

Park Ridge Public Library

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Strategic Planning Process Update

A Message From The Library Director

As the leaves begin to change and fall routines settle in, I want to thank you for being part of the Park Ridge Public Library community. Whether you're visiting us in person or online, your engagement inspires the work we do every day.

This fall, we're excited to share that we are making significant progress on our new strategic plan. In June, community members, Library Board members and staff came together for a full-day planning retreat where we reviewed community feedback, library usage trends, and the evolving needs of our patrons.

Some key priorities emerged from our discussions:

- Expand access to digital content, technology, and modern resources
- Reimagine and optimize physical spaces to be welcoming, flexible, and responsive to patron needs
- Offer inclusive programs and services that reflect the diverse interests of our community
- Invest in our high-performing staff to support long-term growth and innovation
- Strengthen community awareness, engagement, and support for the Library's mission

Next, we'll finalize the plan's goals and bring it to the Library Board for approval. Once adopted, this plan will guide our efforts for the next 3-5 years to ensure the Library continues to grow alongside the community we serve.



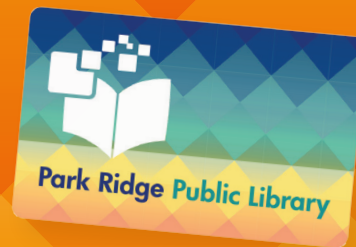
Nearly 100 community members participated in strategic planning sessions in early June.

As we look ahead, I'm reminded of the words of F. Scott Fitzgerald: "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." It's a perfect reflection of where we are as a Library: ready to turn the page and begin an exciting new chapter.

Thank you for your continued support. We're excited for what's ahead and look forward to sharing more with you soon.

Warm regards,
Joanna Bertucci
Library Director

ONE CARD, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



From books to birdwatching kits to museum passes, there's so much you can borrow from your library's collection.

Take part in engaging programs like book discussions, crafting classes, movie nights, and author talks.

Access technology, Wi-Fi and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner.



Getting a library card is free, easy, and empowering. For babies and toddlers, it's the start of a lifetime love of reading. For students, it's a key to academic success. For adults, it's a gateway to lifelong learning. For everyone, it's a smart way to stay connected to your community.

Sign up today!



Never Lose Your 'Place' with Doorstep Delivery



Doorstep Delivery

Like many readers, you probably enjoy picking out a fresh stack of books from the Library. Among all the errands on your to-do list, a visit to the Library might be one you truly look forward to. Sometimes, life throws temporary obstacles your way. Maybe your car is in the shop, or you're caring for a sick child at home. Whatever the reason, we're here to help by bringing the Library to you.

Park Ridge is now offering Doorstep Delivery to complement its Homebound Delivery* service. Doorstep Delivery is perfect for patrons who just need a one-and-done or short-term assist with getting library materials. This service, along with our schedule of virtual programs, our collection of ebooks and audiobooks, as well as our databases, guarantees your Library experience won't be disrupted.

Tony Letrich, Patron Services Coordinator, who manages the Doorstep Delivery service, said the initial response has been great. "Patrons are always happy to see the delivery van pull up in front of their house and receive material that, for a variety of reasons, they can't pick up at the Library themselves," he said. "We'll deliver to any Park Ridge patron, just ask: we are here for you!" Letrich added that, while the staff loves to meet patrons in person, they can also leave your bag of items on a front porch or in a building lobby. "Our goal is simple: to get your items to you quickly," said Letrich.

Friends of the Library leadership update

After years of involvement with the Friends of the Park Ridge Library, most recently as co-president, Deb Kuhlman has passed the baton to Susan Gilpin, the group's new co-president alongside Judy Donovan. Also filling Kuhlman's shoes is Dan Fisher, who now serves as book sale coordinator.



We thank Deb for her service to the Friends and to the Library.

Learn more about the Friends and how to get involved at parkridgelibrary.org/get-involved/friends-of-the-library/

Arranging for Doorstep Delivery is easy:

- 1 Place items on hold through our online catalog or call the library and speak with a librarian.
- 2 When your hold(s) are ready, we will notify you via email, phone or text, depending on the preference you indicate on your library card account.
- 3 Call the Library, or reply to the email, to set up a date and time for delivery.
- 4 Our Patron Services staff member will leave the bag on your doorstep. *If you live in a multi-unit building, they will ring your unit to let you know your delivery will be left in your building's foyer or lobby.*

Frequently Asked Questions



Do I need a Park Ridge Library card to use Doorstep Delivery?

Yes. Our Patron Services staff will be checking out the items you are borrowing to your card number just as you would if you were visiting the Library.

