



Preview

A Guide to Your Library

Seed Library

Kindness Week

Visit With Author-Illustrator Jarrett Lerner



Message *From the* Executive Director

Hello,

It may feel like Summer Reading just wrapped up, but autumn is here, and winter holidays aren't far behind.

The library is full of resources to make your celebrations brighter. Our Library of Things includes fall and holiday-themed cake pans, punch boards for decorative banners, and plenty of puzzles and games for cozy nights in. If you're feeling crafty, check out Creativebug for free online art and craft classes.

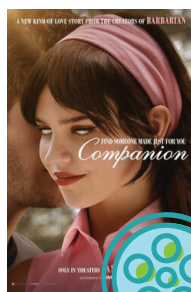
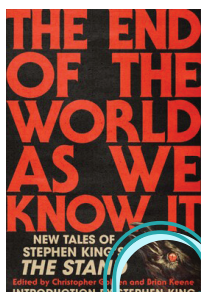
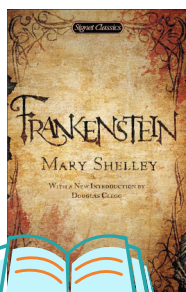
Find seasonal soup recipes or plan for holiday meals by accessing NYT Cooking online with your library card or check out our wide selection of cookbooks available at the library and digitally through our e-library.

And for those who would rather hurry past changing leaves and cold weather, our new Seed Library will have you thinking about spring. Launching November 5, this collection will offer a wide variety of seeds you'll want to include when planning your garden spaces. Special thanks to Mount Prospect Monarchs for their help in making the Seed Library a reality.

Warm wishes,

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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

Family Workshop: Necklaces With Starr Chief Eagle

BEST FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m.

Learn about traditional and contemporary materials Lakota People use for jewelry making. Then make your own Lakota-inspired necklace to take home. (R)

Creation Station

BEST FOR AGES 3-11 WITH AN ADULT
Craft and create with us! We'll provide an idea and supplies; you create your own masterpiece. (NR)

Ceramic Calaveras

Monday, November 3,
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Día de Muertos and decorate your own calavera (skull)!

Handprint Art

Tuesday, December 9,
10-11:15 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 10,
9:30-11 a.m.

Monday, December 15,
6-7:15 p.m.

Use paint to make unique handprint art, perfect for gift-giving or a special keepsake.

Clay Bowls

Saturday, December 13,
2-3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16,
10-11:15 a.m. or 4-5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 29,
3-4:30 p.m.

Take part in an ancient worldwide practice by making a decorative air-dry clay bowl.

Developmental Playgroup

BEST FOR AGES 5 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesday, November 25,
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for an inclusive drop-in playgroup for children who receive or are considering therapy services. (NR)



Sensory Explorers

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER
WITH AN ADULT

Friday, December 12,
10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Children can engage their senses and have fun making a mess! (R)



Family Concert: Laura Doherty

BEST FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

Saturday, December 27,
10:30 a.m.

Warm up this winter season with singer-songwriter Laura Doherty's catchy and cozy tunes! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)

Dial-a-Story

New stories Mondays,
November 3 and December 8

The library is here to read to you, wherever and whenever with Dial-a-Story: call 847-232-8600. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation.*



Storytimes

Find the perfect fit storytime for your child and schedule. Each storytime is created especially 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, November 3, 10, 17,
9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18,
10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20,
10:30 a.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, November 3, 10, 17,
10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, November 5, 12,
19, 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, November 4, 11, 18,
9:30 a.m.

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20,
9:30 a.m.

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

Big Kids Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 3-7 WITH AN ADULT

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18,
1:30 p.m.

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

Storytime Playdate

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER
WITH AN ADULT

Fridays, November 14, 21,
9:30-11 a.m.

