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**JANUARY | FEBRUARY**  
**2018**



As we welcome the new year, we want to thank our patrons for your continuing support and confirm our dedication to the Park Ridge community.

- P** You, our **PATRONS**, are our number one concern.
- R** We are proud to be a respected **RESOURCE** to our community.
- P** Our **PASSION** for reading and learning inspires growth.
- L** Our professional **LIBRARIANS** are here to share their expertise.

# cares

As a Library, we foster *creativity*.

Open *access* to real information is vital.

We specialize in *research* from A to Z.

We offer *engaging* programs and activities for all ages.

As the "front porch" for the community, we are a place for *social* gathering.



## Get Notified by Text

Do you get hundreds of emails every day? Do your Library reminders get buried among the sales ads? We have a solution for you. You can now get notified by text message reminders for returns, late notices and holds. To sign up go to the "Get Involved" tab on the home page and click on "Notifications."



## NEW Catalog and Self-check System

**Polaris**—We are moving to a new online catalog in April. Our consortium, Cooperative Computer Services (CCS) and its 24 member public libraries, is moving to the Polaris integrated library system. Polaris is designed to enhance the patron experience with improved self-service features and a user-friendly interface. As part of this switch, the **Library catalog will be off line for about one week during April**. Patrons will need to have their Library cards to check out materials during the switch to Polaris. *Check our website for updates.*

**Self-service Checkout**—To coincide with the change to Polaris, we will be adding self-check kiosks during the renovation. They use radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology for identification and tracking purposes, making borrowing library items a breeze.

## LIBRARY RENOVATION

We are firmly committed to the Library renovation. While the construction has been delayed in the permit process, the Board has been working closely with the city and architects to move this project forward. Once permits are approved, we anticipate beginning work as quickly as possible. *Please check our website for updates as well as any changes in scheduled programs.*

Once work begins, the process will take five to six months. Work will be done in phases so the Library can remain open throughout the project. However, we may have to close for a few days while work is being done on the lobby and restrooms.

We are all looking forward to providing our patrons with an even better user experience through innovative design and improved functionality.

## Library Director UPDATE



The search for a new director continues after the first round of candidate interviews ended without filling the position. The Board is dedicated to finding

the right candidate for this vital position and has directed John Keister and Associates to expand the search. Once potential candidates are identified, the process should take about four months. *Please direct questions to members of the Board of Trustees at: libraryboard@prpl.org. Updates will be posted on our website.*

## Getting to Know... Carol Pinson: Assistant Technical Services Department Manager

**H**ave you ever considered how books and other library items get on the shelves and ready for you to borrow? Carol Pinson, a 15-year veteran of PRPL with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Wheaton College and a Master of Library Science from Dominican University, is part of the behind the scenes team of librarians working to make this happen.

Her myriad responsibilities include verifying catalog information, importing records from the international library database (OCLC) and assigning call numbers, and keeping the serials holdings records current. She ensures that everyone can find the items within our collection. As assistant department manager, Carol keeps track of the workflows in Technical Services and adjusts them as needed to keep new items flowing out to our patrons in a timely manner and have old items discarded.

### What is your favorite book/author?

I'm not sure I have a favorite book and author. I like to read mysteries and am excited when I find a new series that I like and haven't read. (I did enjoy *Harry Potter*.) Right now I'm reading some Mrs. Jeffries mysteries by Emily Brightwell; I look for new mysteries by Joanne Fluke and JoAnna Carl; and I like the *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* mysteries by Alexander McCall Smith.

### What is your proudest accomplishment?

I have two right now—one is being able to proof-read my daughter's PhD dissertation in aero-space engineering and somewhat understand it. The other is finishing a king-size quilt, piecing and quilting, for a good friend.

### What makes you laugh the most?

I really enjoy puns.

### What are your hobbies?

I like to create and sew quilts and I'm working on a Belle costume for my daughter. I play clarinet with the Palatine Concert Band and sometimes at church. I like to play the piano when I can take time. I like to read and play some computer games. Sometimes I help my husband with gardening.

### Tell us something that no one knows about you.

My husband and I have lived in our current house in Des Plaines for 38 years. I met him at college in Abilene, Texas. Growing up, our family lived in three different states, Maryland, Illinois and New Mexico.







