



Park Ridge Public Library

Home Delivery CONNECTS PATRONS



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RENOVATION | SERVICE | SUPPORT

The Library has changed.

The 2018 renovation was a huge transformation, making the Library feel like a totally new space. Over the last decade, libraries throughout the United States, including Park Ridge, have seen a significant difference in how people use them, including the use of more

digital materials and fewer physical materials. The Library has also developed a completely new leadership team over the last five years. Now we're working on a new strategic plan. That's a lot of change!

The constants throughout all of this change have been the great customer service offered by our exemplary team and the steady support we receive from the Park Ridge community. It's as the French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." As the 2019 data shows, we are a library town, and that's not going to change – not through renovations, shifting demands or changing times. The Library will continue to offer great service and value, and as a result, we'll continue to flourish with your trust and support.

We hope to see you at the Library!

Heidi Smith, Library Director
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We Are A Community of Readers:

- 23,869 registered borrowers
- 21.36 items borrowed per Park Ridge resident, on average
- 7.5 visits per Park Ridge resident, on average
- 2,134 books read by adults for reading clubs
- 33,680 days kids spent time reading for reading clubs
- 4,820 books provided to 72 community book clubs

We Are a Library Town

800,650 ITEMS BORROWED

280,000+ VISITS*

14,145 OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

14,078 PROGRAMS ATTENDEES

214,570 VIRTUAL VISITS
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154,423 DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

74,256 REFERENCE QUESTIONS

30,000+ Wi-Fi SESSIONS

24,331 COMPUTER SESSIONS

*ESTIMATED DURING RENOVATION

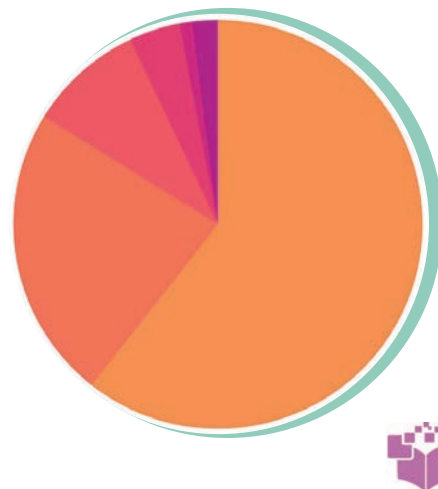
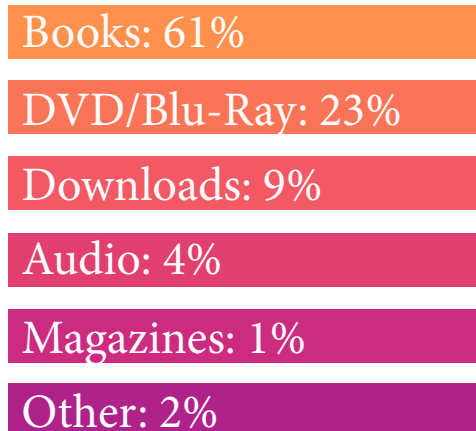
We Did the Math

Last year, the Library provided Park Ridge an estimated \$11 million of value.* A family that borrows 9 books and movies a month saves about \$150; that's over \$1,800 a year in purchases.

Calculate how much you saved last year at www.parkridgelibrary.org/about/library-value-calculator/

*Values based on the average cost of materials and services provided by the Massachusetts Library Association and updated by the Maine State Library.

800,650 ITEMS CHECKED OUT



ON THE COVER

Home Delivery connects patrons with books, fellow readers

After retiring in 2018, Donna C. was looking for a way to give back now that she had more free time. An avid reader who regularly visits the Library, she offered to help with the Home Delivery program, in which volunteers deliver any type of circulating library materials, including books, audiobooks, and CDs, to homebound residents.

