



Preview

News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

January/February 2012



February 17 Is Random Acts of Kindness Day

It is a straightforward concept: do something for someone without expecting anything in return. Help spread a little bit of goodwill by performing a random act of kindness for a friend or stranger.

There are many simple ways you can make someone's day better:

- * Give directions to someone who is lost.
- * Offer a couple of hours of free babysitting.
- * Give the elderly the gift of music—arrange to play music or sing at a local nursing home.
- * Let somebody go ahead of you in line, especially a parent with small children.
- * Let the manager know that a clerk or waiter was particularly helpful.
- * Pay the toll for the car behind you.
- * Shovel a neighbor's driveway and sidewalk.
- * Give your extra coupons to the person behind you in line.
- * Return an errant shopping cart.
- * Praise a coworker.
- * Let someone else have the closer parking spot.
- * Leave change in the vending machine.
- * Offer a handyman a beverage.
- * Bring in your neighbor's recycling bin.
- * Return lost belongings to the owner.

"Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty."
—Anne Herbert



"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

—Scott Adams, cartoonist



"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

—Mark Twain



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

—Aesop



"Choose being kind over being right, and you'll be right every time."
—Richard Carlson



Be the Next New Business Success Story

The Village of Mount Prospect has created a program to attract new small businesses to Mount Prospect. This initiative focuses on resources that include education, mentoring, and marketing opportunities. There are also financial incentives for businesses interested in a downtown location.

The Village has enlisted the Library, Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Merchants Association to assist in creating a well-rounded program designed to provide counsel and guidance to help new business owners achieve success. The Library component includes engaging experts to speak about key business topics as well as introducing entrepreneurs to Library resources available to help them

Be sure to register

to attend the new business orientation session on Tuesday, January 24—call Clare O'Shea at 847/818-5312.

develop a business plan and generate leads.

The Village has scheduled an orientation session for Tuesday, January 24. Anyone interested in establishing a new business in Mount Prospect should contact the Village's Senior Planner, Clare O'Shea, at 847/818-5312 or coshea@mountprospect.org, to receive more information and register for the upcoming orientation.

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The Main Library will be closed:

Sunday, January 1
for New Year's Day

South Branch will be closed:

Monday, January 2

What Are You Reading?

We want to hear from you—tell us what you are reading!

Be a part of Mount Prospect's Winter Reading challenge by reading something (almost anything) and completing a raffle slip. You'll automatically be entered into our raffle drawing for gift cards and more.

No reading logs. You choose what you want to read or ask us for a suggestion.

It couldn't be easier.

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 1—Wednesday, February 29



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, 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 MPPL card when registering. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

Harper College Information Night: Back to School 101 for Adult Learners

Monday, January 9, 4-7 p.m.

Are you considering starting or returning to college? Changing careers? Lifelong learning? Meet with Harper College representatives to learn about both credit and noncredit programs, how to have a successful college experience, and how to achieve your educational goals. Harper's representatives will work with you one-on-one to help you get started. It's not too late; spring registration is underway. *No appointment necessary.* Drop in anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. (NR)

The Ultimate Diet Makeover

Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m.

Revamp your diet from breakfast to dinner, including tips for eating out. Registered, licensed dietitian Joan Schwaba will teach you nutritious ways to eat on the run and discover how to successfully change your eating habits forever. The goal is to improve and increase the nutrients in your diet, give you more energy, and make you feel fabulous. (R)

Conquering Clutter for a Less Stressful Life

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to control clutter and organize your living spaces. Professional Organizer Randy Wickstrom will teach you how to assess your organizing needs and apply professional organizing principles that will help you clear clutter, reduce stress, save time and money, and accomplish more. (R)

Recommended Health Websites

Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Make sure that the health information you are reading online can be trusted. Let Reference Librarians Anne Shaughnessy and Steven Browne show you how to find accurate and reliable health information using the Internet. This program will take place in the Computer Training room. **Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended.** *Space is limited to 13.* (R)

Selling on eBay and Amazon—The Basics

Monday, January 23, 7 p.m.

Learn how to sell your stuff to the millions of people shopping on eBay and Amazon. Jack Waddick, successful Internet entrepreneur with over 3,500 eBay and Amazon transactions, will share his step-by-step plan for getting started. This fun and informative session will include real-time demos on eBay and Amazon as well as time for your questions. No technical mumbo jumbo...everyone is welcome! (R)

Computer Learning Lab: E-mail, Internet, and Office 2007

Wednesday, January 25, 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29, 4-6 p.m.

Have you taken a computer class but still have questions? Get answers during this open lab where a computer trainer will be available to answer your specific questions about any one of the topics covered in our regular computer classes: E-mail, Internet, Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Use this time (and our computers) to practice skills or work on a project with the confidence that a tutor is available to help you. *No registration required*; stop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. (NR)

Getting to “You’re Hired” Workshop

Monday, January 30, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

This full-day workshop, presented by Illinois workNet, will focus on effective techniques for getting a job in today's market. Receive expert guidance on writing résumés and cover letters that get results. You will then learn how to prepare for the interview, review common interview questions, and learn effective ways to answer them. Mock interviews and "elevator speeches" will be conducted to practice your newfound skills. The scheduled lunch break is on your own. (R)

Handmade Cards and More for Valentine's Day

Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.

