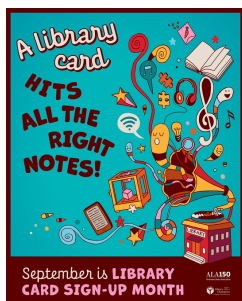


THE RESOURCE

Villa Park Public Library | September - December 2026
Serving the Communities of Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace

Library Card Sign-up Month

No matter what your personal tastes may be, *a library card hits all the right notes*. Whatever rhythm you find yourself in, there's always a front-row seat at the library for you. This September, *B sharp* and sign up for a library card! Stop in and find out how to add a library card to your greatest hits list.



Tiny Art Show

Kits will be available to pick up from Tuesday, Sep. 1 – Saturday, Sep. 12.

Put your talents on display in our legendary Tiny Art Show! Sign up 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.



Celebrate 50 Years of Service

Saturday, Sep. 12 • 1–4 pm

From her start as a library page until today as the Library Director, Sandy Hill has been professionally involved with the development of our library and all its services for the Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace communities in innumerable ways over the years. We say that calls for a celebration!

Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, Oct. 10 • 11 am – 3 pm*

Crafters with a ticket may enter at 10am

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, Oct. 4 through Friday, Oct. 9 during regular library hours at the First-Floor Service Desk.



Winter Holiday Family Photos

Saturday, Oct. 17 • 10 am–4 pm OR

Monday, Oct. 19 • 5:30–8:30 pm

Sign up for your Family Photoshoot today! We will have a general winter themed backdrop and a few props. Please register once per family.



History of the Villa Park Public Library: Evolution of Cards

Early public libraries didn't lend books, so, according to the American Library Association, no library cards existed until around 1900. The first cards tracked check out history and due dates on the cards themselves and had to be replaced when they filled up. Cards changed as new technology emerged. Here is a sampling of what VPPL cards have looked like over the years. Which was your first card?



1950s-1960s



1970s-1980s



1990s-2000s



2015-2020s



now

COMING SOON: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Launching in late September 2026

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends a free, high-quality book directly to homes each month for children under the age of five. If you live in the 60181 zip code and have one or more children under age five living in your home, you can sign up! Inspire your child's reading journey and join in this community effort. The program is coming to Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace thanks to the generous support of: the Friends of the Villa Park Library, Kiwanis Club of Villa Park-Lombard, the Rotary Club of Villa Park, the Lions Club of Oakbrook Terrace, and Readathon readers and sponsors! Register in person at the library starting at the end of September.



Illinois Libraries Presents... Author Talks!

Karen Hao
Thursday, Sep. 17 • 7 pm



Geoffrey Baer
Tuesday, Oct. 20 • 7 pm



Dr. Eve L. Ewing
Thursday, Nov. 12 • 7 pm



These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of 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).



Library Closings

Mon, Sep. 7: Labor Day
Wed, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve (close at 5pm)
Thurs, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day

