

The Ford Connection

THE THOMAS FORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY



SPRING
2013

NEW! SUMMER SUNDAYS

Our 2012 Community Survey indicated a strong interest in Sunday hours during the summer months. The Library Board took this suggestion to heart and with careful planning was able to budget for it in 2013. The decision to continue these extended hours in future years will be based on usage this summer – so come often! Special family activities will be offered on some summer Sundays, as requested by survey respondents. Watch for details in our

Summer newsletter and on our website. We are pleased to expand our schedule to help all of our residents enjoy the benefits of the Library. If you don't have a Library card, now is the perfect time to get one. You belong here, and we continue to do all we can to make your Library meet your needs!



LIBRARY DEBUTS ZINIO



We've added Zinio, a great new online service that lets you read full issues of current magazines on your computer, tablet, or smartphone! With your Thomas Ford Library card you can download a wide selection of popular titles such as Newsweek and National Geographic. There is no cost to you, and you may keep the digital magazines as long as you like. Try it out on our website, or call us for details.

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Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.
Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

COD ADMISSIONS TABLE

Wednesday, March 6, 5-8 p.m.

College of DuPage Admissions Representative Angela Nackovic will answer your questions about adult education programs at COD. No appointment necessary. Look for her near the checkout desk.

SOY CANDLES

Monday, March 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

Soy candles burn cleaner and longer than traditional paraffin candles. Make one that is scented to your preference. Bring a small container, like a teacup, jam jar or votive. Decorating supplies will be on hand to embellish your container.

TECHNOLOGY EXPLAINED

Tech experts John Kokoris of the Addison Public Library and Jack Bower of the Downers Grove Public Library will explain and demonstrate how you can use new technologies. You may register for either or both programs.

SMARTPHONES EXPLAINED

Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m.

CLOUD COMPUTING EXPLAINED

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL FIRE

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

In this Elmer Kennedy History Lecture, historian and former Western Springs resident Jim Gibbons will talk about the December 1, 1958, tragedy in Chicago, based on his own research and contacts with the survivors.

BLEACH STAMPING

Thursday, April 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

Use a simple technique to customize fabrics using rubber stamps and bleach. Bring a piece of fabric of your own, or make a dishtowel. Please wear old clothes! There is a small fee for material costs.

PICASSO: PAINTING, SCULPTURE, COLLAGE

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Artist Pablo Picasso pursued various styles during his career – from realistic to abstract. Art historian Jeff Mishur presents a lecture on Picasso's works, including Chicago's Daley Plaza sculpture. The Art Institute's first Picasso retrospective in over thirty years is February-May 2013.

CONSUMERREPORTS.ORG

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Did you know that ConsumerReports.org is available to members? You may log in with your Library card at any time. Rick Roche from the Reference Desk will show you how to get the most out of this great online resource.

TREES THAT TALK: LIMESTONE TREE GRAVE MARKERS

Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.

What can we learn about our ancestors from the images on their gravestones? In this Elmer Kennedy History Lecture, Samantha Chmelik from the Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery will show examples of the symbols used and help decipher their meaning.

GAME ON!

Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.

Love board games? Want to start a game night but need some tips? Teens, parents and anyone interested in learning more about tabletop games are invited. Josh Stein of Fair Game in Downers Grove will answer questions and help us try out a few games. We'll have a drawing for a gift card to Fair Game!

AN EVENING AT THE OPERA

Sunday, May 5, 7 p.m.

At the First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut Street. Mezzo-soprano Janet Mensen Reynolds and her friends from the Lyric Opera preview the 2013-2014 season in a free concert presented as a gift by the family of Pauline and Elmer Kennedy. No registration required.

FRIDAY at the FORD

These concerts are free thanks to the support of the Western Springs Library Friends. Doors open at 7 p.m. No registration required.

TRILLIUM

Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

This acoustic quartet's eclectic repertoire ranges in style from Celtic to folk to ragtime to swing to bluegrass, appealing to all ages and musical tastes!

SMALL POTATOES

Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Dirty Linen Magazine said of the folk duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso, "one of the most polished, inventive, and entertaining shows on the circuit."



Trillium

SPRING CLEANING CRAFT SWAP

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Clear out your fabric stash, those paint brushes you're done with, your soap-making molds, or any other craft supplies in good condition and swap them for items to try new projects. The Library will be contributing, too, so if you missed a craft program this year, you just might be able to make it at home! Contact the Library about dropping off items in advance.

