

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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SUMMER
2018



We have exciting plans for all ages! There's the *Libraries Rock!* Summer Library Challenge for kids, and a science fiction/fantasy-themed reading challenge called *Escape the Ordinary* for adults, teens, and tweens.

We have prizes, events, and a great collection of books, eBooks, and audiobooks for every interest. Check inside for information about how the whole family can have a summer of fun reading!



ADULT

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

JUNE 4 – AUGUST 19

Escape the ORDINARY



ADULT SUMMER READING 2018

Want to get away from reality for a while? The Library can help! Our Adult Summer Reading Program *Escape the Ordinary* is the perfect opportunity to steal away. Enter another world through books and movies featuring time travel, fantasy, science fiction, fairy tales, and other alternate realities. The Library will offer displays and lists to help you choose your best escape route!

Sign up beginning Monday, June 4 online or at the Library Reference Desk. Participate and enter drawings for some great prizes including gift certificates for local businesses and more! You can read whatever you like, and if you choose a theme-related book or movie you will receive a bonus drawing ticket. Receive a portable power bank for completing your first reading log! The last day to enter the final drawing will be Sunday, August 19.

Photography Club

Sunday, June 10, 1:30 p.m.

We will start our photography walking tour at the Library, where we will be meeting in the Board Room. Our tour will conclude back at the Library at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please make sure to bring your charged camera or phone for pictures. Email stacey@relishthisjourney.com with any questions.

Young-at-Heart Art Workshop: Scratchboard Animals

Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Illustrator Terri Murphy will show us how to etch a beautiful high-contrast animal on an inked surface. We will learn how to render realistic fur, eyes, highlights and mid-tones. All materials provided.

Thank You

The Library would like to thank Mr. Wayne Kennedy for the wonderful donation in honor of his friend, Mr. John Blake. This donation has been used to create a collection of materials on vintage automobiles. The *Blake Automotive Collection* will be available for viewing and check-out this summer. We are so grateful to the Kennedy Family for their ongoing generous and dynamic support of the Library and its mission.



The Art of Monsters: Vampires, Gargoyles, Demons, and More

Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m.

Art historian Jeff Mishur will present a lecture featuring renderings of "monsters" in the history of art. Mishur will pull examples of "scary" (but not too scary) creatures from mythology, the Bible, and from the imagination.

Better Together: Adult + Kids Art Night

Mondays, July 2 or 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Best suited for 5-10 year olds w/one adult

In this process art program, parents and children will work together using art supplies to create their unique masterpiece. The finished product will be a work of art worthy of any wall! Materials will be provided.

Do you miss our Film Discussion Group during the summer? Adults are welcome to attend the new "Real Life, Real Conversations Documentary Discussion Series." See details in the Teen section of the newsletter.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Village Read Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 18th, 7 p.m.

Venue: Anderson's Bookshop, 26 South La Grange Road, La Grange

Come join us at Anderson's Bookshop for some food, fun, and great discussion. Librarians Matthew Wenslauskis and Nancy Long will lead an informal talk on Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Refreshments will be provided. Registration required.

Film Screening

Wednesday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.

Venue: The York Theatre, 150 North York Road, Elmhurst

For our Village Read finale, we'll be showing a special *Frankenstein*-related film on the big screen at the York Theatre. The title will be announced soon, so call or check our website and Facebook for the reveal! Afterwards we'll have a post-film discussion with a panel of local film critics. This is a FREE event, but seating is limited, so registration is required in order to guarantee entrance.

Locked in the Library: Frankenstein's Lab

Friday, July 13

Appointments available 5-8:30 p.m.

Our popular escape rooms are back to celebrate our Village Read book, *Frankenstein* with more puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork! Teams will work together to escape Frankenstein's Lab before time runs out. Sign up for a time slot by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk.

The Village Read

Great books bring people together. Join us this summer for the first annual Village Read and help foster that community spirit. To kick things off we've chosen Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, which is celebrating its 200th year since publication. The Library is encouraging the entire village to read, discuss, or explore this fantastic classic. We will be presenting programs, activities, films, and a book discussion. To help as many people as possible to get their hands on *Frankenstein*, we are giving away free paperback copies at the Library beginning June 4th. You can also download a digital copy for free at our website.

The Science of Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction

Monday, July 9, 7 p.m.

Sci-fi novels set in the future often describe technologies that turn up in our current lives decades, centuries, or millennia ahead of time. Join us as we take a look at Isaac Asimov's *Foundation* and *Robot* novels and see how sci-fi has turned into sci-fact in the latter 20th and early 21st centuries. No prior reading is necessary; both long-time fans and those new to science fiction will enjoy this fascinating link between fact and fiction!

Saturday Gaming Club with LTHS

Every Saturday, June through August 12-4 p.m.

