

The Ford Connection

THE THOMAS FORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY



SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

The Library's Summer Reading programs aren't just for kids! We have exciting plans for everyone from babies to our oldest residents. We have prizes, parties and a great collection of books, ebooks and audiobooks for every interest. Check inside this newsletter for information about how you can have a summer of fun reading.

YOU BELONG HERE ON SUMMER SUNDAYS

You asked, we listened. Along with our new Summer Sunday hours we've added special Sunday programs, such as the Fox Valley Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Bubble Wonders, and Remembering Marshall Field's. You belong here, and we look forward to seeing you here on Sundays throughout the summer!

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ADULT

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

NOTEWORTHY

Words and Music

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Rock, pop, or hip-hop? Mozart, Coltrane, or Scroggs? Whatever your taste, literature and music come together in our Adult Summer Reading Program, *Noteworthy: Words and Music*.

Sign up at the Library beginning Monday, June 3. Or – new this year – sign up and record your books online at www.fordlibrary.org! Then, check out 6 books, ebooks, or audio books. All are your choice, and only one needs to be music-related.

For every item checked out you will receive a ticket to enter drawings for some outstanding prizes – gift cards for Barnes & Noble, theater tickets, two entrees courtesy of Western Springs' renowned Vie Restaurant, or gift cards from its newest restaurant, Davanti Enoteca! Just for signing up, you can receive a discount on tickets to Northwestern football games. The first 100 to finish will receive a reader's notebook.

Submit your tickets by Saturday, August 17. Drawings will be held on June 28 and July 26, with the grand prize drawing at the end.

DISNEY WORLD 101

Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Planning a trip to Walt Disney World, but don't know where to start? Karen Luster will share the best and worst times to visit, the best accommodation option to fit your budget and needs, how to guarantee a ride (or two!) on the most popular attractions, and more!

DIGITAL PHOTO MANAGEMENT EXPLAINED

Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m.

Going on vacation this summer and planning to document the whole thing? Sick of your dusty old photo albums? Tech whizzes Jack and John will answer all of your questions about saving, managing, editing and uploading your digital photographs.

REMEMBERING MARSHALL FIELD'S

Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m.

Author and historian Leslie Goddard returns with more about the history of Marshall Field's. Leslie starts from its beginnings as a dry goods store in 1852 and traces its progress into a world-class trendsetter. She will have photographs, ads, postcards and memorabilia of the store's cherished traditions.

FAUX MOROCCAN LANTERNS

Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m.

Due to the overwhelming interest in this class, we are offering a repeat session. Bring a wide mouthed jar or vase and embellish it in a Moroccan style to light up your summer.

FOX VALLEY PHILHARMONIC WOODWIND QUINTET

Sunday, July 21, 3 p.m.

Local clarinetist John Norton and principal woodwind players from the Fox Valley Philharmonic will present a family concert, including a narrated performance of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Norton's *Variations on London Bridge* and an opportunity for youth to conduct the quintet are also on the bill. No registration necessary.

POLYMER CLAY BEADS

Wednesday, July 24, 7 p.m.

In this polymer clay workshop you'll learn how to use the popular material to make unique beads for jewelry and decoration. There is a \$5 material fee for each participant.

FAB FOUR FAQ 2.0: THE BEATLES IN THE SEVENTIES

Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.

Author and historian Robert Rodriguez is back to talk about The Beatles' bitter break-up and their attempts to establish individual identities under the shadow of their collective past. He'll show a mini-documentary including rare interviews, concert and promo clips, as well as film and comedy sketches. Robert will cover everything from the triumphs of *Imagine* through John Lennon's 1980 murder, forever closing the door on a reunion.



YOUTH

Registration starts Tuesday, May 28.

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted. Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by phone.

DIG INTO READING

This summer the Youth Services department invites all young readers to “Dig into Reading” by participating in our Summer Reading Club. Readers will explore our underground theme with stories, music, crafts and more. The Club is for children birth through 6th grade.

Registration for Summer Reading begins Monday, June 3, and can be done online or in person. Contests and prize distribution begin Monday, June 10.

DAILY CONTEST

Find the Worm Book. Every day, beginning June 10, a special worm book will be hidden in the Youth Services department. The first child to find it will get a prize from our treasure chest.

WEEKLY CONTESTS

Every week this summer, readers and nonreaders can participate in contests for a chance to win a prize. New contests will be posted each week beginning June 10.

Summer Reading Kickoff DAVE DINASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

Wednesday, June 5, 7-8:15 p.m.

Venue: Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Avenue
Families welcome

Experience an entertaining, hands-on show about reptiles and amphibians from around the world! Dave's mission is to teach the audience to respect the animals. Audience members are encouraged, but never forced, to pet the animals. Please register all children and adults.

