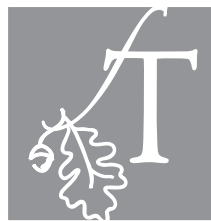


The Ford Connection

THE THOMAS FORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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WINTER
2015



The Gifts that Keep on Giving

After Anne Maliszewski died on September 9, 2014, Leonard, her husband of 65 years, asked that she be remembered with donations to a place dear to their hearts, Thomas Ford Memorial Library. Through the generosity of Leonard and many other contributors, the Library has received over \$1,000 for new acquisitions. We are pleased to honor his request by using the funds for the large type Mysteries and Romances that Anne favored. Books bearing personalized bookplates will be a lasting testimonial to this bequest.

Memorial donations are a wonderful way to honor a friend or family member. Please contact the Library to request memorial or gift forms, or for more information.

ReDiscover

The Big Read, New and Improved

After 10 years, we're saying "So long!" to The Big Read. Instead of selecting a single book, we'll focus on one theme, provide multiple reading suggestions, and plan related programs for all ages. So join us in saying "Welcome!" to ReDiscover.

ReDiscover: Celebrating Home runs mid-March through April. See re-discover.org for more information and watch for the program guide in February.

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

Tub Teas

Tuesday, January 20, 7 p.m.

Soak your winter blahs away! Create your own custom blend of herbs for a sachet to make for a relaxing and fragrant bath.

Writing Your Family History

Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m.

Long-time resident Kathryn Price of the Western Springs Historical Society will inspire and guide you to writing your own family history. Please bring pencils and a notebook or paper for this introductory seminar.

Splendors of Byzantine Art

Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Coinciding with a special exhibition of Byzantine art traveling from Greece to Chicago this winter, art historian Michelle Paluch-Mishur explores the icons, jewelry, and sculpture produced over a thousand years of Byzantine history.

Murder, Mayhem, and the Mob

Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m.

Who was Al Capone, and why are we still so fascinated by him and his ilk? Local historian Clarence Goodman presents this Kennedy History Lecture on the true story of Chicago's Beer Wars of the Roaring Twenties. From the beginning of the Volstead Act to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, join us for this brutal story!

Chocolates from Around the World

Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m.

Pastry Chef Rose Deneen will provide a variety of chocolates from countries around the world for tasting and discussion about the chocolate production process. Chef Deneen will then demonstrate two easy chocolate treats to make, using the chocolates sampled. Samples and recipes will be provided.

Using your library is about to get even better.

NEW LIBRARY CATALOG Coming this Spring!

Members who enjoy using the library catalog to find and order books will have a lot more to like. The Thomas Ford Memorial Library, in connection with other libraries in the SWAN consortium, will switch over to a new software system this April. The catalog will be easier to search and will offer many new features to enhance your library experience. Upcoming newsletters will provide full details.

FRIDAY at the FORD

We open our doors at 7 p.m. for our free concerts sponsored by the Library Friends. No registration. Come early to get a good seat.

Ten Strings

Friday, January 30, 7:30 p.m.

Ten Strings is guitarist Jason Deroche and violinist Sherri Deroche, who will play from a broad repertoire ranging from South American music to compositions by the greatest composer for this unique ensemble, Niccolò Paganini.



Ten Strings

Tabletop Terrariums

Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m.

Enhance your space this winter with a small spot of green. We will be constructing terrariums to take home. Feel free to bring pretty rocks, shells, or other small items to adorn your creation, and gardening gloves if you prefer.

JOIN A GROUP

These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend; no registration required.

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, 1 p.m.

January 8, 22, February 5, 19

Join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.

January 13 & February 10

Local amateur investors discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Third Thursdays, 7 p.m.

January 15, February 19

Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers' Society welcomes all writers from the community. Whether this is your career or hobby, writers of all levels and genres are invited. Questions in advance? Please contact Marie Gerken at marie@gerken.org or Jim Swinehart at jswinehart@clausen.com.

Book Clubs

Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.

Book Discussion Group

My Beloved World

by Sonia Sotomayor

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.

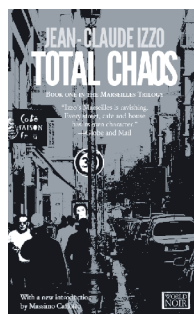
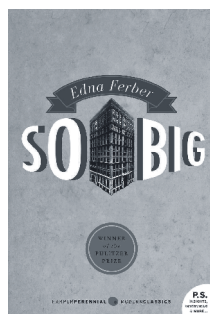
The first Hispanic on the U.S. Supreme Court tells the story of her life before becoming a judge in an inspiring, warm, and surprisingly personal memoir.

