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A Guide to Your Library



Mini Golf

Step Into Spring

Financial Fitness





Message *From the* Executive Director

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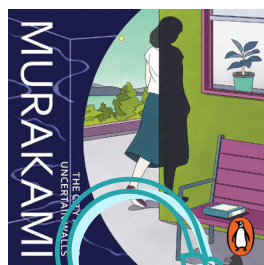
As I write this, it's still cold and gray, but the library is looking forward to thawing snow, more sunlight, and all things spring!

We're excited for a week packed with programming for kids during spring break and the Foundation's ever-popular indoor mini golf course for the family in March. April brings opportunities to help you take control of your finances, learn the art of floral arranging, and attend other fun nature-inspired programs.

So, whether you choose to challenge your friends and family to a round of mini golf on our putting greens, sign up for one of our Step Into Spring programs, or use our financial resources to manage your money, the library is here to bring a little green into your life.

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The City and Its Uncertain Walls by Haruki Murakami • *Say Anarcha* by J.C. Hallman • *Astro Bot* on Playstation 5

E-newsletter Sign Up

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



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Library Programming

Program registration is often required. Register 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)



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Youth Events



Super Saturday: Hoop Dancing and Storytelling Presented by Starr Chief Eagle

BEST FOR AGES 3-11 WITH THEIR FAMILIES
Saturday, March 1, 3 p.m.

Experience traditional Lakota culture with Starr Chief Eagle, member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe! You'll be enchanted as she uses 22 hoops to create designs, shapes, and creatures to tell a story. *Funded through the generosity of the Elizabeth J. Clough Memorial Fund.* (R)

Breastfeeding 101

Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of breastfeeding from Advocate Health Care lactation experts. (R)



Puzzle Pals

BEST FOR AGES 3 AND OLDER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, March 19,
5:30-7 p.m.

Stop by and work together to assemble a variety of puzzles, from three to 300 pieces! (NR)

Ready, Set, Read!

BEST FOR AGES 3-8 WITH AN ADULT
Thursdays, March 20, April 24,
4:15 p.m.

Come have fun with play-based activities that develop early literacy skills based in the science of reading. (R)

Sensory Explorers: Spring Celebration

BEST FOR AGES 2-5 WITH AN ADULT
Thursday, April 3, 10 a.m.

Come celebrate spring at this messy, nature-themed playtime. (R)



Celebrate Eid al-Fitr

BEST FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to learn about and celebrate Eid al-Fitr, a joyful festival marking the end of Ramadan, with a special story, craft, and other activities. (R)

Potty Palooza

BEST FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 WHO ARE
READY FOR POTTY TRAINING WITH
AN ADULT

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.

Little ones will get excited about ditching the diapers, and caregivers will learn about strategies to support this big transition. (R)



Early Childhood Screening | Evaluación del desarrollo infantil

BEST FOR AGES 3 AND YOUNGER
WITH AN ADULT

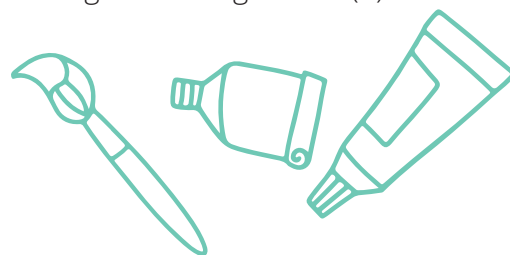
Thursday, April 24,
9:30-11:30 a.m.

An early childhood expert will be available to help assess your child's play, learning, and developmental milestones. Drop in to complete a short screening evaluation survey and receive resources to support your child's development. *Presented in partnership with District 214 Community Education.* (NR)

Let's Make Colors!

BEST FOR AGES 3-7 WITH AN ADULT
Monday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. or
1:30 p.m.

Come play and learn about the magic of mixing colors! (R)





Spring Break



No travel plans for spring break? No worries! You can find fantastic fun right here at the library! Whether you're looking to wiggle, craft, or discover something new, you'll find something for everyone in our jam-packed schedule full of family-friendly programs — no plane tickets required!

Family Theatre: The Kindness Garden Presented by Firefly Family Theatre

BEST FOR AGES 2-7 WITH THEIR FAMILIES
Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m.

Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends for stories and songs about spring and the power of kindness with puppets, original music, and interactive movement. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

Twist and Shout Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER
WITH AN ADULT

Monday, March 24, 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)

Glow in the Park at Pocket Park

BEST FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, March 24, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Come join us at Pocket Park to celebrate spring with colorful glow sticks, energizing music, and activities. (NR)

Squish, Sculpt, and Squeeze!

BEST FOR AGES 5-11

Tuesday, March 25, 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Play with mesmerizing materials and create some cool stuff in this program full of sensory surprises, including a fun take-home goody. (R)

Family Concert: We All Bloom Tunes!

BEST FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Wednesday, March 26, 10 a.m.

Join Old Town School of Folk Music for an inclusive, buoyant sing-a-long experience! We'll sing and play games as we celebrate the coming of spring. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (NR)

Minecraft Party

BEST FOR AGES 4-11 WITH THEIR FAMILIES
Wednesday, March 26, 5:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, March 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

Dig, craft, and build your way to unforgettable spring break memories with hands-on, screen-free Minecraft activities for the whole family! (NR)



Creation Station: Craft with Beads

BEST FOR AGES 3 AND OLDER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, March 27, 6-7 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Bubble Party at Pocket Park

BEST FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Friday, March 28, 10-11 a.m.

Join us at Pocket Park to inflate your excitement as you create giant bubbles and have fun with other bubble activities that really pop! (NR)

Science Saturday: Adventure of the Lost Treasure Presented by Science Heroes

BEST FOR AGES 5-11

Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.

Experience the fusion of science and stories in this interactive STEM show that will take you treasure-hunting (and experimenting) deep within a jungle! *Sponsored by the Library Foundation.* (R)



Your library card takes you places!

Museum Adventure Pass and Explore More Illinois

Museum Adventure Pass and Explore More Illinois offer you free admission or special discounts at select cultural destinations in the Chicago area and across Illinois. From art museums to zoos and historical houses to symphony centers, explore more this spring break and throughout the year!



Scan the QR code for more details and complete lists of passes and discounts!



WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Storytimes

Find the perfect-fit storytime for your child and schedule. Each storytime is especially created for your child's unique age and stage. Learn more about storytime options and view our full calendar online at mppl.org.



Family Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, April 7, 14, 21, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 22, 6 p.m.

Join us for an interactive storytime with high-energy stories, songs, and activities. (NR)

Toddler Storytime

BEST FOR WALKERS AGES 3 AND YOUNGER WITH AN ADULT

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, April 7, 14, 21, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, April 10, 17, 24, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Grow your little learner's literacy and language skills at this playful storytime full of wiggles, wonder, and fun! (NR)

Baby Storytime

BEST FOR INFANTS THROUGH PRE-WALKERS WITH AN ADULT

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 22, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Join us for songs, rhymes, stories, and playtime made specially for infants. (NR)

Big Kids Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 3-7 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 22, 1:30 p.m.

Children who are ready for longer stories will grow into super readers through playful books and fun with friends! (NR)

Animal Explorers Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 2-4 WITH AN ADULT

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, April 9, 16, 23, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Join us for this special animal-themed storytime series full of animal actions, books, songs, and fun. (NR)

Storytime Playdate

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER WITH AN ADULT

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18, 25, 9:30-11 a.m.

This play-based program combines the magic of storytime with the hands-on fun of our Stay and Play sessions. (NR)

Ploof and Pals Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER WITH AN ADULT

Monday, March 31, 10 a.m.

Our lovable cloud friend, Ploof, can't wait to play with all his pals at this special storytime! (NR)

Baby Storytime: American Sign Language

BEST FOR INFANTS THROUGH PRE-WALKERS WITH AN ADULT

Wednesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.

Explore the basics of baby sign language during this interactive storytime! (NR)



The Youth staff is always busy reading and discovering new books! To find their favorites, from picture books to chapter books and beyond, visit our website or stop by the Youth department to pick up a list!

Celebrate Día del Niño! Kids Fiesta

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Día del Niño, or Children's Day, began 100 years ago when Mexican President Obregón signed the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This joyful holiday is a chance to show children how much they are loved! Join us for fun Día del Niño celebrations for kids of all ages and their families!



Pocket Circus Performance | 9:30 a.m.

