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Free Printing and Copying

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pages of black and white printing and copying, 80 pages of color printing and copying, or any combination thereof at the Main Library and South Branch. Use your MPPL library card onsite or use our remote printing service. More information is available at mppl.org.

Best Books 2023

Now is a great time to look back on the best books of 2023 and compile your "to be read" list for 2024. Hear about new-to-you titles when the Fiction department shares their favorite reads of 2023 on Thursday, January 25 at 7 p.m. Find new children's books perfect for the reluctant reader to the bookworm and every child in between when Youth staff share their favorites on Thursday, February 15 at 7 p.m.

Preschool and Child Care Information Night

Planning for preschool and child care starts early. On Wednesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. the library hosts more than 20 preschools and child care centers located in Mount Prospect to help you find the right fit for your little one.



New Online Events Calendar

Find your favorite monthly programs and discover something new!

On the Cover

From Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles to Tinkerbell and from Pokémon to Princess Leia, find details on this year's FanFest on page 9.

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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 program (V)

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

Youth Events

Build and Play Together: Cardboard Construction

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, January 3-
Sunday, January 7, all day

Bring the whole family and your post-holiday supply of cardboard to build games, activities, and other interactive creations. Construction challenges and idea prompts will spark your imagination and together we can make our own cardboard wonderland. (NR)

Winter Magic

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.

Experience the thrill of illusions and more in this exciting performance from local magician John Measner!

Made possible in part by The Marc Dunworth Foundation for the Performing Arts. (R)

Pokémon Party

FOR FAMILIES

Thursday,
January 4
1:30-3 p.m.

"We choose you"

to explore Pokémon-themed activities that are fun for the whole family! Whether you're already a Pokémon expert or new to this global phenomenon, you'll find something to enjoy. (NR)



Stuff and Fluff Workshop

FOR FAMILIES

Friday, January 5, 11:30 a.m.,
3 p.m., or 5 p.m.

Follow clues to reveal a special animal. Then bring your own plush version to life by stuffing, naming, and snuggling with it! (R)

Twist and Shout Storytime

FOR AGES 5 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, January 8, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 9, 9:30 a.m.

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

Recycled Racetrack

FOR FAMILIES

Monday, January 8

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1:30-3 p.m.

Help us build an exciting racetrack from recycled supplies complete with ramps, jumps, obstacles, and more. (NR)

Sensory Explorers Messy Playtime

FOR AGES 2-6 WITH AN ADULT

Friday, January 12, 10 a.m.

Children can engage their senses and have fun while making a mess! (R)

Studio 60056

FOR AGES 3 AND OLDER WITH AN ADULT

Craft and create with us! We'll provide an idea and supplies — you create your own masterpiece. (NR)

Marbled Snowflakes

Thursday, January 11

9:30-10:30 a.m. or 3:30-5 p.m.

Print unique marble effects onto snowflake shapes through a shaving cream-paint technique.

Lunar New Year Edition

Wednesday, February 7

3:30-5 p.m.

Get creative and make something to celebrate Lunar New Year.

Valentine's Day

Monday, February 12, 3:30-5 p.m.

Craft something special that you can give away or keep for yourself!



Create-A-Crown

Friday, February 16

1:30-2:30 p.m. or 4-5 p.m.

Make wearable crowns inspired by the art of Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Something Beautiful

Wednesday, February 28

3:30-5 p.m.

Create your own "something beautiful" while exploring the colorful art of expressionist painter Alma Woodsey Thomas.

Storytime Sessions

Baby

FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH 24 MONTHS WITH AN ADULT

Registered (R)

Mondays, January 15, 22, February 5, 12, 19, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, January 16, 23, February 6, 13, 20, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, January 17, 24, February 7, 14, 21, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In (NR)

Fridays, January 19, 26 and February 9, 16, 23, 9:30 a.m.

