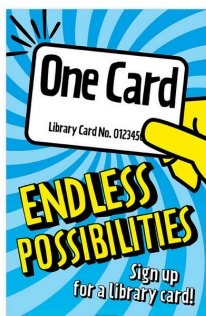


# THE RESOURCE

Villa Park Public Library | September - December 2025  
Serving the Communities of Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace

## Library Card Sign-up Month

It may be small, but a library card packs a mighty punch. Borrow museum passes, puzzles, and even crafting tools from your library's collection. Take part in engaging programs like book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Access technology, Wi-Fi, and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner. It's one card with endless possibilities!



## Tiny Art Show <sup>®</sup>

Kits will be available to pick up from  
Wednesday, Sep. 3 - Saturday, Sep. 13

Put your talents on display in our Tiny Art Show! Register to receive a mini art kit to create your very own masterpiece! Feel free to use additional materials you have at home! Two winners (one youth, one adult) will be chosen.



## Movie in the Park

Friday, Sep. 12 • Movie will begin at dusk  
(approx. 8 pm)

Free • All ages (children under 12 with adult)  
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park  
318 E. Kenilworth Ave, Villa Park

Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy a movie outdoors on the big screen! This event is co-sponsored by the Villa Park Public Library, the Friends of the Villa Park Library, and the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department. *Note: In case of inclement weather, movie will be shown indoors at the Villa Park Public Library.*



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## Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, Oct. 4 • 10 am - 3 pm

Have craft supplies you no longer need? Looking for some creative inspiration? Join us for a Craft Supply Swap! Craft supply donations will be accepted at the library starting on Sunday, Sep. 28 through Friday, Oct. 3 during normal library hours at the First-Floor Service Desk. Visit our website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) for more info!



## Halloween Family Photos <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, Oct. 11 • 9:30 am - 4 pm

Monday, Oct. 13 • 5:30-8:30 pm

Sign-up for your Halloween Family Photo Shoot today! We will have a Halloween themed backdrop and a few props. Please register once per family. After registering, an email will be sent one month prior to the event to schedule a time slot. Family-friendly costumes may be worn.



## Passport Acceptance Fair

Saturday, Oct. 18 • 10 am-2 pm

During this event, Passport Acceptance Agents from the library will accept, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, walk-in DS-11 applications for new passports for all ages and passport renewals for children under age 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. **Passport photos will NOT be available.** All applicants will need to obtain their passport photo PRIOR to this event. **Be sure to visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to ensure you have and bring all required documents and forms.**

Should you have any questions prior to this event, please call the library at (630) 834-1164 and ask to speak to a Passport Acceptance Agent. *Note: Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the doors will close promptly at 2:00 p.m. for this event.*



## Illinois Libraries Presents... Author Talks! <sup>®</sup>

Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns  
Tuesday, September 16 • 7 pm

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode  
Tuesday, October 21 • 7 pm

Title TBD: with J. Kenji López-Alt  
Tuesday, November 18 • 7 pm



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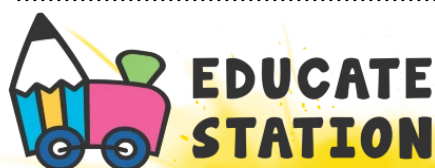
## Library Closings

Mon, Sep. 1: Labor Day  
Wed, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Eve (close at 5pm)  
Thurs, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day

Fri, Dec. 12: Staff Event (close at 1pm)  
Wed, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve  
Thurs, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Sun, Dec. 28: Closed  
Wed, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve  
Thurs, Jan. 1, 2026: New Year's Day

