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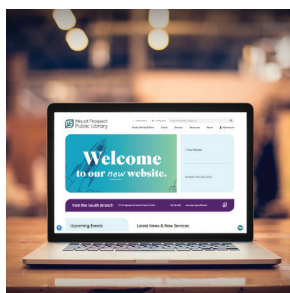
You're invited to participate in a fun art project this August and create your own mini masterpiece for our Tiny Art Show. This year's show will take place at the Main Library September 1-29, featuring

tiny collage pieces created by artists of ages 3 and older. See page 10 for more details.

Stop by the second floor of the Main Library to view our new art installation featuring several pieces by local visual artist Kathryn Kucera. Bring your inspiration home with items from our expanding Library of Things collection to help with your creative projects. Craving a fresh new look for your indoor spaces? Check out our circulating art print collection of curated pieces.



For more art exploration, visit our online calendar for creative programs including "Every Color Has a Story: History on the Palette" on Wednesday, August 16 and "Calm Coloring Night" on Thursday, August 24. Read on for more art-inspired programming for all ages.



New Website

Our new website is live! Enjoy the sleek design and find what you need with fewer clicks and less scrolling. Other features include language translation and additional accessibility options.

One Book One Village

Stay tuned for the announcement of our next community read title.

On the Cover

Color your world with a variety of art-related programs at the library this summer.



e-Newsletter Sign Up

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

Follow Us!

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



Library Programming

Program registration is often required using the online calendar or by contacting the library. Program format and location will be indicated within the online calendar.

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

Program Symbols

Registration Required (R)

No Registration Required (NR)

Virtual Programs (V)

Hybrid Programs: both in-person and virtual options (H)

South Branch Events

1711 W. Algonquin Rd., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 | 847-590-4090 | www.mppl.org/southbranch

Play & Learn | Jugar y Aprender

FOR CHILDREN AGES
2-5 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesdays,
11:30 a.m.



Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish storytime, music, crafts, and play-based learning. Call the Community Connections Center at 847-506-4930 to register.

Pastries and Poetry Around the World | Postres y poesía por el mundo

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Saturday, July 8, 12 p.m.

Indulge in sweet treats and learn about different cultures through poetry. Participants will sample pastries from different countries, read and discuss poems by international poets, and write a poem of their own. (R)



Movies @ South Branch

Family Movie Night | Noche de cine familiar

FOR FAMILIES

Enjoy a movie night at the library. (R)



Strange World (PG)
Friday, July 21
5 p.m.



Shrek (PG)
Friday, August 11
5 p.m.

Movie Day | Día de película

FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Enjoy a movie at the South Branch! (R)



A Man Called Otto
(PG-13)
Saturday, August 12
12:45 p.m.

Acrylic Pour Art | Arte con acrílico vertido

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Wednesday, July 12, 5 p.m.

Create a unique painting using the acrylic paint pouring technique. The library will provide all materials. (R)

Ice Cream Bingo | Bingo de helado

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, July 19, 5 p.m.

Let's cool down with ice cream, paletas, and bingo! Join us outdoors to play bingo, eat a cold treat, and win prizes. Register to save your spot, but walk-ups are welcome if there is space to accommodate. (R)
This outdoor program will be held at the **RecPlex** (420 Dempster) near the west entrance.

Frida Kahlo Collage

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 1-5

Monday, July 24, 4 p.m.

Take inspiration from Frida Kahlo's art to create your own masterpiece! Use newspapers, magazines, and other paper mediums to create your own collage. (NR)

Unfinished Craft Club | Club de manualidades incompletas

FOR ADULTS

Saturday, July 29, 12 p.m.

Have a craft that you just can't seem to finish? Join the club! Work on your unfinished project along with kindred crafters. (R)

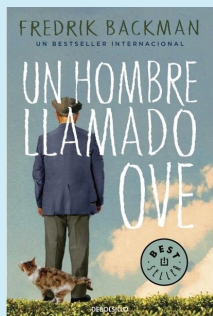
Most of our programs at South Branch are presented in English and Spanish. | La mayoría de nuestros programas en la Extensión del Sur se presentarán en inglés y español.

South Branch Events



Teen Volunteering

Check out volunteer opportunities on page 9.



Cafecito, Conchas, y Conversación:

Un hombre llamado Ove

PARA ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES

sábado, 12 de agosto, 11:30 a.m.