We're getting the party started with an interactive show full of acrobatics, juggling, magic, and laughs presented by the amazing Pocket Circus duo! (R)



Drop-in Crafts and Activities | 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Enjoy a special morning in the Youth department with crafts, activities, balloons, and other delightful surprises! (NR)

Sponsored by



Kids Fiesta at South Branch

BEST FOR AGES 4-10

Monday, April 28, 5 p.m.

We're also celebrating Día del Niño at South Branch! Join us for crafts, giveaways, and snacks! (R)

Library Mini Golf

\$5 PER PERSON

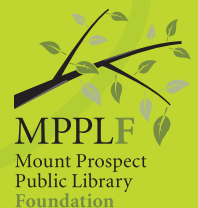
**\$20 FOR A FAMILY
OF FOUR OR MORE**

ALL AGES

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 | 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Come join the fun as we host an 18-hole mini golf fundraiser throughout the building.

After your round of mini golf, visit the 19th Hole for family activities and concessions.



Proceeds raised will help support the Foundation's mission to fund special programs and projects for the library.

For School-Aged Children

Craft Time: Hello Kitty and Friends

BEST FOR AGES 5-8

Monday, March 3, 4:15 p.m.

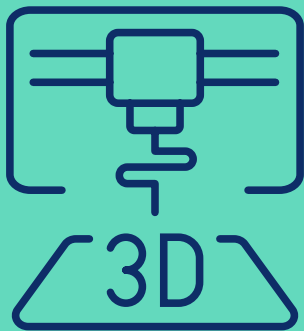
Let's make some new friends while we create cute crafts from the world of Hello Kitty! (R)

Needle Craft: Hello Kitty and Friends Cross-Stitch

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 3-5

Monday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.

Make new friends while learning a fun new sewing skill! Learn to cross-stitch and get started on your own cute Hello Kitty-themed project. (R)



3D Printing for Kids

Learn Tinkercad

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 3-5

Tuesday, March 4, 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to create objects using Tinkercad, a digital-design computer software. (R)

Learn Thingiverse

BEST FOR AGES 8-11 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesday, April 1, 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to use Thingiverse to find a 3D print project and submit it to the library to be printed. (R)

Minecraft Engineers

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2, 6 p.m.

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

Homeschool Hangout

FOR FAMILIES

Thursdays, March 6, April 3, 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)



CheckMates Meetup

BEST FOR AGES 7-17

Saturday, March 8, April 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join other chess fans for a mini lesson and guided instruction to sharpen your skills at 2 p.m., or just stop by for a match at 2:30 p.m.!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. (NR)

Pokémon Club

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

Wednesday, March 12, 6 p.m.

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

Kids' Book Clubs

We've widened our offerings of kids' book clubs and now have something for everyone!

My First Book Club

BEST FOR AGES 5-8

Monday, March 10, 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 4:15 p.m.

This introductory book club is made special for growing readers! We'll explore a picture book with friends and enjoy fun, hands-on activities related to the story. (R)



Hooked on Books!

BEST FOR AGES 6-8

Thursday, March 6, 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 4:15 p.m.

In this interactive club for kids reading chapter books, we'll read selections from a couple of fantastic books, plus play games or do hands-on activities related to the books. (R)



A Club for Kids Who Like Books

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 4 AND 5

Mondays, March 10, April 14, 6 p.m.

Meet new friends, make a project, and find your next great read in this unique book club (no prior reading required). Plus, all participants will select a free book to take home and keep! *Sponsored by the Library Foundation.* (R)



For School-Aged Children



Animal Investigators

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

We'll learn, share our knowledge and excitement, plus do an experiment or craft. (R)

Pufferfish

Monday, March 31,
6:30 p.m.

Peregrine Falcons

Monday, April 28,
6:30 p.m.

Animal Investigators Junior

BEST FOR AGES 6-8

All the same fun as Animal Investigators with a smaller group for younger children. (R)

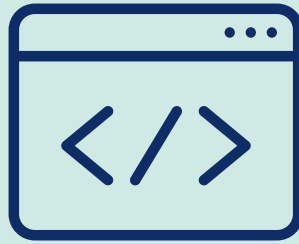
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Peregrine Falcons

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4:15 p.m.



CodeBuilders

Experience the thrill of telling a computer what to do and watching your instructions come to life!

Digital Drawing With TurtleArt

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, March 13, 6 p.m.

