

Park Ridge Public Library



Spring 2024

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**Celebrate
National
Library Week
April 7 - 13**

*Giveaways, Staff Spirit Days,
National Library Workers Day*

Library enhances services to meet low-sensory needs

Using funds from the Illinois State Library's Live and Learn Accessibility Grant, two restrooms were recently renovated in the Children's department.



A young patron explores the collection of sensory activities.

One of the rooms was converted into a low-sensory space, with new furniture, a sink, and a collection of sensory toys. The space can also be used as a mother's room. The second space is a restroom with new tile and fixtures.

"As we learn more about neurodivergence

and the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorder and other ways people experience the world, it is our responsibility to take steps to make our spaces accessible to everyone," said Youth Services Manager Staci Greenwald.

Low-sensory rooms provide a private, quiet space for parents and caregivers to bring a child who may need a break from their surroundings. According to *Have Dreams*, a Chicago-area nonprofit offering resources for individuals and their families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), an estimated 1 in 36 children have autism.

The Library also hosts a Sensory-Friendly Hour on the first Sunday of every month with additional supports and activities in an adapted and welcoming environment.



Marion's Mark continues support with Global Neighbors program series

GLOBAL NEIGHBORS

Marion's Mark is a local family fund established in memory of Marion Sitkiewicz, a longtime supporter of the Park Ridge Library. Inspired by their mom's love of world travel, the Sitkewicz family collaborated with our programming librarians to create an opportunity for patrons to learn about new cultures.

"Our Mom traveled the world with a deep curiosity and passion for understanding other people and cultures," said Donna Sitkiewicz. "We created the Marion's Mark Global Neighbors program to share her passion and help us appreciate and celebrate the unique traditions and customs that enrich our community."

Each event in the series features music, dance, and sometimes cuisine of another country, one event per season. In the fall, patrons were treated to a performance by the Chicago Cossacks, a Ukrainian dance and music group. This winter the featured country was Peru. See page 7 for details about the Spring Global Neighbors program focused on India.

Save the Date!

National Library Week

April 7 - 13, 2024

Watch your email and our social media for news about giveaways, National Library Workers Day and more!

Eclipse Glasses

A limited supply of eclipse glasses will be available at the Reader and Children's Services desks on a first come, first served basis beginning on **Wednesday, April 3**. Limit 2 per household. Also see page 7 for a space-related program.



Local Scout Creates Park Ridge Seed Library

In order to reach his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, Park Ridge eighth grader Owen Hanba had to plan and develop a project in service to his community. Hanba, of Scout Troop 1, created a Seed Library that will be housed at the Park Ridge Library beginning this spring. “For my Eagle Project, I wanted to do something cool that’s related to conservation, because that’s important in Scouting, and something everyone in Park Ridge can use,” Hanba said. “Since I like volunteering at the Library, I checked out what other libraries do and found this awesome thing called a seed library.”

Hanba procured donations of seeds. He also restored a card catalog cabinet in his garage that will house the seeds at the Library (pictured at left).

On Saturday, April 6, Hanba will be joined by members of the Park Ridge Garden Club for the official launch of the Seed Library. Garden Club volunteers will share tips and answer your gardening questions. Kids are invited to come plant a seed and make a seed-inspired bookmark, and there will be gardening-themed giveaways. Library patrons will be able to take seeds home at no cost, Hanba said, just as easily as they can borrow a book. “I am excited to see what plants people will grow in their gardens this summer!” Hanba said (see page 7 for details).



Homebound Delivery recipient reads 1,000th book

Congratulations to Janet Jack, who has borrowed - and read - more than 1,000 books delivered to her through the Library’s



Homebound Delivery service. With Homebound Delivery, library staff and volunteers arrange to deliver any type of circulating library material (books, audiobooks, CDs, etc.) to cardholders who can’t get to the library because of illness, disability, mobility issues

or other factors.

When presented with a certificate recognizing her 1,000th book, Janet thanked Gerry Zwicky, her Homebound Delivery volunteer, and said, “I appreciate so much what the Library has done for me and has given me over the years.” Of her accolades, Janet said, “It’s not an accomplishment, it’s a pleasure!”

Homebound Delivery is available year-round or seasonally. Janet is pictured above with Gerry Zwicky, who has volunteered to do homebound deliveries since the inception of the service.

