

Winter 2022-2023 • December, January & February

LIBRARY LINES

NEWSLETTER



Chicago Ridge
Public Library

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WINTER READING PROGRAM

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Library News

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7th Annual Officer Steven Smith Toy Drive

Until December 16

In the season of giving, please donate new, unwrapped toys and help bring smiles to the children of Advocate Children's Hospital. Monetary donations and gift cards are accepted as well. Please refrain from donating stuffed animals. Donations may be dropped off at the library, Village Hall, the police station, and any District 127.5 school. Thank you!

Hat and Mitten Tree

All December long

The Library will be collecting new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for adults and children in need. Items will be distributed locally. Store bought and handmade items are welcome!

Stop by the library and place your donations on our hat and mitten tree!



EVENT REGISTRATION INFO - PLEASE READ!

We are offering programming both in-person and online. Registration for programs which require it will open on **Thursday, December 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!

Look at these busy little bees!

Don't forget to stop in the library and have your picture taken for 1,000 books before kindergarden! For more information see page 9.



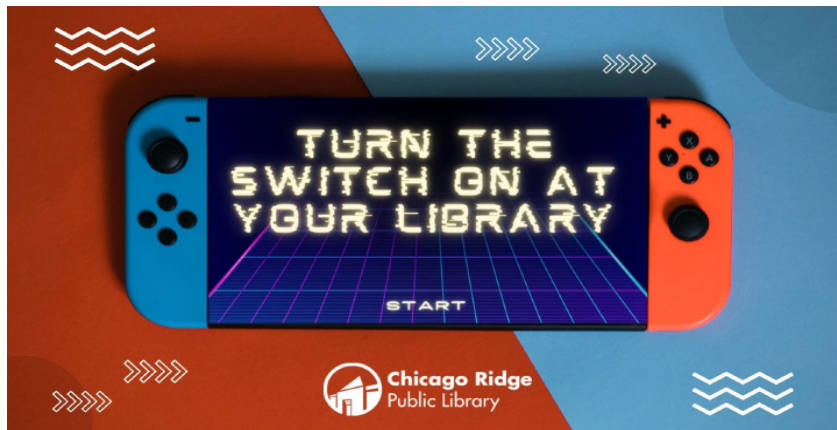
Winter Reading Program

Winter Reading • December 1 - February 28

Visit our library website to sign up for winter 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 kids and teens readers

For kids ages baby through grade 5, read 30 books this winter and receive a prize for every 5 books that you read. For teens in 6th - 12th grade read 6 books this winter and receive a prize for every one book that you read. Receive candy guess forms and drawing tickets for books read.

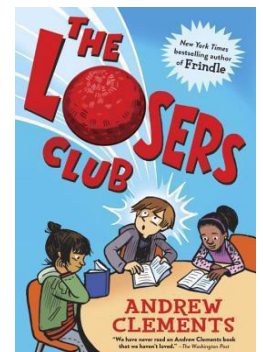
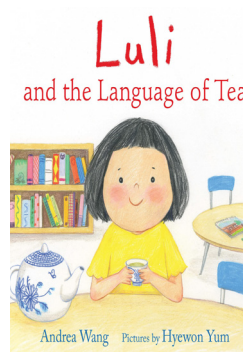
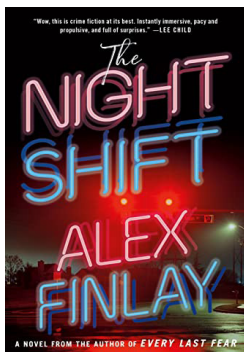
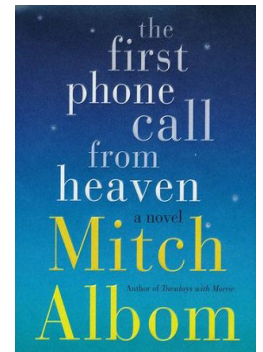
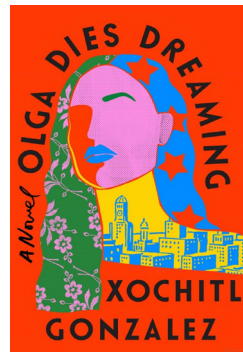
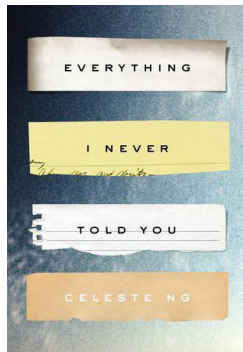
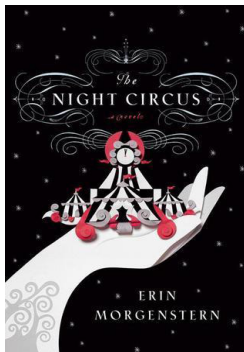


For adult readers

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.



