

Spring 2023 • March, April & May

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NEWSLETTER



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MORE
TO THE
STORY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 23-29, 2023

Library News

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Spring Reading Program: Plant a Seed and Read

March 1 - May 31

Visit our library website to sign up for spring reading and record your books. For help, please visit or call the library. If you used Beanstack for our previous reading programs, there is no need to make an account - just sign back in with your credentials and start logging!

For Adult Readers

Read 5 books to receive a prize and 5 raffle tickets. Read 10 books to receive 5 additional raffle tickets. To enter our raffle and receive a prize, stop by the library to see us in Adult Services.

For Kids and Teen readers

For kids ages baby through grade 5, read 30 books and receive a prize for every 5 books that you read. For teens in 6th - 12th grade read 6 books this spring and receive a prize for every one book that you read. Receive candy guess forms and drawing tickets for books read. Age-appropriate prizes are available for children under 3 years.



EVENT REGISTRATION INFO - PLEASE READ!

We are offering programming both in-person and online. Registration for programs which require it will open on **Wednesday, March 1 at 9am**. The type of program is indicated using these letters:

D - Drop-in - in-person only, no registration

R - Register - in-person only, registration required

H - Hybrid - both in-person and online, registration required

Z - Zoom - online only, registration required

Please contact us if you have any questions!

National Library Week: There's More to the Story

April 23-29

Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to ebooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story. Our library lends items like museum passes, games, WiFi Hotspots, Laptops, and more. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, crafting classes, and lectures. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.

Stop in the library the week of April 23-29!

For Adults

Visit the Adult Services department to participate in our scavenger hunt! You can be entered into our raffle for a special prize.

For Children and Teens

Visit the Youth Services department and find all the hidden objects in the special National Library week scavenger hunt! After completing the hunt, stop by the Youth Services desk for a prize!

Library News

Join the library in celebrating the many different holidays observed by our community and gain a shared appreciation for the diversity of our traditions. All are welcome! All ages are invited.

Fiddle Tunes from Ireland

Saturday, March 18 • 3pm

In celebration of St. Patrick's day, join Shannon Mustard from the Old Town School of Folk Music for Fiddle Tunes from Ireland! Shannon is a violinist from the North East of Scotland. She will be performing a variety of Irish fiddle tunes including jigs, hornpipes, and reels, as well as slow airs and other traditional Celtic songs. • R

Ramadan Giving Project

March 20 - April 26

Donate non-perishable items to the library for local distribution to people in need in observance of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time of fasting, prayer and charitable giving. The sighting of a sliver of a new moon indicates the start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Egg Hunt For All Ages

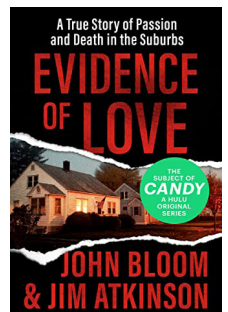
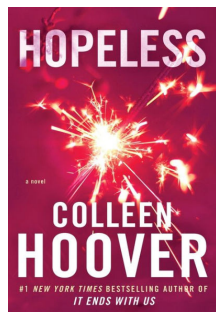
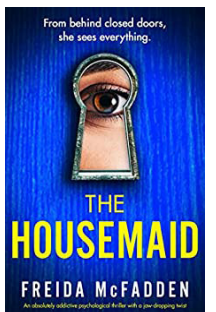
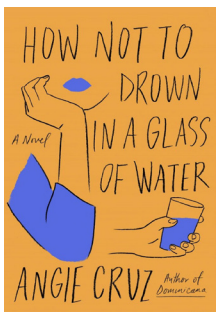
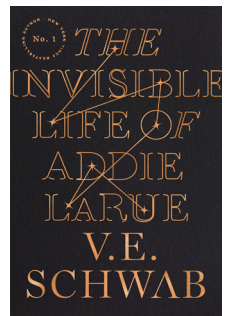
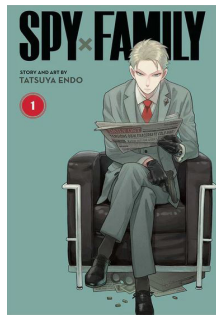
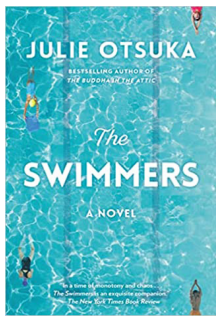
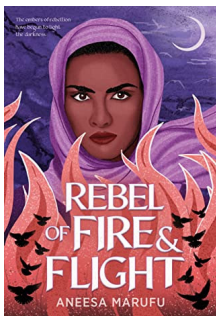
April 3rd - 8th

Kids and Teens - Visit the library to hunt for some eggs and books. The Egg Hunt will take place throughout the week. Find your 5 eggs to collect your present. Limit one present per person.

