

PRPL  
2018 **BOOK  
MADNESS**

*Adults*

Teens

Grades 4-5

**YOU DECIDE!**

**WHO  
WILL  
WIN?**



Read About...  
**Classic Film Series 2018**

MARCH | APRIL 2018  
[parkridgelibrary.org](http://parkridgelibrary.org)

## PRPL 2018 **BOOK MADNESS**

Join us in a literary version of “March Madness” for adults, teens and kids grades 4–5.

Patterned after the NCAA Basketball Tournament, “**Book Madness**” places popular books in competitive brackets. Fill out a bracket for a chance to win prizes. Every correct prediction earns you points. Brackets are available at the service desks or online at: [www.parkridgelibrary.org](http://www.parkridgelibrary.org)

Patrons **vote weekly** online or in the library to move their favorite books forward and choose the tournament winner. *You don't need to read all the books to participate.*

Turn in **completed brackets in person by March 11** to be eligible to win a prize.

### 2018 **BOOK MADNESS**

#### Adults

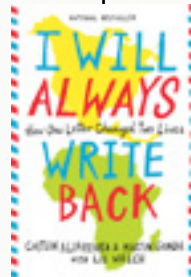
- Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly
- Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
- Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
- The Girl Before* by J.P. Delaney
- Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch
- The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware
- Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult
- The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See
- Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
- Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
- A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett
- Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolu Mbue



#### Teens:

#### Rebecca Caudill Edition

- Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
- Drowned City* by Don Brown
- Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova
- Hour of the Bees* by Lindsay Eagar
- I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka, Martin Ganda and Liz Welch
- Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton
- House Arrest* by K.A. Holt
- Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- Listen, Slowly* by Thanhha Lai
- The Boy on the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson
- A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- I Am Princess X* by Cherie Priest
- Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar
- Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt
- Beneath* by Roland Smith
- Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead



#### Kids Grades 4–5

See page 11 for details.



# EALING STUDIOS



## THE EALING COMEDIES

Park Ridge Public Library Assistant Circulation Manager, Matthew C. Hoffman, hosts the tenth Classic Film Series this March through mid-April.\* This year's series leaves the confines of Hollywood cinema and journeys across the pond to explore the golden age of British comedy through the films of Ealing Studios, the oldest continuously working film studio in the world. Though they made films of all genres, including filming of *Downton Abbey* scenes, we will be highlighting the comedies from the late 1940s through the mid-1950s. The humor in these films ranges from the subtle and delicate to the downright bizarre.

Ealing Studios had an abundance of talent both in front of and behind the camera. Producer Sir Michael Balcon's films often vividly depict post-war London, typically showing the triumph of the underdog with stories that were predominantly character-driven. They are engaging, witty, and evocative of time and place, as well as providing a fair share of satire and social commentary. Four of the films in our program were shot by the cinematographer Douglas Slocombe, who later worked on the *Indiana Jones* films.

Comedy genius Peter Sellers made an appearance in the heist film *The Ladykillers*—later remade in 2004 with Tom Hanks. But the one actor that is most associated with Ealing at this time is Sir Alec Guinness—best known to us as Obi-Wan Kenobi from the *Star Wars* films. Before becoming a Jedi Knight, Guinness was one of the most diversified and distinguished actors in the business. He appears in five of our six films, playing a timid bank clerk in *The Lavender Hill Mob*, an inventor in *The Man in the White Suit*, and the rather creepy “Professor” in *The Ladykillers*. In the black comedy *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, he portrayed eight characters of a doomed family!

Though decidedly English in tone and manner, the Ealing comedies are nonetheless universal in their appeal. Their influence cannot be underestimated. Any quirky British comedy made today featuring an ensemble cast is often compared to these classics of seventy years ago.