How long will it take to get my items?

Once your items are ready, you'll be notified via text, email, or phone, and you will be able to set up a delivery day and time, so you will know when they're due to arrive.

I live in a multi-unit building. Where will you leave my bag of items?

We will confirm with you when you set up the appointment that we can leave the bags in your buildings lobby.

What if you leave the items on my doorstep and the weather is bad?

Our delivery bags are durable and waterproof. The bag will be checked out to you along with your books. You can return the bag when you return your items.

How do I return the items?

When you are finished with them and able to get to the Library, bring back the bag and the items to the Library's front desk.

Questions about Doorstep Delivery?

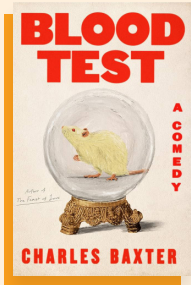
Email patronservices@parkridgelibrary.org or call 847-825-3123.

*For information about Homebound Delivery, email cthompson@parkridgelibrary.org, or call 847-720-3382.

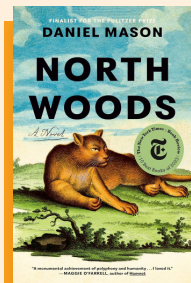
Films and Book Discussions for Adults

Book discussions will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room OR available live over Zoom. Choose how you would like to join and sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Books are available two weeks before the discussion at the Reader Services desk.

FICTION GROUP R



Blood Test
by Charles Baxter
VIRTUAL: Tuesday,
September 9 | 7 p.m.
IN PERSON: Thursday,
September 25 | 10 a.m.

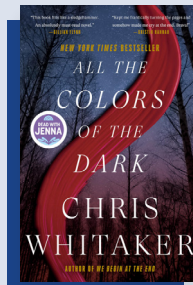


North Woods
by Daniel Mason
VIRTUAL: Tuesday,
October 14 | 7 p.m.
IN PERSON: Thursday,
October 30 | 10 a.m.

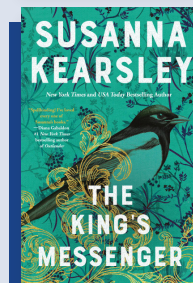


The Paris Express
by Emma Donoghue
VIRTUAL: Tuesday,
November 11 | 7 p.m.
IN PERSON: Thursday,
November 20 | 10 a.m.

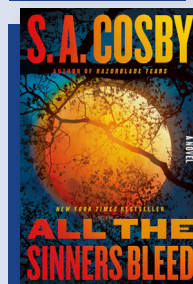
WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP R



All the Colors of the Dark
by Chris Whitaker
Wednesday,
September 17 | 7 p.m.



The King's Messenger
by Susanna Kearsley
Wednesday,
October 15 | 7 p.m.

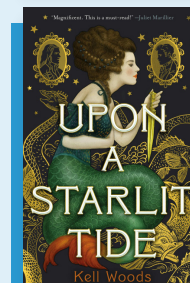


All the Sinners Bleed
by S.A. Cosby
Wednesday,
November 19 | 7 p.m.

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY GROUP R



A Fate Inked in Blood
by Danielle L. Jensen
Wednesday,
September 3 | 7 p.m.

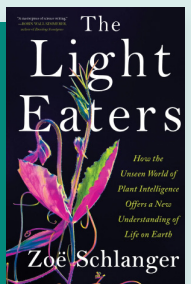


Upon a Starlit Tide
by Kell Woods
Wednesday,
October 1 | 7 p.m.



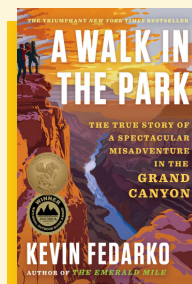
The Knight and the Moth
by Rachel Gillig
Wednesday,
November 5 | 7 p.m.

GREEN READS R

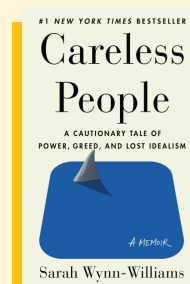


The Light Eaters
by Zoë Schlanger
*In partnership with
Go Green Park Ridge*
Tuesday, October 28
7 p.m.

NONFICTION GROUP R



A Walk in the Park
by Kevin Fedarko
Friday, September 12
10 a.m.



Careless People
by Sarah Wynn-Williams
Friday, November 14
10 a.m.

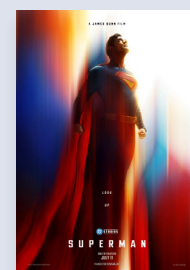
FILMS - These movies will be screened at the Library in the First Floor Meeting Room. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



A Real Pain D
[R, 89 min.]
Tuesday, September 16
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Starring Kieran Culkin
and Jesse Eisenberg.



