- February 21, 7 p.m.



The group meets the third Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Study Room 2A. All experience levels welcome! Bring your latest projects and share your enthusiasm with other needle crafters. No registration necessary! (NR)

### Adult Winter Reading - February 1-28

- Are you a dreamer?
- A realist?
- Someone more at home in another time or place?

Find Your Story

This February you are invited to discover the stories that best reflect and inspire you. Whatever your hero's journey, whether real or imagined, find your story during Winter Reading at the Library. Stop by Fiction/AV/Teen Services and share what you are reading, and you may earn a prize. Join us in celebrating the boundless possibilities!

### Picking up Held Materials for Family or Friends?

If you place a Library item on hold and would like to have a friend or family member pick it up, no problem!

Just make sure your friend/family member brings in your MPPL card or has your card number loaded on the MPPL app on their phone to check out. Held materials are located on the south wall of the Lobby. Materials are shelved in alphabetical order by the patron's last name.

The MPPL app can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.







## Mini Golf @ MPPL

**For all ages!**

\$20 for a family of 4 or more. There will also be a 19th Hole entertainment area for players with refreshments, games, and activities.

This event is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). MPPLF provides funding to the Library for special programs and projects that are otherwise unavailable with tax dollars.

Join us again for a day of family fun as we host an 18-hole miniature golf course fundraiser at the Library. This unique adventure will have golfers putting throughout the Library, between the stacks, and down the stairs.

The fee to play is \$5 per person or

**Tickets go on sale at the Library beginning February 1!**

## Gift of Reading Success

Many thanks to everyone who donated books for this year's *Gift of Reading*. We received 297 books. The Library staff was excited to help bring the holiday spirit to several Mount Prospect families with your donations. Books donated by Library patrons are given to the Village of Mount Prospect. The Village includes the donated books in their Holiday Meal Basket Program.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!**



## Teen Buddies Help Kids With Special Needs in *Let's Be Friends*

For children with special needs or who have trouble making friends, a typical Library program might present many challenges. Unfamiliar routines, a roomful of strangers, and upsetting sounds can keep some kids from participating. Staff in Youth Services, aware of the obstacles that can prevent many children from fully enjoying time at the Library, have worked hard to create a better environment for those with special needs.

The Let's Be Friends program provides children in 2nd-5th grades a supportive environment in which to make friends. Teen volunteers are paired with a child buddy to play games, do crafts, share a snack, and more. The program meets for an hour for three

consecutive weeks.

"The programs are really focused on socializing, but will usually have an educational component," says Outreach Librarian Claire Bartlett, "Each Let's Be Friends session has a theme."

During a recent program, teen volunteers arrived first and practiced the day's craft before the younger kids arrived. The teens then started teaching their buddies the craft.

To provide a sense of structure, Bartlett took participants through a visual schedule of the program. Activities have been designed to be quickly teachable and to help build skills. The teens and kids painted to music, everything from classical, to salsa, to the Beatles, with the emphasis on depicting

## Not the end of the road but the beginning of the open highway...

The Library has benefitted from a wealth of talented staff during its 75-year history. Please join us in wishing the best to our recent retirees.

### Janet Keena

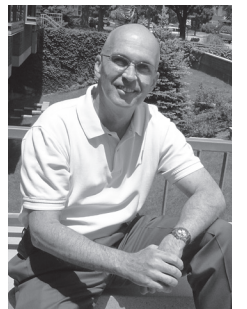
Janet began her career at the Library in 1978 when she was hired as a part-time shelver. She rose up through the ranks of Circulation Services and became the head of the department. Her attention to detail made her an expert trainer and organizer. In 2001, she became MPPL's first full-time volunteer coordinator. "Janet had an excellent rapport with the volunteers and was a strong advocate, fostering their relationship with the Library," said Executive Director Marilyn Genther. During her career she experienced the tremendous growth of Library services and the renovated and expanded Main Library. Janet retired October 31.

