

SEPTEMBER

LIBRARY
CARD

SIGN-UP

MONTH

TO APPLY ONLINE



Are you due for a library card?
Know someone who is?
See inside for details on how
you can win big!

Also Inside...

The Studio and Media Lab reopen

All new virtual + in-person programs for fall

The Friends Book Sale is back



2021 continues to be a year of change.

To our wonderful Park Ridge Community, your patience through the many iterations of our Library's service model, open hours, and restrictions is greatly appreciated. Safely reopening our Library building to the community has been our priority these past months, and we are grateful we have been able to do so.

Despite this constant change, you stayed with us every step of the way. Whether on Zoom, over the phone, or in-person, we are proud to continue to offer our community the best collections, programs and services. There may still be changes to come and we thank you for your support as we continue to navigate our way safely through the pandemic.

Annually, in September we celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month. Your library card is the most powerful card in your wallet. A library card unlocks access to all the resources you need to support your educational, professional, and lifelong learning needs. Our Library team is ready to welcome and serve you.

Lastly, thank you to all the community members who have called, emailed or stopped by the Library to wish me well as I start the next chapter of my career at the Park Ridge Public Library. For those of you I have not met yet, I look forward to seeing you in the Library soon.

Warmly,
Joanna Bertucci, Library Director
librarydirector@parkridgelibrary.org



Mayor appoints two new trustees, new officers take lead

Park Ridge Mayor Marty Maloney appointed three trustees to the Library Board in July. Four officers were voted in at its July 20 meeting.

Danielle Powers is an attorney with experience in corporate, public service, real estate and licensing transactions. Gregg Rusk is a recently retired audit partner at an international accounting and advisory firm. Both Powers and Rusk are active volunteers in the Park Ridge community. They will both serve a three-year term. Lauren Rapisand, a current Trustee, was re-appointed to a three-year term.



2021-2022 Officers

Rapisand was named to a second term as board president. Alexandra Hanba was named vice president, and David Somheil, formerly Board of Trustees secretary, will serve as treasurer. Deepika Thiagarajan was named secretary.

In her first 3-year term on the Board of Trustees, Rapisand co-chaired the Communications and Development committee, helping the Library's staff, administration and trustees with the development of their new strategic plan. As chair of the Board's Personnel committee, Hanba led the search for the new Library director. The officers will serve in their respective roles through June 2022.

The Mayor's Advisory Board, consisting of four aldermen, interviews candidates for non-elected city boards and commissions and makes recommendations to the mayor, who presents them to the full city council for a final vote.

Library Board of Trustees

- Lauren Rapisand, President
- Alexandra Hanba, Vice President
- David Somheil, Treasurer
- Deepika Thiagarajan, Secretary
- Karen Burkum
- Joshua Kiem
- Danielle Powers
- Gregg Rusk
- Joseph Steinfels

2021 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- **21,913** contact-free pickup appointments
- **Digital checkouts** increased 38% over last year
- The Library website saw a 26% usage increase with 260,934 **virtual visits** to parkridgelibrary.org
- The Library commenced work on our **2021-2025 Strategic Plan**, which can be found at www.parkridgelibrary.org/strategic-plan

A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS

The **2021 Library Award** was presented to the Sitkiewicz family for their ongoing Marion's Mark initiative. Marion's Mark plans to provide Little Free Libraries throughout the community at six residential locations in Park Ridge. Installation of Little Free Libraries was delayed due to the pandemic and the project will move forward in 2021.

The **Friends of the Library** hosted an ongoing book sale in the Library's Quiet Reading room and have since re-established their Book Nook on the second floor. *We are grateful for their continued support.*

More than **60 adult volunteers** and **50 teen volunteers** shared their time and talent with us in FY2021.