Tell a digital turtle where and how to move and create a piece of digital art! (R)

Let's Make Music

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, April 10, 6 p.m.

Learn how to create digital music through coding! We'll work together to complete the Hour of Code's Music Lab: Jam Session. (R)

Tinker Appointment

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 4 AND 5

Fridays, March 14, April 25, 4 p.m.,

Wednesday, April 16, 6 p.m.

Build, code, or craft during this program designed specifically for children in grades 4 and 5 that offers hands-on, appointment-based sessions. (R)



LEGO Squad

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

Mondays, March 17, April 21,
6 p.m.

Ready, Set, BUILD! Join the LEGO Squad! We provide the LEGO bricks; you show off your skills. (R)

Tech Playground

BEST FOR AGES 8-11 WITH AN ADULT

Thursday, March 20, 6-7 p.m.

Be a tech explorer and try our STEAM toys at the library. (NR)



Dungeons and Dragons

FOR GRADES 5-6

Wednesday, April 9, 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)

ENTERING GRADES 7-12

Volunteer With Us This Summer!

The library is looking for teens who will be entering grades 7-12 to help us with summer reading. Volunteers will greet families, register children, hand out prizes, and more!



Applications will be available online and at the Main Library beginning April 15. Visit mopl.org/about-us/volunteer to learn more.

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, March 10, April 14, 5 p.m.

Main Library

Fridays, March 21, April 18, 5 p.m.

Teen Book Café

Fridays, March 14, April 11, 4:30 p.m.

Come hang out with us at Khepri Kitchen + Coffee, 106 S. Emerson St. We'll talk about new books, recommend some of our favorites, and treat you to a snack and a drink. (R)

CheckMates Meetup

BEST FOR AGES 7-17

Saturdays, March 8, April 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join other chess fans for a mini lesson and guided instruction to sharpen your skills at 2 p.m., or just stop by for a match at 2:30 p.m.! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (NR)

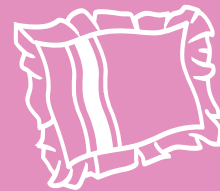
Craft Programs

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



Boba Slime

Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.



Fleece Tied Pillows

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



BookFix Hand-picked library book. Bookish goodies to keep.

See April 1 on our online calendar at mopl.org to register using your library card.

TEENS AND ADULTS

Adult Events



AARP Driver Safety Course

Monday, March 3, 1 p.m. and
Tuesday, March 4, 1 p.m.

This two-part, eight-hour program provides a refresher course for motorists age 55 and up. (R)

Breastfeeding 101

Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of breastfeeding from Advocate Health Care lactation experts. (R)

Job Search Strategies for Older Adults

Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m.

Learn how to navigate unique job market challenges faced by older workers. (R)

Drop-In Crochet and Knit Group

Thursdays, March 6, April 3, 7 p.m.

Bring your latest crochet or knit projects and share your enthusiasm with other needlecrafters. (NR)

Channel Your Calm: Coloring

Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.

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

Freewheeling in Ireland

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Outdoor enthusiast John Lynn will share captivating photos and stories, showcasing the storied and scenic Emerald Isle through the lens of a 1100-mile bicycle adventure. (R)

SCORE Business Mentoring

Thursdays, March 13, April 10,
5 p.m., 6 p.m., or 7 p.m.

Local entrepreneurs and small businesses can get one-on-one support by meeting with an experienced mentor from SCORE North Cook and Lake Counties. (R)

Movies at MPPL *All movies are shown with closed captioning.*

Afternoon Movies



Conclave

2024; PG; 120 MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2 p.m.

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events — selecting a new Pope — he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. (R)



Juror #2

2024; PG-13; 114 MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2 p.m.

While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, a family man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma, one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the wrong killer. (R)



Morning Movies



The Big Short

2015; R; 130 MINUTES

Tuesday, March 25, 10 a.m.

In 2006-2007 a group of investors bet against the United States mortgage market. In their research, they discover how flawed and corrupt the market is. (R)



Intolerable Cruelty

2003; PG-13; 100 MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m.