### Frank Corry

Frank came to the Library in 2005 into a new senior management position dedicated to project management and financial operations. A long-time



Janet Keena



Frank Corry

Mount Prospect resident and former member of the Friends of the Library Board, he came to the Library with much experience in the private sector. Over his career of 46 years, he has worked in a variety of industries and companies. "His extensive knowledge and expertise were invaluable to the smooth running of the Library's business and financial operations" said Executive Director Marilyn Genther. He is retiring from his position of Director of Business Operations on January 31.

Participants in Let's Be Friends complete a variety of activities around a theme. In one program, kids painted to different types of music.



how the music made them feel.

They took a movement break to a video that had them jumping and dodging. Then it was on to duct-tape crafts, where the kids chose what to make from a few examples.

Bartlett notes that the activities include sensory elements such as textures, sounds, and movement, and are structured to allow for different types of group interactions. The teen volunteers were constant companions, demonstrating and helping, but also chatting with their younger buddies, drawing them out if needed. Teens receive training before the program on how to work with children and how to address issues if they arise.



At the end of the hour, after the younger participants leave, the teens offer their feedback to Library staff. Their suggestions, Bartlett says, help guide future programs.

If you know of a child who would benefit from a Let's Be Friends program, check our calendar beginning in April, or call the Library at 847/253-5675.



# Youth Activities

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## YOUTH WINTER READING PROGRAM

### FIND YOUR STORY

Every hero has a story... including you!

Join us in February to celebrate the heroes, villains, and other characters from your favorite books, movies, and your own imagination. Just drop by Youth Services to pick up an Activity Card and check out the loads of fun ways to participate. Complete an Activity Card and tell us what you're reading to earn a small prize and a chance to win a book, gift card, a Kindle® Fire HD, or even a pass to the Field Museum in Chicago. Activities and prizes change each week, so visit us often and get more chances to win! Participants may submit one card per day. **Come tell us YOUR story!**

## FAMILY SCIENCE CLUBHOUSE

### Sensational Sounds

• FOR KINDERGARTNERS-2ND GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Thursday, January 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Let's get noisy! Have fun as a family while we explore the science of sound with jazzy hands-on experiments. Space in the lab is limited, so sign up today! (R)

## EVERYBODY PLAYS

• FOR AGES BIRTH-3 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Wednesday, February 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Join us for an inclusive playgroup with opportunities for sensory play, social skills practice, and motor skill development, including body awareness and balance activities (heavy work). Families can meet and find support while playing and moving with their children. A short group activity will include stories and songs in English and Polish. This bilingual program is co-facilitated by Agnieszka Moroni, Occupational Therapist from Clearbrook CHILD Therapy. Children of all abilities are welcome. **The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.** (NR)



## SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

### Art of Inflation Balloon Show

**Saturday, January 12, 11-11:45 a.m.**

Experience awe-inspiring balloon art by Magical Balloon-dude Dale! Comedy, audience participation, and balloon twisting will leave you amazed. (R)

### African Music and Dance With Idy Ciss

**Saturday, February 16, 11-11:45 a.m.**

Join artist Idy Ciss to experience the spirit of Africa through movement and music. *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)



## FULL STEAM Ahead

• FOR 1ST-5TH GRADERS

**Monday, January 28, 4-6 p.m.**  
**Sunday, February 17, 1-3 p.m.**

Fuel your imagination and drop by the Discovery Zone for hands-on STEAM exploration. A variety of activities will be on rotation. No registration necessary; just drop in! (NR)



## MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB

### The Human Body

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

**Wednesday, February 13, 4:30-6 p.m.**

*Tired of hearts for Valentine's Day?* Join us as we explore the five senses and learn about hearts of a different kind! (R)

## Family Gaming

• FOR ALL AGES

**Friday, February 1, 5-7 p.m.**

Drop in for racing, sports, and mini-games and challenge your family to some competition. **Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.** No registration necessary; just stop in! (NR)

## Family LEGO® Mania

• FOR K-6TH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Monday, February 25, 4:30-6 p.m.**

Warm up in the Library by building amazing LEGO® creations with your family. You're sure to find the perfect piece in our large collection of LEGO® bricks! **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** (R)

## Family Storytime

• FOR ALL AGES

Take a break and pop in for one of our Family Storytimes—dates and times below. **Children younger than age 3 must be accompanied by an adult.** *No registration required!*

**January 16-February 22**

• **Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

• **Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.**

• **Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

## Principals Read @ MPPL

• FOR ALL AGES

**Thursday, January 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Ever wonder what your principal does after school? You might be surprised to find them reading their favorite picture book aloud at MPPL! Bring your family and friends, too, and enjoy some snacks while listening to some fabulous books read by some awesome people: Mount Prospect principals! Who knows...maybe their favorite book is yours too!