If you, or someone you know, would like to use this service, please contact Cathy Thompson at 847-720-3382.

Cozy Winter Pop-up Sale

Thank you to everyone who shopped the Friends of the Library’s Pop-up Winter Sale! More than \$3,000 was raised in just one day.

See the back page for how you can become a Friend!

Coming Soon!

Get ready to celebrate 100 Years of Summer Reading!

June 2024
Watch our social media, website and weekly emails for details!

Films and Book Discussions for Adults



FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

These movies are screened at the Library in the First Floor Meeting Room. No registration is required. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



The Holdovers

[R, 133 min.]

A prep school teacher stays on campus over winter break to supervise the students who can't go home. Starring Paul

Giamatti and Da'Vine Joy Randolph.

Tuesday, March 19 | 1 p.m.*

*No 6:30 p.m. showing.



The Color Purple

[PG-13, 140 min.]

A woman in early 20th-century Georgia faces hardship and finds strength in sisterhood. Starring Fantasia Barrino and Taraji P. Henson.

Tuesday, April 16 | 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.



Wonka

[PG, 112 min.]

Young and poor, Willy Wonka seeks to set up shop in a city renowned for its candy. Starring

Timothée Chalamet and

Olivia Colman.

Tuesday, May 21 | 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Need a library card? scan here to apply online, or come in and see the Patron Services staff to sign up!



Scan me!



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

These programs will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room OR available live over Zoom. Please choose how you would like to join us and sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Books will be available 2 weeks before the discussion at the Reader Services desk.

Fiction Group



This Other Eden by Paul Harding

In 1792, formerly enslaved Benjamin and his Irish wife, Patience, discover an island where they can make a

life together, but over a century later the community's fragile balance is disrupted by a missionary.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, March 12 | 7 p.m.

IN PERSON: Thursday, March 28 | 10 a.m.



The Wren, The Wren by Anne Enright

Nell McDaragh, granddaughter of a famous Irish poet, leaves her mother's home to find her

voice as a writer and live a life of her choosing.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, April 9 | 7 p.m.

IN PERSON: Thursday, April 25 | 10 a.m.



Above the Salt by Katherine Vaz

John and Mary fall in love on the Portuguese island of Madeira, but their families and religious war tear them apart until they reunite in mid-nineteenth-century Illinois.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, May 14 | 7 p.m.

IN PERSON: Thursday, May 30 | 10 a.m.

Green Reads



Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

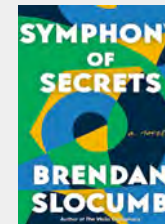
Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, Kimmerer shows how plants and animals offer us gifts and lessons, even

if we've forgotten how to hear their voices.

In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge

Tuesday, April 30 | 7 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Group

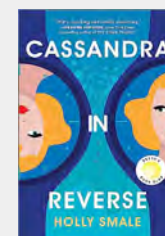


Symphony of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb

Bern Hendricks uncovers clues that indicate famed composer Frederick Delaney may have had help

composing his most successful work.

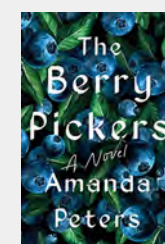
Wednesday, March 20 | 7 p.m.



Cassandra in Reverse by Holly Smale

Cassandra Penelope Dankworth discovers she can go back in time and change the past.

Wednesday, April 17 | 7 p.m.



The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors.

Wednesday, May 15 | 7 p.m.

Nonfiction Group



Liliana's Invincible Summer by Cristina Rivera Garza

A stirring work of memoir and reportage that tells the story of the author's sister, Liliana, who was murdered

by an ex-boyfriend at the age of 20.

Friday, March 8 | 10 a.m.



The Wager by David Grann

A page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth.

Friday, May 10 | 10 a.m.

The Studio and Media Lab



Orientation

This mandatory orientation introduces The Studio equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Studio.

Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only. Limit 3 patrons per session.

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | Thursdays at 11 a.m.

THE STUDIO CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online, and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m. 4 weeks before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only.

Must be comfortable using a computer. After registration, if you are unable to attend, please notify the Library at 847-720-3230.

** Limit of 1 laser cutter class per month.*

Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Pair of Engraved Slate Coasters

Learn how to engrave a pair of slate coasters!