Create sweet sentiments and treats for your sweetie! Papercrafting expert Tina Gary will help you use paper, stamps, punches, and other personal touches to show those you love how much you care. Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick; all other supplies are



Preschool/Child Care Information Night

Tuesday, January 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Attention, all parents! Here is a great opportunity for you to talk with directors and teachers of Mount Prospect preschools and child care centers. The open house format of the evening allows you to ask questions and learn more about early childhood programs and services available to your family. *No registration is necessary*, so bring your friends! (NR)

included in the *\$10 nonrefundable material fee*. For participants 16 years and older. Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Chocolate Truffles a la Morkes

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

Chocolatiers from Morkes Chocolates in Palatine will share their tricks for making cream-filled, mouthwatering truffles. Participants will fill five chocolate shells and decorate them with striping, dusting, and transfer sheets. **A \$10 nonrefundable fee includes all materials plus your five truffle creations to take home.** Space is limited. Stop by the Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online and phone registration are not available). Payment is due at registration. (R)

Parenting Conversations: Digital and Drug Safety

• FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN 4TH-12TH GRADE

Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.

The world our children are growing up in is very different than the one we knew when we were their age. They are confronted with a whole new set of choices and challenges, including cyberbullying, sexting, and the use of both legal and illegal drugs. Representatives from the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the

Robert Crown Center will answer your questions and teach you how to talk with your children about using technology responsibly and avoiding substance abuse to ensure their safety and happiness. (R)

Outlook and Opportunities: Smart Financial Decisions in a Volatile Market

Monday, February 13, 7 p.m.

Brian Hamm, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, will discuss the current market conditions and how political, economic, and cultural forces shaping our markets can affect an investor. (R)

The Triumph of Artemisia

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

Interweaving original songs, words, and visuals, Linda M. Smith uses her musical talent to bring the story of Italian artist Artemisia Gentileschi to life. Painting during the post-Renaissance era, Artemisia was the first woman accepted into Florence's Academy of the Arts of Drawing and the first woman to make a living solely by the brush. Highly criticized for exercising her creative talent in a male-dominated field, she triumphantly produced famous works depicting strong biblical and mythical women. Her Judith paintings inspired New York bestselling author Susan Vreeland's novel, *The Passion of Artemisia*. (R)

Bariatric Surgery for Weight Loss: Is It Right for You?

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

The decision to have bariatric surgery is a life-changing decision. Weight loss surgery for morbid obesity is not a cosmetic procedure; it is the opportunity for a new and healthy lifestyle. Dr. Paul Guske, a surgeon from Suburban Surgical Care Specialists/KaneCenter, will discuss three different types of bariatric surgeries: Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass, Gastric Sleeve Gastrectomy, and the Adjustable Lap Band. (R)

Jump Start Your Business: Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter

Thursday, February 23, 8:30 a.m.

Social media can be an effective tool for business development, job searches, and the quest for strategic alliances. Norbert Barszczewski of JP NetQuest will explain how to use Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter for professional purposes. Topics include profile optimization, best practices, time management, advertising, and legal aspects of using social media at work. Tips and successful local business case studies will be discussed with ample time for questions and answers. (R)

iPad and Kindle Fire: What's So Cool About Tablets

Monday, February 27, 7 p.m.

Filling the gap between a smartphone and a laptop is the tablet. Jack Waddick will demonstrate the two most popular tablet devices on today's market: the Apple iPad and the new Amazon Kindle Fire. These two cutting-edge tablets will amaze and delight you with their thousands of applications spanning business, education, entertainment, finance, games, healthcare, news, sports, travel, and more. Waddick has a knack for explaining technology and always allows plenty of time for questions. (R)

Transform Your Space: A Fresh New Look at a Fraction of the Price

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

Rather than spend money on new home décor items, try redesigning your rooms using your own cherished furnishings and accessories. Learn how to envision your space differently to give your room a fresh new look without spending a fortune. Sue Burky of Redesign EXPRESS will use before and after photos to explain budget-friendly design concepts that you can try at home. (R)

What's in store for

2012

The New Year offers a fresh start and also several new rules you may want to note:

Illinois Seat Belt Law

Buckle up! Effective January 1, 2012, all passengers, regardless of age or location in the vehicle, will be required to be secured in a seat belt or an appropriately approved child restraint system.

Post Office

You may want to stock up on Forever stamps—effective January 22, 2012, the cost to mail a standard letter will increase 1 cent to 45 cents, and the cost to mail a postcard will increase 3 cents to 32 cents. The price for first class priority mail and several other shipping methods is also increasing. Visit www.usps.com for details.

