



THE RESOURCE

Serving the Communities of Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace

Winter Reading Program - January 3 - February 28, 2022



Don't get stuck in a dark world of snow and ice—journey into a brilliant winter with *Reading Colors Your World*, our 2022 Winter Reading Program!

The program begins on Monday, January 3. Readers can choose to log online or offline. Track progress online with Beanstack, a fun, free, easy-to-use online program, also available as an app for iOS or Android devices, or come in to pick up paper logs if you wish to track reading offline! Get ready to start reading and earning tickets for prize drawings this winter. Our Adult and Youth programs offer something fun for all ages. Both programs are free, easy, and open to everyone!

Library of Things: Creative Crafters Kits NEW COLLECTION!

We would like to introduce our new collection of materials available for checkout. Pat Meder was a former longtime library employee who passed away earlier this year. Donations received in her memory were used to start this special collection. This collection reflects Pat's love of craftmaking. Items available for circulation will include: knitting needles, crochet hooks, card making, dies, small sewing machine, and more. Many items will circulate with a beginners guide for that craft. Items will be available for checkout in early January. A huge thank you to all who donated in Pat Meder's memory.



Staff Spotlight: Caitlin Neilson, Public Services Associate

Caitlin graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor's degree in history and a sociology minor. She enjoys reading fantasy, thrillers/mystery, American history books, and watching horror, sci-fi, and classic blockbuster films. Her favorite books are *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, and the *Harry Potter* series. Her favorite movies are *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Thing*, and the *Final Destination* series.



Connect with your Library during National Library Week April 3 - 9

Come in and see what's new! Your library has so much to offer. Not only can you check out books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs, your library card also lets you borrow some of the hottest videogames, Wi-Fi hot spots, Rokus, eBooks, puppets, puzzles, board games, tablets, and so much more!



Watch for a new Nature Storytime in partnership with the Morton Arboretum in early 2022 - more info coming soon! Follow the library on social media or check our website for updates!

PLEASE NOTE:



Library programs and hours are subject to change. Please visit our website and social media channels for updates.

Registration begins on Monday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. for all programs listed in this issue.










Holiday Closings

Saturday, January 1, 2022: New Year's Day
Sunday, April 17, 2022: Easter



Phone icon = Requires registration.
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 Storytime programs require a mask for all those age 2 and older.



in-person youth storytimes



Marvelous Mornings	 	<i>1st & 3rd Saturdays every month • 11-11:45 am • All ages with adult</i> Stories, songs, and activities for young children and their adults, including a “make & take” project to enjoy together.	January 15; February 5, 19; March 5, 19; April 2, 16
Toddler Time	 	<i>Mondays -OR- Thursdays • 10:30-11 am • Walkers up to age 3 with adult</i> Stories, musical activities, rhyming games, and playtime for children up to age 3 who are walking, accompanied by an adult.	January 10-February 10; February 21-March 24; April 4-May 5
Babies & Books	 	<i>Tuesdays -OR- Thursdays • 9:30-10 am • All infants & pre-walkers with adult</i> All babies are born to read! We will introduce the world of language and books to infants through music and singing, stories, and rhymes.	January 11-February 10; February 22-March 24; April 5-May 5
Preschool Storytime	 	<i>Wednesdays • 10-10:30 am • Ages 3-5 years without adult</i> This is a lively program of imaginative stories and musical fun. Designed for children ages 3-5 to attend independently.	January 12-February 9; February 23-March 23; April 6-May 4
Rhythm & Rhyme Community Storytime		<i>Mondays • 11:30 am-12 pm • All ages with adult</i> This drop-in program will be held at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District Heritage Center, located at: 1S325 Ardmore Ave., in Oakbrook Terrace.	January 24; February 28; March 21; April 18







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youth classes



Snow Much Fun!  
Monday, January 10 • 3:45-4:45 pm • Ages 7 & Up
 Do you love snow? So do we! Have fun with some snow activities and make a project that celebrates the joy of snow in wintertime.