Toddler

FOR AGES 2-3 WITH AN ADULT

Registered (R)

Mondays, January 15, 22, February 5, 12, 19, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, January 17, 24, February 7, 14, 21, 9:30 a.m.

Drop-In (NR)

Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 8, 15, 22, 10:30 a.m.

Pre-K

FOR AGES 3-5 WITH AN ADULT

Registered (R)

Tuesday, January 16, 23, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In (NR)

Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 8, 15, 22, 9:30 a.m.
Fridays, January 19, 26, February 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m.

Family Drop-In (NR)

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, February 7, 14, 21, 6 p.m.

Mini Movers (V) (R)

FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

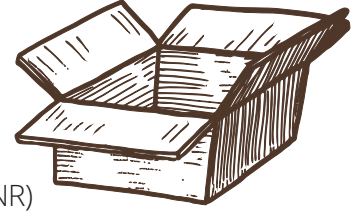
Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 6 p.m.

Cardboard Creation Celebration

FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, January 13, 10-11 a.m.

Dive into one last playdate with the awesome collaborative cardboard creations created by the library's littlest engineers. (NR)



Explore and Discover Together: DNA

FOR AGES 6 AND OLDER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, January 15, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m.

Investigate the molecule responsible for the incredible diversity of humankind with hands-on activities. (R)

Adult Chat BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby)

FOR ADULTS WITH CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO TWO YEARS

Mondays, January 29, February 26, 9:30 a.m.

Get a chance to chat about books, TV shows, movies, or podcasts you're excited about while your little one enjoys playtime with friends! (NR)

Preschool and Child Care Information Night

FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Wednesday, January 24
6:30-8 p.m.

Find the right-fit preschool or child care center for your family! Speak with teachers and directors of more than 20 preschools and child care centers located in Mount Prospect. (NR)



New Dial-a-Story Selections Mondays, January 8, February 5

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

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

For more details and to register, visit mppl.org

Super Saturdays

FOR FAMILIES

The Magic and Mystery of the Talking Drum

Saturday, January 27
10:30 a.m.

In this exciting and interactive storytelling performance from Mama Edie, you'll learn about many different cultures that use drums to communicate and connect. (R)

Wendy and DB Concert

Saturday, February 10
10:30 a.m.

Listen and dance to songs about science, nature, and more from the Grammy-nominated singing/songwriting team Wendy and DB. *Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.* (R)

Stay and Play

FOR AGES 3-7 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesday, January 30, 10-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 27, 10-11:30 a.m.
or 4-5 p.m.

The youth program room will transform into a unique, child-size world that's the perfect space to make new friends! (NR)

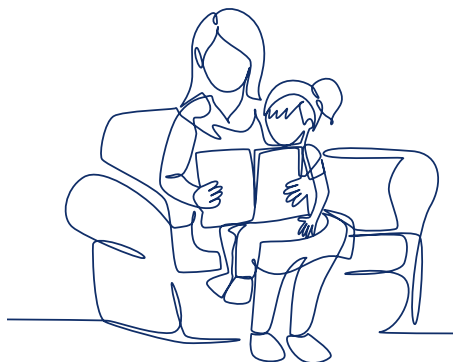
Story Studio

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesdays, January 31,
February 28, 10:30 a.m.

We'll read stories and celebrate art that we find in books by making our own! (NR)

Our Favorite Children's Books of 2023



FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND TEACHERS

Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Whether you need a class read aloud, a graphic novel to make a fifth grader laugh, or nonfiction for a kid obsessed with space, we'll have our favorites to share with you.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. (R)

Developmental Playgroup

FOR FAMILIES

Thursdays, February 1, 29
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for an inclusive drop-in playgroup for children who receive or are considering therapy services. (NR)

Chill and Fill

FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, February 1, 3:30-5 p.m.
Friday, February 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Connect with family and friends over simple crafts, warm drinks, and chill background music. Then fill up your library bag with books and media for the week. (NR)

Puppet Workshop: Let's Make Snowpeople

FOR AGES 5 AND OLDER WITH AN ADULT

Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.