We hope you join us in this series. For more information, please visit: [www.parkridgeclassicfilm.com](http://www.parkridgeclassicfilm.com)



### 2018 FILM LINE-UP: Tenth Classic Film Series • March 1 through April 12 • 7PM

#### MARCH 1

*Whisky Galore!* (1949)

The inhabitants of a Scottish island cannot resist the temptation of 50,000 cases of stranded whisky when a captain stands in their way.

#### MARCH 7 (Wednesday Night Screening)

*A Run for Your Money* (1949)

Brothers from a Welsh village take their first trip to London to collect a prize and meet a con artist.

#### MARCH 22

*Kind Hearts and Coronets* (1949)

A relative of the Duke of D'Ascoyne plots to gain the title by murdering the eight other heirs.

#### MARCH 29

*The Man in the White Suit* (1951)

A chemist invents a fabric that resists wear but both big business and labor realize it must be suppressed for economic reasons.

#### APRIL 5

*The Lavender Hill Mob* (1951)

A bank clerk joins an eccentric neighbor to steal gold bars and smuggle them out of the country.

#### APRIL 12

*The Ladykillers* (1955)

Five oddball criminals planning a bank robbery rent rooms under the pretext they are classical musicians.

\*The film series has been abbreviated due to library renovations in 2018.



During the week of April 16, our consortium (CCS) will be transitioning to a new library catalog. You'll see a new look as you search for library materials and will discover new features that will improve your library experience.

### You will be able to:

- Seamlessly use the new catalog on your phone, tablet or computer.
- Create an easy to remember username to log into the library catalog.
- Have new materials automatically renewed three days before they are due and receive an email notification with the new due date or a reminder if they are not renewable.
- Select your notification preference, including email, text or automated calls.
- Choose your preferred pickup location from any of the 29 participating libraries.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

*We apologize in advance for downtime during the transition and ask for your patience and cooperation.*

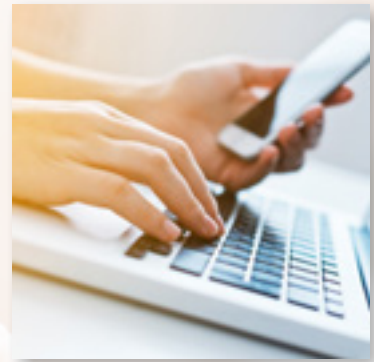
### April 9 - 20

- As we transition, no new releases be added to the catalog after April 8.
- After the transition, new materials will be entered into the system as quickly as possible.

### Before April 12

- Place your holds before the transition.
- If you previously opted in to save your checkout history or reading lists, download or print them by this date. *You can link to instructions on the website.*
- Visit the Circulation desk to make sure your account is up-to-date.

## NEW Library Catalog Coming Week of April 16



### April 14 - 16

- Bring your library card with you to the library! We may not be able to look up your account to check out materials to you.
- Call us to confirm that an item is on the shelf. As we transition from one system to another, results in the online catalog may not be up to date.
- Library staff will not be able to place holds nor will you be able to log into the library catalog to place holds.
- Please refrain from returning materials. We will automatically extend due dates and items will remain on your library card until we are live on the system.

### April 17 & AFTER

- Your library PIN or password will transfer over to the new system in all CAPS. For example, if your PIN is currently mypin1, it will be MYPIN1 in the new catalog.
- Place holds and return your items after this date.
- Remember to change any bookmarks you have to our new catalog.
- Information and tutorials on how to use the new catalog are available at: [catalog.ccslib.org](http://catalog.ccslib.org).
- Stop by for daily demos. Check the website for times.



### Finding your Roots: Who Do You Think You Are?

If you would like to find out more about your ancestry, check out the resources at the Park Ridge Public Library.

**Ancestry Library Edition** — With many of the same features as the advertised home version of Ancestry.com, our **library-accessible only edition** offers two big pluses: no monthly fees and Library staff that can help you get started.