"I just can't imagine being homebound and not having a book to read," Donna said. "The patrons I've delivered to have been so grateful, many are surprised that the service exists." she added that the patrons she has delivered to enjoy discussing the books they've read, and suggest other books to her; the experience serves as a sort of mini-book club meeting for them. Home Delivery is available to any person living in Park Ridge who is temporarily or permanently unable to come to the library because of illness, disability or other factors. The service is available year-round or seasonally.

"Being able to facilitate that joy to others makes us almost as happy as it does the recipient."



Home Delivery volunteer Frances C. (left) accepts a selection of books for delivery to a patron from Library Assistant Cathy Thompson.

"We encourage anyone who might have family, neighbors or friends who would benefit from this service to sign up," said Cathy Thompson, library assistant who coordinates the senior services. "The patrons appreciate it, the volunteers really enjoy doing this, and it's easy to get involved." She emphasized how truly inspiring it is to see how many people, despite their age, are still avid readers thanks in part to this program. The most notable patron receiving books via Home Delivery is 104 years old!

"This job is very meaningful to us because, as avid readers ourselves, we know the joy of getting lost in reading a good book or listening to an audiobook," said Home Delivery volunteer Frances Cuatchon. Frances and her husband, Ed, have been volunteering with the program for more than 10 years. "Being able to facilitate that joy to others makes us almost as happy as it does the recipient."

If you or someone you know would like to use this service, please contact Cathy Thompson at 847-720-3382 or cthompson@prpl.org. For more information, visit: www.parkridgelibrary.org/home-delivery/

If you don't need home delivery, but would like assistance getting your materials, consider using our Curbside Delivery service for holds. For more information, visit: www.parkridgelibrary.org/curbside-delivery-for-holds/





Register for these programs at any service desk, by phone at 847.720.3280 or on the Library's website at www.parkridgelibrary.org. *M = mouse experience required

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Drop-In Help Desk

FireLogic representatives will answer computer and tech-related questions. 30 minutes. Drop in.

Saturday, September 14, October 12 & November 9 | 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

One-on-One eBook Appointments

Learn Overdrive, Axis 360, or Hoopla on your mobile device or eReader. 45 minutes. Register.

Mondays | 11:00 a.m. OR Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.

Intro to eBooks & Downloadables

Learn how to use digital offerings at home or on a mobile device. Bring your device and download the apps prior to class. Max: 10. Register.

Wednesday, November 20 | 1:00 p.m.

Intro to Goodreads

Learn about this website used to track reading and connect with other readers. Max: 10. Register.

Wednesday, September 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Smart Home Basics

Learn about smart home devices and how to integrate them into your home. Max: 10. Register.

Wednesday, October 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Intro to Ancestry Library Edition*

Learn about the genealogy collections and how to search family records. Max: 8. Register.

Thursday, September 12, October 10 OR November 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Word 2016 Basics*

Learn Microsoft Word. Max: 8. Register.

Monday, September 9, October 14 OR November 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Excel 2016 Basics*

Learn Microsoft Excel. Max: 8. Register.

Wednesday, September 18 OR October 16 | 7:00 p.m.

RESOURCE PROGRAMS

SCORE Small Business Counseling

One-on-one sessions with a SCORE counselor. 60 minutes, by appointment only. Register at: www.northchicago.score.org/find-mentor-726

Monday, September 9 OR 23, October 14 OR 28 & November 11 OR 25 | 6:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m. Study Room in Reader Services Department

Power Employment Workshops

Discuss goals, social media, your resume and interview skills. Max: 20. Register

Friday, September 13, October 11 OR November 8 | 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (with break) Third Floor Meeting Room

DAR Genealogy Assistance

The 21st Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) answer your genealogy questions. Drop in.

Thursday, September 19, October 17 & November 21 | 9:00 a.m. to NOON

MEDIA LAB Max 3. Register.

Converting Home Videos to Digital

Convert home VHS videos to DVD.

Monday, September 23, October 28 OR November 18 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.

Archiving Photos, Slides and Negatives

Digitize your old photos, slides and negatives.

