

## The Ford Connection

#### The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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# An Evening at the DCTCC

Sunday, May 1, 7 p.m. First Congregational Church 1106 Chestnut Street

Janet Mensen Reynolds and her friends from the Lyric Opera Chorus return for our 20th annual An Evening at the Opera. They will preview operas from the Lyric's 2016-2017 season by singing famous arias, duets, and other pieces.

Held at the acoustically pleasing First Congregational Church of Western Springs, the concert also serves as an introduction to the stories of opera. Between songs, a narrator entertainingly recounts the lives of



Kenneth Donovan, Janet Mensen Reynolds, Rose Guccione, & Keven Keys

the operas' composers and describes opera characters, scenes, plots, and their inevitable twists.

An Evening at the Opera is a free concert generously presented to the community by the family of Pauline and Elmer Kennedy. The concert lasts approximately two hours, will have one intermission, and refreshments will be served after the concert. No registration is required.

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

## Using the Library from Home: Life Long Learning

Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Your ability to find reliable information affects your decision-making and understanding of the world in which we live. Luckily your library card is a key to information access. Reference librarian Rick Roche will demonstrate online library tools, including Consumer Reports, digital magazines, and Britannica.

## Magic and the Art of the Impossible with Jeanette Andrews

Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

Join us for a magical experience that will leave you enthralled and enchanted. Jeanette Andrews presented her first magic show at age four, and is now a full-time magician who has performed her thought-provoking take on the art of the impossible for thousands across the country.

#### **Coloring for fun and relaxation**

Tuesday, March 22, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring and conversation. All materials provided. Refreshments will be served. No registration necessary.

## Hell Hath No Fury: Wicked, Wild and Wonderful Women of the Windy City

Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m.

From Jane Addams and Ida B. Wells to contemporary figures like Sandra Cisneros and Ursula Bielski, Chicago's women have stood tall and walked proud. In this Kennedy History Lecture celebrating Women's History Month, local historian Clarence Goodman will show us how these women contributed to our history

#### Now Arriving: 90 Years of Flight in Chicago

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

In this Kennedy History Lecture, authors Neal Samors and Christopher Lynch will speak about their book, *Now Arriving*, and the history of traveling by air in Chicago over the past ninety years.

#### **Costumes of Downton Abbey**

Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

In 2016, Chicago's Driehaus Museum hosts an exhibition of costumes used in the wildly popular PBS/BBC series Downtown Abbey. Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses costumes on exhibit that are original to the period as well as garments that were newly constructed to imitate vintage dress.

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#### Trillium

March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Trillium promises Irish music as well as some New Orleans jazz and other gems at this day-after-St. Patrick's Day concert

#### Petra

May 13, 7:30 p.m

Jazz singer Petra van Nuis and guitaris Andy Brown return with a delightful mix of standards from the American golden age of song.



Petra van Nuis

#### May Flowers Quilling

Tuesday, April 26, 7-8 p.m.

Bend and curl narrow slips of paper into lovely paper creations through the process of quilling. All supplies included.

#### **Learning the Night Sky**

Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

Join David Fuller, host of "Eyes on the Sky" on YouTube for a fun-filled and informative presentation and discussion about the night sky. Learn about prominent constellations and how to find them easily, plus tips for finding galaxies, nebula and star clusters with binoculars or small telescopes. If the weather is clear, Dave will also take the audience outside for some live stargazing!



Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

Thomas Ford favorite Leslie Goddard is back as one of history's greatest aviators. Amelia Earhart's courageous exploits and spirited personality made her an international celebrity in the early twentieth century. In this lively living-history program, sponsored by the Western Springs Library Friends, you will meet Amelia and learn about her experiences as the first woman to cross the Atlantic by airplane in 1928, and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1932. She'll describe how she learned to fly, what inspired her adventurous spirit, and why she set off in 1937 for an around-the-world flight.



#### **Springtime Brunch**

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Hosting a beautiful springtime brunch can be a wonderfully easy way to entertain. Join Chef Mary Gail Bennett as she demonstrates make-ahead brunch recipes sure to please everyone. She will be making a Seafood Brunch Soufflé along with a Cinnamon Crumb Coffee Cake. Recipes and samples included.

#### Using the Library from Home: Digital Books, Music, Movies, and Magazines

Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Have a busy schedule? Want books, magazines, movies, and music to come to you? Go digital! Reference librarian Rick Roche will show you how to access library materials with your computer, tablet, and smartphone from Hoopla, Media on Demand, eRead Illinois, and Flipster. Bring your device and your questions.

### Antique Appraisal with Rex Newell Monday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Is it trash or is it treasure? Find out when professional appraiser Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques visits the Library to appraise your collectibles, and talk about trends in the antiques business. The first 40 people to register will receive a free appraisal, but spectators are also welcome. Rex does not appraise firearms, Native American or Oriental antiques.