Monday, November 24,
9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

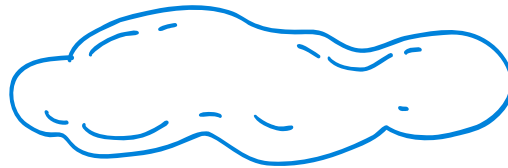
This play-based program
combines the magic of storytime
plus the joy of hands-on fun! (NR)

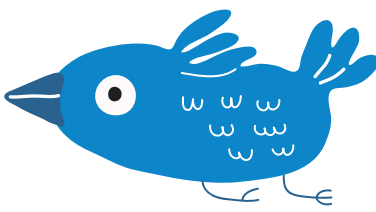
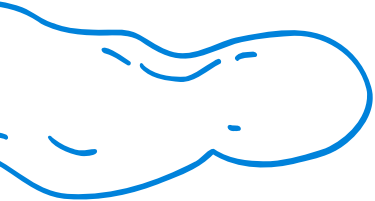
Bilingual Storytime | Cuentos y Cantos

BEST FOR AGES 10 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.

Join us for a bilingual storytime
for the entire family! Enjoy stories,
songs, and activities. (NR)





Growing Gratitude Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

**Tuesday, November 25,
1:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.**

Read stories and share songs and rhymes that explore what it means to be thankful and create a special craft to help celebrate the people and community we love most. (R)

Ballet Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 3-7

Tuesday, December 2, 1:30 p.m.

Use your imagination to stretch and move your body and brain in new and exciting ways during this storytime featuring the beloved ballet, *The Nutcracker*. (NR)

Ukrainian Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER
WITH AN ADULT

Wednesday December 10, 6 p.m.

Join The Language Labs for an interactive, bilingual storytime with stories, songs, rhymes, and activities that celebrate the Ukrainian language and culture! (NR)

Russian Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER
WITH AN ADULT

Monday, December 15, 9:30 a.m.

The Language Labs returns with a bilingual storytime featuring the Russian language and culture shared through stories, songs, rhymes, and activities! (NR)

Happy Holidays Storytime

BEST FOR AGES 8 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, December 18, 10 a.m.

Cozy up at storytime to celebrate the warmth, sparkle, and togetherness that makes this time of year so special. (R)

**See page 19 for
storytimes at
South Branch.**





FAMILIES

Teddy Bear Walk

Winter Fun for Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 9:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

Bring the whole family and your favorite stuffed pal to enjoy a unique, multigenerational Mount Prospect tradition — the annual Teddy Bear Walk! (NR)

Activities throughout the Youth department: 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bilingual storytimes: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., or 11:45 a.m.

Live music with Grammy-nominated Nanny Nikki:
9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 11:15 a.m.

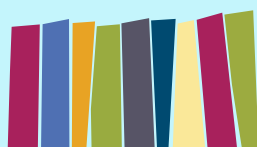
45th annual Teddy Bear Walk: 10 a.m.

Photos with Ted E. Bear: 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Village Hall:
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**For more information visit
mppl.org/special-events.**

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Family Literacy

We're always excited to see kids learning to read and reading to learn, because stories are magic! Plus, strong reading skills benefit kids throughout their lives. Finding books your child loves is one key to continually growing literacy skills, and we'd love to help! Stop by the Youth desk for personalized book recommendations. And of course, at the library you'll always find literacy-rich programs that support your child's journey toward independent reading.

Spending time reading together as a family also supports lifelong reading skills. That's why, in honor of National Family Literacy Month, we're giving away free Family Reading Night kits in November.

Family Reading Night 2025 Kit Pickup

BEST FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Beginning Monday, November 3

We're joining the statewide Family Reading Night event on November 20 and encourage families to spend quality time reading together with a free, special kit including a book and fun activities. The kits will be available at the Youth desk and South Branch starting November 3 while supplies last. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. (NR)*

Ready, Set, Read!

BEST FOR AGES 3-8 WITH AN ADULT

Thursday, December 11, 4:15 p.m.

We'll get familiar with letter sounds and phonemes as a first step in a child's reading journey. Caregivers will get hands-on practice with strategies that promote reading readiness and leave with easy, exciting ideas to try at home. (R)

**Reading together is fun!
We've got book clubs for
kids of all ages. See page 8
for more details.**

School-Aged Children

3D Printing for Kids

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 3-5

Learn Tinkercad

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

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

Intermediate Tinkercad

Tuesday, November 18, 4:30 p.m.