Sat, Dec. 5: St. Nick's Mart (close at 2pm)
Fri, Dec. 11: Staff Event (close at 1pm)
Thurs, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Fri, Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Sun, Dec. 27: Closed
Thurs, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Infant/Toddler Story Stretchers	<i>Tuesdays • 9:30-10:15 am • (ages ~ newborn-2 years old) with adult</i> Extend the magic for the littlest readers during Story Stretchers! Each month we'll read a book together, then "stretch" the fun with a coordinated hands-on activity. We'll explore, create, build, and discover books in a whole new way!	Sep. 1; Oct. 20; Nov. 24; Dec. 15
Preschool Story Stretchers	<i>Tuesdays • 10:30-11:15 am • (ages ~ 3-5 years old) with adult</i> Extend the magic of reading during Story Stretchers! Each session we'll read a book together, then "stretch" the fun with a coordinated hands-on activity. We'll explore, create, build, and discover books in a whole new way!	Sep. 1; Oct. 20; Nov. 24; Dec. 15
Marvelous Mornings	R <i>1st & 3rd Saturdays every month • 11-11:45 am • All ages with adult</i> 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. 5, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 19
Toddler Time	R <i>Mondays <u>OR</u> Thursdays • 10:30-11 am <u>OR</u> 11:30 am-12 pm • Walkers with adult</i> 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. 14 - Oct. 15; Oct. 26 - Nov. 19; Nov. 30 - Dec. 10
Babies & Books	R <i>Tuesdays <u>OR</u> Thursdays • 9:30-10 am • 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, singing, stories, and rhymes. Registration is for the entire season.	Sep. 15 - Oct. 15; Oct. 27 - Nov. 19; Dec. 1 - 10
Preschool Storytime	R <i>Wednesdays • 10-10:30 am • Ages 3-5</i> 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. 16 - Oct. 14; Oct. 28 - Nov. 18; Dec. 2 - 9
Ready for Reading	R <i>Wednesdays • 1:15-2 pm • Ages 4 & older</i> Using stories, musical games, and word play, children are introduced to letter friends from A to Z. Registration is for the entire season.	Sep. 16 - Oct. 14; Oct. 28 - Nov. 18; Dec. 2 - 9
WOW: Worlds of Wonder	R <i>Fridays • 11-11:30 am • All ages with adult; siblings welcome</i> 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. 18; Oct. 16; Nov. 20; Dec. 18
Rhythm & Rhyme Community Storytimes	<i>Mondays • 10-10:30 am • All ages with adult</i> 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. <i>Mondays • 11:30 am-12 pm • All ages with adult</i> 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. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Dec. 21 Sep. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Dec. 21
Family Pajama Storytime	R <i>Tuesdays • 6:30-7 pm • All ages with adult</i> 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. 22; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15

Music Together®

Friday, Sept. 4 • 10:45-11:30 am • Ages 0-5 with adult
Join us for an energetic morning of singing and dancing from Music Together®, hosted by Dan, SLP, from Easterseals.

LEGO Builders Club **R**

Wednesdays, Sep. 9; Oct. 7; Nov. 11; Dec. 9
3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 6 & up
Make something fun and unique using bricks from the library's LEGO supply. Build and bring your ideas to life!

**LEGO DUPLO Build + Play **R****

Fridays, Sep. 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 6; Dec. 11
10-10:30 am • Ages 2-5 with adult
The library's LEGO® DUPLO® bricks are back in action! Join us to build, play, and socialize with other kids and families.

**Family Playdate**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays • Ages 5 & under with adult
Sep. 15, 16; Oct. 13, 14; Nov. 17, 18; Dec. 1, 2 • 10:30 am-12 pm
Free social play activities with hands-on exhibits from DuPage Children's Museum!

**Bark for Books **R****

Wednesdays, Sep. 16; Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16 • 5-6 pm
Ages 18 & under; children under 7 with adult
Read a story with a dog! Choose a book to read ahead of time from the library or from home.

Pokémon Club **R**

Wednesdays, Sep. 23; Oct. 28; Nov. 25; Dec. 23
3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 5-12
Spark creativity as kids connect, engage, play, and learn.
Partnered with Pokémon and the American Library Association



Crafternoons **R**

Thursdays, Sep. 24; Nov. 12 • 3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 7 & up
Crafty kids, this program is for you! Explore and experiment with different art forms to create a new mini masterpiece!

First Chapters: A Baby Resource Fair

Saturday, Sep. 26 • 10 am-12 pm
Expecting families and those with young children can connect with local resources in our community!



Monster Mash **R**

Pick one session: Thursday, Oct. 8 OR Oct. 22
3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 7 & up
Conjure up some fun with spooky games, crafts, and more!

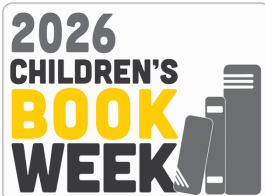
Space Plants! Cartooning Class **R**

Thursday, Oct. 15 • 3:30-4:30 pm
We're going to be drawing plants... IN SPACE!
Presented by Andertoons.



Mini Halloween Pop-Up Library

Saturday, Oct. 24 • 1-3 pm
Villa Park Ace Hardware | 46 S. Villa Ave, Villa Park
Build a love for reading this Halloween! Be sure to stop by our table to grab a sweet treat and pick out a free book to keep! While supplies last.



