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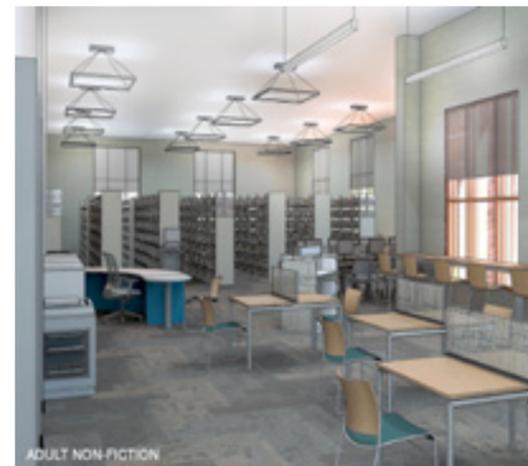
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The Park Ridge Public Library has been serving the community since 1913. The current library was built in 1958 and an addition was added in 1977 that doubled the size of the building. After four decades, our much loved and used Library is showing signs of wear and tear; nor does it meet our patrons' 21st century technology needs. Because the Library is a popular gathering place, we want it to be one of the most welcoming places in the community and are excited about starting a renovation that will create a vibrant, contemporary space.

Throughout the years we have asked for your input on surveys, and this renovation reflects your ideas. More comfortable furniture. Quieter spaces. Larger teen space. Faster technology. Upgraded bathrooms. And much more! You asked. We listened.

Construction will occur in three phases totaling six to eight months. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience during this project. **But in the end, it will be well worth it.**



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Library Hours

Our goal is to maintain regular hours throughout the project. If we need to modify hours during the construction, we will keep you updated via our website.

Parking

The parking lot and drive-through book drops will be open. However, a number of spaces will be taken up by construction-related vehicles, storage and equipment.

Meeting Spaces

Unfortunately, the first and third floor meeting rooms will not be available during construction.

Library Collections

Collections will be moving around to accommodate construction. Some items may be stored offsite and access will be limited. If you can't find what you are looking for, please ask one of our staff members. We are here to help!

We are expanding our online collection of books, music and videos. These resources are available 24/7—with no dust or noise.

Library Programming

We will continue to offer programming for kids, adults and teens. However, some programs will be on hiatus or held offsite during construction. We are planning on several "pop-up" programs during the summer. Stay tuned for more information.

Media Lab/Technology

Computers, copiers, printers and the scan/fax stations will be available but moving around to accommodate construction. While we are building a new, larger Media Lab, there will be limited access to this equipment.

Book/Media Drops

The drive-through book drop will be open. The first floor drop may close during Phase 3.

Study Rooms

Study rooms will be updated and two new rooms added. They will not be available during Phase 2 and 3.

Staying Informed

To learn more about this project and get the latest updates, go to the home page of our website. In the coming weeks we will share construction plans, artist's renderings and photos on our website, newsletters, Facebook page and emails.

For more information or additional questions, contact Library Director Heidi Smith at: librarydirector@prpl.org or 847.825-3123.

PHASE 1 — Spring/Summer

The third floor and the current Adult Fiction area will be under construction.

- The Teen Underground Loft is now located in the First Floor Meeting Room.
- Adult Fiction material has moved to the existing Nonfiction shelves.
- The second floor bathrooms are closed.

WHAT'S CHANGING

The new Teen Loft, overlooking Uptown, features a contemporary design with vibrant colors, more comfortable seating and access to power. The second floor Quiet Reading Room includes a fireplace, club-style chairs, table seating and the magazine and newspaper collection. A larger Media/Maker Lab will inspire creativity with up-to-date software and equipment.

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PHASE 2 — Summer/Fall

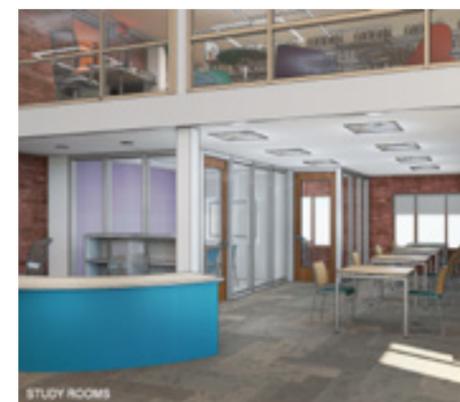
The new Teen Loft will be open on the third floor and the current Nonfiction/Reference area will be under construction.