Join the LTHS Board Games Club for open tabletop gaming. Middle and high school students and adult gamers are welcome. Younger students may attend with an adult.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays

June 12, July 10, August 14
7:15 p.m.

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday

June 7, 21, July 5, 19,
August 9, 23
1 p.m.

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



JOIN A GROUP

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

Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays and Mondays

June 14, 25, July 12, 30, August 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.



Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Teen programs are open to those in grades 8-12.

Teen Board 2018: The Human Library

The Teen Board is seeking interested team members to help build a Human Library: a library of people with stories to share—stories of overcoming challenges, of prejudice, of perception, and of community. Teens interested in meaningful civic engagement will work together this summer to plan for this amazing special event as a part of the Human Library's worldwide movement. Learn more at humanlibrary.org and email heather@fordlibrary.org for more info.

Next Chapter Book Club

Tuesdays, June 5, 19, July 17, 31, August 14, 3-4 p.m.; August 28, 4-5 p.m.

We've read fantasy, suspense, historical memoir, and more! This summer, join us to read *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton. NCBC is a community-based reading program for teens with special needs and their friends. You do not need to come to every session. Snacks will be served. Please let heather@fordlibrary.org know about dietary needs.

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Bike Repair with The Wheel Thing



Tuesday, June 19, 3-4 p.m.

Grades 4 and up

Two wheels are all you need to get around town, but what happens if you get a flat or your gears go funny? Learn the basics of maintaining your bike with Kevin from The Wheel Thing.

DIY Cosmetics

Monday, June 18, 7 p.m.

Tired of products with ingredients you can't pronounce? Make your own with simple items! We'll be making a shaving gel, a lip stain, and a dry shampoo spray. If you have empty cosmetic containers you love, bring them along and we'll fill them up!

3D Print Demo

Wednesday, July 11, 2-5 p.m.

Grades 4 and up

Join tween and teen services to learn about the 3D printing process, 3D printing service for patrons, and about 3D design.

LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY: FRANKENSTEIN'S LAB

FRIDAY, JULY 13

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE 5-8:30 P.M.

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Franken-tees

Monday, July 16, 7-8 p.m.

It's not a boring t-shirt, *it's alive!* Learn some quick and clever techniques for changing your old tees into new items. Bring a shirt to cut apart or use some of ours.

Meet Your Car

Wednesday, August 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

You may know what to do behind the wheel, but do you know what's under the hood? Or on the dashboard? Bring your questions and be ready to get your hands a little dirty while you learn the basics of car upkeep. All drivers and soon-to-be drivers welcome.



Real Life, Real Conversations

Documentary Discussion Series

Truth may be stranger than fiction, but it can also be more challenging, more complex, and give us more to talk about. This new film discussion series for high school students is open to our adult Film Discussion participants as well. Come with an open mind as we confront difficult ideas and engage in frank but respectful conversations. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Chasing Coral (2017, NR)

Friday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. Divers, photographers and scientists set out on an ocean adventure to discover why the reefs are disappearing and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world. **This conversation will feature a special guest! Families are encouraged to attend together.*

13th (2016, TV-MA)

Friday, July 27, 7 p.m.

In this thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom. *Note: This film contains mature content. Contact heather@fordlibrary.org for more information.*

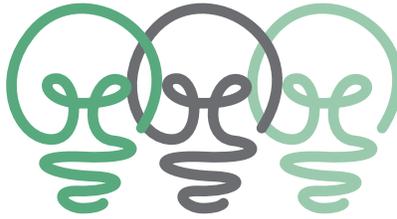
Maidentrip (2013, NR)

Friday, August 24, 7 p.m.

14-year-old Laura Dekker sets out on a two-year voyage in pursuit of her dream to become the youngest person ever to sail around the world alone.

LUNCHTIME INVENTION CLUB 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. MONDAYS, JUNE 11, 18, 25, JULY 9, 16, 23, 30

With Invention Club we are hoping to empower the next generation of innovators by helping them to develop their ideas into inventions. We will meet weekly to work on our invention ideas, make prototypes, and create marketing strategies. No idea is too small! Bring your brown bag lunch and take a break from the heat at this seven-session program. Drinks provided!



Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Tween programs are open to those in grades 4-8.

NBA Draft Party

Thursday, June 21, TBA

Are you excited about the upcoming NBA Draft? Join Tween services for its first NBA Draft party. Invite a friend or a family member. Bring in your predictions to possibly earn a prize.

Escape the ORDINARY

JUNE 4 –
AUGUST 13

TEEN & TWEEN *Summer Library Challenge*

Summer Reading is for everyone! Earn raffle tickets for every book you read, every program you attend, and for volunteering this summer. Everyone who participates earns prizes, and our grand prize raffle is not to be missed! Tweens can earn even more raffle tickets by participating in our new Book Bingo program! *Register online and pick up your logging sheet or Book Bingo card at the Library.*



Never met a book you wanted to spend more than a minute with? Read everything by your favorite author and have nothing left? Take the *Tropical Sno Challenge!* Miss Brittany and Miss Heather are so sure that they can find your next favorite book, they're willing to bet a TroSno on it. See full details at fordlibrary.org/trosno.