November 9 – 15
Children's Book Week is a national week-long event that celebrates books for young readers. This year's event slogan is *Books: Get Curious.*

Author Visit: Virginia Martinez!

Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 4-5:30 pm
Enjoy a reading of one of her books and fun, hands-on craft.

Author Visit: Patricia Toht!

Friday, Nov. 13 • 9:30-10:30 am
Patricia will lead a special reading of one of her books and get everyone moving with an interactive activity.

Take & Make: Holiday Crafts for Kids!

Thanksgiving Craft: Nov. 16-22
Winter Holidays: Dec. 14-20
Celebrate with a craft! Stop in to pick up a craft to make at the library or at home. While supplies last.

Family Reading Night

Thursday, Nov. 19 • 6-7:30 pm
Celebrate the joy of reading with an evening spotlighting the magic of stories! We'll host a guest reader and a musical storytime. *Endorsed by the Illinois State Library.*

Beauty and the Beast Tea Party **R**

Monday, Nov. 23 • 3-5 pm
All ages • children ages 7 and under with adult
Celebrate the 35th anniversary of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* by joining us for a special afternoon tea party.



(©Walt Disney Pictures, 1991: G, 85 min.)

Food Fight! Cartooning Class **R**

Tuesday, Nov. 24 • 3:30-4:30 pm
This class is all about foods battling each other! Presented by Andertoons.



Registration begins on
Monday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 am
unless otherwise noted.

R Registration Required.

tween & teen classes

Tween & Teen Book Bag Subscription **R**

Registration ends: Thursday, Sep. 3
Pick-up dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 25; Nov. 20
Grades: 4-12
Receive a library book, some goodies, and book lists.



Tween & Teen STEAM Kits **R**

Registration ends: Thursday, Sep. 3
Pick-up dates: Fridays, Oct. 2; Dec. 4
Grades: 5-12
Each take-home kit includes materials for a project that encourages creativity, exploration, and critical thinking.

Anime Alliance **R**

Tuesdays, Sep. 8; Oct. 13; Nov. 17; Dec. 8
4-5:30 pm • Grades: 8-12
Join us for anime, button-making, and more!

Anime & Manga Club **R**

Mondays, Sep. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 30; Dec. 21
3:30-5 pm • Grades: 4-8
Hang out as we share our love of manga and anime!



Teen Hangout

Wednesdays, Sep. 2; Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Dec. 2
7-8 pm • Grades: 9-12
Hang out with your friends, play games, and make crafts!

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens **R**

Mondays, Sep. 28; Oct. 26; Nov. 30; Dec. 28
6:30-8 pm • Grades: 8-12
Everyone is welcome to join our latest campaign!



Bracelet Making **R**

Thursday, Oct. 1 • 3:30-4:30 pm
Hang out with friends and make beaded bracelets!



Tween Book Club **R** **NEW!**

Tuesdays, Oct. 27; Dec. 22 • 3:30-4:30 pm • Grades: 4-8
October - *Spirit Hunters* by Ellen Oh
December - *First State of Being* by Erin Entrada Kelly



Thread Up: Woven Bookmark **R**

Monday, Nov. 9 • 3:30-4:30 pm • Grades 6-12
Learn how to make your own woven bookmark out of yarn!

Once I Had an Old Banjo **R**

Thursday, Sep. 3 • 7-8:15 pm

Come and see Mark Dvorak perform a concert packed with songs and fascinating lore surrounding the origin and evolution of this now uniquely American instrument.

Morbid History: Murder Mystery Edition **R**

Tuesday, Sep. 8 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Performer Lorrissa Julianus returns with true stories of deadly scandals, high society, and murder mysteries.



Morning Makers **R**

Wednesdays, Sep. 9; Nov. 11; Dec. 9 • 10-11:30 am

Start your morning creatively! Each session will feature a different craft. Supplies are provided.

Introduction to Bachata **R**

Thursday, Sep. 10 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Bachata is a dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. Come and learn the foundations of this beautiful dance. Led by Desueño Dance.