#### **Felt Cuff Bracelet Design**

Thursday, May 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Create a funky, felt wrist bracelet and wear it home! Participants will make a unique cuff bracelet based on an ancient method of creating fabrics that uses the natural property of animal hair, water, soap, and your hands. All materials will be supplied and no sewing or knitting experience is needed. Led by Tammy L Deck, award-winning fiber artist and owner of TLD Design Center and JAD Gallery of Westmont and Berwyn.

## 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**

### Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

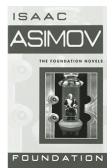
In Holt, Colorado, widowed senior citizens Addie and Louis decide to start spending their lonely nights together for companionship. This eloquent, quiet novel is the story of their growing friendship as they discuss their long lives, their joys and losses, missed opportunities and regrets, trying not to care what others think.

## The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

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

In this engaging novel, misfit Victoria is a survivor of the foster care system whose skill with flowers brings her out of homelessness by landing her a job with a florist. Distrustful and unable to love, she relies on the Victorian meanings of flowers to communicate with others, ultimately finding her way.





#### Science Fiction Book Club

#### Foundation

#### by Isaac Asimov

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

The first book in one of the most lauded and loved series in SF. *Foundation* envisions a far future Galactic Empire whose decline is imminent. Hoping to shorten the interval of this impending dark age, renegade scientist Hari Seldon enacts a diversionary plan to create and protect a Foundation on which the future Empire will be built.

## 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.

#### **Suffragette**

Friday, March 11, 7 p.m.

The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State.

#### Love & Mercy

Friday, March 25, 7 p.m. In the 1960s, Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson struggles with emerging psychosis as he attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece. In the 1980s, he is a broken, confused man under the 24-hour watch of shady therapist Dr. Eugene Landy.

#### **Brooklyn**

Friday, April 8, 7 p.m.

An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls in love with a local. When her past catches up with her, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

#### **Merchants of Doubt**

Friday, May 6, 7 p.m.

A documentary that looks at pundits-for hire who present themselves as scientific authorities as they speak about topics like toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals and climate change.

#### The End of the Tour

Friday, May 20, 7 p.m.

The story of the five-day interview between Rolling Stone reporter David Lipsky and acclaimed novelist David Foster Wallace, which took place right after the 1996 publication of Wallace's groundbreaking epic novel, *Infinite Jesi* 

## YOUTH

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes and begins on Monday, March 7. Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by calling

(708) 246-0520. First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

#### R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library Tuesdays, March 8, April 12 and May 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! Reading time is a one-onone experience. No parents or siblings are allowed. Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone.

#### **Mind Your Manners: Etiquette 101**

Wednesday, March 23

6:30-8 p.m.

7-10 yrs.

Learning proper manners and etiquette does not have to be a chore! Leave it to the experts at the Etiquette School of Chicago to guide children through this interactive class on age appropriate dining manners and social skills. Topics include: table manners, introductions, shaking hands, eye contact, polite words, conversation skills and respect for others.

## Spring Sinc! Monday, April 11

4:30-5:15 p.m. Families welcome

Join Julie Helenius from the Old Town School of Folk Music for a fresh and exciting music-making experience. Come sing and dance to songs of the season. Julie will play her guitar and share her voice, as she engages you with stories, dances and music about blooming flowers, singing birds, and the warming sun.

#### **Family Storytime**

Thursdays, March 17 and April 21 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Families welcome

Join us for stories, songs and activities that families will love.

March 17: Sensory Playtime. Sensory play at the Library will include multiple stations aimed at stimulating young children's imaginations. The aim of sensory play is to pique children's interest in the unknown, allowing them to experiment with different sounds, textures, and ideas in a safe environment.

**April 21:** April showers bring May flowers —and veggies too! Come celebrate spring with stories and songs. Make your own mini-garden to bring home.

#### **Ford Junior Scientists**

Thursdays, March 24 and April 28 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Do you have a scientific mind? Come and test your theories on projects that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in this short series. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore a new topic each meeting. You may register your child for one or both classes.

#### **Super-Special-Surprise Craft**

Tuesday, May 3

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ages 4+

Let Mom or Grandma know how much you love them this Mother's Day by making a super-special-surprise gift.





March 14th—April 18th

#### Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

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

3-23 months w/adult

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this lapsit program and introduce him or her to a lifetime of reading fun and language enjoyment. 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, 10-10:30 a.m., OR Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m. OR Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m. 2-3.5 years w/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 expand their learning by repeating the activities listed on the handout at home.

#### **Storytime Pals**

Mondays, 1:30-2 p.m. or Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m. 3.5-5 years (without adult)

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.