**Library Databases** — We have dozens of databases that you can access through our website including; America's Deaths and Obituaries, *Chicago Tribune*—Historical, Heritage Quest and *New York Times*—Historical. These and others can be found on our website at: [parkridgelibrary.org/databases/genealogy/](http://parkridgelibrary.org/databases/genealogy/)

**D.A.R. Volunteers** — We have genealogists from the D.A.R. [Daughters of the American Revolution] who are here to help you with your questions on the third Thursday of each month between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., September through May. No appointment necessary, just drop in and take advantage of their knowledge.

**Upcoming dates: March 15, April 19 AND May 17.**

### LIBRARY RENOVATION *moving forward*

The Park Ridge Public Library Board of Trustees unanimously approved the \$1.35 million construction portion of the project. Next steps include reviewing options for furniture, fixtures and equipment.

The Board, Studio GC and Library leadership are committed to this renovation and will work to make the process as smooth as possible for our patrons. As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the Library's website.

### Watch for These New Print Magazines

COMING SOON



You can check out all but the current edition of 300 print magazines. And 100+ titles are available in digital format at any time. For a complete list go to: [parkridgelibrary.org/magazines](http://parkridgelibrary.org/magazines)

### Getting to Know...Rachel: Reader Services Librarian

If you have ever needed help in the Media Lab digitizing your VHS videos, slides or audio tapes, chances are that Rachel was there to guide you through the process. Originally from the Pacific Northwest, Rachel has a BA in English Literature from Northern Illinois University and MLIS from Dominican University. She started as a Library Assistant in Circulation in 2001 and moved to Reader Services in 2003, where she currently works part time. She is in charge of collection development for the science fiction & fantasy and paperback collections and along with her coworker, assists more than 60 local book clubs. Recently, she started teaching maker classes using our new Silhouette Cameo 3.

#### What is your favorite thing about working at the library?

I get amazing book recommendations from patrons and coworkers. Every day I work I end up adding another book to my "to read" list. It's a huge list.

#### Who is your hero? Why?

My mom. Her persistence, curiosity, and creativity. She's a dreamer. She's an amazing friend.

#### What is your proudest accomplishment?

Getting a Master of Library and Information Science degree.

#### What is your favorite book/author?

I can't pick just one. It depends on my mood. I like psychological suspense/horror, crime, hard science fiction, post-apocalyptic stories, and retold fairy tales. A few of my favorite authors are Hannah Tinti, Dan Chaon, Ruth Rendell, Dan Simmons, and Neal Stephenson. A couple of my favorite books include *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel and *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell.

#### How would your friends describe you?

That I always try to look for the best in people. I am diplomatic and easy going. Also, that I don't like to talk about myself.

#### What are your hobbies?

Reading. Gaming. I enjoy playing board games, card games, and video games. My favorite card games right now are Boss Monster and Bears vs Babies.

#### List something that no one knows about you.

I attended the University of Iowa for over three years before finishing up at Northern Illinois University. I also take Kung Fu lessons.





## Programs

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



### Concert: Singer-Songwriter Kacie Swierk\*

**Sunday, March 11 • 1:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a concert of folk, roots, and blues from young singer-songwriter Kacie Swierk. Kacie brings her guitar and her original songs from last year's self-produced album, *This is Water*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register.

### Concert: PRCO Student Scholarship Winner\*

**Sunday, April 8 • 1:00 p.m.**

Come celebrate the 2018 Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Student Scholarship winner at her first Library recital. This promising student will perform some of her classical showpieces that earned her this honor. Register.

### From Chicago to Vietnam: A Memoir of War\* Tuesday, March 6 • 7:00 p.m.

Chicago native and Army veteran Michael Duffy recounts his experiences on his one-year tour in Vietnam, including the action during the 1968 Tet Offensive. Copies of his memoir will be available for purchase. Register.

### Friday Morning Coffee Club: Power of Good Friday, March 16 • 10:00 a.m.

About to leave for a skiing holiday, a young London stockbroker instead organizes a rescue effort to bring 669 refugee children to safety in Britain just before the outbreak of WWII. He tells no one, until in 1988 his wife discovers a scrapbook in their attic. Register.