LEGO® Builders Club  
*Wednesdays, January 19; February 16;
 March 16; April 20 • 3:45-4:45 pm • Ages 6 & Up*
 Create something unique using a selection of LEGO® bricks and accessories.

Creative Science: Squishy Circuits!  
*Monday, January 31 -OR- Wednesday, March 30
 3:45-4:45 pm • Ages 5-8*
 Light up some squishy play dough with electricity and LEDs! Have fun experimenting with currents and get ready to glow with the dough!


Harry Potter Book Night  
Thursday, February 3 • 6-9 pm • All ages
 Celebrate all things Harry Potter with us! We'll have activities and crafts to go along with this year's theme: “Magical Journeys.”

Valentine's Day Craft Open House  
Friday, February 11; Saturday, February 12 • 2-4 pm • All ages
 Delight in the holiday with a craft! Young children will need some adult help. While supplies last.


Crafternoons  
Mondays, February 14; April 11 • 3:45-4:45 pm • Ages 7 & Up
 A program for crafty kids! Make a fun project, using a wide variety of materials. Explore, experiment, and create.

MSI Science Minors  
Thursdays, February 17, 24; March 3, 10 • 3:45-5 pm • Ages 8 & Up
 Explore fields of magnets and laws of motion, build a secret lair, create wearable tech, and make a hologram! This program is made possible through a partnership with the Museum of Science & Industry Chicago.



Luck of the Leprechaun Craft Open House 
Friday, March 11; Saturday, March 12 • 2-4 pm • All ages
 Enjoy shamrocks, leprechauns, and more with a craft! Young children will need some adult help. While supplies last.



Spring Holiday Craft Open House 
Friday, April 15; Saturday, April 16 • 2-4 pm • All ages
 Celebrate the springtime holidays with a craft! Young children will need some adult help. While supplies last.



HOLIDAY MATINEES



Monday, January 17
Paw Patrol: The Movie
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Monday, February 21
The Addams Family 2
 ©2021 Universal Pictures: PG, 93 min.



Monday, March 28
Clifford the Big Red Dog
 ©2021 Walden Media: PG, 97 min.

Tea Time Kit

Thursday, January 6 (Sign up by January 4)
Limit 10 • Ages 12-18

Celebrate National Hot Tea Month with our take-home tea kit! Kit includes tea samples, honey straws, and supplies for a DIY decorated mug.



Pets Caught Reading Photo Contest

January 10-31 • Ages 18 & Under

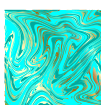
Send us a photo of your pet(s) (or stuffed animals) reading a book, magazine, eBook, etc., for a chance to win a prize! Submissions will be accepted until January 31 at 11:59 p.m. Visit our website for more details.



Paper Marbling

Monday, January 24 (Sign up by January 20)
Online via YouTube • Limit 15 • Ages 12-18

Learn how to create a colorful and unique work of art using food coloring and shaving cream! Sign-up and receive supplies and a link to an instructional video.



SAT Practice Test

Saturdays, February 5; March 5 • 10 am-2:15 pm

Deposit \$5 • Limit 15 • High School Students

Practice taking the SAT! Students must live in or attend a high school in Villa Park or Oakbrook Terrace. Proctored by Huntington Learning Center. Test begins promptly at 10 am. \$5 deposit will be fully refunded to test-takers upon completion of practice test. *PLEASE NOTE: You will be automatically signed up for the follow-up session below.

SAT Results Follow-Up Session

Thursdays, February 10; March 10 • 6:30-7 pm

High School Students

Return with results from Saturday's SAT Practice Test to hear a clear explanation of the numbers and to ask questions. Diane Kilcommons, Director of Huntington Learning Center Elmhurst, will explain categories of questions and the structure of the SAT, and even suggest a few strategies. Go beyond the basic results and help prepare for the SAT exam!