Fiber Arts Craft Circle **R**

Saturdays, Sep. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14; Dec. 12 • 9:30-11 am

Join local residents for a monthly drop-in fiber arts craft circle! Open to crafters of all ages and skill levels.



Transitioning into Medicare **R**

Mondays, Sep. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Dec. 14 • 1-2 pm

Learn to make the right decisions for the next steps in your health insurance. Presented by Joe McCracken, Licensed Agent, Better Retirement.

Substance Use Treatment 101 **R**

Thursday, Sep. 24 • 7-8 pm

Learn about the available treatment types for substance use and how to access those services. Presented by Jarrett Burton of DuPage ROSC.

Perspective of Wonder: A Tour of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition **R**

Tuesday, Sep. 29 • 6-7:30 pm

Author Cindy Angell Keeling takes you on a tour of the fairgrounds of the legendary 1893 event!



An Introduction to the Art of Chinese Papercutting **R**

Thursday, Oct. 1 • 6-7:30 pm

Join educator Yvonne Wolf as she presents the art of Chinese papercutting.



No One Ever Sees Indians: Native Americans in Media **R**

Saturday, Oct. 3 • 1:30-3 pm

Filmmaker Ernest M. Whiteman III presents an exploration of how Native peoples are depicted in entertainment. Co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

Jigsaw Puzzle Team Challenge **R**

Sunday, Oct. 4 • 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! Sponsored by the Friends of the Villa Park Library.

Chilling Horror Stories! **R**

Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Enjoy excerpted horror stories from Poe, Shelley, and Stoker. Presented by Craig Dorsey.



Bad Art Club **R**

Wednesday, Oct. 14 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Like making art, but worried that you're not exactly good at it? Use any of the supplies we provide, or bring your own project and materials.



Versiti Blood Drive

Thursday, Nov. 5 • 2-6 pm

Help save lives! Make a difference by donating blood.

Trivia Night with Baig of Tricks **R**

Wednesday, Nov. 11 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Teams of 1-4 people will duke it out in a battle of wits! We'll have a prize for the winning team!

Winterizing Your Yard and Garden **R**

Thursday, Nov. 12 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Prepare your lawn and garden to better survive the winter. Bring plant samples to discuss troubles and receive solutions. Presented by Bill Karges.

A Villa Park Garden Club Legacy Program

Monet Lives! **R**

Saturday, Nov. 21 • 1-2:15 pm

Evanston actor/painter Jim Parks "is" Claude Monet, tracing the artist's beginnings all the way to his becoming a legend.



Card Making Class **R**

Sundays, Nov. 29; Dec. 13 • 1:30-3 pm

Learn how to make your very own greeting cards with Sue from Creative Cards, located in Villa Park.

Festive Needle Felting **R**

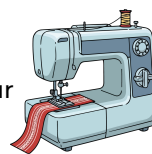
Monday, Nov. 30 • 2-3:30 pm

Come learn the cozy craft of needle felting as you create a twiggy reindeer. Presented by Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's Place. Supplies will be provided.

Meet Your Sewing Machine **R**

Monday, Dec. 7 • 12-3 pm

Do you have a sewing machine gathering dust? Bring it to the library, and learn the basics of your machine. Presented by Kandace McVickar.



Slideshow Party **R**

Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 6:30-8 pm

Obsessed with a niche topic? Bring a short presentation about a particular topic, or simply come ready to learn!

Meet Emily Dickinson: A Voice in White **R**

Thursday, Dec. 10 • 6-8 pm

Paddy Lynn transforms into Emily Dickinson and invites audiences into the life of the woman herself.



Cooking Classes

Make-Ahead Pastries

Registration begins: Monday, Aug. 24

Wednesday, Sep. 23 • 6-7 pm

Chef Cherise Slattery reveals her secrets for making scones, muffins, cookies, biscuits, and sweet rolls – days, and even weeks, ahead of time.

Latin & South American Cuisine

Registration begins: Tuesday, Sep. 8

Tuesday, Oct. 6 • 6:30-8 pm

Explore the flavors of Latin & South American cuisine with Chef Susan Maddox.

Holiday Salads and Sides

Registration begins: Monday, Oct. 12

Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 6:30-8 pm

Join Chef Susan Maddox as she shows you salads and sides to liven up your Holiday season.

