

Spring 2021 • March, April & May

# LIBRARY LINES

## NEWSLETTER



# ZOOM TO THE MOON!

Join Youth Services staff for a nightly, virtual bedtime story! See page 5



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# LIBRARY NEWS

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## EVENT REGISTRATION INFO - PLEASE READ!

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to limit our ability to meet in person, you will see that the majority of our events are being held virtually. For live events, we will use Zoom to meet. **Registration is required** so that we can email you the link to join the Zoom meeting. **Events held on Zoom are indicated with a Z.**

If you're new to using Zoom to attend virtual events, it's easier than you think! Please don't hesitate to call us for additional information and assistance. If having an internet connection and/or a computer at home is a barrier to your participation, ask Adult Services about their wifi hotspot & laptop lending programs!

## Hours & service model changes

As part of our effort to keep our community safe, our open hours are currently as follows:

Monday-Saturday: 10am-5pm  
Closed Sundays

We expect for our open hours to be extended beginning in mid-March. **Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for updates on our hours and available services.** Appointments for using the computer, copier and scanner are still available and strongly encouraged during this time. Until the renovation is complete, the Youth Services side of the building will remain closed.

## Updates on our renovation

We cannot wait to fully unveil our renovated space to you! In the meantime, feel free to pay our Adult Services department a visit, where the renovation is mostly complete. In the coming weeks our circulation lobby, Youth Services department and meeting room will be completed as well. We thank everyone for their patience and support as we get these much-needed updates.



# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The theme for National Library Week (April 4-10, 2021), “Welcome to Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. With our renovation expected to be finally complete in time for NLW, we cannot think of a better time to welcome everyone back to the library, both in person and online!

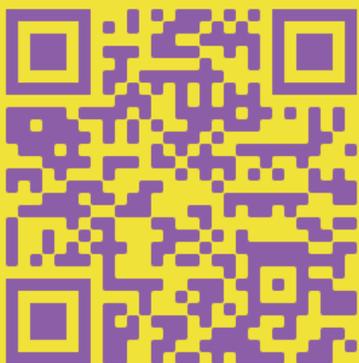
## Here are some great ways to celebrate National Library Week with us:

Visit the library this week and check out our beautiful new space! This week only, we’ll have a small surprise for visitors of all ages (while supplies last). While you’re here, take a selfie in your favorite new spot and share it on Instagram with these hashtags: #CRidgePride #NationalLibraryWeek

Play “More Than a Building Bingo” and enter to win an eReader. Bingo cards will be available on our website and at the library in March. Entries must be received by April 12.

Try one of our Zoom programs this week (scan the QR code below to see our event calendar!):

- Chair Yoga – April 6
- BYOB book club – April 6
- STEAM Storytime – April 6
- Family Bingo – April 8
- and more!



Put your phone's camera up to this code to pull up our event calendar on your device!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Thursday Trivia on Facebook!

Every other Thursday

Check out our Facebook page for our biweekly trivia questions to test your knowledge in different subjects!

## Online Chair Yoga Z

Tuesdays • 2-3pm

**Please note the new dates!** Back by popular demand, Deb is here to practice yoga again - but in a virtual way! Did you know you can practice yoga while seated in a chair? The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body. Please be sure to register online or over the phone to get the Zoom link and instructions.

## Hell Hath No Fury: The Wonderful, Wild & Wicked Women of the Windy City Z

Thursday, March 4 • 7-8pm

Chicago has had scores of historic women who've called it home. We've seen the likes of Ida B. Wells, Bertha Palmer, The Everleigh Sisters, Betty Ford, Dr. Amy Lehman, and many, many more. Who were they? What did they do? Why were they important? Join Clarence Goodman & your Adult Services staff to learn the answers!

## Let's Talk Downsizing Z

Monday, May 10 • 7-8pm

Downsizing can be the time to "right-size." Making sense of a lifetime of possessions down doesn't have to be overwhelming! We will lay out the process, make decisions about what to part with and what to keep, and share resources to make it all happen.

## ONLINE TECH CLASSES!

While we lack the ability to offer in-person tech classes at this time, we have access to Google's Applied Digital Skills training videos! We have also purchased 5 Chromebooks and wifi hotspots for Chicago Ridge residents to use while they complete the trainings at home. To get started, contact Rhone in Adult Services.