SUMMER IN PROVENCE

Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.

Chef Kate Bradley will demonstrate how to make delicious French dishes like Zucchini Vichyssoise, Greens with Goat Cheese and Tarragon Vinaigrette, Ratatouille and an Apricot Tart. Samples and recipes will be provided.

JOIN A GROUP

These ongoing library groups are free for all to attend, with no registration required.

KNITTING CIRCLE

Every other Thursday at 1 p.m.

March 14, 28, April 11, 25, May 9, 23

Come enjoy knitting, conversation and light refreshments.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

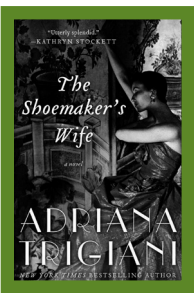
Second Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.

March 12, April 9, May 14

Local amateur investors discuss stocks, bonds and other financial securities.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

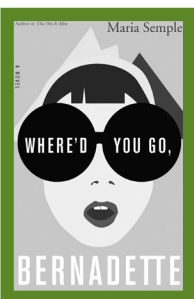
The Thomas Ford Book Discussion Group will meet in April and May before taking a break over the summer. The group is open to anyone who enjoys reading and discussing good books!



THE SHOEMAKER'S WIFE by Adriana Trigiani

Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

In April the Book Discussion Group will host The Big Read discussion of Adriana Trigiani's *The Shoemaker's Wife*, a saga of two Italian immigrants who fall in love after their arrival in New York, where she is a seamstress for the Metropolitan Opera and he is apprenticed to a shoemaker. This story is based on the author's own family history, with appealing characters and a vivid depiction of the Italian immigrant experience.



WHERE'D YOU GO, BERNADETTE by Maria Semple

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.

The former writer for *Arrested Development* created a hilarious character in the agoraphobic Bernadette, who disappears from Seattle when her husband tries to stage an intervention to get her into a mental health facility. The story is narrated by her teenage daughter, who tries to piece together her mother's whereabouts through anonymous emails, emergency room bills, online posts and the like, which make up most of this clever comedy.

Book reviews and other information concerning upcoming books are available at the Reference Desk. Extra copies of the books are available at the Library approximately one month before the discussion.

The Big Read

Registration for Big Read events began on February 1. Attendance is limited.

ITALIAN PASTA & SAUCES

Monday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Chef Michael Niksic will demonstrate how to cook linguine as well as multiple sauces. Samples served with fresh grated cheese and bread will be provided to all who attend!

VENICE: THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m.

European tour guide Al Popowits will show images of the popular sites, culture and history of this unique Italian city, including the Grand Canal, the Piazza San Marco, the Ducal Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and more.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

A Big Read Event

Friday, March 1, 7 p.m.

A sly business manager and two wacky friends of two opera singers help them achieve success while humiliating their stuffy and snobbish enemies.

BULLY

Friday, March 15, 7 p.m.

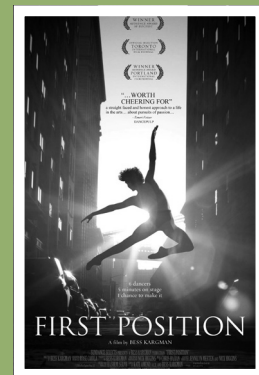
This intense documentary is an intimate glimpse into classrooms, cafeterias and principals' offices, offering insight into the lives of bullied children.

HESTER STREET

A Big Read Event

Friday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Russian Jewish immigrant Gitl (Carol Kane) joins her husband Jake (Steven Keats) in New York after he has gone ahead to establish himself. Jake has quickly assimilated many American customs, much to the dismay of Gitl, who clings to her Old World ways.



FIRST POSITION

Friday, May 10, 7 p.m.

A documentary that follows six young dancers from around the world as they prepare for the Youth America Grand Prix, one of the most prestigious ballet competitions in the world.

THE KID WITH A BIKE (2011)

Friday, May 24, 7 p.m.

Abandoned by his father, a young boy is left in a state-run youth farm. In a random act of kindness, the town hairdresser agrees to foster him on weekends.

YOUTH

Registration starts Monday, March 4.

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted.

Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

What Children Learn at the Library



Early childhood experiences at the Library have a positive impact on ability to learn language and reading skills later on. For babies through age five, the best ways to get them ready to read are: Talking (T), Singing (S), Reading (R), Writing (W) and Playing (P). Library programs involving all five activities are coded ALL.

