



Park Ridge Public Library

How We Stay CONNECTED



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"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade."

*– Charles Dickens
Great Expectations*

Spring is the season I look forward to most every year. Spring means that winter is in retreat and longer days are on the horizon. At this time of year, I recommit to getting back outside and connecting with friends. The Library is the perfect place to make connections. For those who are ready to venture out, the Library is the perfect place to meet with friends for a playdate, get creative with our Studio classes, or to share your love of reading at a book discussion.

We also have exciting ways to connect virtually, with our Illinois Libraries Presents author talks and our restorative weekly chair yoga class. Need a change of scenery? Our outdoor Reading Garden is the perfect place to meet with friends and enjoy a cup of coffee. **Whatever connection you are seeking, the Library is here and ready to serve you.**

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Virtual Author Talk | Wednesday, March 30 7 p.m.

Bestselling author Jenny Lawson discusses her book and body of work.

Connect WITH YOUR LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022 APRIL 3-9

NLWD National Library Workers Day APRIL 5, 2022

Watch our social media and eNewsletters for how we will be celebrating!

How we stay connected.
Library patrons shared with us how they've stayed connected with one another, with us and with the community in the past year, despite all its challenges. The theme for this year's **National Library Week, April 3 – 9, is "Connect With Your Library."** In the weeks leading up to this annual celebration, we invite you to share your point of view on how the library has kept you connected.



Pictured clockwise from bottom left are members of the Hodges Park Book Club: Karen Burkum, Carol Blindauer, Chris Parson, Susan Owen, Cindy Grau, Steve Blindauer, Dorothy Inserra, Cynthia Kater

"There have been times during the pandemic when going to the library to pick up a book club book was such a treat!
I got to visit with my favorite librarians, look at the new books section for a good read, and look at the parking lot being built outside the second floor windows. I've also on occasion delivered the book club books to several members and had nice visits with them during a time when we met on Zoom due to health concerns for a member. Our book club has continued to find creative ways to meet depending on what COVID obstacles we run into."

– Cindy Grau, Hodges Park Book Club member

We want to hear from you!

- Did you use our new Home Delivery service?
- Did your family attend one of our Outdoor Storytimes, or meet up with us on Zoom?
- Did you join us for a book discussion, movie or Studio program in person or online?

Follow us on social media, watch your email inbox for an invitation or email librarydirector@parkridgelibrary.org to share your story.



Above: Clara Kavanagh enjoys Outdoor Storytime led by Miss Leah and Miss Mary.

"We loved Outdoor Storytime this past year!
It was a fun twist on a favorite library activity and allowed us to connect in person with other families."

– Erin Kavanagh

"Some days we stop by the library just to feel connected to our community."

"We are a library family.
We've read, we've crafted, we've sung, we've watched movies, we've listened, we've dungeoned and dragoned, we've chatted, we've laughed and we've learned to always bring a tote bag whenever we're headed to the library. Over the past two upside down years, our appreciation for the library has grown deeper. When everything was shut down, a friend mentioned how much we must miss the library. And we did. The library is an extension of our home and our family and our friendships. It is our place to go to find kindness, openness, acceptance and laughter. We've met friends at the library and we've made friends at the library. Some days we go to the library to find the comfort of what we know. Some days we go to find adventure and challenge. Some days we stop by the library just to feel connected to our community; but no matter what, we always find exactly what we are looking for."

– Karen Larson

Legends of Laughter 3 The Screwball Comedies



The Park Ridge Public Library Classic Film Series resumes its “Legends of Laughter” trilogy, paused in early March 2020, with a look back at the great screwball comedies of the 1930s and early 1940s. The screwball comedy was a madcap version of the romantic comedy, often featuring strong heroines matching wits with their male counterparts. Their themes also highlighted class division in which a character from one social class enters another, usually as a poseur. There was always an emphasis on slapstick with plotlines more outlandish than your typical romance. The screwball genre turned traditional courtship on its head.

“Comedies have always been a successful component of what we do at the Park Ridge Public Library,” explains series host Matthew C. Hoffman, who programmed a series of British comedies in 2018. “LOL 3 is a powerhouse line-up of the biggest films and stars of the era, including *The Philadelphia Story* (May 12), which won James Stewart an Academy Award for Best Actor.”