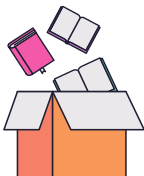
Teen Book Box Sign-Up

Monday, March 14 (Sign up between February 7 - 21)

Monday, May 16 (Sign up between April 4 - 18)

Limit 12 • Grades 6-12

Join our Teen Book Box subscription service! Registrants will receive a themed box with a library book, as well as goodies, treats, activities, crafts, and book lists.



Pizza Party with Chef Maddox

Wednesday, February 9 • 4-4:45 pm • Limit 10 • Grades 6-8

Celebrate National Pizza Day by cooking with Chef Susan Maddox! Learn to make basic sauces that pair perfectly with cheesy pizza bread. Ingredients will be provided.



STEAM for Tweens & Teens!

Wednesday, February 16 (Sign up by February 14);

Wednesday, April 13 (Sign up by April 11)

Limit 15 • Grades 5-12

Try out our bi-monthly STEAM kits aimed at tweens and teens! Each take-home kit includes materials for a project that encourages creativity, exploration, and critical thinking through inquiry-based learning.



De-Stress Day

Wednesday, March 2 • 4-6 pm • Grades 6-12

Take a break at the library! Stop by to play some games, make a craft, and pet a therapy dog! Capacity may be limited due to space.



The Art of the Appeal

Tuesday, March 8 • 6-7:30 pm • Online via Zoom
High School Students & Up • Limit 100

Presented by My College Planning Team, this workshop provides detailed guidance for families on how to appeal for more financial aid and how to improve the likelihood of a successful appeal.



Pi Day with Chef Maddox

Monday, March 14 • 5 pm • Limit 10 • Grades 6-8

There's no better way to celebrate Pi Day than by baking some pie! Register for this program to learn some mini-pie basics with Chef Susan Maddox. Ingredients will be provided.



Shrinky Dinks® Take and Make

Tuesday, March 22 (Sign up by March 14)

Limit 15 • Grades 5-9

Make some DIY jewelry or keychains with our take-home Shrinky Dinks® project! Kits will include necessary materials and printed instructions.



Mario Kart™ Tournament

Tuesday, March 29 • 4-6 pm • Limit 16 • Grades 6-12

Compete with your friends at our Mario Kart™ Tournament! Show off your skills in Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe for a chance to win a Nintendo®-themed gift basket. Spectators are welcome.



Prizes for Poetry

April 1-30 • Ages 18 & Under

Submit an original poem. Win a prize. Sound good? Stop by our Youth Services desk throughout the month of April to drop off your poem and receive a small prize! A winner will be randomly selected from the submissions for a \$25 gift card! Visit our website for more details.



Escape the Room

Wednesday, April 27 • 5-8 pm

Limit 6 per session • Ages 10 & Up

Come with a group of up to six players and try to escape the room in 45 minutes! Sessions will be scheduled at: 5 pm, 6 pm, and 7 pm.



Scan Session

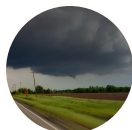
Saturdays, January 15; February 12; March 12; April 9 • 2-4 pm
 Learn how to digitize your photos or documents (max size: 11" x 17") using the library's Scan Station. Register for a 15-minute one-on-one session with a staff member. Bring a digital storage device. Limit 10 items.

Basic Backyard Chicken Keeping

Wednesday, January 19 • 6:30-8:30 pm
 Find local laws, choose and raise chicks, and care for adult birds. Presented by Jennifer Murtoff of Home to Roost.

Storm Chasing 101

Wednesday, February 2 • 7-8 pm
 Join staff from Illinois Storm Chasers for a presentation on Storm Chasing 101!



Chicken Coop Basics

Wednesday, February 16 • 6:30-8:30 pm
 Learn the basic housing needs of backyard birds and see different coop styles. Presented by Jennifer Murtoff of Home to Roost.



Blues 101

Saturday, February 26 • 2-3 pm • Ages 12 & Up
 This lecture/performance will discuss the origins of blues music from its early beginnings. The program will include an interactive singing workshop and a Q&A period.



The History of James Taylor & Carly Simon

Tuesday, March 1 • 7-8 pm
 Trace the arc of their careers using performance and interview clips.