Christmas Breads

Registration begins: Monday, Nov. 2

Thursday, Dec. 3 • 6-7 pm

Chef Cherise Slattery will teach you how to make a Christmas Star Bread studded with pistachios and a strawberry jam swirl, as well as Pull-Apart Christmas Tree Buns with roasted red pepper and parmesan cheese.

Computer Classes

Facilitated by People's Resource Center - Ages 18 & up

To register, please email: ct@peoplesrc.org or call the People's Resource Center at (630) 682-5402 x 218.

Introduction to Computers

Saturdays, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14 • 1-2:30 pm

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

You must attend all five classes.



Spice Club

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 - Anise Seed

Sunday, Sep. 20 - Saturday, Sep. 26

October - Pumpkin Pie Spice

Sunday, Oct. 18 - Saturday, Oct. 24

November - Everything Blend

Sunday, Nov. 15 - Saturday, Nov. 21

December - Poultry Seasoning

Sunday, Dec. 13 - Saturday, Dec. 19

Cheese Tasting Classes

Presented by Meredith Meder, ACS CCP™



And The Winner Is...

Registration begins: Monday, August 24

Tuesday, Sep. 22 • 6:30-8 pm

Hear the story of Meredith's time volunteering for the American Cheese Society's Annual Cheese Conference. We will taste some awarded cheeses.

Appetizing Cheeses

Registration begins: Monday, Oct. 26

Tuesday, Nov. 24 • 6:30-8 pm

Learn some delicious recipes that incorporate cheese as a main ingredient. You can wow your guests year round! Recipes will be included.

Midwest Classics

Registration begins: Monday, Nov. 9

Tuesday, Dec. 8 • 6:30-8 pm

Discover cheeses from the best coast – right here in the midwest! Explore artisan cheeses from Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Subscription Bags



Book Bag Subscription

Registration ends: Friday, Aug. 28

Pick-up dates: Fridays, Sep. 4; Oct. 2; Nov. 6; Dec. 4

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

Movie Pack Subscription

Registration ends: Friday, Aug. 28

Pick-up dates: Tuesdays, Sep. 8, 22; Oct. 6, 20; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 15

Registrants will receive a bimonthly movie pack!

Workout @ your library!



Happy Healthy Yoga

Saturdays, Sep. 5; Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Dec. 12 • 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

Saturdays, Sep. 19; Nov. 21; Dec. 19 • 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.

Mindful Movement

Tuesdays, Sep. 22; Dec. 15 • 10-11 am

Join us for a one-hour mindful movement class where you're encouraged to explore your body's natural rhythm and flow. Presented by Stephanie Kaczynski.

Young at Heart **R** 📺

Led by Gisela Parker

Hybrid: In-person and Online

Wednesdays, Sep. 2; Sep. 30; Nov. 4; Dec. 2 • 7–8:15 pm

September 2 – *On the Wings of la Noche* by Vanessa L. Torres

September 30 – *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power

November 4 – *My Good Man* by Eric Gansworth

December 2 – *Moxie!* by Jennifer Mathieu

Books Worth Talking About **R**

Led by Michelle Hoffmann

Mondays, Sep. 14; Oct. 12; Nov. 9; Dec. 14 • 7–8:15 pm

September – *What the Fireflies Knew: A Novel* by Kai Harris

October – *The Seed Keeper: A Novel* by Diane Wilson

November – *All This & More: A Novel* by Peng Shepherd

December – *The Cat Who Saved Books: A Novel* by Sōsuke Natsukawa

Nothing But The Facts **R**

Led by Sean Birmingham

Tuesdays, Sep. 15; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15 • 7–8:15 pm

September – *Where I Come From: Life Lessons From a Latino Chef* by Aaron Sanchez

October – *Rock Concert* by Marc Myers

November – *Becoming Little Shell* by Chris La Tray

December – *Winter: The Story of a Season* by Val McDermid

RomCom Readers **R**

Led by Emily Blake

Wednesdays, Sep. 16; Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16 • 7–8 pm