Certain Hollywood legends are more associated with screwball comedy, particularly Cary Grant, Carole Lombard and Claudette Colbert, all of whom thrived in the genre. Colbert excelled at comedy and will kick off Opening Night on March 3 with the Academy Award-winning *It Happened One Night*. In this film, she plays a runaway heiress who meets up with reporter Clark Gable. Another

dynamic comic actress was Lombard, who opened our pre-pandemic Classic Film Series in 2020. We will see her in Week 2 in her breakthrough role in Howard Hawks’ *Twentieth Century*, which stars the great John Barrymore. Lombard also co-stars with Fredric March in *Nothing Sacred* (March 24). Another actress with great comedic timing was Irene Dunne, whom we honored in 2014 with a visit from her granddaughter. Dunne stars in *The Awful Truth* (March 31), a comedy about remarriage, as well as *My Favorite Wife* (April 28)—both opposite Cary Grant.

The incomparable Cary Grant will appear in nearly half of the films shown, including two of the better known: *Bringing Up Baby* (April 7) and *His Girl Friday* (April 21). Directors such as Hawks, Leo McCarey, and Preston Sturges made some of their most famous films in the genre. LOL 3 features two back-to-back films by Sturges to wrap up the series: *The Lady Eve* (May 19) with Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda and *The Palm Beach Story* (May 26) with Claudette Colbert and Joel McCrea.

Join us Thursday nights this spring for a wild ride of misadventures featuring runaway heiresses, fast-talking reporters—and a pet leopard named Baby.

Films begin at 7 p.m. with an introduction by Matthew C. Hoffman. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free admission, seating limited to 50 and registration not required. For more info, visit: www.parkridgeclassicfilm.com.

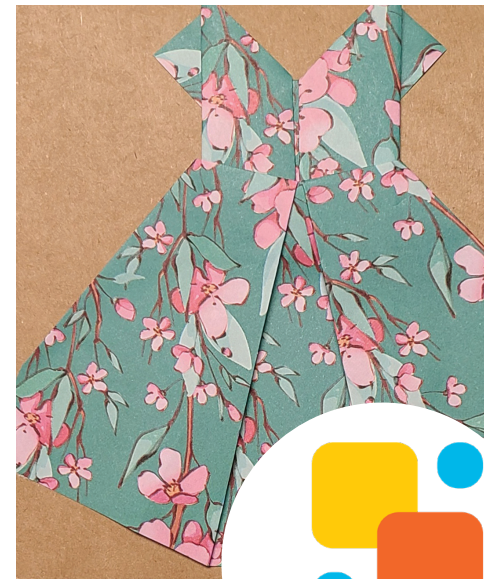
2022 FILM LINE-UP: The Screwball Comedies * March 3 – May 26 * 7 PM

- March 3: *It Happened One Night* (1934)
- March 10: *Twentieth Century* (1934)
- March 17: *Easy Living* (1937)
- March 24: *Nothing Sacred* (1937)

- March 31: *The Awful Truth* (1937)
- April 7: *Bringing Up Baby* (1938)
- April 14: *Midnight* (1939)
- April 21: *His Girl Friday* (1940)

- April 28: *My Favorite Wife* (1940)
- May 12: *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)
- May 19: *The Lady Eve* (1941) 94 min.
- May 26: *The Palm Beach Story* (1942)

THE STUDIO AND MEDIA LAB



Staff SPOTLIGHT

The Studio is now open, and we are so excited to get creative again!



Orientation

This mandatory session provides an introduction to The Studio equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Studio. Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only. Thursdays @ 11 a.m.

THE STUDIO CLASSES

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

Macramé

Learn the basics of macramé with Creativebug and create the Bird’s Eye Tassel—a fun, textured piece that can be used as a keychain.

- Thursday, March 10 | 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 22 | 2 or 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26 | 2 p.m.

Origami Paper Dress Card

Create a sweet origami dress to embellish on a card to keep or send.

- Tuesday, April 5 | 2 or 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14 | 2 p.m.
- Saturday, April 30 | 2 p.m.

Cricut 101

See a brief demonstration of the Cricut Design Space software and create a simple project.