Adults - Egg hunts are not just for kids! Visit the Adult Services Department to participate in our first Adult Easter Egg Hunt. Find eggs throughout the stacks and department. Prizes vary from candy and gift cards to other special prizes. Each person is limited to one gift card.



Staff Picks



Adult Programs

City of Big Songs • R

Monday, March 6 • 7pm

A legendary, seismic town deserves stories, fables...and songs... told, written and sung about it. Chicago is no different. There have been hundreds of songs written about Our Town since 1833, but what're the stories behind the lyrics and melodies? To learn more please join Clarence Goodman for City of Big Songs: Songs About Chicago and the Stories About the Songs. • R

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Domestic Violence 101

Monday, March 20 • 7pm

DV101 is an overview on the dynamics of domestic violence. This presentation covers what domestic violence is in Illinois, forms of abuse, identifying early warning signs, understanding cycles of abuse, and most importantly how to advocate for victims and help save lives! • R

Egg Hunt

Week of April 3-8

Egg hunts are not just for kids! Visit the Adult Services Department to participate in our first Adult Easter Egg Hunt. Find eggs throughout the stacks and department. Prizes vary from candy and gift cards to other special prizes. Adults only; each person is limited to one gift card. • D

Get Organized and Stress Less

Monday, April 17 • 7pm

We are busier than ever before, and our homes and brains and lives feel so cluttered! In this class, we will learn time management strategies, clutter clearing skills, and easy stress relief tools that fit in your busy life. Take the time to learn to make time and be less stressed. Join M. Colleen Klimczak, CPO Certified Professional Organizer. • R

Technology as a Tool of Abuse

Saturday, April 22 • 11am

Domestic violence abusers have another tool by which to abuse their victims. This presentation will examine how abusers use technology to inflict further harm. As a preventative, we will discuss how individuals can be safe online and spot red flags of potential abusers that prey on individuals online. • R

Cheese 101

Monday, April 24 • 7pm

Perfect for beginners or cheese lovers alike, Meredith Meder will discuss (and taste) unique cheese styles. Emphasis on purchasing, cutting and storing tips and tricks. We will talk, eat and discuss different milk types, cheese styles and how to buy, cut and store cheeses. This class is ideal for a novice or if you just love cheese! Register by April 10 • R

30 Things to Do in Chicago Under \$30

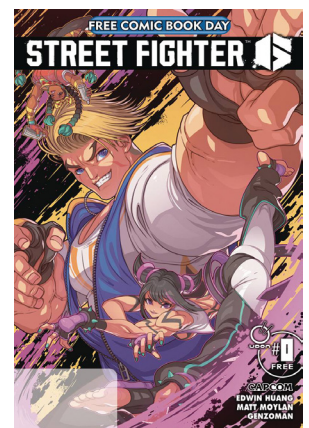
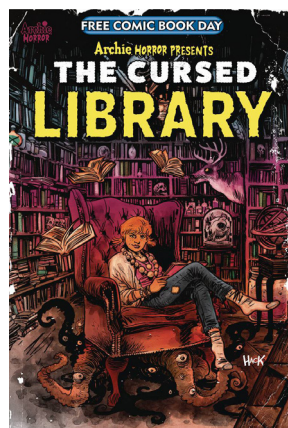
Monday, May 15 • 7pm

From big museums to little-known attractions, learn how to take advantage of everything our beautiful city has to offer—without breaking the bank. In this presentation, Jez Layman will highlight 30 deals and free options to make the most of your weekend or staycation, ranging from history and culture to green spaces to quirky sites off the beaten path. • R

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 6

Who doesn't love FREE comic books? Visit the Adult Services Department to pick up your free comic book. We are also having a manga drawing contest. Winner will receive a prize! • D



Recurring Programs

Monday Movie

Mondays • 10am

Join us every Monday morning for a feature film screening! Must be 18+ to attend! • **D**

Gentle Flow Yoga

Tuesdays • 2pm

The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body. **Sessions will be held online and in person.** • **H**

Bingo!

