NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 19-25
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Dungeons & Dragons!
Use our 3D printer to create your own character!
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50 YEARS OF EARTH DAY
Join us in celebrating! More details inside.
Library News

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2019 @ CRPL: A Year in Review

As a library, it is important for us to collect statistics which help us and our Board of Trustees determine how best to plan for the coming year. In 2019, you helped us achieve the following:

- **28% increase in reference questions answered** (total: 10,467)
- **21% increase in electronic materials checked out** (total: 4,089)
- **20% increase in program attendance** (total: 15,728)
- **24% increase in study room reservations** (total: 2,882)
- 4 people graduated from our Career Online High School program!

Event Registration Info

All events requiring registration are indicated with an R above the description (drop-in events are marked with a D).

Registration for programs will open on **Sunday, March 1 at 1pm**. Hop on our website, call the library (708-423-7753), or visit us at the desk to register.

Take the 2020 Census Online!

*March 12 - April 1 • D*

For the first time, the census can be completed online, and we’re here to help you! Drop in any time starting Thursday, March 12 to complete the census on our Adult Services computers. Study rooms and laptops will be available for patrons who desire additional privacy. To learn more about the census, visit our website, or call the library and ask for Rhone.

We participated in 104 outreach events, connecting with almost 10,000 people outside the library!
All are invited to join us as we celebrate our library and our planet!

April 19-25 is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren’t just places to borrow books or study—they’re also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions. We’ll be celebrating our patrons this week with some special activities that we hope will inspire you to see libraries in a new light. Of course, this week isn’t just for libraries - it’s also the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22! Celebrate the library and the planet all week long as we continue to work towards a more sustainable future.

Food for Fines: For each non-perishable food item you donate, $1 in CRPL fines will be removed from your card. Donations will be given to the Almost Home Blessings Box.

Kindness Rocks: All are invited to join us on Monday, April 20 at 5pm to help us paint Kindness Rocks! Express your love for the library and the planet and help us decorate our garden for the summer.

Adults: The candy jar guessing game is back! Stop by any time during the week to put in your guess for a secret prize.

Youth: Stop by the library any time during the week to pick up a bookmark to help you keep your place in your next adventure! Kids are also invited to join us on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30pm to learn more about the library during a special scavenger hunt!
**Recurring Programs**

**Chair Yoga**
Tuesday, March 3, 10, 24, 31
Tuesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28
Tuesday, May 5, 12, 19
2pm • R

Yes, you can practice yoga while seated in a chair! The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body.

**Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!**
Tuesday, March 17 • 10am • R
Tuesday, April 21 • 10am • R
Tuesday, May 19 • 10am • 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.

**Library Listening Sessions**
Tuesday, March 17 • 11am • R
Tuesday, April 14 • 3pm • R
Wednesday, May 6 • 11am • R

Join Adult Services staff to share ideas on how the library can better serve the older adults in our community. Refreshments will be served. SC

**Wits Workout**
Thursday, March 19 • 10am • D
Thursday, April 16 • 10am • D
Thursday, May 14 • 10am • D

The research is in - our brains need regular workouts, too! Join us monthly for this engaging, interactive and educational brain health program developed by University of Illinois Extension educators. This program is made possible through a grant from Age Options. SC

**Oldies but Goodies Countdown**
Monday, March 16 • 7pm • R

Bandleader, trumpet player and pop music historian Steve Cooper presents a video and live music countdown of the top 30 favorite songs for those who remember the days when music was melodic, romantic and swinging. A few of the many iconic performers you’ll see and hear include Judy Garland, Doris Day, Elvis, Andrews Sisters, Mills Brothers, Harry James, and many more. Each song is preceded by a fascinating & humorous “behind the scenes” story about the songs. And Steve will end the show playing your favorite song on his trumpet.

**Basics of Investing**
Monday, April 6 • 7pm • R

What better way to celebrate Money Smart week than learning about the basics of investing? Discover simple concepts that will help you improve your wealth building strategies. Topics covered in the workshop will include:

- How to create an investment foundation
- The three keys to investing
- The three accounts you need
- Compound interest

**Panel Discussion on Recreational Cannabis Legalization**
Thursday, April 9 • 7pm • R

Join us for a panel discussion on the impacts of recreational cannabis legalization on the village and Illinois. The panel will include representatives from the Village Attorney’s office and the police department. Bring your questions!

