

The Ford Connection



SUMMER
2019

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library

Library BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 • 3-7 P.M.

LIBRARY
TOURS

FRANKIE ACE
Magic
SHOW

3:30-4:30
P.M.

LIVE SWING
MUSIC *from*
the FLAT CATS

5-6:30
P.M.

FOOD
TRUCKS
Free!

4:30-6:30
P.M.

GAMES &
ACTIVITIES
for everyone

COMMUNITY
ART PROJECT
GIVEAWAYS

SCAVENGER
HUNT

empanadas
snow cones
hot dogs



To show our thanks for the community's support and enthusiasm during our renovation, the Library Staff and Board invite you to a celebration of your newly-renovated Library! The Library will be open throughout the event.

Co-sponsored by the Thomas Ford Library Foundation.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Register online, in-person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

Movie in the Park

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

Friday, June 21, movie starts at dusk
Spring Rock Park, 4400 Central Ave.
See *The Fellowship of the Ring* on the big screen out in Spring Rock Park! Lawn games and summer reading sign-up will be available at 7:30 p.m., and the movie will start at dusk. This event is co-sponsored by the Western Springs Park District.

Dinner in the Shire

Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Continue your Village Read journey through Middle Earth with hobbit-inspired recipes! Chef Dave Esau will demonstrate hearty, savory dishes perfect for any respectable hobbit's evening dinner.

Rock Painting: Middle Earth Edition

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Rock painting is back! In honor of our Village Read book, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, we will be painting rocks with cozy hobbit doors.

Find Village Read events for teens in the Teen section

Better Together: Adult + Kids Art Night

Monday, June 17, 6:30 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. Call or visit us to sign up.



THE VILLAGE READ

Great books bring people together! Join us this summer for the second annual Village Read and help foster that community spirit. This year we've chosen *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien. 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 *The Fellowship of the Ring*, we are giving away free paperback copies at the Library beginning Monday, June 3.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING

by J.R.R. TOLKIEN

Village Read Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m.

Join us for some food, fun, and great discussion. Librarian Matthew Wenslauskis will lead an informal talk about J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Fellowship of the Ring*. Refreshments will be provided. Registration required.

The Art of Middle Earth: Exploring Tolkien's Mythical World

Monday, July 22, 7 p.m.

In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur explores imagery by J.R.R. Tolkien and artists inspired by his legendarium. The program includes a discussion of paintings and drawings made to illustrate Tolkien's books or directly inspired by them.

Is the Book Better than the Movie?

Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

With the use of dozens of fun and exciting movie clips and lots of fascinating trivia, we'll address that age-old question: Is the book always better than the movie? See clips from films such as *Jaws*, *Field of Dreams*, *The Godfather*, *Die Hard* (yes, based on a book!), *The Sound of Music*, *The Martian*, and many more!

Key Life Decisions: Are You Prepared?

Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Learn how to prepare for the future. Teri Khazen of Edward Jones will present strategies to consider when planning your estate, including how your assets are distributed, who will take care of your children, and more. Guest speakers include local lawyer Mary Pat Flaherty, Tim Kenny, CPA, and John R. Adolf, Director of Adolf Funeral Home.

ADULT SUMMER READING

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JUNE 3 - AUGUST 18

Which did you like better, the book or the movie?

Some screenplays do justice to the original book; some are disappointing. And occasionally a mediocre book makes a fabulous film! If you've seen the movie and have always wondered how the book was, or vice versa, now's the time to check it out with the Library's Adult Summer Reading Program, Page to Screen! If you don't already have a title in mind, we'll have lists at the Library with lots of books, movies, and TV shows to choose from.

Sign up beginning Monday, June 3 either online or at the Library Reference Desk. Participate and enter drawings for some great prizes including gift certificates and more! You can read whatever you like, and if you choose an adapted book or its movie, you will receive a bonus drawing ticket. Receive a movie night package for completing your first reading log! The last day to enter the final drawing will be Sunday, August 18.