Make a 3D design from scratch, and we will print it at the library. (R)

Tinkercad Free Play

Tuesday, December 9, 4:30 p.m.

Get help troubleshooting Tinkercad problems while you work on your own project. (R)

Minecraft Engineers

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

Wednesday, November 5, 6 p.m.

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



Homeschool Hangout

FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, November 6, 10-11 a.m.

Get to know other homeschool families in the area while playing games, trying out hands-on activities, and more! (NR)



Animal Investigators: Cheetahs

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.

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

Animal Investigators Junior: Cheetahs

BEST FOR AGES 6-8

Monday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.

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

Pokémon Club

BEST FOR AGES 7-11

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 p.m.

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

CodeBuilders

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, November 13, 6 p.m.,
Tuesday, December 2, 4:30 p.m.

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



Kids' Book Clubs

We've got a book club for everyone!

My First Book Club

BEST FOR AGES 5-8

Monday, November 17, 4:30 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)

Growing Into Graphic Novels

BEST FOR AGES 5-8

Wednesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Growing readers will enjoy fun, hands-on activities related to a graphic novel. (R)

Hooked on Books!

BEST FOR AGES 6-8

Monday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.

In this interactive club perfect for kids just starting chapter books, we'll read a fun story, play games or do hands-on activities, and get excited about chapter books together. (R)

A Club for Kids Who Like Books

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 4 AND 5

Monday, December 8, 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)



LEGO Squad

BEST FOR AGES 8-11

Monday, November 17, 6 p.m.

Join the LEGO Squad! We'll provide the LEGO bricks; you show off your skills. (R)

CheckMates Meetup

BEST FOR AGES 7-14

Saturday, November 22,
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)

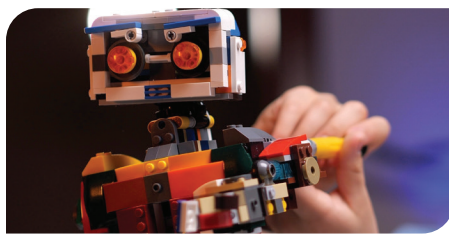


Animal Encounters

BEST FOR AGES 5 AND OLDER
WITH AN ADULT

Monday, November 24,
3 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

Explore the many wonders of animal adaptations while getting up-close views of live animals with the Flying Fox Conservation Fund. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* (R)



STEAM Appointment: Robots

STRICTLY FOR GRADES 4 AND 5

Monday, December 1, 4:15 p.m.

Explore STEAM subjects during this hands-on, small group program. (R)

Dungeons and Dragons

FOR GRADES 5 AND 6

Thursday, December 4, 6 p.m.

Adventure, danger, and treasure await the brave and the bold! Will you work with your team to solve this mystery? (R)



Tech Playground

BEST FOR AGES 8-11 WITH AN ADULT

Thursday, December 18, 6-7 p.m.

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

WhaZoodles!

An All-Audio Adventure

WhaZoodles offer a screen-free, multisensory approach to learning that nurtures young minds and fuels imaginations with podcasts, music, short stories, and more on an easy-to-use speaker.



No Wi-Fi.
No downloads.
No extra pieces.

WhaZoodle!
SPEAKER SIDEKICK

Unleash Your Creative Genius

At the library, we value opportunities for children to try new things. Experimenting to create something new not only builds pride, confidence, and fine motor skills, but it also encourages kids to persist, maintain concentration, and develop problem-solving skills.

Join us in November for two unique programs that will inspire creativity as kids experiment, tinker, and create.



Maker Kids: Inventor's Workshop

BEST FOR AGES 11 AND YOUNGER
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, November 3, 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Thursday, November 6, 2:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, November 8, 10-11:30 a.m.

Explore and experiment with different ways to make things move. Then put these ideas to work and invent something of your own! (NR)

Make and Meet: DIY Pinball Machine with Jarrett Lerner

BEST FOR AGES 6-11
WITH AN ADULT

Wednesday, November 19,
4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Jarrett Lerner's STEM-themed storytelling gets kids excited about science in book series

like *My Mad Scientist Mom*, *EngiNerds*, and *Geeger the Robot*.