Tuesday, September 17, October 8 OR November 5 | 3 – 4:00 p.m.

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Convert cassettes and records to MP3 or CD.

Thursday, September 5, October 24 OR November 21 | 3 – 4:00 p.m.



LIBRARY Media Lab

Park Ridge Library patrons once again have access to special equipment to help them preserve memories, make their favorite music more accessible and even design new creations now that the Library's Media Lab is reopened.

Music fans can access the vinyl-to-digital turntable for converting their albums into electronic files. A VHS-to-DVD converter is available for preserving home movies. An Apple iMac computer, stocked with the full Adobe design suite, has returned as well. A microfilm machine for accessing historic documents and media, as well as an Optolec magnifier, are also included in the lab.

The Media Lab closed just prior to the Library renovation last summer, but a new reconfigured space offers better lighting and increased workspace for users. The Media Lab is located next to the Reference desk on the second floor.

In order to use the Media Lab, Park Ridge Library cardholders must complete an orientation which will be offered three times per week in a small class format. Orientations will be held weekly: Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m.; Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.; and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

"We're so excited to have the Media Lab up and running again," said Adult Services Manager Laura Scott. "As the trend to de-clutter continues, this equipment will save patrons time and money transferring their favorite music and home movies to digital. Plus, they can avoid the stress of shipping their materials somewhere and paying to have them converted."



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books are available at the Reader Services Desk two weeks before the discussion. Registration required.

Thursday Morning Group

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict



Based on Hollywood icon Hedy Lamarr, whose invention helped fight the Nazis and revolutionized modern communication.

Thursday, September 12 OR 26 | 10:00 a.m.

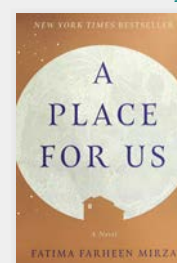
The Dinner List by Rebecca Serle



At Sabrina's thirtieth birthday dinner she finds her best friend, three people from her past and Audrey Hepburn.

Thursday, October 10 OR 24 | 10:00 a.m.

A Place for Us by Fatima Mirza



A wedding brings together an Indian American family and parents Rafiq and Layla reflect on the choices of their children.

Thursday, November 7 OR 21 | 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Group

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan



A teenage boy in 1940s Italy becomes part of an underground railroad that helps Jews escape through the Alps, but is forced to enlist as a German soldier.

Wednesday, September 11 7:00 p.m.

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides



A therapist becomes dangerously obsessed with uncovering the truth about what prompted his client to violently murder her husband.

Wednesday, October 9 7:00 p.m.

Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones



James Witherspoon has two families—a public one and a secret one. When the daughters from each family become friends, James' secrets are revealed.

Wednesday, November 13 7:00 p.m.

Nonfiction Group

The Line Becomes a River by Francisco Cantu



The border is in the author's blood: his mother, a park ranger and daughter of a Mexican immigrant, raised him in the scrublands of the Southwest.

Friday, September 6 10:00 a.m.

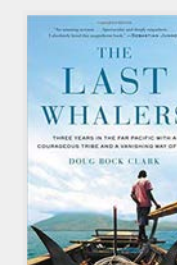
The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagoner



The story of an American woman and her husband who invented the science of cryptology and used it to confront evils.

Friday, October 4 10:00 a.m.

The Last Whalers by Doug Bock Clark



On a volcanic island in the Savu Sea live the Lamalerans: a tribe of 1,500 hunter-gatherers who are the world's last subsistence whalers.

Friday, November 1 10:00 a.m.

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

All seating is on a first come, first served basis. Doors open 1/2 hour before show time. Seating limited to 90. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop-in.

September

The Public [R, 119 min.]



A Cincinnati librarian helps a group of homeless people survive a winter night. Starring Emilio Estevez and Alec Baldwin.

Tuesday, September 10 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

October

The Hustle [PG-13, 94 min.]