MILLIONS OF RESOURCES

- **176,398** books, videos, recordings and more
- **1,000,906** downloadable books, recordings and videos
- Access to millions of articles and tutorials available in our database collection
- Millions of additional items are available through partnerships with 28 other area libraries

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF READERS

- **18,711** registered borrowers
- **14** items borrowed per Park Ridge resident, on average
- **8,899** days adults spent reading for reading clubs
- **38,181** days kids and teens spent reading for reading clubs
- **7,369** books read for our "Growing Book by Book" program
- **1 of every 2** items borrowed are from youth collections

WE WENT VIRTUAL

- **260,934** virtual visits to parkridgelibrary.org
- **174,648** Wi-Fi sessions
- **11,176** virtual program attendees
- Youth services hosted 48 virtual programs to **2,373** Park Ridge school students
- **3,063** users follow us on Facebook
- **2,720** users follow us on Instagram

WE KEPT IN TOUCH

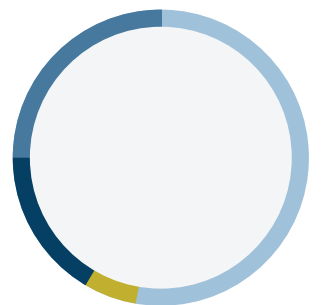
- Library staff responded to over **10,000** phone calls, emails and chats during periods when the building was closed to the public.

- **95** reference questions were answered via email, chat, phone and in-person per day
- **1,027** materials were provided to 178 homebound patrons
- **2,643** books provided to over 70 community book clubs

- Books: **311,662**—58%
- Downloads: **133,390**—35%
- DVD/Blu-ray: **67,229**—12%
- Audio: **15,096**—3%

- Magazines: **5,002**—1%
- Other: **7,989**—1%

2021 CHECKOUTS
540,368 items borrowed





September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

If you're due for a Park Ridge Library card, or know someone who is, you could both win big. There are many ways to sign up for a library card:

- Apply in person at our Patron Services desk in the 1st floor lobby
- Apply online at parkridgelibrary.org/library-cards/; or
- Scan the QR code on the cover of this newsletter to complete the form with your phone.

To get your physical card, and be eligible for prizes, please bring proof of residency with your current home address to the Patron Services Desk in the lobby. It only takes a few minutes to obtain a card, and cards are valid for three years.

How to Win

All adults applying for a library card in the month of September will get a small welcome prize when they sign up and pick up their card. You can also be entered to win one of ten grab bags filled with items from Park Ridge businesses when you come in to pick up your card. Grab bags range in value from \$10 to \$50.

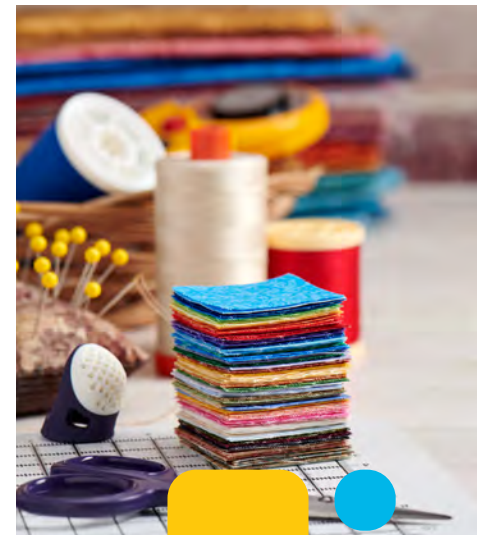
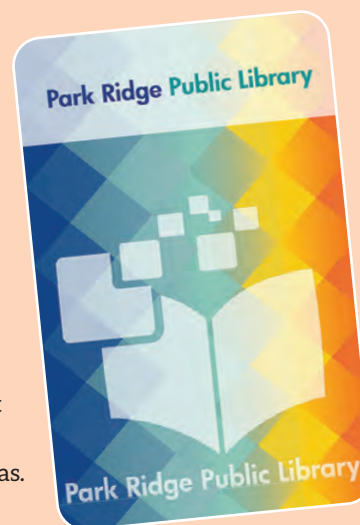
Already a cardholder? Refer a friend!

If you already have a card and love it, refer a friend or family member and you can get entered to win, too! Just send them the link to the application or tell them to stop in the Library.

They just need to put your name on their prize drawing ticket as the patron who referred them. Parents who bring their kids in to get a library card can also be entered!

Fun for all ages!

Children and teens who sign up for a card will get a Library swag bag and can snap a photo in front of our "My First Library Card" banner in the Youth Services areas.