Miles, a high-profile divorce lawyer, wins a case for his rich but adulterous client Rex Rexroth. But Rex's ex-wife, Marilyn, who is no saint and is a gold-digger, plots to take revenge on Miles. (R)



Adult Events

Career Coaching Appointment

| Cita de orientación profesional
Thursdays, March 13, 20,
April 10, 24, 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 resume updates, applying
for jobs online, and interview
preparation. Sessions are
available in English or Spanish. (V)
(R)



Women Who Measured the Stars

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Rebecca Tulloch explores the
women astronomers of the
Harvard College Observatory
and their groundbreaking
contributions, calculating the
distance to the stars during the
early 20th century. (R)

Night Off? Game On!

FOR AGES 18+
Mondays, March 17, April 21,
7 p.m.
Spend your night off playing
tabletop games with other
gaming enthusiasts! (R)

Candle Painting

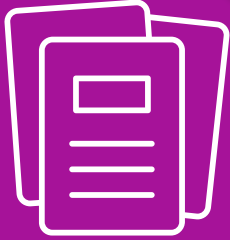
Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy a relaxing craft where we
paint designs onto candles using
melted wax. (R)

News Media, Truth, and Trust

Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m.
Explore the evolving news media
landscape with Daily Herald
Opinion Editor Jim Slusher as
he shares insights and tips for
discerning reliable sources and
navigating biases in modern
journalism. (R)

Lawyers at the Library: Your Legal Help Desk


Wednesdays, March 26, April 30,
6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
(V) (R)



Online Help for Every Step of Your Job Search

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IDES Job Fair

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 | 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Connect with dozens of local employers at this all-industry job fair presented by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

Bring copies of your resume; some employers will be conducting on-the-spot interviews! (NR)



Web Resources Overview

Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Discover the extensive collection of free online resources for cardholders to use remotely. (V) (R)

Mindful Chair Yoga

Friday, March 28, 11 a.m.

Join us for a gentle seated yoga practice incorporating breath awareness, meditation, and aromatherapy. *This program is presented by Mather, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of adults ages 55 and older.* (R)

A Path to Your Family Story With Ancestry Library Edition

Thursday, April 3, 2 p.m.

Explore this popular online genealogy resource, available for free to use at the library. Learn basic and advanced search techniques, how to find relevant results, and more. (R)

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: *The Tempest*

Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m.

The library welcomes The Shakespeare Project of Chicago with a performance of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Directed by J.R. Sullivan. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation.* (R)

Understanding Medicare

Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.

Ethan Dickerson, an independent insurance agent, will explain the parts of Medicare and offer ways to find the best plan for you. (R)



True Crime: Financial Fraud

Tuesday, April 29, 2 p.m.

Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect Police Department will review real case examples of common financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a financial crime. (R)



Book Group Bootcamp

Wednesday, April 30, 6 p.m.

Learn how to organize and run your own book group using helpful resources from the library and online! (R)

Technology

Drop-In Tech Training

Tuesdays, March 4, 18,

Thursday, April 17, 2-4 p.m.,

Tuesday, April 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Mac Studio Orientation

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.

Uncover the creative capabilities of our Mac Studio computers! Learn how you can breathe new life into cherished memories by scanning photo negatives, slides, 8mm film, and VHS tapes. (R)

Tinkercad Basics

Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m.

Learn about 3D design and printing using the computer-aided design software Tinkercad. (R)

Build a Website

Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to design, build, and launch a website using publishing platforms like Weebly or Squarespace from Very Smart People founder Mike Gershbein. (R)

Google Docs and Drive

Monday, April 7, 10 a.m.

Very Smart People founder Mike Gershbein will provide a comprehensive presentation and share what you can do with access to free Google products like Google Docs and Google Drives. (R)

Gmail Basics

Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m.

Explore the customizable features of Google's free email service. (R)



Step Into Spring

Bring a little green into your life with our series of programs highlighting the sights and sounds of springtime.

Drop-in Houseplant Swap

Wednesday, April 2, 4-7 p.m.

Bring in an indoor plant or rooted cutting, free of pests, and pick up a new indoor plant to add to your collection! (NR)

Designer Hacks for Easy Flower Arranging

Wednesday, April 16, 6 p.m.

Join Heather Coughlin of Pure Bloom Flowers for a tutorial and demonstration on flower arranging. (R)

Learning to Bird by Ear: Recognizing and Identifying Birds by Their Vocalizations

Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Geoff Williamson will cover the basic concepts in bird vocalizations and the organizing principles for learning to bird by ear. (R)

Shady Characters: Nifty Plants for Shady Sites

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Join Horticulturist Heather Prince as she explores the colors and textures of shade-loving plants, showcasing varieties and species suited for dry shade, moist shade, part shade, and dense shade.

