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News and Information From Mount Prospect Public Library

March/April 2012

## 10 Trends for Fiction Readers

Whether you devour several books a week or savor one story for months at a time, you may have noticed similarities in books that are published, sold, borrowed, and read. Not all of these trends are new, but here are ten themes that reflect what Mount Prospect is reading.

**1. YOU REALLY LIKED *THE HELP*.** Kathryn Stockett's debut novel shows no sign of wearing thin, and many of you are looking for something just like it. *The Queen of Palmyra* by Minrose Gwin, *The Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew, and *Like One of the Family* by Alice Childress are just a few of the equally wonderful readalikes you've discovered.

**2. DON'T FENCE ME IN.** Genre-blending, in which elements of different types of stories are contained in a single book, is big. Your next read might include mystery, history, romance, humor, spy thriller, and a touch of magic or technology. As long as it fascinates, who cares about the label?

**3. WE'RE ALL YOUNG AT HEART.** Many adults are finding their way back to the Young Adult and Youth shelves for exciting, original, plot-driven stories. Fans of the *Harry Potter*, *Twilight*, and

*Hunger Games* series have learned that where a book is shelved doesn't limit its appeal.

**4. COLD, BLEAK, AND GRISLY.** International crime fiction didn't start with Stieg Larsson, but *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* has awakened a taste for the dark side. Not only are we hungry for Scandinavians Jo Nesbø, Lars Kepler, and Camilla Läckberg, but now we're expanding into other continents as well. Not for the faint of heart.

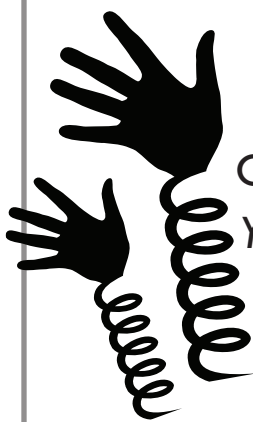
**5. BONNETS AND BUGGIES.** At the other extreme, Amish fiction now dominates the gentle reads and religious fiction markets. Yearning for the simple life? Here's your niche.

**6. PAST LOVES.** Historical romances have come roaring back into fashion, easily eclipsing contemporaries. Regency periods are the definite favorite as well as anything set in Scotland. More are incorporating adventure, humor, and even magic, so there can be something for everyone.

**7. DARK AND MYSTERIOUS.** Though gothic stories fell out of favor for a while, several new releases are exploring isolated settings, brooding atmospheres, and old secrets. Still in the early stages of a comeback, these

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books feature a romantic view with sinister elements.

**8. NOT AFRAID TO GO LITERARY.** You've shown that sometimes you are in the mood for complex, thought-provoking books. Haruki Murakami's *1Q84* and Booker Prize winner *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes are two examples of books that you have found to be intellectually stimulating.

**9. BASED ON THE BOOK.** We love to rediscover stories made into movies and TV. That's why we can't get enough of *A Game of Thrones* by Tatiana de Rosnay, *Sarah's Key* by George R. R. Martin, *Sherlock Holmes* stories, and *Castle* tie-ins.

**10. CROSSING FORMATS AND BACK AGAIN.**

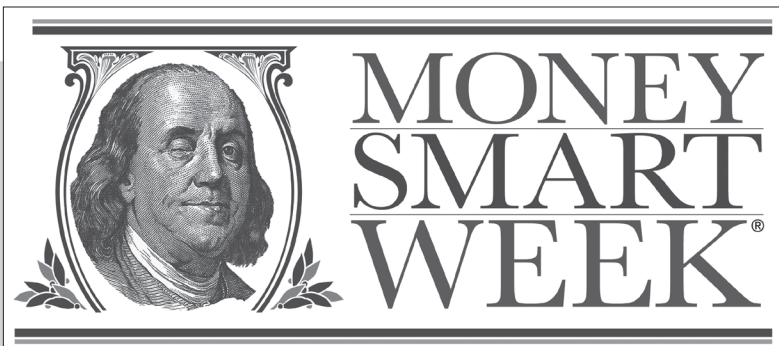
No list of trends would be complete without mention of how many of us have expanded into audiobooks and e-readers. We enjoy reading on our new gadgets, but print and audio are still in high demand, too.

See a trend that interests you? As always, we are happy to customize suggestions to your mood and taste. Contact a Readers' Advisor in person, by phone (847/590-4070), or online ([readers@mppl.org](mailto:readers@mppl.org)).

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**The Library will be closed:**  
Sunday, April 8 for Easter



Money Smart Week, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, is aimed at building financial knowledge so consumers can manage their money more effectively

and confidently. The week is filled with free area-wide workshops and activities designed to help people of all ages save, spend, and borrow wisely. In support of Money Smart Week,

## APRIL 21–28, 2012

the Library is hosting four seminars: *Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning*; *An Introduction to Morningstar's Online Investment Research Center*; *A Woman's Guide to Money Matters*; and *An Introduction to Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage*. See our *Money Smart Week* programs listings on page 7.