So Big

by Edna Ferber

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

After spending most of her childhood in Chicago with her widowed gambler father, Selina takes a job at age 19 as a school teacher in rural Illinois, where she finds beauty and builds a satisfying life raising her son. Written by the author who later penned *Cimarron* and *Showboat*, this novel won the 1925 Pulitzer Prize.



Thommy Ford's Crime Club

Total Chaos

by Jean-Claude Izzo

Monday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.

A detective on the mean streets of Marseilles struggles with crime and corruption in the name of an old friendship. "Noir at its finest: compelling, sophisticated"—*The Times Literary Supplement*

Science Fiction Book Club

Roadside Picnic

by Arkady & Boris Strugatsky

Monday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.

This Russian novel is the high-water mark of Soviet SF. It takes us to the Zone, an alien landing site full of strange phenomena and incomprehensible objects.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

We open the doors at 6:45 p.m. for these after-hours film discussions. They are drop-in events; no registration necessary.

The Lunchbox

Friday, January 9, 7 p.m.

A mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system connects a young housewife to an older man as they build a fantasy world together through notes in the lunchbox.

Waking Sleeping Beauty

Friday, January 23, 7 p.m.

The art of modern animation is brought to life by a perfect storm of art, business, and circumstance in this true story of how Disney regained its magic with a staggering output of hits over a 10-year period.



Good Ol' Freda

Friday, February 6, 7 p.m.

A documentary in which Freda Kelly looks back at her career as lifelong secretary for The Beatles.

Gimme Shelter

Friday, February 20, 7 p.m.

A pregnant teenager flees her abusive mother in search of her father, only to be rejected by her dad and forced to survive on the streets until a compassionate stranger offers a hopeful alternative.

YOUTH

Registration opens Monday, January 5, and is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, January 8 & February 12
6:45-7:30 p.m. All ages
Hear stories, sing songs, and make an art project in this special evening storytime for families.

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library

Tuesdays, January 13
& February 10, 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.

Color My World: Paddy Lynn's Storyacting

Wednesday, January 21
4:30-5:30 p.m. Ages 3-10 with adult
Children act out popular storybooks with makeshift props and a little on-the-spot coaching. The result is a wonderfully theatrical "telling" of each individual story. The audience joins in with sound effects, special effects, or whatever is needed in each particular tale.

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays, January 27 & February 24
4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 2+

Join the Lego Club and be challenged! During our winter meetings we will build with Legos and extra materials, like pipe cleaners, craft sticks, tape, and other everyday objects. After building for 45 minutes, we'll stop and write descriptions of our creations, which will be displayed in Youth Services.

Mini Pet Vets

Saturday, January 24, 1-3 p.m.
Ages 3-7 with adult
Drop in; no registration
Bring your favorite stuffed animal to our special pretend veterinary center at the Library for a checkup. Make your way through the stations at your own pace while bandaging boo-boos, getting X-rays, and making sure your "pet" is healthy!

Engineering Tower

Thursday, January 29
4:30-5:15 p.m. Grades 3-5
Do you enjoy challenges like building towers using fun materials? Join us to build a tower using marshmallows and jelly. Use your creativity and skills to build your own magnificent tower.

Olympian Hero Training

Monday, February 2, 7-7:45 p.m.
Grades 4-7
Do you have what it takes to train at Camp Half-Blood? Test your skills with games, challenges, and trivia from the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

Very Funny Magic: Dennis DeBondt

Saturday, February 28
1-1:45 p.m. Families welcome

At 6 feet 7 inches tall, Dennis is truly the "Sears Tower of Magic." He's not just some guy doing a few magic tricks—he does some of the funniest stuff you've ever seen!



*Magician &
Comedian
Dennis
DeBondt*

Play Lab

Wednesday, February 25
6:45-7:30 p.m.
2-5 years with adult
Are you ready to play? Join us for hands-on interactive activities designed to help build early reading, writing, math, and science skills. Activities require adult assistance.