Treasury Bonds

As of January 1, 2012, paper bonds will no longer be available at your local bank. But savings bonds, introduced in 1935, are not going away. Electronic savings bonds in Series EE and I will remain available for purchase through TreasuryDirect®, where investors have been purchasing savings bonds, available 24/7, since 2002.

Taxes

The IRS announced that several new changes would be in effect for tax year 2012. Some of the changes include:

- Personal and dependent exemptions will increase by \$100 to \$3,800.
- Standard deductions will increase, including a \$300 increase for married couples filing jointly.

These changes do not affect 2011 federal income taxes that are due **April 17, 2012**. The due date is April 17, instead of April 15, because April 15 is a Sunday and April 16 is the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia.

Leap Year

February has 29 days this year. The extra day is added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the earth's rotation around the sun. Leap year happens approximately every

four years. Specifically, the extra day is added to every year that can be evenly divided by the number four unless that year can also be evenly divided by 100, in which case it is only a leap year if it can also be evenly divided by 400.

2012 Milestones

The year 2012 is notable for many milestone anniversaries: the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic, and the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. *Chase's Calendar of Events 2012* highlights 1,400 historical anniversaries, including:

200 YEARS AGO

- Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.
- *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, was first published in Germany.

- Louisiana was admitted to the Union as the 18th state.

- The first pencil factory opened in Concord, MA.

100 YEARS AGO

- The initial gift of 3,020 cherry trees from Tokyo, Japan to Washington, DC. (The first gesture of friendship was in 1910 when the mayor of Tokyo gave 2,000 trees, but those trees were destroyed after being suspected of disease.)

- Julia Child was born in Pasadena, CA.

- New Mexico was admitted to the Union as the 47th state and Arizona as the 48th.

- The National Biscuit Company introduced Oreos.

50 YEARS AGO

- US Navy established the first SEAL special operations teams.

- Astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth.

- The Incredible Hulk made his Marvel comics debut.

- The first K-Mart and the first Wal-Mart stores opened.

For more fascinating facts, special days, weeks, and months, stop by the Library to flip through the latest edition of *Chase's Calendar of Events*.

Senior Session

Helping Seniors Avoid Home Selling and Home Buying Pitfalls

Tuesday, January 17, 1:30 p.m.

Buying or selling a home involves a complicated set of both emotional and financial issues, particularly for senior citizens. Dale Tippet of Allied Realty Corporation, a Mainstreet Organization of Realtors' Senior Services Task Force member, will provide information about the unique challenges facing home sellers over the age of 50. He will address the process of evaluating a property's value, ways to improve a home's saleability, market conditions, and more. (R)

Roads That Lead to Lincoln: Honest Abe on Illinois' Historic Highways

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

David Clark will discuss the lasting impact Lincoln had on Illinois and our culture by tracing Lincoln's journey from his 1830's arrival in Illinois until his departure for Washington, DC, in 1861. This visual tour will follow Route 66, the eighth Judicial Circuit, the Great River Road, and the Lincoln Highway in search of historic sites and what they reveal about the life of Abraham Lincoln. (R)

LIBRARY LIFE

January

What Are You Reading?
Winter Reading Program

Illinois Women of the Civil War

SUPER Saturday!:

Jim Gill's Family Room Concert



February

Bringing Family History to Life: *The Stories We Could Tell*

Teen Advisory Board

SUPER Saturday!:

Magic Storyteller Chris McBrien

Features subject to change.

AVAILABLE ON
www.mppl.org

BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

Food for Thought



Girl in Translation

by Jean Kwok

Wednesday, January 4, 1 p.m.

Emigrating with her mother from Hong Kong

to Brooklyn, Kimberly Chang begins a secret double life as an exceptional schoolgirl during the day and sweatshop worker at night, an existence also marked by her first crush and the pressure to save her family from poverty. *Selected as a Suburban Mosaic Book of the Year.*



We Need to Talk About Kevin

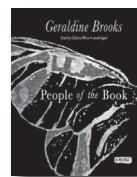
by Lionel Shriver

Wednesday, February 1, 1 p.m.

Eva never really wanted to be a mother—

and certainly not the mother of the unlovable boy who murdered nine people two days before his sixteenth birthday. Now, two years later, it is time for her to come to terms with marriage, career, family, parenthood, and Kevin's horrific rampage. *Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction.*

Coffee, Books, & More



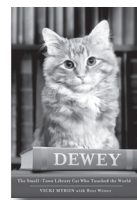
People of the Book

by Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, January 18, 10 a.m.

A young Australian book conservator is called

to analyze a priceless six-hundred-year-old Jewish prayer book that has been salvaged from a destroyed Bosnian library. When she discovers a series of artifacts in the centuries-old binding, she unwittingly exposes an international cover-up.



Dewey: The Small-town Library Cat Who Touched the World

by Vicki Myron

Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m.