# 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). 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.*

## Tracing Your Italian Immigrant Family

**Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.**

Chicago became a destination for Italian immigrants in the 1850s. Between 1900 and 1930, the number of Italians in the city increased five-fold. This deep-rooted Italian presence has produced a wealth of resources to help you trace your family tree. Dan Niemiec, Italian genealogy correspondent for *Fra Noi* (Chicagoland's *Italian American Voice*), will share websites and techniques for unearthing information about your ancestors, either from Italy or other countries that have fed Chicago's rich ethnic heritage. (R)

## Facebook: A Beginner's Overview

**Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.**

Facebook and other social networks are about sharing information with family, friends, clubs, organizations, companies, and more. This presentation will introduce the basics of Facebook including tagging, friending, liking, the Wall, and essential privacy settings that let you control what information is shared with whom. Twitter and Google+ will also be briefly discussed. (R)

## Ageless Style

**Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.**

You can be fashionable, stylish, and age-appropriate! Learn how to

complement your body type and develop your own sense of style. Personal stylist Noelle Cellini will explain the rules of fit, showing examples of both good and bad choices, and teach you the basic pieces every woman should have in her wardrobe. Style does exist for real women with real bodies and real budgets. (R)

## Smart Shopping: Be an Informed Consumer

**Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.**

Don't waste your money on inferior products. Whether you are buying hiking boots or a laptop, learn which websites give you honest reviews. Our librarians will demonstrate Library resources, including *Chicago Consumers' Checkbook* and *Consumer Reports*, and present an overview of free websites, such as *ConsumerSearch*, *CNet*, *Kelley Blue Book*, and the *Better Business Bureau*. This program will be held in the Computer Training Room. *Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended. Space is limited to 13.* (R)

## MPPL FOUNDATION PRESENTS: An Irish Music Concert With Andy Young

**Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.**

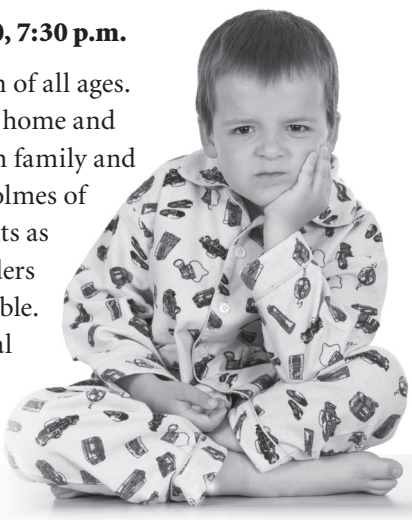
Never before have you heard anyone elicit such captivating sounds from a dulcimer like Andy Young. Young will play a selection of traditional Irish tunes from Ireland and Quebec as well as original songs on the hammered



## Sleep Problems and Solutions for Young Children

**Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Good sleep habits are important for children of all ages. Lack of sleep interferes with performance at home and school and can even affect relationships with family and friends. Join pediatrician Dr. Carissa Lee Holmes of Pediatrics Solutions, SC, in Arlington Heights as she discusses the most common sleep disorders in children and the treatment options available. Learn about normal sleep, the developmental needs for children, and how good sleep—or lack thereof—affects a child's development. (R)



dulcimer, Irish flute, tin whistle, and guitar. *The Irish American News* commented that Young's virtuosic hammered dulcimer "rewards you with some of the most intricate, fascinating melodies." *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events such as this concert.* (R)

## Computer Learning Lab: E-mail, E-books, and Office 2007

**Monday, March 26, 7-9 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 26, 4-6 p.m.**

Do you have questions about e-mail, e-books, Word, Excel, or PowerPoint? Use this time (and our computers) to get answers, practice skills, or work on a project with the confidence that

a tutor is available to help you. **No registration required; drop in anytime during lab hours.** *For help with e-books, please bring your e-reader and any necessary cords.* (NR)

## Spring Floral Design Class With Busse Flowers

**Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.**

Welcome spring into your home with a bright, inviting floral arrangement you put together yourself. Paul Seils of Busse's Flowers and Gifts will help you create an arrangement using a variety of fresh seasonal flowers and foliage. Class size is limited to assure that each student receives individual attention, so stop by MPPL's Registration Desk to reserve your spot (online registration is not available). *A \$15 nonrefundable materials fee is due at registration.* Please bring scissors, a small knife, or a pruner; all other materials are included. (R)

## Chicago Cougars: Professional Hockey in Mount Prospect

**Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m.**

At one time, Randhurst Mall was home to Randhurst Twin Ice Arena and hosted the World Hockey League playoffs between the Chicago Cougars and the Houston Aeros. What twist of fate brought the legendary Gordie Howe to Mount Prospect? The answer starts with a famous Olympic gymnast. Greg Peerbolte, Executive Director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society, will recount this humorous tale and share other fascinating historical tidbits in his next installment of Mount Prospect Stories. (R)

## CAREER & JOB SEARCH



## What You Always Wanted to Know About Recruiters

**Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.**

Recruiters are valuable allies in your job search campaign. Karen Evertsen, an experienced Talent Acquisition Leader and Career Strategist who has worked with major companies such

as AT&T, Allstate, and Motorola, will share insights into the world of recruiters. Learn about the different types of recruiters, how you can find them, and how they can find you. Discover the "hidden job market" for your employment search and what you can do to be noticed by recruiters and hiring managers. (R)