Monday, March 27 • 7pm

Monday, May 1 • 7pm

Calling all rowdy bingo players! This is your time to shine. Prizes will be awarded to the game winners. **Must be 18+ to play.** • **R**

ESL Conversation Group

Mondays & Wednesday • TBD
Check website for updates

Join us twice a week on Zoom to practice English conversation with an experienced ESL instructor while discussing a variety of meaningful topics. • **R**

Ageless Grace

Wednesday, March 1 & 15 • 10am

Wednesday, April 5 & 19 • 10am

Wednesday, May 3 & 17 • 10am

Ageless Grace® is a cutting-edge brain fitness program based on neuroplasticity that activates all 5 functions of the brain. Join us to work out your brain as well as your body in this fun, creative, and playful chair exercise program. • **R**

Senior Connections

Thursday, March 16 • 10am

Thursday, April 27 • 10am

Thursday, May 18 • 10am

Join us monthly for guest speakers, conversation, baked goods and bingo! We will cover topics of interest to older adults and end with a speed round of Bingo with great prizes. • **R**

Color Therapy

Friday, March 10 • 10am

Friday, April 14 • 10am

Friday, May 12 • 10am

Come color for fun and enjoy the benefits of creative coloring. We provide the pages, colored pencils, markers and a good time! • **R**

Technology Programs

Memory Lab - Preserve your stories at the library!

We now have equipment that will allow you to convert obsolete formats into new formats: VHS to DVD, cassette to MP3 file, and 35 mm film and film slides into jpeg formats. If you are looking to start spring cleaning but don't know where to begin, stop by the library and learn how you can clear out your VHS tapes, cassettes, film and film slides without losing these memories. Call the Adult Services desk to learn more.

The Memory Lab was made possible with a grant from Age Options.

Electronic Payment Basics

Wednesday, April 19 • 2pm

Has a friend ever asked if they could pay you back electronically and you weren't sure what they meant? Maybe they threw out words like Zelle, Cash App, or Venmo? In this introductory class we will cover the basics of electronic payment methods including an overview of how it works and which methods might be right for you. • **R**

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Our team of Adult Services librarians is here to help you reach your goals! Make a one-on-one appointment with us for help with things like:

- Using the Aspen catalog
- Downloading ebooks and audiobooks
- Creating a resume and applying for jobs online
- Genealogy (using Ancestry for Libraries)
- Navigating government websites
- Using productivity programs like Google Docs and Microsoft Word

Please call the library, visit us in person or email us at refdesk@chicagoridgelibrary.org to book your appointment.



Book Discussions

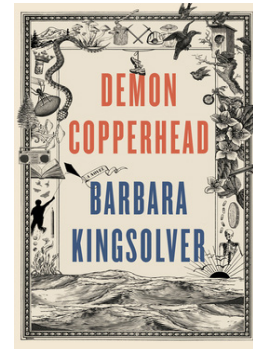
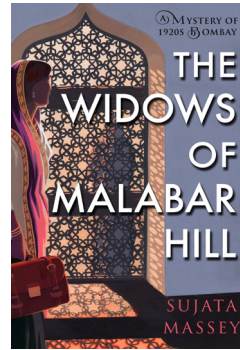
Books and Bagels • R

Thursday, March 22 • 10am

Tuesday, April 26 • 10am

Tuesday, May 24 • 10am

Join Alicia for breakfast treats, and coffee! In this group we read and discuss a variety of titles (always available in large print). New members are always welcome. • R



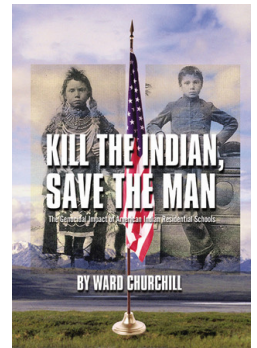
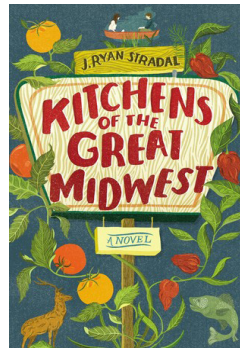
Book Talk • R

