

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library

WINTER 2022-23

Adult & Teen/Tween

Winter Reading Challenge

*January 2 - February 28**

Start your year with some reading, relaxation, and hot cocoa! Sign up for our first ever Winter Reading Challenge and get a free hot cocoa kit. Everyone who reads 4 or more books this winter will receive a pair of warm & fuzzy socks. Sign-up starts on January 2, either online or in-person. The challenge is open to everyone, from 5th grade to adults! **Registration Required*

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*Teens & Tweens: February 17, 5-8 p.m.**

*Adults & Families: February 24, 5-8 p.m.**

Become a detective in our murder mystery escape room! Teams will work together to find clues, solve puzzles, and figure out who the killer is before time runs out. 20-minute time slots are available for up to 6 people. Puzzles are intended for grades 5 through adults. Sign up by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk. **Registration Required*


Youth & Families **LEGO Family Nights** *January 26 & February 23, 6-7 p.m.**

Families of LEGO enthusiasts are welcome to join us each month to learn LEGO building techniques and complete a variety of creative challenges! LEGOs will be provided by the Library for this program. We'll display our creations in the Youth Department after each month's session. **Registration Required*

ADULT

Registration opens on Wednesday November 23 at 9:30 a.m. for all Adult programs.

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

 Registration required

2023 Monthly Book Box

Starts November 23*

Avid reader? Looking for some good, personalized recommendations? Fill out the form on our website to tell us a little bit about what you like to read, and each month get 2 books and some other goodies. Return the books and the box to receive your next month's recommendations, but keep the other items. An email will be sent when your next book box is ready to be picked up, and you can stop at any time! Please register by December 31. ***Must be a Western Springs resident for this service.**

Classroom Kitchen: Appetizers for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvre, Canape, Finger Food? Regardless of what you call them, we will learn to build some dishes designed to whet your appetite and set the tone for any meal in this virtual cooking class with Chef Kristyn.

The Village Read: The Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie

Free paperback copies available starting January 2. While supplies last.

The Library is in an Agatha Christie mood this winter and wants the whole town to join in reading the first of her Hercule Poirot mysteries! Great books always bring people together, so let's all get on the same page with this thrilling classic. Then, join us on **Wednesday, February 22** to have some snacks and chat with fellow patrons! **Registration for the Village Read Book Discussion is required.** See more details on our website at fordlibrary.org.

Classroom Kitchen: Tour of Soups

Thursday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.

Good soup is easy to make, but great soup requires some know-how and patience. Make the most comforting soups at home this winter in this virtual cooking class with Chef Kristyn.

Navigating the College Search in a Changing Landscape

Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Applying and getting into right-fit colleges has become ever-more difficult due to the pandemic and the test-optional landscape. An absolute must-see for teens and parents, join us for this virtual program to learn from a subject matter expert Heidi King.

Using the Library from Home

Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m.

With your Thomas Ford library card, you can download and stream free books, magazines, movies, music, and more, all from your mobile device or home computer! Join us for this virtual program on Zoom to learn how to get started, or ask any questions you have about our digital services.

Agatha Christie: A Body of Evidence

Monday, January 30, 7 p.m.

In the Spring of 1950, Agatha Christie accompanied her husband, archeologist Max Mallowan, to Iran and the tells of Kalhu, the ancient city also known as Nimrud. Join us as Agatha reminisces with you about her childhood, her life as a writer and adventurer, and contemplates beginning her autobiography—a project that took nearly 20 years.

Classroom Kitchen: Mardi Gras

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

Transport yourself to New Orleans! We're transforming our kitchens into the best Mardi Gras party at home, complete with three traditional Creole recipes in this virtual cooking class with Chef Kristyn.

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club: The Future is Female! Vol.2: The 1970s

Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

The SF&F Book Club meets quarterly to discuss speculative fiction of all types, from classics to contemporary standouts. This winter we are discussing an all new collection of wildly entertaining stories by the trailblazing feminist writers who transformed American science fiction. Copies of the book will be available at the Circulation desk one month before the discussion.