¡Un cafecito, un pan dulce, y a charlar! Únase a nosotros en este grupo especial de lectura donde vamos a discutir el libro ***Un hombre llamado Ove*** escrito por Fredrik Backman. Para participar recoja su copia del libro en la extensión del sur empezando el 10 de julio. Las copias son limitadas. *This program will be presented in Spanish.* (R)

Back-to-School Crafts | Manualidades para el regreso-a-clases

FOR AGES 5+

Monday, August 7, 4-6 p.m.

Drop in to this hands-on event and make something unique! Visit each craft station to create your own buttons, keychains, and bookmarks to prepare for the school year. (NR)

Cuenta Cuentos: El Océano | Spanish Storytime

FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-6 WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, August 23, 4 p.m.

Acompáñanos en esta hora de cuentos en español donde contaremos historias, cantaremos y haremos manualidades.

Accompany us for this Spanish storytime where we will tell stories, sing, and make crafts. (R)

Perler Bead Creations | Creaciones de Perler

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, August 30, 5 p.m.

Design your own colorful bead creations! The library will provide the beads and design templates. (R)

Create-a-Circuit Shadowboxes

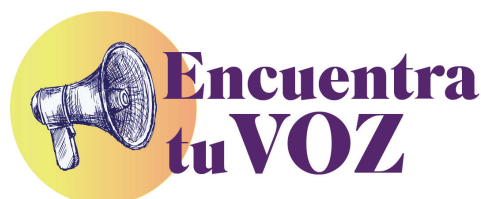
FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

Monday, July 31, 5 p.m.

Create your own shadowbox design and install the lights yourself! Learn basic circuit skills by using copper tape, batteries, and LED bulbs. (R)



Summer Reading runs through July 31.
Check in at the Main Library
or South Branch to pick up your prizes.



Youth Events

Studio 60056

FOR AGES 3-12 WITH AN ADULT

Wednesday, July 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 11, 18, and 25, 2:30-4 p.m.

Boost your creativity this summer with a new craft each week. (NR)

Exit Strategy

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 4-5

Thursday, July 6, 1 p.m. OR 4 p.m.

Bring your out-of-the-box thinking and teamwork to solve a challenging series of puzzles and win the game! (R)

Art in the Park at Pocket Park

FOR FAMILIES

Friday, July 7, 4-5:30 p.m.

Hop over to Pocket Park ready to express yourself with a fun outdoor-inspired art activity. (NR)

Introduction to 3-D Printing

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3-5

Monday, July 10, 4 p.m.

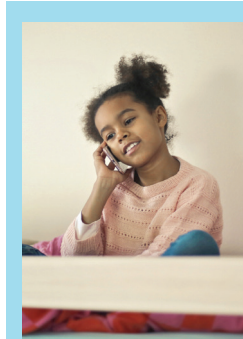
Learn how to create objects using digital-design computer software and a 3-D printer. (R)

Stay and Play

FOR AGES 3-7 WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesdays, July 11 and 25, 9:30-11 a.m.

The youth program room will transform into a unique, child-size world that's the perfect space to learn about places in our community and make new friends. (NR)



New Dial-a-Story Selections Mondays, July 10 and August 7

The library is here to read to you, wherever and whenever with Dial-a-Story. Just call 847-232-8600.



Sponsored by the
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Sensory Explorers Messy Playtime

FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-6 WITH AN ADULT

Wednesday, July 12, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18, 9:30 a.m.

Children can engage their senses, explore hands-on activities, and have fun making a mess! (R)

Hot Diggity Dog!

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-2

Thursday, July 13, 3:30 p.m.

Summer is a season to be relished, and frankly, nothing says summer more than hot dogs.

Enjoy hot dog jokes, stories, and games while you ketchup with friends. (R)



Cat Kid Comic Club

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 2-3

Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3-5

Friday, July 14, 1 p.m.

Cat Kid wants you to experience the fun of creating comics with friends! (R)

Unicorn Party

FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, July 15, 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate unicorns and other fantastical beings with a joyful afternoon of stories, crafts, and activities. (NR)



Glow Fest

FOR AGES 4 AND OLDER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, July 17, 11:30 a.m. OR 2:30 p.m.

Ignite your curiosity and wonder for bioluminescence with interactive glow-in-the-dark activities! (R)

Let's Play Lotería!

FOR FAMILIES

Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Listen, match, and win prizes during this fun, fast-paced, bilingual bingo-like game of Lotería! (R)

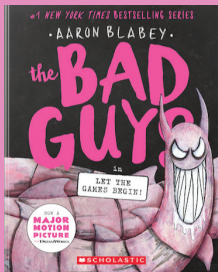
The Bad Guys Bash

FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, July 20, 1:30-3 p.m.