When a half-frozen kitten is discovered by a librarian in the drop-box of her small-community Iowa library, the cat becomes both a beloved mascot and a source of pride for a farming town pulling its way slowly back from crisis.

Coffee & Conversation

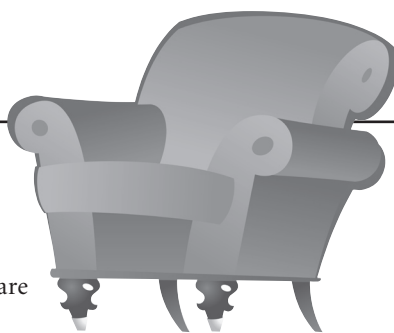
Coffee & Conversation, MPPL's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views. This moderated discussion strives to encourage greater understanding of diverse viewpoints and offers a venue where people can participate in honest discussion. The evening's coffee is generously provided by Starbucks Coffee, Mount Prospect. (R)

Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Population—In 1960, the world's population is about 3 billion people. In 2011, world population is approaching 7 billion. Where are all these people? Will population continue to grow? How many people can the earth sustain?

Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Overfishing—Over three-quarters of the earth is covered by oceans. Overfishing can lead not only to the depletion of a sustainable resource but also to the disruption of entire ecosystems. Are the oceans big enough to recover on their own? Are there choices we can make at an individual level to help protect our ocean resources?



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MOVIES AND MORE

Movies @ MPPL



The Help

[2011; Rated PG-13; 145 minutes; Drama] Starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Bryce Dallas Howard, Sissy Spacek, Cicely Tyson. Directed by Tate Taylor.

Wednesday, January 4, 7 p.m.*

Thursday, January 12, 1 p.m.

Based on a #1 New York Times best-selling book by Kathryn Stockett, *The Help* takes place in racially divided Mississippi during the 1960s. Skeeter is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer but turns her friends' lives—and a small Mississippi town—upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Aibileen, Skeeter's best friend's housekeeper, is the first to open up, to the dismay of her friends in the tight-knit black community. Despite Skeeter's lifelong friendships hanging in the balance, she and Aibileen continue their collaboration and soon more women come forward to tell their stories. As it turns out, they have a lot to say. (R)

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



Midnight in Paris

[2011; Rated PG-13; 94 minutes; Comedy] Starring Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Michael Sheen, Kathy Bates, Adrien Brody. Directed by Woody Allen.

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

Thursday, February 9, 1 p.m.

A young couple, engaged to be married, tags along on a family business trip to Paris—a trip that ends up changing their lives. During the young man's midnight strolls, he is magically transported to different eras in Paris' history wherein he meets some of the great artists of the time, including Cole Porter, Ernest Hemingway, Picasso, Edgar Degas, and Gertrude Stein. These nightly encounters instill a passion for the city and lead to the realization that the man and his fiancée are on different paths. (R)

Movie Discussion

American Splendor

[2003; Rated R; 101 minutes; Comedy/Drama] Starring Paul Giamatti, Hope Davis. Directed by Shari Springer Berman, Robert Pulcini.

Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m.

American Splendor is the story of a little-known working-class everyman and first-class curmudgeon, Harvey Pekar. Pekar finds love, family, and a creative voice through the underground comic books he creates but still can't manage to find the quicker supermarket checkout line. (NR)

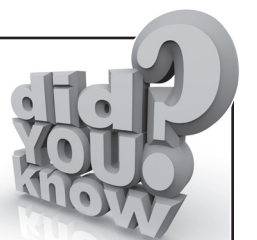
All That Jazz

[1979; Rated R; 123 minutes; Drama/Musical] Starring Roy Scheider, Jessica Lange, Ann Reinking. Directed by Bob Fosse.

Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m.

Bob Fosse tells this semi-autobiographical story about his life and career as a dancer, choreographer, and director. Fosse's alter ego, Joe Gideon, a womanizing, drug-using dancer, drives himself over the edge and is soon caught between a recurring fantasy about his death and the reality of a near-death experience. Even while dying, he creates some great dancing. (NR)

Movies @ MPPL Trivia:



Are you up to a challenge?

In *Midnight in Paris*, the main character is magically transported back to the 1920s where he encounters many of the famous cohorts of the Lost Generation and the artists of the Belle Époque. Watch the movie and see if you can pick out:

- ☐ COLE PORTER
- ☐ ERNEST HEMINGWAY
- ☐ F. SCOTT AND ZELDA FITZGERALD
- ☐ JOSÉPHINE BAKER
- ☐ JUAN BELMONTE
- ☐ ALICE B. TOKLAS
- ☐ GERTRUDE STEIN
- ☐ PABLO PICASSO
- ☐ DJUNA BARNES
- ☐ SALVADOR DALI
- ☐ MAN RAY
- ☐ LUIS BUÑUEL
- ☐ T.S. ELIOT
- ☐ HENRI MATISSE
- ☐ LEO STEIN
- ☐ HENRI DE TOULOUSE-LAUTREC
- ☐ PAUL GAUGUIN
- ☐ EDGAR DEGAS