Get an inside peek into Lerner's creative process when he draws you into his imaginative world full of doodles. You'll even get a chance to ask questions and get his autograph.

Plus, make cool stuff when you customize your own pinball machine with decorations, flippers, and more! (R)



Copies of Lerner's books will be available for purchase from Booked Evanston. The author will be available for a limited number of signings after his presentation.

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Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Thursday, November 6,
6:30 p.m.

Puzzle solo or gather a team of up to four people and put your jigsaw puzzle skills to the test for a puzzling good time! (R)



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, November 10,
December 8, 5 p.m.

Main Library

Fridays, November 21,
December 5, 5 p.m.



Teen Craft: Incredible Giftables

Wednesday, December 10,
4:30 p.m.

Make a giftable craft for a friend, family member, or even for yourself (we'll never tell)! (R)



Teen Book Café

Fridays, November 14,
December 12, 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)

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BEST FOR GRADES 5 AND 6

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Teen Exam Cram: Therapy Dog Visit

Tuesday, December 16, 4-5 p.m.

Take a break from studying for finals and drop in to visit with dogs from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. (NR)

Adult

The Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History

Monday, November 3, 7 p.m.

Dressed in her native regalia, Kim Sigafus gives a history of Native people in Illinois with a focus on Native women, including Singing Bird (Blackhawk's wife) and Hononegah. (R)



Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 4, 3-7 p.m.

Help save lives and make a difference by donating blood. The library is partnering with Versiti to host a community blood drive for ages 17 or older. (R)

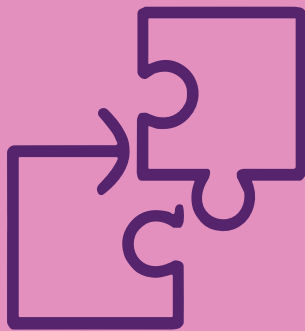
Career Coaching Appointment

| Cita de orientación profesional

Thursdays, November 6, 20,

December 4, 18, 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)



Puzzle Swap

Thursday, November 6

Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Bring in puzzles you've played before to exchange for some new designs while supplies last. (NR)



Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

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6:30 p.m.

Puzzle solo or gather a team of up to four people and put your jigsaw puzzle skills to the test for a puzzling good time! (R)

Drop-In Crochet and Knit Group

Thursdays, November 6,
December 4, 7 p.m.

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

Coin Collecting Appraisals

Saturday, November 8,
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Lifelong coin collector Dave Ekstrom will meet with you privately to appraise your old coins. Bring your wheat pennies and old silver dollars to learn the value of your collection. (R)

Woodturning for Beginners

Saturday, November 8, 2 p.m.

Members of the Chicago Woodturners Association will share the wonders of woodturning when they provide an introduction and live demonstration of the craft. (R)

Starting a Business in Mount Prospect

Wednesday, November 12, 6 p.m.

Connect with local business advisors and learn about some of the essential steps for launching and growing a successful business in Mount Prospect. *Presented by the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative.* (R)

NYT Cooking

All the food that's fit to eat.

Enjoy paywall-free access to NYT Cooking through the New York Times and find thousands of recipes you'll love to make, from easy weeknight dinners to holiday showstoppers.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Mount Prospect Monarchs Seed Share Event

Wednesday, November 5, 7 p.m.

Join neighbors working to create pollinator habitats and take part in the Mount Prospect Monarchs' annual seed share! Bring saved seeds in clearly marked envelopes and leave with new connections, information, and seeds for your garden. (R)

Heirloom Seeds and Family Stories

Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Sara Straate, seed historian for the Seed Savers Exchange, will share how her organization works to preserve seeds and the stories behind them. (V) (R)

Autumn Planning for Next Year's Veggie Garden

Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Join horticulturist and educator Nina Koziol and learn about soil preparation and tests, vegetable garden layouts, heirloom and modern cultivars, and when and how to plant for a continued, flavorful harvest. (R)

Sow and Grow

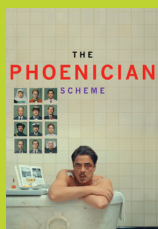
Our New Seed Library is Coming!