Whoop it up with **The Bad Guys!** You're invited to celebrate their latest adventure in Aaron Blabey's new book

Let the Games Begin with hands-on, paws-on, or fins-on activities. (NR)



Make Music with Miss Julie at Pocket Park

FOR AGES 7 AND YOUNGER AND THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join Miss Julie and her friend Charlie at Pocket Park for a fun night of singing and dancing. Bring your own instruments if you want to jam along to some simple songs! (NR)



Maker Crew

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3-5

Friday, July 21, 2 p.m.

Monday, July 24, 3 p.m.

Snip, squeeze, and sculpt all sorts of stuff into your own unique creations in this free-form creative workshop! (R)

Good Morning Sunshine CONCERT SERIES

FOR FAMILIES

Brighten your Monday mornings with cheerful live music concerts. (NR)



Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.
Grammy-nominated children's entertainer Nanny Nikki.



Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

Renée Nanzer from Old Town School of Folk Music.



Monday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.
Julie Helenius, "Miss Julie," from Old Town School of Folk Music.

Science Saturday: The Liquid Nitrogen Show

FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.

Excitement goes up as the temperature drops in this ultra-cold show! *This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

Real-Life Roblox

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 2-3

Wednesday, July 26, 2:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 4-5

Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m.

The world of Roblox is coming off the screen and into real life! (R)

Dungeons & Dragons

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 5-6

Thursdays, July 27 and August 10, 6 p.m.

Adventure, danger, and treasure

await the brave and the bold! This game is open to both first-time and experienced players. (R)

Super Saturday Little Parade

FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the unique creativity within each child at this interactive bilingual music program from Little Parade! (R)

Crafts-to-Go: Celebration of Cultures Edition

FOR FAMILIES

August 19-25

Explore your family's unique beliefs, values, and traditions with a fun take-home kit. (NR)

Storytimes

Twist and Shout Storytime

FOR AGES 5 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, July 6, 13, 20, and 27,
9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.

Friday, July 7, 21, and 28, 9:30 a.m.
OR 10:30 a.m.

Shake, wiggle, and groove during this action-packed storytime full of music, movement, and fun! (NR)

Explore My World Baby Storytime

FOR AGES 2 AND YOUNGER WITH AN ADULT

Monday, July 10 OR July 31,
9:30 a.m.

Get ready to investigate and explore! Babies and their caregiver will sing, read, wiggle, and explore the wonders of nature in this special storytime. (R)

Mini Movers

FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesday, July 11, 18, and 25,
6 p.m. (V) (R)

Mini Movers at Pocket Park

FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m.

Shake your sillies out in this fast-paced musical storytime. Join us for a morning full of dramatic movement and fun for kids and their families. (NR)

Storytime in the Park

FOR FAMILIES

Celebrate summer with a bilingual English/Spanish storytime at a park near you in partnership with the Mt. Prospect and River Trails park districts. These storytimes are full of music, movement, and playful ways to explore the wonders of nature in our community. (NR)

Prospect Meadows Park

1101 N. Forest Ave.

Wednesday, July 12, 3:30 p.m.

Kopp Park

Dempster St. and Linneman Rd.,
adjacent to RecPlex

Wednesday, July 19, 3:30 p.m.

Aspen Trails Park

1814 E. Maya Lane

Wednesday, July 26, 3:30 p.m.

German Storytime

FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, August 16,
10 a.m.

Join us for a dual-language storytime where we'll explore the German language and culture through stories, songs, and activities in partnership with Wochenendschule der Donauschwaben. (NR)

Polish Storytime

FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesday, August 22, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for an interactive dual-language storytime with stories, songs, rhymes, and activities that celebrate the Polish language and culture! (NR)

Back to School Programs

Studio 60056:

Back-to-School Edition

FOR AGES 3-12 WITH AN ADULT

Monday, August 14, 1:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Decorate a folder and pencil to start the new school year with style! We'll provide an idea and supplies! (NR)

Family SnackChat

FOR FAMILIES

Monday, August 14, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15, 12:30 p.m.

Before the hectic school year begins, try some easy (and tasty) recipes as a family. (R)

Kindergarten Kickoff Party

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Friday, August 18, 5 p.m.

Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m.

This special celebration is for kids entering kindergarten this fall. We will have fun activities, games, and crafts to get excited about the first day of school. (R)

Teen Events

• FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 6-12 •



Brave Space LGBTQ+ Teen Hangout

Tuesdays, July 11 and August 8, 4 p.m.

LGBTQ+ teens and their allies are welcome to enjoy crafts, snacks, and hangout time in a safe space. Facilitated by Teen Services staff and the LGBTQ+ Center at Kenneth Young. (NR)



Escape Room

Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m., 4 p.m., OR 5 p.m.