Limit 1 person per class.

Saturday, March 2 | nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Engraved Slate Charcuterie Board

For your next dinner party, laser engrave a slate charcuterie board! *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101.*

Limit 4 people per class.

Thursday, March 7 | 7 p.m.

Friday, March 8 | 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13 | 7 p.m.

Cricut 101

See a brief demonstration of the Cricut Design Space software before learning how to create a simple project. *Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, March 14 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20 | 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 | 2 p.m.

Paper Geode Garland

Make your own pretty paper geode garland for your home, party, or celebration.

Limit 4 people per class.

Friday, April 5 | 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 | 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30 | 2 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Pair of Engraved Wooden Hangers

Just in time for Spring Cleaning! Learn how to engrave a pair of wooden hangers!

Limit 1 person per class.

Saturday, April 20 | nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Engraved Rolling Pin Hanging Rack

Spruce up your kitchen with a hanging custom laser engraved rolling pin! *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit of 4 people per class.*

Wednesday, April 24 | 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25 | 7 p.m.

Friday, April 26 | 11 a.m.

Knotted Pantry Bag

Clear up some counter space while adding style to any corner of your kitchen with these knotted pantry bags. *Based on a Creativebug class.*

Limit 4 people per class.

Friday, May 10 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 16 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 | 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28 | 2 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Glass Mason Jar

Learn how to engrave a glass mason jar!

Limit 1 person per class.

Saturday, May 18 | nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Engraved Acrylic Wax Seal Stamp

Engrave a pair of elegant wax seal stamps to seal your stationary envelopes! *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit of 4 people per class.*

Sunday, May 19 | 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 30 | 7 p.m.

Friday, May 31 | 11 a.m.



Orientation

This mandatory orientation provides an introduction to The Media Lab's equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. Registration required. *Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.*

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. | Thursdays at 2 p.m. or Saturdays at 10 a.m.

THE MEDIA LAB CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m. 4 weeks before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. Limit 3 people per class.

Archiving Photos, Slides, and Negatives

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

Thursdays: March 7, April 4, or May 9 | 3 - 4 p.m.

Converting Home Videos to Digital

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

Thursdays: March 14, April 11, or May 16 | 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.

Thursdays: March 21, April 18, May 23 | 3 - 4 p.m.

Converting 8mm and Super 8 Home Movies to Digital

Learn the steps to digitize your 8mm and Super 8 film on our equipment.

Thursdays: March 28, April 25, or May 30 | 7 - 8 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.



**These webinars are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office for the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).*

Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design*

Wednesday, March 20 | 7 p.m.

Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers*

Wednesday, April 3 | 7 p.m.

The Many Lives of Kal Penn*

Tuesday, May 7 | 7 p.m.

Hybrid Programs

These programs will be held on-site and available live over Zoom. Please register on our website 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 Library Pub Quiz. Have a laugh, learn something new, and keep up with your Library friends.

IN-PERSON: Tuesday, May 28 | 6 p.m.

Limit 30. Held at Harp & Fiddle - 110 Main Street.

VIRTUAL: Tuesdays, March 26, and April 23 | 6:30 p.m. *Limit 60.*

Chair Yoga

Join Sun and Moon instructor Joan McGee for this gentle yoga class. Stretch, breathe, and meditate your way to renewed energy. No experience necessary!

Joan is on-site March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, and May 1 & 15.

Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

Author Talk: Patricia Skalka

Chicago native Patricia Skalka, author of the Dave Cubiak Door County mysteries, will talk Door County and her writing process. *Books will be available for sale.*

Tuesday, March 5 | 7 p.m.

Park Ridge Writers Group

Do you want to write? Do you need a creative jumpstart to finish a piece? Join the Library's writing group for positive critique and support from other writers. *Limit 20.*

IN-PERSON: Wednesdays: March 13, April 10, and May 8 | 7 p.m.

VIRTUAL: Wednesdays: March 27, April 24, and May 22 | 7 p.m.

Cloud Storage 101

Is a lot of your data living in the "the cloud"? The tech experts at FireLogic will discuss the ins and outs of cloud storage, how and why your content goes there, and best practices for maintaining it.

Thursday, March 14 | 7 p.m.