## Stimulate Your Job Search

**Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.**

Ann Garoon, a career coach with Harper College, will offer job seekers new techniques to incorporate into their career search strategies. She will share résumé tips, discuss the benefits of informational interviews and networking, and answer individual questions. She will also provide an overview of Harper's unique Career Stimulus Program that combines expert speakers with networking roundtables and breakout sessions on job hunting help and interview tips. This session will empower you to successfully take the next step in your career transition. *Participants should be comfortable with computers and Microsoft Excel.* (R)

## Health Care 411: The Affordable Care Act

**Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.**

Dr. Michael Unger will explain the federal Affordable Care Act and how it impacts the country's approach to health care and insurance. Topics to be covered include new regulations for insurance companies, extended coverage for children, employer requirements, and the upcoming Affordable Insurance Exchanges that enable the consumer to shop for insurance and compare health plans. (R)

## Resources for History Buffs

**Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m.**

If you love history or are researching a historical period, then you will want to learn more about our resources that provide access to primary source material. Librarians Steven Browne and Anne Shaughnessy will introduce you to exclusive online information as well as web resources that will help you uncover historical information about local, national, or international events. Resources include: *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, *Historical Chicago Tribune*, *Daily Herald Archives*, *Illinois Digital Archives*, and the *Library of Congress' American Memory* site. This program will take place in the Computer Training room. *Computer and keyboarding experience are recommended. Space is limited to 13.* (R)

## The Astonishing Monarch Butterfly

**Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.**

The Monarch butterflies' annual migration to the mountains of Mexico is one of the greatest natural phenomena in the insect world. Diane Hunter will serve as your guide as she takes you along these delicate winged insects' 2,500 mile journey where predators, freezing temperatures, strong winds, and other adverse conditions are encountered along the way. Diane will provide tips for raising Monarchs from egg to adult and releasing them for their winter migration to Mexico. She will also discuss which native plants are best suited for the various stages of the Monarch's life. *This program is cosponsored by the Mount Prospect Garden Club.* (R)

AND COMING IN MAY...

## A Taste of Mexico With Whole Foods Market

**Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.**

Join the team from Whole Foods Market to experience a fiesta of flavors from south of the border. Recipes and taste portions will be provided. *There is a \$2 nonrefundable fee due at registration, and space is limited.* Please sign up at the Registration Desk. (R)

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During National Library Week we will be celebrating the Library as a

place where we all belong by offering special programs and events that highlight the many different aspects of the Library. Stop in to spin our wheel for a chance to win an e-reader or gift cards to area businesses.

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## Navigate Life's Curves & Corners: Dealing With Change

**Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.**

Change comes at us in every stage of life: school, career, marriage/divorce, dealing with elderly parents, and health. Coping with life's transitions can be draining--even when the change is happily anticipated. International consultant and speaker Jerilyn Willin will help you discover what happens after a change takes place, how change can be less painful and confusing, and techniques to deal successfully with change and its effects. (R)

## Teen Challenge—Trivia and More

**Friday, April 13, 4-6 p.m.**

For teens in grades 6-12

*Be sure to register*—see complete program information on page 7.



## Learning to Use Picasa™

**PART 1: EDITING YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS**

**Monday, April 16, 7 p.m.**

*Picasa* by Google is a free software download that enables you to find, edit, and share your digital pictures. This class will cover basic concepts in digital photography (file formats, resolution, white balance) and give you hands-on experience with cropping, red-eye reduction, white-balance adjustment, and special effects using sample photos provided. *Mouse skills and previous Internet experience are required.* (R)

**PART 2: MANAGING AND SHARING DIGITAL PHOTOS**

**Monday, April 23, 7 p.m.**

Are your digital photos still on the memory card that came with your camera? Do you have so many photos stored on your computer that you can no longer find any of them? Bring order to your digital life by learning to create albums, export to a folder, as well as print and share your photos online using *Picasa*. Completion of *Picasa* Part 1 is highly recommended but not required. *Mouse skills, previous Internet experience, basic Windows file management knowledge (opening, saving, copying files), and a Google account are required.* (R)



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## Natural Lawn Care

**Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m.**

Choose to be more environmentally friendly by making the switch to natural lawn care. Traditional lawn care methods are extremely energy-intensive with their heavy reliance on fossil fuel products (fertilizers, pesticides, gas, etc.) Learn how to incorporate natural organic lawn care into your yearly maintenance plans with tips from environmental consultant Steve Pincuspy. Pincuspy will discuss eco-friendly methods and products to produce the lawn you want while saving energy and protecting the environment right outside your front door. (R)

## Green Ideas & Discussion

**Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Get together with your fellow Mount Prospect residents to discuss tips and strategies for going green. At this informal discussion, moderated by Library staff, you will discover library resources to help you live a more earth-friendly lifestyle while sharing some of your favorite "tips" for saving energy, protecting the environment, or repurposing obsolete items. (R)

*The Mount Prospect Sustainability Education Program is presented in partnership with the Village of Mount Prospect and the Mount Prospect Public Library and funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).*

## LIBRARY LIFE

### March

Reflections on a Referendum:  
Our Library 10 Years Later

Chocolate Truffles a la Morkes

**SUPER Saturday!:** A Musical  
Adventure *Wiggles*-style



### April

The Triumph of Artemisia  
Spring Floral Design Class  
with Busse Flowers

**SUPER Saturday!:**  
Dennehy Irish Dancers

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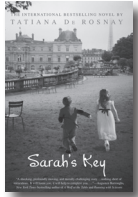
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## BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS

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

### Food for Thought



#### *Sarah's Key*

by Tatiana de Rosnay

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

On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942

roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, an American journalist embarks on an investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and to the ordeal of Sarah, a young girl caught up in the raid.