<b>Marvelous Mornings</b>	R	1st & 3rd Saturdays every month • 11-11:45 am • All ages with adult Stories, songs, and activities for young children and families, including a "make & take" project to enjoy together. Register your child for each date separately.	Sep. 6, 20; Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15; Dec. 6, 20
<b>Toddler Time</b>	R	Mondays <u>OR</u> Thursdays • 10:30-11 am <u>OR</u> 11:30 am-12 pm • Walkers with adult Stories, musical activities, rhyming games, and playtime for children who are walking, with an adult. Registration is for the entire season. <u>Choose only ONE session time on Mondays OR Thursdays (10:30 am OR 11:30 am).</u>	Sep. 8 - Oct. 9; Oct. 20 - Nov. 20; Dec. 1 - 11;
<b>Babies &amp; Books</b>	R	Tuesdays <u>OR</u> Thursdays • 9:30-10 am • Infants & pre-walkers with adult All babies are born to read! We will introduce the world of language and books to infants through music, singing, stories, and rhymes. Registration is for the entire season.	Sep. 9 - Oct. 9; Oct. 21 - Nov. 20; Dec. 2 - 11
<b>Preschool Storytime</b>	R	Wednesdays • 10-10:30 am • Ages 3-5 A lively program of imaginative stories and musical fun. Designed for children ages 3-5 to attend independently. Registration is for the entire season.	Sep. 10 - Oct. 8; Oct. 22 - Nov. 19; Dec. 3 - 10
<b>Ready for Reading</b>	R	Wednesdays • 1:15-2 pm • Ages 4 & older Using stories, musical games, and word play, children are introduced to letter friends from A to Z. Registration is for the entire season.	Sep. 10 - Oct. 8; Oct. 22 - Nov. 19; Dec. 3 - 10
<b>Rhythm &amp; Rhyme Community Storytimes</b>		Mondays • 10-10:30 am • All ages with adult This drop-in program will be held indoors at the Villa Park Recreation Center in partnership with the Villa Park • Parks & Recreation Department, located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave., in Villa Park.  Mondays • 11:30 am-12 pm • All ages with adult This drop-in program will be held indoors at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District Heritage Center, located at 1S325 Ardmore Ave., in Oakbrook Terrace.	Sep. 15; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15  Sep. 15; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15
<b>Family Pajama Storytime</b>	R	Tuesdays • 6:30-7 pm • All ages with adult Pajamas are optional, but welcome at this program! We'll have stories, music, and gentle movement for families with young children of all ages. Register for each date separately.	Sep. 16; Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16
<b>WOW: Worlds of Wonder</b>	R	Fridays • 11-11:30 am • All ages with adult; siblings welcome This program is for all young children, designed to help them explore their senses and the world around them. Stories, movement, and tactile activities are used to engage children of all levels and abilities, including special needs. Each session includes hands-on exploration with toys and sensory play time. Register for each date separately.	Sep. 19; Oct. 17; Nov. 14; Dec. 19

**NEW Digital Resource: Educate Station®**

Developed by experienced and passionate educators from across the United States, Educate Station® provides quality content for homeschooling families and teachers. With full curriculum for grades Pre-K through fifth grade, it offers ready-to-use, hands-on activities and printable packets. The primary subjects are: English and Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Social-Emotional Learning, and Art.

**LEGO® DUPLO® Build + Play** R

Fridays, Sep. 12, 26; Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 12  
10-10:30 am • Ages 2-5 with adult

Join us to build, play, and socialize with other families.

**Crafternoons** R

Mondays, Sep. 15; Nov. 10 • 3:30-4:30 pm  
Ages 7 & up

A program for crafty kids! Explore, experiment, and create.

**Meet the Library!** R

Tuesday, Sep. 16 • 10:30-11:15am

For children ages 5 and older; adult educators and homeschoolers  
Designed for homeschool students and their families, we'll show you how to find all kinds of great items, from books to media and more! Children age 8 and older can attend on their own, but those 7 and under must attend with an adult caregiver.

**Bark For Books** R

Wednesday, Sep. 17; Oct. 15; Nov. 19; Dec. 17

5-7 pm • Ages: 18 & under; children under 7 with adult  
Read a story to a dog! Be sure to choose a good book to read ahead of time.

**Family Playdate** R

Tuesdays, Sep. 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 25; Dec. 16  
10:30 am - 12 pm

Stop in and drop in for some fun! Featuring hands-on exhibits from the DuPage Children's Museum!

**LEGO® Builders Club** R

Wednesdays, Sep. 24; Oct. 22; Nov. 12; Dec. 10  
3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 6 & up

Join us to build, play, and socialize with other families.

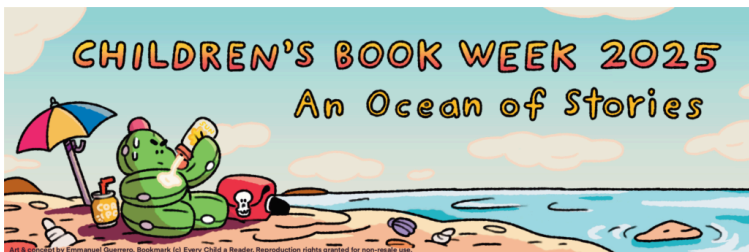




Registration begins on  
Monday, Aug. 11 at 9:30 a.m.  
unless otherwise noted.