Presented in partnership with The Garden Club of Mount Prospect. (R)





Illinois Libraries Present

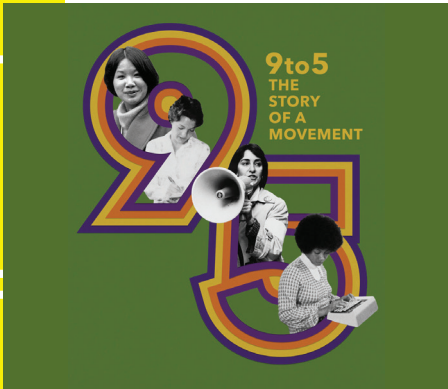
Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries, connects communities and audiences by offering premier online events for member libraries and their patrons.



Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Join us for a special virtual event with deep space navigation team leader Coralie Adam, who leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, the first privately held company to provide deep space navigation and flight dynamics expertise to NASA. Adam is currently the Deputy Navigation Chief on NASA's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids, a navigation lead and science co-investigator on the OSIRIS-APEX extended mission to asteroid Apophis, and supports several commercial and government exploration initiatives to the moon and beyond. (V) (R)



9to5: The Story of a Movement an at Home Experience

Beginning Friday, March 21 at 2 p.m. through Sunday, March 23

Discover the untold story of the struggle that inspired a hit song and movie and changed the American workplace in this critically acclaimed documentary. The song "9 to 5" reflects the true story of a movement that started with 9to5, a group of Boston secretaries in the early 1970s. Their goals were simple — better pay, more advancement opportunities, and an end to sexual harassment — and their unconventional approach attracted the press and shamed their bosses into change. The documentary features interviews with 9to5's founders and actor and activist Jane Fonda. (V) (R)



The Art of Foraging With Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator who uses social media to celebrate edible plants hiding in plain sight. Joined in conversation with Natalie Evans, a wild edible foods instructor, Nelson will peel back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and will empower those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency. Nelson received the James Beard Foundation Award for Social Media Account and was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2022. (V) (R)

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Financial Fitness 2025

Financial Fitness 2025 is a free financial literacy series presented by Business Interest Group (BIG), a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs. In support of the libraries' mission of providing access to reliable information, these virtual programs offer practical tips and advice from experienced financial advisors.

Planning for Retirement

Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Join John Daly, CFP, for this information-packed session about getting ready to retire. Learn what to consider about when to retire, how much money you will need, when to take Social Security, and how to invest when you are retired. (V) (R)

Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Barbara Ginty, CFP, CEPA, will help you navigate the complex landscape of student loans and explain how these debts can impact long-term financial goals, including retirement savings. (V) (R)

Terry Savage Talks Money

Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Terry Savage, a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy, and the markets, will provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets, and personal finance topics, and then answer your questions. (V) (R)



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The library has a wealth of online resources available to help you manage your money.

Morningstar: Insights on stocks, mutual funds, and more.

Value Line: Market updates and detailed reports on individual stocks and mutual funds.

Weiss Financial Ratings: Ratings for banks, credit unions, insurance companies, or even Medigap plans. Get help with managing debt, creating a budget, buying a car, calculating the cost of college, and more.

Visit mopl.org/resources to access these and other valuable resources.



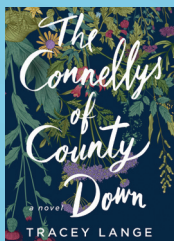
The filing deadline to submit 2024 tax returns or request an extension is Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Visit mopl.org for more information on library resources available to assist with tax preparation.

Book Discussions

Connect with fellow readers in the community over thoughtfully chosen books during one of our book groups. Looking for something non-traditional? Check out Let's Talk Books or Completely Booked: A 20s and 30s Book Group.

