Park Ridge Public Library

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Director's Note



"Partnerships will naturally evolve as well as shared strategies."

Park Ridge: Our Hometown

We are working to be the best public library we can be for our community. We have a plan for 2019 that we want to share with you, and we'll need your help to make it work.

We need to ensure that we fully understand the community we serve and can articulate your ambitions and aspirations. We need the input of Park Ridge residents, not just library users, to ensure that our community's goals are clearly defined and that our work has a clear target. We will be initiating conversations throughout Park Ridge with community leaders, key agencies and hopefully, each of you. It's our goal to speak with 1,000 Park Ridge residents and synthesize what we learn from them this summer.

At the Library, we gather and curate information and resources for our community to enrich their lives and also advance their goals. We will be able to use that understanding to better inform the services we offer, and we'll make sure to share what we learn. Partnerships will naturally evolve as well as shared strategies.

How will we know if what we're doing is the best way to spend your tax dollars? We have to build assessments into our planning to measure our success in making those changes a reality. We have to be able to prove that our efforts are making a difference.

Once we have an updated plan with clear goals and measurements, we may need to realign resources. That could mean some changes in the services we offer, how we allocate funds and more. It will also mean recruiting volunteers, fundraising and working with partners. It's an exciting road that we will travel together.

We're just getting started, but that's the best time to get on board! Please check us out at: www.parkridgelibrary.org/ourhometown
There you can answer a few questions to help us better understand where you're coming from, and also learn of opportunities at the Library and across Park Ridge to join the conversation. Hope to hear from you soon!

Heidi Smith – Library Director librarydirector@prpl.org

INTRODUCING...

the Patron Services Team!



"Be sure to stop by Patron Services at your next visit to find out more!"

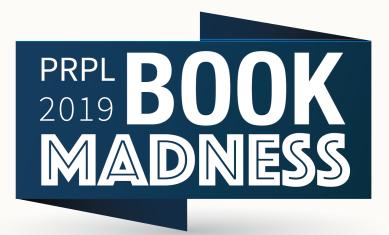
- Patron Services Team

We are so excited to welcome patrons back to the first floor! Re-configuring our lobby has created opportunities for our team (formerly known as Circulation Services) to better serve you.

Patron Services will be utilizing new tools for checkouts and returns which will make us more available to find new ways to serve you best. Our goal is to identify areas where we can enhance your experience and we feel "Patron Services" will best reflect this.

Be sure to stop by Patron Services at your next visit to learn more about our updated department!





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

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 10** to be eligible to win a prize.

For Adults

The Clockmaker's Daughter by Kate Morton

Circe by Madeline Miller

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

The Female Persuasian by Meg Wolitzer

Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty

Still Me by Jojo Moyes

A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Becoming by Michelle Obama

*I'll Be Gone in the Dark*by Michelle McNamara

The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn

The Witch Elm by Tana French

The Immortalists

by Chloe Benjamin

The Great Believers

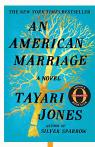
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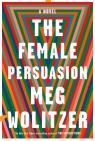
Fear by Bob Woodward

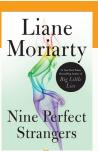
Educated by Tara Westover













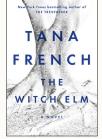


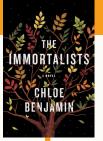






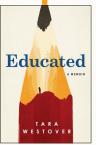












Teen Edition: Then & Now

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In 2019 we celebrate ten years of the Park Ridge Public Library Classic Film Series. Since 2009 and the inaugural Film Noir series, we've worked to bring you the best (and often neglected) examples of classic film. We've covered many diverse themes and subjects over the years, but through it all, the one constant has been our core group of regular patrons. They have been there to support us

every Thursday night. We hope to see them all once again-- as well as some new faces-- when we circle the globe with World Cinema. Get your passports ready!