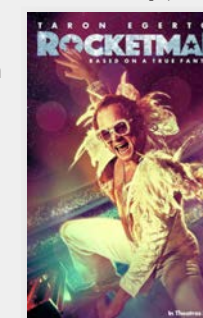


Con artists Josephine and Penny form an unlikely team and get revenge on the men who wronged them. Starring Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson.

Tuesday, October 8 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

November 12

Rocketman [R, 121 min.]



A whimsical take on the wonderful human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. Starring Taron Egerton and Bryce Dallas Howard.

Tuesday, November 12 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Travel Films

Thursdays | 2:00 p.m.

Programs

Register for programs at the Reader Services desk, by phone at **847.720.3280** or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org. Admission is free to Park Ridge Library cardholders. * = \$5.00 non-refundable fee for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

NEW! Park Ridge Writers' Group

Do you want to write or need a jumpstart to finish a piece? Join the Library's new writing group for positive critique and support from other writers. *Seating limited to 20. Register.*

Wednesdays, September 4, October 2 & November 6 | 7:00 p.m.

Open Knitting & Crocheting Nights

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an open knitting session! Bring your own supplies and settle in for free knitting advice and lively conversation. *Drop in.*

Thursdays, September 5, October 3 & November 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Tabletop Game Nights

Join friends and neighbors as we break out your favorite games. Have a laugh, learn something new, and meet other gamers. *For adults only. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.*

Thursdays, September 19, October 17 & November 21 | 6:30 p.m.

Beer on the Wall – 106 Main St., Park Ridge

Library Pub Quiz

Are you a books and movie buff with a head full of trivial knowledge? Show off your expertise and earn prizes by joining a team for the Library Pub Quiz! *Seating is limited to 30. Register.*

Tuesdays, September 24, October 22 & November 26 | 6:30 p.m.

The Harp & Fiddle – 110 Main St., Park Ridge

Chair Yoga*

Joan McGee of Sun and Moon Yoga offers the perfect mid-afternoon break. Stretch and breathe your way to renewed energy in this gentle class. *No experience is necessary. Register.*

Wednesdays, September 25, October 30 & November 27 | 2:00 p.m.



When Football Was Football: The Chicago Cardinals and the Birth of the NFL*

Author Joe Ziemba takes a humorous look at the early days of Chicago football with audience interaction, rare archival photos, and surprising insight into local historical figures. *Register.*

Sunday, September 8 | 1:00 p.m.

Craft Workshop: Paper Flowers*

Create beautiful and original flowers using colorful tissue paper. Artist Karina Guico will provide all supplies and instruction. *Seating limited to 20. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. Register.*

Thursday, September 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Attracting & Feeding Migratory Birds*

Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited tells us what birds to expect as they begin their fall migrations. Learn how to attract and feed these birds as well as those who will stay with us all winter. *Register.*

Tuesday, September 17 | 2:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Stonehenge

Who built Stonehenge and what was its purpose? How did prehistoric people quarry, transport, sculpt, and erect the giant stones? A new generation of researchers are tackling these questions. *Register.*

Friday, September 20 | 10:00 a.m.

Concert: Avanti Guitar Trio*

This virtuosic guitar trio, including Jason Deroche, Julie Goldberg, and Wesley Hixson, will present a concert ranging from the Baroque to Contemporary, as well as some rock or pop and their own compositions. *Register.*

Thursday, September 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Low Vision Group Meetings

If you have limited vision, join us as we share experiences and discover what's new in the Low Vision world. *Drop in.*

Fridays, September 27 & November 8 | 10:30 a.m.

Cut the Cord: Internet TV for Beginners

FireLogic returns with a presentation showcasing the latest in Internet TV technology. Learn which options are best for you. *Register.*

Tuesday, October 1 | 7:00 p.m.

Feel Your Best – Learn to Manage Stress!

