

Winter 2023-2024 • December, January & February

# LIBRARY LINES

## NEWSLETTER



**Chicago Ridge**  
Public Library



**Winter Reading Program**

Unwrap a Good Book

*December 4 - February 29*

# Library News

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## UNWRAP A GOOD BOOK

Winter Reading 2023-2024



Visit our library website to sign up for winter reading and record your books. For help, please visit or call the library. If you used Beanstack for our previous reading programs, there is no need to make an account - just sign back in with your credentials and start logging! This program begins on December 4 and ends on February 29.

### For Adult Readers

Read 5 books to receive a mug 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 winter 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, December 1 at 9am**. The type of program is indicated using these letters:

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

**R** - Register - in-person only, registration required

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

**Z** - Zoom - online only, registration required

Please contact us if you have any questions!

## A Big Thank You

At the library's Fall Fest on Sunday, September 3rd, the Chicago Ridge Lions Club and Rosa's Pizza joined the library to unveil the new planters at the library's entrance. Thank you to the Lions and Rosa's for donating the planters and the lovely plants!





# Library News

## Hat and Mitten Tree

*Throughout December*

For the month of December the Library will be collecting new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for adults and children in need. Items will be distributed locally. Store bought and handmade items are welcome! Stop by the library and place your donations on our hat and mitten tree!

## 8th Annual Officer Steven Smith Toy Drive

*They are accepting donations until December 8th*

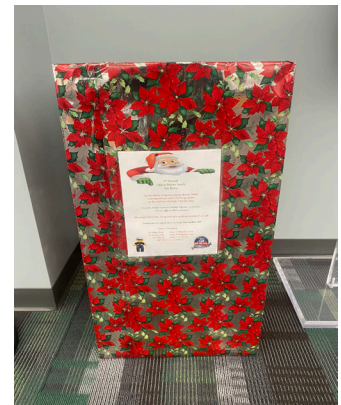
In the season of giving, please donate new, unwrapped toys and help bring smiles to the children of Advocate Children's Hospital. Monetary donations and gift cards are accepted as well. Please refrain from donating stuffed animals. Donations may be dropped off at the library, Village Hall, the police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

## Craft Fair

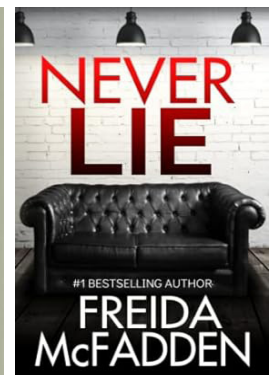
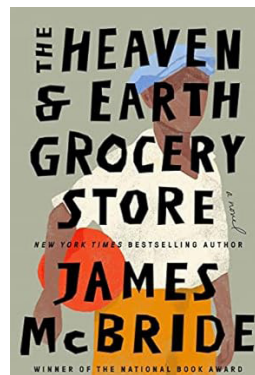
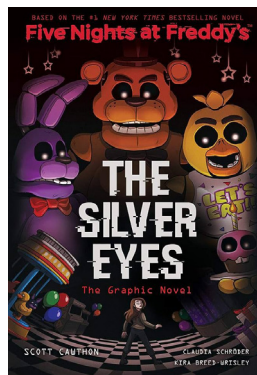
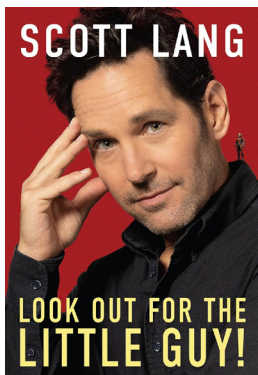
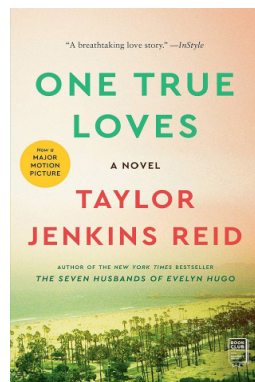
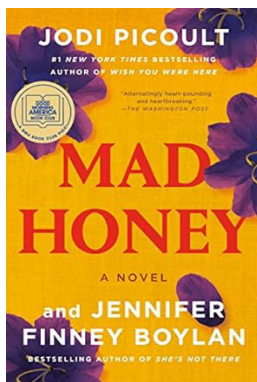
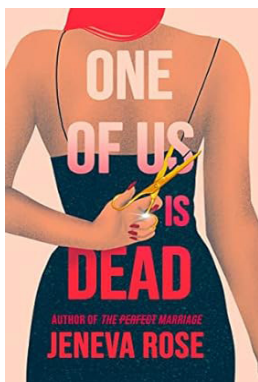
*Sunday, December 3 • 11-2pm*

The Library invites you to support local artists and crafters at our craft fair. All are welcome to shop!