Check the Kids' calendar on MPPL's Web site for a list of featured guests! *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

## Polskie Bajki

### Polish Storytime

• DLA WSZYSTKICH DZIECI

**Poniedziałek, 25 lutego, 10-10:45 rano**

Posłuchajcie bajek, zaśpiewajcie piosenki i bawcie się dobrze! Dzisiejszy program, prezentowany w języku polskim, jest przeznaczony dla dzieci zwłaszcza w wieku 3-7 lat i ich rodziców, ale każdy będzie mile widziany. Jedyne warunki—wszystkim dzieciom muszą towarzyszyć rodzice. (R)

• FOR ALL AGES

**Monday, February 25, 10-10:45 a.m.**

Listen to stories, sing songs, and have fun! This storytime will be presented primarily in Polish and is best suited for children ages 3-7 and their parents, but all are welcome. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** (R)

## Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

*Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary; just drop in.*

## Just For You

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

Stop by MPPL and make something special to give to a favorite person on Valentine's Day! (NR)



Stop in for a **Saturday Storytime on February 9 from 10:30-11 a.m.**

This program will feature themes used in the weekday Family Storytimes.

## Chat & Chew

—for 3rd-5th graders

This program will include lunch, discussion, games, and more. *Books are available at the Youth Services desk.*



## What's Your Story?

**Monday, January 21 1-2 p.m.**

Chew on some good food while chatting about *Frazzled:*

*Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom* by Booki Vivat and learning about telling your own stories through writing and drawing. Join us for lively activities, delicious treats, and even get a chance to meet the author!

Booki Vivat will conduct a virtual Skype visit with us immediately following Chat & Chew. (R)

**Virtual Skype @ 2-2:45 p.m.**

## Animal Friendships

**Monday, February 18, 1-2:30 p.m.**

Chew on some good food while chatting about animal buddies, including Ivan and Ruby from *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate.



Join us for a lively discussion, and even a STEAM challenge. (R)

## Reading Clubhouse

—for Kindergartners-2nd graders

*For kids who like to listen to stories, eat snacks, and participate in fun activities.*

## Explore Hot and Cold Climates

**Monday, January 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Wish you were somewhere warm? Join us to learn about and compare places that are very hot and very cold. (R)

## Superheroes

**Monday, February 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Soar into MPPL to hear tales of bravery and super-human strength! (R)



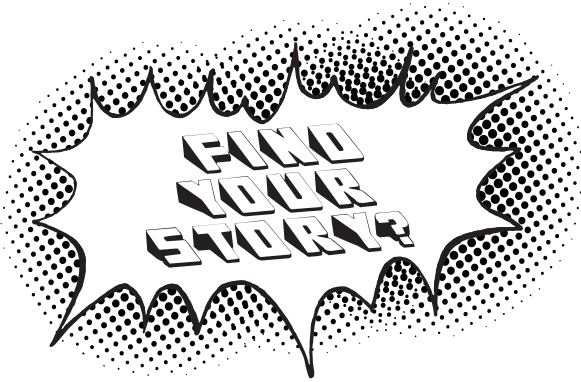


# Teen Space

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

Please sign up for programs on the Internet at [www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org), at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675, unless otherwise noted (NR). *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

## Winter Reading Program • February 1-28



Do you devour mysteries, dream of romance, or love to LOL? Maybe you have a favorite author or a character you'd follow anywhere, or a series you can't stop reading. This February, MPPL celebrates the stories you love during Winter Reading at the Library.

