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Spring into Reading

Library News

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SPRING INTO READING

Spring Reading Program 2024



Visit our library website to sign up for spring reading and record your books. For help, please visit or call the library. If you used Beanstack for our previous reading programs, there is no need to make an account - just sign back in with your credentials and start logging! This program begins on March 4.

For Adult Readers

Read 5 books to receive a prize and 5 raffle tickets. To enter our raffle and receive your prize, stop in the library to see us!

For Kids and Teen Readers

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

EVENT REGISTRATION INFO - PLEASE READ!

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

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

R - Register - in-person only, registration required

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

Z - Zoom - online only, registration required

Please contact us if you have any questions!

Ramadan Giving Project

March 4 - April 16

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



Library News

National Library Week

The week of April 7-13

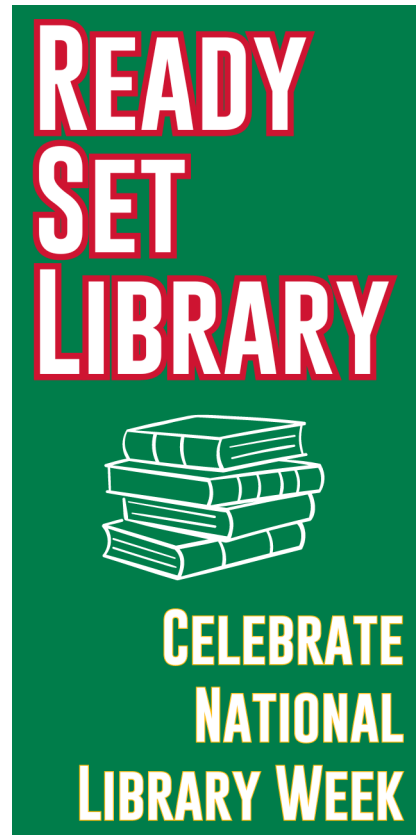
The theme for National Library Week 2024, "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

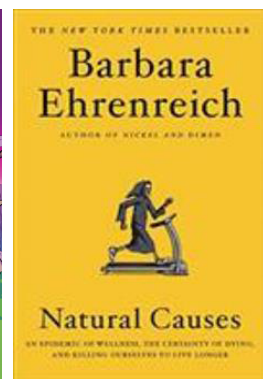
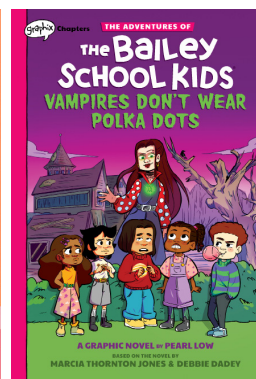
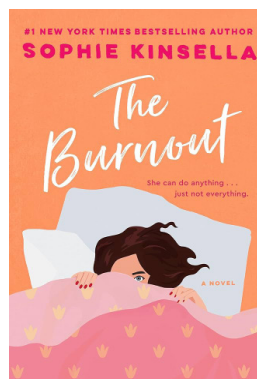
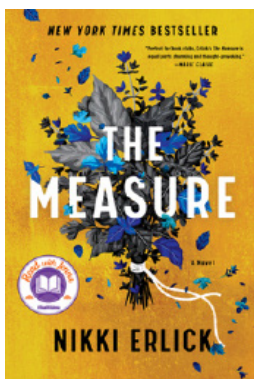
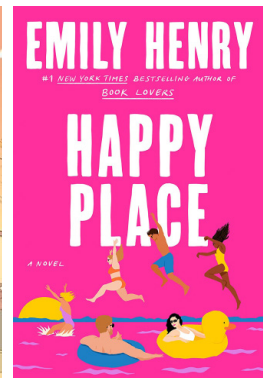
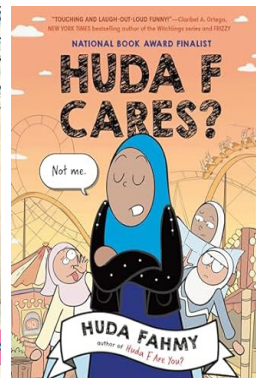
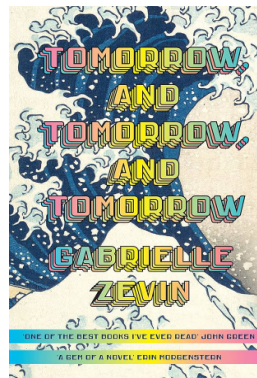
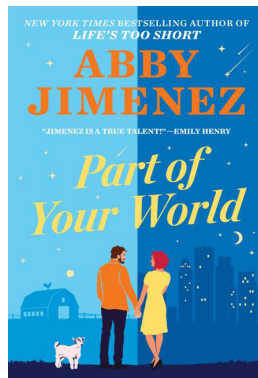
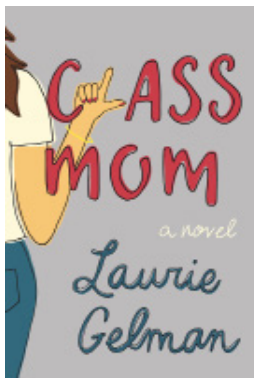
Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

