



*Giving takes many forms. As a community,
we give time. We give support. We give money.
We give thanks. We give because we believe.*

What's inside...

Message from Library Director
Renovation 2018
Try Before You Buy



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



“BELIEVE. SHARE.
INSPIRE.”

Hal Schefdore loved cinema. He never missed a classic film showing in Park Ridge, nor an opportunity to discuss his favorite art form. After his wife passed away, it was even more important for Hal to have a community with which to share his passion. So, he walked to the Library daily, rain or shine, to discuss films and scores, recommend titles, borrow DVDs and even loan movies from his personal collection. Hal gave his time and support to what he loved and believed in, and he shared it at the Library.

When Hal passed away in 2013, he honored the Library with a very generous gift. The Harold Schefdore Gift Fund currently sustains community history and early literacy initiatives. In addition, the Board of Trustees recently approved using this endowment to enhance the Library's current renovation project. Hal left his mark on the local film community, and now he also leaves a lasting legacy on a community institution that supported what he loved.

Hal's passion and generosity inspires us to continue this chain reaction: make the time for what you believe in, share it and inspire others to do the same. At the Library, we believe that community, film, music, stories, information, education and more have the power to transform lives. **What do you believe? How can we help?**

Heidi Smith – Library Director
librarydirector@prpl.org



Park Ridge is a community that shows its passion by giving back both financially and through volunteering. In this issue we share the stories of a few of the many individuals who, by sharing what they believe in, help make Park Ridge a strong, vibrant community.



The Sitkiewicz family
A resident of Park Ridge for nearly five decades before succumbing to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), Marion Sitkiewicz loved adventure and learning. When not travelling to far-flung locations with her husband, Don, a former Park Ridge alderman, Marion was always finding new ways to fuel her passion for life-long learning.

To celebrate Marion's memory, her family created "Marion's Mark." The four-part outreach program focuses on learning, growing, sharing and creating by donating resources to the Library for activities they knew she would have enjoyed sharing with others.

Marion's Mark will fund: the expansion of the Library's existing "Reading to the Dogs" program, giving new young readers confidence by practicing reading out loud to therapy dogs; a series of cultural exchange programs; and monthly art classes where patrons can experiment with new crafts. The program will also provide "Little Free Libraries" at various locations around Park Ridge. These neighborhood book exchanges—"take a book, return a book"—support a vision of a world where neighbors know each other by name, and everyone has access to books.

And, when renovation of the Library is complete, patrons can enjoy the fireplace, funded by Marion's Mark, in the Library's Quiet Reading Room.

If you want to learn more about how your financial support of the Library can have a lasting impact on your community, reach out to Heidi Smith at 847-720-3203.

Lauren Rapisand

Park Ridge Public Library Board Trustee

When Lauren Rapisand and her husband adopted their son, Maxwell, she quit her full-time corporate job and became a stay-at-home mom. When the first several months at home with a newborn made her feel isolated and lonely, she started attending the baby storytimes at the Library. Lauren jokes that the storytimes were more for her than for her son, since they helped her to build a network of other parents and gave her a sense of belonging and a safe space in town where she knew she was always welcome.

"It's for this reason that I wanted to serve on the Library Board. I wanted to give back even a portion of what they gave me three years ago," said Lauren. "Our Library works because of the dedication of its staff, volunteers and patrons. I always see a friendly face at the Park Ridge Public Library, whether it's staff or a member of our community; it was an easy choice on how I wanted to donate my time and energy. Giving back is not only good for others, it's good for the soul. I hope you all find a cause or a community institution that you can give back to as it not only helps your fellow citizens, but you'll feel good doing it too."



Denise Reeder

Friends of the Library volunteer and current Friends board member

Denise Reeder, a librarian at Lincoln Middle School, wanted the best possible library for her school—more than her budget allowed. Her assistant recommended that she contact the Friends of the Library, an organization that raises funds to enhance Library offerings. The Friends also support schools by providing educators with books, donated by community members, from their book sales.