Friday, July 14, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., OR 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., OR 12 p.m.

Put your problem-solving skills to the test. Work with a six-person team to solve a series of puzzles and break out of the library's escape room before time runs out! (R)

Craft Programs

Each month we meet to get crafty and make something new. (R)

Food Crafts

Wednesday, July 19, 4:30 p.m.

String Art

Wednesday, August 23, 4:30 p.m.



Snack Science: Lemonade Lab

Wednesday, July 26, 4 p.m.

Join us as we learn about science through

snacks! This month we'll make color changing lemonade and layered lemonade with supplies from the library. (R)



Community Collage

Kit Pickup is August 1-20. Create your mini collage, and bring it back to the library between August 21 and September 3. Pieces will be on display from September 1-29. (R)



Teen Volunteering

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

South Branch

Monday, July 10 and Friday, August 14, 5 p.m.

Main Library

Friday, August 18, 5 p.m.



Teen Book Café

Fridays, July 14 and August 11, 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we enjoy tasty treats, share brand new books, and recommend some of our favorites. Each participant will get to pick out a free book! (R)

Adventures in ART

Tiny Art Show: Community Collage Kit Pickup (R)

August 1-20



Beginning July 1, children ages 3 and older, teens, and adults are welcome to register for a Tiny Art Show: Community Collage Kit. Pick up your kit between August 1-20, bring it home to create your mini collage, and bring it back to the library between August 21 and September 3 for us to prepare it for showing. Tiny Art Show pieces will be on display from September 1-29 for the community to enjoy! (R)

Every Color Has Story: History on the Palette (R)

Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m.

All tints, hues, dyes, and shades of the colors around you can be traced back to a specific point in history — and the stories they tell are amazing! Join Laura Keyes for this illustrated lecture where she will share with you the powerful (and colorful!) history of color. (V) (R)

Calm Coloring Night (R)

Thursday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Adults, color your worries away while listening to calming music and enjoying friendly conversation! (R)

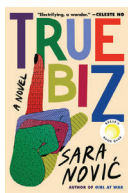
Look for additional art-related programming scheduled throughout the month!



Book Discussions

Wednesday Morning Book Group

First Wednesday of the month. (NR)



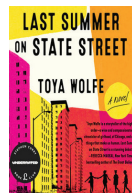
Wednesday, July 5
11 a.m.
True Biz
by Sara Novic



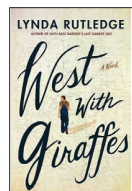
Wednesday, August 2
11 a.m.
Winter Counts
by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

Book Chat Discussion

Second Monday of the month. (NR)



Monday, July 10
7 p.m.
Last Summer on State Street
by Toya Wolfe



Monday, August 14
7 p.m.
West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge

Wednesday Night Book Group

Third Wednesday of the month. (R) (V)



Wednesday, July 19
7 p.m.
Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley



Wednesday, August 16
7 p.m.
The Lobotomist's Wife
by Samantha Greene Woodruff

Adult Events

Let Freedom Ring: A Musical Tribute to America

Monday, July 3, 7 p.m.

Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine presents patriotic favorites and big band swing in a musical tribute to all branches of the armed forces! (R)

Rec Room Co-op VR Experience

FOR AGES 12+

Friday, July 7, 4:30 p.m.

In Rec Room VR, you'll use teamwork and skill to pit yourself against enemies and the odds within a variety of fun scenarios like *Quest for the Golden Trophy* and *Isle of Lost Skulls*. (R)

Open Tech Lab

Tuesday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18, 6-8 p.m.

Stop in and bring your questions about technology related subjects like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, email, and e-books. (R)

Eating for a Healthy Heart

Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m.

Join health education specialist Shirley Vouris and learn how you can implement healthy eating habits to improve and/or maintain a healthy heart. Lessons learned are suitable for all ages. (R)



England: Coast to Coast

Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Enjoy an armchair travel guide of a 200-mile trek across the North of England with an international cast of amblers, rambles, and scramblers in this presentation by adventurer John Lynn. (R) (A)

Fair Housing 101

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Join representatives from Open Communities to explore the fair housing rights and responsibilities that both renters and housing providers need to know. (V) (R)

Create Your Side Hustle

Monday, July 17, 7 p.m.

Learn the various aspects of finding, starting, and managing your side hustle for extra income. (V) (R)

Illinois's Path to Statehood, 1818

Monday, July 24, 7 p.m.