The Park Ridge Health Commission will present a panel of mental health experts to discuss the stages of stress and anxiety as well as ways to manage stress levels in everyday life. *Register.*

Thursday, October 10 | 7:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Thai Cave Rescue

Follow the harrowing operation to rescue twelve boys stranded in a flooded cave in Thailand, and discover the scientific ingenuity that made the rescue possible. *Register.*

Friday, October 11 | 10:00 a.m.

Concert: Esther Chuang, Piano*

Concert pianist and Park Ridge resident Esther Chuang offers a selection of her favorite classical pieces for an autumn Sunday. *Register.*

Sunday, October 13 | 1:00 p.m.

Art Workshop: Scratchboard Animals*

Create a beautiful rendering of your favorite animal by etching an inked surface. Artist Terri Murphy will provide all supplies and instruction. *Seating limited to 25. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. Register.*

Tuesday, October 15 | 2:00 p.m.

Understanding Medicare

John Larson, a Medicare insurance specialist will explain Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug coverage. *Register.*

Monday October 21 | 7:00 p.m.

Creepy, Crawly, and Cute: Incredible Bats at the Library!*

Bat educators Sharon and Dan Peterson want to show you what makes bats—and some of their creepy friends—truly incredible. *Register.*

Thursday, October 24 | 7:00 p.m.



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FOR ADULTS

“Hot Doug’s: The Movie”

Enjoy a screening of the documentary about Hot Doug’s, the beloved Chicago hot dog stand, its owners, and the people who stood for hours in line for their food. Followed by Q&A with producer Chris Markos. *Register.*

Tuesday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m.

Optimizing Your Social Security Benefits

Mike Heatwole, Certified Financial Planner and founder of The Dala Group, will provide details on the various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows. *Register.*

Monday November 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Craft Workshop: Holiday Card-Making*

Create original holiday cards using layering techniques, stamps, paper punches, and more. Artist Karina Guico will provide all supplies and instruction. *Seating limited to 20. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. Register.*

Tuesday, November 5 | 7:00 p.m.

Hooray for Bollywood – Let’s Dance!*

Get in a fun weekend workout with the dance experts of Bolly DanceFit! Get up and move to the beats of Bollywood music. *No experience necessary. Register.*

Sunday, November 10 | 1:00 p.m.

A Grateful Veteran with Tom Kens*

Motivational speaker and Bosnian War veteran Tom Kens returns with a talk about how his experience on board the USS John F. Kennedy helped forge his attitude of gratitude. *Register.*

Thursday, November 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Building the Great Cathedrals

Gothic cathedrals are marvels of human achievement and artistry. And now, many teeter on the brink of collapse. *Register.*

Friday, November 15 | 10:00 a.m.

How To Pay for College Without Going Broke

My College Planning Team returns to explain the latest options for college scholarships and financial aid as well as how to choose the best school for your student. *Register.*

Tuesday, November 19 | 2:00 p.m.



5 Reasons You Should Have a Library Card

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and if you don't have a card yet come in and see our Patron Services staff and enter to win fun prizes all month long!

YOUR LIBRARY CARD

FREE ACCESS.

Your Library card gets you free access to all our materials that are here for you to use: books, DVDs, BluRays, CDs, magazines, video games, plus the use of fantastic items like telescopes and robots.

CONNECT VIRTUALLY.

Audiobooks, eBooks, graphic novels, magazines, and downloadable music and more can be accessed remotely with your smartphone/tablet, and your library card.

GET STUFF DONE.

Our new study rooms are free to use and are a great place to work or hold a small meeting. Our Media Lab and, coming soon, The Studio, give cardholders the tools for those DIY projects.

GO BEYOND.

Get access to other Library collections as well! The Park Ridge Library belongs to a network that can freely share materials between member libraries.

HELP FUND.

When it comes to measuring success, Libraries need to point to numbers like how many cardholders we have!

Adapted from 5 Reasons You Should Have a Library Card by Katie McClain, 9/15/17, www.bookriot.com



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at 847.720.3286 or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org.