### Medicare 101

**Tuesday, March 20 • 2:00 p.m.**

Enrolling in Medicare? Bruce Mancherian of Mutual of Omaha will explain in detail Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug coverage. Register.

### Filing for Social Security: Flexibility for Your Retirement Income

**Tuesday, March 27 • 7:00 p.m.**

Mike Heatwole of Waddell & Reed will teach you how to optimize your benefits for retirement. Workbooks will be provided to each attendee. Register.

### The Women of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League: Play Ball!\*

**Thursday, April 19 • 7:00 p.m.**

On the 75th anniversary of the AAGPBL, celebrate the women who picked up the bat and glove to keep America's favorite pastime alive during WWII. Historian Bob Kann wrote a biography on one of the league's best players. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register.

### Friday Morning Coffee Club: Brooklyn Bridge Friday, April 20 • 10 a.m.

This documentary examines the great problems and ingenious solutions that marked the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, tracing the bridge's transformation from a spectacular feat of heroic engineering to an honored symbol in American culture. Register.

### Documentary Film: Wasted!

**Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Do you know what happens to the food you throw away? Celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain makes his case for transforming food scraps into delicious new meals in this 2017 documentary. Co-sponsored by Go Green Park Ridge. Drop in.

### Low Vision Group Meetings

**Fridays, March 23 AND April 27 • 10:30 a.m.**

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

## Money Smart Week



### Preparing Your Home For Sale Wednesday, April 25 • 2:00 p.m.

Are you putting your home on the market? Join realtor Jay Crowley to learn how best to present your property for a quick and profitable sale. Register.

### Better Credit Right Now!

**Thursday, April 26 • 7:00 p.m.**

Alarmed by the Equifax breach? Jose Toledo of PNC Bank will detail why good credit is important, including how to analyze your credit report and build or improve your credit history. Register.



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

**Monday, March 26 • 7:00 p.m.**

**This month's theme is: Healthy Fare**

Registration begins March 5 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.

### Featured Programs: Join the Club!

These programs meet on a regular basis. Join anytime!

### Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

**Thursday, March 8 AND**

**Tuesday, April 3 • 7:00 p.m.**

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

### Tabletop Game Night

**Thursday, March 15 • 6:30 p.m.**

Love Catan and Ticket to Ride? Join your friends and neighbors as we break out these games and more. Have a laugh, learn something new, and meet other gamers. **For adults only.** Games sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.

### Chair Yoga\*

**Wednesday, March 28 AND**

**Tuesday, April 17 • 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.

## Book Discussion Groups

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

### Thursday Morning Book Discussion

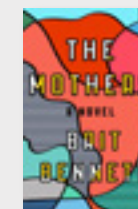


#### The Wonder

by Emma Donoghue

**Thursday, March 8 AND 22  
10:00 a.m.**

An English nurse is brought to a small Irish village to observe what appears to be a miracle—a girl said to have survived without food for months.

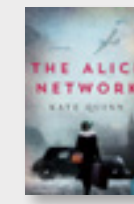


#### The Mothers

by Brit Bennett

**Thursdays, April 12 AND 26  
10:00 a.m.**

Nadia Turner is mourning her mother's recent suicide when she takes up with the local pastor's son. Together with their tight-knit community, the teens learn about love, family, and the things that outlast their youth.



#### The Alice Network

by Kate Quinn

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

Two women's lives are intertwined—one a spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and the other an American socialite searching for her cousin—in a mesmerizing story of courage.