Youth - During the entire month of April, pick up your "Ready, Set, Library" bingo sheet at the Youth Services desk. Score a bingo to win a prize. You can win multiple prizes each time you complete a bingo. Complete a cover up Bingo to be entered in a drawing to win a set up Library Kindle.

Adult - Complete a game sheet to be entered into a drawing for a Kindle. Visit the Adult Services desk for more information.



Staff Picks



Adult Programs

Monday Movies

Mondays • 10am

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

English Hour (ESL)

Tuesdays • 11am

Join Eva and Alicia every Tuesday for coffee and English conversation! This in-person program is for all levels of English language learners who are interested in practicing speaking English in a relaxed, fun group. • D

Gentle Flow Yoga

Tuesdays • 2pm

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.** • H

Gentle Tai-Chi

Friday, March 1 & 15 • 10am

Friday, April 5 & 19 • 10am

Friday, May 3 & 17 • 10am

BNEW4LIFE will coach participants in the basics of Gentle Tai-Chi-Gong. We will demonstrate and lead breathing, relaxation, self-calming and gentle movement techniques. These methods help decrease life stressors, soften or release chronic pain symptoms, improve quality of life and decrease isolation. • R

Bingo

Monday, March 18 • 7pm

Monday, April 15 • 7pm

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

Irish Music & More with Teen String Band

Saturday, March 9 • 11am

Irish jigs, fiddle airs, dancing reels! Join Old Town School of Folk Music's Teen String Band for a joyful party of Irish and American folk music. Led by long-time teaching artists Anna Jacobson and Jonas Friddle, this band of young, talented musicians never ceases to leave a trail of delight wherever they play. • D

Telling Stories with Maps

Saturday, March 16 • 2pm

Learn how mapmakers create maps and use them to tell stories, and how you can too! Learn about the growing field of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and its many uses. Presented by mapping expert Marty Marquis. We'll provide delicious treats to enjoy while you learn, and hold a gift card drawing at the end of the presentation! • R

Narcan Training

Saturday, March 23 • 10am

Thursday, April 18 • 7pm

Opioid overdoses are a very serious problem. In 2020 alone, in suburban Cook County, there were 487 opioid-involved overdose deaths. Please join the University of Illinois Extension that has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide a training on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administer life-saving naloxone. You will also have the opportunity to receive free Narcan at the end of the training. • R

Egg Hunt

The week of March 25-30

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

Building and Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

Monday, April 1 • 7pm

It is crucial for our well-being to have healthy boundaries in all types of relationships. This presentation by Crisis Center for South Suburbia will further examine building and maintaining healthy boundaries as a preventative to minimize entering into a toxic or abusive relationship. • R

Diabolical Oregon Trail

Saturday, April 13 • 2pm

Devil's Pulpit, Hell Creek, and Murderer's Gulch are just a few place names found along the famous Oregon Trail. In this presentation, map expert Marty Marquis will explain the origins of these dastardly descriptors. We'll provide delicious treats to enjoy while you learn, and hold a gift card drawing at the end of the presentation! • R

Beautiful Sounds

Saturday, April 20 • 10am

This full-body listening experience will take you on a sonically guided meditative journey, as vibrations gently wash away stress and tension, opening up space for clarity, and expansive energy towards your goals. • R

Adult Programs

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4

Who doesn't love FREE comic books? Visit the Adult Services Department to pick up your free comic book. We'll have comics for readers of all ages. • **D**

Mexican Street Tacos

Monday, May 6 • 6:30pm

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Chef Violeta Truque, originally from Veracruz, Mexico. She will demonstrate how to prepare traditional street tacos from scratch. Samples provided! By participating in this class, you acknowledge and accept that Chicago Ridge Public Library and Violeta are not responsible for any food allergies or reactions. • **R**

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

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

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

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

Senior Programming

Wills and Advance Directives

Monday, March 4 • 1pm

Which critical documents should you have in place to maintain control of healthcare and financial decisions if incapacitated? How can you direct what happens to your estate after death? Join the discussion with Tiffany Clements, Staff Attorney, from the Center for Disability and Elder Law. Presentation attendees 60+ years of age and younger adults living with a permanent disability may be eligible to participate in a follow-up workshop with attorneys who provide some of these legal documents at no charge. Workshop date and eligibility guidelines will be provided on March 4th. • **R**