BUBBLE WONDERS

Sunday, June 9, 2-3 p.m.

Families welcome

International bubble artist Geoffrey “Merlin” Akins creates moments of awe during his hilarious performance. He makes huge, wobbly dancing bubbles and creates sculptures such as bubble caterpillars, fog-filled volcano bubbles, the impossible square bubble and a fully functional bubble merry-go-round. He can even place a child inside a bubble! Please register all children and adults.

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

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9,
August 13, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to 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 May 28.

CLUB DIG: DIGGING UP TROUBLE

Monday, June 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Grades 1+

Get a little slimy and slithery by making your own silly slime and painting a wooden snake.

STEVE BENO: MOVING KIDS WITH MUSIC

Wednesday, June 19, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Families welcome

Designed for children ages 2-10, this interactive musical experience engages children with rhymes, rhythm games and songs while teaching music fundamentals. Featuring a mix of classic and original songs, this fun-filled show is guaranteed to get children and their families moving, smiling and learning. Please register all children and adults. (ALL)

BOOK BUDDIES

Choose Tuesdays OR Thursdays in June OR July. *Little Buddies: Grades K-2. Big Buddies: See the Teen section for details.*

JUNE BOOK BUDDIES

Tuesdays, June 11, 18 and 25 OR
Thursdays, June 13, 20 and 27
10:45-11:30 a.m.

JULY BOOK BUDDIES

Tuesdays, July 9, 16 and 23 OR
Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25
10:45-11:30 a.m.

A Big Buddy and Little Buddy will read together for 45-minute segments. As a courtesy to your buddy, please commit to the three sessions. This program, back by popular demand, helps Big Buddies practice fluency and read with proper pronunciation and rhythm. Little Buddies benefit from hearing properly phrased fluent reading, building visual imagery and comprehension. They will participate in read-aloud, followed by an activity related to the book.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Thursdays, June 20 and July 18

6:45-7:30 p.m. All ages

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

LEGO PLAY DAYS

Fridays, June 21 and July 19

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. All ages

Build with our Legos and Duplos. Your creations will be displayed for all to see. Drop-in event—no registration required. (P)

LEGO CLUB

Thursdays, June 27 and

July 25, 1-2 p.m. Grades 2+

Join the Lego Club and be challenged! At each meeting you will be given a different secret building challenge. After building for 45 minutes, we'll write descriptions of our creations, for display in Youth Services.

BE THE GROOVE

Wednesday, July 10, 3:15 p.m.

Venue: Hinsdale Community House, 415 W. 8th St., Hinsdale

Families welcome

Be the Groove is a rhythmic performance ensemble that believes rhythm is not just a beat—it is a mode of expression. This Chicago-based group fuses a variety of movement, percussion and rhythmic techniques to create a unique style of its own. Please register all children and adults.

BUGS, BEETLES & BOOKWORMS

Saturday, July 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades K-8

The Science Alliance presents this fast-paced insect safari. Kids will investigate the life stories of monarch butterflies, dragonflies, spiders and more, with an emphasis on how important bugs are to the Earth and our lives. Your kids will have a blast learning about wings and stings and crawly things. Please register all children and adults.

CLUB DIG: DIGGING UP THE PAST

Monday, July 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1+

Decorate a treasure chest to store your secret mementos, then create a magical crystal garden.

MORNING MOVIES

Wednesdays, July 17 and 31

10-11:30 a.m. All ages

Bring your pillow and chill out with *Gnomeo & Juliet* (July 17) and *Treasure Buddies* (July 31). Both are rated G. An adult must stay in the room with children under 5. Drop-in event—no registration required.

SPANISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Tuesday, July 23, 4-4:30 p.m.

Families welcome

Join Language Stars for a Spanish storytime featuring songs and a take-home activity. Please register all children and adults. (ALL)

"DIG INTO READING" FINALE PARTY

Friday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.

Venue: Enchanted Castle, 1103 S. Main St., Lombard
Families welcome

Join us for a pizza party at Enchanted Castle. Come see if you win one of the grand prizes or bonus prizes, then have fun playing and exploring the attractions at Enchanted Castle. Please register all children and adults.

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.