## Smitten with Reading

WINTER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS

January 2 – February 28

## Smitten with Reading

Finish four books, ebooks or audiobooks of your choice by February 28th.

Record your four completed titles on the log and bring to the Reader Services Desk to be entered to win a gift card.

## Smitten with Reading

Teen Winter Reading Club  
December 1 – February 28

## Smitten with Reading

Read three books to get a free paperback and to be entered in our raffle!

Sign up online or stop by the Teen Loft to sign up in person.

You'll be entered to win a Starbucks gift card just for signing up!

## Smitten with Reading!

Winter Reading Club  
January 2 – February 28, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Smitten with Reading!

Get your log at the Library for the Children's Winter Reading Club.

Use your log to track your reading. When you have read for 20 days, bring your completed log to the Children's Department to collect a prize book!

Happy Reading!

### Best of 2017 for Adults

**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman  
A socially awkward, routine-oriented loner teams up with a bumbling IT guy from her office to assist an elderly accident victim, forging a friendship that saves all three from lives of isolation and secret unhappiness.

**Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk** by Kathleen Rooney  
Embarking on a walk across the unsafe landscape of Manhattan on New Year's Eve in 1984, 85-year-old Lillian Boxfish recalls her long and eventful life, including a brief reign as the highest-paid advertising woman in America.

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng  
Fighting an ugly custody battle with an artistic tenant who has little regard for the strict rules of their progressive Cleveland suburb, a straitlaced woman, seeking to adopt a baby becomes obsessed with exposing the tenant's past, only to trigger devastating consequences.

**Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate  
Learning that her grandmother was a victim of the corrupt Tennessee Children's Home Society, attorney and aspiring politician Avery Stafford delves into her family's past and begins to wonder if some things are best kept secret.

**Josephine Baker** by José-Louis Bocquet  
Josephine Baker was nineteen years old when she found herself in Paris for the first time in 1925. Overnight, the young American dancer became the idol of the Roaring Twenties, captivating artists and writers of time.

**Every Last Lie** by Mary Kubica  
A woman who loses her husband in a car crash that her daughter survived unharmed, begins to suspect his death wasn't an accident. By the best-selling author of *The Good Girl*.

**Dividing Eden** by Joelle Charbonneau  
When their father and older sibling are killed by assassins, a pair of royal twins who were never destined to rule are forced to compete against each other in a dangerous trial that is shaped by the schemes of a power-hungry ruling council.

### Best of 2017 for Teens

**Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds  
Driven by the secrets and vengeance that mark his street culture, 15-year-old Will contemplates over the course of 60 psychologically suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.

**Far from the Tree** by Robin Benway  
Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child between an embittered older brother and an outspoken younger sister.

**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas  
Caught between her poor neighborhood and her fancy prep school, sixteen-year-old Starr Carter becomes the focus of intimidation and more after witnessing the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.

### Best of 2017 for Kids

**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate  
An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

**Posted** by John David Anderson  
When cell phones are banned at their school, Frost and his friends start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school before other kids start following their example, triggering a wave of bullying activities in the wake of a new girl's arrival.

**The War I Finally Won** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
A sequel to *The War That Saved My Life* continues the story of Ada, who in the aftermath of the surgery that corrects her disability struggles to welcome a Jewish-German girl into the crowded cottage where her loved ones are enduring the horrors of World War II.

For complete list, go to News on the first page of our website.



## Programs

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### Concert: Tri-L-Co Music\*

**Sunday, January 14 • 1:00 p.m.**

Enjoy "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue" from Carlyn Lloyd and Jon Warfel. This flute and piano classical duo will perform pieces by Erik Satie, Scott Joplin, Henry Mancini, and more. *Register.*

### Valentine's Day with Those Were the Days Radio Players\*

**Sunday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m.**

Wax nostalgic this Valentine's Day with the Radio Players. This group of voice actors and sound effects artists will perform "Shop Around the Corner," a romantic program originally starring Jimmy Stuart and "My Favorite Husband," a comedy. *Register.*

### Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

**Thursday, January 4 AND**

**Tuesday, February 6 • 7:00 p.m.**

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an open knitting session! Bring your own supplies. *Drop in.*