## TWEEN

New stuff for not-quite-teens! Grades 4-8

#### **STEAM Club**

Grades 4-8
Alternating Wednesdays
March 16, 30, April 13, 27, 4-5 p.m.
Spring forward with littleBits at STEAM
Club! littleBits are modular electronics
pieces that magnetically snap together,
and can be arranged to make amazing
projects. We have our own large kit now,
so kids can work on projects for a whole
season.

#### Peeps Dioramas

Grades 4-8 Tuesday, March 29, 3:45-5 p.m.

Peeps. Some people love to eat them, some don't. We'll be using them to make dioramas! Come prepared with

your own large shoe box and an idea about a scene you'd like to create, either from a book or some other favorite place or activity. We'll provide craft materials for scene construction, take photos to share, and display them in the Library.

#### **TFL Squad**

Grades 4-8 Mondays, April 11, May 9 4-4:45p.m.

Our Tween Fun Library Squad is always looking for new members! If you are in grades 4-8, and have ideas about what kinds of books, programs, performers and games you'd like the Library to have for you and your friends, please join us! Bring your ideas, your friends, and your enthusiasm to brainstorm and plan (and nibble snacks). Quite a few of our best ideas have come from YOU!

## TEEN

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

#### **Brownies & Books**

Thursday, March 10, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Teens who love reading and are interested in writing—we are your people! Come to this informal meetup where we will share the best books we're reading (or wish we had time to read) and will talk about how to support each other as writers.

#### **Practice ACT**

March 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Practice SAT** 

April 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Prepare for the ACT and New SAT by taking a free practice test proctored and scored by C2 Education. Participants will receive a free detailed score analysis and conference with the program director at the C2 Education center.

#### Note-Taking and Study Skills

April 27, 7-8 p.m.

Get ready for a strong finish to the school year and get some great tips for next year and beyond. This seminar outlines strategies to help students achieve optimal results through their note-taking and study skills. Presented by C2 Education.

#### Real Life, Real Skills: Professional Conversations

Monday, May 9, 7-8 p.m.

Young adults entering the workforce who want to get more comfortable talking with potential bosses and coworkers are invited to this laid-back, informal workshop. We will talk about basic workplace etiquette and break into pairs for some practice conversations. Presented in partnership with LADSE.

#### Pop Culture Peg People Tuesday, March 22 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Replicate your favorite fandom by painting tiny replicas that you can turn into key chains and more!

#### Love Your Job?

Local professionals, we need your help! Our Teen Board is currently looking for people to share their passion for their work with local teens. If you love your job and would like to talk about it in a casual setting early this summer, please contact teenboard@fordlibrary.org for more information.

#### **Exam Cram**

May 23, 5-9 p.m. May 24, 5-9 p.m.

Finish strong this semester! Exam cram is back, with snacks, quiet and group study and, by popular demand, tutors from C2 Education will be on hand to answer last-minute questions on Monday evening. Drop in; no registration required.

#### **Teen Volunteer Training**

Tuesday, May 31, 4-4:45 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 7-8 p.m.

Spread some library love this summer by becoming a Summer Reading Volunteer! Have fun, earn volunteering hours, and become a vital part of the Library. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade. Applications are available after May 1st at fordlibrary.org/teens or in the Library. One training session is mandatory for all

volunteers with two or fewer years of service.

#### **Teen Book Club**

Our Teen Book Club selects its own titles and meets at Starbucks monthly on a Sunday evening. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Contact Heather@fordlibrary.org for details and dates.

#### The Ford Member Connection

"The Ford Member Connection" is a new feature that spotlights a Library member in every issue. Please let us know whom you'd like to read about.

#### **Margaret Cunningham**

Margaret Cunningham has many ties to the Library. Each visit, she reconnects with other members and what they're reading. These affinities naturally led her to join the Library's Book Discussion Group, as well as her neighborhood book group.

Tell us about yourself. Thanks for the opportunity to talk about my favorite place in Western Springs. My husband Tom and I moved to town in 1984 and are grateful we could raise our three children here. I enjoy traveling, yoga, golf, and volunteering.

How long have you been a member of the Library's Book Discussion Group? Six years. It's very straightforward. Nancy Long—who started this group in 1998—chooses the majority of the books. She does research on the author, finds critical reviews and pertinent background information and organizes it in a binder for our reference. One of my favorite books was Cutting for Stone by Abraham

Verghese. *Plastic: a Toxic Love Story* by Susan Freinkel gave us a frightening message about over-consumption of plastic that's stayed with me. *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler generated more discussion than time permitted.



Margaret Cunningham with a Library book club selection. The Library brings in multiple copies of books for its discussion group, as well as for neighborhood clubs.

Anyone thinking about joining a book club: This would be a good one to try. It's a very friendly group that likes to read and discuss a variety of good books.

