



Preview

Summer Events
Expanded Book Discussions
Tiny Art Show



We welcome you to the library!

Stay connected and informed about our library operations. We post updates on our website, online calendar, and social media.

Program Registration

We offer in-person and virtual events, plus activities outdoors. Registration is often required using the online calendar or by contacting the library. Look for the (R) Registration and (NR) No Registration symbols in the program description. Program format and location will be indicated within the online calendar when registering.

The library needs at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.

Please watch your email and our social media channels for pop-up events or extra program guidance and updates.

*Now's your chance
to enter!*

TINY ART SHOW

Artists are invited to pick up Tiny Art Show Kits from August 1-20.

Once you've brought your canvas home and created your masterpiece, bring it back to the library between August 21-September 3 to prepare it for showing. (R)

Kit Pickup between August 1-20

Children entering grades 1-5: at Youth desk.

Grade 6-adult: at Fiction/AV/Teen desk.



e-Newsletter Sign Up

Be in the know! Sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date programs, readers' advisory ideas, program videos, online resources, and more.

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Our social media channels continue to bring more news to you.



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Program Symbols

Register for programs at mppl.org/calendar. As we offer programs in various formats, we have program symbols to make it easier to identify these program types. Find the symbols below:

Registration required (R)

Virtual Programs (V)

Hybrid Programs (H)



South Branch Events

1711 W. Algonquin Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056
847-590-4090

Most of our programs at South Branch are presented in English and Spanish. | La mayoría de nuestros programas en la Extensión del Sur se presentarán en inglés y español.

Outdoor at RecPlex

Play & Learn | Jugar y Aprender

- FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 WITH AN ADULT
- Tuesdays in July and August
11:30 a.m.

Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish storytime, music, crafts, and play-based learning. (R)

Teen Volunteering

- FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12
- Mondays, July 11, August 8, 5 p.m.
Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours as you work for a good cause helping with community service projects. (R)

Family Bingo

- FOR ALL AGES

Nature Bingo | Bingo de la naturaleza

Wednesday, July 27, 6 p.m. (R) (V)

Astronomy Bingo | Bingo astronómico

Wednesday, August 31, 6 p.m. (R) (V)

Family Movie Night |

Noche de película

- FOR FAMILIES

Enjoy a movie night at the library!

Sing 2 (PG)

Friday, July 29, 5 p.m. (R)

The Mitchells vs the Machines (PG)

Friday, August 19, 5 p.m. (R)

Xochitl-Quetzal Aztec Dance

- FOR ALL AGES

Friday, July 15, 5 p.m.

Experience a journey into Mexico's ancient Aztec culture of music, song, and dance. (R)

Be a Beekeeper

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-3

Friday, August 12, 11 a.m.

Join us for a morning of fun honeybee activities. Learn about bees with a local beekeeper. (R)

420 Dempster, near the west entrance

LEGO® Mania

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-6

Wednesday, July 20, 5 p.m.

Create a masterpiece using our large collection of LEGO bricks! At the end of the program, we will display all LEGO creations at the library. (R)

Dissecting Owl Pellets |

Disección de bolitas de búho

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 1-6

Friday, August 5, 5 p.m.

Curious what barn owls eat? Put on your science gloves and dissect an owl pellet, an undigested "fur ball" that owls cough up after a meal. The library will provide all materials, limited to one set per family. (R)

Teen Escape Room: Where in the World?

- FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

Friday, July 8, 4 p.m.

Master thief Carmen Sandiego strikes once again. Put your sleuthing skills to the test, working with others to find out where this popular character is hiding before time runs out! (R)

Acrylic Pour Coasters |

Portavasos con acrílico vertido

- FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, August 24, 5 p.m.

Create unique coasters using the acrylic paint pouring technique. The library will provide a set of 4 coasters and paint. (R)

Teen Events • FOR GRADES 6-12 •

Snack Science: Ice Cream



• FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-8

Thursday, July 21, 3 p.m.

Join us as we learn about science through snacks! Let's discover how to make ice cream in a bag. No ice cream machine needed. (R)

Teen Book Café



Fridays, June 8 and August 12, 4:30 p.m.

Attention, book lovers! Join us as we share new books and recommend some of our favorites. Participants will pick out a free book to take home. (R)

Graphic Novel Book Club

• FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-8

Monday, July 25, 3 p.m.