Orientation

This mandatory session provides an introduction to the Studio equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Studio. *Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.*

By appointment; call 847-720-3280 or email thestudio@parkridgelibrary.org

STUDIO CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9:00 AM, 30 days before the class. *Open to Park Ridge cardholders only.*

Paper Pinwheels

Cut and fold to create your own pinwheel using colorful paper and the Cricut cutter.

Tuesday, September 7 | 1:00 or 7:00 PM

Felt Succulents

Craft a houseplant that will never die! Cut felt shapes with our Cricut machine and assemble a small succulent.

Tuesday, October 5 | 1:00 or 7:00 PM

Fall Wreaths

Create a festive fall wreath using paper shapes cut on the Silhouette cutter.

Tuesday, November 2 | 1:00 or 7:00 PM

Patron

SPOTLIGHT

An old box of cassette tapes leads one patron to our Media Lab and a connection to an old friend.

Our Media Lab offers a variety of equipment and access to the latest design software to help you digitize music and memories, or in the case of Library patron Scott (below), audio messages. Scott found a box of old memorabilia in his basement that included a cassette tape containing a message recorded in 1979 by his Argentine exchange student "brother," Horacio. In the 1970s, Argentina was ruled by a military junta during what was known as the "reign of terror." Censorship was common, so communication was potentially dangerous. Horacio had a friend who was coming to the United States so it would reach Scott's family safely. Scott, with assistance from Reference Librarian Grace, used the TEAC CD Recorder in the Media Lab to digitize the recording. He will upload the recording to Google Drive and share the tape with Horacio and his children, with whom he still maintains a close friendship all these years later.



Orientation

This mandatory session provides an introduction to the Media Lab equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. *Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.*

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM | Thursdays @ 2:00 PM or Saturday @ 10:00 AM

MEDIA LAB CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9:00 AM, 30 days before the class. *Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. Limit 3 per class.*

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Convert old audio cassettes and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

Monday, September 9, October 7 and November 4 | 3 - 4:00 PM

Converting Home Videos to Digital

Convert your old VHS home videos to DVD.

Monday, September 13, October 11 or November 8 | 7 - 8:00 PM

Archiving Photos, Slides and Negatives

Digitize your old photos, slides and negatives.

Monday, September 23, October 21 and November 18 | 3 - 4:00 PM

Programs

Adult fall programs will be virtual, hybrid, or on-site. Refer to the registration instructions in each category. *Please note: program schedule is subject to change.*

Masks are required for in-person programs, regardless of vaccination status.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

These programs will continue over Zoom. Please register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Documentary: “The Long Shadow”

Filmmaker Frances Causey discusses her North Carolina family’s slaveholding past and its persisting legacy today. Stream the documentary and submit questions at thelongshadowfilm.com/action-ridge.

Co-sponsored by Action Ridge.

Stream from September 10 – 17

Q & A with Frances Causey:

Thursday, September 16 | 7:00 PM

Library Pub Quiz

Do you have a head full of useless facts? Show them off and earn bragging rights by joining us for our online Library Pub Quiz. Have a laugh, learn something new and keep up with friends. *Registration limited to 60.*

Tuesdays, September 28, October 26 and November 23 | 6:30 PM

Author Talk: The Color of Law with Richard Rothstein

Author and researcher Richard Rothstein presents on policies that led to racial segregation in American communities and what can be done to reverse these practices. *Co-sponsored by multiple Illinois libraries and held in partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN), and Together is Better Alliance (TiBA).*

Wednesday, October 13 | 7:00 PM

Author Talk: The Hour of the Witch with Chris Bohjalian

Join the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 22 books, which have been translated into 35 languages and made into three movies and a TV series, as he discusses his latest book. *Co-sponsored with area libraries.*

Wednesday, October 27 | 6:30 PM

A Parent’s Guide to Paying for College

Let My College Planning Team help you save thousands on college costs in this introduction to financial aid options and mistakes to avoid.