Black Bag D
[R, 93 min.]
Tuesday, October 21
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Starring Cate
Blanchett and
Michael Fassbender.



Superman D
[PG-13, 122 min.]
Tuesday, November 18
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Starring David Corenswet
and Rachel Brosnahan.

The Studio and Media Lab for Adults



R Orientation

Patrons must complete this mandatory orientation before booking appointments in The Studio.

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

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

THE STUDIO CLASSES

All classes are free and supplies are included. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. **Must be comfortable using a computer for Laser Cutter classes.**

Registration opens four weeks in advance. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Library at 847-720-3230.

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

R Cricut 101

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

Thursday, September 11 | 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 25 | 2:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Cork Trivet

Learn how to engrave a cork trivet in this introductory class to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter. *Limit 1 person per class.*

Saturday, September 13 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Wooden Recipe Box

Laser cut and build a classic Wooden Recipe Box for yourself or your favorite cook. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit of 4 people per class.*

Thursday, September 18 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 19 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, September 24 | 6:30 p.m.

R Decorated Kitchen Towel

Decorate a kitchen towel for the fall to dress up your kitchen. *Limit 4 people per class.*

Tuesday, October 7 | 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15 | 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 23 | 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28 | 2:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Pint Glass

This is an introductory class to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter, where you will learn how to engrave a pint glass.

Limit 1 person per class.

Saturday, October 11 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Barn Wood Family Sign

Learn how to connect letters in the software and create a wooden cutout of your family name to paint and mount on barn wood. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, October 16 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 17 | 11 a.m.

Wednesday, October 22 | 6:30 p.m.

R Woven Paper Stars

Create a beautiful, dimensional, woven paper star using paper strips. *Based on a Creativebug class. Limit 4 people per class.*

Tuesday, November 4 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 13 | 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19 | 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25 | 2:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Pair of Engraved Glass Coasters

It's hot drink season! Learn how to engrave a pair of glass coasters in this introductory class to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter.

Limit 1 person per class.

Saturday, November 8 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

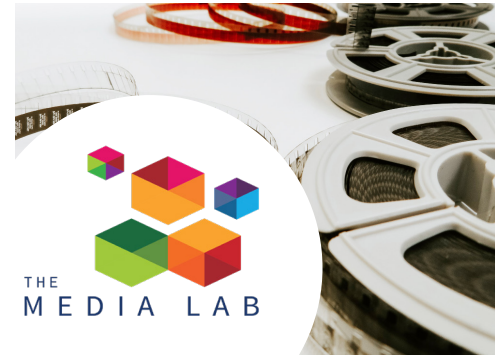
R Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Engraved Baking/Serving Dish

Personalize your potluck dish this holiday season with a custom engraved baking/serving dish. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit of 4 people per class.*

Wednesday, November 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 14 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, November 20 | 6:30 p.m.



R Orientation

Patrons must complete this mandatory orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.

Tuesdays: 7 p.m. | Saturdays: 10 a.m.

THE MEDIA LAB CLASSES

All classes are free. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. *Limit 3 people per class. Registration opens four weeks in advance.*

R Archiving Your Photos, Slides and Negatives

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

Thursdays: September 4, October 2, November 6 | 7 - 8 p.m.

R Converting Home Videos to Digital

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

Thursdays: September 11, October 9, November 13 | 7 - 8 p.m.

R Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Convert your old audiocassette recordings and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

Thursdays: September 18, October 16, November 20 | 7 - 8 p.m.

R Converting 8mm and Super 8 Home Videos to Digital

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

Thursdays: September 25, October 30 | 7 - 8 p.m.



Scan the QR code to register for programs!



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

These programs will be held over Zoom.

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).

Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns
Tuesday, September 16
7 p.m.



Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode
Tuesday, October 21
7 p.m.

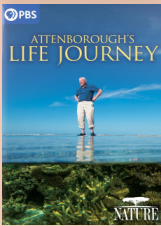


FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB

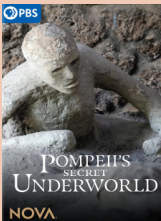
Limit 40.



Statue of Liberty
Friday, September 19
10 a.m.



Attenborough's Life Journey
Friday, October 24
10 a.m.



Pompeii's Secret Underworld
Friday, November 21
10 a.m.

NEW!

BRAIN BOOSTERS



R Brain Boosters

Keep your brain sharp and reconnect with your neighbors in this interactive, collaborative program of brain puzzles and discussion starters. *Limit 30.*

In partnership with the Center of Concern.