LARGE PRINT

Helpful

FOR STRUGGLING YOUNGER READERS

"Students using large print books for one year improved between 41% and 70% on their reading scores."

Teens and preteens who struggle with reading fluency and comprehension can benefit from switching to large print format books, according to several recent studies. When most Library patrons see the Large Print collection, they may think it's for an older demographic. Large print books, however, are available to patrons of all ages, and they could make a significant difference in the reading experience for some students. Research consistently shows large print books can enable struggling middle school and high school readers to make substantial progress with comprehension, tracking, and fluency. In fact, students using large print books for one year improved between 41% and 70% on their SRA reading scores, according to a paper presented at The International Reading Association.

How the Library Can Help

The Park Ridge Library has a Large Print collection of nearly 4,000 books, including old and new classics, popular series and bestsellers, in all departments. Patrons can use the keywords "Large Print" when searching for a title in our online catalog. For more information on the Large Print collection coming to our Teen Loft, email: cgriebler@prpl.org. Adapted from *Research Validates the Need for Large Print*. (2017, December 20). Retrieved from <https://blog.gale.com/reading-achievement/>



Teen Picks:
Large Print Edition

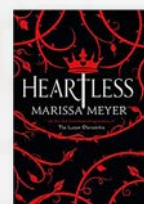
Check out these titles in the Teen Loft!



The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander



The Sun is Also a Star
by Nicola Yoon



Heartless
by Marissa Meyer



The 5th Wave
by Rick Yancey



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Readers & Leaders | 8 – 12 Grades

A unique volunteer opportunity for grades 8 – 12 wishing to gain experience working with children. Readers and Leaders is a one-on-one program that partners high school students with children ages 3 – 6 for hands-on activities that encourage early literacy. You must be able to attend all four sessions. There will be a brief training session with pizza on the first night.

Monday, September 9 | 5:45-7:30 p.m. & Mondays, September 16, 23 & 30 | 6 – 7:30 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room

Teen Volunteer Squad

Do you love the library? Come volunteer! Assignments may include cleaning books, selecting favorite materials for display, and program preparation. Max: 3.

Wednesday, September 11, October 2 & November 6 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.
Teen Loft

Teen Library Council

Let your voice be heard! Join us as we plan library programs and complete service projects. Service hours available. Max: 10.

Monday, September 16, October 7 & November 4 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Third Floor Meeting Room

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

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

Friday, September 20, October 18 & November 15 | 3 – 6:00 p.m.
Teen Loft

Operation Gratitude

Write a card to say "thank you" to troops, veterans, new recruits, wounded heroes, and first responders for their service to our country in honor of Veterans' Day. Service hours available. Drop in.

Monday, November 11 | 3 – 9:00 p.m.
Teen Loft

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Teen Craft Club

We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity! Dress for a mess. Max: 15.
First Floor Meeting Room.

Marshmallow Catapult

Wednesday, September 25 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Bouncy Ball

Wednesday, October 9 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Mason Jar Luminaries

Wednesday, November 20 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Halloween Murder Mystery Party

Come to the Library and help us solve a crime! Halloween costumes encouraged. Max: 20.

Monday, October 28 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition

Share your favorite books with other teen readers, get great book recommendations, and fill up on pizza. Max: 15.

Thursday, September 12, October 10 & November 7 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Third Floor Meeting Room

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Pizza & Pages: High School Edition

Share your favorite books with other teen readers, get great book recommendations, and fill up on pizza. Max: 15.

Tuesday, September 17, October 22 & November 19 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.
Third Floor Meeting Room

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Max: 10.

Middle School Edition

Restart by Gordon Korman



When Chase returns to middle school after losing his memory, he learns that the person he was before is not someone he likes.

Thursday, October 24
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Third Floor Meeting Room

READ THE RAINBOW: LGBTQ+ Support Group



Are you or someone close to you an LGBTQ+ teen? Join our support group to discuss what's been on your mind in an open and accepting environment. Max: 15.
Third Floor Meeting Room.