September – *The Pumpkin Spice Café* by Laurie Gilmore

October – *Do Your Worst* by Rosie Danan

November – *After Hours on Milagro Street* by Angelina M. Lopez

December – *The Christmas You Found Me* by Sarah Morgenthaler

Mystery Readers **R** 📺

Led by Margaret Balwierz

Hybrid: In-person and Online

Thursdays, Sep. 17; Oct. 15; Nov. 19; Dec. 17 • 7–8 pm

September – *A Dream of Death* by Connie Berry

October – *A Grim Reaper's Guide to Catching a Killer* by Maxie Dara

November – *Shutter* by Ramona Emerson

December – *The Christmas Murder Game* by Alexandra Benedict

Great Decisions **R**

Led by Michelle Hoffmann

Mondays, Sep. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16 • 7–8:30 pm

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.

Grim Readers **R** 📺

Led by John Bradford

Hybrid: In-person and Online

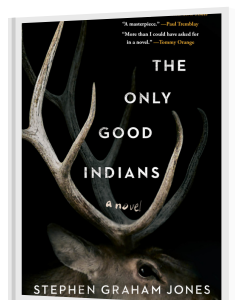
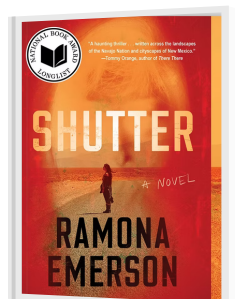
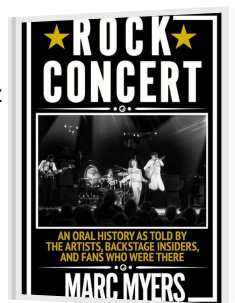
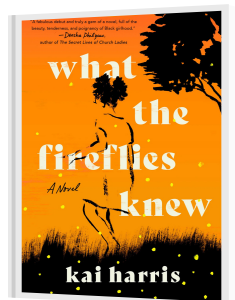
Mondays, Sep. 28; Oct. 26; Nov. 30 • 7–8 pm

September – *The Only Good Indians* by Steven Graham Jones

October – *White Horse* by Erika T. Wurth

November – *The Moon of the Turning Leaves* by Wabgeshig Rice

December – GRIM READERS WILL BE BACK IN JANUARY



Kids' Clothing Swap: Save Money, Reduce Waste

Saturday, Oct. 17 • 9:30 am-3 pm

Kids outgrow their clothes in the blink of an eye!

Do you have gently used kids' clothing to share? Drop off your clean, gently used donations in the collection box located in the library vestibule starting one month before the event on October 17. Bring a reusable bag and "shop" for free! Find new-to-you clothing for your family while you help reduce textile waste and support a more sustainable community. We hope to see you there!

Co-Sponsored by Go Green Villa Park



friends



Friends Film Fundraiser: *The Big Cheese*

Saturday, Nov. 7 • Doors open at 6pm

Join the Friends and Full Circle Cheese to discover the world of competitive cheese mongering at Mondial du Fromage (aka "the Olympics of Cheese") with a special one-time screening of documentary *The Big Cheese*! Cost is \$50/ticket. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the Friends and includes a cheese tasting reception, movie screening, and goodie bag. Ticket sales will start Monday, October 5th both online and in person at the library. More details to follow in September on the Friends of the Library Facebook page.

St. Nick's 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 4. Booth space is limited and is available on a first come, first serve basis.

St. Nick's Holiday Mart

Saturday, Dec. 5 • 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.

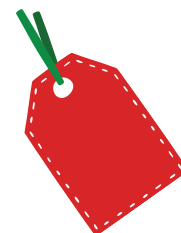
Lou Malnati's Coupon Fundraiser is back!

The Friends of the Villa Park Library will be holding a Lou Malnati's Coupon Fundraiser from Monday, November 2 - Monday, 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 each.

Patrons will be notified once the coupons have arrived at the library for pick-up. Visit 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, games, puzzles, and more to the library from the Giving Tree! Look for the tree at the beginning of December.



5th Annual Cocoa Crawl!

Event Date: Saturday, Feb. 13, 2027 • 11am-3pm

Ticket sales will begin: Monday, Jan. 18, 2027

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)

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