In their home countries, the films were titled La Regle du Jeu, Ladri di biciclette, and Det sjunde inseglet. We know them as The Rules of the Game, Bicycle Thieves, and The Seventh Seal. These films, as well as the others in the series, are rightly considered masterpieces in the art of cinema. Whether you saw them long ago or are experiencing them for the first time, we invite you to join us in the meeting room. In addition to profiling key directors, World Cinema will explore the various artistic movements, such as German Expressionism, Italian Neo-Realism, and the French New Wave. We'll also return to our origins with a film noir, Stray Dog, made by the Japanese master, Akira Kurosawa.

"Get your passports ready to circle the globe with World Cinema!"

We begin our three-month journey in Germany on March 7 with Fritz Lang's supernatural fantasy *Destiny*, which tells the tale of a young woman who, after meeting Death incarnate, is given a chance to save her dead lover.

Theatre organist Jay Warren will join us as a

special guest. "In addition to being the face of the Silent Film Society of Chicago, Jay performs the pre-show music for us at the Pickwick Theatre," explains program host Matthew C. Hoffman. "This will be his first time performing at the Library. He'll bring his digital organ and play an original score for Destiny."

Other highlights include Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*, Yasujiro Ozu's *Late Spring*, and Federico Fellini's *La Strada*, which won the very first Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. A lesser-known title in the series is *A Canterbury Tale*, directed by British filmmakers

Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. "During their peak years, this was their one commercial failure," Hoffman said. "But perhaps no other film in their canon better reflects the traditions and spiritual values of the English people."

The season concludes with a screening of *Chimes At Midnight*, directed by Orson Welles in Spain. No filmmaker presented Shakespeare on film like Welles, and we're proud to end our series with one of the great American masters of cinematic technique.



2019 FILM LINE-UP: Ten Years of Classic Films • March 7 through May 30 • 7PM

March 7: **Destiny*** (1921) Director: Fritz Lang [99 min.]

*Digital organ accompaniment by Jay Warren.

March 14: *The 39 Steps* (1935) Director: Alfred Hitchcock [87 min.]

March 21: *Alexander Nevsky* (1938) Director: Sergei Eisenstein [111 min.]

March 28: *The Rules of the Game* (1939)

Director: Jean Renoir [110 min.]

April 4: *A Canterbury Tale* (1944)

Director: Michael Powell & Emeric Pressburger [124 min.]

April 11: *Bicycle Thieves* (1948) Director: Vittorio De Sica [93 min.]

April 18: *Stray Dog* (1949) Director: Akira Kurosawa [122 min.]

April 25: *Late Spring* (1949) Director: Yasujiro Ozu [108 min.] May 9: **La Strada** (1954)

Director: Federico Fellini [104 min.]

May 16: *The Seventh Seal* (1957) Director: Ingmar Bergman [96 min.]

May 23: **Jules and Jim** (1962)

Director: Francois Truffaut [105 min.]

May 30: *Chimes At Midnight* (1965)

Director: Orson Welles [119 min.]

For Adults -



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.

SUNDAY @ THE LIBRARY

Concert: The American Folk Song*

Join singer and guitarist Mark Dvorak as he examines the roots of American music, featuring oral history, demonstrations, and the songs of Lead Belly, Pete Seeger, and Woody Guthrie. Register.

Sunday, April 14 | 1:00 p.m.

Women's Suffrage: How the Great Battle to Win the Vote was Won*

Bob Kann returns on the 100th anniversary year of Illinois' vote to ratify the 19th amendment to share the story of this victory for women, including a profile of leading suffragette Belle La Follette. Register.

Sunday, May 12 | 1:00 p.m.

OFFSITE PROGRAMS

Tabletop Game Nights

Join friends and neighbors as we break out your favorite games. Have a laugh, learn something new, and meet other gamers. For

adults only. Games sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 & May 16 | 6:30 p.m. Beer on the Wall - 106 Main St., Park Ridge

Library Pub Quiz

Are you a books and movie buff with 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.