Partnering with the Friends helped Denise build her school's Library and more—it allowed her to give back for the generosity that the Friends show teachers. Denise says that being a Friend is one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences she has had. She adds,

"Libraries are magical places, full of opportunity and hope."



Do you want to engage with your community? The Library offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. For more information, call the Volunteer Coordinator at 847-720-3285, or email volunteer@prpl.org.

Giving Opportunities at the Library



Cozy Comforts Drive

November 23 – Sunday, December 23

We will be collecting new hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to be donated to WINGS, a local organization helping people in need. Children's items can be taken to the Children's Department, and adult items to Reader Services.

Harbour Gift Card Drive

November 23 – Sunday, December 23

Donate gift cards of any amount to The Harbour, a nonprofit organization providing shelter and counseling to homeless and neglected teens. Gift cards can be dropped off in the Children's Department.

Toys for Tots

November 19 - December 7.

While the Library isn't a drop-off location during construction, we urge our patrons to participate in the annual Toys for Tots campaign. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Administration Department at City Hall or to the Park Ridge Police Department.

Holiday Food Drive

Mid-November through December

The Park Ridge Human Needs Task Force will host its annual City-wide, non-perishable food drive. All food will be donated to the Maine Township Food Pantry. Look for donation bins throughout the City.

MEET THE TEAM

Jodi Bemis Whitney



Administrative Assistant

As Administrative Assistant to the Library Director for the past 17 years, Jodi is part of the team that supports the smooth functioning of the Library. With a BS in Management from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Jodi worked in a law firm library and in the fifth largest marketing/promotions agency in America prior to coming to Park Ridge Public Library.

Jodi also believes in “giving.” She has been active as a leader in Boy Scouts for 19 years (including four years in Cub Scouts) and is a Troop committee member. She enjoys working on numerous Eagle and volunteer projects, as well as community events. She’s also an animal lover and strong advocate for animal adoption.

What is your favorite thing about working at the Library?

Every day is different because the people visiting the Library are all individuals and therefore seeking different things. I get to work with talented, dedicated, caring professionals and as an added bonus, I often get to interact with the public and assist them with inquiries.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Being a member of the Order of the Arrow—The Boy Scouts’ National Honor Society—and to stand as a member along with my son. I am honored to work alongside adults who are committed to the development of skilled, community and service-minded youth. My fondest memories are of Scout meetings, campouts, trips taken with my son, and being an active participant in his teen years during his journey toward Eagle Scout and adulthood.

What is your favorite book/author?

My all-time favorite books are the *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling, followed by the Elizabeth I mystery series by Karen Harper.

How would your friends describe you?

Devoted Mom, animal advocate (“adopt, don’t shop!”—but I prefer behind-the-scenes “activism”), dedicated pet parent, active Scouter and loyal friend.

What is your ideal vacation?

This changes as I get older. It used to be camping...or traveling. Now I’m really happy just hanging out with my rescue dogs and family, attending youth sports games or working in the garden.



Renovation Update – Phase 3

We are now well into the final phase of construction. While the renovated second floor has been completed, it is also the temporary home of the Children’s department and Circulation. We are excited about the end result!

What You Can Expect During Phase 3 – October to Late 2018

- The entire first floor is closed—during this time the Library entrance is off of Touhy.
- Circulation is near the second floor entrance.
- The Children’s Department is located in the Quiet Reading Room and parts of that collection have been placed in storage to accommodate the smaller space.
- New columns will be installed at the Prospect Ave. entrance.
- Seating will be limited.
- The new Media Lab will continue to house public computers.
- The Media Lab equipment, typewriter, low-vision equipment and microfilm viewer are not available.



New!

Curbside Pickup for Holds

As an added convenience, we can deliver your holds curbside. We have two reserved spots in front of the Library (*on Prospect across from the Pickwick*). After you place your holds online or by phone, it’s as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Wait for notification that your holds are ready.
2. Park in one of the two designated spots.
3. Call us at 847-720-3275 with your name, library card number and which spot you are in. We’ll deliver your books to you! We also have one spot for 15-minute parking to run in and get your books.