Calling all fans of graphic novels and comics! Join us to chat about your favorite manga series. Let us know what your favorites are, and we'll introduce you to some of ours. (R)

Craft PROGRAMS

• FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

Each month we meet to get crafty and make something new with supplies from the library. (R)

Wizards Wands

Wednesday, July 13, 4 p.m.

Dot Art

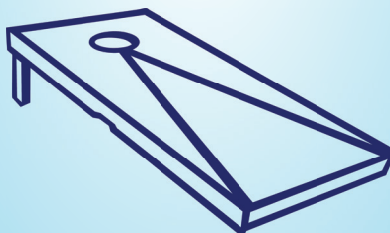
Thursday, August 4, 4:30 p.m.

Ready, Set, Game!

• FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 5-6

Wednesday, August 10, 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a variety of fun games and friendly competition. Try your hand at classics like bean bag toss or maybe discover a new favorite game. (R)



Think Tank

Teen

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

• July 27

• August 24

• FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

Do you love the library? This is your chance to join us to brainstorm and plan library programs that interest you. Add your voice to the group and recommend books, movies, video games, and more. (R)



Teen Volunteering @ Main Library

• FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

• Fridays, July 15 and August 19, 5 p.m.

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours as you work for a good cause helping with community service projects. (R)

Registration required. Program format or location may change, visit mppl.org for updates.

Youth Events

Super Saturday

• FOR ALL AGES

Istvan & His Imaginary Band

Saturday, July 30, 11 a.m.

When Istvan starts rocking, kids can't help but join in the fun! Istvan is a children's musician whose cool cleverly-crafted music appeals to kids and adults alike. His songs actively engage kids, encouraging them to sing along, dance, and play – and even make good choices. (R)

Ben's Bubble Show

Saturday, August 20, 11 a.m.

Pop over to the library for an interactive show featuring bubble magic, illusions, and sculptures. You will delight in small bubbles, big bubbles, and even see a person inside a bubble! Experience plenty of laughter and amazement during this wonder-inducing performance. (R)



New Dial-a-Story Selections

Friday, July 1
Monday, August 1

The library is here to read to you, wherever and whenever with Dial-a-Story. Call 847-232-8600 and follow the prompts to select what you'd like to hear.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.



In The Park Storytime Series

• FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Let's go on an adventure together and read across Mount Prospect! The library has partnered with the Mt. Prospect Park District to offer sessions at different parks throughout the summer. We'll have fun with interactive storytimes combining books, songs, and rhymes. (NR)

Sunset Park

603 S. Can-Dota Avenue
Friday, July 1, 10 a.m.

Prospect Meadows Park

1101 N. Forest Avenue
Wednesday, July 6, 6:30 p.m.

Meadows Park and Pool

1401 W. Gregory Street
Monday, July 11, 3:30 p.m.

Clearwater Park

1717 W. Lonquist Boulevard
Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m.

Lions Memorial Park

411 S. Maple Street
Thursday, July 28, 10 a.m.

Introduction to 3-D Printing

• FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, July 13, 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to create objects using digital-design computer software and a 3-D printer. We'll teach you how to use the software and submit designs to print. (R)



Book Discussion: *Wings of Fire*

• FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3-5

Thursday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.

Join fellow dragonet fans for a lively discussion of Book 1 in the *Wings of Fire* series, followed by hands-on dragon activities. Books available for checkout Monday, June 6. (R)

Meet Yasmin

• FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-2

Thursday, July 21, 2 p.m.

Yasmin is a creative thinker, curious explorer, and the subject of the series *Meet Yasmin* by Saadia Faruqi. Let's jump into this fun early reader series and get creative with crafts and activities all about Yasmin and her many adventures. (R)

Preschool Science Storytime

- FOR AGES 3-5

Tuesday, August 2, 10 a.m.

Learn all about simple machines and how they make our lives easier! We will read stories, do action rhymes, and learn the science behind levers, inclines, pulleys and more. (R)

Infant Massage

- FOR BABIES WITH PARENTS

Wednesday, August 3, 9:30 a.m.

Learn about infant massage while spending time bonding with your baby. There will be a brief presentation including the history and benefits of infant massage as well as a demonstration and practice of techniques to use with your infant. Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on. (R)

Family LEGO® Challenge

- FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 5 AND OLDER

Tuesday, August 9, 4:30 p.m.