Wednesday Morning Book Group (NR)

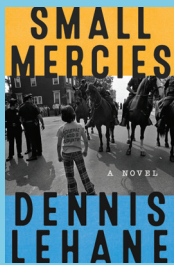


Wednesday,
March 5, 11 a.m.
**The Connellys of
County Down**
by Tracey Lange



Wednesday,
April 2, 11 a.m.
The Book of Doors
by Gareth Brown

Monday Night Book Group (NR)

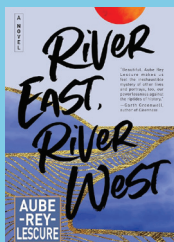


Monday,
March 10, 7 p.m.
Small Mercies
by Dennis Lehane



Monday,
April 14, 7 p.m.
Happiness Falls
by Angie Kim

Thursday Afternoon Book Group (NR)



Thursday,
March 20, 12 p.m.
**River East, River
West**
by Aube Rey Lescure



Thursday,
April 17, 12 p.m.
Good Talk
by Mira Jacob



Let's Talk Books (R)

Wednesdays, March 26, April 30, 1 p.m.
Recommend your favorites and learn which titles have other readers talking.



Completely Booked: A 20s and 30s Book Group

Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m.
Join this social book group for book enthusiasts in their 20s and 30s at Emerson's Ale House, 113 S. Emerson St.! The library will provide a round of appetizers for the group — other food and beverages are available for purchase — while we discuss **Penance** by Eliza Clark. (R)

Registration required (R) No registration required (NR)



Hosting your own book group or looking to start one? Consider one of the over 150 book discussion titles available at the library. From gripping thrillers to offbeat character studies to popular celebrity book club picks, there's something for every kind of book club.

Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen desk for help building your own book discussion kit complete with book copies and discussion materials prepared by our expert Readers' Advisors.

South Branch Events

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Teen Volunteering

Check out volunteer opportunities on page 10.

Play and Learn | Jugar y aprender

BEST 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)

Build and Watch | Ver y construir

BEST FOR AGES 5-11

WITH THEIR FAMILIES

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



How to Train Your Dragon

2010; PG;
98 minutes

Friday, March 7,
5 p.m.



The Incredibles

2004; PG;
115 minutes

Friday, April 11,
5 p.m.



Let's Play

BEST FOR AGES 8-12

Bring your friends and stop by to play games on our Nintendo Switch!

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe (NR)

Saturday, March 8,
12 p.m.

Super Mario Party Jamboree (R)

Saturday, April 5,
11:45 a.m. or 1 p.m.



Spring Bingo | Bingo de primavera

FOR FAMILIES

Friday, March 28, 5 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Join us for a fun, seasonal bingo session! (R)

"Read it and Eat it" Storytime |

Hora de cuentos: léelo y cómetelo
BEST FOR AGES 3-6 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, March 31, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a read aloud storytime, then create treats to enjoy. (R)



Kids Fiesta at South Branch

BEST FOR AGES 4-10

Monday, April 28, 5 p.m.

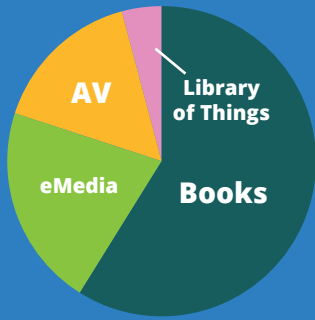
Celebrate Día del Niño at South Branch with crafts, giveaways, and snacks! (R)

Find details about additional programs planned in honor of Día del Niño on page 7!

Many of our programs at South Branch are presented in English and Spanish.

| Muchos de nuestros programas en la Sucursal del Sur se presentarán en inglés y español.

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Attendees:
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**Questions
Answered:
143,299**

Library Visits

**Main Library:
335,904**

**South Branch:
21,275**

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Usage: 13,127**

**Meeting
Room
Usage: 237**



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Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m.

CONTACT US

Our public service desks are available by chat, text, and phone.

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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, May 3, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

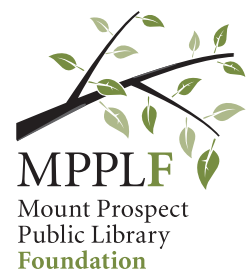
The spring book sale, usually held in April, will take place in May this year. Stop by and stock up on books, movies, music, games, and more, all at bargain prices. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services. For more information about the Friends of the Library including volunteer opportunities, visit their website: www.friendsofmppl.org.



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As you plan your financial future, consider including the Foundation in your estate planning. A planned or estate gift ensures that your generosity will continue to support the library for years to come. Please consult with your attorney or financial advisor for more information.



The library will be closed on
Sunday, April 20 — Easter