JANUARY

1 Library Closed for New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1

4 **FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book Discussion**, *Girl in Translation*
by Jean Kwok, Wednesday, January 4,
1 p.m. (NR) **A**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Help*
Wednesday, January 4, 7 p.m. **A****T**

5 Winter Storytime Lottery Ends
Thursday, January 5

7 Tales With Tails Registration Begins
Saturday, January 7 **V**

9 Harper College Information
Night: Back to School 101 for Adult
Learners, Monday, January 9, 4-7 p.m.
(NR) **A**

10 The Ultimate Diet Makeover
Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. **A**

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American Splendor
Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m.
(NR) **A**

12 MOVIES @ MPPL: *The Help*
Thursday, January 12, 1 p.m. **A****T**

14 SUPER SATURDAY: Magic
Storyteller Chris McBrien
Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. **V**

16 CHAT & CHEW & Skype!
Meet Avi, the Author of *Poppy*
Monday, January 16, 1-2:30 p.m. **V**

BOOK VOYAGERS: Snowy Day Fun
Monday, January 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m. **V**

17 SENIOR SESSION: Helping
Seniors Avoid Home Selling and
Home Buying Pitfalls
Tuesday, January 17, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Open Storytime
Tuesday, January 17, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

**Conquering Clutter for a Less
Stressful Life**, Tuesday, January 17,
7:30 p.m. **A**

18 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
January 18, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE Discussion
People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
Wednesday, January 18, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

Recommended Health Websites
Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m. **A**

19 Open Storytime, Thursday,
January 19, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

Regular Library Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.

20 Open Storytime, Friday,
January 20, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

Friends Book Sale Members Only Night
Friday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Population
Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

21 Friends Book Sale, Saturday,
January 21, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

22 Friends Book Sale, Sunday,
January 22, noon-4:30 p.m.

23 Selling on eBay and Amazon—
The Basics, Monday, January 23,
7 p.m. **A**

24 Open Storytime, Tuesday,
January 24, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

Preschool/Child Care Information Night
Tuesday, January 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

25 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
January 25, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

**Computer Learning Lab: E-mail,
Internet, and Office 2007**
Wednesday, January 25, 4-6 p.m. (NR) **A**

26 Open Storytime, Thursday,
January 26, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

27 Open Storytime, Friday,
January 27, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

28 Duct Tape Creations, Saturday,
January 28, 2-4 p.m. **T**

30 Getting to “You’re Hired”
Workshop, Monday, January 30,
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. **A**

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, January 30, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (NR) **T**

31 Open Storytime, Tuesday, January
31, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

**Handmade Cards and More for
Valentine’s Day**, Tuesday, January 31,
7:30 p.m. **A** \$10 fee

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

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at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675.

FEBRUARY

1 What Are You Reading? Winter
Reading Program, February 1-29

Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle
February 1-12

Open Storytime, Wednesday, February 1,
9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book Discussion, *We Need to Talk About Kevin*
by Lionel Shriver
Wednesday, February 1, 1 p.m. (NR) **A**

**Click & Create: Computer Animation
for Kids**, Wednesday, February 1,
4:30-5:30 p.m. **V**

MOVIES @ MPPL: *Midnight in Paris*
Wednesday, February 1, 7:30 p.m. **A****T**

2 Open Storytime, Thursday,
February 2, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

3 Open Storytime, Friday, February 3,
10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

5 Wii Play Video Games, Sunday,
February 5, 1-2:30 p.m. or
3-4:30 p.m. **V**

7 Open Storytime, Friday, February 7,
10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

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10, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

**HAZLO & LLEVATELO: Corazones y
Creaciones/ MAKE & TAKE: Hearts &
Crafts**, Friday, February 10,
11 a.m.-3 p.m. (NR) **V** **SB**

CREATE-A-CRAFT: Hearts & Crafts
Friday, February 10, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(NR) **V**

11 Friends “Cookbooks Only” Sale
Saturday, February 11,
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**SUPER SATURDAY: A Musical
Adventure, Wiggleworms-style!**
Saturday, February 11, 11-11:45 a.m. **V**

**HAZLO & LLEVATELO: Corazones y
Creaciones/ MAKE & TAKE: Hearts &
Crafts**, Saturday, February 11,
11 a.m.-3 p.m. (NR) **V** **SB**

13 Outlook and Opportunities:
Smart Financial Decisions in a
Volatile Market
Monday, February 13, 7 p.m. **A**

14 Open Storytime, Tuesday,
February 14, 6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

The Triumph of Artemisia
Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. **A**

15 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
February 15, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE Discussion,
*Dewey: The Small-town Library Cat
Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron,
Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m. (NR) **A**

Mad Scientists Club, Wednesday,
February 15, 4:30-6 p.m. **V**

16 Open Storytime, Thursday,
February 16, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

Regular Library Board Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m.