How tall a tower can you build with LEGO bricks? How much weight could your LEGO bridge hold? Come choose a challenge and see how well your LEGO creation holds up! (R)

Ready, Set, Game!

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 5-6

Wednesday, August 10, 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a variety of fun games and friendly competition. Try your hand at classics like bean bag toss or maybe discover a new favorite game. (R)

Join Us at Pocket Park!

Family Storytime

- FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH FAMILIES

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26,
10:30 a.m.

Your friendly library presenters will bring you interactive storytimes combining books, songs, and rhymes. (R)

Together with Baby Storytime

- CHILDREN 0-23 MONTHS OLD WITH AN ADULT

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27,
9:30 a.m.

Connect with caregivers and library staff for an interactive and engaging session. Enjoy rhymes, books, songs, and fun ideas to help your little one learn and grow. (R)

Mini Movers Storytime

- TODDLERS, PRESCHOOLERS, AND FAMILIES

Saturday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fast-paced musical storytime for toddlers, preschoolers, and their families. With music, songs, and dramatic movement, we'll shake our sillies out at the park! (R)

STEAM with the Library: *Summer Splashtastic*

Learn about water with hands-on experiments! Come dressed to get a little wet for some summer fun. (R)

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, July 20, 4:30 p.m.

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-2

Wednesday, July 27, 4:30 p.m.

Family Book Club:

A Delicious Mystery

- FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-5 WITH AN ADULT

Thursday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.

Pack a picnic and join us as we share the **Aven Green** series by Dusti Bowling. You bring the food, and we'll provide the activities and a celebration of books perfect for family reading. Books will be available to check out after the program. No advance reading required. (R)

Evening Storytime For Families

Thursday, August 11, 7 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chairs and join us to wind down your day. Best suited for ages 3-7, but all are welcome. (R)

OUTDOOR Storytime Special

- FOR FAMILIES

Tuesday, August 16, 7 p.m.

Join us outdoors for a storytime special. Come dressed for a party as we act out the classic story **Bread and Jam for Frances** by Russell Hoban. We will "jam" out to some fun tunes and have a great time together in the park. (R)



Together with Baby Storytime

- FOR CHILDREN 0-23 MONTHS OLD WITH AN ADULT

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
11 a.m.

Connect with caregivers and library staff for an interactive and engaging session. Enjoy rhymes, books, songs, and fun ideas to help your little one learn and grow. (R)

Mini Movers Storytime (VIRTUAL)

- FOR TODDLERS, PRESCHOOLERS, AND FAMILIES

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 6 p.m.

Join us for a fast-paced musical storytime. With music, songs, and dramatic movement, we'll shake our sillies out and have lots of fun! (R) (V)

Family Storytime

- FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH FAMILIES

Mondays, July 11, 18, 25,
10:30 a.m.

Your friendly library presenters are here to bring you interactive storytimes combining books, songs, and rhymes. (R)

COMING THIS FALL!

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Join your friends, family, and neighbors and read the National Book Award finalist *The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami. Participate in community conversations, attend events with the author, join online programs, and more.
Funded by the Friends of the Library.

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• For all ages •

Adult Events

SCORE Mentoring (VIRTUAL)

Wednesdays, July 6, 20 and August 3, 17, 4-7 p.m.
Chicago SCORE retired volunteers with years of business experience are available to offer expert advice to local entrepreneurs and small business owners. (R) (V)

Drop-in Crochet and Knit Group

Thursdays, July 7 and August 4, 7-8:30 p.m.
This group meets the first Thursday of the month in the Second Floor Study Room 2A. Bring your latest knit or crochet projects and share your enthusiasm with other needlecrafters. *All experience levels are welcome!* (NR)

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk (VIRTUAL)

Wednesdays, July 27 and August 31, 6:30-8 p.m.
Need legal advice, but don't know where to start? Free legal consultations are available through a thirty-minute meeting with an attorney from Chokshi Filippone Law, LLC. (R) (V)

Technology Programs

Drop-in Virtual Reality

• FOR AGES 12+

Wednesdays, July 13, 27, 5-7 p.m.
Drop in and experience the excitement of virtual reality using Oculus Quest. Try games like *Beat Saber*, *Sports Scramble*, and more. (NR)

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m.
Learn how to cut the cord on cable TV to lower monthly bills. George Kontos of Marshmallow

Movies @ MPPL

Belfast

[2021; Rated PG-13;
98 minutes; Biography,
Drama, History]

*Starring Jude Hill,
Lewis McAskie,
Caitríona Balfe. Directed by Kenneth Branagh.*



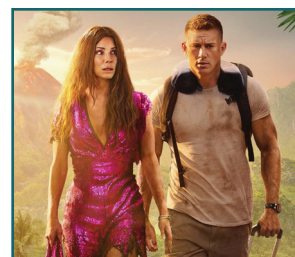
Thursday, July 14, 2 p.m.