- Thursday, May 12 | 2 p.m.
- Saturday, May 21 | 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 24 | 2 or 7 p.m.

Kelly, Brandee and Rachel from our Adult Services staff are holding orientations to help patrons learn how to properly use the Cricut, Silhouette and other equipment on your own. They and other talented library staff also teach in-person programs to small groups. For details, see our Spring program schedule (left) or visit parkridgelibrary.org/the-studio/.

The Media Lab is also open and has been a popular spot this past year for patrons looking to digitize their old VHS tapes, LPs, cassettes, slides and photos. Check out our Spring class schedule (right) and orientation dates, or visit parkridgelibrary.org/media-lab/.

Please note, patrons are required to attend an orientation before using the Studio or Media Lab.



MEDIA LAB

Orientation

This mandatory session provides an introduction to the Media Lab equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only. Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. | Thursdays @ 2 p.m. or Saturdays @ 10 a.m.

MEDIA LAB CLASSES

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

Converting Home Videos to Digital

Learn the steps to convert your old VHS home videos to DVD.

- Tuesday, March 8, April 12 or May 10 7 – 8 p.m.

Archiving Photos, Slides and Negatives

Take those boxes of old photos, slides and negatives and digitize them.

- Thursday, March 3, April 7 & May 5 | 3 – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 29, April 26 & May 31 | 7 – 8 p.m.

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Learn how to convert your old audiocassette recordings and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

- Thursday, March 17, April 21 & May 19 3 – 4 p.m.

Programs

Adult spring programs will be **virtual**, **hybrid**, or **on-site**. Refer to the registration instructions in each category. *Program schedule is subject to change.*

Virtual Programs

These programs will be held over Zoom. Register online or call 847-720-3280.

Library Pub Quiz

Do you have a head full of useless facts? Show them off and earn bragging rights by joining us for our online Library Pub Quiz. *Limit 60.*

Tuesday, March 29, April 26 & May 24 | 6:30 p.m.

Author Talk:

An Evening with Jenny Lawson

Award-winning humorist and bestselling author Jenny Lawson discusses her book “Broken (in the best possible way)” and her body of work.

Made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries. Check our calendar at parkridgelibrary.libcal.com for future ILP events.

Wednesday, March 30 | 7 p.m.

Hybrid Programs

These programs will be held on-site and live over Zoom. Choose how you would like to attend and register online or call 847-720-3280.

Chair Yoga

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

Every Wednesday | 2 p.m.

Park Ridge Writers Group

Do you want to write or need a creative jumpstart? Join the Library’s writing group for positive critique and support. *Limit 20.*

IN-PERSON: Wednesday, March 9, April 6 & May 11 | 7 p.m.

VIRTUAL: Wednesday, March 23, April 20 & May 25 | 7 p.m.



AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Concert: 100 Years of Judy

Singer Laura Freeman and pianist Beckie Menzie commemorate the 100th birthday of Judy Garland.

Tuesday, March 8 | 2 p.m. | Hybrid

Explore the Land of Lincoln for Genealogy Records

Genealogist Jenny Warner returns to help you explore your Illinois heritage. Dive into available genealogy documents, from vital records to military records.

Tuesday, April 12 | 2 p.m. | Hybrid

Concert: Songs of the Vietnam War

In honor of Memorial Day, Kathryn and John Atwood of the History Singers perform the songs of the Vietnam War.

Tuesday, May 10 | 2 p.m. | Hybrid

Design Your Own Garden

Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services, returns to offer her expert advice on getting a designer garden started for this gardening season.

Tuesday, March 22 | 7 p.m.

Secrets of Switzerland

Fresh from her latest trip to Switzerland, Gail Benedetto presents her insider’s knowledge of making the most of your journey there.

Tuesday, April 5 | 7 p.m.

In-Person Programs

These programs will be on-site. Register online or call 847-720-3280.

Open Knitting & Crocheting Night

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for knitting and crocheting advice and lively conversation. *BYO knitting or crocheting project. All levels welcome. Registration not required.*

Thursday, March 3, April 7 & May 5 | 7 p.m.
Third Floor Meeting Room

Art Workshop: Wildlife Birds

Terri Murphy of Young at Heart Artists Workshops returns to lead a painting workshop creating birds using acrylics. *Limit 25. Sponsored by Marion’s Mark.*

Tuesday, May 3 | 7 p.m.