### Friday Morning Coffee Club:

**Mystery of Agatha Christie**

**Friday, January 12 • 10:00 a.m.**

Agatha Christie's life was as shrouded in mystery as her novels. David Suchet explores the links between Agatha's life and her works. *Register.*

### Guided Meditation and Stretch Workshop

**Tuesday, January 16 • 2:00 p.m.**

Join Vera Kulezic for a workshop designed to relax the body and focus the mind. Learn stretches to reduce body tension and then follow in a guided meditation. Beginners welcome! *Register.*

### Documentary Film: Hubble

**Thursday, January 18 • 7:00 p.m.**

Get an astronaut's view of the cosmos as the crew of the Space Shuttle Atlantis step out into open space to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio. *Drop in.*

### Organizing Keepsakes from Young and Old\*

**Tuesday, January 23 • 7:00 p.m.**

Let Beth Randall of Joe Organizer teach you ways to sort family memorabilia for storage and display so you can enjoy them. *Register.*

### Chair Yoga\*

**Wednesdays, January 24 AND**

**February 28 • 2:00 p.m.**

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

### Losing at the Oscars!\*

**Thursday, January 25 • 7:00 p.m.**

This Oscar season acknowledge the movies and actors who never won an Oscar. Steve Frenzel of Marquee Movie Presentations will share clips and trivia of those who were overlooked. *Register.*

### How to Pay for College Without Going Broke

**Tuesday, January 30 • 7:00 p.m.**

Do you have a student applying to colleges soon? The folks from My College Planning Team will detail how to save and pay for it without straining your budget. *Register.*

### Beer Tasting at Beer on the Wall\*

**Thursday, February 1 • 7:00 p.m.**

Join us at Beer on the Wall for a presentation and tasting of employees' favorite beers, including some from local breweries. Participants must be 21 or older. *Register. Max: 30.*

### Emancipation to Inauguration: The Black Experience in Chicago\*

**Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

Historian and tour guide Clarence Goodman returns to walk you through the rich and nuanced experience of black people in Chicago from the Great Migration to Obama's rise to the White House and beyond. *Register.*

### Practical Help for Low Vision

**Friday, February 9 • 9:30 a.m.**

Many resources are available to locate services, provide recreational enjoyment and build daily living skills. Learn strategies, tips and tools to help you maintain an independent lifestyle. *Drop in.*

### Friday Morning Coffee Club:

**Eclipse over America**

**Friday, February 16 • 10:00 a.m.**

On August 21, 2017, Americans witnessed the first total solar eclipse to cross the US mainland in 99 years. Scientists staked out spots to investigate the secrets of the sun's atmosphere. Learn the new clues they gathered. *Register.*

### Attracting & Feeding Winter Birds\*

**Tuesday, February 20 • 2:00 p.m.**

Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited in Glenview returns to offer effective strategies on attracting songbirds during the winter months and how to discourage uninvited guests. *Register.*



### Cooking the Books: A Cookbook Book Club for Adults

**Monday, January 29 • 7:00 p.m.**

**This month's theme is: American Classics**  
*Registration begins January 8 at the Reader Services Desk.*

Join the Library's bi-monthly cookbook book club, Cooking the Books! To participate, choose a cookbook from our display in the Reader Services department, select a recipe to make for the club, and sign up at the Reader Services desk. Bring your finished dish to the Library to share the results! *Register. Max: 30.*

### Essential Oils 101

**Thursday, February 22 • 7:00 p.m.**

Rosa Cascella of doTERRA Essential Oils will share what these natural chemicals are and what they can do for your health and well-being. Samples will be available to try. *Register.*

## Featured Programs: Find Some Whimsy



### Tabletop Game Night

**Thursday, January 11 • 6:30 p.m.**

Do you love Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride? Join some of your friends and neighbors as we break out these games and more. Learn something new and meet other gamers. *Games sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.*

### Kill Them with Kindness\*

**Thursday, February 15 • 7:00 p.m.**

Join wellness coach Tom Kens during Random Acts of Kindness Week. Discover how kindness not only benefits the recipient but the giver and even those who witness the act. Share in the movement to create positive change in our community! *Register.*

### Vagabonding Around the World\*

**Tuesday, February 27 • 7:00 p.m.**

Join self-proclaimed vagabond Brian Michalski as he shares stories and photographs from his 22-month backpacking journey in Southeast Asia, Australia, Cuba, and more. *Register.*



# Smitten with Reading

WINTER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS

\* January 2 – February 28 \*



Read more about the Adult Winter Reading Club on page 4.