Staff Picks 2022



Adult Programs

Color Therapy

Friday, December 9 • 10am • R
Friday, January 13 • 10am • R
Friday, February 10 • 10am • R

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

Bingo!

Monday, January 16 • 7pm • R
Monday, February 20 • 7pm • R

Calling all rowdy bingo players! This is your time to shine. Prizes will be awarded to the game winners. Must be 18+ to play. **There will be no bingo in December.**

Ageless Grace

Wednesday, December 7 & 21 • 10am • R
Wednesday, January 4 & 18 • 10am • R
Wednesday, February 1 & 15 • 10am • R

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.

Legends and Lore of Winter

Monday, December 5 • 7pm • R

Winter may seem like a quiet time, but it is actually filled with bizarre tales and stories of cannibalistic spirits, Krampus the anti-Santa Claus, stories of little people, werewolves, witches, people being buried alive, and numerous other holiday traditions for the darkest days of the year. Presenter Chad Lewis is a paranormal researcher and author for Unexplained Research.

Energized

Monday, January 23 • 7pm • R

Are you feeling run down or lacking zest for life? Learn how to create lasting energy by developing better eating, moving, and sleeping habits in this uber practical program presented by Wellness Coach Tom Kens.

Unfinished Journey

Monday, February 6 • 7pm • R

400 years. Slavery. Jim Crow. The Civil Rights Movement. And beyond. Where and when did the collective African American voice truly begin to resound? And how? Join Clarence Goodman to celebrate Black History month for the multimedia concert An Unfinished Journey: African American Music in Its Pivotal Decades.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Monday Movie • D

Mondays • 10am

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

Gentle Flow Yoga

Tuesdays • 2pm • H

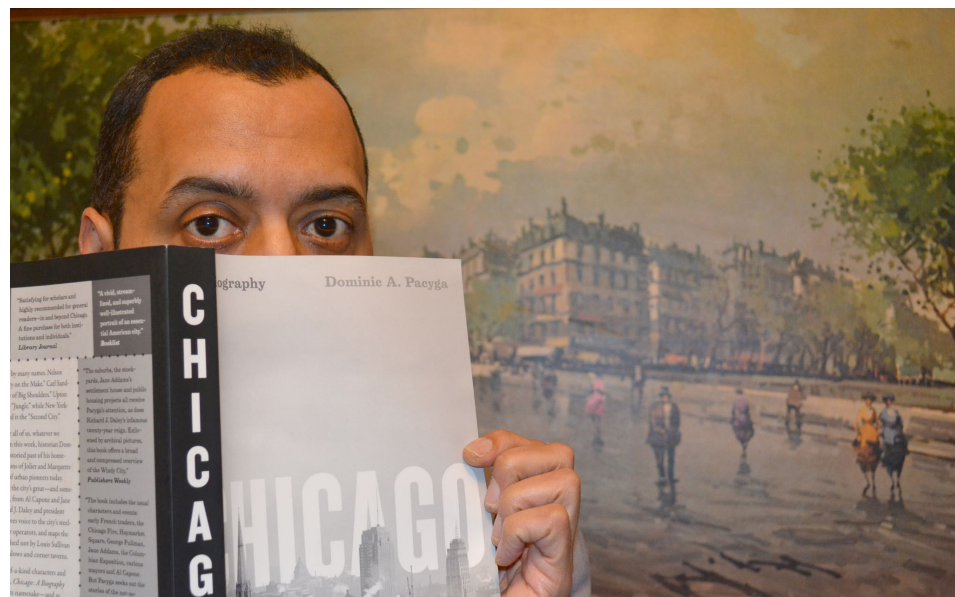
The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body. This class can be completed while sitting in a chair! **Sessions will be held online and in person.**

ESL Conversation Group

Mondays & Wednesdays • 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.