Get an introduction to puppetry and customize a snowperson puppet. Then come up with stories and perform them with friends. *Made possible in part by The Marc Dunworth Foundation for the Performing Arts.* (R)

Homeschool Hangout

FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, February 8, 10-11 a.m.

Get to know some other homeschool families in the area while playing games, trying out hands-on activities, and more! (NR)

Baby Prom

FOR AGES 5 AND YOUNGER WITH AN ADULT

Saturday, February 17
10-11 a.m.

Put on your favorite outfit and get ready to groove! Drop in for a fancy dance party featuring our favorite kid's songs, fun activities, and a simple craft. (NR)

Nature Detectives: Explore Ice!

FOR AGES 3 AND OLDER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, February 29, 1:30 p.m.

Explore our amazing world with natural materials, books, and special crafts. We'll look at the ways creatures deal with ice, and we'll play with some ice ourselves! (R)

For Grade Schoolers

Bookworms Unite!

FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, January 4, 6 p.m.

Connect with other kids who love to read! Share what you've been reading and loving lately. Then make a bookish craft, or find a comfy spot to do some reading. (R)

Dungeons & Dragons

FOR GRADES 5-6

Thursdays, January 11,
February 8, 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)



Girls Who Code

FOR GRADES 3-5

Tuesdays, January 9,
February 20, 5 p.m.

Experience the thrill of telling a computer what to do and watching your instructions come to life! Children of any gender identity are welcome to participate in creating a simple digital coding project. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to close the gender gap in technology. (R)

Maker Crew

Needle Felted Penguins

FOR GRADES 3-5

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

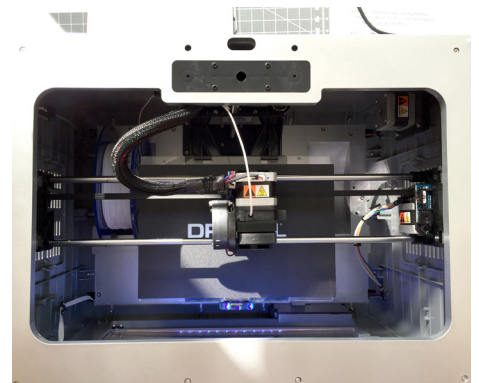
Snip, squeeze, or sculpt to create something new! Learn how to transform a ball of shapeless wool into an adorable creature. (R)

Minecraft Engineers

FOR GRADES 3-5

Friday, January 12, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27, 4:30 p.m.

Get your pickaxe ready! Build unique structures that solve various design challenges. Then share your digital handiwork with new friends. (R)

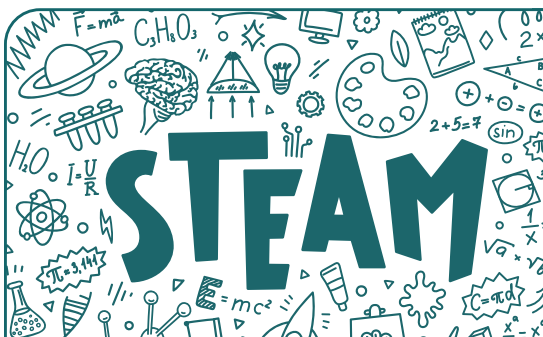


Introduction to 3-D Printing

FOR GRADES 3-5

Monday, January 15, 5 p.m.

Learn how to create objects using digital-design computer software and a 3-D printer. We'll teach you the software and how to submit designs to the library to print. Then, you'll work on a new design while the 3-D printer works. (R)



Story STEAM

FOR GRADES K-2

Wednesdays, January 10 and 31, 6 p.m.

Let's get hands-on to solve a problem and create something amazing! We'll explore a story, then plan, build, and test out challenges to have fun using the engineering design process. (R)

For Grade Schoolers

Code Builders: TunePad

FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, January 18, 5 p.m.