Programs

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

AS THE LIBRARY RENOVATION CONTINUES THIS FALL WE WILL BE HOLDING PROGRAMS OFFSITE.

Please make note of the locations and the registration requirements and be sure to join us about town!

Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

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

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

Park Ridge Community Church
100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge

Tabletop Game Nights

Join your friends and neighbors as we break out your favorite games. Have a laugh and learn something new! For adults only. *Games sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.*

Thursdays, November 15 &

December 13 | 6:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION: *Beer on the Wall*
106 Main St, Park Ridge



Library Pub Quiz

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

Tuesday, November 27 | 6:30 p.m.

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



Chair Yoga*

Joan McGee of Sun and Moon Yoga offers the perfect mid-afternoon break. Stretch and breathe your way to renewed energy in this gentle yoga class. No experience necessary. *Seating limited to 50. Register.*

Wednesdays, November 28 &

December 19 | 2:00 p.m.

Park Ridge Public Works Center
400 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge

Concert: The Canterbury Carollers*

Enjoy a concert of Christmas carols from a real Victorian caroling ensemble! These singers come in period attire and perform traditional English carols, all written before 1870. *Register.*



Tuesday, December 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Park Ridge Community Church
100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge

Illinois Bicentennial

On December 3, 2018 the great state of Illinois turns 200. During the month, join us in the Great Hall at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Avenue in Park Ridge to take a look back and celebrate. All ages are welcome!



Happy Illinois Bicentennial Birthday Bash*

It's a party for the 200th birthday of the state of Illinois! Terry Lynch of HFK Presents will discuss our state's early years, historical happenings and famous residents, all wrapped in fun trivia. *Register.*

Wednesday, December 12 | 2:00 p.m.

From Obscurity to Greatness:

Illinois and Lincoln, 1830-1861*

Meet Abe Lincoln himself (also known as Kevin Wood) and hear him speak of his home state as it rose to greatness along with him during the defining decades of the mid-19th century. *Register.*

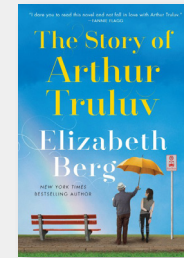
Tuesday, December 18 | 7:00 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

Thursday Morning Group

The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg



Arthur, a widower, meets Maddy, a sullen teenager, in the cemetery where his wife is buried. Against all odds, they strike up a life-affirming friendship.

Thursdays, November 1 or 15 | 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Group

The Bear and the Nightingale

by Katherine Arden



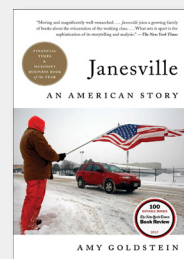
Vasya has grown up on her father's rural Russian estate, befriendng the spirits of the natural world. When her pious stepmother tries to force the villagers to forsake the old ways, she sets in motion a tragedy that only Vasya can avert.

Wednesday, November 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Nonfiction Group

Janesville: An American Story

by Amy Goldstein



An intimate account of the fallout from the closing of a General Motors assembly plant in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Friday, November 2 | 11:15 a.m.



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.825.3286** or online at: **www.parkridgelibrary.org**. All volunteer opportunities are located in the Teen Loft.

YOUR NEW TEEN LOFT IS OPEN!

It features a contemporary design with vibrant colors, comfortable seating and more access to power. Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held in the newly designed space. Join us!



TEEN DEPARTMENT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Help make handmade cards that will bring a smile to the face of a hospitalized child.

Service hours available. Drop in.

Fridays | 3 – 6:00 p.m.

DIY Animal Shelter Toys

Join us while we make cat wands, dog tug toys, and no-sew beds for animals at a shelter.

Service hours available. Max: 5.

Tuesday, November 13 | 4 – 5:00 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

Decorate the Loft for the winter season!

Service hours available. Max: 10.