Craft Workshop: Introduction to Felting

Shari Pontillo of Twisted Fiber Studio will lead you in the basics of felting, including hand needle and wool roving. *Limit 20.*

Sponsored by Marion’s Mark.

Tuesday, May 31 | 7 p.m.



DAR Genealogy Assistance

Representatives of the 21st Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) answer your genealogy questions. *Registration not required.*

March 17, April 21 and May 19 | 9 a.m. – Noon

Drop-In Help Desk

The experts from FireLogic will assist you with your tech questions. *Registration not required.*

Saturday, March 5, April 2 & May 7 | 9 a.m. – Noon
First Floor Meeting Room

Park Ridge Community Blood Drive

During a national blood shortage, join your neighbors to help save lives. *Any healthy person 17 or older may donate (Age 16 must have a permission slip). Appointment preferred. In partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois.*

Thursday, April 7 | Noon – 5 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club

Limit 40.

Mr. Tornado

Ted Fujita, a Japanese-American engineer turned meteorologist, helped save thousands of lives and earned the nickname “Mr. Tornado.”

Friday, March 18 | 10 a.m.

Decoding Da Vinci

On the 500th anniversary of da Vinci’s death, this film goes to Italy to investigate the secrets of Leonardo’s success.

Friday, April 15 | 10 a.m.

Riding the Rails

The little-known story of homeless teens during the 1930s, a time of desperation and bitter hardship, searching for a better life.

Friday, May 20 | 10 a.m.

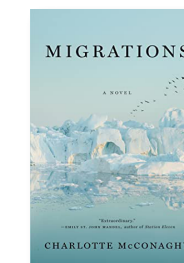


BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Held at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room and also available live over Zoom. Sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Books are available at the Reader Services Desk two weeks before the discussion.

Fiction Group Hybrid

Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy



Determined to follow the arctic terns on their epic migration, Franny Stone talks her way onto a fishing boat in Greenland—but what is she leaving behind?

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, March 8 | 7 p.m.

IN-PERSON: Thursday, March 24 | 10 a.m.

A Calling for Charlie Barnes by Joshua Ferris

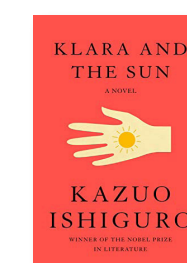


The story of a modern American family and one man’s attempt to come to understand the many lives of his father.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, April 5 | 7 p.m.

IN-PERSON: Thursday, April 28 | 10 a.m.

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro



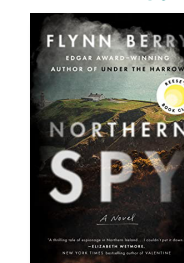
Klara, an Artificial Friend, is chosen to be the companion of a young girl. As she adapts to her new home, Klara discovers the wondrous, mysterious nature of the human heart.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, May 10 | 7 p.m.

IN-PERSON: Thursday, May 26 | 10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Group In-person

Northern Spy by Flynn Berry



Certain that her beloved sister did not join the IRA by choice, a Catholic BBC producer confronts impossible decisions that test family bonds.

Wednesday, March 16
7 p.m.

The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller



Elle must decide between the life she has built with her husband and the life she always imagined she would have had with her childhood love.

Wednesday, April 13
7 p.m.

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

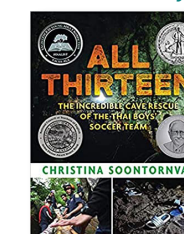


A small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store’s most annoying customer.

Wednesday, May 18
7 p.m.

Nonfiction Group In-person

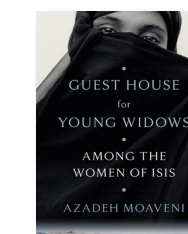
All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat



A unique look at the amazing 2018 Thai cave rescue that blends suspense, science, and cultural insight.

Friday, March 4 | 10 a.m.

Guest House for Young Widows by Azadeh Moaveni

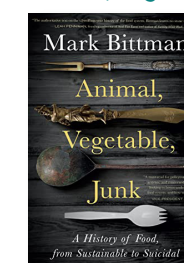


A gripping account of thirteen women who joined, endured, and, in some cases, escaped life in the Islamic State.