Create digital music through coding! Learn the basics of TunePad, an online software program that transforms the computer language Python into musical notes and beats. (R)

LEGO Squad

FOR GRADES 3-5

Mondays, January 22, February 19, 6 p.m.

Ready, Set, BUILD! We'll provide the bricks; you'll show off your skills. (R)

Tinker Lab

FOR GRADES 1-5

Tuesday, January 23, 4:30 p.m.

Use your imagination, inspiration from books, plus recycled materials to create an amazing marble run! (R)

Pokémon Club

FOR GRADES 1-5

Thursday, January 25, 6 p.m.

Meet up with other Pokémon fans for activities, games, and more fun! (R)

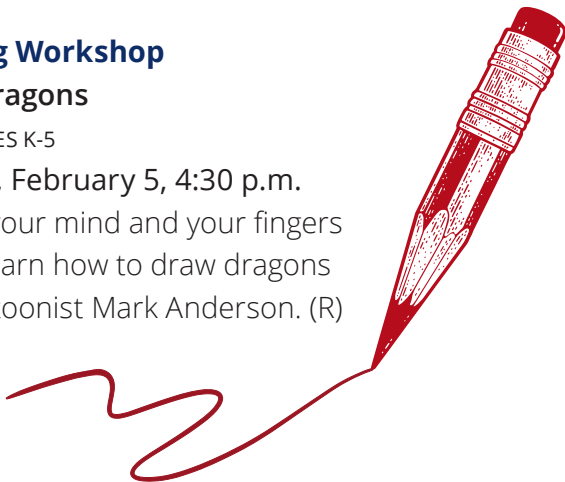
Drawing Workshop

Daffy Dragons

FOR GRADES K-5

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

Stretch your mind and your fingers as you learn how to draw dragons with cartoonist Mark Anderson. (R)



Animal Investigators

FOR GRADES 1-5

Let's hang out and admire incredible animals together! We'll learn, share our knowledge and excitement, plus do an experiment or craft. (R)



Octopuses

Monday, January 29

4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.



Wombats and Platypuses

Thursday, February 15, 5:45 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 5:45 p.m.



Comics Club

Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi

FOR GRADES 3-5

Tuesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.

Don't miss this chance to chat and celebrate the comic book series

Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi. (R)

Superhero Science With Kid President

FOR GRADES K-5

Monday, February 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Release your inner superhero with fun games and mini experiments that feature favorites like Black Panther, Spider-Man, Wonder Woman, and you! (NR)

Curious Kids

FOR GRADES 1-5

Thursday, February 29, 4:30 p.m.

Grab your magnifying glass! We will explore and celebrate our amazing natural world with books, experiments, or crafts. (R)

Teen Events • FOR GRADES 6-12 •



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

Mondays, January 8,
February 12, 5 p.m.

Main Library

Wednesdays, January 17,
February 28, 5 p.m.

Fridays, January 19,
February 16, 5 p.m.

Brave Space LGBTQ+ Teen Hangout

Tuesdays, January 9,
February 13, 4 p.m.

LGBTQ+ teens and their allies can enjoy games, snacks, and hangout time in a safe space facilitated by Teen Services staff and the LGBTQ+ Center at Kenneth Young. (NR)



Teen Book Café

Fridays, January 12,
February 9, 4 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)

Craft Programs

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

Snowman Mason Jars

Thursday, January 25, 4:30 p.m.

Tape Resist Paintings

Wednesday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.

BookFix

Hand-picked library book.
Bookish goodies to keep.

Sign up for a BookFix to receive a hand-picked, themed library book and some fun goodies. Return the book when it's due, but the rest is yours to keep.

This month's category is "Cozy and Uplifting."

See February 1 on our online calendar at mppl.org to register using your library card. Limited quantities available.



FanFest

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 11 A.M.-4 P.M.

We're looking for Whovians, book nerds, Swifties, culture vultures, and all other fans and stans to join us at FanFest!