Monday, November 26 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Project Linus

Make fleece tie blankets for Project Linus, an organization that donates blankets to children in need. No sewing involved.

Service hours available. Max: 5.

Wednesday, December 5 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

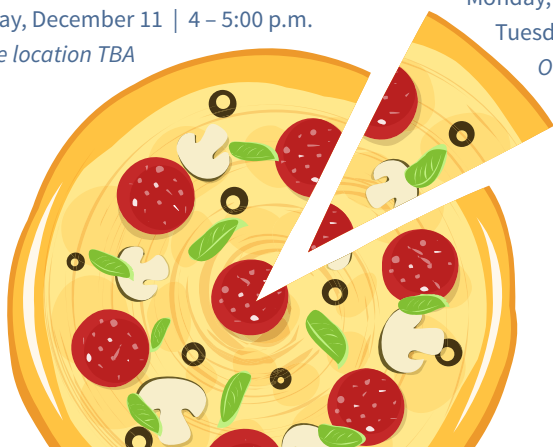
Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition

Join us for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books. *Max: 10.*

Thursday, November 8 &

Tuesday, December 11 | 4 – 5:00 p.m.

Off-site location TBA



TEEN MOVIE

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

We will meet in the Teen Loft and walk over to the Pickwick Theatre together. Movie tickets provided! *Max: 20.*

Tuesday, November 20 | Matinee Time TBA

Family Book Discussion

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adult

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read this book together and share their experiences. Pizza will be served. Visit the Children's Services Department to check out your copy of the book. *Registration begins November 3. Max: 10 kids with adults.*

Thursday, December 6 | 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Special Location: Maine Park Leisure Center 2701 W. Sibley Ave.

HIGH SCHOOL

Pizza & Pages: High School Edition

Join us for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books. *Max: 10.*

Monday, November 5 &

Tuesday, December 4 | 7 – 8:00 p.m.

Off-site location TBA

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Your first drink is on us! We will meet at the Starbucks on Northwest Highway. Copies of the book will be available for check out in the Teen Loft. Register. Max: 5.

LGBTQ Book Club – Grades 8 – 12

For LGBTQ teens and their allies

What If It's Us by Adam Silvera and Becky Albertalli

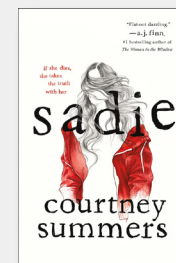


Arthur and Ben meet at the post office and are quickly separated by a flash mob. They failed to exchange contact information and wonder if they will ever be able to find each other again.

Tuesday, November 27 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

High School

Sadie by Courtney Summers



Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice. West McCray, the host of a podcast, begins an investigation and follows Sadie's trail. *For the complete experience, listen to The Girls Podcast while reading the book.*

Wednesday, November 28 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Middle School

Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen



Chaya Linderner is a Jewish teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland determined to make a difference. As a courier she travels between the Jewish ghettos of Poland, smuggling food, papers and even people.

Thursday, November 29 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



Programs

The following programs are for children and their caregivers. Register at the Children's Services desk, by phone at **847.825.4527** or online at: www.parkridgelibrary.org.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR.

Programs will be held at offsite locations. Please check back often on our website or call 847-825-4527 for the latest updates and program information.

Our NEW Children's Department Is Coming Soon!



SCHOOL AGE

Book Bites | Grades 4 – 6

Special Location: Oberweis, 101 S. Northwest Hwy.
Come talk about what you're reading, get great book recommendations, and enjoy a single scoop of ice cream or a hot chocolate on us!

Monday, November 12 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, November 3.
Max: 12.

Monday, December 10 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, November 17.
Max: 12.

Family Book Discussions:

*Special Location: Maine Park Leisure Center
2701 W. Sibley Ave.*

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read these books together and share their experiences. Pizza will be served. Visit the Children's Services Department to check out your copy of the book.

Ungifted by Gordon Korman
Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adult
Thursday, December 6 | 6:30 – 7:15

Registration begins November 3. Max: 10 kids with adults.