Thursday, March 9 • 7pm

Tuesday, April 13 • 7pm

Tuesday, May 11 • 7pm

Do you enjoy great reads and spirited conversations with your coffee? Book Talk is the club for you! Hosted by Eva • R



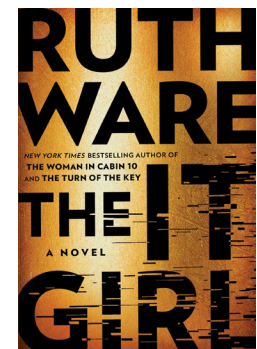
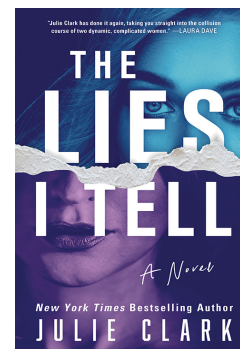
Killer Thrillers • R

Thursday, March 13 • 6pm

Tuesday, April 10 • 16pm

Tuesday, May 8 • 6pm

Are you good at catching a killer? Do you enjoy a good thriller? Then join our Killer Thriller book club hosted by Lori. • R



Illinois Library Presents

The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach

Wednesday, March 1 • 7pm

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author, Mary Roach. Roach will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live. • L

Danny Trejo talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption

Tuesday, April 4 • 7pm

Actor/Author/Restaurateur Danny Trejo, who has developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle addiction, to acting, producing, and now restaurant ventures, Trejo's name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond. • L

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.



Craft Programs

Stampin Up

Saturday, March 4 • 10am
 Saturday, April 1 • 10am
 Saturday, May 6 • 10am

Make professional-looking hand-made cards and other creative projects with rubber stamping techniques! \$15 fee for supplies, pay at time of class. • **D**

Block of the Month

Sunday, March 19 • 1pm
 Sunday, April 16 • 1pm
 Sunday, April 23 • 1pm
 Sunday, May 21 • 1pm

This is an ongoing class please contact Adult Services for more information. *Extra date added to makeup for January class.* • **R**



Wooden Welcome Sign

Thursday, March 23 • 7pm
 Tuesday, March 28 • 10am

Join us to make a hanging wooden welcome sign to add decoration to your home! We will be working with paint and Cricut vinyl. • **R**

Spring Animals Flower Pot Craft

Tuesday, April 11 • 10am
 Thursday, April 20 • 7pm

Turn small flower pots into cute spring animals. We'll provide the supplies and seeds! • **R**



Personalized Stack Bracelets

Monday, May 22 • 7pm
 Tuesday, May 23 • 10am

Make a personalized bracelet with special letter beads and add an additional bracelet. • **R**



Want More Crafts?

Check out these digital crafting magazines on Libby. New to Libby? We can teach you how to use it!



Youth Programs

Do Have a Library Card?

If you don't, simply sign up for a library card either at Chicago Ridge or the library in the town that you live in. It doesn't matter where your library card is from, it is just important to have one! We accept library cards from all of the surrounding areas. Show us your library card when you sign-up for Spring Reading and you will receive an extra special present!

Daily Hider

Your library is stocked with the new books that you want to read! The books are on-shelf and waiting for you to visit. While you are on your book hunt be sure to be on the lookout for the hidden flower. Each day a new flower will be hidden and whoever finds it will win a prize.

Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of the hidden items at the library this spring? Each month pick-up the scavenger hunt list from the Youth Services desk, and see if you can find all of the hidden items! You can play once a month and if you find all of the hidden items you get a prize!

Bee A Reader!

Buzz into the library all you busy little bees, we have a reading program that is perfect for ages newborn, one, two and three! Listen to stories read to you each day and receive some great presents and activities along the way!

Volunteer

Teens in 6th through 12th grade can sign up for a two hour time slot once a week. Sign-up at the Youth Services Desk.