Starting November 5, and just in time for winter seed sowing and planning your spring garden, you'll have access to our new seed library, located at the Main Library. You can choose from a wide variety of seeds — from colorful flowers and native plants to tasty vegetables and herbs. Whether you're a first-time gardener or an expert, come explore the collection and pick up the perfect seeds for your space.

A brown paper bag with a circular white sticker. The sticker features the text "Seed Library" in a green, stylized font, with a small green leaf and a small green butterfly icon next to the word "Seed".

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Afternoon Movies

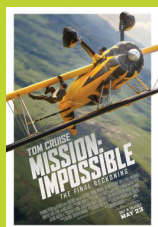


The Phoenician Scheme

2025; PG-13; 101 MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2 p.m.

Wealthy businessman Zsa-zsa Korda appoints his only daughter, a nun, as sole heir to his estate. As Korda embarks on a new enterprise, they soon become the target of scheming tycoons, foreign terrorists, and determined assassins. (R)



Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning

2025; PG-13; 169 MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Hunt and the IMF pursue a dangerous AI called the Entity that's infiltrated global intelligence. With governments and a figure from his past in pursuit, Hunt races to stop it from forever changing the world. (R)

All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Morning Movies

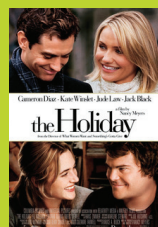


The Zookeeper's Wife

2017; PG-13; 127 MINUTES

Tuesday, November 25, 10 a.m.

Keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, Antonina and Jan Zabinski, must save hundreds of people and animals during the Nazi invasion in WWII Poland. (R)



The Holiday

2006; PG-13; 136 MINUTES

Tuesday, December 23, 10 a.m.

Amanda lives in LA and is a movie trailer editor. Iris lives in Surrey and is a journalist. The two decide to swap houses for two weeks at Christmas — both trying to forget their troubled love lives, until love finds them anyways. (R)

MOVIES AT MPPL



SCORE Business Mentoring

Thursdays, November 13, December 11, 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)



Cricut Crafting Series

Thursdays, November 13 and 20, 6 p.m.

Join Cricut master Julie Kapustka in this two-part series for a guided journey into Cricut crafting. Learn about the different machines, the design software, project possibilities, and more. (R)



LinkedIn 2.0

Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m.

Lauren Milligan from ResuMAYDAY will explain how employers and recruiters use LinkedIn, provide tips on how to optimize your profile for visibility, and demonstrate how to best use LinkedIn's tools to your advantage. *Presented in partnership with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.* (R)

MPPL Writers Group

FOR AGES 18+

Mondays, November 17,
December 15, 7 p.m.

Bring your current writing projects for thoughtful support and constructive critique from a group of fellow writers. (R)

Night Off? Game On!

FOR AGES 18+

November 17, 7 p.m.

Spend your night off playing tabletop games with other gaming enthusiasts! (R)

Incredible Giftables for Adults

Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Make a giftable craft for a friend, family member, or even for yourself (we'll never tell)! (R)

Small Business Morning Meetup

Wednesday, November 19,
9 a.m.

Come share a cup of coffee with other local entrepreneurs, start-ups, founders, freelancers, home businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections while enjoying coffee and donuts. (R)

Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Options

Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Representatives from Northwestern Mutual, Inc. will talk about long-term care, what it covers, how much it costs, and the various strategies available to pay for this care. (R)



The Rule of Rum

Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.

Food historian Cynthia Clampitt will share the reason rum arose where it did and when it did, how pirates got involved, and who really said “yo ho ho” (not the pirates!). (R)



Ten Steps to a Smarter Tax Return

Monday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Financial educator Karen Chan will guide you in making smart choices to help you manage your tax bill now and in the future. (R)

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services

Tuesday, December 9, 6 p.m.

Learn how to cut the cord on cable TV to lower monthly bills. (V) (R)

A SEASON OF GIVING THANKS

We are grateful for our Library Board, Foundation, Friends, community partners, and all of



who make the library such a special place.