**R** Registration Required.

## youth classes



### Draw Your Own Haunted House: Cartooning Class **R**

Tuesday, Oct. 14 • 3:30-4:30 pm • Ages: 5-13

Do you like your cartoons a little bit spooky? This is the class for you! Will there be werewolves? Maybe. Vampires? Possibly. Frankensteins? Seems very likely.



### Monster Mash **R**

Pick one session: Thursday, Oct. 23 OR Monday, Oct. 27

3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 7 & up

Are you ready for the Monster Mash? Conjure up some fun with spooky tricks and treats, games, crafts, and more!

### Children's Book Week **R**

Nov. 3-9 • All ages

Dive into an "Ocean of Stories" and celebrate books! Sign up to receive a kit with activities to enjoy at home.

### Thanksgiving Craft Open House

Friday, Nov. 21; Saturday, Nov. 22 • 2-4 pm • All ages

Celebrate with a craft! Young children will need some adult help.

### Reindeer Games! Cartooning Class **R**

Tuesday, Dec. 2 • 3:30-4:30 pm • Ages: 5-13

It's well known that reindeer enjoy playing winter games, and we'll be drawing them all! Snowball soccer, tundra tennis, blizzard basketball, and maybe even icicle skating!



### Winter Holiday Craft Open House

Friday, Dec. 19; Saturday, Dec. 20 • 2-4 pm • All ages

Celebrate with a craft! Young children will need some adult help.

Registration begins on  
Monday, Aug. 11 at 9:30 a.m.  
unless otherwise noted.

**R** Registration Required.

## tween & teen classes

### Tween & Teen Book Bag Sign-Up **R**

Registration ends: Tuesday, Sep. 9

Pick-up dates: Fridays, Sep. 26; Nov. 14

Grades 4-12

Registrants will receive a themed bag with a library book, some goodies, and a book list.



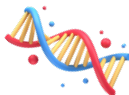
### Tween & Teen STEAM Kits **R**

Registration ends: Tuesday, Sep. 9

Pick-up date: Fridays, Oct. 3; Dec. 5

Grades: 5-12

Each take-home kit includes materials for a project that encourages creativity, exploration, and critical thinking.



### Anime & Manga Club **R**

Mondays, Sep. 22; Oct. 13; Nov. 17; Dec. 22

3:30-5 pm • Grades: 4-8

Come and hang out as we munch on snacks and share our love of anime!

### Among Us **R**

Tuesday, Sep. 30 • Grades: 4-8

Find the imposter at the library! Join us as we play Among Us and work together to solve the mystery. Each participant must bring their own device.



### Scary Story Writing Contest

October 1 - 31 • Grades 4-12

Conjure a scary story and show off your writing skills! Stop by the youth services desk for the rules and entry form.

### Sewing 101 **R**

Tuesday, Oct. 7 • 3:30-4:30 pm Grades: 4-8

Learn the basics of hand sewing and go home with a DIY pillow!



### Blacklight Painting **R**

Monday, Oct. 20 • Grades: 4-8

Join us as we paint with glow-in-the-dark paint under black-lights!



### Perler Fuse Bead Party **R**

Tuesday, Nov. 11 • 3:30-4:30 pm • Grades: 4-8

Get creative with Perler fuse beads! Use your creation as a keychain, coaster, or something else!



### Wicked Watch Party **R**

Wednesday, Nov. 12 • 5-8 pm • Grades: 6-12

Show your love for *Wicked* by joining our watch party! We will watch the film and snack on pink and green food. (©Universal Pictures, 2024; PG, 160 min.)



### DIY Pet Toys **R**

Registration ends: Monday, Dec. 1

Pick-up date: Friday, Dec. 5

Grades: 5-12

Snag this take-and-make kit—it's packed with everything you need to DIY a toy for either cats or dogs!

### High School Exam Study Nights

Monday, Dec. 8; Tuesday Dec. 9 • 5-10 pm

It's that time of the year: final exams are here. Study with free Wi-Fi, snacks, and therapy dogs at the library! We're open until 10 pm so you can stay later.

### Morning Makers **R**

*Wednesdays, Sep. 3; Oct. 8; Nov. 5; Dec. 3 • 10-11:30 am*  
Start your morning making something! Each session will feature a different craft. Supplies are provided.  
September – Paper Quilling  
October – Embroidered Embellished Portraits  
November – Metal Embossing  
December – Celebration Garland



### Resume Assistance

*Thursday, Sep. 4 • 4-6 pm*  
Have you recently started a job search? Come and join us. We can provide job search advice, educate you on applicant tracking systems, and more. Presented by the Goodwill Workforce Connection Center.