Spring Reading Program: Plant a Seed and Read

March 1 - May 31

For kids and teen readers

Plant a seed and read! The more you read the more you know! The more you know, the more you grow! Reading is full of surprises! You never know what is going to happen in a book or what you will learn. The prizes this season are surprises too! For each prize level choose a wrapped present and a free book to keep.

For kids ages baby through grade 5, read 30 books and receive a prize for every 5 books that you read. For teens in 6th - 12th grade read 6 books this spring and receive a prize for every one book that you read. Receive candy guess forms and drawing tickets for books read. Age-appropriate prizes are available for children under 3 years.

Spring Reading Prizes for Children Under 3



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Level 6

Spring Reading Prizes for Children and Teens



Story Times

Bubbles and Stories

Every Tuesday • 10am

Bring your children every Tuesday at 10am for bubbles, stories, and games! • **D**



Tater Tot Play Time

Monday, March 13 & 27 • 10am

Monday, April 10 & 24 • 10am

Monday, May 8 & 22 • 10am

Your child will enjoy dancing with bubbles, listening to music, and playing with toys! During this unstructured playtime, caregivers can connect with other caregivers to share ideas and get advice...who better to connect with than someone who is in your similar situation? • **D**



Language Play

Wednesday, March 15, 29 •

6:30pm

Wednesday, April 12, 26 •

6:30pm

Wednesday, May 10, 24 •

6:30pm

Explore the languages of Arabic, English, Sign Language, and Spanish! Listen to stories in a variety of different languages, sing songs, dance, and more! • **D**



Technology/STEM Programs

Virtual Reality

Tuesdays • 7pm

Thursdays • 4pm

Use Virtual Reality to travel to museums, historical sites, outer space, underwater, into the human body, and more. • **D**

See Page 10 for more information.

Lego Engineering Club

Wednesday, March 15 & 29 • 4pm

Wednesday, April 12 & 26 • 4pm

Wednesday, May 10 & 24 • 4pm

Build various simple machines, interactive video games, and Lego creations that move. This is a program for children in 1st - 5th grade. • **D**



Video Game Play

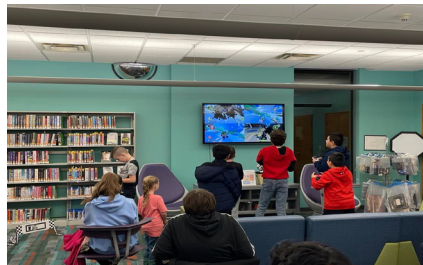
Monday, March 13 & 27 • 6pm

Monday, April 10 & 24 • 6pm

Monday, May 8 & 22 • 6pm

Stop by for some gaming!

(For grades 3-12) • **D**



3D Doodler Pen Flower

Monday, May 8 • 4pm

Listen to a story about gardening, then create a beautiful 3D flower using a special 3D printing pen. This program is for children in 3rd-5th grade. • **R**

Gross Science Club

Monday, March 13 • 4pm

Leprechaun toothpaste

Monday, April 10 • 4pm

Fizzy Eggs

Monday, May 22 • 4pm

Squishy, Squelchy, Slime

This program is for children in 1st-3rd grade! • **R**



Youth Programs

Spring Crafts at the Library

Visit the library throughout the week on the following dates anytime that we are open to make a craft. If supplies run out, a different craft will be offered. Ages 3 - Grade 12



March 6-12
Dr. Seuss Craft



March 13-19
St. Patrick's Day
Sticker Craft



March 20-26
Ramadan
Moon Craft



April 3-8
Easter Bunny Craft



April 10-16
Recycled Garden
Decoration



April 17-23
Eid Decoration
Craft



May 1-7
Cinco de Mayo
Pinata Craft



May 15-21
3D Garden
Craft



May 30- June 3
Flower Art Craft

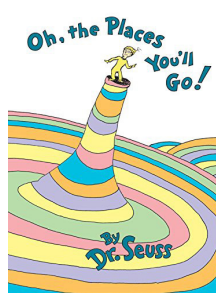
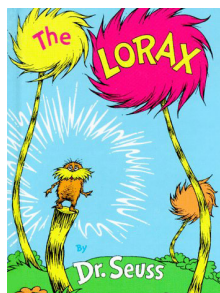
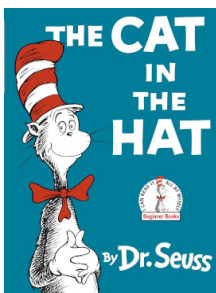
Battle of the Books

Keep up the good work reading your Battle Books to prepare for the 2023 Monarch, Bluestem, and Caudill battles this Spring. Your school librarian will provide information for you about the dates for the battles at the library.