Fantasy Miniature Painting

Sunday, June 30, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Fantasy miniatures add interest and personalization to the craft of role playing games like D&D, but creating these detailed pieces is an art on its own. Learn the basics and leave with your own amazing creation. Open to adults and students in grades 6-12. Registration closes Wednesday, June 26.

Women's Coffee Club

Tuesday, July 9, 10 a.m.

Join Teri Khazen of Edward Jones for Women's Coffee Club, an informal gathering of residents who are interested in receiving current updates on the market and the economy. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, have some fun, and get to know your neighbors! Coffee and pastries will be served. After July, the club will meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

Locked in the Library

Friday, July 12

Appointments available 5-7:15 p.m. Our popular escape rooms are back for more after-hours puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork in the Library! Teams will work together to escape the Library before time runs out. Sign up for a time slot by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk.

Everyone who signs up for our Adult Summer Reading Program and records at least one item on their log by June 23 will be eligible to win a pair of tickets to the Hamilton Exhibit in Chicago! Hamilton: The Exhibition is a 360-degree immersive exhibition inspired by the revolutionary musical. Stop by our Hamilton display in the Library for more information.

ONE SMALL STEP: 50 YEARS LATER

Monday, July 1, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of humanity's first walk on the moon! Mark Benson, a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, will discuss the historic Apollo 11 landing, and look ahead to what NASA has planned throughout our solar system.

The Adoption Process from A to Z

Saturday, July 13, 1 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the adoption process from Sally Wildman JD, Chicago attorney. Ms. Wildman will distinguish among the various types of adoption now available and the many steps families are required to follow, and share resources on choosing adoption agencies, attorneys, organizations, and related professionals.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

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

Teen & Tween SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE

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JUNE 4 - AUGUST 2

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 Book Bingo! Register online and pick up your logging sheet or Book Bingo card at the Library.

THE VILLAGE READ

Dragon Camp

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

June 25-27, 6-9 p.m.

Dragon Camp takes essential components of role-playing games and explores them in detail, culminating in adventure and skills that stretch farther than rolling dice at a table. Open to grades 6-12.

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Sunday Language Conversation Groups

1st and 3rd Sundays

June 2, 16, July 7, 21, August 4, 18

Spanish - 2:30-3:30

French - 3:30-4:30

All are welcome to practice language skills and converse together.

Summer Volunteer Training

Wednesday, June 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Did you miss the volunteer trainings at the start of the summer? Sign up now! Build your resume while having fun with kids at the Library. Must have completed 6th grade. Applications online.

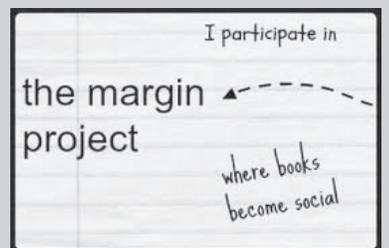
Page to Screen to Skin

Wednesday, July 24, 2-3 p.m.

Design your own book-inspired temporary tattoo, and then ink yourself! Tattoos will last on skin approximately two weeks.

The Margin Project: LTHS Summer Reading

Talk back to your summer reading books with The Margin Project: a special collection of books you're invited to write in, doodle on, and share with other readers. Look for this special collection in the new Teen Room. Prefer a fresh, clean page? We've got multiple "regular" copies of all LTHS titles too!



Art-y Party

Phase One:

Thursday, June 6, 10-11 a.m.

Phase Two:

Wednesday, June 12, 3-4 p.m.

Artists needed! We need a crew of artsy friends to help us prepare a big community art project. Sign up for both or either! You might get messy, you'll earn volunteer service hours, and you'll definitely have fun!

Photography Club

Sunday, June 9, 1 p.m.

All devices and skill levels welcome. Join us for private tours of local structures where you can practice your photography skills. We'll snap some pics and chat along the way. Questions? Email stacey@relishthisjourney.com.

Gaming Club

Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. (no meeting July 13)

Open tabletop gaming led by gaming experts at Initiative Coffee Co. Middle and high school students and adult gamers are welcome. Younger students may attend with a parent.