# CRAFTS



## Green Beaded Bracelet

Tuesday, March 9 (Craft will be available for those registered)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making a fashionable bracelet with a four leaf clover charm.

## Cherry Blossom Q-Tip Painting

Tuesday, April 6 (Craft will be available for those registered)

Make a simple painting of cherry blossom in a unique way by using q-tips.

## Wood Birdhouse Planter Sticks

Tuesday, May 4 (Craft will be available for those registered)

Add colorful creativity and a bit of whimsy to your garden or your indoor potted plants with these DIY unfinished wood birdhouse planter sticks!

# SENIOR CONNECTIONS

## **Our Senior Connections programs are designed for older adults, but all are welcome!**

Thanks to a grant from Age Options, the library has tablets and hotspots (take-home internet) available for Chicago Ridge seniors who would like to join our online programming and take advantage of our online resources from home. If you are an interested older adult (60+) who lives in Chicago Ridge or if you know of an adult who could benefit, please get in touch with the Adult Services department. In addition to providing the necessary equipment, we can also provide basic technology training and support.

### **English Conversation Group - ESL Friends' Circle** [Z](#)

*Mondays & Thursdays • 9:30-10:15am*

Join us twice weekly on Zoom to practice basic English conversation skills with an experienced instructor. If you are interested, please contact the library and speak with someone in the Adult Services department or register on our website. Not comfortable on Zoom? We can help with one-on-one instruction.

### **Zoom for Beginners** [Z](#)

*Tuesday, March 9, April 13 & May 11 • 10-10:30am*

Practice using Zoom with us. If a lack of experience is preventing you from joining events on Zoom - whether it's a family get-together, a library program or any other Zoom group - join us! We'll use any extra time we have to share other tech tips. Call us to register and get started; we'll walk you through step by step.

### **Introduction to PLOWS Council on Aging** [Z](#)

*Thursday, March 18 • 2pm*

PLOWS programs and services help people 60 years and over and adults with disabilities living at home. They offer integrated solutions to help individuals maintain their health, dignity and self-worth in the community, ensuring independence in their homes for as long as possible. Join us to learn more. This will be a virtual program offered in collaboration with the Oak Lawn Public Library and will be conducted over Zoom.

### **Public Benefits for Older Adults: SNAP and More** [Z](#)

*Tuesday, March 23 • 10am*

Join Age Options presenter Joy Aaronson to learn all about the public benefits you are eligible for and how to apply. We will discuss programs that assist older adults on a fixed income like SNAP (Food Stamps), Medicare Savings Program, BAA License Plate Discount/Ride Fee, & others. Call or visit our website to register for this Zoom event.

### **WITS Workout** [Z](#)

*Thursday, March 25, April 22 & May 20 • 2-3pm*

The research is in - our brains need regular workouts too! Join us monthly on Zoom for this engaging, interactive and educational brain health program developed by University of Illinois Extension educators. Materials for this program can be picked up at the library or mailed to Chicago Ridge residents.

**Don't forget about our homebound delivery service for Chicago Ridge residents - call us for more info!**

# ADULT BOOK CLUBS

## Quarantine Readers Z

Wednesday, March 24 • 6-7pm

**Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano

Wednesday, April 21 • 6-7pm

**In the Woods** by Tana French

Wednesday, May 19 • 6-7pm

**Darling Rose Gold** by Stephanie Wrobel

Pick up a copy in advance at the Adult Services desk, or visit our website to download ebooks and audiobooks. Please call to request audiobooks on CD. We will meet using Zoom, so please visit our website or call us to register and/or request assistance. We're looking forward to seeing you!

## Bring Your Own Book! Z

Tuesday, March 2 • 10-11am

Tuesday, April 6 • 10-11am

Tuesday, May 4 • 10-11am

Meet with Adult Services staff to discuss your current favorite reads! We will meet using Zoom, so please visit our website or call us to register and/or request assistance.



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## PROJECT NEXT GENERATION

Funding for this 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).

### AWESome Club

Through the PNG grant, the library was able to purchase two new AWE learning computers. The computers are preloaded with STREAM - Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math topics for learning across all subject levels. Mentors, tweens, and teens will explore the computers and learn all of the games that are available. Tweens and teens will show younger children and their peers how to use the computer.

### Future Generation Librarian Club

A classroom from Ridge Central, Ridge Lawn, and Finley Jr. High have each collaborated together on Google Docs to select books on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics that will be added to the library's circulating book collection. We will be able to add 208 books thanks to the PNG grant. Lists of the books will be emailed to the schools. Thank you for all of your hard work!