Author Talk: DOWN BALLOT with Patrick Wohl

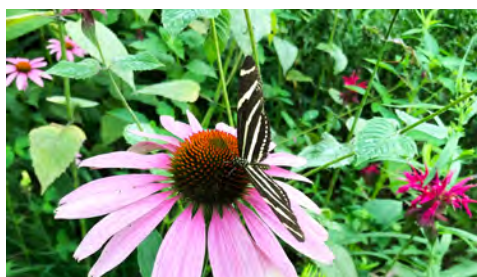
Join author and Park Ridge native Patrick Wohl along with Madeleine Doubek, former Daily Herald political reporter, in conversation about *Down Ballot*, which tells the story of the legendary 1990 campaign in Park Ridge between Rosemary Mulligan and Penny Pullen.

Thursday, March 21 | 7 p.m.

Native Plant Gardening

Sara Strother, of Planted Green, will help gardeners of all experience levels make the most of native plants, which help make positive change in the environment. *In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge.*

Thursday, April 18 | 7 p.m.



First Time Home Buying: Everything You Need to Know

Considering a home purchase this year? Let Dan Werdell of Guaranteed Rate and real estate attorney John Witanen show you the ropes, including the many programs available to assist you in financing.

Tuesday, May 7 | 7 p.m.

Medicare 101

Patrick Kennedy of LifeSmart Senior Services will demystify the world of Medicare, including Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies.

Thursday, May 16 | 7 p.m.

Filing for Social Security: Flexibility for Your Retirement Income

Stacy Bromann of the Dala Group will cover the latest filing strategies available to you in order to maximize your benefits.

Thursday, May 30 | 7 p.m.

Afternoon Programs

Exploring Croatia

Veteran traveler Gene Flynn returns to detail the geographic, cultural, and historic treats offered by Croatia, including the coastal region and Zagreb. *Hybrid.*

Tuesday, March 12 | 2 p.m.

There's Always Time for Tea and Scones!

Join Sarah Berto for a traditional English tea, including scones, clotted cream and jam, and a short lesson on the history of tea and proper teatime etiquette. *In-person only. Limit 18.*

Tuesday, April 9 | 2 p.m.

Concert: G.I. Jukebox - Songs of WWII

In time for Memorial Day, jazz singer Elaine Dame presents a concert of WWII jukebox favorites, including the best of Glenn Miller, Vera Lynn, and Nat King Cole. *In-person only. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Tuesday, May 14 | 2 p.m.

GLOBAL NEIGHBORS

Global Neighbors: India

Our Global Neighbors series continues with India! Enjoy a traditional Kathak dance performance and cultural lesson by Gauri Jog as well as popular Indian food samples. *In-person only. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*
Thursday, May 23 | 7 p.m.

In-Person Programs

These programs will be held on-site only. Register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Drop-In Help Desk

The experts from FireLogic will assist you with your tech questions. *No registration required.*

Saturdays: March 2, April 6, and May 4 | 9 a.m. - Noon

Stitch Night

Calling all knitters, crocheters, quilters, cross-stitchers, and fiber artists of all levels! Join us for an evening of free crafting advice and lively conversation. Show us what you've been working on or ask a fellow fiber artist how to get started. *No registration required.*

Thursdays: March 7, April 4, and May 2 | 7 p.m.

Wits Workout

Boost your cognitive function and memory while reconnecting with your Park Ridge neighbors in this interactive program of brain puzzles and discussion starters. *Sponsored by the 20th Century Club.*

Thursdays: March 14, April 11, and May 9 | 1 p.m.

DAR Genealogy Assistance

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. *No registration required.*

Thursdays: March 21, April 18, and May 16 | 9 a.m. - Noon

The Solar Eclipse and Other News from Space

Join Solar System Ambassador Bob Dwyer as he explains the upcoming solar eclipse as well as other exciting news from space, including the latest from the Webb telescope. **Eclipse glasses will be available for attendees.**

Tuesday, April 2 | 7 p.m.

Concert: Bluegrass with The Bourbon Aristocracy

Chicago musician Ethan Sellers returns with his bluegrass band, The Bourbon Aristocracy, which specializes in Kentucky bluegrass - authentic traditional music from a simpler time. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Thursday, April 11 | 7 p.m.