R.E.A.D. TO THE DOGS AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9 and May 14, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning program because it's pressure-free! Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone starting March 4.

KIDS READ: FUNKY FANCY FAMILY TREE

Thursday, March 14, 4-5 p.m.

Ages 6-10

Create your very own relief-style family tree out of an amazing selection of mixed media materials, including shaped noodles, buttons, bottle cap mini frames, paint and hand-drawn pictures. Come prepared with a list of your relatives.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Thursdays, March 21, April 4 and 18, 6:45-7:30 p.m. All ages

Hear stories, sing songs and make a craft in this special evening storytime for families. (ALL)

KIDS READ: MANGIA, MANGIA PASTA BAR

Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grades 2-5 with adult

Learn all about pasta and take a taste test with Chef Lisa Williams of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Make dough, taste sauces and spices and put it all together with some pasta and mangia!

CRAFTY KIDS AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, March 26 and April 16, 4-5 p.m. Ages 3-10

Get crafty using hands and imaginations to construct a unique seasonal creation! By engaging in craft and art activities, children develop fine motor coordination, listening skills and the ability to follow directions and just be creative! At our first meeting we will do spring projects and at our second meeting we'll focus on Earth Day. Younger children may need assistance from a parent or caregiver. (T, R, W, P)

KIDS READ: SKYPE WITH AUTHOR SHARON CREECH

Wednesday, March 27, 2-3 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Join us in a live Skype video chat with Sharon Creech, the author of this year's Kids Read title *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*, as well as *Love That Dog, Hate That Cat*, the 1995 Newbery Medal winner *Walk Two Moons, Ruby Holler* and her latest, *The Great Unexpected*.

KIDS READ: FUN FOREIGN LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Friday, March 29, 10:30-11 a.m.

Ages 1-6 with adult

Attend an exciting new storytime in Italian! Native speakers from Language Stars will provide a 30-minute interactive Fun Immersion program with books, songs and activities in their native language. (ALL)

THE CHILDREN'S THEATER OF WESTERN SPRINGS PRESENTS THE FANTASTIC MR. FOX

Saturday, April 13, 1-2 p.m.

Families

The Children's Theatre will bring this exciting theatrical production to the Library. *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* tells the extraordinary adventures of three nasty farmers, two curious creatures, a family of foxes and our hero – a most fantastic fellow!

REMEMBER MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY!

Thursday, May 2, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-2

Come listen to stories and create a special gift your mom will love.

Spring Storytimes

March 18—April 26



TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

OR Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

2-3 years w/ adult

(choose Tuesdays OR Thursdays)

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes that help build the foundation for later reading. This program works best if there is one adult with one toddler. Adults can expand toddlers' learning by repeating the activities on the handout at home. (ALL)

STORYTIME PALS

Mondays, 1:30-2 p.m. OR

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

3-5 years

(choose Mondays OR Wednesdays)

Hear stories, sing songs and have fun with your friends. Storytimes highlight skills that children need to learn before they can read. (ALL)

READ 'N' RHYME ROMP

Mondays, 9:45-10:15 a.m.

OR Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

3-23 months w/ adult

(choose either session on Mondays)

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs and rhymes with your little one in this lap-sit program. The Romp works best if there is one adult with one baby. Adults are encouraged to follow along and do the activities with their babies. (ALL)

Teen programs are open to those in grades 6-12.
Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

RETRO TEEN CRAFTING

Tuesday, March 5, 6-9 p.m.

What were popular fashion accessories in the '60s, '70s and '80s? Why did people like Pet Rocks? Get the answers while making a pom pom animal, a ribboned barrette and a macramé bracelet.

CADDYING CLASS

Wednesdays March 13 & 20,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn to caddy from one of the pros. This two-part class is back again and will teach aspiring caddies the skills, knowledge and etiquette they need to be successful in a rewarding summer job that can lead to many opportunities.

RECORD SETTER DAY

Tuesday, April 16, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Can we beat the current world record for number of teens reading *The Hunger Games* at once (17)? Or can we break the record TFML set for most people reading ebooks in a library (9)? Do you want to be the record holder for most marshmallows stacked in your hand (6)? As seen on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*, if you can measure it and record it, you can set a world record at www.recordsetter.com! Come with your ideas and let's make history!

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Grades 6-12

Wednesday May 21, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, May 29, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 1, 10-11 a.m.