### Library Investigative Reporting Club

Dates TBD - check Facebook for updates

Children ages 10 and up are invited to work with mentors to capture our library remodel as it is taking place so that we can preserve our library's history. Using digital cameras, participants will create photo collages and images for our library's social media. **You can earn service hours for participating in this club!**

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Crafts to Go

New craft projects are available for pickup on Mondays and are available until supplies run out. Each week, a new surprise craft is offered. Visit the library's Facebook page for a post alerting you to the craft that is available!

## Zoom to the Moon 📺

Monday-Friday • 7pm

Beginning Monday, March 1, join us every weeknight for a bedtime story on Zoom!

**Meeting ID:** 952 2069 3869

**Passcode:** 306719

## Bingo! 📺

Thursday, March 11, April 8 & May 13 • 6-6:45pm

Join Youth Services Team members over Zoom for a game of Bingo!

## Science at Home 📺

Tuesday, March 16 • 6-6:45pm • Owl Pellets

Tuesday, April 20 • 6-6:45pm • Stacking Cup Magic

Tuesday, May 18 • 6-6:45pm • Rock Art

Supplies and Zoom links for each project will be available for pickup one week prior to the event. Supplies are limited and cannot be reserved in advance. **The owl pellet project is for kids age 8 and up with parental supervision.** We hope you enjoy these projects!

## STEAM Storytime

Tuesday, March 9 & 23 • 11:30am

Tuesday, April 6 & 20 • 11:30am

Tuesday, May 4 & 18 • 11:30am

Join us for books, rhymes, and songs during these fun **Facebook Live** storytime events!

## Lunchtime Battle Chat 📺

**Bluestem Award (grades 4 & 5)**

Friday, March 19 • 11am-12pm

Friday, April 16 • 11am-12pm

**Caudill Award (grades 6-8)**

Friday, March 26 • 11am-12pm

Friday, April 23 • 11am-12pm

Who is reading books in preparation for the 2021 Battle of the Books? We are! Join the Youth Services team and your friends to chat about the Battle books! Contact us for more info. *Battle Chats in May and the 2021 Battle of the Books dates are TBD.*

## HOLIDAYS ARE FOR CELEBRATING! 📺

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 the many holidays celebrated throughout the year amongst our community members. Pick up a holiday bag one week before the event, then join the Youth Services Team on Zoom.

### St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 17  
6-6:45pm

### Spring Holidays

Wednesday, March 24  
6-6:45pm

Learn how people mark the end of winter all over the world, including **Nowruz, Passover, Holi, Easter** and **Songkran!**

### Ramadan

Wednesday, April 7  
6-6:45pm

### Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday, May 5  
6-6:45pm

### Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 12  
6-6:45pm

### Eid

Wednesday, May 19  
6-6:45pm

## Chicago Ridge Public Library

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### Library Hours

Monday - Saturday: **10am-5pm**  
Sunday: **Closed**

Hours subject to change - see website

### Board of Trustees

**Richard Fitzgerald**, President  
**Mary Jo Janik**, Vice President  
**Karrie Grabinski**, Treasurer  
**Stan Pawlowski**, Secretary  
**Monica Fletcher**, Trustee

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.

# COMING SOON...

Sometime this spring, our new online public access catalog will go live for the general public! This redesigned catalog will make it much easier for our patrons to place books on hold, find ebooks and downloadable audiobooks, access our databases and online resources, and find books at other SWAN libraries.

The screenshot shows the Chicago Ridge Public Library website's beta catalog. At the top, there's a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'by Keyword' and 'in Library Catalog'. Below the search bar are several category buttons: 'New Movies', 'New Year Motivation', 'New Fiction', 'Bluestem 2021', and 'Rebecca Caudill 2021'. The 'Bluestem 2021' category is selected, showing a grid of book covers including 'MAX in the Middle Ages', 'CLICK', 'WEBBIE & GIZMO', 'Stef Soto', 'Taco Queen', 'BOB', and 'LIFEBOAT'.

**We are seeking new trustees!** Serving on our Board of Trustees enables you to have a direct voice in the continued development of the library. For more information, please contact Dana Wishnick ([dwishnick@chicagoridgelibrary.org](mailto:dwishnick@chicagoridgelibrary.org)).

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Monday, May 31** - closed