17 Open Storytime, Friday,
February 17, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

Spanish Storytime
Friday, February 17, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) **V**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Overfishing
Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m. (NR) **A**

18 Game On! Wii and Xbox 360
Saturday, February 18, 2-4 p.m. **T**

20 Spring Storytime Lottery Begins
Monday, February 20

**CHAT & CHEW: *When You Reach Me*
by Rebecca Stead**, Monday, February 20,
1-2 p.m. **V**

**BOOK VOYAGERS: Signed, Sealed, and
Delivered!**, Monday, February 20,
4:30-5:30 p.m. **V**

21 SENIOR SESSION Roads That
Lead to Lincoln: Honest Abe on
Illinois’ Historic Highways
Tuesday, February 21, 1:30 p.m. **A**

Open Storytime, Tuesday, February 21,
6:30-7 p.m. (NR) **V**

**Bariatric Surgery for Weight Loss:
Is It Right for You?**
Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. **A**

22 Open Storytime, Wednesday,
February 22, 9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

23 JUMP START YOUR BUSINESS:
Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter
Thursday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. **A**

Open Storytime, Thursday, February 23,
9:30-10 a.m. (NR) **V**

24 Open Storytime, Friday,
February 24, 10:30-11 a.m. (NR) **V**

Spanish Storytime
Friday, February 24, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) **V**

27 Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, February 27, 4:30-
5:30 p.m. (NR) **T**

**iPad and Kindle Fire: What’s So Cool
About Tablets**
Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. **A**

28 Transform Your Space: A Fresh
New Look at a Fraction of the
Price, Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. **A**

29 Last Day for
“What Are You Reading?”
Wednesday, February 29

**Computer Learning Lab: E-mail,
Internet, and Office 2007**
Wednesday, February 29, 4-6 p.m. **A**

Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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Click & Create: Computer Animation for Kids

• FOR 4TH-6TH GRADERS

Wednesday, February 1, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Calling all young directors, artists, video game fans, and creative minds! Want to try your hand at creating simple animation, computer games, and music video—almost anything you can imagine? You can do all this and more with “Scratch”—an easy-to-use, fun and free program. *This program is reserved for MPPL cardholders.* (R)

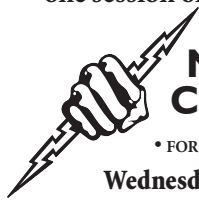
Wii Play Video Games

• FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

Sunday, February 5, 1-2:30 p.m. OR 3-4:30 p.m.

Get ready for some fierce competition with loads of racing, sports, and mini-

game challenges. We'll have multiple players set up on Wii, Xbox 360, and PlayStation 3 systems, some on big screens. *Each session is reserved for 16 MPPL cardholders. Please register for one session only.* (R)



Mad Scientists Club

• FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Wednesday, February 15, 4:30-6 p.m.

Mad about science? Join us for fun hands-on science explorations and even create an amazing project to take home. While Valentine's Day is one way of celebrating hearts—we'll be exploring how the human heart and other organs function (with working models!). *Space in the lab is limited to 24 Mount Prospect junior scientists, so register today!* (R)

SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

Magic Storyteller Chris McBrien

Saturday, January 14, 11-11:45 a.m.

Chicago magician and comedian Chris McBrien will amaze and amuse you! Using ventriloquism, puppetry, and illusion, he weaves together magic and storytelling for a truly unique show. Throw in Chris' comedic wit, and there is something for everyone! (R)

A Musical Adventure, Wiggleworms-style!

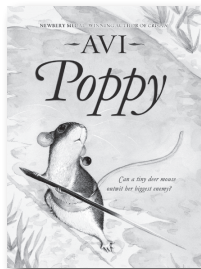
Saturday, February 11, 11-11:45 a.m.

Join Old Town School of Folk Music's Shanta Nurullah for an exotic trip to the great continent of Africa through poetry, chants, and the spellbinding sounds of musical instruments. *This program is sponsored by Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation in honor of African American Heritage month.* (R)

Chat & Chew

—for 4th-6th graders

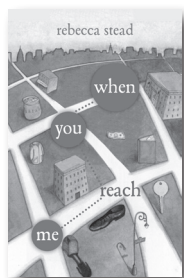
Chew on some good food while chatting about a great book! Spend an hour talking about favorite characters, villains, and story lines while participating in theme-related activities. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk. (R)



Skype With Avi, the Author of Poppy

Monday, January 16 1-2:30 p.m.

We are going to Skype with the author! Award-winning author Avi will visit us via webcam to talk about his childhood and what learning to be a writer was like for him. Here's your chance to ask him questions about *Poppy*, any of his other books, and whatever else you want to know! *This special program will run 90-minutes.*



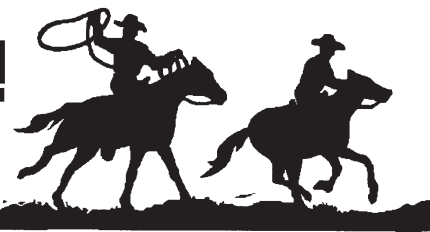
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Monday, February 20, 1-2 p.m.