AARP Safe Driver Course

Tuesday, April 5 & Wednesday, April 6 • 12-4 pm
 This is a two-day course. You must attend both days. Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-AARP members payable by check to AARP and collected by the instructor on the first day of the class. All class materials will be provided.



Cooking Classes

One Pot Meals

Tuesday, January 18 • 7-8:30 pm
 Fee \$5 • Limit 20

Bring the family back to the dinner table for fun and conversation with comfort food! Chef Susan Maddox will share some delicious recipes for cozy dining.



Romantic Sweets

Tuesday, February 8 • 7-8:30 pm
 Fee \$5 • Limit 20

Bring your Valentine along and discover how romantic and fun it is to cook together! Chef Susan Maddox will assist you through a culinary celebration of Valentine's Day with some romantic sweets.



St. Patrick's Day Desserts

Tuesday, March 15 • 7-8:30 pm
 Fee \$5 • Limit 20

Everyone's Irish in March! Join Chef Susan Maddox to explore some delicious desserts for the holiday. Learn handy methods and techniques that will help you save time in the kitchen.



Simple Spring Meals

Tuesday, April 19 • 7-8:30 pm
 Fee \$5 • Limit 20

Learn how to impress with less! Chef Susan Maddox will demonstrate how to use only a few ingredients to create recipes with incredible flavors.



COMPUTER CLASSES • DEPOSIT \$10 • LIMIT 6 • AGES 14 & UP

Intro to Computers - Part 1

Mondays, January 10; March 14 • 1-2:30 pm
 Learn about the basic hardware and software of a computer. Includes lecture and hands-on work.

Microsoft Word 2019 - Part 1

Mondays, January 24; March 7 • 6:30-8 pm
 Learn the basics of this word processing program. Basic computer skills required.

Microsoft Excel 2019 - Part 1

Mondays, January 31; March 28 • 6:30-8 pm
 Learn the basics of this spreadsheet program. Basic computer skills required.

Intro to Computers - Part 2

Mondays, February 7; April 4 • 1-2:30 pm
 Learn the basics of the desktop, files, and some programs. Basic computer skills required.



Microsoft Word 2019 - Part 2

Mondays, February 14; April 11 • 6:30-8 pm
 Continue learning about Microsoft Word. Attendance at the Microsoft Word 2019 - Part 1 class is recommended.

Microsoft Excel 2019 - Part 2

Mondays, February 28; April 25 • 6:30-8 pm
 Continue learning about Microsoft Excel. Attendance at the Microsoft Excel 2019 - Part 1 class is recommended.

Cord Cutting

Wednesday, March 16 • 6:30-8 pm
 Learn about the technology available to help you move away from traditional cable TV and into the world of streaming video.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesdays • 3-5 pm • No deposit is required for drop-in sessions. Stop in for a 25-minute session. The session may be extended beyond 25 minutes if no one else is waiting.



Spice Club

Pick up your spice kit anytime between the dates listed below. Your take-home kit will include a recipe, spices, and book recommendations! 📞👤

January - Five Spice

Monday, January 17-Saturday, January 22

February - Smoked Paprika

Monday, February 21-Saturday, February 26

March - Lemon Pepper

Monday, March 21-Saturday, March 26

April - Pickling Spice

Monday, April 18-Saturday, April 23

Workout @ your library!



Happy Healthy Yoga 📞👤

Saturdays, January 8; February 12; March 12; April 9 • 10-11 am
 Classes will empower all who attend to feel strong and agile within their body and mind. Presented by Katie Sayad.

Dynamic Movement 180° Workout 📞👤

Age-Reversing Gentle Stretch
 Saturdays, January 22; February 26; March 26; April 23
 10-11 am

Slow-paced, full body workout designed to restore movement in joints and flexibility in muscles, relieve pain, and stimulate cells. Exercise mat required. Presented by Lisa Sawczuk.

Crafty Creations with Gilda

\$15 fee per person, per project. Classes begin at 6:30 pm
 Registration deadline for both classes is one week before program!