Tuesdays, March 26, April 23 & May 28 | 6:30 p.m. The Harp & Fiddle - 110 Main St., Park Ridge

Open Knitting & Crocheting Nights

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an open knitting session! Bring your own supplies and settle in for free knitting advice and lively conversation. Third Floor Meeting Room. Drop in. Thursdays, March 7, April 4 & May 2 | 7:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Frederick Law Olmsted - Designing America

A biography of the landscape architect who made public parks an essential part of American life and designed the first utopian garden suburb of Riverside. Register.

Friday, March 15 | 10:00 a.m.

Painting Workshop: Wildflower Garden*

Paint your own wildflower garden using wet-inwet technique and one-stroke brushwork with artist Terri Murphy. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. All supplies provided. Max: 25. Register.

Tuesday, March 19 | 2:00 p.m.

Chair Yoga*

Joan McGee of Sun and Moon Yoga offers the perfect mid-afternoon break. Stretch and breathe your way to renewed energy.

No experience necessary. Register.

Wednesdays, March 27, April 24 & May 29 | 2:00 p.m.

Living with Low Vision

In conjunction with the upcoming Low Vision Fair, Polly Abbott, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Second Sense, will speak about living independently with limited vision. Drop in.

Tuesday, April 16 | 2:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Last Stand at Little Big Horn

The Battle of Little Big Horn is one of the most frequently depicted moments in American history, but the least understood and still shrouded in myth. Register.

Friday, April 19 | 10:00 a.m.

FREDERIC GOUDY

Frederic Goudy, William Morris, and



Anniversary of the Village Press with local artist Rex Parker and an original, illustrated program. Register. Tuesday, May 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Film: The Iron Horse (1924)

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Transcontinental Railroad, Matthew Hoffman presents the first motion picture depiction of the building of the railway. Director: John Ford. Drop in.

Friday, May 10 | 2:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: Berlin Airlift

In June 1948, the Cold War began in the divided city of Berlin. In the largest humanitarian effort the world had ever seen, Western superpowers come together to feed the city of Berlin. Register.

Friday, May 17 | 10:00 a.m.

Drawing Workshop: Pastel Portraits*



Create your own color renditions of vintage photos using oil and chalk pastel. Led by artist Terri Murphy. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. All supplies provided. Max: 25. Register.

Tuesday, May 21 | 2:00 p.m.



Morning Star Investment Research

Discuss Morningstar Investment Research Center and how to use it to find information on stocks, mutual funds and more. Free to use with your Library card! Register.

Monday, April 1 | 7:00 p.m.

Savvy Social Security Planning

Matt Kosiek from Foresters Financial will discuss maximizing retirement income from Social Security and other assests. Register.

Tuesday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m.

Protecting Seniors from Financial Scams

Steven Wollack of Wollack Financial Services will help seniors identify the most common scam, and how to protect against them. Register.

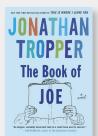
Wednesday, April 3 | 2:00 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

Thursday Morning Group

The Book of Joe by Jonathan Tropper



After moving away and writing a novel skewering his hometown, Joe Goffman returns after fifteen years to help care for his ailing father.

Thursday, March 14 OR 28 | 10:00 a.m.

Circe by Madeline Miller



A bold and feminist retelling of the story of Circe, the Greek goddess of sorcery, who was pitted against vengeful Olympians because of her threatening power.

Thursday, April 11 OR 25 | 10:00 a.m.

Standard Deviation by Katherine Heiny



A look at the challenges of marriage, the delight and heartache of raising children, and the temptation to wonder about the path not taken.

Thursday, May 9 OR 23 | 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Group

The Shipping News by Annie Proulx



Quoyle's two-timing wife dies and he retreats with his two daughters to his ancestral home on the Newfoundland coast, where a rich cast of characters all play a part in his struggle.