Back to School Chat

Thursday, September 19 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.

Book Discussion:

Birthday by Meredith Russo

Thursday, October 17 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.

Game Night

Thursday, November 21 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Max: 15.

Five Feet Apart [PG-13, 116 min.]

A pair of teenagers with cystic fibrosis meet in a hospital and fall in love.

Monday, October 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room



Avengers: Endgame [PG-13, 181 min.]

The Avengers assemble once more in order to undo Thanos' actions and restore order to the universe.

Monday, November 18
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room

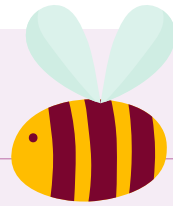


Programs

The following programs are for children and their caregivers. Register at the Children's Services desk, by phone at **847.825.4527** or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org. * = \$3.00 non-refundable fee for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

DROP IN STORYTIMES

Children attending Storytime must be accompanied by a caregiver.



Mondays

Storytime for 2s and 3s | 2 – 3 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 2 and 3 year olds! *Siblings welcome.*

September 16 – October 21 & November 11 – December 9 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Preschool Storytime | 3 – 5 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 3 to 5 year olds! *Siblings welcome.*

September 17 – October 22 & November 12 – December 10 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime | 1 – 2 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes plus playtime for 1s and 2s. *Siblings welcome.*

September 17 – October 22 & November 12 – December 10 | 11 – 11:35 a.m.

Wednesdays

Toddler Storytime | 1 – 2 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes plus playtime for 1s and 2s. *Siblings welcome.*

September 18 – October 23 & November 13 – December 11 (no storytime on December 4) 9:30 – 10:05 a.m.

Preschool Storytime | 3 – 5 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 3 to 5 year olds! *Siblings welcome.*

September 18 – October 23 & November 13 – December 11 (no storytime on December 4) 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Pajama Family Storytime | All Ages

Wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed friend for a cozy bedtime storytime!

September 18, October 16 & November 20 7 – 7:25 p.m.

Thursdays

Baby Storytime | 0 – 14 months

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, plus playtime for babies! *Siblings welcome. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.*

September 19 – October 24 & November 14 – December 12 (no storytime on November 28) 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Storytime for 2s and 3s | 2 – 3 years

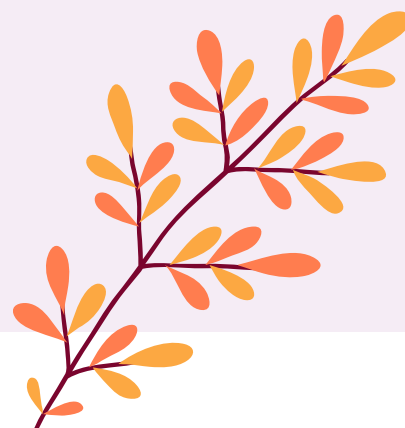
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 2 and 3 year olds! *Siblings welcome.*

September 19 – October 24 & November 14 – December 12 (no storytime on November 28) 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturdays

Family Storytime and Craft | All Ages

September 14, October 19 & November 16 10 – 10:45 a.m.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Harmonious Horizons Family Music Class* | 1 month – 5 years

Join us for a family music class for children with a parent or caregiver. It will include singing, dancing, instrument play, and just plain fun! *Limit one class per month. Max: 15.*

Monday, September 9 | 10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, August 31.

Monday, October 21 | 10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, October 5.

Monday, November 18 | 10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, November 2.

STEAM Starts | 2 – 6 years

Join us for a self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and, of course, reading! *Drop in.*

Fridays, September 13, October 11 & November 8 | 10 – 11:00 a.m.

Readers & Leaders | 3 – 6 years

This reading readiness program pairs young children with trained teen volunteers and uses hands-on activities to promote early literacy and cognitive development in young children. **Must be able to attend all four sessions. Max: 24.** *This program is made possible by a generous donation from The Friends of the Library and Chicago Software Ventures, Inc.*

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, August 31.