A young boy and his working-class Belfast family experience the tumultuous late 1960s. (R)

The Lost City

[2022; Rated PG-13; 112 minutes;
Action, Adventure, Comedy]

*Starring Sandra Bullock,
Channing Tatum, Daniel
Radcliffe. Directed by Aaron Nee,
Adam Nee.*



Thursday, August 11, 2 p.m.

A reclusive romance novelist on a book tour with her cover model gets swept up in a kidnapping attempt that lands them both in a cutthroat jungle adventure. (R)

All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Streaming will cover streaming services, devices, home Wi-Fi basics, and indoor antennas. (R) (V)

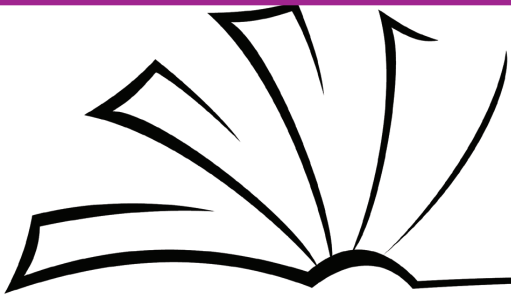
Open Tech Lab

Tuesday, August 16, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, 2-4 p.m.

Drop in and bring your questions about Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, email, or e-books. Our trained staff will help you troubleshoot problems, practice your skills, or work on a project. This is also a great time to find out about library services and e-media products. (NR)

Registration required. Program format or location may change, visit mppl.org for updates.



Book Groups

In-person book discussions are back in the library! We have expanded our sessions with new dates and times. Whether you're looking to dive deeper into a book with like-minded readers, discover new titles and authors through friendly conversations, or share your own experience, we've got something for everyone. All staff-led groups are designed to encourage insightful discussions.

Titles are available for checkout one month in advance of meeting date. Whenever possible, materials in print, e-book, and audiobook are provided as format options. Choose your title, choose your time, and let's get reading!

Which book group is right for me?

Looking for a deep dive into one featured title? Adult readers of all ages welcome!

Book Chat: Second Monday 7 p.m.



July 11,
7 p.m.
American Spy
by Lauren
Wilkinson



August 8,
7 p.m.
Queenie
Malone's
Paradise Hotel
by Ruth Hogan

Wednesday Morning Book Group: First Wednesday 11 a.m.



July 6,
11 a.m.
Eternal by
Lisa Scottoline

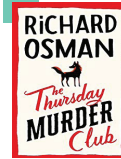


August 3,
11 a.m.
Dutch House
by Ann
Patchett

Wednesday Night Book Group: Third Wednesday 7 p.m.



July 20,
7 p.m.
The Last Thing
He Told Me by
Laura Dave



August 17,
7 p.m.
The Thursday
Night Murder
Club by
Richard
Osman

Are you in your 20s or 30s and looking to talk books with others in this age group?

Completely Booked: Bi-Monthly Third Tuesday 6 p.m.



August 16,
6 p.m.
Velvet Was the
Night by Silvia
Moreno-Garcia

Fun, casual discussions on adult and YA titles for those in their 20s & 30s. Meets in downtown Mount Prospect near the library.

Prefer to choose your own books, share your reactions with others, and hear about their faves? Everyone reads something different in these group book shares!

Tuesday Afternoon Book Share: Second Tuesday 1 p.m.

NEW! Meet in-person at MPPL

Let's Talk Books: Fourth Tuesday 7 p.m.

Sign on via Zoom.



The Glorious Arts: The Culmination of Chicago as an Arts Mecca

Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m.

Chicago's identity as a town of reinvention after the Great Fire was established

in many ways, through commerce, theatre, tourism, and of course, architecture. Historian Clarence Goodman will recount the quiet and steady growth of fine arts – painting, sculpture, photography, and public art – and museums in which to show these treasures. (R)

Kickstart Your German Research (HYBRID)

Tuesday, July 12, 7 p.m.