Example of Vendors: Holiday decorations, handmade jewelry, home décor items like wall hangings or coasters, knitted goods such as blankets, scarfs or hats, and personalized items. • D



# 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, December 1 & 15 • 10am*

*Friday, January 5 & 19 • 10am*

*Friday, February 2 & 16 • 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, December 18 • 7pm*

*Monday, January 22 • 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**

## One Pot Meals

*Monday, January 15 • 7pm*

The weather is starting to get chillier outside but it's nice and warm in the kitchen. Chef Susan Maddox will present some great "One-Pot Meals" which make for great dining as well as clean up. Friends and family will enjoy these tasty and delectable dishes with minimal work involved. This is a nice evening to learn some great recipes as well as learn some methods and techniques in the kitchen for making cooking fun and easy. • **R**

## History of Motown

*Monday, February 5 • 7pm*

In Detroit in the 1960's Motown Records produced hits as efficiently as the Ford Motor Company produced automobiles. It was the "Sound of Young America" sung by performers like The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder. Using audio and visual content Gary Wenstrup will trace the amazing musical journey from the power soul of "Dancing in The Streets" and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" to the psychedelic soul of "Cloud Nine" and "What's Going On" to the pop soul of The Jackson 5. Timeless music that moved us then and moves us now. • **R**

## Blues in America

*Monday, February 19 • 7pm*

Join Fruteland Jackson for a blues-filled presentation on the emergence and evolution of blues music in American culture. He will cover Blues' early folk roots to its most dominating contemporary styles and discuss the West African roots of American blues music, the urban conversion including the Great Migration, the roots of rock and roll, Willie Dixon, and the Chicago blues tradition. • **R**



Gary Collver



# Senior Connections

## Joy of a Healthy Mouth

Thursday, December 14 • 10am

Illumident, Inc will discuss information about keeping your mouth healthy as you age. They will introduce you to various available products. Stay until the end to see if you win any raffle prizes. All participants receive a gift bag of dental items. • R

## Senior Medicare Patrol Bingo

Thursday, January 25 • 10am

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

## Clover Q-Tip Painting

Thursday, February 22 • 10am

Join us for a painting class where we will make a four leaf clover painting using acrylic paint and q-tips. • R



# Illinois Library Presents

## Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Wednesday, December 6 • 7pm

Lori Gottlieb, New York Times bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season. • Z

## Experience The Nutcracker at Home

Saturday, December 16 through Sunday, December 17

Get in the spirit of the season with a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* performed by the United Kingdom's internationally renowned Royal Ballet. The ballet, a holiday staple for all ages, can be viewed Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17. Registrants will receive an email with a special link to the performance. • R

## Speculating our AI Future

Thursday, January 11 • 7pm

Join us for a panel discussion featuring three best selling science fiction writers, Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing. • Z

## A Conversation with Jerry Craft

Tuesday, February 6 • 7pm

Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft. Join us for a conversation about his works and journey to success, including a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family! • Z

## A Conversation with Julia Quinn

Tuesday, February 20 • 7pm

Join New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn helps us feel the romance all month with a discussion about *Bridgerton* and all things romance. • Z

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

# Book Discussions

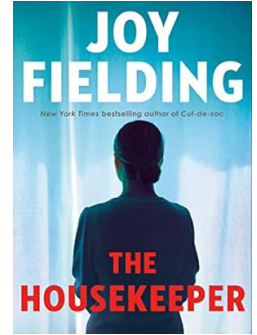
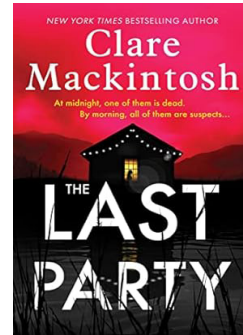
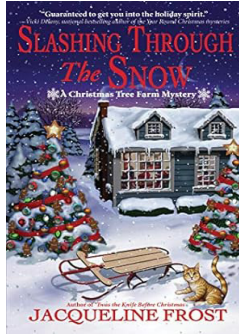
## Killer Thrillers

Monday, December 11 • 6pm

Monday, January 8 • 6pm

Monday, February 12 • 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



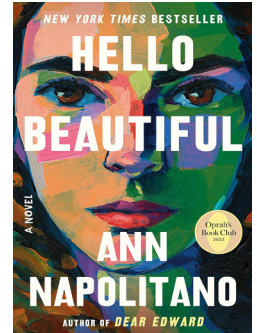
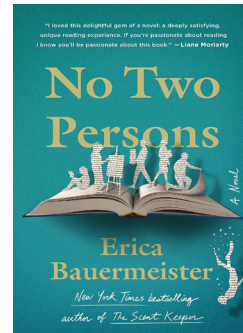
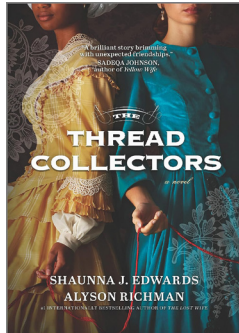
## Books and Bagels