Sponsored by the 20th Century Club.

In-person.

Thursdays: September 11, October 9, November 13 | 1 p.m.

R Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Join the Center of Concern at the Library for a safe place to learn, exchange strategies, and meet other caregivers coping with Alzheimer's or another dementia. *Limit 20. Light refreshments served. In-person.*

Mondays: September 8, October 13, November 10 | 10 a.m.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

R Chair Yoga

Stretch, breathe, and meditate your way to renewed energy with Sun & Moon instructor Joan McGee in this gentle Yoga class. *No experience necessary. Hybrid.*

Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

Joan is on-site September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19.

R Ballroom Dancing 101

Put on your dancing shoes and join the instructors of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio for a demonstration of ballroom dancing followed by a beginners' class.

Limit 40. In-person.

Tuesday, September 9 | 2 p.m.

D 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.

Thursdays: September 18, October 16, November 20 | 9 a.m. - Noon

R New Zealand: The Land of the Long White Cloud

Photographer and veteran traveler Jim Rowan will share highlights of his time in New Zealand, including the varied topography and Maori culture on the North and South Islands. *In-person.*

Tuesday, October 14 | 2 p.m.

R Book Club Mixer

Local book clubs are invited to join us for an in-person author talk with Kathleen Rooney, author of five novels including *From Dust to Stardust*. Meet other book clubs and learn about new book discussion sets. Not in a book club? You're also welcome to attend!

Books will be available for purchase from New Book Joy.

In-person.

Saturday, November 15 | 2 p.m.



R Family Puzzle Challenge

Are you an expert puzzler? Join our jigsaw puzzle challenge with the whole family and see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle first. The winning team gets a prize! *Limit 12 teams. Snacks provided.*

Puzzles donated by Ravensburger.

Registration opens November 7.

Friday, November 28 | 2 p.m.

GLOBAL NEIGHBORS

R Global Neighbors: Korea

Celebrate Korea with the Korean Performing Arts Institute, who will perform traditional instrumental music on sanjo and minyo. *Refreshments will be served.*

In-person. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.

Tuesday, October 7 | 7 p.m.



EVENING PROGRAMS

- D** **Stitch Night**
Crocheters, quilters, cross-stitchers, and fiber artists of all levels, join us for an evening of free crafting advice and lively conversation. *In-person.*
Thursdays: September 4, October 2, November 6 | 7 p.m.
- R** **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. Hybrid.*
Wednesdays
In-person: September 10, October 8, November 12 | 6:30 p.m.
Virtual: September 24, October 22 | 6:30 p.m.
- R** **Library Pub Quiz**
Do you have a head full of useless facts? Show them off by joining us for Library Pub Quiz. Have a laugh, learn something new and catch up with your library friends! *Held at Harp & Fiddle - 110 Main Street. Limit 50. In-person.*
Tuesdays: September 23, October 28, November 25 | 6:30 p.m.

STAYING GREEN ALL YEAR LONG

- R** **Fall Planting with Native Pollinators**
Learn how to clean up your fall garden and replenish it with native plants with Planted Green owner Sara Strother. *Hybrid.*
Thursday, September 11 | 7 p.m.
- R** **Home Solar Power**
Tim Milburn and Go Green Park Ridge will review the basics of installing residential solar panels and EV chargers as well as ways to leverage incentives and reduce energy use and costs. *Hybrid.*
Thursday, September 18 | 7 p.m.

- R** **SCORE Small Business Mentoring Sessions**
Mentors from SCORE are available to advise small business owners. *Free.* Call 847-720-3230 to register.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

- R** **Impressionist Wine Bottle Painting**
Artist Lorrissa Julianus will lead a painting workshop using wine bottles and acrylic paint markers, all while lecturing about the Impressionists and playing music of the era. *Limit 30. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. In-person.*
Thursday, September 25 | 7 p.m.
- R** **Crochet 201: Jack-O'-Lantern**
Librarian and crochet artists Lynnanne Pearson returns to lead an intermediate crochet workshop to make a mini jack-o'-lantern. Basic crochet skills preferred. *Limit 16. Sponsored by Marion's Mark. In-person.*
Thursdays, October 23 | 7 p.m.



AUTHOR TALKS

- R** **Something Big with Patrick Wohl**
Author and Park Ridge native Patrick Wohl returns to discuss his new book, *Something Big: The True Story of the Brown's Chicken Massacre*. **Books will be available for sale.** *Hybrid.*
Tuesday, September 30 | 7 p.m.
- R** **Guardian Angel: The Lewis and Clark Saga with M. Paul Hollander**
Teacher and author Paul Timm (pen name M. Paul Hollander) returns to discuss his new book, *Guardian Angel: The Lewis and Clark Saga*. **Books will be available for sale.** *Hybrid.*
Thursday, November 13 | 7 p.m.