#### *Lark and Termite*

by Jayne Anne Phillips

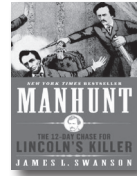
**Wednesday, April 4, 1 p.m.**

Set during the 1950s in West Virginia and

Korea, this is the story

of two children—Lark, on the verge of adulthood, and her brother, Termite, a child unable to walk and talk but filled with radiance—who grow up with their mother and aunt while their soldier-father fights for his life during the chaotic early months of the Korean War.

### Coffee, Books, & More

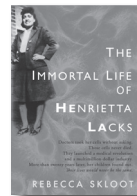


#### *Manhunt: The Twelve-day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*

by James L. Swanson

**Wednesday, March 21, 10 a.m.**

A fascinating and vivid account of the escape of John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln's assassin, takes readers along on the intensive search from the streets of Washington, D.C., through the swamps of Maryland, into the forests of Virginia, and into the lives of the men who pursued him.



#### *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

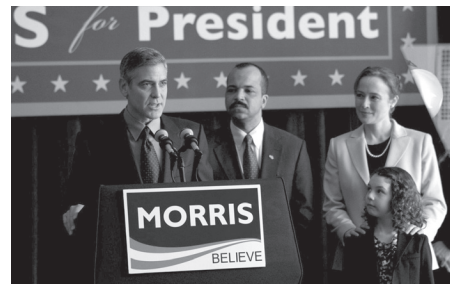
by Rebecca Skloot

**Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m.**

Many scientific and medical advances of the modern world have been made possible by cells taken from one African-American woman in 1951 without her knowledge or consent. This fascinating tale intertwines her story with that of her family's search for answers.

## MOVIES AND MORE

### Movies @ MPPL



#### *The Ides of March*

[2011; Rated R; 101 minutes; Drama]

*Starring Ryan Gosling, Paul Giamatti, George Clooney, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Marisa Tomei.*

*Directed by George Clooney.*

**Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 8, 1 p.m.**

During the last frantic days before a heavily contested Ohio presidential primary, an up-and-coming press secretary finds himself involved in a political scandal that threatens to upend his candidate's shot at the presidency. (R)



#### *The Descendants*

[2011; Rated R; 115 minutes; Comedy/Drama]

*Starring George Clooney, Shailene Woodley, Beau Bridges, Robert Forster, Judy Greer.*

*Directed by Alexander Payne.*

**Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 12, 1 p.m.**

Set in Hawaii, *The Descendants* is a sometimes humorous, sometimes

tragic journey of an indifferent husband and father of two girls, who is forced to reexamine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off of Waikiki. The event changes his relationship with his young daughters while he wrestles with a decision to sell the family's land, handed down from Hawaiian royalty and missionaries. (R)

### Movie Discussion

#### *Fury*

[1936; Not rated; 92 minutes; Drama]

*Starring Spencer Tracy, Sylvia Sydney.*

*Directed by Fritz Lang.*

**Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m.**

A once-decent man turns ruthless and bitter when he is falsely accused of a crime and becomes a target for a lynch mob. He escapes but refuses to let his survival be known so that his attackers can be charged with murder. (NR)

#### *Picnic at Hanging Rock*

[1975; Rated PG; 115 minutes; Drama]

*Starring Rachel Roberts, Vivean Gray, Anne-Louise Lambert.*

*Directed by Peter Weir.*

**Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.**

On Valentine's Day in 1900, a party of girls from a strict boarding school in Australia goes on a day's outing to Hanging Rock, a geological outcropping not far from their school. Three of the girls and one of their teachers disappear into thin air. One of them is found a week or so later but can remember almost nothing. The others are never found. (NR)

## Senior Session

### Understanding Social Security

**Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m.**

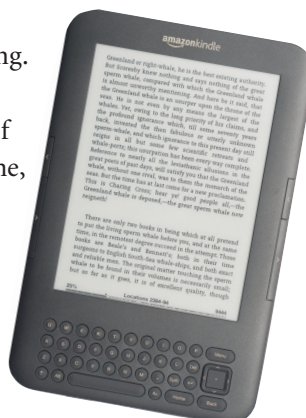


For those who have not yet applied for Social Security benefits, Tom Colarusso of Personal Financial Strategies will provide an overview of Social Security to help you understand your options. He will address when you should apply for Social Security benefits, how to coordinate benefits with a spouse, and how to minimize taxes on the benefits you receive. (R)