READ 'N' RHYME ROMP

Mondays, June 10, 24, and July 8, 22, 9:45-10:15 a.m. OR 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. This program works best with one adult and one baby. (ALL)

TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays, June 11, 25, and July 9, 23 OR Thursdays, June 13, 27, and July 11, 25, 10-10:30 a.m. 2-3 years w/adult (choose Tuesdays OR Thursdays)

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes. Early literacy practices help build the foundation of reading. This program works best if there is one adult with one toddler. Adults are encouraged to expand their child's learning by repeating the activities at home. (ALL)

STORYTIME PALS

Mondays, June 10, 24, and July 8, 22, 1:30-2 p.m. OR Wednesdays, June 12, 26, and July 10, 24, 10-10:30 a.m. 3-5 years (choose Mondays OR Wednesdays)

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

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

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB BENEATH THE SURFACE

Read books. Have fun. Earn prizes. We're taking it underground with books, movies and programs that look at things in a whole new way: secrets and spies, hidden treasures, underground movements and more! Visit fordlibrary.org/teens for more information and to sign up.

HIGH NOON UNDERGROUND MOVIES

Bring your lunch, have some popcorn, and check out movies that look Beneath The Surface every summer Thursday at noon. All movies are PG-13.

June 13: **THE HUNGER GAMES**
Katniss rebels against an unjust society when forced to fight to the death in a televised event.

June 20: **NICK AND NORA'S INFINITE PLAYLIST**
They have found each other – will they find tonight's secret show in NYC's underground music scene?

June 27: **MYSTERY MEN**
This movie about not-quite-super superheroes was based on an underground comic book.

July 11: **I AM LEGEND**
Years after a plague left him the only survivor, a man fights off zombie-like creatures in New York.

July 18: **BEAUTIFUL CREATURES**
What deep family secrets lurk beneath the surface of Ethan and Lena's Southern town?

July 25: **PITCH PERFECT**
Becca and her a cappella group have to get beneath surface appearances to make it big.

SUMMER BOOK BUDDIES

Share your time and love of reading with a child this summer. Big Buddies are 6th-12th graders who enjoy children, are patient and able to commit to every meeting they sign up for. See the Book Buddies announcement in the Youth section for dates and times.

EXAM CRAM

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 28, 29
5-10 p.m.

Quiet and group study spaces, extended hours and snacks. No registration required.

LAST CALL! SUMMER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Wednesday, May 29, 4 p.m.
Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.

There's still time to be a summer volunteer, but you must attend one of the training sessions. Check fordlibrary.org/teens for more information.

DUCT TAPE IT!

Wednesday, June 19, 2-3 p.m.
This mild mannered utility tape masquerades as an awesome construction material!

ACT PRACTICE EXAM

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
This Practice Exam is free and open to all high school students. The Big Envelope will be on hand to answer your questions about. All students receive a score report summary.

10-1 BOOK CLUB'S CHICAGO TRIP

Saturday, June 29

Any teen reading the nominees is eligible to join us on this trip to McCormick Place in Chicago to participate in the 2013 Young Adult Library Association's Best Fiction for Young Adults Teen Feedback Session. Hundreds of publishers, librarians and teachers from around the country are waiting to hear what YOU have to say. See the list of nominees at ala.org/yalsa/bfya-nominations, and contact Heather for more information.

BANANAGRAMS XL

Tuesday, July 2, 2-3 p.m.

We'll supersize this popular word game with giant pieces that will keep you and your team running to keep up.

SUPER SWEET SUSHI TREAT

Wednesday, July 17, 2-3 p.m.

Food can go undercover, too. Come learn how to make candy sushi.

BLEACH PEN T'S

Wednesday, July 31, 2-3 p.m.

Underneath that plain t-shirt is an incredible creation. Bring a NON-WHITE t-shirt and please wear old clothes for this program.

Café ford

Friday, July 12
at 7 p.m.

Musicians! Poets! Comics!
Talented teens of all types!
Showcase your talent
after hours in our cozy
reading room. Don't want
to perform, but want to see your
friends on stage? That's cool, too.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Snacks and
drinks provided.



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Sunday
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4
and on Friday, August 16 for staff training.

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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.

June 6, 20, July 11, 25, August 8, 22

Come enjoy knitting, conversation and light refreshments.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Second Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.

June 11, July 9, August 13

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

SENIOR CENTER LECTURES

Once a month the Western Springs Senior Center presents a history lecture by David Druckman. The presentations take place in the Library's Community Room and feature slideshows, video, and audio. This summer's schedule covers a wide range of topics:

JAMAICA: Wednesday, June 26, 1 p.m.

ORDE WINGATE: Wednesday, July 24, 1 p.m.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: Thursday, August 15, 1 p.m.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR: Thursday, September 12, 1 p.m.

This Summer at LaGrange Library

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INTRODUCTION TO VERMICULTURE

Wednesday, June 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

You're invited to a worm party! "Urban Worm Girl" Amber Gribben will present an overview of vermiculture and will demonstrate how to build your own worm bin for home composting. A worm bin will go home with one lucky winner! Please register. (5 min/60 max)