- R** **Concert: The Jazz Arts Duo**
Guitarist John Behling and bassist Marcel Bonfim will perform contemporary American and Brazilian jazz as well as their own compositions. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. In-person.*
Thursday, October 9 | 7 p.m.
- R** **Resume Workshop**
Join Brittany Coleman of Oakton College to polish your resume, making sure it meets current standards that highlight your strengths and accomplishments. *Hybrid.*
Tuesday, November 4 | 7 p.m.
- R** **Native American Storytelling**
Chief White Winnebago will tell five Native American stories, mostly of Ho-Chunk origin. Including discussion of the history, culture, regalia, and artifacts of his tribe. *In-person.*
Thursday, November 20 | 7 p.m.



HONORING OUR VETERANS

- R** **This is Really War: The Incredible True Story of a Navy Nurse POW in WWII**
Scholar Emilie Lucchesi will tell the true story of twelve Navy nurses who were held at Los Banos prison camp in the Philippines during WWII. *Hybrid.*
Thursday, October 30 | 7 p.m.
- R** **Documentary: The Greatest Bond**
[2020, 54 min.]
A PBS documentary depicting the journey of disabled veterans whose lives are transformed through the unconditional love of service dogs. *In-person.*
Tuesday, November 11 | 2 p.m.



Scan the QR code to register for programs!



Middle & High School Programs | Grades 6 – 12 *unless otherwise noted.*

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

R **T(w)een Advisory Board**
It's time to put on your thinking caps as we plan fun, creative, and exciting programs for the Library's winter season. From cozy craft sessions to lively events and everything in between, this is your chance to help shape what's coming to the Library. Bring your best ideas - and maybe a friend who wants to join the Board! *Snacks provided.*
Monday, September 15 | 4:30 p.m.

R **RPG & Board Game Club**
Join an ongoing RPG adventure or explore various exciting tabletop games with other passionate players (*no prior experience required*). Check our online calendar for dates. *Registration opens one week before the program.*
Select Sundays | 1 - 4:45 p.m.

Teen Take & Create

Stop by The Loft to pick up a bag of supplies, take your kit home or work on it in the Library! *Supplies are limited.*

Starting September 8: Lightning Bugs

Starting October 6: Koalas

Starting November 3: Dragons

T(W)EENS IN THE STUDIO

GRADES 6-12

*All supplies provided.
Events limited to Park Ridge Library cardholders; registration opens one week in advance.*

Join us and get crafty in the Library's makerspace!



Picnic Basket Pop-Up Card
Tuesday, October 21
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.



Felt Fox Bookmarks
Tuesday, November 18
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

ARE YOU A TEEN WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

Stop by the Teen Loft desk and show us your card for a prize!



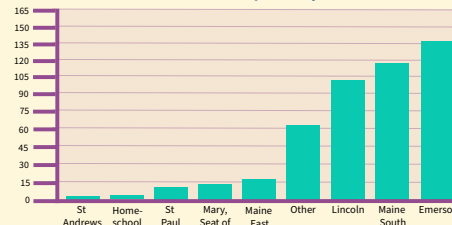
WHAT'S UP IN THE LOFT?

Stay up to date on all things Lofty in our monthly e-newsletter just for t(w)eens!



2024 - 2025 School Year Stats

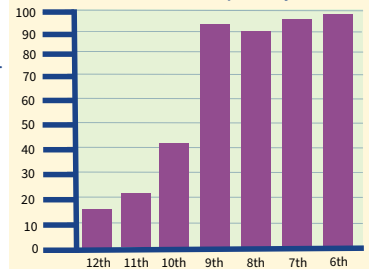
Number of Participants by School



The school with the highest number of participants is...



Number of Participants by Grade



Top 10 Logged Books:



100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

Start logging your reading today!



Sign Up 162 New registrations

479 Total participants

4,533 Books read

27 Total program completions

200 2 Students completing both programs

100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

Ready to dive into a reading adventure that will last all year? Join our 100 Books Before Graduation program and discover new stories, genres, and authors while working toward an epic goal: reading **100** books before you walk across that graduation stage!