### The Kindle Family of E-readers

**Tuesday, April 17, 1:30 p.m.**

Amazon's Kindle is helping to reshape the future of reading. This month's Senior Session will provide an overview of this whole new way to enjoy instant access to thousands of your favorite books, magazines, and newspapers—anytime, anywhere. Technology specialist Jack Waddick, who has a knack for explaining new technology without using technical jargon, will discuss the various versions of the Kindle, and Computer Trainer Michelle Vonderhaar will demonstrate how to download free books through the Library's *My Media Mall* service. (R)



## Coffee & Conversation

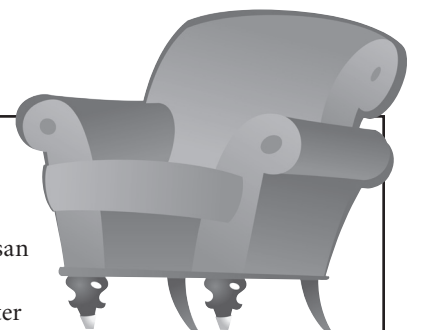
Coffee & Conversation, MPPL's monthly current events discussion group, provides an open, nonpartisan forum for community members to share their views. This moderated discussion strives to encourage greater understanding of diverse viewpoints and offers a venue where people can participate in honest discussion.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

**Friday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC: SOPA/PIPA: What's All the Fuss?**—The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA) appeared headed for easy passage in the U.S. Congress. But that was before they triggered the largest online protest in history. Find out what these bills are about and why they created such an uproar in the online community.


**Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC: G8: Coming Soon to a City Near You!**—2012's G8 Summit will be held in Chicago. While it brings the leaders of the major economies of the world to Chicago, it may also bring protests and demonstrations. In addition, Chicago is hosting the NATO summit at the same time. Join us as we discuss the pros and cons of bringing these worldwide conferences to the Windy City.







# MARCH


**2 Sesión de Cuentos en Español/ Spanish Storytime**, Friday, March 2, 6-6:30 p.m. (NR) 


**3 Tracing Your Italian Immigrant Family**, Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. 

**4 Teen Tech Week: Geek Out @ Your Library**, March 4-10 (NR) 


**LEGOMania: Reach for the Sky!**, Sunday, March 4, 1-2 p.m. 


**5 Facebook: A Beginner's Overview**, Monday, March 5, 7 p.m. 


**6 TREES & SEEDS INTERGENERATIONAL Book Discussion: Mr. Chickee's Funny Money** by Christopher Paul Curtis, Tuesday, March 6, 6-7 p.m. 


**Ageless Style**, Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. 


**7 Polish Storytime-Polskie Bajki**, Wednesday, March 7, 10-10:30 a.m. 


**FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book Discussion**  
*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay, Wednesday, March 7, 1 p.m. (NR) 

**Click & Create: Computer Animation for Teens**, Wednesday, March 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 

**Smart Shopping: Be an Informed Consumer**, Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m. 


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**12 What You Always Wanted to Know About Recruiters**, Monday, March 12, 7 p.m. 

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**8 LIBRARY CLOSED for Easter**, Sunday, April 8


**9 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ★ You Belong @ Your Library**, April 9-14


**Stimulate Your Job Search**, Monday, April 9, 7 p.m. 


**10 Navigate Life's Curves & Corners: Dealing With Change**, Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.  **★**


**11 Sit Down, Stand Up: Stories for Kids of All Ages**, Wednesday, April 11, 6-7 p.m. 


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**Green Ideas & Discussion**, Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.  


**19 Regular Library Board Meeting**, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m.

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

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


**15 Regular Library Board Meeting**, Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.


**16 CREATE-A-CRAFT: St. Paddy's Day**, Friday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (NR) 


**Hazlo y Llévatelo:: Día de San Patricio/Make & Take: St. Patrick's Day**, Friday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (NR)  **SB**

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**, Friday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. (NR) 

**18 Chess for All Ages**, Sunday, March 18, 2-4 p.m. 

**19 BOOK VOYAGERS: March Into Spring**, Monday, March 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 


**20 SENIOR SESSION: Understanding Social Security**, Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m. 

**Sleep Problems and Solutions for Young Children**, Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. 

**Adult  Teen  Youth  All Ages  South Branch **SB****  
(NR) No registration necessary

Registration is required for all programs except those denoted by (NR). Programs are held at the Library unless otherwise noted. Fees, when applicable, must be paid at the Registration Desk and are not refundable unless the program is canceled.  
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**\$ Money Smart Week Program** **★ National Library Week Program**  
 **Green Zone Program**


**21 MONEY SMART WEEK \$**, April 21-28


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

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

**23 Learning to Use Picasa™ Part 2: Managing and Sharing Digital Photos**, Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. 


