

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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WINTER
2017

A Thomas Ford Welcome

Meet Director Ted Bodewes



If you haven't met the Library's new Director, Ted Bodewes, he would love to hear from community members just like you! He's looking forward to hearing great stories and ideas about the Library, and welcomes members to stop in for a visit.

Ted stepped in as Director on October 1, and he brings with him a wealth of experience in the book world. Most recently, Ted was the Director at North Riverside Public Library District, but before his library work, Ted managed bookstores, including what was the largest bookstore in the world, the Borders on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. In 2012, Ted was named an Emerging Leader by the American Library Association. This gave him the opportunity to talk with other passionate and innovative librarians from all over the country, and he's excited to bring that knowledge and expertise to the Western Springs community.

Ted's background makes him the perfect candidate to sustain the vibrant history of our library while leading staff in our mission to enrich the lives of Western Springs residents. He sees the library as a welcoming place that dynamically evolves with the needs of our members, and he is passionate about working with staff and TFML support organizations like the Board, Friends, and Foundation to continue finding innovative ways to meet those needs. We are all happy to have Ted aboard, and hope that you will give him a warm welcome!

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

The Life of Alexander Hamilton

Monday, January 16, 7 p.m.

Historian Jim Gibbons will take you on the rollercoaster life of one of America's most talked about founding fathers. From his skyrocketing in popularity and fame to his sudden downfall due to scandal and ultimately his tragic death, you will not want to miss Gibbons' riveting presentation of Hamilton's legacy.



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

The History Singers

Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entering World War I, Kathryn and John Atwood of the History Singers return to Thomas Ford to sing songs from that war.



The History Singers:
Kathryn & John Atwood

Embroidered Note Cards

Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Learn basic embroidery stitches and use them to embellish cards for a Valentine, a birthday, or a simple but memorable note. All supplies will be provided.

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

Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m.

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

"Love Your Heart" Cooking Class

Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m.

In honor of Valentine's Day, come and learn about foods that nourish and protect your heart. A registered dietitian will help guide you to great food choices that you can make to keep your heart healthy. The class will include a hands on component where we will prepare and taste various healthy snacks.

Author Talk with Katherine Willis Pershey

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.

Local author and associate pastor at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, Katherine Willis Pershey will talk about her new book *Very Married: Field Notes on Love & Fidelity*.

Needle Felting

Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.

Art instructor Heather Kostal from No Corner Suns will teach you the basics of needle felting and how to work with wool roving as you create a small item to take home. \$10 materials fee.

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.

Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man

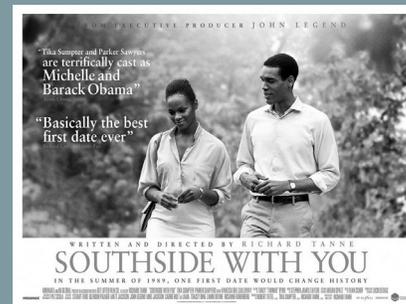
Friday, January 13, 7 p.m.

A documentary on the legendary singer-songwriter, with performances by those musicians he has influenced.

Infinitely Polar Bear

Friday, January 27, 7 p.m.

A manic-depressive father tries to win back his wife by attempting to take full responsibility of their two young, spirited daughters.



Southside With You

Friday, February 10, 7 p.m.

The 1989 summer afternoon when the future President of the United States of America Barack Obama wooed his future First Lady Michelle Obama on a first date across Chicago's South Side.

Florence Foster Jenkins

Friday, February 24, 7 p.m.

The true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice.

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 5, 19, and February 2, 16
Join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments. No registration required.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.
January 10 and February 14
Local amateur investors discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Western Springs Writers Society

Mondays & Thursdays, January 12, 30,
February 9, 27, 7 p.m.
Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers Society (WSWS) 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 in advance? Please contact Marie Gerken at marie@gerken.org or Jim Swinehart at jswinehart@clausen.com.

The Ford Member Connection

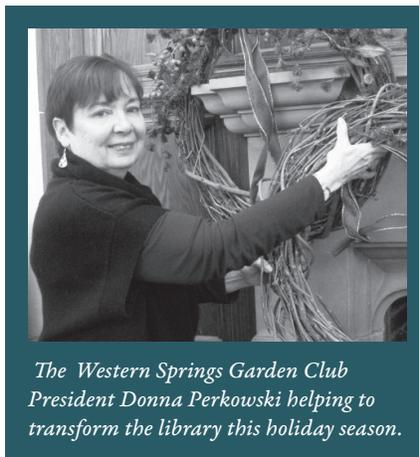
"The Ford Member Connection" spotlights a Library member in every issue. Who would you like to read about?

Tell us about yourself. I've lived in Western Springs since 1984. I began volunteering at the Western Springs Library Friends' book sales and in 1999 joined the Friends' Board. In 2009, I fulfilled a longtime dream and joined the Western Springs Garden Club (WSGC). In 2015, I was honored to be asked to serve as President.