Senior Connections: Meet Up

Thursday, March 21 • 10am

Join us for a morning of relaxing and chatting. We will be discussing future library programs and how they can benefit you! At the end of the program we will play a few quick rounds of bingo. • **R**

Senior Medicare Patrol Bingo

Thursday, March 28 • 10am

Learn about Medicare Fraud, how to report it, how it affects your community and play BINGO afterwards. • **R**

Senior Connections: Senior Fraud

Thursday, April 18 • 10am

When it comes to fighting fraud, the best offense is a good defense, so join Librarian Eva as she shares information on how older adults can protect themselves against the latest trends and scams. Topics covered will include fraud, cybersecurity, identity theft, and most importantly, how to protect your wallet. • **R**

Senior Connections: Bottle Q-Tip Painting

Thursday, May 16 • 10am

April showers bring May flowers. Join us to make a dot flower design using toothpicks and q-tips. This super easy spring craft will make for a unique gift or a nice decoration! • **R**

Book Discussions

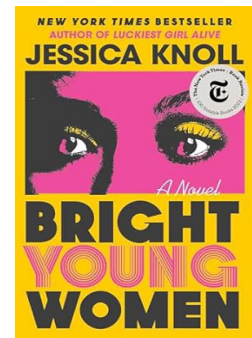
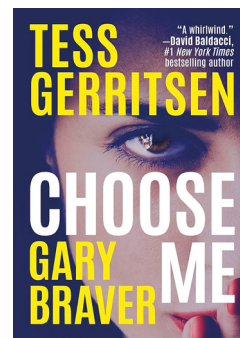
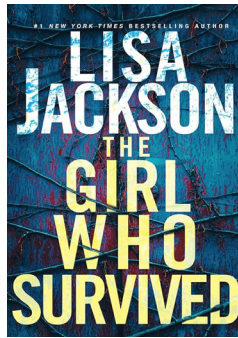
Killer Thrillers

Monday, March 11 • 6pm

Monday, April 8 • 6pm

Monday, May 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



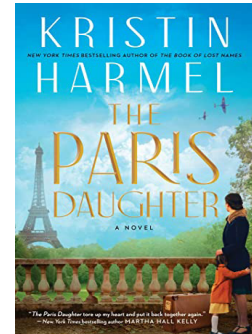
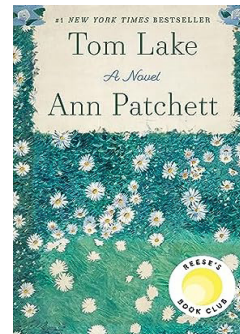
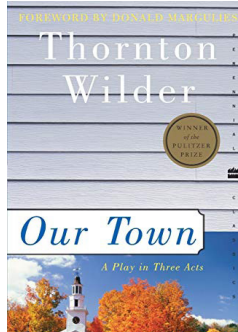
Books and Bagels

Wednesday, March 27 • 10am

Wednesday, April 24 • 10am

Wednesday, May 22 • 10am

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



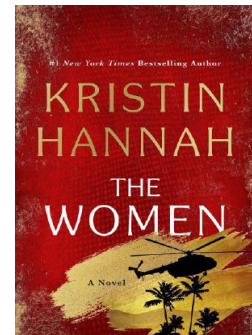
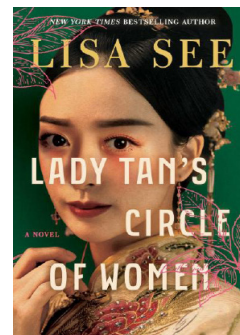
Book Talk

Thursday, March 14 • 7pm

Thursday, April 11 • 7pm

Thursday, May 9 • 7pm

Do you enjoy great reads and spirited conversations with your coffee? Book Talk is the club for you! Hosted by Eva. The books will be announced at the first meeting. • R



Illinois Libraries Present

A Conversation with Ruth E. Carter

Wednesday, March 20 • 7pm

Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award in Best Costume Design for the film, Black Panther. Ruth E. Carter will be joined in conversation with Aisha Harris, co-host of NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour and author of Wannabe. • L

A Conversation with Dr. Temple Grandin:

Wednesday, April 3 • 7pm

Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. • L

Many Lives of Kal Penn

Thursday, May 7 • 7pm

Penn is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. He is known for starring roles in Designated Survivor, House, The Namesake, the Harold & Kumar franchise, and much more. • L