Read Across America Day!

Thursday, March 2 • All Day!

It's Dr. Seuss's Birthday Day today! Visit the library to read one of the many Dr. Seuss books available at your library. While visiting, choose a book from our prize book cart to keep as our present to you! • D



Food Art Mystery

Tuesday, March 21 • 4pm

Tuesday, April 25 • 4pm

Tuesday, May 30 • 4pm

What will be the snack of the day? Complete a 10 step drawing to discover the snack of the day...which you get to eat! • D

Gardening Programs

Wednesday, April 5, 19 4pm

Wednesday, May 3, 17, 31 4pm

Plant a variety of seeds and make decorations for your garden. • D

Garden Party

Tuesday, May 23 • 6pm

Make a craft snack to eat! • D

Youth Programs

Ramadan Party

Tuesday, March 21 • 6pm

Celebrate Ramadan at the library with a craft, treats, and receive a present. • D

Spring Holidays Party

Tuesday, March 28 • 4pm

Celebrate Easter, Eid, Holi, Nowruz, Passover, Ramadan, Songkran, and the Spring Solstice! Play games and make crafts as we learn about all of the holidays celebrated this spring. • D

Easter Party

Tuesday, April 4 • 6pm

Celebrate Easter at the library with a craft, treats, and receive a present. • D

Egg Hunt

April 3rd - 8th

Visit the library to hunt for some eggs and books. The Egg Hunt will take place throughout the week. Find your 5 eggs to collect your present. Limit one present per person. • D

Moon Hunt

April 17th - 23rd

Visit the library to hunt for some crescent moons and books! The Moon Hunt will take place throughout the week. Find your 5 crescent moons to collect your present. Limit one present per person. • D

Eid Party

Tuesday, April 25 • 6pm

Celebrate Eid at the library with a craft, treats, and receive a present. • D

Happy Mother's Day Snack and Craft

Tuesday, May 9 • 6pm

Make a craft and enjoy some treats to celebrate the mother figure in your life! • D



Project Next Generation

Virtual Reality in the Library

Tuesdays • 7pm

Thursdays • 4pm

Use Virtual Reality to travel to museums, historical sites, outer space, underwater, into the human body, and more.

This program is for students in 4th - 12th grade. • D

Virtual Reality in the Classrooms

The opportunities to Travel to Egypt, Walk with Dinosaurs, Float in Space and more will all be made possible for students in 4th-8th grade through virtual reality technology. You will have the opportunity to go on field trips without ever leaving your classroom. This opportunity is provided through the PNG grant.

Community Showcase

Visit the library on Tuesday, May 30th from 6pm-8pm to learn about all of the great things that happened during PNG this year.

Funding for Project Next Generation is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: **9am-9pm**
Friday - Saturday: **9am-5pm**
Sunday: **11am-3pm**

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The Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

Library Director

Dana Wishnick

Program Statement

Register for programs at the library by phone, or on the library's website. Program fees must be paid at time of registration. Programs with low registration may be canceled 48 hours before the event, at which time registered patrons will be notified by phone and refunded.

Photo Statement

On occasion the library will take pictures of program participants to be used in library publicity. Please notify library staff if you do not wish to be photographed. Parents who do not wish their child to be photographed must also notify staff.

Patrons with Disabilities

The library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individuals who require certain accommodations which would enable them to participate in library functions are requested to call the library at 708-423-7753 at least 5 working days prior to the function.

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Announcements

Can you guess our Summer Reading theme?

There are 5 hidden words that will give you clues to our 2023 reading program!

M	A	L	T	R	I	D
U	R	R	A	N	S	R
S	E	U	S	Q	P	O
I	A	A	S	K	R	S
C	D	S	H	T	E	K
E	I	O	L	K	S	C
Q	N	N	K	K	S	O
T	G	I	T	E	O	R
E	S	D	A	R	F	C

Check our Social Media on May 1st to see our Summer Reading theme!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Monday, May 29, 2023