THANK YOU FOR BEING AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO!



Theatrical Reading: Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory"

Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.

Equity actors from The Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a theatrical reading of Capote's classic and beloved boyhood Christmas memoir. Directed by Peter Garino. *Presented with permission of the Truman Capote Literary Trust.* (R)

Music of the Christmas Hour

Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m.

Ring in the holiday season with sopranos Kathleen Monson and Kristina Bachrach and pianist Riko Higuma. (R)



Mindful Chair Yoga

Friday, December 19, 11 a.m.

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

Technology



Digitizing VHS Tapes

Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.,
Monday, November 10, 6 p.m.

Learn the steps to convert VHS home videos to DVD or digital format using the library's Mac Studio equipment. After the program, you can choose to work at the Mac Studio computer digitizing your own VHS tapes with the nearby assistance of a staff member. (R)



Drop-In Tech Training

Tuesdays, November 4, 18,
1-3 p.m., Tuesday, December
16, 2-4 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, November 15,
10 a.m.

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

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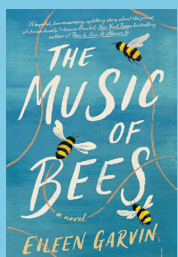


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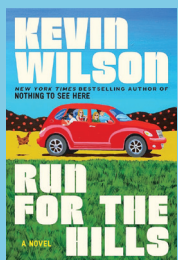
Book Discussions

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)

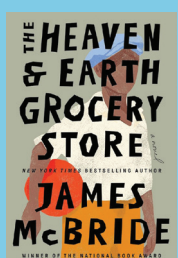


Wednesday,
November 5,
11 a.m.
The Music of Bees
by Eileen Garvin

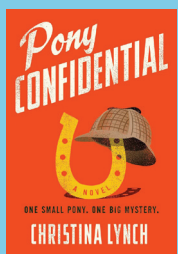


Wednesday,
December 3,
11 a.m.
Run for the Hills
by Kevin Wilson

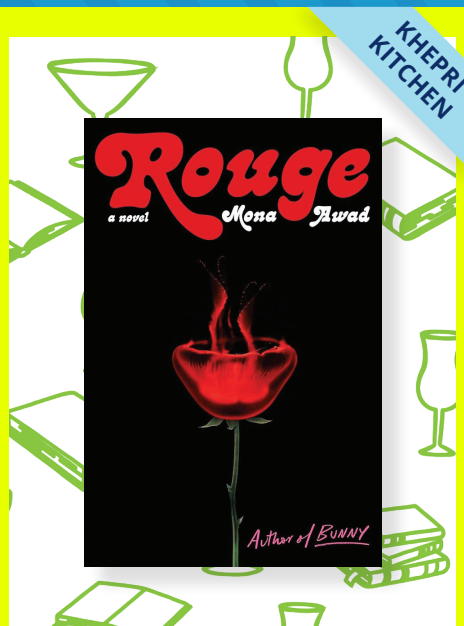
Monday Night Book Group (NR)



Monday,
November 10,
7 p.m.
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride



Monday,
December 8,
7 p.m.
Pony Confidential
by Christina Lynch



Completely Booked: A 20s and 30s Book Group

Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m.
A social book group for book enthusiasts in their 20s and 30s at Khepri Kitchen + Coffee, 106 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 *Rouge* by Mona Awad. (R)

Let's Talk Books

Wednesdays, November 19,
December 17, 1 p.m.
Recommend your favorites and learn which titles have others talking during this casual meeting of fellow readers. (R)



Getting your hands on your favorite author's latest release has never been easier! Library cardholders can select up to 25 authors from our curated list when you enroll in "Automatically Yours" and we'll place the holds for you as each author's new titles are released. Large Type is available for select authors.

Check out the "Books, Movies & More" tab at mppl.org or visit the Fiction/AV/Teen desk to get started!



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.



Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science

Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Join New York Times food columnist and Serious Eats culinary director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. López-Alt, known for his thoroughly tested and explained recipes, is the author of the James Beard award-winning cookbook *The Food Lab*. He also co-hosts "The Recipe With Kenji and Deb," a podcast that helps listeners perfect recipes with friend Deb Perelman of Smitten Kitchen. López-Alt will be joined by Chicago home cook and baker Billy Zureikat. (V) (R)

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Coming in 2026

- Jonathan Eig, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *King: A Life*
- R.L. Stine, children's author of *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street* series
- Percival Everett, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *James*
- Cristina Henríquez, author of *The Great Divide* and *The Book of Unknown Americans*
- R.F. Kuang, bestselling author of *The Poppy War* trilogy, *Babel: An Arcane History*, and *Yellowface*

Celebrate the power of kindness!

In support of the Village of Mount Prospect and the Special Events Commission, the library will kick off the village's first Kindness Week, a celebration encouraging residents to see the good, be the good, and go the extra mile in our community.

Kindness Week Kick-Off Event

Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pick up an activity bag at the Main Library beginning Saturday, November 8 while supplies last. Spread kindness by playing the village's Kindness Week bingo game. Bingo cards will be available throughout the week. (NR)



South Branch

1711 W. Algonquin Rd., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 | 847-590-4090 | www.mtpl.org/southbranch



Teen Volunteering

Check out volunteer opportunities on page 11.

Perler Bead Creations |

Creaciones de Perler

BEST FOR AGES 5-11 WITH AN ADULT

Monday, November 3, 5 p.m.

Design your own colorful bead creations! (R)

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)



Computación básica en español

PARA ADULTOS

Miércoles, 12 de noviembre,

viernes 5 de diciembre, 4-6 p.m.

Visítenos y traiga sus preguntas sobre la tecnología, como la internet, los editores de texto, su correo electrónico, celular, tableta o computadora. *This program will be presented in Spanish.* (NR)

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)



Zootopia

2016; PG;
108 minutes

**Friday, November 14,
5 p.m.**



Ice Age

2002; PG;
81 minutes

**Friday, December 12,
5 p.m.**



Family Photos | Fotos familiares

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, November 19,

11-1:30 p.m. or 4-7 p.m.

Pose in front of our backdrop for some fabulous family pictures.

We will take the photos and send you the digital files afterward. (R)

Winter Bingo | Bingo de invierno

FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, December 10,

4:45 p.m. or 6 p.m.

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



Cricut Design Space for

Beginners | Cricut Design Space para principiantes

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Wednesday, December 17, 5 p.m.

Discover the capabilities of Cricut Design Space and get hands-on experience with a Cricut cutting machine. You'll choose a design, cut with the Cricut machine, and transfer it to a tote bag with the Cricut Easy Press. (R)

Sugar Cookie Decorating |

Decoración de galletas de azúcar

FOR FAMILIES

Monday, December 22, 5 p.m.

Drop in to South Branch to decorate and eat some sweet sugar cookies. (R)

**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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Regular Library Board Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m.
Thursday, December 18, 6 p.m.

CONTACT US

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

Phone: 847-253-5675

South Branch: 847-590-4090

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Main Library Location and Hours 10 S. Emerson St.

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 Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

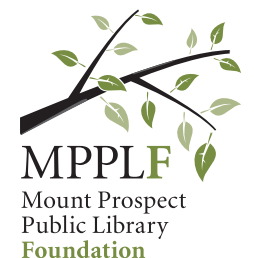
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Celebrate the Season With Generosity and Gratitude

The holidays are a special time to reflect and give thanks. The Library Foundation invites the community to make a difference by giving back. Every dollar donated helps support library programs for all ages. Ready to give? Visit mppl.org/foundation and click "Donate Now." It's quick, easy, and impactful! If you'd rather give your time, we are also looking for passionate volunteer Board members to help with fundraising. Thank you for being part of a community that believes in cultivating community connections, inspiring learning, and enriching lives. We are grateful for your support!



The library will be closed on
Friday, November 7 — Staff Training
Wednesday, November 26 at 5 p.m.
Thursday, November 27 — Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25 — Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31 at 5 p.m.
Thursday, January 1 — New Year's Day