Tuesday, November 16 | 7:00 PM

HYBRID PROGRAMS

These programs will be back on-site while also available live over Zoom. Choose how you would like to attend and register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Chair Yoga

Join Sun and Moon instructor Joan McGee for this gentle yoga class. Stretch, breathe, and meditate your way to renewed energy. *No experience necessary.*

Every Wednesday | 2:00 PM

Park Ridge Writers’ Group

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

IN-PERSON: Wednesdays, September 8, October 13 and November 17 | 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL: Wednesdays, September 22 and October 27 | 7:00 PM

Democracy in America: A Social Gathering with Jane Addams

Living history presenter Betsey Means brings to life Jane Addams, the founder of Chicago’s Hull House and a crusader for social justice.

Thursday, October 14 | 7:00 PM

Author Talk: The Navigation Case with John Happ

Author John Happ presents the war stories of his father, who grew up in Park Ridge. Discover the contents of Len Happ’s navigation case, which reveal his incredible struggle and growth while serving as a pilot in New Guinea. *Books available for sale by the Book Stall.*

Tuesday, November 2 | 7:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY

Drop-In Help Desk  The experts from FireLogic will be available to assist you with your tech questions. *No registration required.*

Saturdays, October 2 & November 6
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

These programs will be on-site. Please register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an evening of free knitting and crocheting advice and lively conversation. *BYO knitting or crocheting project. Prior experience preferred. Registration not required.*

Thursdays, September 2, October 7 and November 4 | 7:00 PM

Art Workshop: Fall Forest Blue Sky

 Christine Thornton of Hello Art Studio leads a watercolor workshop of colorful fall trees against a blue sky. *All supplies included. Registration limited to 20. Sponsored by Marion’s Mark.*

Tuesday, September 7 | 7:00 PM

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Saving Notre Dame

When the Cathedral of Notre Dame de-Paris caught fire in April 2019, Paris came very close to losing over 800 years of history. Now engineers are in a different race against time to rebuild the medieval structure. *Registration limited to 40.*

Friday, September 17 | 10:00 AM

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Fly Girls

In the midst of World War II, the call went out—women with flight experience were needed for the military. All over the country, young women postponed weddings, put educations on hold, and quit jobs to respond. *Registration limited to 40.*

Friday, October 15 | 10:00 AM

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Mount St. Helens—Back from the Dead

When Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980, every living thing in the blast zone was buried. Today, things have begun to bloom again, and the mountain, like the wildlife, is coming back to life. *Registration limited to 40.*

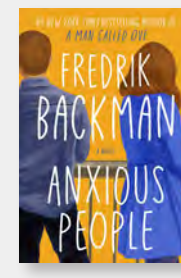
Friday, November 19 | 10:00 AM

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

These programs will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room and also available live over Zoom. Please choose how you would like to join us and sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Books are available at the Reader Services Desk two weeks before the discussion.


Fiction Group Hybrid

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

 Looking at real estate isn’t usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage.


VIRTUAL: Tuesday, September 14 | 7:00 PM
IN-PERSON: Thursday, September 30 | 10:00 AM

Miss Benson’s Beetle by Rachel Joyce

 Unsatisfied with her humble existence, schoolteacher Margery Benson leaves behind her job to set out on an expedition for the golden beetle of New Caledonia.

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IN-PERSON: Thursday, October 28 | 10:00 AM

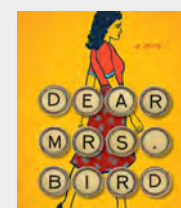
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

 Claiming amnesia after going missing for more than a week in late 1926, up-and-coming mystery author Agatha Christie pens a chilling story that braashly implicates her war-hero husband.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, November 9 | 7:00 PM
IN-PERSON: Thursday, November 18 | 10:00 AM


Wednesday Evening Group In-person

Dear Mrs. Bird by AJ Pearce

 An adventurous young woman takes a typist job to assist the war effort and lands in the employ of a renowned advice columnist.


Wednesday, September 15
7:00 PM

The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombardo

 The four adult daughters of two Chicago parents recklessly ignite old rivalries, until a long-buried secret threatens to shatter the lives they built.

Wednesday, October 20
7:00 PM


Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey

 When Maud, who is losing her memory, is convinced her best friend Elizabeth is missing and in danger, she becomes obsessed with saving her beloved friend.