**Cannabis Access in Illinois**
Thursday, April 16 • 11:30am • R

Legalized cannabis, AKA marijuana: what does it mean for you and your community? Unravel the mystery of this ancient plant. Many find relief from pain and inflammation, but what about “recreational” use? Get answers to your questions and concerns. Kirsten Velasco, Board Member of Illinois Women in Cannabis and Outreach Manager with the Medical Cannabis Community, will cover the history of cannabis, medical options, safe use, and the new law in Illinois.

**Butterfly Gardens Galore**
Thursday, April 23 • 7pm • R

University of Illinois Extension will be explaining the basic needs of common Illinois butterflies so you can design butterfly friendly gardens. We’ll also show you which plants will attract these “flowers of the air.”

**Hamilton’s Women**
Monday, May 4 • 7pm • R

In this new living history program, meet the real women in Alexander Hamilton’s life: Elizabeth Hamilton and her sisters Angelica Schuyler Church and Peggy Schuyler van Rensselaer. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph. D., brings these smart, beautiful women to life. You don’t need to have seen the musical Hamilton to enjoy this, but if you have, it’ll bring the history behind the show alive!
**Princess Diana: Gone but Still Kicking!**

*Monday, May 18 • 7pm • R*

The iconic figure of Princess Diana Spencer shocked the entire world with her death in 1997. Musical theater actor Jillann Gabrielle has her speaking from her grave as a spirit haunting the halls of Kensington Palace. Diana had a great sense of humor, played the piano, sang, and danced. All of these skills are utilized as Diana spins the story of her personal and public life and the British royal family...then AND now!

**SNAP Presentation**

*Thursday, May 21 • 10am • D*

Staff from Age Options will be here to provide information about what SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is, how to apply, and information about eligibility. SNAP (formerly food stamps) is a program that helps pay for groceries. SNAP recipients get a link card, like a debit card, that can be used in local stores. Individual SNAP enrollment appointments will be available on Thursday, May 28. **SC**

**What Are We Doing This Weekend: Summer Edition**

*Thursday, May 28 • 7pm • R*

Soaring skyscrapers, deep-dish pizza, and improv comedy may be what the city is best known for, but they are only the beginning of Chicago’s story. With all the available options, trying to decide what to do can feel overwhelming. Molly Page, author of *100 Things to Do In Chicago Before You Die*, and a docent at the Chicago Architecture Center, wants to help. You’ll get tips for planning your staycation, discover ideas for your next date night, and learn about a few hidden gems to explore.

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**BOOK CLUBS**

**Books & Bagels**

*Wednesday, March 4 • 10am*

*Wednesday, April 1 • 10am*

*Wednesday, May 6 • 10am*

Books & Bagels reads a wide variety of books, always available in large type format. **R**

**BookTalk**

*Thursday, March 12 • 7pm*

*Thursday, April 16 • 7pm*

*Thursday, May 14 • 7pm*

BookTalk reads popular fiction covering a range of topics. **R**

**CLASSICS**

*Wednesday, March 18 • 6:30pm*

*Wednesday, April 15 • 6:30pm*

*Wednesday, May 20 • 6:30pm*

The Classics club reads books that have stood the test of time. **R**

**Killer Thrillers**

*Monday, March 23 • 7pm*

*Monday, April 27 • 7pm*

*Monday, May 11 • 7pm*

Horror and thriller lovers, join Lori for this book club. Not for the faint of heart! **R**

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**MOVIES**

**Movie Matinees**

*Mondays • 10am*

Join us every Monday morning for a feature film screening! Feel free to bring your own snacks to enjoy during the film. Must be 18+ to attend. **D**

**Lunch and a Movie**

*Friday, March 20 • 12pm*

*Friday, April 17 • 12pm*

*Friday, May 15 • 12pm*

What’s better than a free movie? Free pizza and a movie! Join us once a month for a brand new blockbuster and lunch. Must be 18+ to attend. **R**

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**SC** = Senior Connections programs geared towards older adults
**ADULT CRAFT PROGRAMS**

**Recurring Programs**

**Stampin’ Up!**
Saturday, March 7 • 10am • D
Saturday, April 4 • 10am • D
Saturday, May 2 • 10am • D

Make professional-looking handmade cards and other creative projects with rubber stamping techniques! $15 fee for supplies, to be paid at time of class.