Book Clubs

Books & Bagels

Wednesday, December 28 • 10am
Wednesday, January 25 • 10am
Wednesday, February 22 • 10am

Do you like books with your bagels? Coffee with your characters? Muffins with your mysteries? Join Alicia as we discuss a variety of titles (always available in large print). New members are always welcome! • **R**

Book Talk

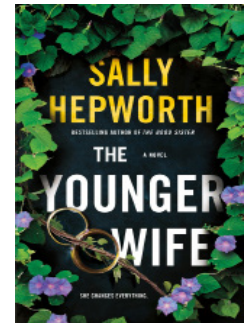
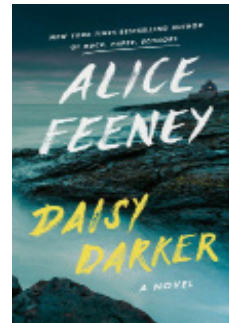
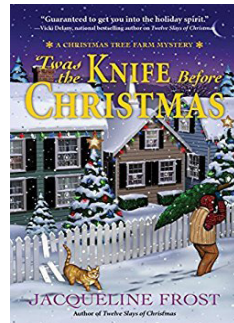
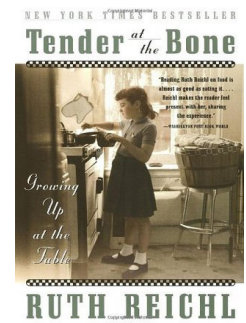
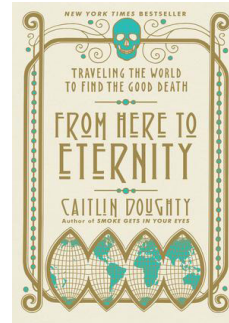
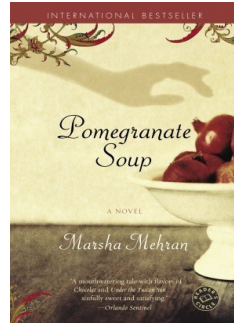
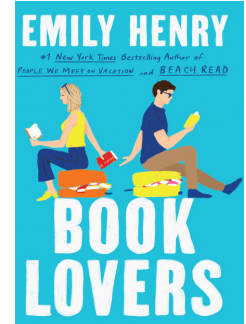
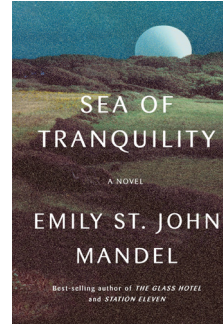
Thursday, December 8 • 7pm
Thursday, January 12 • 7pm
Thursday, February 9 • 7pm

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

Killer Thrillers

Monday, December 12 • 6pm
Monday, January 9 • 6pm
Monday, February 13 • 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**



YOUR NEXT READ

If you are looking for what to read next - don't worry the library has you covered! Subscribe to our e-newsletters! Topics include:

- Fiction A to Z
- Historical Fiction
- Must-Read Books
- Home, Garden and DIY
- LibraryReads
- Page to Screen
- Teen Scene
- Thrillers and Suspense
- Spirituality and Religion
- And many more!

Visit Adult Services for more info!

Illinois Library Presents

Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

Tuesday, December 13 • 7pm • **L**

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special Illinois Libraries Present holiday season event. Shauna will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday *gatherings delicious*.

Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay

Wednesday, January 11 • 7pm • **L**

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. An exploration of the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what we love and what brings us together, Ross will discuss his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, with performance poet Dan "Sully" Sullivan.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

Adult Programs

Tech Wise: Technology for Older Adults

The first session begins on Thursday, January 19 • 2pm • R

Join Chicago Ridge Public Library and Pathlights for this six-class (January 19 - February 23) instruction series for adults ages 60 and over. The classes will present basic tools to help improve your computer skills. Topics include Computer Basics, Email, Technology Troubleshooting and Online Security, Social Media and Socialization Tools, Better Aging through Technology and Online Library Offerings. This program is supported in part by federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the Cook County Department of Public Health.