Wednesday, November 10
7:00 PM

Nonfiction Group In-person


How to Hide an Empire by Daniel Immerwahr

 An exploration of the United States’ overseas territories and what they reveal about the true meaning of American empire.

Friday, November 5
10:00 AM

NEW! Green Reads In-person

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan

 The epic story of the lakes, the perils they face, and how we can restore and preserve them for generations to come. *In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge.*

Tuesday, October 5
7:00 PM



FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

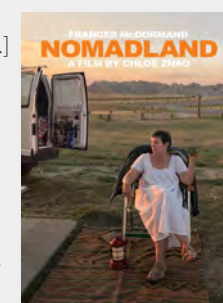
These movies will be screened at the Library in the First Floor Meeting Room. No registration required.

September

Nomadland [R, 107 min.]

A retired woman’s journey as a modern day nomad. *Starring Frances McDormand and David Strathairn.*

Tuesday, September 21
1:00 & 7:00 PM

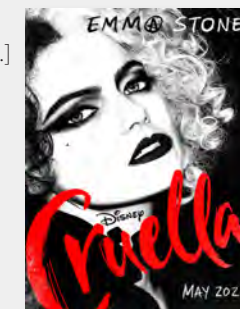


October

Cruella [PG-13, 134 min.]

The story of Disney’s 101 Dalmatians villain, Cruella de Vil. *Starring Emma Stone and Emma Thompson.*

Tuesday, October 19
1:00 & 7:00 PM



November

In The Heights

[PG-13, 143 min.] A New York City bodega owner imagines a better life. *Starring Anthony Ramos and Jimmy Smits.*

Tuesday, November 16
1:00 & 7:00 PM





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. Teen programs will be held at the Library except when noted as "Zoom," which are virtual. Schedules are subject to change; refer to our website for the latest information prior to attending the program.

Masks are required at any indoor Library programs.



FEATURED

Halloween PROGRAMS

Join us for some spooky trivia, ghost stories, movies and mystery—if you dare!

Stranger Things Trivia

Can you escape the Upside Down before time runs out? Put your *Stranger Things* knowledge to the test! Costumes are encouraged. *Max: 15.*

Wednesday, October 13 | 7 – 8:30 PM

First Floor Meeting Room

A Night of Horror

Get in the Halloween spirit as we swap ghost stories and watch *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*. *Max: 15.*

Wednesday, October 27 | 7 – 8:45 PM

First Floor Meeting Room

Halloween Murder Mystery Party

Whodunit? There's been a murder at the Library and we need you to help us solve it! *Max: 20.*

Friday, October 29 | 4:30 – 5:45 PM

First Floor Meeting Room

Teen Picks: Favorite Scary Books



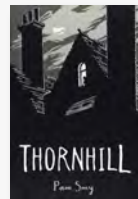
Hide and Seek
by Daka Hermon



Rules for Vanishing
by Kate Alice Marshall



Spirit Hunters
by Ellen Oh



Thornhill
by Pam Smy



The Screaming Staircase
by Jonathan Stroud



Nightbooks
by J.A. White

FOR TEENS

Fall Take & Create Crafts

Teen Take & Create Crafts are project supply kits that can be picked up from the Teen Loft on the 3rd Monday of each month! *While supplies last.*

September: Leaf Luminaries

October: Glow in the Dark Putty

November: Pumpkin Spice Scrub

Teen Game Night

Are you tired of Zoom meetups and solo online gaming? Let's put our screens away and break out some board games for a night of fun! *Max: 5.*

Friday, September 10 | 4:30 – 5:45 PM

Third Floor Meeting Room

Teen Ink

Join other teen writers as we experiment with new techniques that will inspire your creative writing process. *Max: 10.*

Thursday, September 16 & October 7 and

Monday, November 1 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Third Floor Meeting Room

Dungeons & Dragons

Do you love epic fantasy adventures and collaborative storytelling? Come play *Dungeons & Dragons*! Both new and veteran adventurers welcome. *Max: 8.*