By sixth grade, Miranda and Sal know where it's safe to go in their New York City neighborhood as well as whom to avoid. But then things start to unravel. Sal gets punched by a new kid for no reason, and the spare apartment key that Miranda's mom keeps hidden is stolen. Then Miranda finds a mysterious note scrawled on a tiny slip of paper: “I am coming to save your friend's life and my own.” As the notes keep coming, Miranda realizes that whoever is leaving them knows all about her—including things that haven't even happened yet.

HEY, COWPOKE!

stop in and share a book!



Open Storytime

Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10 a.m., Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under and their families are invited to attend these sessions that feature stories and songs. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three. These sessions run January 17 through February 24.* (NR)

Spring Storytime Lottery

From February 20-March 1, parents can register their children—birth through age six—for the spring storytimes. This session, with a variety of times and age groups, will run **March 12-April 20.** *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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Winter Storytime Lottery ends January 5!

Sesiones de Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytimes

Friday, February 17, 6-6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 24, 6-6:30 p.m.

Uno, dos, tres... ¡Ándale! Hurry on in to spend a fun half hour with your little ones, hearing stories, songs, and rhymes in Spanish. In addition to the laughs and enjoyment, kids will receive an activity to take home. *Best suited for children ages 3-7, but all are welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* (NR)



Tales With Tails

• FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

Thursdays, February 23-March 22, 7-8:15 p.m.

Do dogs like stories?

Here's your chance to find out. Readers may sign up for a 15-minute session for 5 consecutive dates to read to a specially trained dog. *This program is open only to Mount Prospect Public Library cardholders.* Please bring your Library card when signing up at the Youth Services Desk. **Registration for this program begins January 7.** (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. Limited to 30 voyagers. (R)

Snowy Day Fun

Monday, January 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered!

Monday, February 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

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

Hearts & Crafts

Friday, February 10, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Drop into Youth Services to make sweet cards and gifts for Valentine's Day.



YOUTH WINTER READING PROGRAM

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

February 1 ★ 29

We're rounding up good books! Mosey on over to the MPPL Ranch and tell us about your favorite reading adventures. Each time you do, you'll receive a small prize, plus be entered in a raffle for a chance to win weekly and/or grand prizes, including gift certificates to Barnes & Noble. The more times you enter, the more chances you have to win. *Participants may submit up to one raffle slip per day.*



Hey, pardner, join in the Scavenger Hunt!

Your favorite book characters—Ms. Frizzle, Pigeon, Cat in the Hat, and others—are hiding in Youth Services. Can you corral 'em for us? There's a prize waiting for you if you do!





Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

Please sign up for programs on the Internet at www.mppl.org, 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 MPPL card when registering. *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

DUCT TAPE CREATIONS



Saturday, January 28, 2-4 p.m.

We're rolling out the duct tape! Unleash your artistic talents and create clever duct tape inventions. Bags, wallets, flowers...you are only limited by your imagination. Bring your friends and your creativity; we'll provide the tools, nearly limitless rolls of colorful duct tape, and instructions. Snacks will be provided. (R)

Game On! Wii and Xbox 360

Saturday, February 18, 2-4 p.m.

A Wii, an Xbox 360, a big screen, your friends, and food — can you think of a better way to spend a cold February afternoon? Come to the Library for an afternoon of video games, snacks, and friendly challenges. All games are rated T for teens or E for everyone. (R)



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

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

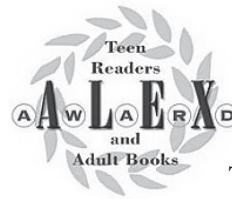
Monday, February 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

You can help decide what the Library offers teens—join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB, for short.) Come to a meeting to see what it is all about.

Work with our teen librarians to:

- help plan and volunteer at teen events
- discuss books, movies, music, and even video games
- post on the website and blog

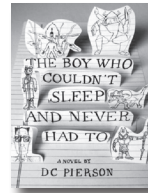
We meet once a month for an hour, and snacks are always served. It's a chance to have an impact on what's available at the Library for teens and earn volunteer service hours (always good for college applications.) (NR)



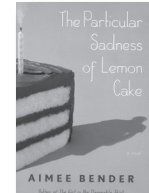
Great Adult Books With "Teen" Appeal 2011 Alex Award-winning Books

The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. The winning titles are selected from the previous year's publishing.

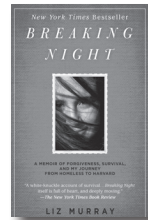
"This year's list runs the gamut of mystery, suspense, magical realism, adventure, and memoir," said Beth Gallaway, chair of the 2011 Alex Awards Committee. "Our selections are accessible to a wide range of ages and feature a mute, a zombie slayer, a family of vampires, a Chinese American immigrant, a homeschooler, and an insomniac—truly, there is something for everyone."