**Block of the Month**
Sunday, March 8 • 1:30pm • R
Sunday, April 5 • 1:30pm • R
Sunday, May 17 • 1:30pm • R

Our monthly quilting club continues! Contact our Adult Services staff for more details.

**Saturday Sew-In**
Saturday, March 14 • 9:30am-3pm • D
Saturday, April 11 • 9:30am-3pm • D
Saturday, May 9 • 9:30am-3pm • D

Come work on your latest sewing or quilting project! Do you have a sewing machine or serger that you don’t know how to work? From 10am-12pm, we will have someone who will be able to assist with sewing help questions. After 12pm, please plan to work independently.

**Book a Sewing Teacher!**

Do you want to learn how to sew? Is your sewing machine giving you trouble? Make an appointment with our sewing expert Kim!

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**Celebrate Spring: A Painting Workshop**

*Thursday, March 26 • 6:30pm • R*

Celebrate spring with this watercolor painting class. First we’ll warm up by painting a wildflower, then we’ll zoom in on a rabbit’s face for our final piece. Christine will teach you some fun, easy painting techniques using watercolor pencils. Beginners welcome!

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**Marble Beaded Bracelet**

*Monday, April 13 • 7pm • R
Tuesday, April 14 • 10am • R*

Want to update your accessory collection? Join us in making a decorative bracelet using round and square shaped beads for a chic, fun look. Please only sign up for one class.

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Registration opens on Sunday, March 1 at 1pm.
Recurring Programs

Technology Help Desk

Wednesday • 11am-1pm • D

Whether your questions are big or small, tough or simple, we’re here to help! Bring your ereaders, smartphones, tablets and laptops to the adult services area for one-on-one troubleshooting and assistance. No appointment or registration required.

Computer Basics

Tuesday, March 31 • 10am • R
Tuesday, April 28 • 10am • R
Tuesday, May 19 • 10am • R

This course will help you learn to be more confident using the computer. We will go over some tips and tricks to make typing and using the mouse easier and faster. We’ll also talk about helpful online resources to expand your technology expertise. No experience needed! Please only register for one Computer Basics class.

Technology Programs

LearningExpress Library

Saturday, April 4 • 2pm • D

CRPL is proud to offer access to LearningExpress Library, an online learning hub provided by EBSCO. LearningExpress Library features nearly 1,000 online tutorials, practice tests, and ebooks to help learners of all ages and skill levels. It offers job search and professional development tools, skill building in reading, writing, math and science, career certification and licensure exam prep, standardized test prep, and so much more! Come to this info session to learn more. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a $50 Amazon gift card later this year!

Microsoft Word Basics

Thursday, April 30 • 7pm • R

Need to make a resume, write a professional letter, or format your latest poem? This course will introduce the basics of Microsoft Word. Students will learn how to create a document, formatting tips for various projects, and how to save, send and print their work. Students will use the library’s laptops. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed to succeed in this course.

Microsoft Excel Basics

Thursday, May 21 • 7pm • R

Would you like to learn how to manage a budget, conduct calculations and visualize data for work, home or fun? This course will introduce the basics of Microsoft Excel. Students will learn how to create a workbook, implement simple formulas and more. Students will use the library’s laptops. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed to succeed in this course.

Ancestry for Libraries

Saturday, May 30 • 10am • D

Thanks to companies like Ancestry.com and 23andMe, interest in our personal heritages is at an all-time high. Did you know that the library has access to free tools to start your own genealogy journey? Come to this informational session to learn more about the Ancestry for Libraries suite of services, and you’ll be on your way to discovering your own family tree in no time! Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a $50 Amazon gift card later this year!

Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks

Saturday, May 2 • 2pm • R

Learn how to manage work and life tasks more effectively using Google Sheets & Google Docs. Whether you want to build a budget, create a meeting agenda or organize your priorities, these best practices will boost your productivity. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed to succeed in this course.