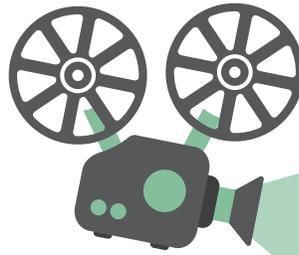
Page-To-Screen Pop Ups

Visit our new Teen Room every week for a different activity or pop-up program. From movie trivia to PS4 tournaments to book-savvy fun, you never know what you'll find!

Giant Paper Roller Coasters

Thursdays, June 20, 27,
July 11, 18, 25
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Meet in the new Teen Room where we'll design and build a giant marble run that really works out of cardboard and tape! Come ready to create—the only limits are our four walls and your imagination!



MAKER MOB
MONDAY MATINEES
MONDAYS, JUNE 10, 24, JULY 8, 12
12-2:30 P.M.

Are you a multitasking maniac? A marvelous maker? A movie maven? Join our Maker Mob and do cool STEAM projects while watching great PG and PG-13 movies. Check online for each week's movie and project. Popcorn provided; sack lunches welcome.



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

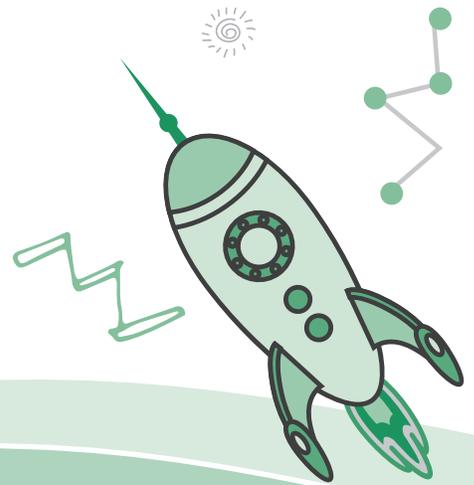


Never met a book you wanted to spend more than a minute with? Read everything by your favorite author and have nothing left? Take the *Tropical Sno Challenge*! Miss Heather is so sure that she can find your next favorite book, she's willing to bet a TroSno on it. See full details at fordlibrary.org/trosno.

YOUTH

Registration begins Tuesday, June 4th and is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted.

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.



Summer Library Challenge

A

UNIVERSE



of Stories

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 -
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Birth through Grade 5

Registration can be done online or in person. Once you sign up you can either print your log at home or pick it up at the Library and start checking off activities. You are eligible to earn prizes once you have checked off ten or more activities.

Prize distribution will begin June 10.

Hidden Book and Guessing Jar activities are back by popular demand!

JUNE 10 - JULY 28

Find the Hidden Book:

A special space-themed book will be hidden in the Youth Services department. Every child that finds the hidden book will receive a prize from our mystery box.

Guessing Jar:

Use your estimation powers once a week to guess the number of items in the jar. Entry with the correct or closest guess will win a prize.

Kids Summer Movie Series

Thursdays, June 13, July 11

5:30-7:30 p.m.

All Ages

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 13: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

July 11: The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part

Sensory-Friendly Movies

Same dates and movies, 3-5 p.m.

All Ages

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 than usual, and children should feel comfortable making a little noise. We will provide fidget toys for busy hands.

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

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, August 13

7-8 p.m.

Read one-on-one with one of the dogs from the Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program! This pressure-free program encourages confidence in young readers. Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone starting **June 4**. No parents or siblings, please.



Better Together: Adult + Kids Art Night

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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. Call or visit us to sign up.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, June 20, July 18

6:45-7:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 2+

June 20: Yoga Storytime

Celebrate International Day of Yoga with yoga enthusiasts, Alice Gallagher and Liz Skrodzki, as they lead us in a story-based yoga program.

July 18: Family Space Race

Join us for several space mission challenges including preparing for a space mission, astronaut training, collecting "moon rocks," and more!

TAKE OFF TO THE MOON

MONDAY, JUNE 17

2:30-3:30 P.M.