- The most popular Adult Fiction will be relocated in the new Nonfiction area.
- Study rooms will not be available until the end of the project.

WHAT'S CHANGING

The new layout includes two additional Small Group Study Rooms. The contemporary design treatments, comfortable seating and brighter display shelving create a relaxing atmosphere. More access to power and semi-private study carrels will accommodate library users with their own devices. Self-checkout stations are a convenient added feature.

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PHASE 3 — Fall/Late 2018

The first floor and Administrative Office on the second floor are under construction.

- The Library entrance will be located on the second floor during this phase.
- The Children's collection and Circulation temporarily move to the second floor.
- New columns at the Prospect Ave. entrance.

WHAT'S CHANGING

The redesigned Lobby with an interior vestibule and new book return area creates a welcoming entrance to the Library. The Children's Services Department boasts a playful design with bright colors and a more open floor plan with new spaces for technology, study and learning activities and a self-checkout station.

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Getting to Know... Heidi Smith, Library Director



Heidi brings with her 12 years of experience from Waukegan Public Library where she was assistant director, serving previously as Children's Department manager. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music, Vocal Performance.

First of all, welcome to Park Ridge Public Library and your first newsletter message. Thank-you! I am thrilled to join the Library team! It's such an exciting time: the renovation has begun; the Summer Reading Clubs: "Chill Out and Read" are starting; we have fun programs for kids, teens and adults and we have expanded our e-library offerings. Please join us this summer!

Take Advantage of our e-Library Anytime, Anyplace

To accommodate patrons during construction, we have expanded our digital offerings. Whether you are going on vacation, staying home to chill or commuting to work, our e-Library of eBooks, audio books, magazines, music and streaming films and TV shows is accessible 24/7 from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

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Choose from 360,000+ books through Overdrive, Hoopla and Axis 360 eRead Illinois. And now, PRPL cardholders gain preferred access to an expanded selection of best sellers with the **Park Ridge Advantage** through Overdrive.

What did you do before becoming a librarian?

I was a student at University of Illinois studying voice performance when I took a part-time job at the Music Library. The rest is history!

Who is your hero? Why?

My mom is my hero because she always sees the good in everything, and she'd give anyone the shirt off her back without hesitation. She is smart, generous, fun, tough, and tender. As a nurse for more than 40 years, she shared those gifts with her patients and the nurses she trained. Now as a rambunctious retiree, she puts her gifts to good use as the best grandma, mom, sister, neighbor and friend out there.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My babies. They are two of the most fantastic, brilliant, silly, adorable people! I am so proud of them; I will bore you with stories, artwork, and photos if you give me the chance.

What/who is your favorite book/author?

My favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee. Not only do I love the great characters: Dill, Miss Maudie Atkinson, and of course, Boo Radley, there's also the music in Lee's colloquial prose that resonates with me deep down. I get mad, I laugh, and I cry every time I read it.

What is your favorite thing about working at a library?

Connections! Connections with people, ideas and opportunities are so powerful. Especially people!

What makes you laugh the most?

My best friend from high school! It doesn't matter where we are, what we're doing, or what we're talking about, we laugh until it hurts. Silly stories from high school, remembrances from road trips I can't believe our folks actually let us take, favorite movie lines taken out of context, hilarious things we heard from our kids...you name it!

How would your friends describe you?

I think my friends would say that no matter what, I'm always good for a laugh! They might tell you that when we talk over a problem or concern, I can be counted on for a different perspective and a positive spin. They'd probably also tell you that I can be pretty stubborn and sassy. I hope they would say that they can always count on me.

What are your hobbies?

I have hiked the Grand Canyon three times, and I'm going again in January 2019. I don't sing as much as I would like, but when I do, Schumann and Mendelssohn are favorites. Come winter, I will sport some of my knit socks and scarves. I'm currently knitting a scarf for my daughter.