**24 Laboratorio de Aprendizaje de Computación: Correo Electrónico, Internet, Office**, Tuesday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. (NR)  **SB**


**Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics**, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.  **\$**



**25 An Introduction to Morningstar's Online Investment Research Center**, Wednesday, April 25, 2 p.m.  **\$**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR


**A Taste of Mexico With Whole Foods Market**


Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.  **\$2 fee**


**21 COFFEE, BOOKS, & MORE Discussion, Manhunt: The Twelve-day Chase for Lincoln's Killer** by James L. Swanson, Wednesday, March 21, 10-11:30 a.m. (NR) 


**Natural Lawn Care**, Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m.  


**23 The Hunger Games: The Book**, Friday, March 23, 4-5 p.m. 


**26 Teen Advisory Board Meeting**, Monday, March 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (NR) 


**Computer Learning Lab: E-mail, E-books, and Office 2007**, Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. (NR) 


**27 Spring Floral Design Class With Busse Flowers**, Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.  **\$15 fee**


**29 Chicago Cougars: Professional Hockey in Mount Prospect**, Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m. 


**30 Arte Para Vestir: Tie-dye con Marcadores/Wearable Art: Tie-dye With Sharpies**, Friday, March 30, 5-6:30 p.m.  **SB**


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**28 Boogie Oogie Baby Bop**, Saturday, April 28, 11-11:45 a.m. 

**30 Hazlo y Llévatelo: Manualidades del Día de los Niños/ Make & Take Craft: El Día de los Niños**, Monday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (NR)  **SB**

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

**Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros/ Children's Day, Book Day**, Monday, April 30, 6:30-8 p.m. 

# Youth Activities

(R) Registration required (NR) No registration necessary

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## Sunday, March 4, 1-2 p.m.

• FOR 2ND-4TH GRADERS

Calling all budding architects! What do the Willis Tower, the Empire State Building, and the John Hancock have in common? They are all amazing skyscrapers! Join us for an architectural adventure as we stretch our imaginations, as well as the Library's vast supply of LEGOs, to construct our own fantastic buildings. *This program is reserved for MPPL cardholders.* (R)



## Chess for All Ages

Sunday, March 18, 2-4 p.m.

Stop in for a special afternoon of open play chess. You supply the moves; we'll supply the chessboards. While

a basic knowledge of the game is required, **all ages and skill levels are invited.** You might just learn a new move or two. *Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.* (R)

## Sit Down, Stand Up: Stories for Kids of All Ages

Wednesday, April 11, 6-7 p.m.

• FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Storytelling Mom is coming to Mount Prospect! A treat for young children as well as their parents, the very animated actress and comic Nili Yelin taps in to her contagious passion for books to bring stories to life. Sponsored by GoAEYC, this very special appearance is in celebration of the National Week of the Young Child. Don't miss this interactive and memorable performance. (R)

## Boogie Oogie Baby Bop

Saturday, April 28, 11-11:45 a.m.

• FOR BABIES 23 MONTHS AND YOUNGER AND THEIR PARENTS

We'll move to the music, hear a variety of musical sounds, enjoy baby-friendly puppets, and have loads of fun with Julie Helenius of Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. **This celebration is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is limited to 25 babies and their parents.** Sorry, no siblings. *Priority registration will be given to Mount Prospect residents.* (R)

## DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS, DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

### Children's Day, Book Day

Monday, April 30, 6:30-8 p.m.

• FOR ALL AGES

El Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros is a traditional day of celebration honoring children, reading, and our many diverse cultures. Come along for a musical trip to Mexico, exploring instruments like the fiddle and the small jarana guitar, with a performance by Maria McCullough and Yahvi Pichardo from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Join us for this evening of family book sharing, entertainment, and refreshments... and you get to take home a free book! (R)

## SUPER Saturday!

—for all ages

### Dennehy Irish Dancers

Saturday, March 10, 11-11:45 a.m.

Leap into MPPL for this festive performance by the charming and talented Dennehy Irish Dancers. Children and their parents will delight in a variety of traditional and modern dances and pick up a few steps along the way! Members of the Dennehy School of Irish Dance have been competing in local, regional, national, and international competitions for over 40 years. (R)

### Sing Outside the Lines With ScribbleMonster

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

ScribbleJim and ScribbleJayne of the award-winning musical group ScribbleMonster bring their unique blend of traditional children's music, improvisational comedy, and power-pop to MPPL. Their latest release was named one of the Top 5 Kids & Family Albums of the Year by NPR. So come sing, think, play, dance, and get creative with ScribbleMonster. (R)



## Spring Storytime Lottery

Thursday, March 1 is the last day to register for the spring storytime lottery. Please bring your MPPL card to the Youth Services Desk.

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## 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 March 13 through April 20.** (NR)

## Sesión de Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime

Friday, March 2, 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)

## Polskie Bajki – Polish Storytime

Wednesday, March 7, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning session of stories, songs, and rhymes presented primarily in Polish for children of all ages. *An adult must accompany children under the age of three.* (R)



## Book Voyagers

—for 1st-3rd graders

*This group is for young adventurers who like to listen to stories, eat snacks, and participate in fun activities. Limited to 30 voyagers.* (R)

## March Into Spring

Monday, March 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Spring is just around the corner! Celebrate the growing daylight as we welcome this wonderful season.

## Fun and Funky Feet

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

Why didn't the grizzly wear any shoes? He wanted to go bear foot! Come join us for a silly afternoon featuring clothing made just for feet.