Friday, May 6 | 10 a.m.

NEW! Green Reads In-person

Animal, Vegetable, Junk by Mark Bittman



A look at how history has been shaped by humanity’s appetite for food, farmland, and the money behind it all. *In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge.*

Tuesday, April 12 | 7 p.m.

NEW! YA for Adults In-person

Yolk by Mary H.K. Choi



Estranged sisters Jayne and June Baek are nothing alike. When June gets cancer, Jayne becomes the only one who can help her.

Wednesday, May 4 | 7 p.m.

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

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

The French Dispatch [R, 103 min.]

Set in an outpost of an American newspaper in a small French town. *Starring Frances McDormand and Bill Murray.*

Tuesday, March 15 | 1 & 7 p.m.

Dune [PG-13, 155 min.]

A young man must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe. *Starring Timothee Chalamet and Oscar Isaac.*

Tuesday, April 19 | 1 & 7 p.m.

American Underdog [PG, 112 min.]

Kurt Warner went from stocking shelves to becoming an American football star. *Starring Zachary Levi and Anna Paquin.*

Tuesday, May 17 | 1 & 7 p.m.

Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Teen spring programs will be **hybrid** or **on-site**. Refer to the registration instructions in each category. *Program schedule is subject to change.*

Teen BOOK DISPLAYS

Watch for our displays online and in the library covering real-world topics, including these titles and more!



Why is Everybody Yelling? Growing Up in My Immigrant Family by Marisabina Russo



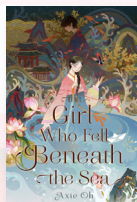
Six Crimson Cranes by Elizabeth Lim



We Are the Ashes, We Are the Fire by Joy McCullough



The Mirror Season by Anna-Marie McLemore



The Girl who Fell Beneath the Sea by Axie Oh



Pork Belly Tacos With a Side of Anxiety: My Journey Through Depression, Bulimia, and Addiction by Yvonne Castañeda

Hybrid Programs

These programs will be held on-site and live over Zoom. Register online or call 847-720-3286.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Teen Book Bites

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

Friday, March 4, April 1 & May 6 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

Are you a gamer? Do you love epic fantasy adventures and collaborative storytelling? Come play Dungeons & Dragons! *Both new and veteran gamers are welcome.* Max 8.

Sunday, March 6 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22 | 1 – 5 p.m.

Teen Trivia

Put your knowledge to the test! Race against the clock and each other to answer questions. Can't make the event? Participate online, then share the results with us to win a prize! Max: 15.

Friday, March 11: Studio Ghibli

Friday, April 8: Recent History Facts (2000-2020)

Friday, May 13: Shonen Jump Manga

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Teen Ink

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

Thursday, March 17 | 5 – 6 p.m.

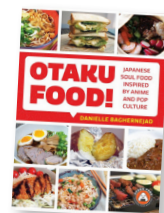
Cooking with Books

You will learn about Japanese cooking basics, pop culture, and some new series to enjoy, featuring recipes like: salted salmon quiche as seen on *Fullmetal Alchemist*; beef and pepper stir fry as seen on *Cowboy Bebop*; candied sweet potatoes as seen on *Attack on Titan*; chocolate cream horns as seen on *Lucky Star*, and more! Max: 10.

Otaku Food! Japanese Soul Food Inspired by Anime and Pop Culture

by Danielle Baghernejad

Thursday, April 21 | 5 – 6 p.m.



VolunTeen Meet-ups

Volunteer hours available. If attending virtually, stop by the Teen Loft up to one week prior to receive program supplies. Max: 10.

Dog Toys & Blankets

Make fleece dog toys and no-sew blankets for donation to a local shelter.

Monday, March 21 | 5 – 6 p.m.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Make cards for this international charitable organization to spread hope, joy and magic to hospitalized kids.

Monday, April 18 | 5 – 6 p.m.

Liberation Library Bookmarks

Liberation Library supports incarcerated teens by sending books of their choosing with a handmade bookmark. Come make bookmarks to support this organization.

Monday, May 16 | 5 – 6 p.m.