What would you like to tell the Park Ridge community?

I want to leave things better than I found them and help others do the same. The most effective approach I have is magnifying opportunities around me by pointing out what's possible, sharing a different approach or building excitement. To do that well, I'm going to need your help. Please be generous with feedback and questions; we'll make great things happen together!



For Adults



Programs

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.720.3280** or on the Library's website at: www.parkridgelibrary.org
Admission is free to Park Ridge Library cardholders. * = \$5.00 non-refundable fee for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

While the Library undergoes renovation this summer, we will be holding some programs offsite. **Please make note of the locations and the registration requirements and join us about town!**

World Wide Knit in Public Day
Saturday, June 9
10 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Park Ridge Community Church
100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for this international knitting event! Bring your own chair, a hat and a water bottle and knit along with the rest of the world! *Drop in.*



Tabletop Game Nights
Thursdays, June 21, July 19 and August 16
6:30 p.m.

The Harp & Fiddle
110 Main St., Park Ridge
Join your friends and neighbors as we break out games and have a laugh, learn something new and meet other gamers. **For adults only.** Games sponsored by the Friends of the Library. *Drop in.*

Chair Yoga*
Wednesdays, June 27, July 25 and August 29
2:00 p.m.
Park Ridge Public Works Center
400 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge
Stretch your way to renewed energy in this gentle yoga class. *No experience is necessary. Seating limited to 50. Register.*

Open Knitting & Crocheting Nights
Mondays, July 16 and August 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Park Ridge Community Church
100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge
Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an open knitting session! Bring your own knitting or crocheting supplies. *Drop in.*

Featured Program: Cooking With EVOO Catering!



Thursday, June 14
Gnocchi with Vodka Sauce

Tuesday, July 10
Summer Salads

Wednesday, August 22
Holiday Appetizers
2:00 p.m.

Affresco Pizzeria
11 N. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge
Barbara Tyksinski and Sergio Lazzara of EVOO Catering want to get you cooking this summer! Join these master chefs as they create gnocchi with vodka sauce, summer salads, and holiday appetizers. Samples will be provided. *Seating is limited to 50. Register.*

Book Discussion Groups

While the Library undergoes renovation this summer, we will be holding our Book Discussions at **The Harp and Fiddle, 110 Main Street in Park Ridge.** Books are available at the Reader Services Desk two weeks before the discussion. *Registration Required.*

Thursday Morning Book Discussion



Goodbye, Vitamin
by Rachel Khong
Thursday, June 14 or 28
11:15 a.m.
When 30-year-old Ruth is called home to care for her father, who is newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's, the comedy in their situation gradually transforms their grief.

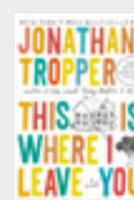


A Spool of Blue Thread
by Anne Tyler
Thursday, July 12 or 26
11:15 a.m.
Abby, Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion



Before the Fall
by Noah Hawley
Wednesday, June 13
7:00 p.m.
The stories of ten wealthy victims of a plane crash intertwine with those of a down-on-his-luck painter and a four-year-old boy, the tragedy's only survivors. Coincidences point to a possible conspiracy



This Is Where I Leave You
by Jonathan Tropper
Wednesday, July 11
7:00 p.m.
When their father passes away, four grown siblings, bruised and banged up by their respective lives, return to their childhood home and live under the same roof for a week.

Nonfiction Book Discussion



Killers of the Flower Moon
by David Grann
Friday, June 8
11:15 a.m.
In 1920s Oklahoma, many members of the oil-wealthy Osage Nation were dying untimely and suspicious deaths, and investigating these crimes led to the establishment of what is now known as the FBI.



The Greater Journey
by David McCullough
Friday, July 13
11:15 a.m.
The story of the adventurous American artists, writers, doctors, politicians, and others who set off for Paris in the years between 1830 and 1900, hungry to learn and to excel in their work.



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.825.4527** or on the Library's website at: www.parkridgelibrary.org.
Unless noted, registration begins Monday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m.