#### When the English Fall

by David Williams

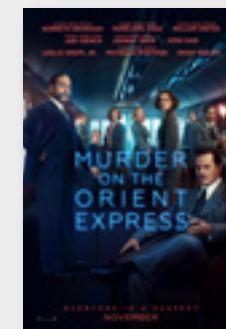
**Wednesday, April 11  
7:00 p.m.**

As events unfold outside of Jacob's Amish community, he becomes witness to his English neighbors' unraveling. He and his family must decide what course of action they will take, and what assistance they will provide.

## 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.



### March

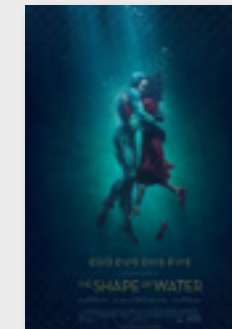
Feature Film:

**Murder on the Orient Express**

[PG-13, 114 min.]

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

Which passenger of the Orient Express is a murderer? One man must race against time to solve the puzzle before he or she strikes again. Starring Johnny Depp and Daisy Ridley.



### April

Feature Film:

**The Shape of Water**

[R, 123 min.]

**Tuesday, April 10  
1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

In a government laboratory in 1962, Elisa lives a life of isolation. Everything is changed when she and co-worker Zelda discover a secret classified experiment. Starring Sally Hawkins and Octavia Spencer.

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Brackets due March 11.  
See page 2 for details.

### Wednesday Evening Book Discussion

### Non-Fiction Book Discussion



#### Zealot

by Reza Aslan

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

An examination of Jesus through the lens of the tumultuous era in which he lived: first-century Palestine, an age awash in apocalyptic fervor.



#### Give Us the Ballot

by Ari Berman

**Friday, April 6  
10:00 a.m.**

A narrative history of voting rights since the dramatic passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

## 2018 Classic Film Series

See page 3.



### Travel Films

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.720.3280** or on the Library's website at: [www.parkridgelibrary.org](http://www.parkridgelibrary.org)  
Open to Park Ridge cardholders only.

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

**Converting Home Videos to Digital**  
Wednesday, March 28 • 7:00 p.m. *OR*  
Tuesday, April 24 • 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to convert your VHS videos to DVD.

**Archiving Your Photos, Slides and Negatives**  
Tuesday, March 27 • 2:00 p.m. *OR*  
Wednesday, April 25 • 7:00 p.m.

Digitize old photos, slides and negatives.

**Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records**  
Wednesday, March 28 • 8:00 p.m. *OR*  
Tuesday, April 24 • 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, March 10 *OR* April 14  
9 a.m. – Noon.

One-on-one help to answer questions.

## One-on-One eBook Appointments

**Mondays • 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays • 1:00 p.m.**  
*OR* **Thursdays • 7:00 p.m.**

Learn how to use Overdrive, Axis 360, or Hoopla on your mobile device or eReader. *45 minutes.*

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

**Video Streaming Services and Devices**  
Wednesday, March 21 • 7:00 p.m.

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

## Smart Home Basics

Wednesday, April 18 • 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.

## Resources

**Power Employment Workshop**  
Friday, March 9 *OR* April 13 • 9:30 a.m.

*Third Floor Conference Room*  
Professionals from the Illinois Worknet Center discuss resume and cover letter guidance, job search techniques and interviewing skills. *Free. Registration Required.*

**SCORE Small Business Counseling Session**  
Monday, March 12 *OR* 26

Monday, April 9 *OR* 23 • 6:30 *OR* 7:30 p.m.

*Second Floor Conference Room*  
One-on-one session with a SCORE counselor on all aspects of small business. *Free, by appointment only. Register at: www.score.org/find-mentor*



## Middle and High School

**Teen Ink Writing Club**  
Wednesday, March 7 *AND* April 4  
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 Board Game Night**  
Monday, March 26 *AND* Wednesday, April 25  
7 – 8:30 p.m.