In-Person Programs

These programs will be on-site. Register online or call 847-720-3286.

Teen Take & Create

Stop by the Teen Loft to pick up all the supplies you'll need to get creative. *While supplies last. One craft per teen.*

Starting March 14: DIY Dog Toys

Starting March 28: No-Sew Drawstring Bag

Starting April 11: Pom-Pom Garlands

Starting April 25: Paper Lanterns

Starting May 9: Mindfulness Glitter Jar

Starting May 23: DIY Fake Plant Planter

Video Game Meet-up

Are you passionate about video games? Join our meet-up to get recommendations, debate consoles and share your favorite games! Max: 10.

Friday, March 25, April 22 & May 27

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Held onsite and live over Zoom. Sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Pick up your copy of the book in the Teen Loft. Max: 10.

Read the Rainbow

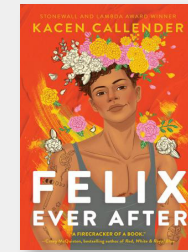
Middle & High School: *The Girl from the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag



Fifteen year-old Morgan can't wait to graduate and get away from her typical life so she can finally stop hiding her biggest secret.

Tuesday, March 8
5 – 6 p.m.

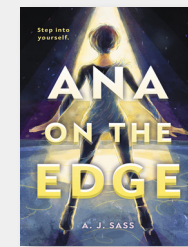
High School: *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender



Felix Love, a transgender seventeen year-old, lands in a quasi love triangle with his former enemy and best friend.

Tuesday, April 5
5 – 6 p.m.

Middle School: *Ana on the Edge* by A.J. Sass



Twelve-year-old figure skater Ana strives to win competitions while learning about gender identity and the best path forward.

Tuesday, May 3
5 – 6 p.m.

Middle School Graphic Novel

Whistle: A New Gotham City Hero by E. Lockhart, illustrated by Manuel Preitano



Willow is attacked by one of Gotham's most horrific villains and wakes up with powers she never dreamed of having.

Wednesday, March 9
5 – 6 p.m.

Borders by Thomas King, illustrated by Natasha Donovan



When border guards will not accept their citizenship, a mother and son wind up trapped between nations.

Wednesday, April 13
5 – 6 p.m.

Graceling by Kristin Cashore, adapted and illustrated by Gareth Hinds



Katsa struggles for redemption and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Wednesday, May 11
5 – 6 p.m.

Middle School

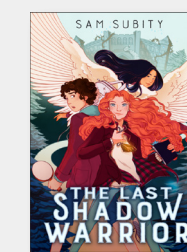
Thanks a Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas



When Brian and his brother run away, Ezra has no choice but to take a leap and reach out.

Wednesday, March 23
5 – 6 p.m.

The Last Shadow Warrior by Sam Subity



When her training is disrupted by an attack on her father's life, Abby embarks on a dangerous quest for answers.

Wednesday, April 27
5 – 6 p.m.

While I Was Away by Waka T. Brown



When twelve year-old Waka's parents suspect she cannot understand basic Japanese, they make a drastic decision.

Wednesday, May 25
5 – 6 p.m.



FREE Comic Book Day

Celebrate **Free Comic Book Day** by picking up one of ten different exciting comic and manga titles for teens in the Loft. *Limit two per teen.*