### ChatGPT: Boost Your Resume **R**

*Thursday, Sep. 11 • 2-3 pm*  
What is ChatGPT? Learn how to use it to create and tailor your resume. Presented by the People's Resource Center.

### Fiber Arts Craft Circle

*Saturdays, Sep. 13; Oct. 11; Nov. 8; Dec. 13 • 9:30-11 am*  
Join local resident Kelly McFadden for a monthly drop-in fiber arts craft circle! This program is open to fiber arts crafters of all ages and skill levels.



### Sustainable Gardening **R**

*Tuesday, Sep. 16 • 6-8 pm*  
The Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission is pleased to host Mary Fortman, Landscape Ecologist with Openlands and garden enthusiasts, for an informative talk and question and answer session on sustainable gardening.

### Life Skills - Sewing Basics **R**

*Tuesday, Sep. 23 • 6:30-8:30 pm*  
Learn how to sew on a button, hem garments, and more at this program. Each person who attends will receive a sewing kit and sewing scissors. Presented by Ingrid Durham.  
*Sponsored by the Friends of the Villa Park Library.*



### Estate Planning **R**

*Thursday, Sep. 25 • 7-8 pm*  
This well-rounded program will educate attendees on the importance and process of creating a plan for their estate. It will go over the basic components and have a Q&A sessions. Presented by attorney Michael Drabant of A. Traub & Associates.

### Fall to Winter Gardens **R**

*Wednesday, Oct. 1 • 6:30-7:30 pm*  
Learn everything you need to know to prepare your yard and garden for winter. Weed control, pruning and composting are just a few of the topics covered. Presented by Bill Karges.  
*A Villa Park Garden Club Legacy Program.*

### Card Making Class **R**

*Sunday, Oct. 19 • 1:30-3 pm*  
Learn how to make your very own greeting cards with Sue from Creative Cards, located in Villa Park.



### Morbid History **R**

*Tuesday, Oct. 21 • 6:30-7:30 pm*  
From grand corpse larceny in medieval Venice to the iron coffins popping up in Lincoln Park, this light-hearted presentation takes you around the world with spine-tingling true tales you never learned in history class. Presented by Lorrissa Julianus.

### Jigsaw Puzzle Team Challenge **R**

*Sunday, Oct. 26 • 1:30-4 pm*  
Bring your best puzzlers to help you win this team challenge. Teams of 2-4 people will be provided with an identical 500-piece puzzle. The first team to finish wins! Please register ONE person per team. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Villa Park Library.*



### Versiti Blood Drive

*Thursday, Nov. 6 • 2-6:30 pm*  
Help save lives during this critical time of need and make a difference by donating blood.



### Memphis to Vegas by Hugo Colin **R**

*Saturday, Nov. 8 • 2-3 pm*  
Join Hugo Colin to learn about Elvis Presley's influence on music and culture. The program will focus on Presley's musical career, the stories behind his timeless songs, and the lasting impact of his artistry.



### An Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine **R**

*Thursday, Nov. 13 • 6-7:30 pm*  
Educator Yvonne Wolf gives a brief background on the ancient practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine, connecting to modern Western traditions.

### Game Days

*Sundays, Nov. 23; Dec. 21 • 2-4 pm*  
Join other board and card game enthusiasts at game days! Bring in your favorite games, or use one from our collection.



### Hot Cocoa Bomb Take-Home Kit **R**

*Pick up dates: Sunday, Dec. 7 – Saturday, Dec. 13*  
Make a tasty winter treat with our take-home kit! Instructions and some supplies will be provided.

### Jane Austen's Birthday **R**

*Thursday, Dec. 11 • 6-8:30 pm*  
Come celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday early! There will be a screening of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) and an activity. Tea and pastries will be served. (©Focus Features, 2005: PG, 127 min.)



### Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas – Christmas Movie Screening **R**

*Saturday, Dec. 20 • 2-4 pm*  
Come celebrate Christmas by learning about the tragic backstory of Christmas' very own sourpuss: The Grinch!



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## Cooking Classes

### Canning: The Basics **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Aug. 18

Tuesday, Sep. 9 • 6:30-8 pm

Autumn is in the air and late canning season has begun. Chef Susan Maddox returns to the library making some delicious, preserved items.