Crochet 101

Librarian and crochet artist Lynnanne Pearson will lead a beginner's class on crochet. *All supplies included. Limit 16. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*

Thursday, April 25 | 7 p.m.

SCORE Small Business Mentoring Sessions

Mentors from SCORE are available to advise small business owners on all aspects of small business. *Free.* Register at northchicago.score.org/find-mentor-726 or e-mail SCORE mentor Larry Zanger at larry.zanger@scorevolunteer.org.

Seed Library Kickoff Event

Join us to celebrate the launch of our Seed Library, an exciting green initiative made possible through a collaboration with Eagle Scout Candidate Owen Hanba from Troop 1. Whether you're a new or experienced gardener, our collection boasts a diverse array of seeds we are looking forward to sharing. Members of the Park Ridge Garden Club will be here to share tips and answer your gardening questions. Kids are invited to come plant a seed and make a seed inspired bookmark, and there will also be gardening-themed giveaways. *Drop in. No registration required.*

Saturday, April 6 | 10 a.m. - Noon



Registration required. Limit 40.



Inside the Met

The Metropolitan Museum of Art prepares to celebrate its 150th birthday, but when COVID hits New York City, they're forced to shut their doors as a skeleton staff battles to protect 1.2 million precious objects.

Friday, March 15 | 10 a.m.



James Beard, America's First Foodie

Experience a century of food through the life of James Beard, who spoke of localism and sustainability long before those terms had entered the vernacular.

Friday, April 19 | 10 a.m.



Great Escape at Dunkirk

Join archaeologists and divers recovering remains of ships and planes lost during World War II's epic Dunkirk operation.

Friday, May 17 | 10 a.m.



Middle School & High School Programs | Grades 6 – 12

Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3286**, or online at **parkridgelibrary.org**. Program schedules are subject to change. Registration required unless otherwise noted. Additional program details available online.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program, unless otherwise noted.

Teen Take & Create

Stop by The Loft to get all the materials you'll need; supplies are limited. Take your kit home, or work on it in the Library!

Starting March 11: Crocodiles

Starting March 25: Caterpillars

Starting April 8: Butterflies

Starting April 22: Crabs

Starting May 6: Aquariums

Starting May 20: Bees

RPG Club

Check our online calendar for dates, then grab your multi-sided dice and join us for RPG adventures; or, work with our Game Master to host your own.

Registration opens 1 week in advance.

Select Sundays this Spring | 1 - 4:45 p.m.

Teen Study Space

Stop by our first floor meeting room and do homework with your friends or work on group projects.

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

(No study space on March 27 and May 1.)

National Library Week

Sunday, April 7 - Saturday, April 13

Celebrate all things PRPL during this annual national celebration by joining library staff in a Library Spirit Week! Visit the Teen Loft during the week and show us your library spirit to receive a small prize. Visit our online calendar for suggestions, details, or ideas for each day's attire.

Sunday: Bizarre Hat Day

Monday: Favorite Character Day

Tuesday: Librarian Day

Wednesday: Jersey/Hobby Day

Thursday: Park Ridge Library Logo Colors Day

Friday: Flashback Friday


Saturday: Silly Sock Day




- On the hold list for the book version of that new Netflix series?
- Waiting for the next book from your favorite author?
- Do you need a book with a particular vibe but scrolling #BookTok is just not doing it?



Scan the QR code to fill out our updated Book Match form online or stop by the Teen Loft and receive a personalized list of recommendations plus some water bottle stickers!



Limited to Park Ridge cardholders.
Registration opens 1 week in advance.
All supplies provided. Space is limited.




Paper Puppies

Create adorable puppies out of cut and folded paper.
Tuesday, March 5 | 4 - 4:45 p.m. or
4:50 - 5:35 p.m.




Library Tote Bags

Create the perfect tote bag for your Library book hauls.
Tuesday, April 9 | 4 - 4:45 p.m. or
4:50 - 5:35 p.m.



Pop-Up Butterfly Cards

Create a beautiful pop-up card to celebrate someone special in your life.
Tuesday, May 7 | 4 - 4:45 p.m. or
4:50 - 5:35 p.m.



SUBMIT A VIDEO REVIEW!

GRADES 6 - 12

Submit a video review of a book, video game, TV show, movie, or music artist/album to our Teen Loft staff to post on our Library's social media.