We're building a new and improved Teen Loft! **During this time, the current Teen Loft has been temporarily relocated to the First Floor Meeting Room, which we're calling the Underground Teen Loft.** Programs will be held in the Underground Teen Loft and at offsite locations. Check our website for hours and up-to-date information.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids Fridays | 3 – 6:00 p.m.

Underground Teen Loft
 Help make handmade cards that will bring a smile to the face of a hospitalized child. Service hours available. Drop in.

Book Buddies June 11 – July 20

Underground Teen Loft
 Be a big buddy to a 1st or 2nd grader! The paired buddies will meet at the Library for a scheduled 30-minute session each week to read, talk, and pick out books. *Book Buddies* will meet in the Underground Teen Loft space in the First Floor Meeting Room. Space is limited. Service hours available. Register now in person in the Children's Services Department.

Book Buddies required training session: Thursday, June 7 | 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition Tuesday, June 12, July 10 & August 15 2 – 3:00 p.m.

Meet in Library Reading Garden.
 We'll go out for pizza and share your current favorite books. Max: 15.

Pizza & Pages: High School Edition Wednesday, June 13, July 11 & August 15 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meet in Library Reading Garden.
 We'll go out for pizza and share your current favorite books. Max: 15.

Murder Mystery Party! Friday, July 20 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.

Underground Teen Loft
 Do you like to role play and solve mysteries? Join us after hours in the Library for a murder mystery party! Register. Max: 20.

Starbucks Book Discussion

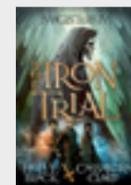
Your first drink is on us! We'll meet in the Reading Garden outside the Library. Copies of the book will be available in the Underground Teen Loft. Register. Max: 15.

Middle School



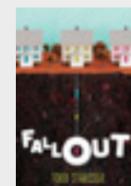
All's Faire in Middle School

by Victoria Jamieson
**Thursday, June 28
 2 – 3:00 p.m.**
 Homeschooled eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.



The Iron Trial by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare **Thursday, July 19 2 – 3:00 p.m.**

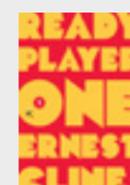
Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will.



Fallout by Todd Strasser **Thursday, August 9 2 – 3:00 p.m.**

When a nuclear attack occurs in an alternate-reality 1962, Scott is forced into his father's bomb shelter with his family and neighbors where they fear the worst about the fate of the world outside.

High School



Ready Player One by Ernest Cline **Thursday, June 28 7 – 8:00 p.m.**

Immersing himself in a virtual utopia, Wade Watts joins a violent effort to solve a series of puzzles by the virtual world's creator.



Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds **Thursday, July 19 7 – 8:00 p.m.**

Driven by the secrets of his street culture, fifteen-year-old Will decides over the course of 60 suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.



The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli **Thursday, August 9 7 – 8:00 p.m.**

Avoiding relationships to protect her sensitive heart, Molly supports her twin, Cassie, when the latter has a bout of lovesickness—a situation that is complicated by an unexpected romantic triangle.

Pickwick Theatre Showings

We will meet in the Library Reading Garden and walk to the Pickwick Theatre together. Movie tickets provided! Register. Max 20.



June

Feature Film:
Incredibles 2
Friday, June 15
Matinee Time TBA
 Elastigirl springs into action to save the day, while Mr. Incredible faces his greatest challenge yet—taking care of the problems of his children.



July

Feature Film:
Ant-Man and the Wasp
Friday, July 6
Matinee Time TBA
 Ant-Man joins forces with the Wasp on an urgent new mission to uncover secrets from the past.

Programs

The following programs are for children and their caregivers. **Unless noted, registration is required in person, by phone (847) 825-4527, or online.**

This summer, we have a special program lineup due to the Library renovation! **Unless otherwise noted, the following programs will be held in the Children's Department,** as our regular program room will be unavailable. Programs may be subject to change, based on renovation progress. Check our website for up-to-date information.

Drop In Storytimes

Mondays

All Ages Storytime | June 11 – July 23
 9:30 – 9:55 a.m.
 Join us in the Children's Department for stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages!

Tuesdays

Storytimes in the Parks!
June 19 – Prospect Park Pavillion
July 17 – South Park Pavillion
 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for storytime in the park and a cool treat!