VIRTUAL: Sunday, September 19, October 17 and November 28 | 1 – 5:00 PM

Zoom

IN-PERSON: Sunday, October 3 & 31 and November 14 | 1 – 4:45 PM

First Floor Meeting Room

VIRTUAL Teen Book Bites

Share your favorite books with other teen readers and get great book recommendations. Stop by the Teen Loft one week before the program to pick up snacks and a free book to keep! *Max: 10.*

Monday, September 20, October 11 and November 15 | 4 – 4:45 PM

Zoom

Anime Club

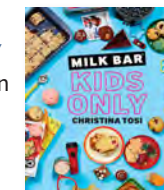
Watch anime with other teens and talk about your favorite manga! *Max: 10.*

Wednesday, September 22 | 7 – 8:00 PM

First Floor Meeting Room

VIRTUAL Cooking with Books

Try out recipes from the cookbook *Milk Bar Kids Only* by Christina Tosi on your own and then discuss your experience with other teen chefs! *Max: 10.*



Friday, November 12 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Zoom

Read the Rainbow

Join us to read and discuss LGBTQ+ literature in an accepting environment. Our fall pick is *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Nguyen. Pick up your copy in the Teen Loft! *Max: 10.*



Monday, November 22 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Third Floor Meeting Room

BOOK CLUB

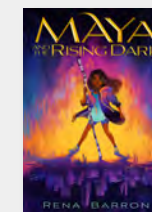
Pick up your copy of the book in the Teen Loft. *Max: 10.*

Third Floor Meeting Room

Maya and the Rising Dark by Rena Barron

12-year-old Maya discovers that her missing father has been protecting a supernatural boundary between worlds.

Thursday, September 30
4:30 – 5:30 PM



Scratch Scratch by Lindsay Currie

After helping her father on his ghost-themed bus tour, Claire must discover what the spectral boy from the bus wants.

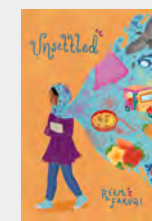
Tuesday, October 26
4:30 – 5:30 PM



Unsettled by Reem Faruqi

Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan to Peachtree City, Georgia.

Thursday, November 18
4:30 – 5:30 PM



TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Pickwick Field Trip:

Dear Evan Hansen [NR, 131 min.]

We'll meet in the Teen Loft and walk over to the Pickwick Theatre together. *Movie tickets provided! Max: 25.*

Friday, September 24 | Evening Showing

Popcorn & Pages:

Chaos Walking [PG-13, 111 min.]

Read the book on your own and then watch the movie with other teens. Compare and contrast to see which one you like better! Pick up your copy of the book in the Teen Loft. *Max: 10.*

Monday, November 8 | 7 – 8:30 PM
First Floor Meeting Room



We Need Volunteers

Interested in volunteering at the library?
We need VolunTeens! For more info, contact the
Volunteer Coordinator at 847-720-3285 or email
volunteer@parkridgelibrary.org.

Children's Programs

These programs are for children and their caregivers. Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3250** or online at www.parkridgelibrary.org. All Children's programs will take place at the Library unless noted as a "Virtual" event. Schedules are subject to change; refer to our website for the latest information prior to attending the program. **Masks are required at any indoor Library programs.**

STORYTIMES

Tuesdays

Hello Baby | 0 – 18 months

Snuggle and bounce with your little ones as we share rhymes, songs and stories to foster language development and a love of reading. One registration per household.

Tuesday, September 7-28, October 5 & 26 and November 2, 9 & 30 | 10 – 10:20 AM

Wednesdays

All Ages Storytime

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages! Seating is limited. Pick up tickets at the Children's desk the morning of the program.

Wednesday, September 8-29, October 6 & 27 and November 3 & 10 | 10 – 10:25 AM

Virtual PJ Storytime | All Ages

Put on your PJs and grab your favorite stuffed animal, then meet us online for a live virtual story from our homes to yours! Drop in via Zoom.

Wednesday, September 8, October 13 and November 10 | 7 – 7:25 PM

Thursdays

All Ages Storytime

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages! Seating is limited. Pick up tickets at the Children's desk the morning of the program.