And your other book club? The Gourmet Book Club, a name that has nothing to do with our culinary skills or interests: our meetings start with pizza and salad! We began four years ago and grew to 14 members who meet ten times a year, around a table, at each other's homes.

We find discussion questions on the publisher's website; members take turns choosing books and moderating. Our favorites have been *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman and *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

Through Thomas Ford, we have several copies of our monthly selection brought in via the interlibrary loan system. It's a great convenience to have books waiting for us, though some members prefer to purchase or download their books. My advice for starting a book club? Bring a group together, read a good book, meet somewhere convenient, and enjoy sharing thoughts and opinions. Thomas Ford can help in many ways.

#### FROM THE FRIENDS

Thanks to all who have donated books in the donation bins by the elevator.

#### **Spring Book and Bake Sale**

Friday, April 22, 6-8 p.m.: Library Friends members only (anyone can purchase a membership online or at the door)
Saturday, April 23, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday, April 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Special bag sale prices. Please come and shop.

All proceeds fund Library programs. Want to volunteer to help at the sale? Contact Ann at annweithers@gmail.com

#### **Little Free Library Owners**

If you are in need of some books to add to your yard box, contact annweithers@gmail. com

#### Thank you Donna and Linda!

Donna Perkowski and Linda McGuire have led the Library's Book and Bake Sale twice a year for more years than they can count, but all good things must come to an end: the spring sale will be their last as co-chairs. When you stop by the sale April 22-24, be sure to thank them for all the work they've done to make the sales so enjoyable.

As anyone who's been part of an event like this knows, there is a phenomenal amount of work that goes into it, all year round, from sorting members' donations, to organizing items by category, to getting out the word, to baking cookies, to coordinating volunteers, to breaking down the shelves after each event. Donna and Linda have guided and inspired many devoted Friends of the Western Springs Library and are greatly appreciated.

Far from resting on their laurels, they will stay active in future Friends book sales, as will Linda's husband Jim, who is often seen in the Library moving, classifying, and boxing books. Linda will also continue her important work for the Friends of facilitating a special guest for the Christmas Walk.

Thank you, Donna and Linda, and all our Library Friends.

## The Thomas Ford Library Foundation

The Foundation thanks the following individuals, organizations, and businesses for their generous response to our 2015 Annual Appeal. These gifts, along with other donations received during the year, support unique events and expenses beyond the scope of the Library's regular budget. This past year special presentations for children and teens were funded. Contributions received are also invested to build an endowment to ensure that our Library remains a valuable community asset. If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation, planned giving, or membership in the Oak Leaf Society, you may contact us via email at: foundation@fordlibrary.org or by phone at 708.246.0520. The Foundation is an independent nonprofit 501©3 organization; donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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#### **LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

The Library will be closed on Sunday, March 27 for Easter and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

## PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES

Please join us for our spring gardening lectures, generously sponsored by the family of Pauline Kennedy.

## The Flowering Cherry Trees of Washington D.C.

March 8, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

2012 marked the centennial of the gift of 3,020 flowering cherry trees from the city of Tokyo to the people of Washington, D.C. While timing a visit to the nation's capital to view the trees in bloom can be tricky, on this night you will definitely see them in all their glory. Jeff Mishur, art historian, will present artists' interpretations of this spectacular botanical show.

#### From Pen to Print: Local Gardens in the News

April 12, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Come join long-time contributor to the Chicago Tribune's Home and Garden section, Nina Koziol, as she takes attendees on an armchair tour of the elegant, the quirky, the innovative, and the magical gardens that have been featured in the Tribune and Chicagoland Gardening magazine. These local gems are well worth learning about as are the creative people who design and nurture them.

#### **Create a Mosaic Planter**

May 10, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Why not turn your plain, old terra cotta pots into beautiful, eye-catching art pieces to add color and whimsy to your garden? Lisa Tolbert, local mosaic artist, returns to teach us how to embellish a pot with bright, shiny shards of china, ceramic and colored glass. All materials and use of tools are included. Students will take home a finished 8" mosaic terra cotta pot. Join us for an evening of fun! Cost: \$25; limit 20.

#### JOIN A GROUP

These ongoing Library groups are open to all with no registration.

#### **Knitting Circle**

Every other Thursday, 1 p.m. March 3, 17, 31 April 14, 28 May 12, 26 Join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

## Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. March 8, April 12, May 10 Local amateur investors discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

#### **Western Springs Writers' Society**

Thursday, March 10; Monday, March 28; Thursday, April 14; Monday April 25; Thursday, May 12; Monday, May 23 Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers' Society welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Whether this is your career or hobby, writers of all levels and genres are invited. Questions? Please contact Marie at marie@gerken.org or Jim at jswinehart@clausen.com.



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