

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

MEET THE AUTHOR

Claire Lombardo

The Most Fun We Ever Had

The New York Times bestselling author discusses her multi-generational novel in which the four adult daughters of a Chicago couple — still madly in love after forty years — recklessly ignite old rivalries until a long-buried secret threatens to shatter the lives they've built. Set against the backdrop of Chicago and its prospering suburbs, Lombardo's book explores the triumphs and burdens of love and the fraught tethers of parenthood and sisterhood.



Get your book signed! Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m.

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Sponsored by the Alvin H. Baum Family Fund.

[See what other authors will be appearing at the Library this fall.](#)

Fall Book Buzz

Librarians and representatives from Penguin Random House and HarperCollins (HarperCollins joins us virtually) will highlight new books. We're giving away advance reading copies, too!

Monday, September 9, 7 p.m.

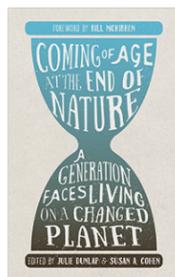
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Book Discussions

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES BOOK DISCUSSION

*Coming of Age at
the End of Nature:
A Generation*



*Faces Living on a Changed
Planet*, edited by Julie
Dunlap and Susan A. Cohen

Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 p.m.

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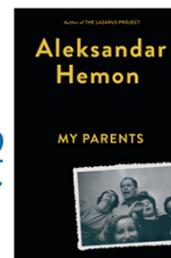
Readers' Round Table

Find out what others are reading and share your recommendations. Pick up ideas for what to read next and take home an advance copy of an upcoming title.

Tuesday, September 24, 2 p.m.

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*My Parents: An
Introduction / This
Does Not Belong to
You*, by Aleksandar
Hemon



Davis Schneiderman, English professor at Lake Forest College, leads the discussion.

Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m.

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Sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

MUSIC

KAIA String Quartet

The Chicago-based ensemble, devoted to capturing the essence of Latin American culture through the medium of the string quartet, performs classical music.



Saturday, September 21, 2 p.m.

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Supported by a grant from YEA! Highland Park.

FILM

Road Trips Film Series — *Green Book*

Bob Coscarelli, professor emeritus at College of Lake County, introduces and screens the Academy Award-winning film. A discussion follows.

Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m.

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Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center.

Sponsored by Right at Home Senior Care.

Head Back To School This Fall At Library U

Classes include Memoir Writing, Poetry Writing, Beginning Italian, Intermediate French, Canasta, and more.



Library U is a continuing adult education program made possible by the generous support of the Alvin H. Baum Family Fund.

Volunteer Fair

Looking for opportunities to volunteer and ways to get involved with community organizations? Meet local organizations and find out about their volunteer needs.

Tuesday, September 10, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Presented with the Volunteer Pool of Highland Park.

RISE AND SHINE HUMANITIES PROGRAMS

Broadway and American Society from *Angels in America* to *Hamilton*

Chris Jones, chief theater critic for the *Chicago Tribune*, discusses the story of Broadway's renaissance from the darkest days of the AIDS crisis through the unparalleled financial, artistic, and political success of Lin-Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton*. The discussion is based on Jones' book, *Rise Up: Broadway and American Society from Angels in America to Hamilton*.

Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.

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Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center.

Sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living.

TECH

Excel — Personal Finance

Learn how to manage your personal finances with Excel! We will demonstrate how to create a personal monthly budget worksheet to help keep track of income and expenses.

Friday, September 6

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Happy 21st Birthday, Google!

Come by for a rundown of all the Google services currently available.

Tuesday, September 10

2 - 3 p.m.

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Meet Brainfuse JobNow

Intro to Graphic Design

Learn the basics of digital design with Canva, a free online graphic design program. Computers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to help you design cards, calendars, social media content, and more!

Thursday, September 12
6 - 7 p.m.

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Anyone Can Blog

Dear Diary Day is September 22. Have a lot to say and need a soapbox? Traveling and want to keep your family up to date? Want to keep a digital diary you can access from anywhere? Learn how to create a blog using Google's free blog site Blogspot, and how to add entries and upload photos.

Friday, September 20
2 - 3 p.m.

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Meet Your Digital eBooks, eAudiobooks & eMagazines

Learn how to download ebooks, eaudiobooks, emagazines, and more with your library card!

Thursday, September 26
2 - 3 p.m.

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September is Update Your Resume Month! Need to update your resume, write your very first resume, or write your first resume in decades and need some help? Learn about Brainfuse JobNow, a free service for Highland Park Public Library cardholders that offers resume templates, resources and live feedback, interview tips, job coaching, and more.

Tuesday, September 17
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Online Privacy

Learn tips and tricks to help protect your online privacy while you browse the internet, use social media, and connect to public Wi-Fi networks.

Saturday, September 21
3 - 4 p.m.

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Tuesday, September 24
10 - 11 a.m.

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DOLLARS & SENSE

Information to help manage personal finance issues with common sense

Optimizing Your Social Security Benefits

Doug Zweig, CFP®, discusses how to best use your benefits given your personal situation and addresses details such as options available when it's time to collect benefits, spousal benefits, survivor benefits, divorcee benefits, the taxation of benefits, and more.

Wednesday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Registration preferred. [Register here.](#)

BUSINESS RESOURCES

One-On-One Business Mentoring with SCORE Chicago Counselors

Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays, 5 - 8 p.m.

Registration required. [Register for a one-hour one-on-one mentoring session with a business mentor.](#)

SCORE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping small businesses through education and mentorship.

DISCUSSIONS

Spanish Conversation Group

Conversational ability required.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

[Spanish Literary Club](#)

Fridays

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mango Languages: The Pirate Edition

Arr! September 19 be International Talk Like a Pirate Day! Haul ye self down to the Library to learn to speak Pirate using the subscription language service Mango. It's free to use for all Highland Park Public Library cardholders.

Thursday, September 19, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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KIDS EVENTS

3D Printing Club

Create your own 3D designs to submit for printing on the Library's 3D printer. Staff will be on hand to offer assistance.

Friday, September 6, 4 - 5 p.m. Ages 9 - 13.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Friday, September 20, 4 - 5 p.m. Ages 9 - 13.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Walk-ins are welcome, but computer time is not guaranteed.

Bilingual Family Storytime

Join us for bilingual stories! We'll read books, sing songs, and more. English and Spanish speakers are welcome. ¡Júntenos para cuentos bilingües! Leéremos libros, cantaremos canciones, y más. Hispanohablantes y anglohablantes son bienvenidos.

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Create a Leaf

Drop by and design a leaf.

Friday, September 27, 2 - 4 p.m. Ages 3 - 14.

Button Design

Create your own button. Staff will be available to help with the process.

Sunday, September 29, 3 - 4 p.m. Ages 9 - 13.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Drop-in Chess

Play chess on Saturday mornings in the Youth Services Department.

Saturdays in September, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 5 - 14. Children under age seven must be accompanied by an adult.

Minecraft

Minecraft Club Jr., ages 6 - 8.

Saturday, September 14, 10 - 11 a.m.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Saturday, September 28, 10 - 11 a.m.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Minecraft Club, ages 9 - 13.

Saturday, September 14, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Saturday, September 28, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Registration required. [Register here.](#)

Fall Storytime Sessions

Fall storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in September and October.

[Storytime Dates and Times](#)

Registration required. Register in the Youth Services Department or by calling (847) 681-7030.

MORE KIDS EVENTS

[Don't miss news of kids events. Sign up for the Kids Events newsletter here.](#)



[Additional parking for Library events is available one block west of the Library on St. Johns Avenue.](#)

[Click here to see where.](#)

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