Stop by Fiction/AV/Teen Services to share what you're reading for chance to win a prize.

Stop by MPPL's FanFest—February 23 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
See page 1 for details.

## GAMEBREAK: TEEN TABLETOP

**Thursday, January 3, 2-4 p.m.**

Need a break from Winter Break? Bring a friend or bring yourself to the Teen Space for some tabletop games. Choose from Teen Space favorites like *Carcassonne*®, *SuperFight*™, *Sushi Go*™, *Codenames*, and more—or try something new! (NR)

## FRIDAY FUN DAY

Drop in to the Teen Space for something fun to do every month! (NR)

### Origami

• Friday, January 11, 4:30-6 p.m.

### Decorative Magnets

• Friday, February 15, 2-4 p.m.

**Friday, January 18,  
4:30-6 p.m.**

**Friday, February 8,  
4:30-6 p.m.**

**Attention, teen book lovers!** Find out about the hottest new teen books and tell us what books you can't put down. Be the first to get your hands on new books from some of your favorite authors. We'll treat you to a toasty beverage while we chat about all things book at Starbucks, located at 90 Northwest Highway in Mount Prospect. (R)



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23  
5-6:30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
5-6:30 p.m.**

**YOU!** CAN HELP DECIDE WHAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS TEENS

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB, for short). Work with our teen librarians to help plan and volunteer at teen events, discuss books, movies, music, and even video games. (NR)

# South Branch Events

(R) Registration required. | Inscripción requerida.

(NR) No registration required. | No inscripción requerida.

**More South Branch  
info on page 8!**



## Make and Take Craft | Hazlo y Llévatelo

• FOR KIDS UP TO 6TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Wednesday, January 9, 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 13, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Drop into the South Branch to make crafts. We will provide all craft supplies. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. (NR)

## LEGO® Mania

• FOR KIDS

**Monday, January 14, 5-7 p.m.**

**Friday, February 15, 5-7 p.m.**

Use LEGO pieces to build almost anything! Make a favorite character or place or even a never-before-seen creation. No need to register; just drop by! (NR)

## Mango Language Lab

**Wednesday, January 23**

**noon-2 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 6**

**noon-2 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.**

Learn a new language with Mango! Choose between 72 different languages and enjoy two hours to practice with this interactive software. Library staff will show you how to access the software on our laptops or your personal device, create an account, and start learning right away! It's perfect for beginners or advanced students, with lessons that teach vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. Bring your headphones! Registration is limited, unless you bring your own device, so sign up today! (R)



## Winter Watercoloring | Pintar con Acuarelas

• FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

**Monday, February 11, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Learn the basics of how to paint with watercolors, and take home your very own work of art! We will provide all supplies, no prior experience necessary. Register today to save your spot! (R)

## MAD SCIENCE: SLIME

• FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

**Monday, February 18, 5:30-7 p.m.**

What is it about SLIME that we love so much? Indulge that ick-factor as we measure, mix, and mush to make your favorite slippery, slimy, silky...SLIME. Of course, you will take home the slime that you create. We will provide all supplies. Supplies are limited; register today to save your spot! Please arrive on time, since 15 minutes after the program begins any reserved supplies will be made available to those on the waiting list. (R)

## Perler Creations | Creaciones de Perler

• FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**Monday, January 21, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Design your own bead creation! We supply the beads—just bring your ideas and your friends! Register today to save your spot! (R)

## Family Lotería | Lotería Para la Familia



• FOR FAMILIES

**Monday,**

**January 28**

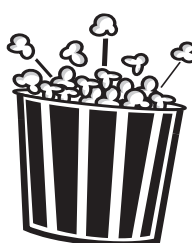
**5:30-7 p.m.**

Bring your family to play

Lotería, a Mexican game like Bingo, using colorful cards. Everyone will get a chance to play, and there will be prizes for the winners. Register today to save your spot! (R)

## Family Movie Night | Noche de Cine Para la Familia

• FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY | • PARA LA FAMILIA



Join us for popcorn and a fun movie night at the South Branch!