*Third Floor Meeting Room*  
Get ready to game! Explore games such as Exploding Kittens, Codenames, 5 Second Rule, Catan and more! *No need to know the rules in advance. Max 20.*

## Middle School Only

**Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition**  
Tuesday, March 20 *AND* Thursday, April 12  
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.*

**Family Book Discussion: *Out of My Mind***  
Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adult  
Wednesday, April 18  
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.*

**DIY Mini-Gardens | Grades 5 – 8**  
Monday, April 23  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

*First Floor Meeting Room*  
We will provide the supplies to plant your own mini-garden, also known as a terrarium! *Register now. Max: 15.*

## High School Only

**Pizza & Pages: High School Edition**  
Wednesday, March 28 *AND* Monday, April 23  
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.*

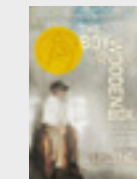
**Interviewing Skills for Teens**  
Sunday, March 18  
1 – 3:00 p.m.

*First Floor Meeting Room*  
Looking for a summer job, after school job, or full-time job after graduation? Learn what to do before, during and after an interview. *Max: 30.*

## Book Discussion Groups

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

### Middle School



***The Boy on the Wooden Box***  
by Leon Leyson  
Thursday, March 22  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Traces the story of Holocaust survivor Leon Leyson, the youngest child in his family and possibly the youngest of the hundreds of Jews rescued by Oskar Schindler.



***My Lady Jane***  
by Cynthia Hand  
Thursday, April 26  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

On the eve of her marriage to a stranger, sixteen-year-old Lady Jane Grey is swept in a conspiracy to usurp the throne from her cousin.

### High School



***American Street***  
by Ibi Zoboi  
Thursday, March 22  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Separated from her mother after moving from Haiti to America, Fabiola struggles to navigate the home of her cousins and a new school on Detroit's gritty west side, where a surprising romance and dangerous proposition challenge her ideas about freedom.



***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue***  
by Mackenzi Lee  
Thursday, April 26  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Two friends on a Grand Tour of 18th-century Europe stumble across a magical artifact that leads them from Paris to Venice in a manhunt shaped by pirates, highwaymen and their growing attraction to one another.

# 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)

### Featured Program

**Teen Book Madness: Rebecca Caudill Edition**

**Voting takes place March 5 – April 8**  
This year's Book Madness Tournament features 16 Rebecca Caudill nominated books from the 2018 list. (See page 2.)

Fill out a bracket sheet by March 11 to win one of three prizes. Be sure to cast your vote weekly for your favorite titles as they go head-to-head. Voting will take place in the Library and online.

**Visit our website for more information.**



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### 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 6 – 12**  
Sunday, March 11 *AND* April 8  
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.*

**Readers and Leaders | High School Students**  
Monday, April 9  
5:45 – 7:30 p.m. *AND*  
Monday, April 16, 23, 30  
6 – 7:30 p.m.

*First Floor Meeting Room*  
A unique opportunity for **high school students** wishing to gain experience working with children. Readers and Leaders is a one-on-one program that partners students with preschool children for activities that encourage early literacy. *You must be able to attend all four sessions. There will be a brief training session on the first night.*





Programs - For children and their caregivers

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.825.4527** or on the Library's website at: [www.parkridgelibrary.org](http://www.parkridgelibrary.org)  
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Drop-In Storytimes

**Mondays**

**Teddy Bear Time**  
12 – 24 months with adult  
March 12 – April 24  
9:30 – 10:05 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Tuesdays**

**Storytime for 2s with adult**  
March 13 – April 24  
9:30 – 9:50 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Storytime for 3s with adult**  
March 13 – April 24  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Wednesdays**

**Storytime for 2s with adult**  
March 14 – April 25  
9:30 – 9:50 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Storytime for 3s with adult**  
March 14 – April 25  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Pajama Storytime All Ages with adult**  
March 21 AND April 25  
7 – 7:30 p.m.  
Wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed friend for a cozy bedtime storytime!

