



AND WE ALSO HAVE...

- Enriching programs like our Film Discussion Series, Kennedy Gardening and History Lectures, STEAM Club, craft programs, and our popular live music series, Friday at the Ford
- Audiobooks, eBooks, Tech Tools, Bestsellers in our “Your Lucky Day” collection, Playaway Launchpads (pre-loaded game tablets) and videogames
- Free Wi-Fi, Internet computers, and both color and black-and-white printing.
- A collection for every level of reader, including leveled readers, early chapter books, Juvenile Fiction, Tween, and Teen collections
- Capable librarians ready to help with your informational and recreational reading needs!

ABOUT TFML

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library (TFML) is a public library serving Western Springs since 1932. Residents may obtain a Library card any time the Library is open. If you teach at a school with a TFML school card (see list below), you have borrowing privileges for your classroom. Talk to your principal, school secretary, or school librarian to ensure your name is included. You may also borrow from our collection using a valid library card from your home library.

TFML SCHOOL CARDS

Field Park Elementary School
Forest Hills Elementary School
Laidlaw Elementary School
Lyons Township High School - North
Lyons Township High School - South
McClure Junior High School

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FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

At the Thomas Ford Memorial Library (TFML), we aim to support students directly through Library programs and services, and indirectly by supporting teachers.

- **Databases** for everything from introductory to in-depth research on topics across the curriculum, accessible 24/7 through our website
- **Ebooks, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines** are available 24/7 with a Library card number through our website
- A **Parent/Teacher Collection** filled with useful resources on child development, education standards, and related issues, with emphasis on children with special needs
- **Skilled children's and teen services librarians** who understand research, know the collection, and are eager to help find the perfect source for a research paper, introduce an old favorite or a soon-to-be bestseller, locate useful and trustworthy online resources, or select and pull books for your classroom or in-library use
- **Monthly "New Books for Educators" newsletter** to keep you up to date on our collection

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

When your assignments require extra research help or specific books, let us know—we're happy to help! **Save time for you and your students when you work with us to create positive research experiences.** Whether it's just your classroom or the whole grade, we can select and put aside materials so each student who comes to the library can find what they need to complete the assignment successfully.

A quick phone call or email is all it takes. **Provide your name, the grade, school, subject, and date(s) of the assignment.** Just a bit of advanced notice enables us to create a seamless transition from classroom assignment to Library visit, and results in happy students (and parents!) who leave the library equipped to complete their tasks, and feeling positive about learning.

CLASSROOM VISITS

With advance notice, we can plan a visit to your classroom or at the library. Choose a topic from below, or work with us and we will come up with a presentation based on your class's needs.

- "Getting to know TFML"
- Storytelling
- Book Talks
- Storytimes
- Summer Reading
- Databases at Thomas Ford

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