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

Craft Programs

Pressed Flower Lanterns

Monday, March 25 • 7pm

Tuesday, March 26 • 10am

With a bit of mod podge and dried flowers you will have a gorgeous candle holder. This pressed flower craft is so simple, and the results are so pretty! • **R**



Spring Painting

Friday, April 12 • 10am

Monday, April 22 • 6:30pm

Spring is in the air. Join local artist Diane Shebelski to paint a spring scene with a butterfly. This is a great class for beginners. • **R**



Dragonfly Bracelet

Monday, May 20 • 7pm

Tuesday, May 21 • 10am

Join us in making a dragonfly charm bracelet using small matte beads. This bracelet creates the illusion of more than one bracelet. • **R**



Sewing 101- Learn to Sew

Wednesday, March 27 • 2pm

Wednesday, March 27 • 7pm

Did you know that the library has sewing machines? Have you ever wanted to learn to sew? Attend this 1 1/2 hour class and learn how to thread a sewing machine and how to start sewing. Make a headband or a pin cushion for you or someone else. All supplies will be provided. Once you have successfully completed this class, you will be eligible to check out one of our sewing machines. This program is open to ages 8 and up. 8-12 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. • **R**



Block of the Month

Sunday, March 17 • 1pm

Sunday, April 14 • 1pm

Sunday, May 19 • 1pm

Our monthly quilting club continues! Contact the Adult Services staff for more information. • **R**

Beginning Cross-Stitch

Saturday, May 18 • 2pm

Cross-Stitching isn't just for grannies anymore! Learn how to get started with cross-stitching and make a cute design to hang in your home or give as a gift! • **R**



Youth Programs

Do you have a Library Card?

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

Daily Hider!

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

Bee A Reader!

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

Craft to Go!

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

Spring Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of the hidden items at the library this spring? Each month pick-up the scavenger hunt list from the Youth Services desk, and see if you can find all of the hidden items! • D

Spring into Reading

March 4 - May 31

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

Spring Reading Prizes for Children Under 3



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Level 6

Spring Reading Prizes for Children & Teens



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Level 6

Youth Programs

Join the library in celebrating the many different holidays observed by our community and gain a shared appreciation for the diversity of our traditions. During Ramadan, a bag will be provided if you would like to take your snack home to enjoy at a later time.

Video Gaming Club

Mondays • 6pm

Every Monday starting March 4 participants in grades 3 - 12 can stop by for some gaming! Video games and chess games will be available to play! • **D**

Family Board Game Night

Wednesdays • 6pm

Bored at home? Come to the library for a family board game night. Play together with our board games on shelf or in-house. • **D**

Food Art Mystery

Tuesday, March 12 • 4pm

Tuesday, April 9 • 4pm

Tuesday, May 14 • 4pm

It's a mystery! What will your snack at the library be today? Draw a picture to find out and then eat the snack. • **D**

Moon Hunt

The week of March 4-9

Visit the library to hunt for some crescent moons and books! The Moon Hunt will take place throughout the week. Find your 5 crescent moons to collect your sticker. • **D**

Egg Hunt

The week of March 25-30

Visit the library to hunt for some eggs and books. The Egg Hunt will take place throughout the week. Find your 5 eggs to collect your sticker. • **D**

Read Across America Day

Saturday, March 2 • 1-5pm

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

Ramadan Party

Tuesday, March 5 • 6pm

It's a Ramadan celebration! Enjoy treats, crafts, games, and receive a present! • **D**

St. Patrick's Day Party

Tuesday, March 12 • 6pm

It's a St. Patrick's Day celebration! Enjoy treats, crafts, games, and receive a present! • **D**

Spring Holiday Party

Tuesday, March 19 • 6pm

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

Easter Party

Tuesday, March 26 • 6pm

It's an Easter celebration! Enjoy treats, crafts, games, and receive a present! • **D**

April Fool's Day Party

Tuesday, April 2 • 6pm

Tell jokes, make a silly craft, and enjoy some silly snacks. • **D**

National Library Week: Ready Set Library

The week of April 7-13

During the entire month of April, pick up your "Ready, Set, Library" bingo sheet at the Youth Services desk. Score a bingo to win a prize. You can win multiple prizes each time you complete a bingo. Complete a cover up Bingo to be entered in a drawing to win a set up Library Kindle. • **D**

Garden Party

Tuesday, April 9 • 6pm

Welcome in the planting season with a variety of activities. • **D**

Eid Party

Tuesday, April 16 • 6pm

It's an Eid celebration! Enjoy treats, crafts, games, and receive a present! • **D**