### Simple Yet Impressive Meals **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Sep. 8

Tuesday, Oct. 7 • 6:30-8 pm

Learn that by using a recipe with only a few ingredients but using them properly provides incredible flavors. Presented by Chef Susan Maddox.

### Brews and Bread **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Sep. 8

Thursday, Oct. 9 • 6-7 pm

The next best thing to drinking your favorite beer - baking with it! Chef Cherise Slattery will teach you how to make delicious yeast bread using your favorite brews.

### Superfoods **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Nov. 3

Thursday, Dec. 4 • 6-7 pm

Chef Cherise Slattery will teach you quick breakfasts, nutritious lunch box ideas, plus healthy recipes.

## Cheese Tasting Classes

Presented by Meredith Meder, ACS CCP™



### Spanish Cheeses **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Aug. 25

Tuesday, Sep. 30 • 6:30-8 pm

Explore the regions of Spain through cheese! We'll talk and taste the tradition of tapas, too.

### Candy and Cheese Pairing **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Sep. 22

Thursday, Oct. 23 • 6:30-8 pm

Just in time for Halloween, pair your favorite sweets with some delicious, savory cheese.



### Build a Perfect Cheeseboard **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Oct. 20

Tuesday, Nov. 18 • 6:30-8 pm

Learn tips and tricks to constructing an eye-catching cheeseboard for the holidays (or any day!)

### Raclette! **R**

Registration starts: Monday, Nov. 3

Tuesday, Dec. 2 • 6:30-8 pm

Ooey-gooney raclette cheese! We'll talk about the history and tradition of raclette.

## Computer Classes **R**

Facilitated by People's Resource Center - Ages 18 & up  
To register, please email: [ct@peoplesrc.org](mailto:ct@peoplesrc.org) or call the  
People's Resource Center at (630) 682-5402 x 218.

### Windows Fundamentals

Saturdays, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8 • 1-2:30 pm

Learn the components of a computer, how to use a mouse, Windows Desktop, and more.

You must attend all seven classes.



## Subscription Bags

### Book Bag Subscription **R**

Registration ends: Tuesday, Sep. 2

Pick-up dates: Fridays, Sep. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 7; Dec. 12

Registrants will receive a monthly bag with a library book, some goodies, and a book list.

### Movie Pack Subscription **R**

Registration ends: Tuesday, Sep. 2

Pick-up dates: Tuesdays, Sep. 9, 23; Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 16

Registrants will receive a bimonthly movie pack!



## Spice Club **R**

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

### September - Paprika

Monday, Sep. 22 - Saturday, Sep. 27

### October - Onion Powder

Sunday, Oct. 19 - Saturday, Oct. 25

### November - Italian Seasoning

Sunday, Nov. 16 - Saturday, Nov. 22

### December - Sage

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Saturday, Dec. 20



## Workout @ your library!

### Happy Healthy Yoga **R**

Saturdays, Sep. 13; Sep. 27; Nov. 8; Dec. 13 • 9:30-10:30 am

Classes will empower all who attend to feel strong and agile within their body and mind. Exercise mat required. Presented by Katie Sayad.

### Essentrics with Lisa **R**

Saturdays, Sep. 20; Oct. 25; Nov. 22; Dec. 20 • 10-11 am

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

## Books Worth Talking About<sup>R</sup>

**Led By Michelle Hoffmann**  
Mondays • 7-8:15 pm

**Monday, Sep. 8**

*The Dream Hotel: A Novel* by Laila Lalami

**Monday, Oct. 13**

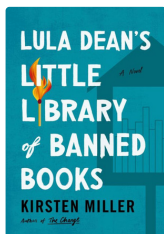
*The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