Little Einsteins | 2 – 5 years with adult

Join us for a science project geared for little learners. **Limit one class per month. Max: 15.**

Friday, September 27 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, September 7.

Friday, November 22 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, November 2.

FOR CHILDREN

Little Picassos | 2 – 5 years with adult
Join us for an art project geared for little learners. **Limit: one class. Max: 15.**

Friday, October 25 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, October 5.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Read to the Dogs | Going into Grades 2 – 6

Dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy want to hear you read! Sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a canine companion. Bring your own book, or pick one out from the Library before your turn.

This program is for Park Ridge Library card holders. Registration for each is separate and by phone or in-person only. Max: 16. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.

Wednesday, September 4 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, August 31.

Sunday, September 15 | 1 – 2:15 p.m.
Registration begins Sunday, September 8.

Wednesday, October 2 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.
Registration begins Wednesday, September 25.

Sunday, October 20 | 1 – 2:15 p.m.
Registration begins Sunday, October 13.

Wednesday, November 6 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.
Registration begins Wednesday, October 30.

Sunday, November 17 | 1 – 2:15 p.m.
Registration begins Sunday, November 10.

Wednesday, December 4 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.
Registration begins Wednesday, November 27.

Lego Club | Ages 4 and up

We'll provide the LEGOs and you provide the fun! *Siblings welcome. Children not yet in Kindergarten must have a caregiver in the room.*

Wednesdays, September 11, October 16 & November 13 | 4 – 4:45 p.m. *Drop in.*

Terrific Tuesday: Pet Care Grades K – 3

Do you have a pet, or considering getting one? Or do you just love animals? Join us in an exploration of pets and pet care! **Max: 24.**

Tuesday, September 24 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, September 7.

Book Bites | Grades 4 – 6

Come talk about what you're reading, get great book recommendations, and chow down on some pizza. **Max: 15.**

Tuesdays, September 17, October 8 & November 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, September 7.

Knitting 101 | Grades 4 – 6

Join us for this three-part session and learn the basics of knitting! By the end of three sessions, kids will be on their way to completing a basic scarf. *Must be able to attend all three sessions. Materials will be provided. Max: 12.*

Mondays, October 21, November 4 & November 18 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, September 7.

Terrific Tuesday: The Science of Sports | Grades K – 3

Ever wonder why some balls bounce and others don't? Explore the answer and more in this exploration of the science of sports! **Max: 24**

Tuesday, October 22 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, October 5.

Family Book Discussion | Going into Grades 1 – 3

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read a book together and share their experience. *Light refreshments will be served. Visit the Children's Services Department to pick up copies of the book. Max: 10 kids with adults.*

Bunnica by James Howe

Wednesday, October 23 | 7 – 7:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, September 7.

ALL AGES

Crafternoons

Join us for some afternoon crafting!

Fridays, September 20, October 18 & November 15 | 4 – 5:00 p.m.

Drop in anytime between 4 & 5 p.m..

FOR TEACHERS

Flannel Board Fun

Preschool and elementary teachers are invited to attend our annual Flannel Board Fun program. Learn how to make fun and engaging stories for your classroom out of felt. **Max: 30.**

Monday, November 11 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, August 31.

FEATURED EVENTS and programs



Reading Patch Club

Preschool through Grade 6

Join the Reading Patch Club and earn special patches for reading throughout the school year! Collect as many patches as you can by the end of 6th grade. This is a great program to join year after year so you can collect all of the patches!

September 3 – May 31

September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Do you have a new reader in your house? Stop by the Patron Services desk to sign up for a new Library card during the month of September to be eligible to win a prize!

September 3 – September 30

Trick or Treat at the Library

All Ages

Stop in anytime all day! Show us your costume at each of the public desks to get a special treat.

Thursday, October 31 | 9 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.



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