Give us some Garden Club background. WSGC is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year!! We have 72 very enthusiastic members. The Club's purpose is to promote a love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility. In 1932, it donated to the landscaping for the newly erected Thomas Ford Memorial Library. Today, we maintain gardens in Spring Rock Park and the Blue Star Memorial. Our civic programs include garden therapy sessions with a local nursing home, college scholarships, school Arbor Day programs, Neat Day program oversight, and landscaping and garden design programs with schools and Boy Scouts.

Tell us about WSGC displays for the Library. We provide weekly displays for the Circulation Desk. This gives members an opportunity to show off their floral arranging skills; nothing pleases us more than receiving positive feedback! Led by

Donna Perkowski



The Western Springs Garden Club President Donna Perkowski helping to transform the library this holiday season.

our Library Committee Chair, Ruth Finlay, volunteers arrive early one morning in late November to decorate for the holidays.

How does the Library support the GC? By providing horticultural books and meeting space, the Library has always been a resource; the Kennedy Garden Lectures and Craft programs are favorites of many members.

Any advice for someone who is not yet a gardener? Visit the WSGC's website (westernspringsgardenclub.org/) for inspiration. Visit one of our monthly meetings – we welcome guests. Shop for plants at our annual sale; the majority of items are dug from local gardens.

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

The Samurai's Garden

by Gail Tsukiyama

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

A young Chinese man suffering from tuberculosis is sent to the Japanese seaside to recuperate in 1938-39, just as the Japanese are beginning to invade China. There he forms a close connection to the old gardener who cares for him, and learns about goodness and beauty while trying to reconcile the differences in the two cultures.

Lab Girl

by Hope Jahren

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

In this humorous and illuminating memoir, Jahren describes her entry into the field of botany, and recounts adventures with her longtime lab partner and friend, Bill, while offering fascinating insights into the plant world and her own life story.

Science Fiction Book Club

Invisible Planets: An Anthology of Contemporary Chinese SF

Edited and Translated by Ken Liu
Monday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.

Award winning translator and author Ken Liu presents thirteen eye-opening stories from the rising stars of Chinese science fiction, including Hao Jingfang's Hugo-winning novella *Folding Beijing* and two short stories from Hugo best novel winner Liu Cixin. "All of these stories impress with their visionary sweep and scope"—*Publisher's Weekly Starred Review*

YOUTH

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted and begins on Tuesday, January 10. 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.

Mammals and More



Saturday, February 18, 1-2 p.m. Grades 1-3
Say hello to a slow-moving sloth, feel the fur of a fennec fox, or pet a pancake tortoise! Flying Fox Conservation Fun is bringing a zoo to us. Their hands-on approach to learning about animal conservation is both fun and safe.

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

Tuesdays, January 10 and February 7, 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-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone.

Book Buddies

Tuesdays, January 17, 24 and 31, and/or February 14, 21 and 28, 4-5 p.m.
Ages 4 - 8 years
Back by popular demand: Book Buddies! Does your child love reading and crafting with older kids? We plan to explore different genres and create fun crafts! Register your child for either or both three-week sessions.

Family Storytime by the Fireplace

Thursdays, January 19 and February 16, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. All ages
Join us by our fireplace upstairs in the Reading Room to listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft in these very special evening storytimes for families.
January 19: Celebrate January's Wolf Moon, a howling good time for all!
February 16: Cupcakes & Kisses, enjoy sweet stories with someone you love!

Junior LEGO League

Saturday, January 21, 1-2 p.m.
Grades K-3
Build with our LEGO bricks and participate in a special Saturday edition of our LEGO League. Once you've finished your sculpture, we'll display it in the Youth Services Department for all to see! Drop-in event; no registration required.

Reel Reads: The Tale of Despereaux

Thursday, February 9, 6-8 p.m.
All Ages
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo took the world by storm as it won the 2003 Newberry Award. Join us in reading the first few chapters of this unexpected adventure story. After, we'll pop some popcorn and snuggle in to watch the 2008 movie adaptation. Bring the family!

Winter Storytimes

January 16—February 24

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp and Toddler Time work best if there is one child to one adult. Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered. If you cannot attend all of the dates in one session, let us know. We will put your name on the waiting list for open spots.

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
3 - 23 months w/adult
It's never too early to help your baby grow up to love books and language! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this "lap-sit" program.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays 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 which help in building the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Toddlers love to wander and listen during our time together. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

Wendy and DB Family Music Concert

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Families welcome

Wendy and DB are a multi-faceted children's music duo from Chicago. Children & families will dance, sing, and jump to Wendy & DB's music that is educational and encourages curiosity, inclusion and diversity. The music is upbeat, melodic and contagious.



Storytime Pals ❄️ *New Time!*
Mondays or Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m.
3.5 - 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. Children attend this storytime without their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.

The Thomas Ford Teen Board

Meeting on Second Tuesdays: January 17 and February 14, 6:30 p.m.

Hi all! The Teen Library Board is a place where teens can come together and work to help others in a visible and rewarding way through books and education. We are run by teens, for teens, which means this is a great opportunity to have your voice heard. Projects under consideration include using technology to help kids halfway across the world, career workshops, and donating books to cancer patients in our own backyard. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month and we would love to see you at our next meeting. New members in grades 8-12 are always welcome.