Every summer, dozens of teens help make great summer reading memories for TFML's youngest patrons while earning volunteer hours. Teens who have completed 6th-12th grades may apply for 2013's volunteer corps. One training session is mandatory for all volunteers. Applications will be available in the Library and online beginning May 1.

EXAM CRAM

Tuesday, May 28 & Wednesday May 29,
5-9 p.m.

Take a break, have some snacks in our meeting room, find a quiet corner to focus on tomorrow's test, or meet with your group for a last minute study session during Exam Cram.

BOOK BUDDIES

We want to thank the thirteen teen and kid pairs that made our first round of Book Buddies a roaring success! Given the program's popularity, we will be running another session this summer. Stay tuned for details, and keep on reading and encouraging one another!

GAMERS DO WE HAVE NEWS FOR YOU

Beginning this spring, the Library's Teen Lounge will offer a new video game collection. Games for a variety of popular platforms like PS3, Wii and Xbox will check out for one week at a time. Come in and check some out!

MINECRAFT BUILDING COMPETITION

Thursday, March 28, 1-3 p.m.

Come build on a surprise theme and you might win some cool Minecraft themed prizes! Participants must register and have their own Minecraft account, and are encouraged to bring their own computer. The library has a limited number of laptops. Snacks will be served.

TEEN LIAISON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

A rare opportunity for a Western Springs teen is opening this spring. If you would like to be the next Teen Liaison to the Library Board, we are accepting applications through the end of April. The Teen Liaison is a non-voting member of the Board, attends all Board meetings, contributes a youthful perspective to Board discussions and represents teen interests. Qualified applicants will be civically-minded high school students in good standing, with an interest in public service and Library issues. Contact the Library for an application.

10-1 BOOK CLUB RESULTS

Local teens have voted *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein as the best book for teens in 2012. The runners up were *Graffiti Moon* by Cath Crowley and *Every Day* by David Levithan. Thanks to all of the teens who participated! We look forward to another session of reading, discussing and voting on great teen books beginning in October!

Café ford

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 7-9 P.M.

Musicians! Poets! Comics! Talented teens of all types! The Thomas Ford Library Foundation invites you to the first ever Cafe Ford—an after-hours open mic night featuring the talents of local teens. Contact the Library for more information or to sign up to perform. There will be refreshments and prizes for participants and attendees.



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1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Library Closings
The Library will be closed on Sunday, March 31 for Easter
and on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

From the FRIENDS

We are accepting book donations for the spring book sale. Please note that there is a slight change in the sale hours. The Friday night Friends member pre-sale will be April 26, 6-8 p.m. The open sale will be Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 is the bag sale 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thank you for supporting the Friends and the Library through your donations and book purchases. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who work at the sale.

WESTERN SPRINGS LIBRARY FRIENDS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

- Individual\$10
- Family.....\$25
- Sustaining.....\$35
- Patron.....\$50
- Benefactor.....\$100
- Life member.....\$500
- Special Gift\$_____

I/We would like to help with:

- Hosting a Function
- Providing Refreshments
- Sorting Books
- Help with book sales

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____



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KENNEDY GARDENING LECTURES

We are pleased to offer the following lectures that we hope will add to your knowledge and enjoyment of gardening.

WORLD'S FAIR GARDENS

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.
Cathy Maloney, author of *Chicago Gardens: The Early History*, returns to the Library to discuss her latest book, *World's Fair Gardens*. Cathy's slide presentation and lecture will explore some of America's greatest World's Fairs and the horticultural innovations and landscapes they inspired that have forged many of our country's large urban parks and even our backyard gardens today. Several lucky attendees will win copies of her book!

VEGETABLES ANYWHERE

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
Do you think that your yard is too small to have a vegetable garden? This program may change your mind! Join Chicago Tribune reporter Beth Botts' to learn how to productively use courtyards, raised beds, containers, balconies, roofs and other tight spots to raise beautiful, delicious vegetables. A little ingenuity can yield a lot of fresh produce so come be inspired!

SELECTING AND MAINTAINING PERENNIALS

Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.
Perennials, the workhorses of the garden, require care to look their best and to last through the seasons. Marcy Stewart-Pyziak, owner of The Gardener's Tutor, will bring in plant materials to demonstrate what to look for when selecting plants at the garden center and how to keep them looking their best once they are in your flower beds. Old favorites and new varieties will be reviewed, with special attention paid to drought-tolerant varieties.