Sign up today at the library or on parkridgelib.beanstack.com - and get ready to turn the page on an unforgettable year of reading.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

R Loft and Found

Sometimes in life—and at the library—we all feel a little lost. Loft and Found is your chance to find more than just misplaced items; it's about discovering new friends, reconnecting with old ones, and building a community where you belong. Whether you're new to the Teen Loft or just haven't been around in a while, join us to hang out, play games, create, and find your spot in the library. Snacks, good vibes, and new connections await! *After hours event.*
Friday, September 5 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

R Stranger Things Trivia Grades 7 - 12

Are you a *Stranger Things* expert? Put your knowledge to the test by answering a range of questions about the Upside Down, the Demogorgon, and all things Hawkins!
Friday, September 19 | 4 p.m.

R Chess Scholars | Grades K - 8

Learn chess basics or perfect your skills with Chess Scholars.
Mondays: September 22, October 20, November 17 | 4 p.m.

R The Court of the Dead Launch Party

Join us to celebrate the launch of the newest book in the Nico di Angelo Adventures series: *The Court of the Dead!* Enjoy themed activities with other superfans. *Previous book-reading/movie-watching is not required to come and have fun.*
Tuesday, September 23 | 4 p.m.



Visit parkridgelibrary.org/teens for study resources and helpful updates throughout the school year.



Scan the QR code to register for programs!

R Paws + Play Grades 8 - 12

Unleash your creativity and support shelter pups in this hands-on workshop designed for pet lovers! Learn how to make snuffle mats—fun, safe, and easy-to-make enrichment toys that engage a dog's natural foraging instincts and reduce stress and boredom. *Donate your finished mat to Border Tails Rescue and earn 1 hour of community service, or take it home to treat your own furry friend!*
Tuesday, September 30 | 7 p.m.



R Conquering the Common App Essay | Grades 9 - 12 and caregivers

Turn your confusion into confidence with Angie from Write Turn!
Session 1: Monday, October 6 | 7 p.m.
We'll review some brainstorming activities and a few successful examples, then do some planning together to help you on your way to the perfect Common App essay.
Session 2: Monday, October 20 | 7 p.m.
Between sessions, work on your essays at home, then bring in your outlines or drafts for further editing and feedback.

R T(w)een Werewolf | Grades 7 - 12

Can you lie your way to survival... or sniff out the traitors before it's too late? Join us for a high-stakes, high-suspense game of Werewolf, the ultimate game of deception, deduction, and dramatic accusations. You'll be assigned a secret role and must then try to outwit the other players in a battle of trust and betrayal.
Friday, October 10 | 4 p.m.



R Introduction to Soap Making

Make your own bar of all-natural, eco-friendly soap while the experts at Soapy Roads of Lombard teach you about the process. *Supplies provided.*
Monday, October 13 | 3 - 4:30 p.m.



R Ghost That Painting | Grades 7 - 12

Ever wondered what a Van Gogh landscape would look like if it were haunted? Bring a spooky twist to iconic masterpieces—adding creepy creatures, ghostly glows, eerie shadows, and other supernatural touches. *Supplies provided.*
Thursday, October 30 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.



R T(w)een Movie Night: Wicked

Get ready for *Wicked: For Good* by watching the first part with your friends and, of course, some snacks!
Wednesday, November 12 5:30 - 8:10 p.m.



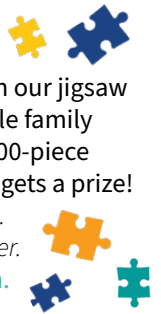
R T(w)een Tasters

Ready to snack your way through Taiwan? Join us as we unbox a tasty selection of treats from Universal Yums. You'll learn about Taiwan's culture, play snack-themed trivia, and get to taste and rate each unique snack. *Allergens may be present.*
Friday, November 21 | 4 p.m.



R Family Puzzle Challenge

Are you an expert puzzler? Join our jigsaw puzzle challenge with the whole family and see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle first. The winning team gets a prize! *Limit 12 teams. Snacks provided. Puzzles donated by Ravensburger.*
Friday, November 28 | 2 - 4 p.m.



T(W)EEN CROSSOVER

R Snackdown Taste Test | Grades 4 - 9

Join us for a fun and flavorful taste test! Sample a variety of snacks, rate your favorites, and discover new tastes. *Allergens may be present.*
Friday, October 3 | 4 p.m.

R Wild Animal Painting | Grades 5 - 9

Follow along with us as we sketch messy and abstract doodled wild animal portraits, then bring them to life in vibrant and expressive colors! *Supplies provided.*
Tuesday, November 25 | 2 - 3:30 p.m.

BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

T Harmonious Horizons Music Class

Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver
 Tickets available 30 minutes before the program. Limit one session per family per month.
 Fridays: September 5, October 3
 10 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m.