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Art at the Library
Select Mondays • 4pm
Grades K-8 • R
March 16: Shamrock canvas painting
March 30: Shamrock slime
April 13: Paint a fruity suncatcher
April 20: Spring flower canvas painting
May 18: Design a mini puzzle

Tuesday Fun @ the Library!
6pm • All ages • D
March 3: Spring bird nest craft
March 10: St. Patrick’s Day rainbow ornament craft
March 17: St. Patrick’s Day party!
March 24: "Egg-cellent" Easter basket sticker scene
April 7: Easter party!
April 14: SpongeBob party!
April 21: 3D globe painting

After School Snacks & Gaming
Wednesdays, March 4-April 22 • 4pm • Grades K-12 • D
Join us after school to play the Nintendo Switch with friends and enjoy some yummy snacks!

Drop-in Crafts
Thursdays, March 5-April 16 • 4-7pm • Grades 1-5 • D
Stop by the library and enjoy a different craft each week.

Little Chef
Friday, March 6, April 3 & May 1 • 11am • Ages 2-5 • R
Calling all little chefs (and your caregivers)! Join us for some fun with food. You will be creating some yummy recipes such as edible slime. Old clothes are a plus. Recipes may contain allergens.

Nintendo Switch Club
Saturdays, March 7-May 30 • 10am • Grades K-12 • D
Switch up your Saturday mornings! Stop by to play our Switch.

Early Dismissal Earth Day Party!
Wednesday, April 29 • 2pm
All ages • D
Enjoy Earth Day punch, an Earth Day treat to eat, games, and an Earth Day-themed picture frame craft!

School’s Out? Library’s In!
Activities run all day
Crafts!
Monday, March 23 • D
Jumbo Gaming!
Tuesday, March 24
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate & Mario Kart 8 Battle!
Wednesday, March 25
Play-doh Party!
Thursday, March 26
Surprise Activity!
Friday, March 27

Registration opens on Sunday, March 1 at 1pm.
Spring Decorating Party!
Monday, March 2 • 4pm • All ages •  ⬤
Part of the fun for preparing for each holiday is decorating together as a family. Join your library family on Read Across America Day as we freshen up our book displays and decorations in preparation for the spring season.

Battle of the Books!
TBD • Grades 3-8
4th-8th graders: Join us for our 18th annual Battle of the Books! Students from Finley Jr. High, Ridge Central, Ridge Lawn, and Koraes schools have been reading books from the Rebecca Caudill and Blue-stem nominee award list throughout the school year. Join us for our library’s battle as students compete to answer questions from this year’s 40 books.
3rd graders: New this year! The first ever Monarch Award Battle of the Books at Chicago Ridge Public Library! 3rd graders at Ridge Central and Ridge Lawn schools have been reading books from the Monarch nominee award list throughout the school year. Join us for our library’s battle as students compete to answer questions from this year’s 20 books.
Please keep an eye out at your schools for more information!

Music & Rhyme Wiggle Time!
Tuesdays, March 3-April 28 • 11:30am-12pm
Ages 2-3 •  ⬤
Stories, music, rhymes, art, and more! This fun, interactive program is designed for both the child and caretaker.

Babies, Books & Bubbles!
Thursdays, March 5-April 30 • 10-10:30am
Ages 0-2 •  ⬤
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.

Music & Movement!
Thursday, March 5
Thursday, March 19
Thursday, April 2
Thursday, April 16
Thursday, April 23
Thursday, April 30
6:30-7:15pm • Ages 3-5 •  ⬤
Try out various musical instruments, dance on a giant piano, and enjoy different stories and rhymes each week during this interactive storytime!
Spring Holiday Programs
for youth & families

Everyone has a story to share. Part of what makes each of our stories unique are our customs, traditions, and holidays. Please join our library as we celebrate many holidays celebrated throughout the year amongst our community members. At each event we will learn about the holiday through books, create a craft, and enjoy decorations and treats! We welcome your creativity and ideas for celebrating each holiday.

Holi
Monday, March 9 • 4pm • D
Make a paint splattered Holi card and enjoy a treat!