A large percentage of people in the United States can claim German ancestry. Certified genealogist Teresa McMillan, will offer historical background, naming patterns, and guidelines for German family history research. Discussion revolves around historical German geography, migration trends, and tips on using American sources to find an ancestor's town of origin. This talk will help get you started in uncovering your family's history. *This program will be presented both in-person inside the library and virtually via Zoom.* (R) (H)

30 Reads in 30 Minutes: Beach Reads

Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m.

In just 30 minutes, book loving staff will share summer escapes for your next physical or mental beach trip! From twisty thrillers to butterfly-inducing romances to immersive slices of history, we'll have engaging, page-turning reads for all readers. (R)



Create A Mini Faux Terrarium

Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m.

Adult crafters and DIY enthusiasts are invited to create a mini faux succulent terrarium. The library will provide all materials and instructions. *No green thumb required!* (R)

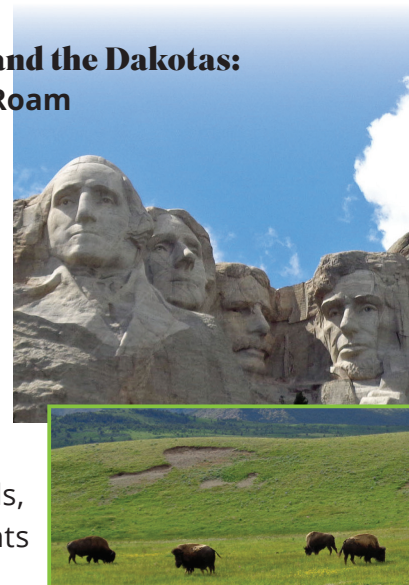
Parks of Montana and the Dakotas: Where the Buffalo Roam

Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Take an armchair tour with Nancy McCully to learn about the wide-open spaces where the buffalo still roam.

Discover the Badlands, see the four presidents carved into Mount

Rushmore, and tour the majestic mountains of Glacier National Park. Learn about frontier legends like Lewis and Clark, Theodore Roosevelt, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull. (R)



• FOR AGES 18+

Spend your night off playing tabletop games with other gaming enthusiasts! Games will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. All experience levels welcome! (R)

PARKS - Monday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Ticket to Ride - Monday, August 15, 7 p.m.

Tour of the Bahá'í House of Worship (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m.

The Bahá'í Temple in Wilmette, Illinois is one of only eight continental Bahá'í Houses of Worship in the world; the only one in North America. It was voted one of the seven wonders of Illinois in 2009. Why was it built in Wilmette? How was it made? How long did it take to build? Can anyone go inside? What are the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith? Temple Coordinator Ellen Price will answer these questions and more during this presentation that includes video footage, photos, and live Q&A. (R) (V)



Top Ten Questions

Investors Should Ask Their Financial Planner (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.

Understanding which financial professional to turn to for advice can be overwhelming and confusing, especially when it comes to the areas of insurance and investing. Financial Planning Association past National Chairman Ed Gjertsen II CFP® will provide essential questions and insights to help you evaluate and vet those entrusted with your financial life. (R) (V)

Provided by Business Interest Group (BIG), a network of Chicagoland libraries with an interest in business programming.



Chicago Roller Skating History (VIRTUAL)

Wednesday, August 3, 7 p.m.

Roll down memory lane with author and Chicago roller skating historian Marcie Hill as she discusses 140-plus years of Chicago roller skating history. Starting with the first rink in the 1880s, she

highlights Chicago's role in the great phenomenon, including Chicago firsts, classism and racism, and the staying power of the world's most popular sport and leisure activity. A recollection for some and a history lesson for others. (R) (V)





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South Branch: 847-590-4090

Chat: bit.ly/MPPLlivechat

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Online: mppl.org/contact-us

Main Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.–6 p.m.

South Branch Hours

Monday – Friday: 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
2nd Saturday of the month:
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 18, 7 p.m.



Friends Summer Book Sale

Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 31, 12-5 p.m.

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



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Foundation News

The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation is planning for new cultural and educational programs, as well as fun events, for the fall and winter. Keep an eye open for our Fantastic Fall Raffle and more. Check the library website for program information. Interested in volunteer opportunities? Contact us at mpplfoundation.org for more information.

The Main Library and South Branch will be closed on Monday, July 4.

The Main Library will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 22.