DIY Days: Summer Edition

DIY Days are activities where tweens are inspired to create things on their own, from awesome art projects to cool science experiments!

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sharpie Shoe Strings: June 12

Summer Appetizers: June 26

Slime: July 10

Frankenstein Experiments: July 24

ZUMBA

Thursday, June 28, or

Thursday, July 12,

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Get moving with Zumba, the most awesome workout ever! You can dance to great music with kids your age and have a ton of fun while getting the exercise your body needs.



Cupcake Wars

Wednesday, July 18, 3-4 p.m.

Working individually or in a small group, create a cupcake masterpiece inspired by the book *Frankenstein*. Then have your creations judged by our professional food tasters. Email brittany@fordlibrary.org with food allergies.

Tween Drop-in @ The Ford

Saturday, August 25, 1-3 p.m.

Drop in when you can for a fun-filled craft or STEAM-related activity. Activities will be randomly chosen, but something you will enjoy. No sign-up necessary.

Tween Night Out!

Friday, August 10, 6-8 p.m.

Join Tween services for a special game/movie night. Come hang out with friends and escape the heat after hours at the Library.

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes when noted and begins on Wednesday, May 30. 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.

Science ROCKS!!! Popping Candy Experiments

Tuesday, June 12, 1-1:45 p.m.

Grades K-1 **Registration Required**

Let's explore our sense of hearing with pop rocks candy! In this experiment, we'll use different types of fluids to determine which one pops the loudest with our candy.

Edible Rocks

Wednesday, June 13, 1-1:45 p.m.

Grades 2-3 **Registration Required**

Can you name the three types of rocks? We'll explore the differences of sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous rocks in this hands-on, food-based experiment.

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

Tuesdays, June 12, July 10, August 14

7-8 p.m. **Registration Required**

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. Register for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone.

Kindness Rocks

Monday, June 18, 2-2:45 p.m.

Grades 1-3 **Registration Required**

Bring a little hope and cheer to Western Springs by setting out a Kindness Rock! We will supply the rocks, paints, and examples, and you bring your imagination.



Kids Summer Movie Series

Thursdays, June 14, June 28, July 12

5:30-7:30 p.m.

All Ages **Registration Required**

Cool off at the Library by watching a movie with us. Feel free to bring a pillow and get comfy! All selections are rated G or PG.

June 14: *Paddington 2*

June 28: *Coco*

July 12: *Wonder*

Sensory-Friendly Movies

Same dates and movies as above

3-5 p.m., All Ages **Registration Required**

Before the traditional movie viewing, we will have a sensory-friendly movie time. The lights will be brighter, the volume of the movie will be lower, and children should feel free to walk around, shout, and dance. Feel free to bring a quiet fidget toy, and we will provide scarves.

Drop-in Playgroup

Wednesdays, June 20, July 18

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

All ages with caregiver

We'll have different activities for all age groups. Feel free to drop in for a bit or stay for the whole time!

Minute to Win It!

Thursday, June 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-3 **Registration Required**

Join us for this rocking challenge! Compete in a variety of challenges that will test skills you didn't know you had. Stack, spin, shake, bounce, and launch your way to victory. Everyone will receive a door prize for participating.

Family Storytimes

Thursdays, June 21, July 26

6:45-7:30 p.m. **Registration Required**

Best suited for ages 2 yrs. and up

June 21: *Dancing Around the World*

In celebration of National Music Day, we'll dance our way through stories, songs, and a craft!

July 26: *Science of Sound*

We'll try several experiments with sound in this hands-on STEAM storytime!

"LIVE" BIRDS OF PREY

Friday, June 22

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Best suited for ages 4 yrs. and up

Registration Required

Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to rehabilitation of injured, sick, and orphaned birds of prey with the goal of returning healthy birds back to the wild. Utilizing non-releasable birds, they will educate us about birds of prey, their place in the environment, wildlife conservation, ecology, and habitats.



SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE



This summer the Youth Services Department invites all young readers (birth through 5th grade) to participate in the **Summer Library Challenge**. This summer's theme is "Libraries Rock!" We've lined up fascinating programs, crafts, and storytimes that reflect the theme.

The **Summer Library Challenge** begins **June 4th** and ends **July 27**. Registration can be done online or in person. Join the library challenge and earn prizes for meeting goals this summer! Goal prize distribution begins **Monday, June 11**, and your child can participate in daily and weekly activities at the Library.