**Thursdays**

**Baby Bounce**  
Birth – 12 months with adult  
March 15 – April 26  
9:15 – 9:45 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*  
*Doors open at 9 a.m.*

**Storytime for 4s & 5s**  
March 15 – April 26  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.  
*No adults or siblings please.*

**Teddy Bear Time**  
12 – 24 months with adult  
March 15 – April 26  
11 – 11:35 a.m. *Siblings welcome.*

**Saturdays**

**2nd Saturday Family Storytime & Craft**  
March 10 AND April 14  
10 – 10:45 a.m.

**Early Childhood Programs**

*With a parent or adult caregiver.*

**Busy Bees Playgroup | Birth – 4 with adult**  
Tuesdays, March 13 – April 24  
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, March 19**  
10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m.  
*Registration begins Saturday, March 10.*

**Monday, April 16**  
10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m.  
*Registration begins Saturday, April 7.*

**Little Picassos | 2 – 5 years with adult**  
Friday, March 23  
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, March 3. Max: 15.*

**Little Einsteins | 2 – 5 years with adult**  
Friday, April 27  
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, April 7. Max: 15.*

**STEAM Starts | Ages 2 – 6 with adult**  
Friday, March 2, 16 AND April 6, 20  
10 – 11:00 a.m.  
Join us in the Children's Department for self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and reading! *Drop in.*

**Readers & Leaders | 3 – 6 years**  
Monday, April 9, 16, 23 AND 30  
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.  
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. *Please make every effort to be available for all four sessions. Registration begins Saturday, March 17. Max: 24.*  
*This program is made possible by the Friends of the Library and Chicago Software Ventures, Inc.*



**School Age Programs**

**LEGO Club | Ages 4 and up**  
Wednesday, March 21 AND April 18  
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.*

**Pokémon Club | Grades K – 6**  
Wednesday, March 7 AND April 11  
4 – 4:45 p.m.  
Play Pokémon at the Library! Bring your own cards and meet up with fellow Pokemon fans. *Drop in.*

**Thrilling Thursdays: Monster Mash**  
Grades K – 3  
Thursday, March 22  
4 – 4:45 p.m.  
Join us for a monstrosly good time as we create abominable artwork and a dreadful dish. *Please note: a nut-free snack will be served at this program. A full ingredient list is available at the Children's Services desk. Registration begins Saturday, March 3. Max: 24.*

**Thrilling Thursdays: High Flying Fun**  
Grades K – 3  
Thursday, April 26  
4 – 4:45 p.m.  
Explore the science of flight, make your own kite and more! *Registration begins Saturday, April 7. Max: 24.*

**STEAMagination | Ages 6 – 12**  
Friday, March 2, 16 AND April 6, 20  
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.*

**Thursday, March 15 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.**  
*Registration begins Saturday, March 3.*

**Thursday, April 19 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.**  
*Registration begins Saturday, April 7.*

**Maker Mondays: Pom-Pom Workshop**  
Grades 3 – 6  
Monday, March 12  
4 – 4:45 p.m.  
Create colorful pom poms to decorate your space! *Registration begins Saturday, March 3. Max: 12.*

**Books Bites | Grades 4 – 6**  
Tuesday, March 13 AND April 10  
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, March 3. Max: 15.*

**Family Book Discussion: Out of My Mind**  
Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adult  
Wednesday, April 18  
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.*

**DIY Mini-Gardens | Grades 5 – 8**  
Monday, April 23  
4 – 4:45 p.m.  
We will provide the supplies to plant your own mini-garden, also known as a terrarium! *Register now. Max: 15.*

**All Ages**

**Crafternoods**  
Friday, March 9 AND April 13  
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**  
Saturdays, March 17 AND April 28  
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*

**Movie Day! Coco**  
Monday, March 26  
2 – 3:50 p.m.  
School's out so join us for a movie in the Library! *PG, 109 min. Drop in.*