Age Options Grant

We are happy to announce that the library has received a fifth year of grant funding from Age Options, the Area Agency of Aging of suburban Cook County. The grant will help fund programming for older adults. For more information about Age Options visit: www.ageoptions.org

Senior Connections

Thursday, December 22 • 10am • R

Thursday, January 19 • 10am • R

Thursday, February 16 • 10am • R

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.

**SENIOR
CONNECTIONS
IS BACK!**

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.

Use our Technology!

Did you know that we offer a wide variety of technology from Wifi Hotspots, laptops, Chromebooks, Roku sticks, a Yeti Microphone, kindles, and tablets. For more information stop by the Adult Services Desk!



Download your favorite magazines for free!



Craft Programs

Stampin Up • D

Saturday, December 3 • 10am

Saturday, January 7 • 10am

Saturday, February 4 • 10am

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

Block of the Month • R

Sunday, December 11 • 1pm

Sunday, January 8 • 1pm

Sunday, February 12 • 1pm

This is an ongoing class. Please contact Adult Services for more information.

Calligraphy Class

Tuesday, December 20 • 7pm • R

Just in time for the holidays! Learn how to use calligraphy to turn your documents into beautiful works of art! We will cover how to use materials, different lettering styles and techniques used by professionals.

Valentine's Day Gnome

Monday, January 30 • 7pm • R

Tuesday, January 31 • 10am • R

Love is in the air! We will be making a Valentine's Day Gnome that will add some decoration to your home this season!

This is an in-person craft only.



Holiday Craft Bag

Tuesday, December 6 • R

Stop at the Adult Services desk to pick up a holiday themed craft bag filled with a bracelet, a door hanger, and an ornament.

This is a take home craft only



Clay Pot Leprechaun Hats

Monday, February 27 • 7pm • R

Tuesday, February 28 • 10am • R

Join us in making a twist on a leprechaun hat using acrylic paint and clay pots! **This is an in-person craft only.**



Teen Programs

Teen Improv

Tuesdays, January 10, 24 • 7:30pm

Tuesdays, February 7, 21 • 7:30pm

Teens in 6th - 12th grade will act out different skits each week. • D

Volunteer

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



Technology/STEM Programs

Gross Science Club

Monday, December 12 • 4pm - stinky snowman poop!

Monday, January 23 • 4pm - icky-sticky oobleck!

Monday, February 20 • 4pm- bloody valentine slime!

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



Lego Engineering Club

Tuesdays, January 10, 24 • 4pm

Tuesdays, February 7, 21 • 4pm

Build various simple machines, interactive video games, and Lego creations that move. This is a program for children in 3rd - 5th grade. • D

Virtual Reality - Project Next Generation

Thursday, December 15, 22 • 4pm

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 7pm

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 • 4pm

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 • 7pm

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 • 4pm

Use Virtual Reality to travel to museums, historical sites, outer space, underwater, and more. This program is for students in 4th - 12th grade. • D

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).

Video Game Play

Monday, December 12 • 6pm

Monday, January 9 & 23 • 6pm

Monday, February 6 & 20 • 6pm

Stop by for some gaming! • D

(For 3rd - 12th grade)



Youth Programs

Crafts to Go!

Each Monday a new craft will be available for pickup to take home and complete. • **D**

Do you have a Library Card? If you do, you get a special present!

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 Winter Reading and you will receive an extra special present! • **D**



12 Days Of Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 13 • 6-7pm

We're counting down to Christmas! Decorate a Christmas tree craft, open a present, and watch the cartoon Grinch while enjoying cookies and punch. • **D**

Winter Holidays Party

Tuesday, December 27 • 6:30pm

Celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Years, and the Winter Solstice! Play games, enjoy treats, and receive a present. • **D**

Get In the Game Family Nights!