This family-friendly event will include games, crafts, virtual reality, trivia, and more, all featuring your favorite fandoms. Come in costume and walk the cosplay runway or keep it casual in your favorite pop culture t-shirt. No matter what you wear, we can't wait to geek out with you.

Sponsored by Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library.

ALL AGES



Adult Events

DNA and Genealogy

Thursday, January 4, 7 p.m.

Explore the use of DNA to enhance your genealogy research and build out your family trees. Local genealogist Suz Bates will compare different DNA kits and explain some first steps to take once you receive your DNA results. (V) (R)

Web Resources for Newshounds

Wednesday, January 10
2 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Learn how to access local news plus 7,000 newspapers and magazines from around the globe and their historical archives. (R) (V)

2024 Movie Bingo Kickoff

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Let's kick off 2024 Movie Bingo! We'll play bingo with the categories from 2024 Movie Bingo and movie images. (R)

Night Off? Game On!

Mondays, January 22
February 26, 7 p.m.

Join us for a game night! Spend your night off playing tabletop games with other gaming enthusiasts. (R)



Recipe Treasures: Making a Digital Cookbook

Wednesday
January 17
6 p.m.

Join library staff for a demonstration on how to digitize your recipe cards and turn them into a digital interactive document. (R)

The Cutting Edge Tech Series

Combatting Blindness: The Future of Neural Prosthetics

Monday, January 22, 6 p.m.

Join Dr. Philip R. Troyk, the executive director of the Pritzker Institute of Biomedical Science and Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology and a professor of biomedical engineering, on his quest to minimize and eventually eradicate blindness in humans. (V) (R)

Small Business Morning Meetup

Tuesday, January 23, 9 a.m.

Share a cup of coffee with other local entrepreneurs, start-ups, founders, freelancers, home businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections. (R)

Curative Properties of Tea

Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m.

Herb specialist Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh will unveil the ancient medicinal properties of plants that have been treasured for centuries as she guides you through the identification and differences of these remarkable healing herbs. (V) (R)

Best Adult Fiction of 2023

Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m.

The Fiction staff will share their favorite books published in 2023. Discover new books to add to your TBR list. (NR)

Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, January 27, 1-4 p.m.

Swap craft supplies you don't think you'll use anymore for the supplies needed to try a new craft or to give you creative inspiration. (NR)

Adult Chat BYOB

(Bring Your Own Baby)

Mondays, January 29

February 26, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Get a chance to talk about the grown-up things you're interested in while your little one enjoys playtime with friends! (NR)

Financial Forecast 2024

Monday, January 29, 7 p.m.

John Daly, CFP of Daly Investment Management, will analyze the events that took place in the market during 2023 and consider what it could mean for 2024. (R)

Channel Your Calm

Adult Coloring

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 p.m.

Color your worries away while listening to calming music and enjoying friendly conversation. (R)

Mid-Day Mind Puzzles

Wednesday, February 21

12 p.m.

Spend some time exercising your mind! We will have crossword puzzles, word searches, logic puzzles, and sudoku available to try. (R)

Movies @ MPPL

Barbie

[2023; PG-13; 114 minutes;
Adventure, Comedy, Fantasy]

Starring: Margot Robbie,
Ryan Gossling, Issa Rae, Kate
McKinnon.

Directed by Greta Gerwig.

Thursday, January 11, 2 p.m.

Barbie suffers a crisis that leads
her to question her world and her
existence. (R)



Oppenheimer

[2023; R; 180 minutes;
Biography, Drama, History]

Starring: Cillian Murphy, Emily
Blunt, Matt Damon.

Directed by Christopher Nolan.

Thursday, February 8, 2 p.m.

The story of American scientist,
J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his
role in the development of the
atomic bomb. (R)



All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Let's Talk Books

Wednesdays, January 31,
February 28, 1 p.m.

Join other readers to share which
books inspired recent raves, rants,
or "it's complicated" reactions. (R)

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk

Wednesdays, January 31,
February 28, 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m.,
or 7:30 p.m. (V) (R)



Navigating Portugal

Monday, February 5, 7 p.m.