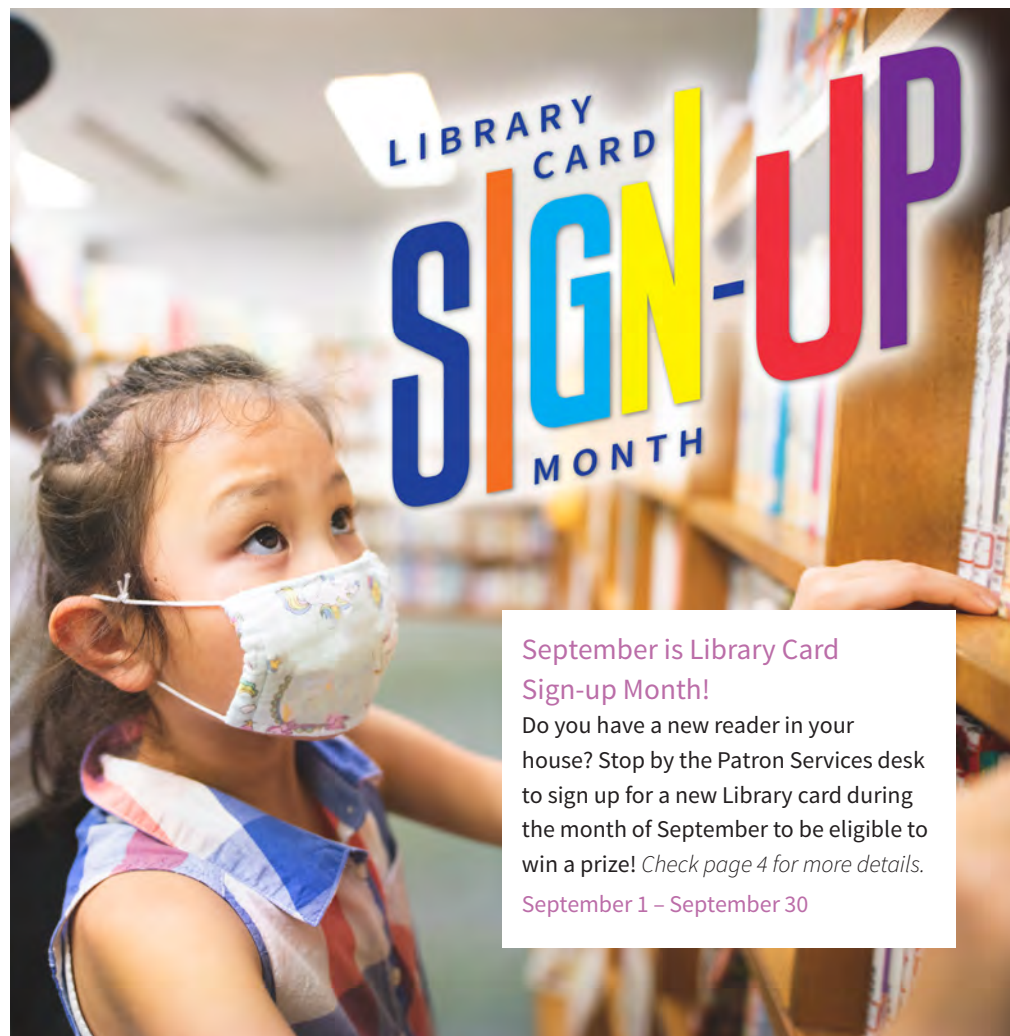
Thursday, September 9-30, October 7 & 28 and November 4 & 11 | 10 – 10:25 AM

Saturdays

Saturday Storytime | All Ages

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes for all ages! Seating is limited. Pick up tickets at the Children's desk the morning of the program.

Saturday, September 25, October 16 and November 20 | 10 – 10:25 AM



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! Check page 4 for more details.
September 1 – September 30

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Harmonious Horizons | Ages 0 – 5

Join us for a family music class for children with a parent/caregiver including singing, dancing and instruments with the guidance of a teacher. Register each child separately.

Monday, September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25 and November 8 & 22 | 10 – 10:30 AM

STEAM Starts | 3 – 6 years with caregiver

We'll lead you and your little ones in interactive activities designed to fascinate and entertain curious young minds. Register each child separately.