Earn one service hour per review!



Scan the QR code for more information and rules.






Stop by the Teen Loft desk with any additional questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Minute to Win It | Grades 4 - 8

The clock is ticking! Your team has just 60 seconds to complete a random and utterly silly challenge.

Friday, March 8 | 4 p.m.

Chess Scholars | Grades K - 8

Learn chess basics or perfect your skills with the Chess Scholars.

Tuesdays: March 12, April 9, and May 14 | 4 p.m.

Drawing Club | Grades 6 - 8

Grab your art supplies and bring your sketchbooks to hang out and draw with friends. We'll have some drawing prompts and inspirational videos. You'll even have the chance to draw some coloring sheets for use in the Teen Loft!

Tuesday, March 19 | 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Drawing with Andertoons | Grades K - 8

Choose from two fun cartooning lessons led by Mark Anderson:

Limit one session per teen.

Reptile Roundup | 2 p.m.

Power Pets | 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Weird But True Trivia | Grades 4 - 8

No fooling! This trivia game will prove that truth is stranger than fiction.

Monday, April 1 | 4 p.m.

Breakout Challenge | Grades 6 - 8

Work together to solve a series of puzzles, and open a series of locks.

Friday, April 5 | 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Animal Portraits | Grades 4 - 8

Follow along with us as we sketch messy & abstract doodle-style animal portraits then bring them to life with paint!

Based on a CreativeBug project.

Friday, May 10 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Author Visit: Jennifer A. Nielsen, Historical Fiction Superstar | Grades 4 - 8

One of the Park Ridge Public Library's top circulating middle-grade authors, Jennifer A. Nielsen, is joining us on Zoom for a discussion about her newest book, *Uprising*.

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Interactive Musical Night

Musical fans, warm up your voices and get ready to break a leg! Join us for an interactive musical night with snacks. *Vote for the musical we'll watch when you register.*

Wednesday, March 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board Meet-Up

The Teen Advisory Board consists of like-minded, library-loving tweens and teens coming together to improve library services.

Join us this month to get the jump on our summer project! New members welcome.

Tuesday, April 2 | 4 p.m.

Teen Tiny Art Show

Show off your artistic skill in the Park Ridge Public Library Teen Tiny Art Show! Sign up to reserve a mini art kit, pick it up starting **April 1** in the Teen Loft, and then create your masterpiece at home. Painting will be displayed in the Teen Loft through the end of April.

April 1 | Supply pickup

April 7 | Painting drop-off ends

April 8 - 30 | Art show display

Watercolor Donut Workshop

Join watercolor artist Audrey Moon in an exploration of watercolors. You'll learn how to draw and paint delicious donuts. *All supplies will be provided. Beginners are welcome!*

Friday, April 12 | 4 p.m.

Murder Mystery Party: Murder Among the Mates

Argh! There's been a murder on the pirate ship and everyone is a suspect! You'll be assigned a character identity with a backstory and possible clues. Then you'll interact with other attendees throughout the event to try to uncover who committed the murder. *School-appropriate costumes are encouraged. Registration opens 2 weeks in advance.*

Friday, April 19 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Teen Puzzle Challenge

Compete in teams of 3 - 6 to solve a 500-piece puzzle in two hours! The first team to complete their puzzle wins a puzzling prize!

Saturday, April 27 | 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Self-Care Workshop

The end of the school year is almost here. What better way to take some of the stress off than an afternoon of self-care activities at the Library? We'll make some DIY spa products, and learn soothing stretches, breathing exercises, and de-stressing activities while listening to calming lo-fi beats.

Friday, May 17 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.



100 BOOKS



100 Books Before Graduation

Graduation is coming - will you make it to 100 books before the end of the school year? Join our 100 Books Before Graduation reading program, log the books you finish, and earn prizes for every 25 books you complete! 8th graders, if you don't finish in time, we'll roll you over to the high school program! Sign up today at parkridgelib.beanstack.org.



Children's Programs

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

STORYTIME

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

No registration required.

Hello, Baby! | Ages 0 - 18 months

with caregiver

This is an introductory lapsit storytime for babies.

Mondays: March 11 - April 1; April 15 - May 6;
May 20 | 9:30 a.m.