Explore picturesque Portugal as
we navigate our way through the
country's rich history, culture, and
fascinating sites. (R)

Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative Panel Discussion

Wednesday, February 7, 6 p.m.

Come out to the relaunch of
the Mount Prospect

Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) to
network and gain insight on
operating a small business. (R)

Career Coaching Appointment | Cita de Orientación profesional

Thursdays, February 8, 22
6 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.

Jumpstart your job search with
a virtual one-hour session with
an experienced career coach to
discuss résumé updates, apply-
ing for jobs online, and interview
preparation.

Inicie su búsqueda de empleo
con una sesión virtual de una
hora con un entrenador profe-
sional experimentado para anal-
izar las actualizaciones del cur-
rículum, la solicitud de empleo
en línea, y la marca personal y la
preparación de entrevistas. (V) (R)

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services

Tuesday, February 13, 6 p.m.

Learn how to cut the cord on
cable TV to lower monthly bills.
(V) (R)

Technology

Drop-In e-Book and e-Reader Help

Tuesday, January 16, 2-4 p.m.

Bring in your e-reader, tablet, or
smart phone for one-on-one help
with library staff on e-books and
e-audiobooks. (NR)

Open Tech Lab

Tuesday, January 30
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2-4 p.m.

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

Gmail Basics

Thursday, February 8, 10 a.m.

Come explore the customizable
features of Google's free email
service. Learn to manage inbox
categories, folders, aesthetics,
and more. (R)

Gmail Docs and Drive

Thursday, February 15, 10 a.m.

Join Mike Gershbein from Very
Smart People and learn about
what you can do with access to
free Google products like Google
Docs and Google Drives. (R)

Learning Online @MPPL.org

Wednesday, February 14, 7 p.m.

Learn about some of the most
popular, free online resources
available to cardholders at the
library or remotely, including
*Gale Presents: Udemy, LinkedIn
Learning, O'Reilly, Pronunciator, and
Mango Languages.* (V) (R)



Job Search 2.0 Series

Accelerate your job search with this series of virtual programs highlighting the essential skills to help you stay competitive and thrive in today's job market.

Leveraging LinkedIn in Your Job Search

Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.

LinkedIn rolls out new features and tools every month. Find out the latest and learn how to establish your professional brand, avoid features that can diminish your candidacy, and attract the attention of hiring authorities. (V) (R)

AI in the Job Search

Monday, February 19, 7 p.m.

Discover some of the latest tools used to prepare and perform well during a job search, and learn how to handle when hiring authorities use AI to screen and select candidates. (V) (R)

Interviewing Like a Pro

Monday, February 26, 7 p.m.

Learn how to navigate AI, video and phone interviews, excel during skills testing, and respond to illegal questions or unpaid project requests. Present yourself as a top candidate, avoid screenout factors, deliver job-winning responses, and follow-up to land an offer. (V) (R)

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

Monday, February 19, 7 p.m.

Connie Martin, a sixth-generation descendant of captured slaves, tells the history of the Underground Railroad and shares fascinating family stories of quilt codes and their meanings. (R)

The Great North American Eclipse

Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Join Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium, to learn what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely. (H) (R)

The Palace Papers: Inside the House of Windsor with Jenny Riddle

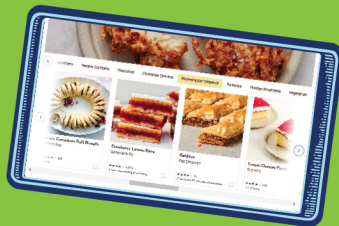
Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m.

Portraying Camilla Parker Bowles, professional storyteller Jenny Riddle shares Buckingham Palace insights and gossip about England's royal family. (R)

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Speculating our AI Future with Corry Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Join us for a panel discussion featuring three best selling science fiction writers, Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing. (V) (R)



A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond

Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft.