Wednesday, December 27 • 10am

Wednesday, January 24 • 10am

Wednesday, February 28 • 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 mem-  
bers are always welcome. • R



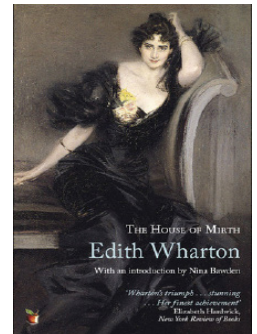
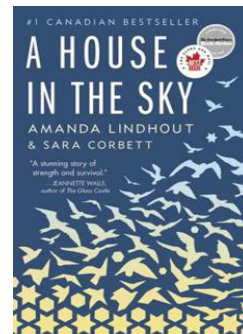
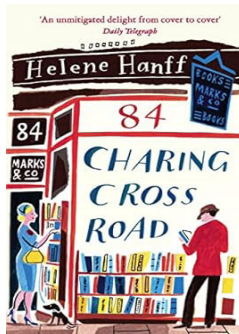
## Book Talk

Thursday, December 14 • 7pm

Thursday, January 11 • 7pm

Thursday, February 8 • 7pm

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



## New Members Always Welcome

Marcia (left) and Carol (right) are getting ready to  
celebrate thirty years of being in our book clubs at  
the Library! Here are a few reasons why they think  
you should join our book clubs:

## Five Reasons to Join our Book Clubs

1. Opportunity to have social interaction with others from the community.
2. You may discover topics that are relevant to things in our current or past lives.
3. Be exposed to books you may not normally have read.
4. You can exchange ideas and share viewpoints on each book or sit quietly and listen.
5. The pleasure of being with other book lovers!





# Craft Programs

## Craft Fair

Sunday, December 3 • 11-2pm • **D**

The Library invites you to support local artists and crafters at our craft fair. All are welcome to shop! • **D**

Example of Vendors:

- Holiday decorations
- Handmade jewelry
- Homemade Candles
- Home décor items like wall hangings or coasters
- Knitted goods such as blankets, scarfs or hats
- Paintings
- Personalized items

## Handmade Ornaments

Monday, December 4 • 7pm

Tuesday, December 5 • 10am

'Tis the season to be crafty. Join us in our annual handmade ornament class. • **R**

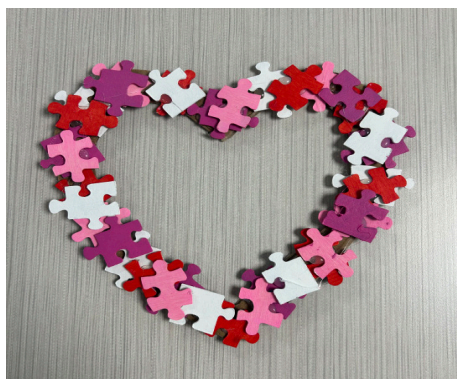


## Puzzle Piece Wreath

Monday, January 29 • 7pm

Tuesday, January 30 • 10am

Love is in the air! This adorable DIY Valentine Wreath is an easy craft using puzzle pieces! • **R**



## Block of the Month

Sunday, December 10 • 1pm

Sunday, January 14 • 1pm

Sunday, February 11 • 1pm

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

## Stampin Up

Saturday, December 2 • 10am

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

## Rainbow Wreath

Monday, February 26 • 7pm

Tuesday, February 27 • 10am

Bring good luck into your home with this DIY rainbow wreath using a foam wreath, ribbon, and a pot of gold! • **R**



# Technology Programs

## Canva 101

Wednesday, January 31 • 7pm

Wednesday, February 7 • 7pm

Are you interested in general design and have a service, business, or event you'd like to promote? Come learn about Canva, a free online design and publishing tool to meet all your needs in print or over the web. This will be a two part class. In the first class students will learn the basics of canva as well as the features offered by having a pro account. In the second class, students will leave with an advertisement of their own design. • **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 Winter 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 snowball. Each day a new snowball will be hidden and whoever finds it will win a snowball stuffie!

## Bee A Reader!

Buzz into the library all you busy little bees, we have a reading program that is perfect for ages newborn, one, two and 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

## Winter Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of the hidden items at the library this winter? 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

## Thank you!

Thank you to Jenny's Grill and Banquets for their support of our Fall Reading program. Thank you to the Chicago Wolves for their support of our Winter Reading program.

## Unwrap a Good Book

December 4 - February 29

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 winter 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.