**For Teachers**

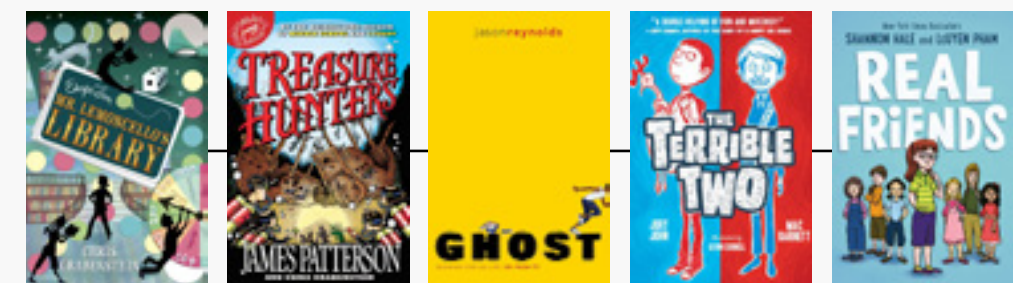
**Flannel Board Fun**  
Wednesday, March 14  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Preschool and elementary teachers are invited to attend our annual Flannel Board Fun program. Learn how to make fun and engaging stories for your classroom out of felt. *Registration begins Saturday, February 24. Max: 30.*

Featured Events & Programs



**Kids Grades 4–5**

*The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer  
*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein  
*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate  
*Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog* by Tom Watson  
*Treasure Hunters* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein  
*The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier  
*The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm  
*Rain Reign* by Ann Martin  
*El Deafo* by Cece Bell  
*The Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*The War the Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley



**Book Madness**

**Grades 4 – 5**  
**Voting takes place March 5 – April 15**  
Be a part of the **Book Madness Tournament!** Fill out a bracket sheet by March 11 to be eligible to win one of three prizes. Be sure to cast your vote weekly for your favorite titles as they go head-to-head. Voting will take place in the Library and online.  
**Visit our website for more information.**

*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson  
*Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertram  
*Masterminds* by Gordon Korman  
*The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John  
*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar  
*Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova  
*I Survived the Great Chicago Fire* by Lauren Tarshis  
*Beneath* by Roland Smith  
*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker  
*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown  
*Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey  
*Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke  
*Real Friends* by Shannon Hale  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*The Getaway* by Jeff Kinney

**Growing Book by Book**

**Ages Birth – K | Year-Round**  
Part of the nationwide 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative, **Growing Book by Book** encourages parents and caregivers to nurture a lifelong love of books by reading aloud to their little ones each day. *Sign up and receive a free growth chart and tote bag! This program is made possible by a donation from Harold Schefdore.*



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

**Library Closed:**  
Sunday, April 1

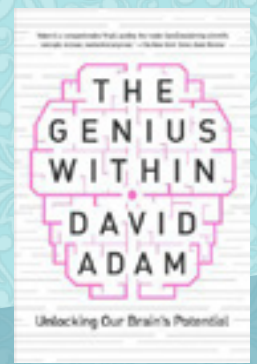
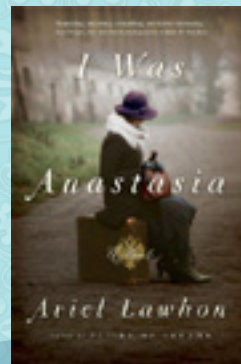
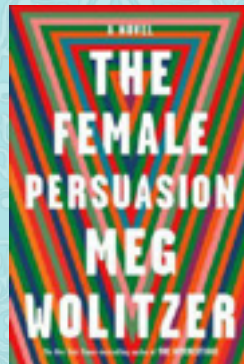
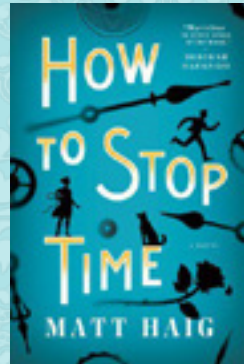
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