The World According to Humphrey
by Betty G. Birney
Grades 1 – 3 with one or more adult
Thursday, December 13 | 6:30 – 7:15
Registration begins November 3.
Max: 10 kids with adults.

DROP IN STORYTIMES

Unless noted, all storytimes will be held **off-site** at the **O'Connor Community Building at Prospect Park, 733 N. Prospect Avenue.** All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mondays

Preschool Storytime | 3– 5 years

November 12 – December 10 | 11 – 11:30 a.m.
Siblings welcome.

Tuesdays

Baby Storytime | 0 to 12 months

November 13 – December 11 | 9:15 – 9:50 a.m.
Siblings welcome.

Toddler Storytime | 12 to 36 months

November 13 – December 11 | 11 – 11:35 a.m.
Siblings welcome.

Wednesdays

Preschool Storytime | 3– 5 years

November 14 – December 12 | 9:30 – 10 a.m.
Siblings welcome.

Saturdays

Saturday Family Storytime | All Ages

**Maine Park Leisure Center –
2701 W. Sibley St., Park Room**

November 10 & December 8 | 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Babies LOVE Books



We are excited to introduce your new baby to the Library, and invite you both to join us for fun programs and activities. Stop by the Children's Department for a surprise gift. We hope you and your baby will **LOVE** the Park Ridge Public Library!

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Teen Loft (847) 720-3286

Library Hours

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

Holiday Closings:

November 22, December 24, 25 & 31
and January 1

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Fiction

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Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn
An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green
Tiffany Blues by M. J. Rose

Nonfiction

Marilyn Monroe: The Private Life of a Public Icon
by Charles Casillo
The House of Worth by Chantal Trubert-Tollu
The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

Audio Books

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls, Books 1-2
by Elena Favilli
Surprise Me by Sophie Kinsella
Still Me by Jojo Moyes

Kids & Teens

Welcome: A Mo Willems Guide for New Arrivals
by Mo Willems
Little Brothers & Little Sisters by Monica Arnaldo
Are You Scared, Darth Vader? by Adam Rex
An Ember in the Ashes – A Series for Teens
by Sabaa Tahir

TV Series

Killing Eve
Game of Thrones

Cookbooks

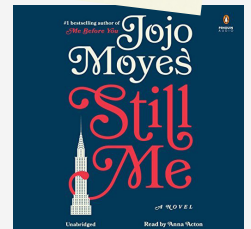
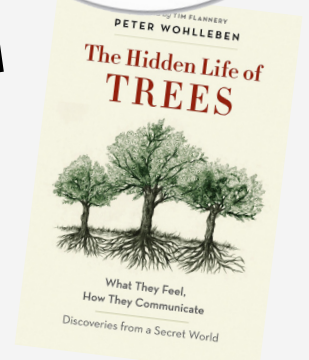
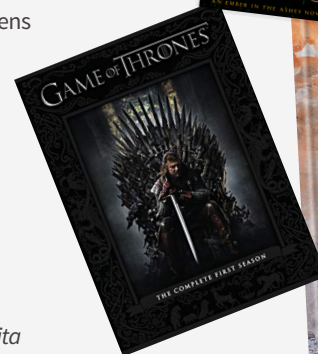
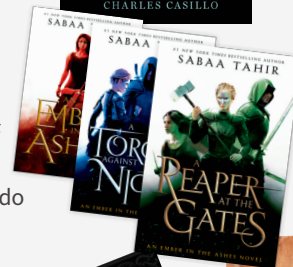
Magnolia Table by Joanna Gaines
Farm from Home by Amanda Brooks
Giada's Italy: My Recipes for La Dolce Vita
by Giada De Laurentiis

Nintendo Switch Games

Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker
Harvest Moon, Light of Hope
Yonder: The Cloud Catcher Chronicles

Exploration Library Items

GoPro cameras
Playstation VR



Visit with
Santa!



at
Park Ridge
City Hall

Friday
November 23
6 – 8:30 pm

Visit www.parkridgelibrary.org/santa for ticket info.