Join us for a conversation about his works and journey to success and a drawing demo fun for the whole family! (V) (R)



Julia Quinn

Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Join New York Times bestselling historical romance author Julia Quinn for a discussion of Bridgerton, now a Netflix television series, and all things love and romance. (V) (R)



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Book Discussions

Wednesday Morning Book Group (NR)

Wednesday, January 3, 11 a.m.

Clark and Division

by Naomi Hirahara

Wednesday, February 7, 11 a.m.

The Doctors Blackwell

by Janice P. Nimura

Book Chat Book Discussion (NR)

Monday, January 8, 7 p.m.

Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting

by Clare Pooley

Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.

How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water

by Angie Cruz

Wednesday Night Book Group (V) (R)

Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m.

The Rose Code

by Kate Quinn

Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

The Violin Conspiracy

by Brendan Slocumb

Registration required (R)

No registration required (NR)

Virtual program (V)

South Branch Events

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Play & Learn | Jugar y Aprender

FOR 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. (R)

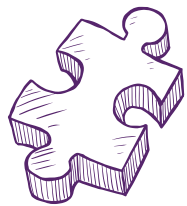
Family Jigsaw Puzzling |

Rompecabezas familiar

FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, January 6, 12 p.m.

Puzzle away with family while listening to relaxing music. (R)



Puzzle Swap |

Intercambio de rompecabezas

FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, January 13, 12-2 p.m.

Bring your new or used puzzles to trade with other puzzle fans. (NR)

LEGO Mania

FOR GRADES K-5 WITH AN ADULT

Wednesday, January 17, 5 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 5 p.m.

Create a never before seen masterpiece using our large collection of LEGO bricks! Afterward all LEGO creations will be displayed. (R)



Build and Watch |

Ver y construir

FOR FAMILIES

Enjoy a movie night at the library and have fun building with LEGO bricks! (R)



The LEGO Movie (PG)

Friday, January 19

5 p.m.

The LEGO Batman Movie (PG)

Friday, February 23

5 p.m.



Perler Bead Creations |

Creaciones de Perler

FOR GRADES K-5 WITH AN ADULT

Friday, January 26, 5 p.m.

Monday, February 19, 5 p.m.

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

Cafecito, Conchas, y

Conversación: *Sabiduría familiar*

PARA ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES

Sábado 3 de febrero

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 *Sabiduría familiar* escrito por Elizabeth Acevedo. *This program will be presented in Spanish.* (R)



Teen Volunteering South Branch

Mondays, January 8,
February 12, 5 p.m.

Check out volunteer opportunities on page 8.

Valentine's Day Storytime |

Hora de cuento del día de San Valentín

Saturday, February 10, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 5 p.m.

Join us for a Valentine's Day storytime with stories, songs, and a special craft. (R)

Book Folding Art | El Arte de Doblar Libros

FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays, February 21, 28
5 p.m.

In this two-part class, learn the art of folding books. Learn basic folds to create a beautiful vase out of an upcycled book; then decorate your folded creation in the second session. (R)

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

2024 Reading and Activity Programs

Find both familiar and new reading and activity programs at the library in the new year. These programs are designed to encourage the community to explore our collections, learn new things, and visit the library to discover all we have to offer.

RAISE A READER

For children from birth to age five

A reimagining of our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, Raise a Reader will help your little learner develop literacy skills through singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing! Check-in for prizes along the way and watch your child's curiosity bloom as they get a jump start on reading readiness.