2s & 3s Storytime | Ages 2 - 3

with caregiver

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: March 12 - April 3;
April 16 - 24; May 1 - May 8; May 21 - 29 | 9:30 a.m.

Busy Bees | Toddlers

with caregiver

This is a transitional storytime for toddlers.

Playtime follows stories.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: March 12 - April 3;
April 16 - 24; May 1 - May 8; May 21 - 29 | 10:30 a.m.

Pre-K Storytime | Ages 3 - 5

with caregiver

Thursdays: March 14 - April 4; April 18 & 25;
May 9 - 30 | 10 a.m.

Family Storytime & Craft | Families

Bring your family to the Library for stories and crafting.

Saturdays: March 2, April 13 | 10:30 a.m.

Virtual PJ Storytime | All ages

This storytime takes place on Zoom to help families wind down before bedtime.

Wednesdays: March 13, April 10, May 8 | 7 p.m.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime |

Ages 2 and up *with caregiver*

Disfrute de un espacio de cuentos bilingües con canciones, cuentos y otras actividades.

Enjoy storytime in Spanish and English!

Fridays: March 8, May 24 | 10 a.m.

Bilingual Polish Storytime |

Ages 2 and up *with caregiver*

Ciesz się dwujęzyczną opowieścią z piosenkami, opowieściami i innymi zajęciami.

Enjoy storytime in Polish and English!

Monday, April 8 | 6:30 p.m.

BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

DROP IN *No registration required.*

Hello, Playtime! | Ages 6 - 18 months

with caregiver

At this NEW group playtime for the littlest littles, you and your baby can play and connect with other local littles and their caregivers.

Mondays: March 4, April 8 | 9:30 a.m.

Tot Time Playdate | Ages 1 - 5

with caregiver

Drop in with your toddler to play with toys and connect with friends!

Tuesdays: March 5, April 9, May 14 | 10 a.m.

Discovery Hour | Ages 2 - 5

with caregiver

Stop in for some hands-on early learning with your preschooler!

Thursdays: March 7, April 11 | 10 a.m.

TICKETED PROGRAMS

Space is limited. Tickets will be available at the Children's Services desk on a first come, first served basis 30 minutes before each program.

Harmonious Horizons | Ages 0 - 5

with caregiver

Join us for a family music class for children.

Fridays: March 1, April 5, May 10 |
10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.

Move & Groove with Twisted Tree | Ages 2 and up

with caregiver
Develop coordination and self-expression through movement and music.

Wednesdays: March 6, April 10, May 15 |
10:45 a.m.



Musical Storytime with Miss Megan |

Ages 0 - 5 *with caregiver*

Join Miss Megan from Harmonious Horizons for a special musical storytime.

Monday, May 13 | 10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program.

Adult & Tot Yoga | Ages 2 - 4

with caregiver

Stretch, play, and connect with your little yogi.

Wednesdays: March 6, April 10, May 15 | 10 a.m.

Little Lotus Movement & Stories |

Ages 3 - 5 *with caregiver*

Get ready. Get set. Get centered with Miss Linda in this mindful movement storytime.

Mondays: March 18, April 15, May 20 | 11 a.m.

FAMILIES

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Family Yoga Storytime | Families with kids ages 4 - 7

Gather your family for a story and some stretches.

Saturdays: March 9, May 18 | 10 a.m.

Reptiles & Amphibians with the Frog Lady | Ages 5 and up

Meet reptiles and amphibians up close and personal with Deb Krohn of FrogLady Presentations!

Tickets available at the Children's Services desk beginning

Saturday, April 6.

Saturday, April 20 | 1 p.m.

Firefly Family Theatre Presents: Grow | All Ages

Learn all about plants and flowers with Spark the Firefly through music, puppets, poetry, and interactive movement presented by the talented folks from Firefly Family Theatre.

Tickets available at the Children's Services desk beginning Saturday, April 27.

Saturday, May 11 | 10 a.m.

SCHOOL AGE

DROP IN *No registration required.*

Art Party | Grades K and up

Drop by for some open art time.

Thursdays: March 14, April 11 | 4 p.m.

LEGOMania | Grades K and up

Drop in and build whatever you can dream up with our LEGO bricks!

Monday, March 25 | 3 p.m.