Friday, September 10, October 8 and November 12 | 10 – 10:30 AM

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Bad Guys Bonanza | Grades 1 – 3

Can't get enough Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark? Join us for the biggest, most fun-filled event of misunderstood villains ever!

Monday, September 13 | 4 – 4:45 PM

Book Bites | Grades 4 – 6

Maybe you just read something amazing and can't wait to tell everyone all about it... or you just love talking and hearing about books. Join us to talk about what you're reading.

Tuesdays, September 21, October 19 and November 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 PM

FOR CHILDREN

Directed Doodles | Grades 1 & up

Join us for some free-form art fun as we guide you through the steps of creating your very own drawing.

Wednesday, September 1 (Fox) and November 3 (Scarecrow) | 4 – 4:30 PM

Graphic Novel Book Discussion

Grades 4 & up

Who says graphic novels don't count as reading? We think they are super awesome and want to share them with you in our Graphic Novel Book Discussion. Copies available 3 weeks prior to the program.

Tuesday, September 14, October 12 and November 9 | 4:15 – 5 PM

Kid Ink! A Writing Group for Aspiring Authors | Grades 3 – 5

Calling all young authors! If you love writing and telling stories, Kid Ink is the place for you. We provide writing prompts to inspire you to take your writing to the next level.

Wednesday, October 6 | 4 – 4:45 PM

Virtual Kids' Kitchen | Grades 4 & up

Join us in our online kitchen as we make some yummy treats! A list of ingredients will be shared via email prior to the program. One registration needed per household.

Friday, September 17, October 1 and November 5 | 4 – 4:30 PM

Owl Diaries Treetop Festival

Grades 1 – 3

Join us for a celebration of the popular Owl Diaries series!

Monday, November 15 | 4 – 4:45 PM



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Celebrate! Dia de los Muertos

Grades 1 & up

Celebrate the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos with us as we share stories and make special sugar skull and marigold crafts.

Thursday, October 28 | 7 – 7:45 PM

Read to the Dogs

Grades 2 – 6

They're baaaack! We are excited to welcome our furry friends from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy for 15 minute reading sessions!



Sunday, September 19, October 17 and November 21 | 1 – 2:15 PM

PARENTS & TEACHERS

What's New in Children's Books

Join us as we discuss books that have been released in the last year that are great to read aloud in class, recommend to students, or use as additions to your classroom's extension activities. CPDU credit available.

Monday, October 4 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM

TEACHERS

Sing! Dance! Learn! Music & Movement for Early Childhood

Jump! Stomp! Sing! Miss Carole's songs can transform wallflowers into dancing sprouts! Can you sing a book? Is it time to retire some "old favorites" from your classroom songs? Ensure your visuals provide the necessary cues children need to develop visual literacy skills. Developmentally appropriate music and movement is easy to learn and necessary for growing brains and bodies. Come prepared to make music! Bring a jacket or sweatshirt to use as a prop. Active music is for children of many abilities and their caregivers. CPDU credit available.

Wednesday, September 15 | 6 – 8:00 PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE

Family

Join us for some family fun playing games, making crafts and more!

Maker Mondays | All Ages

Start your Monday off right by making a craft in the Children's department!

Monday, October 4 and November 1
Drop in anytime: 10 – 10:45 AM

Crafternoons | All Ages

Liven up your Friday afternoon and join us for a craft in the Children's department!

Friday, September 24, October 22 and November 19 | Drop in anytime: 4 – 4:45 PM

Giant Lawn Games | All Ages

Try your hand at a variety of giant games, including bowling, dominos, tic-tac-toe, and Uno! Weather-permitting. Drop in anytime.

Sunday, September 12 | 1 – 2:00 PM
Rain Date: Sunday, September 26

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.

Sunday, October 31 | 12 – 5:00 PM

Toy Story 4 | All Ages

Spend an afternoon at the Library with Woody and Buzz as they embark on an adventurous road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. Seating is limited.

Pick up tickets at the Children's desk beginning at 1:00 PM the day of the program.

Monday, November 22
3 – 5:00 PM



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

Library Closed:

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Friends Preview Friday, October 22

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

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