Tuesday, January 10 • 6-7pm - Super Mario Bros night

Tuesday, January 24 • 6-7pm - Minecraft night

Tuesday, February 7 • 6-7pm - Sonic night

Tuesday, February 21 • 6-7pm - Pokemon night

Make crafts and play a game about your favorite gaming characters! If you have a costume, please wear it! • **D**

Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of the hidden items at the library this winter? Each month grab the scavenger hunt list from the Youth Services desk, and see if you can find all of the hidden items! You can play each month and if you find all of the hidden items you get a prize! • **D**

Story Times

Sensory Playtime

Tuesday, December 13 • 10am

Tuesday, January 10 & 24 • 10am

Tuesday, February 7 & 21 • 10am

Join us for tactile books, sensory toys, and bubbles! • **D**

Babies and Books

Thursday, December 15 • 10am

Thursday, January 12 & 26 • 10am

Thursday, February 9 & 23 • 10am

Introduce your baby to the library during this storytime. Babies up to 2 years and their caregiver can join us for bouncy stories, rhymes, and songs. • **D**

Trilingual Storytime Arabic/ English /Spanish

Thursday, December 15 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 11 • 6:30pm

Thursday, January 26 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 8 • 6:30pm

Thursday, February 23 • 6:30pm

Listen to stories in Arabic, English, and Spanish, sing songs, dance, and more! • **D**

Storytime

Wednesday, December 14 • 4pm

Wednesday, January 11 & 25 • 4pm

Wednesday, February 8 & 22 • 4pm

Join us for stories, songs, bubbles, and more! • **D**



Youth Programs

Winter Crafts at the Library • D

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



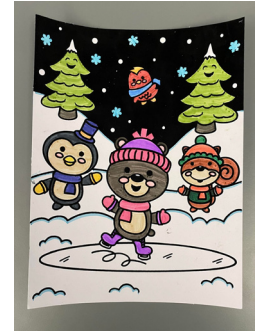
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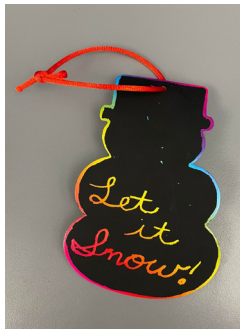
December 19 - 23



December 27 - 30



January 3 - 8



January 16 - 22



Jan 30 - Feb 5



February 13 - 19



Feb 27 - March 5

Bee a Reader - 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten • D

Buzz into the library all you busy little bees, we have a reading program that is perfect for ages newborn, 1, 2, and 3. Listen to stories read to you each day and receive some great presents and activities along the way!



- 100 Books - Read Everyday Magnetic Clip
- 200 Books - Bee Blanket
- 300 Books - Peek a Boo Scarf and Rhymes
- 400 Books - Toy Duck and Songs
- 500 Books - Palm-Grasp Crayon and Paper
- 600 Books - Animal Puppet
- 700 Books - Book Choice
- 800 Books - I Love Reading Dog
- 900 Books - ABC Song Book
- 1,000 Books - Bee Pencil, Paper and

Youth Programs

Youth Winter Reading Program

Calling all gamers - this is a reading club just for you! Read books and earn time on the Switch and some pretty cool gaming prizes!

Ages baby through grade 5, read 30 books and receive a prize for every 5 books you read. Teens in 6th - 12th grade, read 6 books and receive a prize for every book you read. All readers will receive drawing tickets and candy guess forms for books read. Weekly prize baskets will be drawn on Fridays at 4pm and the candy drawing will be held at the end of winter reading.

Visit chicagoridgelibrary.org to sign-up and record your books. For help, please visit or call the library. Age-appropriate prizes are available for children ages 3 and under.



Level 1: Gaming Squishy



Level 2: Gamer Notepad



Level 3: Gamer Stickers



Level 4: Gamer Band



Level 5: Free Book



Level 6: Gamer Backpack

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 controller. Each day a new controller will be hidden and whoever finds it will win a Pixel Pal!



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Library Hours

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

Board of Trustees

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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. Refunds of program fees will be issued if the patron cancels at least 48 hours prior to the program.

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.

Carrier Route
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Announcements

Never Forget Your Library Card Again!

Download the SWAN mobile app and access your account, search the library and check out digital items all in one place. Available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play.



Did You Want To...

Binge a show? Check out a Roku
Start a podcast ? Check out the Yeti Microphone
Have access to Internet? Check out a Wifi HotSpot
For more information visit the Adult Services Department!

Kanopy

Get free access to thousands of movies with your Chicago Ridge Library card. Enjoy critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more.

Pronunciator

Pronunciator offers language courses designed just for you, with 164 languages available (including American Sign Language and English as a Learned Language).

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Monday, December 26, 2022

Saturday December 31, 2022

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Monday, January 2, 2023