**Monday, Nov. 10**

*The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden

**Monday, Dec. 8**

*Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller



## Nothing But The Facts<sup>R</sup>

**Led By Sean Birmingham**  
Tuesdays • 7-8:15 pm

**Tuesday, Sep. 16**

*McMillion\$* by James Lee Hernandez & Brian Lazarte

**Tuesday, Oct. 14**

*Quakeland* by Kathryn Miles

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**

*Whiskey Tender* by Deborah Jackson Taffa

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**

*The Man Who Invented Christmas* by Les Standiford



## MYSTERY READERS<sup>R</sup>

**Led By Margaret Balwierz**  
Thursdays • 7-8 pm  
**Hybrid: In person and Online**

**Thursday, Sep. 18**

*West Heart Kill* by Dann McDorman

**Thursday, Oct. 16**

*Forgotten Sisters: A Novel* by Cynthia Pelayo

**Thursday, Nov. 20**

*Winter Counts* by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

**Thursday, Dec. 18**

*The Deep, Deep Snow* by Brian Freeman



## GRIM READERS<sup>R</sup>

**Led By John Bradford**  
Tuesdays • 7-8:15 pm  
**Hybrid: In person and Online**

**Monday, Sep. 22**

*I Am Legend* by Richard Matheson

**Monday, Oct. 27**

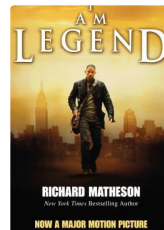
*Godzilla* by Shigeru Kayama

**Monday, Dec. 1**

*Planet of the Apes* by Pierre Boulle

**Monday, Dec. 22**

*Invasion of the Body Snatchers* by Jack Finney



## **NEW!** Young At Heart<sup>R</sup>

**Led By Gisela Parker**  
Wednesdays • 7-8:15 pm  
**Hybrid: In person and Online**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1**

*The Weight of Blood* by Tiffany D. Jackson

**Wednesday, Nov. 5**

*Rez Ball* by Byron Graves

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**

*Whiteout: A Novel* by Dhonielle Clayton



## RomCom Readers<sup>R</sup>

**Led By Emily Blake**  
Wednesdays • 7-8 pm

**Wednesday, Oct. 15**

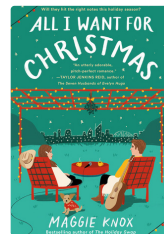
*Haunted Ever After* by Jen DeLuca

**Wednesday, Nov. 19**

*Accidentally Amy* by Lynn Painter

**Wednesday, Dec. 17**

*All I Want For Christmas* by Maggie Knox



**GREAT  
DECISIONS**  
led by Michelle Hoffmann  
from 7-8:30 pm <sup>R</sup>

**Mondays, Sep. 15; Oct. 20; Nov. 17**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Supported by the Foreign Policy Association for over 50 years, this series highlights eight critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. This is a moderator led series discussion based on readings from a relevant chapter in the briefing book and a topic-related video.



### St. Nick's Holiday Mart - Calling all vendors!

Join the Friends of the Villa Park Library and local businesses for a night of fun. Vendor applications will be available beginning Sunday, October 5. Booth space is limited and is available on a first come, first serve basis.

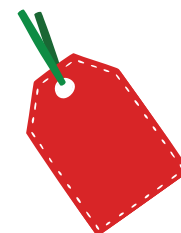
### Lou Malnati's Coupon Fundraiser is back!

The Friends of the Villa Park Library will be holding a Lou Malnati's Coupon Fundraiser from Monday, November 3 - Sunday, November 16. Coupons will be sold at the First-Floor Service Desk in the library. The coupons are \$15 each and valid for one frozen pizza. Patrons will be notified once the coupons have arrived at the library for pick-up. Visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) for all of the details.



### Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in the library this holiday season. Honor friends and family by donating books, puzzles, games, and more to the library from the Giving Tree! Look for the tree at the beginning of December.



### St. Nick's Holiday Mart

Saturday, Dec. 6 • 4-7 pm

Join the Friends of the Villa Park Library and local businesses for a night of fun. Vendors will be selling a variety of merchandise. Light refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be available.



### 4th Annual Cocoa Crawl!

Event date: Saturday, Feb. 21 • 11 am-3 pm

Ticket sales will begin: Monday, Jan. 26 • 9:30 am

Fee: \$10 per participant (ages 16 & older)

Ages 15 & under: Free with a participating adult (a ticket is required for each child participating and will include a map)

More details will be available in the next issue of the library's newsletter, *The Resource*.



### Dave & Buster's Power Card Fundraiser!

The Friends of the Villa Park Library are pumped to launch our Dave & Buster's Power Card Fundraising Campaign beginning **Wednesday, October 1 to Wednesday, December 31!**

When you purchase a Dave & Buster's Power Card from our fundraising page, 50% of your order directly supports Friends of the Villa Park Library! 🎮 Whether it's classic arcade thrills, action-packed racing, or multiplayer challenge, enjoy endless gaming fun at any Dave & Buster's location nationwide when you purchase your Power Card at the link below. Don't forget to share it with friends and family to join in the fun: [grouprai.se/davebusters51371m](https://grouprai.se/davebusters51371m).



Note: A Dave & Buster's Power Card is a stored value card valued at 20 dollars (\$20.00) preloaded with 100 chips to use for game play only. The standard activation fee is waived.



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