Earth Day Party

Tuesday, April 23 • 6pm

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle to help save our planet Earth. Make crafts out of a variety of recycled materials. • **D**

Cinco de Mayo Party

Tuesday, April 30 • 6pm

It's a Cinco de Mayo celebration! Enjoy treats, crafts, games, and receive a present! • **D**

Happy Mother's Day Tea

Wednesday, May 8 • 6pm

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

Youth Programs

Sewing 101

Wednesday, March 27 • 2pm

Wednesday, March 27 • 7pm

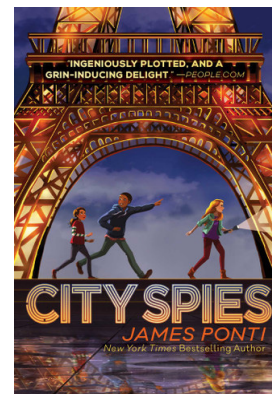
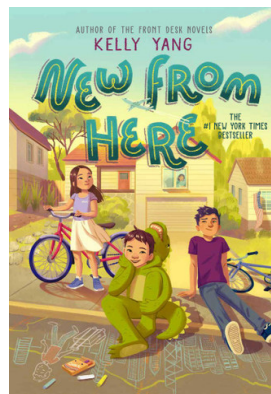
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Battle of the Books

Friday, May 24 • 9:30am

Keep up the good work reading your Battle Books to prepare for the 2024 Monarch, Bluestem, and Caudill battles this Spring. • D



Self-Directed Spring Crafts at the Library

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

March 4-10 - Ramadan Sticker Scene

March 11-17 St. Patrick's Day Glitter Sign

March 18-24 Holi Mandala Fuzzy Art Poster

March 25- 31 Easter Character Craft

April 1- 7 Flower Garden Sticker Scene

April 8-14 Eid Moon Decoration

April 15-21 Spring Bird Mobile

April 22-28 Happy Earth Day Craft

April 29-May 4 Bug Craft

May 6-11 Mother's Day Bouquet Craft

May 13-19 Dragonfly Craft

May 20-26 Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Craft

May 28-31 Spring Flower Dot Art



Storytimes

Sensory Playtime

Mondays • 10am

Every Monday starting March 4 join us for tactile books, sensory toys, and bubbles! All ages and abilities are welcome! • **D**



Books and Bubbles

Tuesdays • 10am

Thursdays • 6pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday this spring visit the library for music, bubbles, stories, and games! • **D**



Teen Programs

Project Next Generation: You Can be an Mechanic!

Tuesday, May 7 • 6-8pm

Tuesday, May 14 • 6-8pm

Tuesday, May 21 • 6-8pm

Use engine model building kits to learn the inner workings of a car engine. Build a jeep and a racecar! Ages 10 and up. • **D**

Community Showcase

Friday, May 24 • 9am-4pm

Visit the library to learn about all of the great things that happened during PNG this year.

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

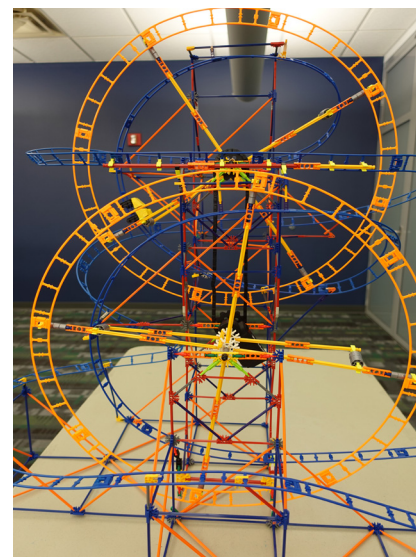
Crochet 101

Monday, March 25 • 6-7:30pm

Monday, April 8 • 6-7:30pm

Monday, April 22 • 6-7:30pm

Have you ever wanted to learn how to crochet? In this class you will learn the basics of crocheting and learn how to make a scarf or maybe even a blanket! Beginners and experienced crocheters are welcome. Crochet hooks and yarn will be provided. This program is for ages 10 and up. • **R**



Volunteers

Teens in 6th-12th grade can sign up for a two hour time slot once a week. Volunteering will begin March 4. Applications will be available starting March 1. If you are already signed up from the Fall/Winter season, you can continue to volunteer at your regularly scheduled time.

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Library Hours

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

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

Library Director

Dana Wishnick

Program Statement

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

Photo Statement

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

Patrons with Disabilities

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

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Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Can you unlock our Summer Reading theme?

There are 3 hidden words that will give you our 2024 reading program the!

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R	S	D	A	R	F	C

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Sunday, May 12, 2024
Monday, May 27, 2024