Historian Jim Edstrom will present the story of Illinois's admission to the Union in 1818, a fascinating tale of the territorial leaders who guided the statehood movement and navigated the long and difficult road to admission. (V) (R)



Movies @ MPPL

Empire of Light

[2022; R; 115 minutes; Drama, Romance]
Starring Olivia Colman, Michael Ward, Colin Firth. Directed by Sam Mendes.

EMPIRE of LIGHT
A FILM BY SAM MENDES



Thursday, July 13, 2 p.m.

A drama about the power of human connection

during turbulent times, set in an English coastal town in the early 1980s. (R)

Champions

[2023; PG-13; 124 minutes; Comedy, Drama, Sport]
Starring Woody Harrelson, Kaitlin Olson, Matt Cook. Directed by Bobby Farrelly.

Thursday, August 10, 2 p.m.

A former minor-league basketball coach is ordered by the court to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities. (R)



All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk

Wednesdays, July 26 and
August 30, 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m.,
OR 7:30 p.m. (V) (R)



Tony Bennett: Timeless Troubadour

Thursday, July 27, 2 p.m.

Entertainment historian Susan Benjamin provides insights into Tony Bennett's personal life while showcasing his extraordinary talent. (R)

Book Social: Colleen Hoover Edition

Tuesday,
August 1, 7 p.m.

Join us for a Colleen Hoover-themed social! We'll chat about her



books, play an on-theme game, and have a bookish prize giveaway. (R)

Comedy Gold on the Silver Screen

Monday, August 7, 7 p.m.

Join us for a guided tour through the past 100 years of outstanding comedies with a film history presentation given by John LeGear. Witness the evolution of humor on film since the arrival of Charlie Chaplin in Hollywood in 1914 and enjoy a taste of television comedy in this tribute to outstanding writing, direction, and performance. (R)



Transportation Options for Seniors

Wednesday, August 9, 2 p.m.

Are you or a family member no longer driving or considering not driving? What transportation options are available to help get you where you need to go?

Representatives from local organizations will talk about the transportation services they provide. *Presented by the Village of Mount Prospect Aging in Community Initiative.*

Participating organizations include:

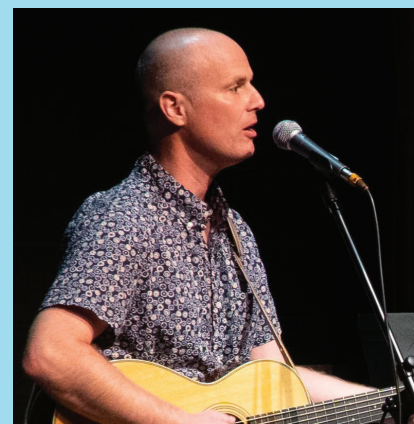
- Connections to Care
- Elk Grove Township
- Right at Home Transport, powered by Lyft
- Wheeling Township
- Pace

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions during the presentation, and representatives will be on hand to answer individual questions after the presentation. (R)

Why Genealogy? An Introduction to Researching Your African American Ancestry

Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m.

Janice Minor, genealogist and coordinator of the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute, will present an introduction to African American genealogy acknowledging the culture and heritage of our ancestors while demonstrating best-practice guidelines of genealogy. (V) (R)



Miscellany and Mirth of the Midwest

Tuesday, August 15, 7 p.m.

Musician and storyteller Dave Martin takes us on a good-natured romp through the Midwest, performing both traditional and original songs while infusing quixotic anecdotes about his family's place in America's heartland. (R)



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Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m.

CONTACT US

Our public service desk is available by chat, text, and phone.

Phone: 847-253-5675

South Branch: 847-590-4090

Chat: bit.ly/MPPLlivechat

Text: 847-750-4275

Online: mppl.org/contact-us

Main Library Location and Hours 10 S. Emerson St.

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

South Branch Location and Hours 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Monday-Friday: 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Friends Book Sale

Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

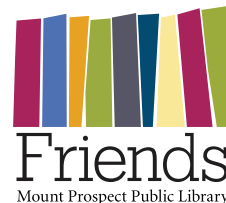
Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services.

The Friends also offer items for sale year-round on book trolley shelves located in Youth Services and on the second floor, near the elevator. Items are restocked frequently.

Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are needed to help during quarterly book sales. This is a great way to support the library, and it's an excellent opportunity for students to earn service hours even during the summer months!

Tasks include setup and takedown, cashiering, and general floater duties. Visit www.friendsofmppl.org or more volunteer information.



The Library will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4 — Independence Day

On Friday, July 21 the Main Library will close at 5 p.m. due to the Downtown Block Party. The South Branch will be open until 7 p.m.