D Bilingual Polish Storytime

Ages 2 and up with caregiver
 Zapraszamy na dwujęzyczne spotkanie z opowieściami, piosenkami i zabawami. Enjoy storytime in Polish and English!
 Fridays: September 12, October 10, November 14 | 10 a.m.

T Supported Storytime & Craft with Little Steps | Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver

Hosted by Little Steps Pediatric Therapy, this program targets age-appropriate fine motor and communication skills. Tickets available 30 minutes before the program. Siblings welcome.
 Thursdays: September 18, November 20
 11:30 a.m.

D Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Ages 2 and up with caregiver
 Disfrute de un espacio de cuentos bilingüe con canciones, cuentos y otras actividades. Enjoy storytime in Spanish and English!
 Fridays: September 26, October 31 | 10 a.m.

T Developmental Speech Language Playgroup with Assential Therapies

Ages 18 months - 3 years with caregiver
 Playtime to promote language development and social skills in a supportive setting. Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.
 Mondays: September 29, November 10
 9:30 a.m.

D Tot Time Playdate

Ages 1 - 5 with caregiver
 Drop in with your toddler to play with toys and connect with friends.
 Tuesdays: September 30, November 11
 10 a.m.

STORYTIME

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
D Hello, Baby! Ages 0 - 18 months 9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.	D 2s & 3s Storytime Ages 2 - 3 9:30 a.m. D Busy Bees Story and Playtime Ages 18 months - 3 years 10:30 a.m.	D 2s & 3s Storytime Ages 2 - 3 9:30 a.m. D Pre-K Storytime Ages 3 - 5 10:30 a.m.	D Busy Bees Story and Playtime Ages 18 months - 3 years 9:30 a.m.



No storytimes are held during the weeks of September 29 and November 10. Check the calendar online or in the Children's Department for dates and alternative programs. Caregiver must be present.

R Adult & Tot Yoga | Ages 3 - 5

with caregiver
 Wednesdays: October 1, November 12
 10 a.m.

T Move & Groove with Twisted Tree Yoga | Ages 2 and up with caregiver

Develop coordination and self-expression through movement and music. Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.
 Wednesdays: October 1, November 12
 10:45 a.m.

D Discovery Zone | Ages 2 - 6

with caregiver
 Enjoy hands-on early learning fun with your curious kiddos!
 Thursdays: October 2, November 13
 10 a.m.

T Boo-tiful Art Creations

Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver
 Come make a spooky, fun art project with us! Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.
 Thursday, October 23 | 11 a.m.



D Teddy Bear Picnic Storytime

Ages 2 - 5 with caregiver
 Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join us for a bear-y special storytime!
 Friday, November 7 | 10 a.m.

FAMILIES

D Family Storytime & Craft

Saturdays: September 13, October 11, November 8 | 10:30 a.m.

R Family Yoga Storytime | Families with kids ages 4 - 7

Saturday, November 1 | 10 a.m.

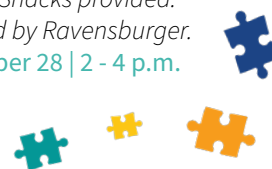
D Morning with Peppa

Snort, giggle, and relax with us at a cozy Peppa Pig Watch Party!
 Friday, November 28
 10 a.m.



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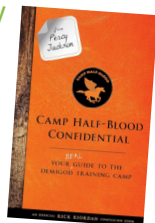


SCHOOL AGE

R Camp Half-Blood Party

Grades 3 - 5

Join us to celebrate all things *Camp Half-Blood*.
Friday, September 12
4 p.m.



R Read to the Dogs

Grades 1 - 5

Reserve your space to read to a dog from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy.

This program is generously made possible by Marion's Mark.

Registration opens one week in advance at time of program.

Wednesdays: September 17, October 22, November 19 | 15-minute sessions, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



R Chess Scholars | Grades K - 8

Learn chess basics or perfect your skills with Chess Scholars.

Mondays: September 22, October 20, November 17 | 4 p.m.

R Colorful Creations | Grades 3 - 5

Join us for a colorful adventure, where we'll make two vibrant projects: Sharpie tie dyes and rainbow lava lamp jars!

Thursday, September 25 | 4 p.m.

R Oodles of Doodles | Grades K - 2

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

Mondays: September 29, November 10
4 p.m.

D LEGOpalooza | Grades K and up

What can you create with our LEGO bricks?

Mondays: October 6, November 24
4 p.m.



4th AND 5th GRADERS!

Check out page 9 for more programs you're invited to!

R Junior RPG Club | Grades 3 - 5

This intro to role-playing games is perfect for young adventurers looking to take off on their first quests! Registration opens one week in advance at time of program.

Fridays: October 24, November 14
4 - 5:45 p.m.