Wednesdays

STEAM Storytime | Ages 3 – 6 with adult
June 13, June 27, July 11 & July 25
 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*
 Join us in the Children's Department for a short STEAM themed storytime and self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Pajama Storytime | All ages with adult
June 6, June 20 & July 18
 7 – 7:25 p.m.

Wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed friend for a cozy bedtime storytime in the Children's Department.

Thursdays

All Ages Storytime | June 14 – July 26
 9:30 – 9:55 a.m.
 Join us in the Children's Department for stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages!

Saturdays

Saturday Story Playground
All ages with adult | June 9 & July 21
 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Join us on the lawn for stories, songs, rhymes and interactive play and activities. *In case of inclement weather, storytime will be held in the Children's Department.*

School Age Programs

Book Buddies | Going into Grades 1 & 2 June 11 – July 20

Readers going into Grades 1 & 2 are paired with a student in Grade 6 or above. The paired buddies will meet at the Library for a scheduled 30-minute session each week to read, talk, and pick out books. *Book Buddies* will meet in the alternate Teen Loft space in the First Floor Meeting Room. Register now in person in the Children's Services Department.

Book Bites | Going into Grades 4 – 6 Mondays, June 11 & July 16 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Special Location: Oberweis, 101 S. Northwest Hwy.
 Book Bites will be held at Oberweis this summer! Come talk about what you're reading, get ideas for your next great read, and enjoy a free ice cream treat! Register now. Max: 15.

Mobile Makerspace Drop-Ins | Ages 6 - 12 Wednesdays, June 6, June 20 & July 18 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Kids! Stop by during our drop-in sessions in the Children's Department to explore our Makerspace and engage in STEAM activities—including experimenting with robots, Snap Circuits, K'NEX Model Building Set, Squishy Circuits, and more. Drop in.

Murder Mystery Party! Going into Grades 4 – 6 Friday, June 15 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.

Do you like to role play and solve mysteries? Join us after hours in the Library for a murder mystery party! Register now. Max: 20.

Programs for All Ages

Crafternoons

Tuesdays, June 12, June 26, July 10 & July 24
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
 Come make a craft in the children's department! Drop in anytime between 2:30 and 4:00.

Brickton Pop-Up Art Class Tuesday, July 17 2 – 4:00 p.m.

Brickton Art Center visits the Library and brings a cool art project for all ages! Join us in the Children's Department anytime between 2 and 4:00, or while supplies last. Drop in.

Family Mobile Makerspace Drop-Ins Saturdays, June 23 & July 28 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Families are invited to stop by during our drop-in sessions in the Children's Department to explore our Makerspace and engage in STEAM activities—including experimenting with robots, Snap Circuits, K'NEX Model Building Set, Squishy Circuits, and more. *This program is designed for kids ages 4 – 12 and their families (siblings welcome).* Drop in.

Chilly's Ice Cream Social! Thursday, June 21 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Chill out and celebrate summer with Chilly, our Summer Reading Club Mascot, at an ice cream social in the Children's Department! Enjoy ice cream, fun activities and a balloon artist! Drop in.

More Summer Fun!

Around Town with Chilly!



Starting Monday, June 11 – Monday, July 23*

Meet Chilly, the Narwhal, our 2018 Summer Reading Club mascot! He will be visiting places around Park Ridge this summer. Every Monday morning he will move to a new location. Come to the Library each week to read the clue and then go find Chilly for a chance to win a prize. Clues will also be posted on Facebook and on the Kids' page of the Library website. *Chilly will return to the Library on the morning of Monday, July 23.

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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

Library Closed:

Tuesday, July 3 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 4

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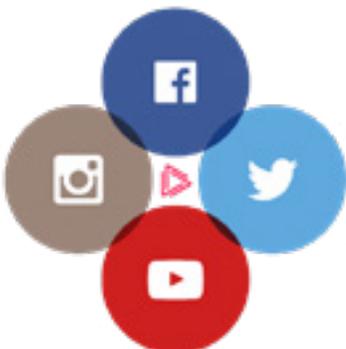
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