LIBRARIES ROCK! KICKOFF: MARIMBAMANIA!

Wednesday, June 6, 7-7:50 p.m.
Venue: McClure Junior High Gym, 4225 Wolf Road
Families welcome

While dressed in a full costume for each culture presented, Marimba-man David Hall performs musical selections from around the world on authentic marimbas and xylophones. You will be continually engaged with singing, dancing, drumming, rhythmic clapping, and a Q&A session.

Book-to-Art Club

Tuesdays, June 26, July 24, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Grades 1-3 **Registration Required**

June 26: We'll read together and discuss *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Drew Daywalt, then craft our own construction paper rocks.

July 24: We'll paint to different types of music after reading *The Noisy Paint Box: Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art* by Barb Rosenstock.

Better Together: Adult + Kids Art Night

Mondays, July 2 or 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Best suited for 5-10 year olds w/one adult
Registration Required

In this process art program, parents and children will work together using art supplies to create their unique masterpiece. The finished product will be a work of art worthy of any wall! Materials will be provided.

LIBRARIES ROCK! FINALE:

Friday, July 27, 7-8 p.m.
Venue: Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Avenue
Families Welcome

Ralph's World is the mega-fun musical planet where kids rock and dance to their own and their parents' delight. Ralph engages his young fans with activity songs, story songs, dancing songs, and a healthy dose of pure silliness.

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Is Nature Noisy? Shake, Rattle, and Roll

Tuesday, July 10, 1-1:45 p.m.
Grades K-1 **Registration Required**

Shhh, did you hear that? We'll listen for sounds in nature and create a "rattlesnake tail" to test how far sound travels.

Senses in Nature

Wednesday, July 11, 1-1:45 p.m.
Grades 2-3 **Registration Required**

If you were a hungry hawk could you hear your dinner? We'll experiment with games and activities to learn how animals use their sense of hearing in the natural world.

Mermaid Dance Party

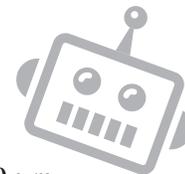
Party like a mermaid, dance, seaweed limbo, decorate a tiara, and other fun activities! Snacks will be served so please let us know of any dietary needs when you register.



Monday, July 2, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Grades K-1 **Registration Required**



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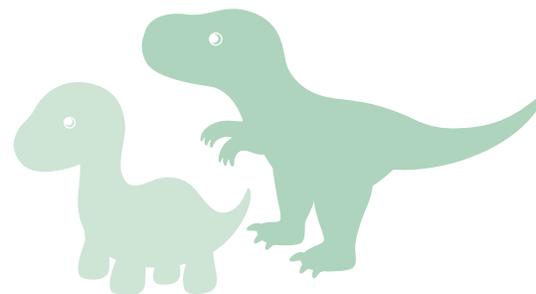
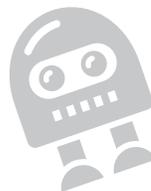


Cartooning Class: Dinosaurs vs. Robots

Friday, July 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 5-8 **Registration Required**

First, draw dangerous dinosaurs on one side of the page and radical robots on the other. What happens next? Do they fight or have a picnic? Shoot lasers or share ice cream? Either way, you'll love this fun draw-along.



"A World of Stories"

by Shanta Nurullah



Tuesday, July 17, 2-2:45 p.m.

Families Welcome **Registration Required**

Shanta is a storyteller, musician, and teaching artist based in Chicago. "A World of Stories" features stories from several different cultures and sounds from Shanta's collection of world instruments.

Toddler Dance Party

Monday, July 16, 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Best suited for ages 2 yrs. and up

Registration Required

Toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers dance their sillies out! Bring your favorite stuffed animal to dance with. Snacks will be served during our dancing break; please notify us of any allergies.

Rock Star Builders

Thursday, July 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 2-3 **Registration Required**

Test your rock star building skills with KEVA planks. You will be given a challenge to build an amazing structure during this program. We will then test the buildings for their stability and strength.

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, May 30.

SUMMER Storytimes

June 11 - July 27

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, June 13, 27, July 11, 25 or
Thursdays, June 14, 28, July 12, 26
10-10:30 a.m.

2-3.5 years w/adult

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes which help build the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

Storytime Pals

Mondays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23 or
Wednesdays, June 13, 27, July 11, 25
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.

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23 or
Tuesdays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24 or
Fridays, June 15, 29, July 13, 27
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.

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.



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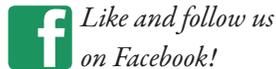
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9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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**GARDEN
INFORMATION
DAY**

**Sunday, June 10
1-4 p.m.**

Have gardening questions that only experts can answer or samples of plants to identify? Bring them to the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. The gardeners will also have displays and literature on gardening topics. Drop-in, no registration.

The Past and Future BOX



open to students
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