Pajama Storytime

Saturday, March 7, 10-10:45 a.m.
Families welcome
It's cold outside! Wear your pajamas to the Library and we'll warm up with some stories and a craft. We'll make (and sip) some warm cocoa, too!

Welcome, Baby! Book Program

Libraries are for everyone, even babies! Every time a baby is born or adopted in Western Springs, the Western Springs Library Friends donates a board book in the child's honor to the Library's collection. A special nameplate adorns the back of the book. Let us know about your family's births and adoptions at fordlibrary.org/kids/baby or in Youth Services, and a staff member will be in touch!

Winter Storytimes

January 19 - February 27

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays (NEW), 10-10:30 a.m.

3-23 months with adult

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one and introduce him or her to a lifetime of reading fun. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby. The adults are encouraged to follow along and do the activities with their baby.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays or Thursdays
10-10:30 a.m.

2-3 years with adult

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes. Early literacy practices help in building the foundation of reading for your child. This program works best if there is one adult with one toddler. Adults are encouraged to participate along with their toddlers and repeat the activities listed at home.

Storytime Pals

Mondays, 1:30-2 p.m.

OR Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
(NEW time) 3-5 years

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



TEEN

Teen programs are open to those in grades 6-12. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Register early to ensure program minimums are met!

Career Conversations: Health & Medicine

Monday, January 19, 7 p.m.

Considering a career in the healthcare field? Come and hear from a diversity of healthcare professionals about what their work is like. We hope you can join this informal conversation. Light refreshments will be served.

Bendy Cuffs

Thursday, January 8, 3:45 p.m.

Make gauntlets like a superhero, intricate lacy bracelets, or any cool design you can think of! You'll never believe the material we're using to make these flexible cuffs.

Mystical Terrariums

Thursday, February 5, 3:45 p.m.

Create a living terrarium filled with secrets only you know! What's beneath the leaves? Is it a home for tiny fairies, a remnant of an ancient culture, or a dystopian landscape?

Coding Club—NEW DAY!

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

January 15, 29, February 12, 26
Play with technology, learn some coding, meet others into STEM fun.

Drop in for

FANDOM CRAFT DAY

Monday,
Feb. 16,
All day

Stop in on Presidents Day for some Cubeecraft fun! Make a

favorite character and vote on the best fandoms to follow. Open to all teens and tweens. No registration needed.

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

9:30 a.m - 5 p.m.

Sunday

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

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From the Foundation

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation is accepting contributions in response to its Autumnal Appeal. The Foundation appreciates every donation and wishes to feature two unique donors—a couple who has supported the Appeal from the start and a family that contributed for the first time in 2014.

“You can't beat it,” says Tom Conforti. “The Library has everything under one roof.” Tom and his wife Nancy, who moved here in 1966, are active members of the Library and have been consistent donors to the Annual Appeal for 16

years. They both appreciate the variety of the Library's materials. And where will you find Tom on a cold winter afternoon? Probably sitting in the Reading Room near the fireplace, a quiet and peaceful haven for reading.

Newer residents Linda and Win Murray contributed to the Foundation for the first time this year. The Murrays and their two children realized the value of the Library soon after they started participating in the “many wonderful children's programs.” Linda particularly enjoys the Library's book club resources

and uses the Library to try new books and media at no cost and no commitment.

The Foundation intends to ensure continued quality library services by building an endowment and purchasing major items needed by the Library but beyond its budget. Most recently the Foundation funded the new exterior book drop. For further information about supporting the Foundation please contact Anne Kozak, Library Director.

From the Friends

What do the Friends do?

- Run semi-annual bake/book sales and the ongoing lobby book cart sales
- Use proceeds to sponsor many of the Library programs and extras
- Donate some of the unsold children's books to local charities to promote family reading

How to get involved

- Donate used books anytime by placing them in the large bin by the Library entrance elevator
- Shop at the book/bake sales (next sale is April 24-26, 2015)
- Become a Library Friends member (membership forms are available at the Circulation Desk)

Thanks so much to our many dedicated donors, volunteers, and supporters.

News from Our Neighbors

La Grange Public Library
lagrangelibrary.org

Save the Date!

You're invited to a Chocolate Covered Evening on Saturday, January 24. In our 111th year, the La Grange Public Library is planning to stitch together some fun starting with a fundraiser to rehang the fabulous La Grange Centennial Quilt. Watch for more information on our website and in the Jan/Feb Book Report.