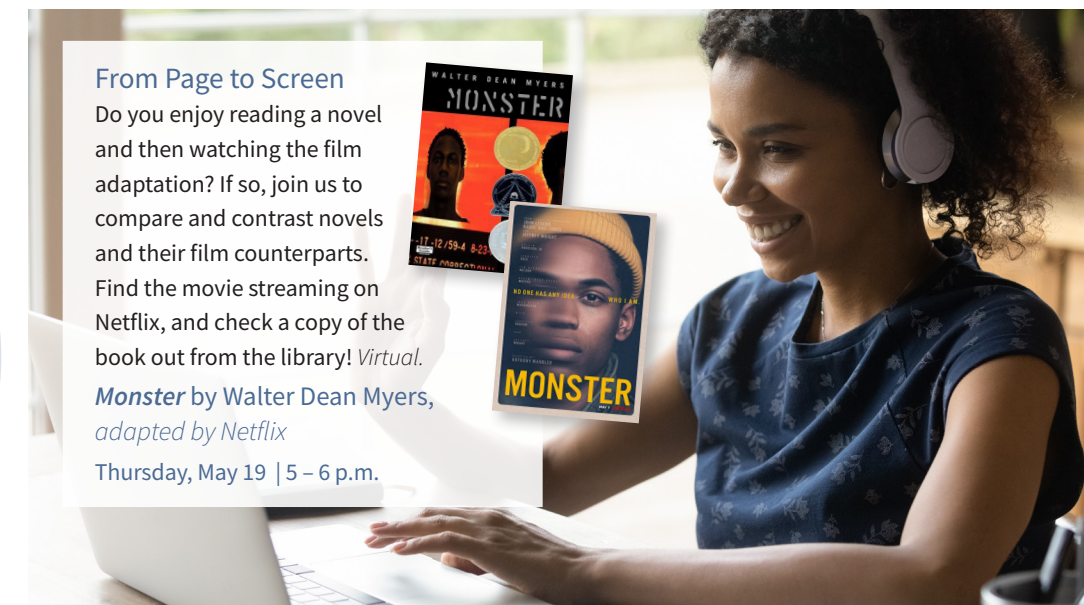
Saturday, May 7 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

From Page to Screen

Do you enjoy reading a novel and then watching the film adaptation? If so, join us to compare and contrast novels and their film counterparts. Find the movie streaming on Netflix, and check a copy of the book out from the library! *Virtual.*

Monster by Walter Dean Myers, adapted by Netflix

Thursday, May 19 | 5 – 6 p.m.





Children's Programs

Register in person, by phone at 847-720-3250 or online at www.parkridgelifelibrary.org. Program schedules are subject to change.

Storytime | All Ages | In-Person

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes at these high energy, interactive storytimes for kids!

Seating is limited. Pick up a ticket at the CS Desk anytime after 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Wednesday, March 16 – April 6, April 20 – May 11 and May 25 | 10 - 10:25 a.m. | In-Person
No Storytimes April 14 or May 18

Virtual All Ages Storytime

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes at these high energy, interactive storytimes for kids!

Thursday, March 17 – April 7, April 21 – May 12 and May 26 | 10 - 10:25 a.m.

No Storytimes April 15 or May 19

Virtual Pajama Storytime | All Ages

Put on your PJs and grab your favorite stuffed animal, then meet online for a virtual Storytime.

Wednesday, April 13 & May 11 | 7 – 7:25 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Hello, Baby! | 0 – 2 years

Snuggle, bounce and bond with your little ones! We will share rhymes, songs and stories to foster language development and a love of reading. *Registration required.*

Monday, March 21, April 4 & 18 and May 2, 16 & 30 | 10 - 10:20 a.m. | In-Person

Virtual Harmonious Horizons

Ages 0 – 5

Join us for a family music class full of singing, dancing and instrument play with the guidance of a talented music teacher.

Monday, March 28, April 11 & 25 and May 9 & 23 | 10 – 10:30 a.m.

STEAM Starts | 3 – 6 years with caregiver

We'll lead you and your little ones in interactive activities designed to fascinate and entertain curious young minds. Grown-ups might even learn something along the way!

April 22 & May 20 | 10 – 10:45 a.m. | In-Person

SCHOOL AGE

Virtual Kid Ink | Grades 3 – 5

If you love writing and telling stories, this is the place for you! We provide writing prompts to inspire you to take your writing to the next level.

One registration per household.

Wednesday, May 18 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Virtual Kids' Kitchen | Grades 4 & up

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

Friday, April 1 | 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Discussion

Grades 4 & up | Hybrid

We think graphic novels are super awesome and want to share them with you. *Copies available to pick up 3 weeks prior to the program. This program will be held on-site and live over Zoom. Register online or call 847-720-3250.*

Tuesday, April 12 & May 10 | 4:15 – 5 p.m.

Read to the Dogs | Grades 1 – 6

Reserve your space to read to a sweet dog from Rainbow Assisted Animal Therapy—the perfect opportunity for young readers to practice their reading skills in a judgement free environment. *Limit one child per dog. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*

Saturday, April 16 and Sunday May 15 | 15-minute sessions, 1 – 2:15 p.m. | In-Person

Virtual Directed Doodles | Grades 1 & up

Everyone is an artist in this guided drawing session! Grab your pencils and paper and show us your skills.