## Winter Reading Prizes for Children Under 3



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Level 6

## Winter Reading Prizes for Children and Teens





# Youth Programs

## Video Gaming Club

*Mondays • 6pm*

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

## Bingo

*Wednesdays • 6pm*

Every Wednesday stop by the library for a fun game of Bingo and win some great prizes! Bingo is perfect for kids in preschool through 12th grade! • **D**

## Food Art Mystery

*Tuesday, December 12 • 4pm*

*Tuesday, January 9 • 4pm*

*Tuesday, February 13 • 4pm*

What will be the snack of the day? Complete a 10 step drawing to discover the snack of the day...which you get to eat! • **D**

## Winter Fest

*Tuesday, December 5 • 6pm*

An icy chill is in the air and snowflakes are swirling all around! The winter season is here! Join us for an evening of winter fun! Enjoy some winter treats, make a winter craft, and play some winter themed games. • **D**

## Grinch Party

*Tuesday, December 12 • 6pm*

Jon's Way and the library are partnering together to bring you an evening full of lots of fun! Enjoy grinchy treats, crafts, and games! • **D**

## Christmas Party

*Tuesday, December 19 • 6pm*

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

## Winter Holidays Party

*Tuesday, December 26 • 6pm*

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

## Ramadan Party

*Tuesday, March 5 • 6pm*

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

## Winter Family Parties

*Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6pm*

*Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 • 6pm*

Treats! Movies! Crafts! • **D**

**January 2** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Movie Party

**January 9** Bluey Movie Party

**January 16** Blippi Movie Party

**January 23** Peppa Pig Movie Party

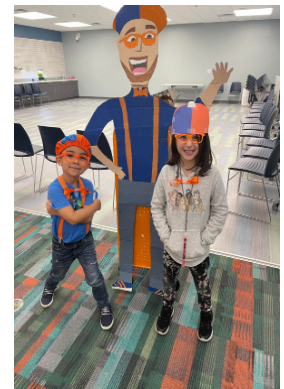
**January 30** Harry Potter Movie Party

**February 6** Cocomelon Movie Party

**February 13** Hot Wheels Movie Party

**February 20** Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Movie Party

**February 27** Gabby's Dollhouse Movie Party





# Youth Programs

## Winter Crafts at the Library

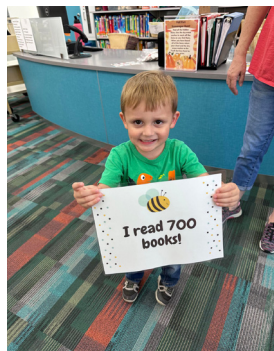
Visit the library throughout the week on the following dates anytime that we are open to make a craft. If supplies run out, a different craft will be offered. Ages 3 - Grade 12

- December 4-10 Winter Snowman
- December 11-17 Christmas Animal
- December 18-23 Christmas Snow Globe Ornament
- December 26 - 30 Winter Penguin
- January 2- 7 Snowman Picture Frame
- January 8-14 Snowflake Crown
- January 15-21 Winter Mouse
- January 22-28 Winter Fuzzy Poster
- January 29-February 4 Hot Cocoa Sticker Scene
- February 5-11 3D Valentine House
- February 12-18 Glitter Mosaic Heart
- February 19-25 Winter Animal
- February 26-March 3 Gingerbread Bookmark



## Look at These Busy Bees

Buzz into the library all you busy little bees, we have a reading program that is perfect for ages newborn, one, two and three! Listen to stories read to you each day and receive some great presents and activities along the way! To sign up for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten visit the Youth Services department!





# Storytimes

## Sensory Playtime

*Mondays • 10am*

Every Monday starting December 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 winter visit the library for music, bubbles, stories, and games! • D

# Teen Programs

## Project Next Generation: You Can be an Architect!

*Sunday, January 21 • 12:30-2:30pm*

*Saturday, January 27 • 2-4pm*

*Sunday, January 28 • 12:30-2:30pm*

Build a variety of roller coasters - single loop, double loop, the twisted lizard, bionic blast; swing rides; and design and build a house! Ages 10 and up. • D

## You Can be an Artist!

*Sunday, February 18 • 12:30-2:30pm*

*Saturday, February 24 • 2-4pm*

*Sunday, February 25 • 12:30-2:30pm*

Diamond Art Club is back! Create stickers, keychains, and posters using Diamond Art. Ages 10 and up. • D

## Volunteers

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



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).



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### Library Hours

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

### Board of Trustees

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**Sarah Werley**, 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.

### Photo Statement

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

### Patrons with Disabilities

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

Carrier Route

Postal Customer

Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

## Save the Date

Jon's Way and the library are partnering together to host a Grinch party on Tuesday, December 12 at 6pm! Enjoy grinchy treats, crafts, and games! No registration required.

## A Look Back on Fall



## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, December 24, 2023  
Monday, December 25, 2023  
Sunday, December 31, 2023  
Monday, January 1, 2024