St. Patrick’s Day Party!
Tuesday, March 17 • 6pm • D
Enjoy snacks and make a St. Patrick’s Day toss game!

Passover
Monday, April 6 • 4pm • D
Color a seder plate and enjoy a treat!

Easter Party!
Tuesday, April 7 • 6pm • D
Enjoy bunny tail donuts, receive an Easter stuffed donut, and make a wooden 3D egg ornament while supplies last!

Hop!
Friday, April 10 • 2pm • D
Hop into the library for some bunny fun. Watch the movie Hop! while having a snack. Children will receive a mini stuffed bunny to take home while supplies last.

Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 11 • 9:30am-4pm • D
Hippity-hop to the library to hunt for some eggs and books during this drop-in event!

Ramadan Crafts
Thursdays, April 23-May 21 • 4-7pm • D
Celebrate the month of Ramadan at the library with a variety of different crafts.

Cinco de Mayo
Monday, May 4 • 4pm • D
Make a mini piñata and enjoy treats!

Mother’s Day Tea
Monday, May 11 • 6:30pm • D
Bring your mom, or another special person in your life, to the library for a fun filled evening. Enjoy a craft and a snack.

Eid Party!
Tuesday, May 26 • 6pm • D
Enjoy treats, games and receive an Eid Mubarak candy treat while supplies last!
**Project Next Generation**

**3D & D&D**

3D Printing and Dungeons & Dragons!

Wednesdays, March 11-April 15 • 7pm • Ages 10-18 • D

Enter the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Create, customize, and print your own characters on our Makerbot Replicator +3D printer. Then, collaborate with your friends while you battle your way through intense gameplay! This program is for D&D experts and beginners alike!

Funding for the Project Next Generation grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

If you would like to be a mentor to our youth, please ask for more information at the Youth Services Desk. Our previous grants have earned exemplary status, meaning that our library is serving as a model for other libraries in the state of Illinois.

**School Year Volunteers**

Tuesdays, March 3-May 26
5-8pm • Grades 6-12 • R

During your Volunteer time, you will help prepare crafts, work with children during our Tuesday evening special programs, and use a digital camera to take pictures. To become a Volunteer, visit the library and fill out the application. Extra Volunteer hours are available on Friday, April 10 from 3:45pm and on Saturday, April 11 from 9am-4pm.

**Keeping Up with the Books**

Monday, March 16 & 30
Monday, April 6 & 20
6:30pm • Grades 6-12 • D

This is a teen book club just for you! Drop-in at one of the meetings to see what’s going on and join our squad. Snacks provided!

**Teen Sewing**

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 24 & 31
7pm • Grades 4-12 • R

Visit the library on the above dates to complete a surprise project. All materials will be provided. **Please plan on attending all 4 sessions!**

**K-Poptopia!**

Wednesday, May 20
7pm • Grades 4-12 • D

Library Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday - Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: 1-5pm

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The Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

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.

ESL with Eva
Tuesdays • 1pm
Our brand new ESL conversation class is now open to adult English learners who would like to improve their spoken English. This class is designed for those who are at least at a low-intermediate level. Many topics ranging from the family to life in the United States and current events will be discussed. Participants are encouraged to recommend topics or aspects of English they would like to include in this class. If you would like to sign up, please call and ask for Eva Baggili in Adult Services. Eva is a native Arabic speaker, but speakers of all languages are welcome!

Summer Reading 2020: Imagine Your Story
June-August
Believe it or not, we are already in the planning stages for summer reading! We look forward to a summer of fun, imagination and storytelling with our CRPL community. Please note that for adults, we will still offer a Summer Reading program in addition to the ongoing CRPL 2020 reading program.

Pardon Our Dust!
Fall 2020
Later this year, the library will undergo renovations! We want to thank our patrons who have participated in our surveys and focus groups over the past 18 months to help us determine how to best make improvements to the building. This summer, we will hold a public presentation on our remodel. Keep an eye out for our summer newsletter in May for more details.

Library Closings
Sunday, April 12 - closed
Sunday, May 10 - closed
Sunday, May 24 & Monday, May 25 - closed
Sunday, May 31 - closed (summer hours)