STEAMagination with American Science & Surplus | Grades K and up

Drop in and explore STEAM activities.

Fridays: March 22, April 26, May 24 | 4 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program,

except for Read to the Dogs.

Minute to Win It | Grades 4 - 8

Challenge your friends to see what you can do in 60 seconds!

Friday, March 8 | 4 p.m.

Chess Scholars | Grades K - 8

Learn chess basics or perfect your skills with Chess Scholars.

Tuesdays: March 12, April 9, May 14 | 4 p.m.

Oodles of Doodles | Grades K - 2

Enjoy a story followed by an art project inspired by our book.

Mondays: March 18, April 8, May 20 | 4 p.m.

Read to the Dogs | Grades 1 - 6

Registration opens 1 week before the program.

Reserve your space to read to a dog from Rainbow Assisted Animal Therapy. *This program is generously made possible by Marion's Mark.*

Wednesdays: March 20, April 17, May 15 | 15-minute sessions, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Drawing with Andertoons | Grades K - 8

Choose from two fun cartooning lessons led by Mark Anderson:

Limit one session per child.

Tuesday, March 26

Reptile Roundup | 2 p.m.

Learn to draw strange, weird, and downright bizarre reptiles!

Power Pets | 3:30 p.m.

Learn to draw superhero pets!

Start Your Rockin' Collection | Grades K and up

Learn rock collecting basics from the experts at the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art.

Thursday, March 28 | 2 p.m.

Rock and Mineral ID | Grades 3 and up

This hands-on class will teach kids techniques to identify rocks and minerals.

Thursday, March 28 | 3 p.m.

Explore Eclipses | Grades 1 and up

Explore eclipses with us just in time for the April 8th eclipse! Kids who attend will receive their own eclipse viewer to take home.

Friday, March 29 | 3 p.m.

Weird But True Trivia | Grades 4 - 8

No fooling! This trivia game will prove that truth is stranger than fiction.

Monday, April 1 | 4 p.m.

Eat the Rainbow | Grades K - 4

Dive into Healthy Eating Week at this fun celebration of delicious and nutritious food!

Tuesday, April 2 | 4 p.m.

Breakout Challenge | Grades 3 - 5

Work together to solve a series of puzzles, and open a series of locks.

Friday, April 5 | 4 p.m.

All About Composting for Kids | Grades K and up

Celebrate International Compost Awareness Week at this fun, colorful introduction to the world of composting.

Monday, May 6 | 4 p.m.

Animal Portraits | Grades 4 - 8

Follow along with us as we sketch messy, abstract doodle-style animal portraits, then bring them to life with paint!

Friday, May 10 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Author Visit: Jennifer A. Nielsen, Historical Fiction Superstar | Grades 4 - 8

Join us as we talk with Jennifer A. Nielsen, one of our favorite authors, live via Zoom! Jennifer will join us on Zoom, but we will be gathering in person.

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

FEATURED EVENTS

MONTHLY ADVENTURES



March: Rainbow Walk

It's all about rainbows this month! Make a rainbow windsock to decorate the Children's Department. Then take a stroll along our indoor Rainbow Walk.



April: Birds of a Feather

Spring is for the birds! Welcome them in by making a bird stick puppet craft to take home.

May: Grow a Garden



How does your garden grow?

Ours takes lots of loving little hands.

Stop in to make a flower for our garden window, and spend some time tending to our imaginary garden.

Sensory-Friendly Hour

We will open an hour early for an adapted, accessible and sensory-friendly Library experience for all. The Children's Department environment will be adjusted, and sensory supports and activities will be available.

Sundays: March 3, April 7, and May 5 | 11 a.m. - Noon

Eclipse Viewers

A limited supply of eclipse viewers and glasses will be available at the Children's Services desk on a first come, first served basis beginning on Wednesday, April 3. *Limit 2 per household.*

Wednesday, April 3

Día Cultural Celebration | All Ages

Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds that culminates yearly on April 30. Celebrate with us as we share stories, language and culture from around the world!

Guest storytellers from the community will be on hand to share their favorite stories in a variety of languages.

Multilingual Storytime | 10 a.m.

Cultural Showcase | 4 p.m.

Enjoy performances showcasing cultures of the world.

Tuesday, April 30

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