## Book Discussion Groups

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

### Thursday Morning Book Discussion



#### Canada

by Richard Ford

**Thursday, January 11 OR 25  
10:00 a.m.**

In 1956, Dell Parsons' parents decide to rob a bank. Making his getaway across Montana, Dell's life hurtles in unpredictable ways toward Canada.

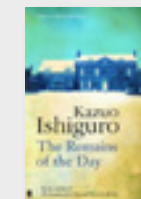


#### The Ministry of Utmost Happiness

by Arundhati Roy

**Thursdays, February 8 OR 22  
10:00 a.m.**

When Anjum unrolls a threadbare Persian carpet in a city graveyard she calls home, she also unrolls a sweeping tale of many years that takes us from Old Delhi to Kashmir and beyond.

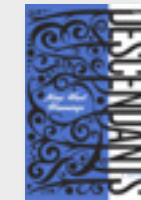


#### The Remains of the Day

by Kazuo Ishiguro

**Wednesday, January 10  
7:00 p.m.**

An aging English butler takes a motoring trip through the countryside, and reminisces on his past, his relationships, and the nature of his own life and accomplishments.



#### The Descendants

by Kauai Hart Hemmings

**Wednesday, February 14  
7:00 p.m.**

One of the largest landowners in Hawaii struggles to deal with his out-of-control daughters and comatose wife, while managing family conflicts about the fate of their inherited land.



#### The Confidence Game

by Maria Konnikova

**Friday, January 10  
10:00 a.m.**

Konnikova, who has a PhD in Psychology, explores the psyches, motives, and methods of con artists to reveal why they are consistently successful.



#### Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS

by Joby Warrick

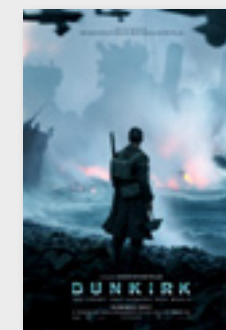
**Friday, February 2  
10:00 a.m.**

Journalist Warrick traces how the strain of militant Islam behind ISIS first arose in a remote Jordanian prison and spread with the unwitting aid of two American presidents.

## Films @ the Library

No registration needed. All seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Doors open ½ hour before show time. Seating limited to 90. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



### January

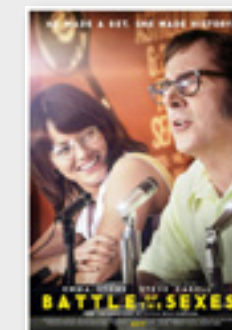
Feature Film:

**Dunkirk**

[PG-13, 106 min.]

**Tuesday, January 9  
1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Christopher Nolan tells the true story of the Battle of Dunkirk (Dunkerque, France) when Allied soldiers were surrounded by the German Army in June of 1940. *Starring Tom Hardy and Mark Rylance.*



### February

Feature Film:

**Battle of the Sexes**

[PG-13, 121 min.]

**Tuesday, February 13  
1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

The true story of the 1973 tennis match between world number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ and big talker Bobby Riggs. *Starring Emma Stone and Steve Carell.*



## Travel Films

Thursdays at 2 p.m.



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Open to Park Ridge cardholders only.

## Media Lab *Register. Max: 3.*

**Converting Home Videos to Digital**  
**Wednesday, January 24 • 7:00 p.m. OR**  
**Tuesday, February 27 • 2:00 p.m.**  
Learn how to convert your VHS videos to DVD.

**Archiving Your Photos, Slides and Negatives**  
**Tuesday, January 23 • 2:00 p.m. OR**  
**Wednesday, February 28 • 7:00 p.m.**  
Digitize old photos, slides and negatives.

**Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records**  
**Wednesday, January 24 • 8:00 p.m. OR**  
**Tuesday, February 27 • 3:00 p.m.**  
Learn how to convert audio cassettes and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

## Drop In Help Desk

**Saturday, January 13 OR February 10**  
**9 a.m. – Noon.**  
One-on-one help to answer questions.

## One-on-One eBook Appointments

**Mondays • 11:00 a.m. OR Thursdays • 7:00 p.m.**  
Learn how to use Overdrive, Axis 360, or Hoopla on your mobile device or eReader. *45 minutes.*

## Intro to Library Apps

*Please bring your device and download the apps prior to these demo classes. Register. Max: 3.*

### Overdrive and Libby

**Wednesday, January 17 • 1:00 p.m.**  
Learn to use Overdrive and the new Libby app and enjoy library items on your mobile device.

### Hoopla and Axis360

**Wednesday, February 21 • 1:00 p.m.**  
Try the Hoopla and Axis360 apps to download ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, comics and more to your mobile device.

## Tech Topics *Register. Max: 10.*

**NEW! Video Streaming Services and Devices**  
**Wednesday, January 17 • 7:00 p.m.**

And introduction to video streaming services like Netflix, Hulu and Hoopla, and the devices available to view them on your TV or computer.

### NEW! Smart Home Basics

**Wednesday, February 21 • 7:00 p.m.**

Learn about smart home devices such as smart plugs, thermostats and light bulbs, and how to integrate them into your home.



## Library Breakout | Grades 5 – 8

**Friday, February 2**  
**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

*First Floor Meeting Room*

Do you like to find clues, solve puzzles, and race against the clock? Join us after hours at the Library on an exciting mission! Try to solve the mystery and unlock the box before time runs out! *Registration begins January 6. Max: 20*

**Family Book Discussion: The War That Saved My Life | Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adults**  
**Wednesday, February 21**  
**7 – 7:45 p.m.**

*First Floor Meeting Room*

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read this book together and share their experiences. *Register now and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Services Desk. Max: 15 kids with adults.*

## High School Only

**Three Steps to College Planning and Career Success**

**Wednesday, January 24**  
**7 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Third Floor Meeting Room*

Join Partners for Achievement as they educate parents and students about the best practices of the college admissions, financial aid, and career planning process. *Max 20.*

## SAT / ACT Practice Test

**Saturday, January 27**  
**12:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

*First Floor Meeting Room*

This practice test combines elements of the SAT and ACT and helps to determine which test is a better fit. Results will not be given during this session. **Students must attend the SAT/ACT Practice Test Results Workshop on Saturday, February 3 in order to receive their scores.** Please bring pencils, calculator and optional snack.

*Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Test Results Workshop. Proctored by More Than Scores And Tests. Max 25.*

## Test Results Workshop

**Saturday, February 3**  
**2 – 3:00 p.m.**

*First Floor Meeting Room*

## Pizza & Pages: High School Edition

**Thursday, January 4 AND**  
**Wednesday, February 7**  
**7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

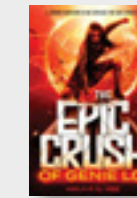
*Third Floor Meeting Room*

Stop in for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books. *Max: 15.*

## Book Discussion Groups

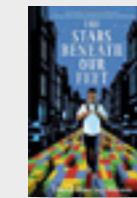
*Come share your thoughts about real teen topics. Third Floor Meeting Room. Max: 15.*

### Middle School



**The Epic Crush of Genie Lo**  
by F.C. Lee  
**Monday, January 29**  
**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Genie's life is turned upside down when she discovers that she's the reincarnation of the Monkey King's legendary weapon, the Ruyi Jingu Bang.



**The Stars Beneath Our Feet**  
by David Barclay Moore  
**Monday, February 26**  
**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

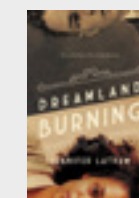
Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death, 12-year-old Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang while building a creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

### High School



**Turtles All the Way Down**  
by John Green  
**Monday, January 29**  
**7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Aza Holmes, a high school student with obsessive-compulsive disorder, becomes focused on searching for a fugitive billionaire.



**Dreamland Buring**  
by Jennifer Latham  
**Monday, February 26**  
**7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past.