Wednesday, March 13 7:00 p.m.

The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt



Two brothers and hired gunslingers find themselves on a journey through the mountains and gold rush towns of the 1850s frontier that tests their professional and personal bonds.

Thursday, April 10 7:00 p.m.

Hum If You Don't Know the Words by Bianca Marais

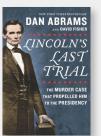


The paths of a young white girl and a black woman intersect when the violence of apartheid shatters both of their lives in 1970s Johannesburg.

Wednesday, May 8 7:00 p.m.

Nonfiction Group

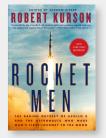
Lincoln's Last Trial by Dan Abrams



In 1859, Peachy Quinn Harrison went on trial for murder and Abraham Lincoln was hired to defend him.

Friday, March 8 10:00 a.m.

Rocket Men by Robert Kurson



A gripping account of the 1968 Apollo 8 mission, the astronauts involved and their families.

Friday, April 5 10:00 a.m.

The Feather Thief by Kirk Johnson



The story of a bizarre and shocking crime, and an exploration of obsession and man's destructive instinct to harvest the beauty of nature.

Friday, May 3 10:00 a.m.

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

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. Drop-in.



March A Star is Born

[R, 136 min.] Jackson Maine helps a young singer find fame even as his own career takes a downward spiral. Starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper.



April Bohemian Rhapsody [PG-13, 135 min.]

The story of legendary rock band Queen and their lead singer Freddie Mercury, culminating in their 1985 performance at Live Aid. Starring Rami Malek and Mike Myers.



May Green Book

[PG-13, 130 min.]

A friendship is formed between an Italian-American bouncer and an African-American classical pianist while on tour in the 1960s south. Starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen.

Tuesday, April 9 | 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 | 1:00 & 7:00 p.m

Technology & Resources 🌼 🔘

Register for these programs at any service desk, by phone at 847.720.3280 or on the Library's website at: www.parkridgelibrary.org.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Drop-In Help Desk

Representative of FireLogic will be on hand to answer your computer and tech-related questions on a first come, first served basis. 30 minutes. Drop in.

Saturday, March 9, April 13 & May 11 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | *Third Floor Meeting Room*

One-on-One eBook Appointments

Meet with a member of the Reader Services department for a 45 minute session and get help learning to use Overdrive, Axis 360, or Hoopla on your mobile device or eReader. *Register.*

Mondays | 11:00am, Wednesdays | 1:00pm OR Thursdays | 7:00pm

Intro to Library Apps

Take a look at apps like Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy, and learn how to enjoy library items on your mobile device. You are encouraged to bring your own phone or tablet, and download the apps prior to the class. Max: 10. Register.

Wednesday, March 20, April 17 OR May 15 1:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m. | *Third Floor Meeting Room*

RESOURCE PROGAMS

Power Employment Workshops

Join Illinois WorkNet Center speakers to discuss setting SMART goals, using social media to connect with hiring managers, getting your resume through the Applicant Tracking Systems and sharpening interview skills.

Register. Max: 20.

Friday, March 8, April 12 OR May 10 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Break provided) Third Floor Meeting Room

SCORE Small Business Counseling

Hour long one-on-one sessions with a SCORE counselor on all aspects of small business.

Free. By appointment only. Register at: www.score.org/find-mentor

Monday, March 11 & 25, April 22 OR May 13 6:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.

Study Room in Reader Services Department

DAR Genealogy Assistance

Volunteer representatives of the 21st Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are available to answer your genealogy questions. *Free. Drop-in.*

Thursday, March 21 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For Teens

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.

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. Max: 20.

Fridays, March 1 & May 3 3 – 6:00 p.m. | *Teen Loft*

Teen Advisory Board

Help plan programs for summer 2019!

Service hours available. Max: 10.