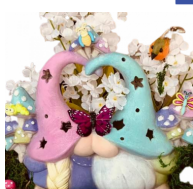
Wednesday, March 9

Wood Plaque 📞👤



Wednesday, April 6

Kissing Gnomes 📞👤



Presented by Lana Thompson of BMO Harris.

Identity Theft 📞👤

Tuesday, April 12 • 3-4 pm

Limit 20

Learn about methods used by identity thieves to steal personal information and how to protect yourself.

Credit Scores and Reports 📞👤

Wednesday, April 13 • 6-7 pm

Limit 20

Learn what a credit score is, its importance, and how to read a credit report.

For more smart money saving tips, visit:
<https://www.moneysmartweek.org/>

Cheese Tasting Classes

Presented by Meredith Meder, ACS CCPTM
 Limit of 20. Tasting Fee is \$5 per person, per class.

National Milk Day 📞👤

Tuesday, January 11 • 6:30-8 pm

Cheese starts with milk, so find out more about the process in this enlightening program.

Will You Brie My Valentine? 📞👤

Monday, February 7 • 6:30-8 pm

We will take a deep dive into the world of brie and many of its soft-ripened counterparts. From triple crème to Camembert, come find your favorite!

Women's History Month - Cheeses 📞👤

Thursday, March 3 • 6:30-8 pm

Celebrate women cheesemakers by hearing their stories and tasting some examples of cheeses they have created.

Spring Cheeses 📞👤

Thursday, April 7 • 6:30-8 pm

Learn why the first milking on a pasture is important to farmers and cheesemakers around the globe. Taste some examples of fresh cheeses and spring milk cheeses. Get tips for pairing cheese with other spring goodies.

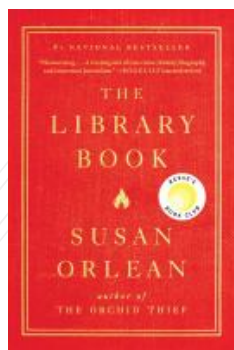


BOOK DISCUSSIONS

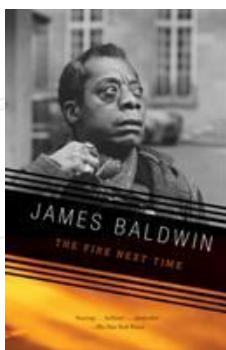
Participants must have an email address to participate.

For online book discussions, the program link will be shared with all registered participants.

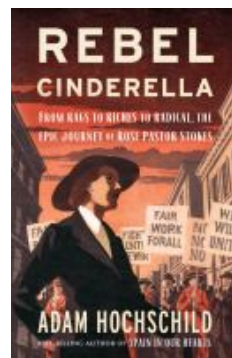
Books & Bites
Online via Zoom
 led by Sean Birmingham
 from 11:30 am-12:15 pm



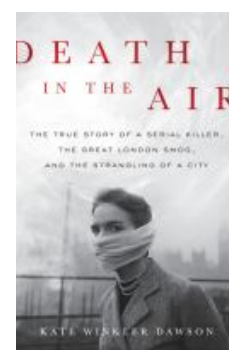
Thursday, January 6
The Library Book
 by Susan Orlean



Thursday, February 3
The Fire Next Time
 by James Baldwin



Thursday, March 3
Rebel Cinderella: From Rags to Riches, to Radical, the Epic Journey of Rose Pastor Stokes
 by Adam Hochschild

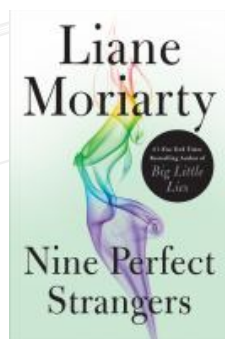


Thursday, April 7
Death in the Air: The True Story of a Serial Killer, the Great London Smog, and the Strangling of a City
 by Kate Winkler Dawson