# For Teens

## Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.720-3286** or on the Library's website at: [www.parkridgelibrary.org](http://www.parkridgelibrary.org)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Cards for Hospitalized Kids

**Fridays**  
**3 – 6:00 p.m.**

*Teen Loft*

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

### Sunday Service Hours | Grades 7 – 12

**Sunday, January 14 AND February 11**  
**3 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Reader Services Desk*

Need a few last-minute service hours? We'll have jobs for five teens. Come to the Reader Services desk to sign up for a spot! *Max: 5*

## Middle and High School

### Mobile Makerspace: DIY Mugs

**Tuesday, January 30**  
**4 – 5:30 p.m.**

*First Floor Meeting Room*

Make a custom mug using our Silhouette Cameo 3. Supplies provided. *Max: 10.*

### Teen Ink Writing Club

**Tuesday, January 16 AND February 6**  
**7 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Third Floor Meeting Room*

Join other teen writers as we experiment with new techniques and prompts that will inspire your creative writing process. *Max: 15.*

### Teen Music Circle: Grammy Awards 2018

**Thursday, January 18**  
**7 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Third Floor Meeting Room*

Join us for a discussion and listening of this year's Grammy Award nominees. *Max: 15.*

### Teen Board Game Night

**Wednesday, January 31 AND February 28**  
**7 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Third Floor Meeting Room*

Get ready to game! No need to know the rules in advance. *Max 10.*

## Middle School Only

**Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition**  
**Tuesday, January 25 AND February 22**  
**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

*Third Floor Meeting Room*

Stop in for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books. *Max: 20.*

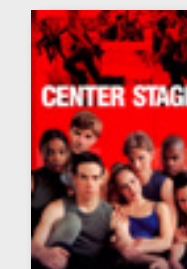


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## Teen Movie Series

*First Floor Meeting Room. Max: 20*



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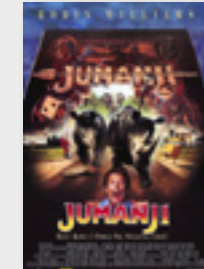
Feature Film:

**Center Stage**

[PG-13, 115 min.]

**Monday, January 22**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

A dozen adolescents have begun their training at the renowned American Ballet Academy, where they encounter physical and mental stress while vying for a coveted spot in a celebrated dance company.



### February

Feature Film:

**Jumanji (1995)**

[PG, 105 min.]

**Monday, February 12**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

While exploring an old mansion, two kids find a curious, jungle-themed game called Jumanji in the attic and release a man who's been stuck in the game's inner world for decades.



Programs - For children and their caregivers

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Drop-In Storytimes

**Mondays**

**Teddy Bear Time**  
12 – 24 months with adult  
January 8 – February 19  
9:30 – 10:05 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Tuesdays**

**Storytime for 2s with adult**  
January 9 – February 20  
9:30 – 9:50 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Storytime for 3s with adult**  
January 9 – February 20  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Wednesdays**

**Storytime for 2s with adult**  
January 10 – February 21  
9:30 – 9:50 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Storytime for 3s with adult**  
January 10 – February 21  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Pajama Storytime All Ages with adult**  
January 24 & February 28  
7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Thursdays**

**Baby Bounce**  
0 – 12 months with adult  
January 11 – February 22  
9:15 – 9:45 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*  
*Doors open at 9 a.m.*

**Storytime for 4s & 5s**  
January 11 – February 22  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.  
*No adults or siblings please.*

**Teddy Bear Time**  
January 11 – February 22  
12 – 24 months with adult  
11 – 11:35 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Saturdays**

**2nd Saturday Family Storytime & Craft**  
January 13 AND February 10  
10 – 10:45 a.m.

**Smitten with Reading**

**Winter Reading Club**

Birth – Grade 6

January 2 – February 28

This winter, warm up with a good book! Decorate a mitten when you sign up. Every child who completes their reading goal will win a prize book! *Prize books are generously sponsored by Friends of the Library.*



*Read more about the Children's Winter Reading Club on page 4.*

**Early Childhood Programs**

*With a parent or adult caregiver.*

**Busy Bees Playgroup | Birth – 4 with adult**  
Tuesday, January 9 – February 20  
11 – 11:35 a.m.

Join us for a story, a song, and lots of playtime. *Siblings welcome. Drop in.*

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

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

**Monday, January 15**

10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m.

*Registration begins Saturday, January 6.*

**Monday, February 19**

10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m.