Tuesday, March 12

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Third Floor Meeting Room

DIY Animal Shelter Toys

Join us while we make tug toys and no-sew beds for animals at the TBD shelter.

Service hours available. Max: 10.

Saturday, March 16 | 3 – 4:00 p.m. | Teen Loft

Operation Gratitude

Write a card to say "thank you" to troops, veterans, new recruits, wounded heroes, and first responders for their service to our country. Service hours available. Max: 20.

Friday, April 5 | 3 – 6:00 p.m. | Teen Loft

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 10.

Wednesday, April 10 | 7 - 8:00 p.m. | Teen Loft

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Avengers: Endgame Field Trip

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

Saturday, April 27 | Matinee Showing

Teen Ink Writing Club

Join other teen writers as we experiment and inspire your creative writing process. *Max*: 15.

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Third Floor Meeting Room

After Hours Murder Mystery Party

Do you like to role play and solve mysteries? Join us after hours in the Library for a murder mystery party! *Max: 20.*

Friday, April 12 | 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. | Teen Loft

Teen Craft Club

Get ready to craft! Max: 20.

Tuesdays, March 19 & April 16 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | *Third Floor Meeting Room*

CLAIRE & MADDIE'S PICKS



Looking for your next read? Take a look at our Teen Librarian's picks! For personalized recommendations, pick up a Book Match form in the Teen Loft or fill one out online.

Hey Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka



In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that...

Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram



Darius doesn't think he'll ever be enough, in America or in Iran. Hilarious and heartbreaking, this unforgettable debut introduces a brilliant new voice in contemporary YA.

Sawkill Girls by Claire Legrand



A lovelorn newcomer, a grief-stricken pariah and a privileged liar intersect on the island of Sawkill Rock where they become unlikely defenders against an insidious monster.

FREE Comic Book Day

Drop in anytime and pick up a free comic book in the Teen Loft! While supplies last. Sponsored by Pastimes Comics & Games.

Saturday, May 4

Comic Book Workshop with Zach Lehner Grades 5 and up

Zach Lehner, illustrator of the graphic novel series Junior Braves of the Apocalypse, will lead the group in making one big comic together! He'll demonstrate different storytelling techniques and you'll use them in your own comic to share with the class. Registration begins Saturday, March 2. Max: 20.

Wednesday, May 8

7 – 8:15 p.m. | *Third Floor Meeting Room*

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition Stop in for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books. Max: 15.

Thursdays, March 14, April 11 & May 9 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Third Floor Meeting Room

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

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

High School Finals Study Night Study space and snacks provided. Max: 90.

4 – 9:00 p.m. | First Floor Meeting Room

Book Madness | Teen Edition

Be a part of the Book Madness Tournament! Fill out a bracket sheet by March 10 to be eligible to win one of three prizes. Be sure to cast your vote online each week for your favorite titles as they go head-to-head.

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Visit our website for more information.

March 4 – April 14

Then & Now

by Caroline B. Cooney

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card The Face on the Milk Carton

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher Romiette and Julio by Sharon M. Draper Killing Mr. Griffin by Lois Duncan A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Monster by Walter Dean Myers Hatchet by Gary Paulsen Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Holes by Louis Sachar The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Now

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martina Ganda **Graceling** by Kristin Cashore The Selection by Kiera Cass Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han Warcross by Marie Lu Cinder by Marissa Meyer A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson Peak by Roland Smith Uglies by Scott Westerfeld The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

Pizza & Pages: High School Edition

Wednesdays, March 6, April 17 & May 15 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Third Floor Meeting Room

May 20 - 22

TEEN MOVIES



The Hate U Give

[PG-13, 133 min.] Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Max: 20.

Wednesday, March 20 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

[PG-13, 133 min.]

Teen Miles Morales becomes Spider-Man of his reality, crossing his path with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat for all realities. Max: 20.