Monday, March 21, April 18 & May 16 | 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Lego Club | Grades K & Up

Ready. Set. BUILD! We'll provide the challenges, you'll show off your skills.

Tuesday, March 15, April 19 & May 17 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Virtual Minecraft Mania | Grades 2 – 5

Join our friends from Minecraft Mania as they lead us through challenges, building creations, competing in races, and even learning how to code! *No existing Minecraft account needed. Computer or tablet compatible versions only.*

Tuesday, March 22 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Friday, April 15 | 1 – 2 p.m.

FUN FOR ALL AGES

Family Movie: Encanto

Spend a magical afternoon with Mirabel as she sets out to save her family and their amazing house, proving that there is magic in all of us!

Thursday, March 24 | 2 – 4 p.m. | In-Person

A Different Way of Thinking

Families with Kids 8 & Up

Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with Conductor Cody! Cody combines magic, comedy, & storytelling to share what it's like being autistic. *One registration per household. A recording of this program will be available for one month after the event.*

Saturday, April 9 | 1 – 1:30 p.m. | Virtual

Virtual Unicorn Storytime | All Ages

If you love unicorns and stories, we have just the thing for you! Join us online for a storytime and visit with our friend Milo the Unicorn!

One registration per household.

Friday, April 15 | 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Family Movie Night | All Ages

Enjoy *The Mitchells vs. The Machines* under the stars! *Registration required. On the Library Lawn. Weather permitting.*

Saturday, May 28 | 8 – 10 p.m. | In-person

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Ask the Expert – Speech Language Pathologist | Adults

Register for a session with a speech-language pathologist from local community clinic, Assential Therapies Inc., who will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice about your child's development in a casual setting.

Thursday, March 31 | 15-minute sessions | 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | In-Person

FEATURED EVENTS
and programs

Book Madness | All Ages

Be a part of the 2022 Book Madness Tournament! This year we are pairing off book characters in two separate brackets. Younger readers can vote for their favorite characters. Older readers can choose their favorite heroes and villains. Each week that you cast your vote you will be entered for a chance to win that week's prize. *One entry per week per person.*

March 6 – April 11, 2022



Arts & Crafts

Stop by the Children's Department this spring for some creative, take-home fun! *No registration required. One craft per child, please.*

First Friday Fun Kits

Stop by and pick up a kit full of DIY at home fun. *Kits available on a first come first served basis.*

Friday, March 4, April 1 & May 6



Monthly Adventures

Each month we will have a different activity for you to complete in the Children's Department.

March: I Spy

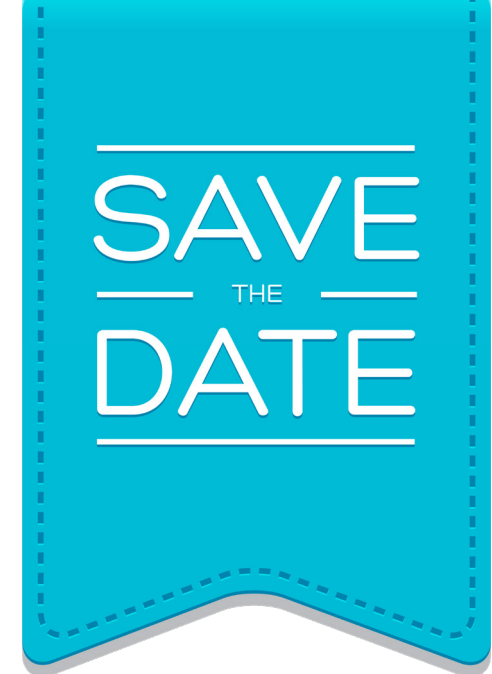
I spy with my little eye something...FUN! Stop by throughout the month of March and see what you spy.

April: Pixel Art

Help us create some pixel art this April. Can you guess what the pixels will make before the picture is finished?

May: Flower Garden

April showers will be bringing May flowers in the Children's Department! Stop in all month long and help us "grow" our reading garden.



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