GRADES 1-3



Come to the Library to do STEAM activities that explore humanity's connection to the moon. Build your own rockets and design a moon rock!



Tall Tales and Silly Songs

Tuesday, June 18, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Families Welcome

Everyone loves tall tales! Todd Downing tells some real whoppers and then weaves them into lively songs with his guitar and puppets. Todd has kids singing, dancing, and jumping to some of the wittiest tunes ever heard east of the Mississippi.



Marshmallow Aliens

Tuesday, June 25

1-1:45 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Will your alien look silly or scary? You get to choose as you decorate your marshmallow friend with candies and treats! Please advise of any food allergies.

Drop-in Playgroup

Wednesdays, July 3, 31

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

All ages with caregiver

No Registration Required

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



BUBBLE SHOW

ROCKIN'

Tuesday, July 9 • 1:30–2:15 p.m.
Families Welcome

Come see the nationally touring Professor Suds Bubble Show! Music, lights, comedy, and BUBBLES! Audiences are amazed by the artistry and magic of bubbles. You will have the opportunity to be put in a bubble after the performance.

Amazing Magnets

Monday, July 15, 10:30-12 p.m.

Grades 1-3

The DuPage Children's Museum Lab Specialists will be leading us through this hands-on learning experience. This lab is developed to help students learn integrated science, math, and art concepts through open-ended exploration. The lab supports curriculum and addresses Common Core State Standards for Mathematics, Next Generation Science Standards, and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. Children will discover how magnets work and use magnets to have fun.

Astronaut Training Program

Tuesday, July 16, 10-10:45 a.m.

Ages 3.5-5

Your astronaut-in-training will make their way through an obstacle course, reach for the stars, decorate a paper plate spaceship, and more in this active, hands-on program.

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Tuesday, June 4

SUMMER *June 10 - July 26* STORYTIMES

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, June 10, 24, July 8, 22 or

Tuesdays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23 or

Fridays, June 14, 28, July 12, 26

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.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23

11-11:30 a.m. or

Wednesdays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24

10-10:30 a.m. or

Thursdays, June 13, 27, July 11, 25

10-10:30 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. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

Storytime Pals

Mondays, June 10, 24, July 8, 22 or

Wednesdays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24

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.

Yoga with Mia from



My Yoga Inc.

Wednesday, July 17 • 2-3 p.m.
Grades 1-3

Kids will learn basic yoga poses, play calm yoga games, and learn fun strategies to use their breath. In this class, kids will explore yoga through body movement, a craft, stories, and age-appropriate meditations.

Space Station Challenge

Thursday, July 18

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-3

You are invited to the Library to build with KEVA planks. You will be given a challenge and your building skills will be put to the test in this fun program.



THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation sincerely thanks the following Library supporters for their generous response to our Fall 2018 Annual Appeal.

The Library renovations are done!

The Foundation is proud to be a part of this important upgrade. Your donations made it possible to fund a stroller parking area on the lower level and to purchase technology for two of the new study rooms. Your generous gifts make it possible to undertake these projects, helping maintain the Library as a vital part of life in our Village. Thank you.

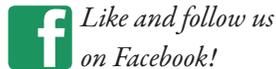
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Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed on
Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day and
Friday, August 23 for a staff inservice day.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 26
9:30 A.M.

1st day of school (D101)



Parents, stop by after dropping
off your kids for **free coffee**
and donuts!

The Ford Member Connection

Mary Greska has been Treasurer and President of the Library Board and a big part of the Library for the past four years. As she completes her service on the Board and the Library finishes its renovations, it's the perfect time to check in with her. Find out more about Mary Greska in the Summer edition of The Ford Member Connection on our website.

JOIN A GROUP

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Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays

June 11, July 9, August 13

7:15 p.m.

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

Gaming Club

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experts at Initiative Coffee Co. Middle and
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a parent.

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday

June 13, 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 22

1 p.m.

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

Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays and Mondays

June 13, 24, July 11, 29, August 8, 26
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.