Wednesday, May 29 6:30 - 8:45 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.** * = \$3.00 non-refundable fee for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

DROP IN STORYTIMES

Mondays

Storytime for 2s and 3s $\mid 2-3 \text{ years}$ Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 2 and 3 year olds! Siblings welcome.

March 11 – April 15 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Preschool Storytime | 3 – 5 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 3 to 5 year olds! *Siblings welcome*.

March 12 – April 16 | 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime | 1 – 2 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes, plus playtime for 1s and 2s. *Siblings welcome*.

March 12 – April 16 | 11 – 11:35 a.m.

Pajama Storytime | All Ages

Wear your p.j.'s and join us for bedime stories, songs, and rhymes!

March 19 & April 16 | 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Toddler Storytime | 1 – 2 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes, plus playtime for 1s and 2s. *Siblings welcome*.

March 13 – April 17 | 9:30 – 10:05 a.m.

Preschool Storytime | 3 – 5 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 3 to 5 year olds! *Siblings welcome*.

March 13 - April 17 | 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Pajama Storytime | All Ages

Wear your p.j.'s and join us for bedime stories, songs, and rhymes!

March 13 & April 10 | 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Baby Storytime | 0 – 14 months

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, plus playtime! Siblings welcome. Doors open at 9 a.m.

March 14 – April 18 | 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Storytime for 2s & 3s | 2 – 3 years

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for 2 to 3 year olds! *Siblings welcome*.

March 14 - April 18 | 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Busy Bees Mini Storytime & Playgroup Birth – 4 years

Join us for a mini storytime and lots of playtime! Siblings welcome.

March 14 - April 18 | 11 - 11:35 a.m.

Saturdays

Family Storytime and Craft | All Ages March 9 & April 13 | 10 – 10:45 a.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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

Join us for a family music class for children with a parent or caregiver. It will include singing, dancing, instrument play, and just plain fun!

Monday, March 11

10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, March 2.

Monday, April 8

10:20 – 10:50 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m. *Registration begins Saturday, March 30.*

STEAM Starts | Ages 2 – 6

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

Fridays, March 1 & April 5 | 10 - 11:00 a.m.

Little Picassos | 2 – 5 years with adult

Join us for an art project geared for little learners. Limit: one class. Registration begins

Saturday, March 9. Max: 15.

Friday, March 22

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

Little Einsteins | 2 – 5 years with adult

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

Friday, April 26

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

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Read to the Dogs | Grades 2 - 6

Dogs from Rainbow Assisted Therapy want to hear you read! Sign up for a 15 minute session



to read to a canine companion. Bring your own book, or pick one out from the Library before your turn. This program is for Park Ridge Library

card holders. Registration for each is separate and by phone or in-person only. Max: 16.

Wednesday, March 6 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, March 1.

Sunday, March 17 | 1 – 2:15 p.m.

Registration begins Sunday, March 10.

Wednesday, April 3 | 7 – 8:15 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, March 27.

LEGO Club | Ages 4 and up

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

Wednesday, March 20 & April 17 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Thrilling Thursdays: Build It!

Grades K – 3

What can you build? Use your imagination and see what you can create! Registration begins Saturday, March 2. Max: 24.

Thursday, March 14 | 4:15 – 5 p.m.

Thrilling Thursdays: Optical Illusions Grades K – 3

Prepare to be amazed as we explore optical illusions! *Registration begins Saturday, March 23. Max: 24.*

Thursday, April 11 | 4:15 – 5 p.m.

STEAMagination | Ages 6 – 12

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.*

Fridays, March 1 & April 5 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN

Book Bites | Grades 4 – 6

Come talk about what you're reading, get book recommendations, and chow down on pizza. Registration begins Saturday, March 2. Max: 15. Tuesdays, March 19 & April 16 | 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Family Book Discussion | Grades 1 – 3

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read a book together and share their experiences. Registration begins Saturday, March 2. Visit the Children's Services Department to pick up copies of the book. Max: 10 kids with adults for each program.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary Wednesday, April 24 | 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Murder Mystery Party | Grades 4 – 6

Do you like to role play and solve mysteries? Join us after hours in the Library for a murder mystery party! Registration begins Saturday, March 2. Max: 20.