*Registration begins Saturday, February 3.*

**STEAM Starts | Ages 2 – 6**

Friday, January 12, January 26 AND February 2  
10 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us in the Children's Department for self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and, of course, reading! *Drop in.*

**Little Picassos | 2 – 5 years with adult**  
Friday, January 19

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for an art project geared for little learners. *Limit: one class. Registration begins Saturday, December 30. Max: 15.*

**Little Einsteins | 2 – 5 years with adult**  
Friday, February 2

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a science project geared for little learners. *Limit: one class. Registration begins Saturday, January 13. Max: 15.*

**School Age Programs**

**LEGO Club | Ages 4 and up**  
Wednesday, January 31 AND February 21  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

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

**Pokemon Club | Grades K – 6**  
Wednesday, January 10 AND February 7  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

Play Pokemon at the Library! Bring your own cards and meet up with fellow Pokemon fans. *Drop in.*

**STEAMagination | Ages 6 – 12**  
Friday, January 12, January 26 AND February 16  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

We'll provide the materials, you provide the curiosity in this self-guided exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) concepts. *Drop in.*

**Brickton Art Center Classes\* | Grades 2 – 6**  
Come to the Library for these special monthly art classes taught by Brickton Art Center instructors. *Max: 18.*

**Wednesday, January 17 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.**  
*Registration begins Saturday, January 6.*

**Wednesday, February 14 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.**  
*Registration begins Saturday, January 27.*

**Books Bites | Grades 4 – 6**  
Tuesday, January 23 AND February 20  
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come talk about what you're reading, get great book recommendations, and chow down on some pizza. *Registration for these programs begin Saturday, January 6. Max: 15.*

**Family Book Discussion: The War That Saved My Life | Grades 4-8 with one or more adults**  
Wednesday, February 21  
7 – 7:45 p.m.

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read this book together and share their experiences. *Register now and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Services Desk. Max: 15 kids with adults.*

**Library Breakout | Grades 5-8**  
Friday, February 2  
5:30 – 7 :00 p.m.

Do you like to find clues, solve puzzles, and race against the clock? Join us after hours at the Library on an exciting mission! Try to solve the mystery and unlock the box before time runs out! *Registration begins January 6. Max: 20*

**All Ages**

**Crafternoons**  
Friday, January 19 AND February 9  
4 – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a craft in the Children's Department! *Drop in anytime between 4 & 5:00 p.m.*

**Family Mobile Makerspace Drop-In**  
Saturday, January 27 AND February 24  
10 – 11:30 a.m.

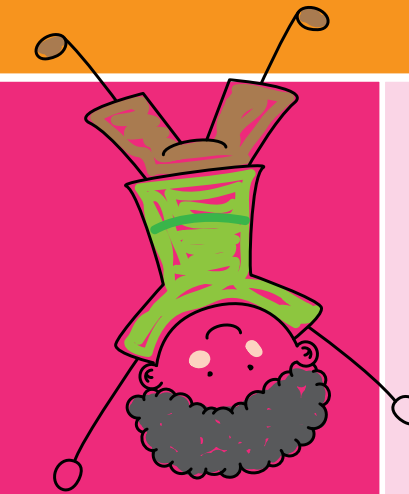
Families are invited to stop by during our drop-in sessions to explore our Mobile Makerspace and engage in fun and exciting STEAM activities. Activities may include experimenting with robots, Snap Circuits, K'NEX Model Building Set, Squishy Circuits, and more fun stuff to explore and make. This program is designed for kids ages 4 - 12 and their families (siblings welcome). *Drop in.*

**Picture Bingo**  
Wednesday, January 3  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

School's out, so join us for picture bingo! Learn new words and earn golden tickets for each bingo you receive! Golden tickets will be redeemable for a small prize. *Drop in.*



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**Saturday, January 20**  
10:00 a.m. – noon  
**— free admission —**

Representatives from more than thirty organizations will assist you in choosing the best setting for your child. Parents can learn about local preschools and daycares, as well as educational opportunities at enrichment programs in our area. *The first 100 families will receive a book and a reusable bag! Books provided by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.*



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Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.

### *Library Closed:*

December 31, January 1 and

February 23 – Staff Development Day

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