No need to register, just drop in. (NR)

**Hotel Transylvania 3**

**Friday, January 25, 5-7 p.m.**

**viernes, 25 de enero, 5-7 p. m.**

**Incredibles 2**

**Friday, February 22 • 5-7 p.m.**

**viernes, 22 de febrero • 5-7 p.m.**



# UNBELIEVABLE



## February 1-14 CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

### Attention, chocolate lovers; this one's for you!

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation beginning Friday, February 1 through Thursday, February 14 for its sweetest event of the year, the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle. The event takes place in the lobby of the Library and features several sumptuous baskets designed for the chocolate lover in all of us.

The drawing will be held on Thursday, February 14 beginning at 5 p.m. *Winners need not be present.* All proceeds from the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle benefit the Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library that otherwise would not be available through public funding.

Tickets are six for \$5 or \$2 each.



### LET US HELP YOU FILL THOSE SHELVES. . .

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

Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, January 20, noon-4 p.m.

**MEMBERS ONLY NIGHT**  
Friday, January 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

### Why Not Join the Friends?

The annual membership fee is \$5 for individuals, \$10 for a family, and \$25 for a Good Friend. To join, stop by Registration to complete a membership form.

### DO IT YOURSELF!

#### Cookbooks & How-to Sale

Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Calling all cooks and DIYers!

If you love food and DIY projects, then this sale is for you! Stock your pantry and workroom with books from our stellar collection.

*Stop by early for the best selection!*

## South Branch Events



### community connections center

1711 West Algonquin Road, Mount Prospect  
847/590-4090 • [www.mppl.org](http://www.mppl.org)

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(NR) No registration required. /  
No inscripción requerida.

### South Branch Winter Reading

Join us this month to celebrate your favorite stories and characters—from books, movies, and your imagination. Visit the South Branch and fill out a reading card for your chance to win. Share your own original work and earn an extra ticket for our grand prize drawing!

¡Acompáñanos este mes para celebrar tus cuentos y personajes favoritos—sean de libros, películas, o de tu imaginación! Visita la Extensión del Sur y completa un registro de lectura para la oportunidad de ganar.

¡Comparte tu propia obra original con nosotros y recibirás otro boleto para nuestra Gran Rifa!

FOR ALL AGES • PARA TODAS LAS EDADES



Find Your  
Story

February 1-28

Encuentra  
tu historia

1-28 febrero

### zSPACE @ South Branch

Wednesday, January 2, 3-7 p.m.  
Thursday, January 3, 2-4 p.m.  
Friday, January 4, 5-7 p.m.

• FOR KIDS 6 YEARS AND OLDER

Interested in “seeing” in a whole new way? zSpace is interactive 3-D technology that lets you dissect frogs, play tennis, create models, and more—all virtually! Drop by the South Branch to give it a try. *This technology is funded by a generous grant from Bosch Community Fund.* (NR)

miércoles 2 de enero, 3-7 p.m.  
jueves 3 de enero, 2-4 p.m.  
viernes 4 de enero, 5-7 p.m.

• PARA NIÑAS DE 6 AÑOS Y MAYORES

¿Te interesa ver de una manera MUY diferente? zSpace es una tecnología interactiva en 3D con la que puedes disecionar una rana, jugar al tenis, crear un modelo y más —en la realidad virtual! Pasa por la biblioteca para probarlo. *Esta tecnología está patrocinada por una beca generosa de la Fundación Comunitaria de Bosch.* (NR)

### Wii™ Night | Noche de Wii

• FOR AGES 5 TO 16

Wednesday, January 16, 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20, 5-7 p.m.

Come Play Wii games! No registration required; just drop on by with the family and enjoy an evening of fun and friendly competitive games! All games are rated E. **Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.** (NR)

### Jugar y Aprender | Play and Learn

Tuesday, January 8, 15, 22, and 29  
and every Tuesday in February  
from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Parents and their 2- to 5-year-old children are invited to enjoy arts, crafts, exercise, stories, and music. Call 847/506-4930 to register. (R)

More South Branch  
programs on page 7!



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

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