Fridays, March 8 OR April 12 | 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

FREE Comic Book Day

Drop in anytime and pick up a free comic book in the children's department! While supplies last. Sponsored by Pastimes Comics & Games.



Saturday, May 4

Comic Book Workshop with Zach Lehner Grades 5 and up

Zach Lehner, illustrator of the graphic novel series Junior Braves of the Apocalypse, will lead the group in making one big comic together! He'll demonstrate different storytelling techniques and you'll use them in your own comic to share with the class. Registration begins Saturday, March 2. Max: 20. Wednesday, May 8 | 7 – 8:15 p.m.

ALL AGES

Crafternoons

Come make a craft in the children's department! Drop in anytime between 4 & 5:00. Fridays, March 15 & April 19 | 4 – 5:00 p.m.

Picture Bingo

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

Monday, March 25 | 11 a.m. – Noon

Family Mobile Makerspace Drop-In

Families are invited to stop by during our dropin 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.

Saturdays, March 16 & April 27 | 10 – 11:30 a.m.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Growing Book by Book | Ages Birth through Preschool

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. Families can earn rewards even if they read the same book more than once. Sign up at the Library or online at:

https://parkridgelib.beanstack.org

You will receive a free growth chart and tote bag just for signing up! This program is made possible by a generous donation from Harold Schefdore.

The Frog Lady's Reptile and Amphibian Show* | Ages 4 & up

Learn the differences and similarities between reptiles and amphibians and meet over 20 live animals that you will get to touch and see up close!



Saturday, April 6 | 11 - 11:45 a.m.



Book Madness | Grades 4 – 5

Be a part of the Book Madness Tournament! Fill out a bracket sheet by March 10 to be eligible to win one of three prizes. Be sure to cast your vote online each week for your favorite titles as they go head-to-head. Visit our website for more information.

March 4 – April 14

Kids — Then & Now

Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo *The Giver* by Lois Lowry Guinness Book of World Records Hatchet by Gary Paulsen Holes by Louis Sachar How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor Into the Wild: Warriors #1 by Erin Hunter Kristy's Great Idea: Baby-Sitter's Club #1 by Ann M. Martin A Mango Shaped Space by Wendy Mass One Handed Catch by Mary Jane Auch Running Out of Time by Margaret Haddix The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson & the Olympians #1 by Rick Riordan The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin The Westing Game by Ellen Ruskin Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The 13-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea Brave by Svetlana Chmakova Dog Man by Dav Pilkey Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar Ghost by Jason Reynolds I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda The Last Kids On Earth by Max Brallier Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown by Jeff Kinney A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper Smile by Raina Telgemeier The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

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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.

Library Closed:

Sunday, April 21, May 26 & Monday, May 27

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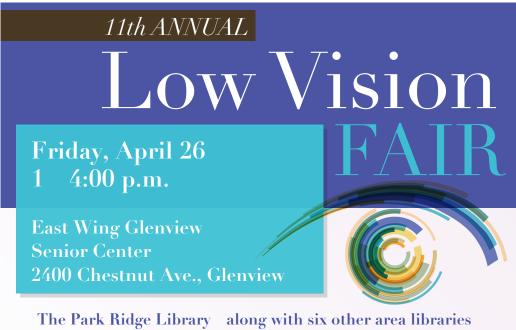
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The Park Ridge Library along with six other area libraries presents the 11th Annual Low Vision Fair.

Offering practical information for people with low vision, glaucoma screening will be available and the Lions Club Vision Bus will be screening for Diabetic Retinopathy. Vendors of assistive technology and Low Vision support service agencies will be present.

Admission is free. Drop in.