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BOOK BINGO

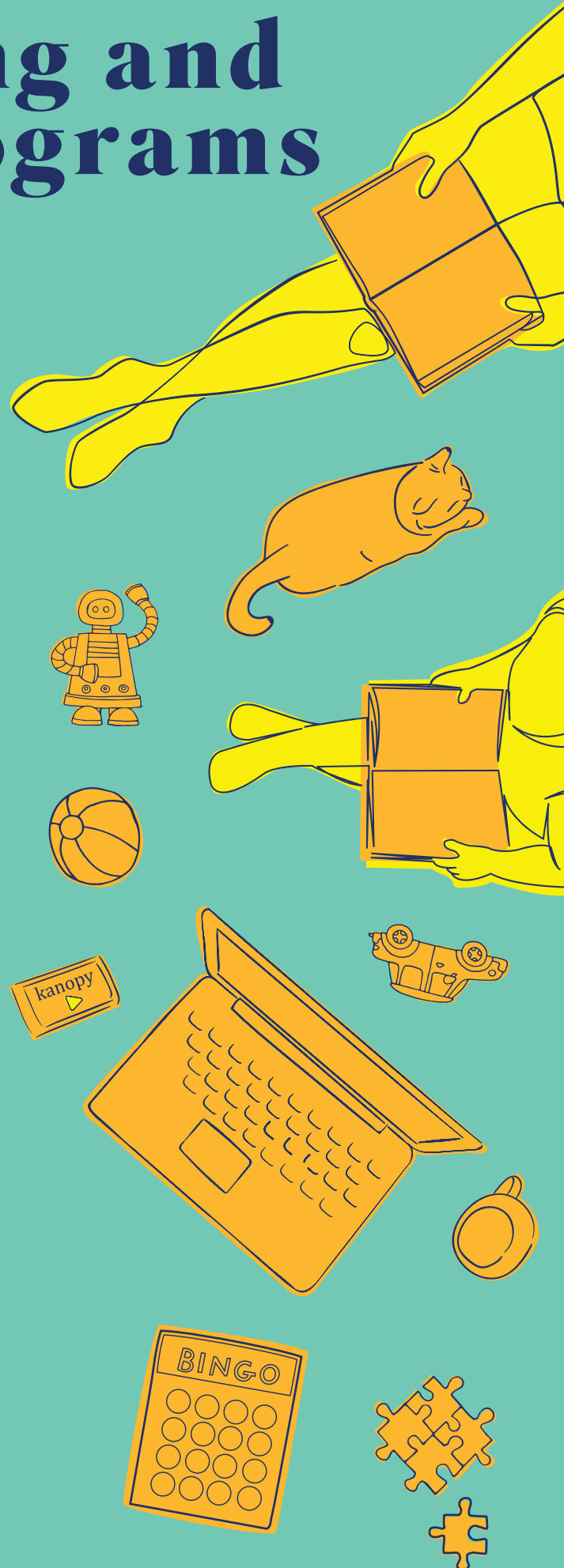
For teens and adults

Adults and teens, expand your reading with a bingo-style challenge! Full of fun and inspiring categories, 2024 Book Bingo encourages you to discover new subjects, series, authors, and more! Earn prizes for your first bingo and for completing the entire card.

MOVIE BINGO

For adults

With intriguing categories, 2024 Movie Bingo encourages you to explore new genres, directors, actors, and more! Earn prizes for registering, for your first bingo, and for completing the entire card.





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Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

CONTACT US

Our public service desks are 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

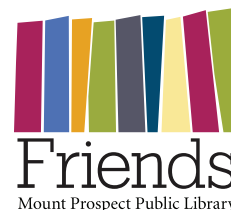
Friends Book Sale

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

Sunday, January 21, 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.

For more information about the Friends of the Library, including volunteer opportunities, visit their website:
www.friendsofmppl.org



A Heartfelt Thank You

The Library Foundation would like to extend our gratitude to the individuals, organizations, and businesses that support our fundraising efforts by donating in-kind gifts and making financial contributions. These donations enable the Foundation to fund library programs such as the Raise a Reader early literacy initiative, STEAM activities for children, as well as entertaining programs for adults.

Looking for a rewarding way to give back to the library? Email foundation@mppl.org for volunteer opportunities.

Save the date ...

**Mini Golf
Fundraiser
Saturday,
March 16!**



The Main Library and South Branch will close Monday, January 1 — New Year's Day