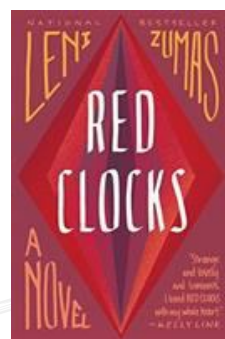
Books Worth Talking About
In person at the library
 led by Michelle Hoffmann
 from 7-8:15 pm



Thursday, January 13
My Sister, the Serial Killer: A Novel
 by Oyinkan Braithwaite



Thursday, February 10
Nine Perfect Strangers: A Novel
 by Liane Moriarty

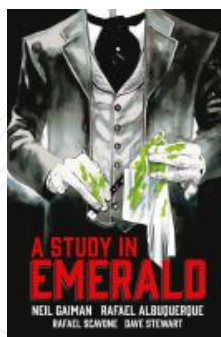


Thursday, March 10
Red Clocks: A Novel
 by Leni Zumas

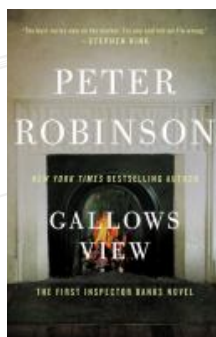


Thursday, April 14
Where the Lost Wander
 by Amy Harmon

Mystery Readers
In person at the library
 led by Denise Kuhr
 from 7-8 pm



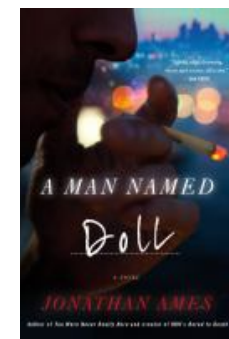
Thursday, January 20
A Study in Emerald: a Graphic Novel
 by Neil Gaiman



Thursday, February 17
Gallows View
 by Peter Robinson



Thursday, March 17
You
 by Caroline Kepnes



Thursday, April 21
A Man Named Doll
 by Jonathan Ames

Great Decisions

Mondays, January 17; February 21; March 21; April 18 • 7-8:30 pm



Great Decisions is back! This series highlights nine critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. Supported by the Foreign Policy Association for over 50 years, Great Decisions involves citizens in the foreign policy making process. Note: Books are supplied.



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DECISIONS

Passport Services now available at your library!

Did you know you can apply for a new passport at the library? Several staff members serve as Passport Acceptance Agents. New passport applications are accepted by appointment only. For more details about applying for a passport, please visit: travel.state.gov

To schedule an appointment, contact the library at (630) 834-1164.

THE RICHARD AND RAE RUPP SRCH DIGITAL MEDIA LAB IS NOW OPEN!



The Richard and Rae Rupp Srch Digital Media Lab (DML) is a multifunctional space, located on the second floor of the library. The DML is designed to help our community learn, create, collaborate, and have fun with technology.

Explore the DML, learn new skills, and flex your creative muscles. Inside, you'll find media creation software and a wide range of production tools such as cameras, microphones, lights, and other gear. It is the perfect place to create promotional materials, record audio podcasts, shoot and edit captivating videos, restore family photos, and so much more!

The DML is equipped with an extensive collection of software from industry leaders such as Adobe, Apple, and Microsoft. Put the DML's hardware and software to use and accomplish your media creation goals! Watch for our introductory workshops, small group classes, and one-on-one training sessions with our staff. For more information about equipment located in the DML, please visit: www.vppl.info/library-services/digital-media-lab/

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Accommodation Information

Individuals who require an accommodation for a disability for any library presentation should contact the library at (630) 834-1164 at least three days before a program or event.

Mobility Scooters now available for in-library use!



We are happy to announce that we now have mobility scooters available for in-library use. Please stop by the first-floor service desk if you are interested in using one during your visit.

Memorials and Gifts - Thank you to the following donors:

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Wednesday, January 26 • 7 pm
Wednesday, February 23 • 7 pm
Wednesday, March 23 • 7 pm
Wednesday, April 27 • 7 pm
The public is invited to attend.

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