## Create-a-Craft

—for all ages

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

## St. Paddy's Day

Friday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The luck o' the Irish and a little creativity will help you put together these art projects for St. Patrick's Day.

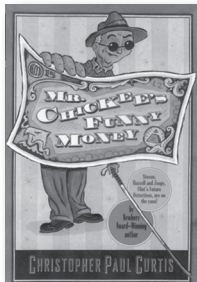


## Trees & Seeds

### An Intergenerational Book Discussion

—for all ages

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



### Mr. Chickee's Funny Money

by Christopher Paul Curtis

Tuesday, March 6, 6-7 p.m.

The Flint Future Detectives have never had a case this big! Steven Carter's neighbor just gave him a \$1,000,000,000,000,000 bill. Along with his parents and his friends Russell and Zoopy, Steven uses his vast supply of detective skills and gadgets to solve the mystery of the funny money. Did we mention the government is chasing after him? So round up your family and your detective kit, and join us! This book is a great read-together!





# Teen Zone

News and activities for teens in grades 6-12!

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**TEEN TECH  
WEEK**



## GEEK OUT

March 4-10

**Top 5 things you didn't know about your Library:**

**@ your library**










- ❶ You can check out Blu-rays, DVDs, CDs, and video games, plus download e-books.
- ❷ We have one of the fastest Internet connections around and plenty of computers for you to use.
- ❸ We have a mobile website.
- ❹ Our website and your Library card give you access to cool online resources to help you ace your school project.
- ❺ We are open until 10 p.m. on weekdays.

Come, Geek Out @ Your Library! And don't miss our Computer Animation class—be sure to register, and we'll reserve a computer for you.

### Click & Create: Computer Animation for Teens

Wednesday, March 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Bring graphics, photos, sound, and music together to create your own mixed-media animated project. Learn how to use "Scratch"—an easy, fun, and a bit addicting, free computer program to design your own interactive stories, games, music videos, and art. We'll show you the basics of using the program and then let you loose to work on your own projects. *This program is reserved for MPPL cardholders. (R)*

## Teen Challenge

### Trivia & More

**Friday, April 13, 4-6 p.m.**

Trivia and fun collide this afternoon at the Library. Show off your knowledge of pop culture and scour the Library for clues when you join this quest for fun and prizes. Treats and beverages will be provided. *This program is part of our National Library Week Celebration. (R)*

# MONEY SMART WEEK

APRIL 21-28, 2012

### Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics

Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Estate planning is no longer limited to seniors, those on the verge of retirement, or the financially well-off. An estate plan ensures that your family and financial goals are met after your death. Early long-range planning by individuals and business owners can help circumvent probate and guardianship as well as minimize taxation. Attorney Jacob. K. Ehrensaft and CPA Gary St. Pierre will explain how to initiate the estate planning process, the role of the executor, and the

importance of determining who will make healthcare and financial decisions on your behalf if you cannot. (R)

### An Introduction to Morningstar's Online Investment Research Center

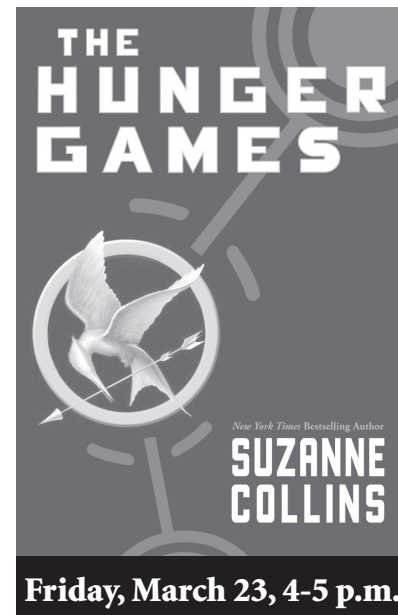
Wednesday, April 25, 2 p.m.

The path to successful investing begins here! MPPL's subscription to *Morningstar* puts the world of investing at your fingertips. Attend this demonstration to learn how to navigate this valuable financial resource, create customized stock reports, and get information on stocks, mutual and exchange-traded funds, and investment indexes. (R)

### A Woman's Guide to Money Matters

Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m.

Women face unique challenges as they plan for financial independence or retirement. Nancy Reiser, a licensed



## The Hunger Games: The Book

The movie hits the theater on March 23, and we are going to celebrate by revisiting the book, *The Hunger Games*. Come discuss your thoughts on this first title in Suzanne Collins' trilogy. What kind of people would dream up this type of entertainment? What do you think is the cruelest part of *The Hunger Games*? Could this ultimately be the direction reality TV is headed? What do you think? Enjoy some snacks while you discuss these ideas and more. (R)

Copies of the book are available at the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk and are reserved exclusively for teens registered for the discussion.

### Wearable Art: Tie-dye With Sharpies (R)

### Arte Para Vestir: Tie-dye con Marcadores (R)

Friday, March 30, 5-6:30 p.m. @ Community Connections Center

• for teens in grades 6-12  
Snacks and sharpies supplied by the Library; item to be dyed supplied by participants.

• para adolescentes de 6-12 grado  
Aperitivos y marcadores serán proporcionados por la biblioteca; pieza de ropa para ser teñida será proporcionada por los participantes.



### Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, March 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 30, 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)



Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, will show you how to develop a budget, prepare for retirement, and pay for your child's education expenses. You will leave with a better understanding of how to prioritize your financial goals and create a strategy for the future. (R)

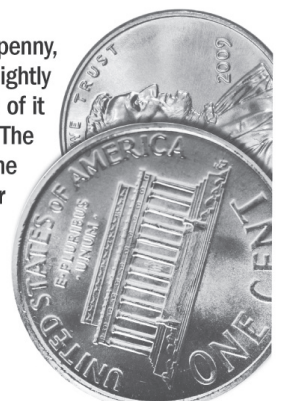
### An Introduction to Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage

Friday, April 27, 2 p.m.

*Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage* offers several tools for successful investing. This introductory seminar, led by S & P's Dan Sovocool, will provide an introduction to this comprehensive source of business and investment information. *NetAdvantage* lets you research stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, peruse feature articles by S&P analysts that offer unbiased opinions, access business publications and reports such as *S&P Outlook*, *Directors and Executives*, *Corporation Records*, and more. (R)

## DID YOU KNOW?

When you flip a penny, you have a slightly **higher** chance of it landing as **tails**. The **heads** side of the coin is **heavier** and more likely to end up on the **bottom**!



[MONEYSMARTWEEK.ORG](http://MONEYSMARTWEEK.ORG)

# THE UNBELIEVABLE CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

The word "chocolate" meant good news for thirteen area residents when they recently were selected as this year's winners in the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation's **Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle**. The lucky tickets were drawn on Sunday, February 12 in the lobby of the Library. Each winner took home one of the chocolate-themed baskets, which were loaded with gourmet treats, specialty items, and gift certificates to area restaurants and businesses. The winners were:

#### Elegant Chocolate

Joanne Corcoran, Mount Prospect

#### Lights, Camera, Chocolate!

Jan O'Keefe, Mount Prospect

#### Happiness Is Chocolate

Bill Bergner, Mount Prospect

#### Love at First Bite

Celena Chavez, Mount Prospect

#### Sweet Joe

Terry Lotsoff, Mount Prospect

#### Be My Valentine

Liz Zulaski, Mount Prospect

#### Dark and Lovely

George Wundsam, Mount Prospect

#### Bake Something Chocolate Tonight

Lori Friebus, Buffalo Grove

#### S'mores and More

Erin Emerick, Chicago

#### Step Into Chocolate

Rachel Hyman, Mount Prospect

#### Chocolate and More

Terri Gens, Mount Prospect

#### Breakfast Bounty

Katy Kowalczyk, Mount Prospect

#### Cupid's Cupcakes

Paulina Sanchez, Mount Prospect

The Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle is a twelve-day, annual event sponsored by the Foundation to raise money for special programming and events at the Library. This year's raffle raised close to \$3,000. ***Thank you to everyone who generously supported the event and congratulations to all the winners!***

Thanks to our young visitors to the Library who were digging deep into the drum to select this year's winners.



## Friends Spring Book Sale

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

Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m.

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

## Members Only Night

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

This evening's sale is reserved for members of the Friends. The annual membership fee is \$5 for an individual, \$10 for a family, and \$25 for a Good Friend.

*To become a member, stop by Registration to complete a membership form.*

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## 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.

### Café con la Alcaldesa Coffee With the Mayor

Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m.

La alcaldesa Irvana K. Wilks invita a los negocios locales de la comunidad al Centro de Conexión con la Comunidad para tomar café y conversar. El programa contendrá un resumen de los nuevos proyectos y fomentos en Mount Prospect.

Mayor Irvana K. Wilks invites the local business community to the Community Connections Center for coffee and conversation. The program will include a summary of new projects and developments in Mount Prospect.

### Arte Para Vestir: Tie-dye con Marcadores Wearable Art:

Tie-dye With Sharpies (R)

Friday, March 30, 5-6:30 p.m.

• para adolescentes de 6-12 grado  
• for teens in grades 6-12

### Storytime at the South Branch (NR)

Wednesday, March 7, 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4, 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18, 4-4:45 p.m.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required; just come on in! (NR)

### La Hora de Cuentos en Español en la Extensión del Sur (NR)

miércoles 14 de marzo, 4-4:45 p.m.

miércoles 28 de marzo, 4-4:45 p.m.

miércoles 11 de abril, 4-4:45 p.m.

miércoles 25 de abril, 4-4:45 p.m.

Todos los niños tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto. No inscripción requerida; solo ven. (NR)

### Laboratorio de Aprendizaje de Computación: Correo Electrónico, Internet, Office (NR)

martes 24 de abril, 5:30 p.m.

jueves 26 de abril, 5:30 p.m.



### Hazlo & Llévatelo: Día de San Patricio

### Make & Take: St. Patrick's Day (NR)

Friday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Hazlo & Llévatelo: Manualidades del Día de los Niños

### Make & Take: El Día de los Niños (NR)

Monday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• Niños menores de 9 años deben de venir acompañados por un adulto.

• Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.



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Sunday noon-5 p.m.

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The Board of Library Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Library. Meetings are open, and the public is welcome to attend.

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