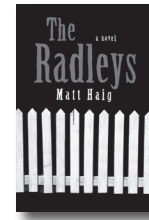
The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had To
by D.C. Pierson
AF PIERSON, D.



The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake
by Aimee Bender
AF BENDER, A.



Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey From Homeless to Harvard by Liz Murray
362.7409 MURRAY



The Radleys
by Matt Haig
AF HAIG, M.



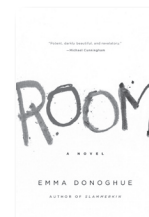
Girl in Translation
by Jean Kwok
AF KWOK, J.



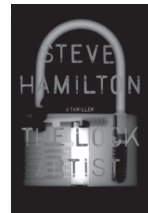
The Reapers Are the Angels by Alden Bell
AF BELL, A.



The House of Tomorrow
by Peter Bognanni
AF BOGNANNI, P.



Room: A Novel by Emma Donoghue
AF DONOGHUE, E.



The Lock Artist
by Steve Hamilton
MY HAMILTON, S.



The Vanishing of Katharina Linden
by Helen Grant
AF GRANT, H.



Green Mount Prospect

Helping You Save Energy and Money

We now have two ways for you to find energy leaks in your home: the Library is now loaning Kill A Watt meters and Minitemp Noncontact Thermometers.

The Kill A Watt meter will help you determine which appliances are costing you the most money. This simple plug-in meter can be used to monitor the kilowatt hours of electricity consumed by household appliances and electronics on a daily basis. You can determine which appliances are actually worth keeping plugged in and which ones

are worth replacing with more energy-efficient options.

The Minitemp Noncontact Thermometer is designed to detect heat leaks around doors and windows. Now that the colder weather has arrived, this device can help you determine where to add weather stripping or if a new window is necessary to keep heat from escaping your home.

These devices are made possible through the Mount Prospect Sustainability Education Program, presented in partnership with the Village of Mount

Don't forget...

The Library is no longer accepting batteries for recycling. Used household batteries may be dropped off at **Mount Prospect Public Works**, 1700 West Central Road, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Further



information can be found at www.mountprospect.org or by calling 847/870-5640.

Prospect and the Mount Prospect Public Library and funded through the U.S Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

Take control of your energy costs!

Get more information and pick up the devices at Research Services on the second floor. The loan period for each of these devices is one week.

For additional energy savings tips, read our Public Green blog.

THE UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

FEBRUARY 1-12

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation beginning Wednesday, February 1 through Sunday, February 12 for its sweetest event of the year, the Unbelievable

Chocolate Raffle. The event takes place in the lobby of the Library and features twelve sumptuous baskets designed for the chocolate lover in all of us.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets can be purchased from an

MPPL Foundation volunteer, or by inquiring at the Registration Desk. The drawing will be held on Sunday,

February 12 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Winners need not be present. All proceeds

ATTENTION,
CHOCOLATE LOVERS;
this one's for you!

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.



Raffle Ticket Info

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased from an MPPL Foundation volunteer, or by inquiring at the Registration Desk.



Friends Winter Used Book Sale

Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 22, noon-4:30 p.m.

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

Members Only Night

Friday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

This evening's sale is reserved for members of the Friends. To become a member, stop by Registration to complete a membership form.



Friends "Cookbooks Only" Sale

Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

If you love food and books, then this sale is for you! Stock your pantry with new recipes from our stellar collection of gently-used cookbooks.



South Branch Events



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Todos los niños tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto. / All children must be accompanied by an adult.

(R) Inscripción requerida. / Registration required.

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



¿Qué estás leyendo?—Programa de lectura de invierno de la Extensión de Sur

I-29 DE FEBRERO

¡Cuéntanos que estás leyendo! Toma parte en el programa de lectura de invierno de la biblioteca pública de Mount Prospect y por leer cualquier cosa de tu elección llena un boleto para entrar a una rifa. Tendrás oportunidad de ganar tarjetas de regalo. No usaremos hoja de registro de lectura y tú eliges que te gustaría leer o pregúntanos por sugerencias. ¡Más fácil no puede ser!

What Are You Reading?—South Branch Winter Reading Program

FEBRUARY 1-29

We want to hear from you—tell us what you are reading! Be a part of Mount Prospect's Winter Reading challenge by reading something (almost anything) and completing a raffle slip. You'll automatically be entered into our raffle drawing for gift card prizes. No reading logs. You choose what you want to read or ask us for a suggestion. It couldn't be easier.



Hazlo & Llévatelo: Corazones y Creaciones Make & Take: Hearts & Crafts (NR)

Friday, February 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• para niños de hasta 12 años de edad y sus familias

• for children up to 12 years old and their families

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

The South Branch will be closed on Monday, January 2.