—Renata and Haley, 2017 Teen Board Liaisons

New Kids' Program
Presented by
the Teen Board

Kids' Passport Fun: Argentina

January 28, 10:30-11:30, Grades K-3

Travel around the world without leaving home! Come learn fun facts, sample food, hear the language, and explore the culture of Argentina.

Creative Crafternoons

Thursdays, January 12, 19, 26,
4-5 p.m. Grades 6-12

Stop in after school for a bit of quirky creativity and relaxation. All supplies provided. Drop in.

January 12: *Sci-Fi Stitches*

January 19: *Tub Teas*

January 26: *Zenstones*

Third Friday Teen Takeovers

Third Fridays, January 20, February 17,
and March 17, 5-7 p.m.

The doors are locked, the lights are out, everyone is gone... it's your time. This after-hours series for teens promises creativity, novelty, fun, and snacks! Registration required: Min. 5, Max 20.

January 20: *Escape Room*

February 17: *Battle Decks & Emoji Spelling Bee*

March 17: *Graffiti Art with No Corner Suns Art Studio*

Learn To Solder

Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23,
3:45-4:45p.m. Grades 8-12

Learn the basics of soldering electronics, then put your knowledge to work as you build a functioning model of the classic mathematical game, The Game of Life. This is a hands-on workshop. All supplies provided, no experience needed, registration required.

YA Fiction Smackdown

Coming in March!

16 books, 15 showdowns, 31 days, 1 triumphant winner!

TWEEN SPACE

Grades 4-8

Book Buddies

Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31 and/or
February 14, 21, 28

3:45-5pm

Back by popular demand: Book Buddies! Do you love being a role model for younger kids? Each older attendee will be paired with a younger child. (Hopefully, pairs can remain the same for the whole series of meetings.) We'll read! We'll craft! And, of course, we'll make good friends along the way.

STEAM Club: Building and Architecture

Alternating Wednesdays

January 18, February 1, 15,
March 1, 4-5pm

Are you a master builder? Do you love challenges? If so, come to STEAM Club and show off your mad skilz! We have loads of brand new KEVA planks, LEGO bricks, and other materials for you to use. We may even build with food!

TFL Squad

Mondays, January 23, February 20
4-5 p.m.

TFL Squad is our club for tweens who love all things library. It's an all-in-one book club, craft club and a way to share ideas about library programs and topics. *January: Hot chocolate bar. February: DIY bookmarks.*

Be on the lookout for the return of *Library Links: Mini-Golf* next month!

BINGE BOX

NEW MOVIE COLLECTION!

ALL YOUR FAVORITES, ALL TOGETHER

A Binge Box is a collection of 4-7 teen movies on a theme. Check one out and keep it for up to three weeks. Themes include: Star Wars, Cult Classics, Pixar, Sports, Tearjerkers, Sing Along, Stop Motion, and more. Find them near the teen video games.

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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 Saturday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and Sunday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

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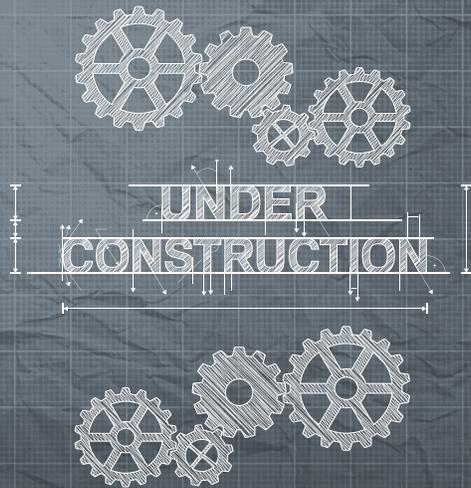
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NEW MEDIA-CAPABLE MEETING ROOM COMING SOON!

Sponsored by the Thomas Ford Library Foundation

The Foundation is excited to announce that it has fully funded the Library's first media-capable meeting room! The new space will comfortably seat 6-8, feature a large screen display, table top power supply, and easy device connectivity. Whether for business, classwork, or a book discussion, we're sure it will be the perfect space to help turn your small meeting into a truly collaborative group session.

The room is on the first floor of the Library, adjacent to the Board Room. Construction will begin in December. The Foundation looks forward to your feedback and hopes you enjoy using the space!



News from Our Neighbors

LaGrange Public Library
(708) 215-3200
lagrangelibrary.org

MLK Day of Service Blood Drive

Monday, January 16, 3:30-7:30pm
At La Grange Public Library, 10 West Cossitt Ave., La Grange. Celebrate the spirit of Dr. King and the National Volunteer Blood Donor Month by donating blood! Heartland Blood Centers will be set up on the lower level of the La Grange Public Library. Donation takes about one hour. Please contact the Library at 708.215.3200 to make your appointment You must be 16 years or older to donate. Please register.

From The Friends

Thanks to all the volunteers, bakers, book donors and members that made our October book and bake sale such a success!

The Friends work year round sorting book donations.. We use 100% of funds from book sales and memberships to fund Library programs and extras that make our Library such an active place. Please support the Friends' mission by buying books from the library carts by the entrance and asking for a membership application at the Circulation Desk. Questions? annweithers@gmail.com