R Spooktacular Art! | Grades 4 - 5

Lets paint a jack-o'-lantern together.

Monday, October 27 | 4 p.m.

R Jurassic Jam: Dino-vement Fun!

Grades K - 3

We'll explore dinosaurs through activities and crafts.

Tuesday, November 4
4 p.m.



Scan the QR code to register for programs!

Families

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY!

Stop in anytime all day!

SHOW YOUR COSTUME AT EACH OF THE PUBLIC DESKS TO GET A SPECIAL TREAT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.

FEATURED EVENTS

Sensory-Friendly Hour **D** Families

Join us for an adapted, accessible and sensory-friendly Library experience designed

to support our neurodivergent friends and their families.

Sundays: September 7, October 5, November 2 | 11 a.m. - Noon



Abra-Ka-Dabra Magic Show **T** Families with kids of all ages

Get ready for a magical morning adventure filled with mind-blowing tricks, captivating illusions, and jaw-dropping feats. Tickets will be available at the Children's Services desk starting Saturday, September 6.

Saturday, September 20 | 10 a.m.

Make Music & Movement a **R** Super Power in Your PreK/K Classroom

Teachers and Caregivers

Music serves a purpose for students of all abilities, interests and capabilities – and it's fun! Join Miss Carole for a serotonin boost you can pass on to your students tomorrow - and beyond!

Wednesday, October 1 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Firefighter Storytime **T** Families

Join us for a special storytime featuring our community's very own Fire Chief!

Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.

Saturday, October 4 | 10 a.m.

PRETEND PLAY ZONE

Stop in the play area to see what's new each month!

SEPTEMBER

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Pet Vet



OCTOBER

Pizza Place

NOVEMBER

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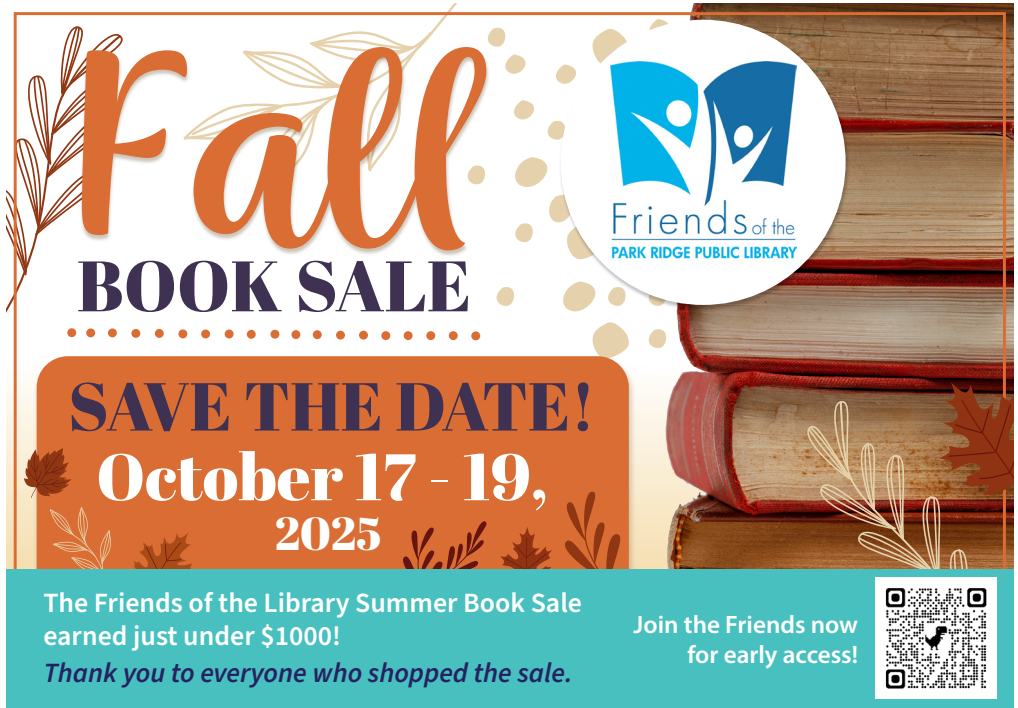
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SAVE THE DATE!
October 17 - 19, 2025

The Friends of the Library Summer Book Sale earned just under \$1000!
Thank you to everyone who shopped the sale.

Join the Friends now for early access!

COZY COMFORTS DRIVE

We will be collecting new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens in the Children's Services department and the second floor lobby!

NOVEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 23




All donations will be given to families seeking shelter through local WINGS locations. WINGS provides a pathway to independence for adults and children who are escaping from domestic violence and abuse.

New and unworn items only, please.

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