True Crime Stories from Central Illinois

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Amanda Vicary, psychology professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, will discuss her research on true crime, including why people (especially women!) like it. She'll also talk about some current and fascinating cases in Illinois that she covers in her classes on wrongful convictions.

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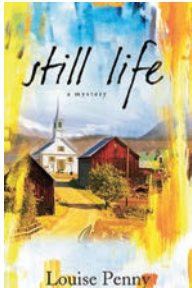
Looking for Crafts?



Flip to the back page of this Newsletter for our Winter craft programs for Adults!

books

Library book club discussion groups are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies are available at the Library one month before the discussion.



Wednesday,
February 1
7:30-9 p.m.

Still Life
by Louise Penny
Mystery



Wednesday,
February 22* [®]
7:30-9 p.m.

The Mysterious Affair at Styles
by Agatha Christie
Action & Adventure
*Village Read Pick.
Registration required.



Wednesday,
March 1
7:30-9 p.m.

After the Hurricane
by Leah Franqui
Fiction



Special Winter Programming

The following virtual events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever [®]

Tuesday, December 13
7 p.m.

Join the cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest for this special seasonal event. Shauna will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious!

Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay [®]

Wednesday, January 11
7 p.m.

Poet Ross Gay will discuss his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, and explore the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what brings us together and what we love.

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GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: December 1, 15; January 5, 19; February 2, 16; 1 p.m.
All knitters and crafters are welcome for conversation and inspiration.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays
December 8; January 12, 30;
February 9, 27; 7 p.m.
Have a writing itch? The WSWS welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Whether this is your career or hobby, all levels and genres are invited.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: December 13, January 10, February 14; 7:15 p.m.
Amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

films

A series of independent, foreign, and documentary films with optional discussion after each screening. Registration required.



Where the Crawdads Sing (2022) [®]
Thursday, December 8, 2 p.m.

A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man she was once involved with.



Death on the Nile (2022) [®]
Thursday, January 12, 2 p.m.

While on vacation on the Nile, Hercule Poirot must investigate the murder of a young heiress.



King Richard (2021) [®]
Thursday, February 9, 2 p.m.

A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after coaching from their father Richard Williams.

TEEN/TWEEN

Registration opens on Wednesday, November 23 at 9:30 a.m. for all Teen & Tween programs.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Teen programs are open to those in grades 5–12.

Ⓜ Registration required

Nuts and Bolts Snowman Kit

Thursday, December 8

Make a small snowman sculpture out of nuts and bolts! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

Gingerbread House Challenge Ⓜ

Monday, December 12

Make a gingerbread house for our annual Gingerbread Challenge! Register to receive a kit on Monday, December 12, then get to work decorating. Email a picture of your completed gingerbread house to madison@fordlibrary.org by Monday, December 19 to have your gingerbread house posted on our Instagram. Staff will vote, and the best gingerbread house will receive a prize! Registration required. Food will be a part of this program, so please list any food allergies in the notes when registering.

Study and Snacks

December 12-23

Stop by the Teen/Tween Room after school for snacks to keep you fueled and focused for end of semester projects and exams! While supplies last.

Teen Board

Third Sundays: December 18, January 15, February 19; 4 p.m.

Have ideas you want to see at the library? Join the Teen Board! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions and recommends materials like fiction, graphic novels, and music. It also gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the library. Open to students in grades 5-12. Sign up for a Zoom link for this virtual meeting.

Sticker Art Kit

Thursday, December 29

Looking for something to do during winter break? Sticker art can be a fun way to relax! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

Teen Monthly Book Box Ⓜ

January 1-31

Looking for some personalized book recommendations? Fill out the form on our website to tell us a little bit about what you like to read, and each month get 2 books and some other goodies! Return the books and the box to receive your next month's recommendations, but keep the other items. An email will be sent when your next book box is ready to be picked up, and you can stop at any time! Register by January 31.



Vision Board

Thursday, January 5, 4 p.m. Ⓜ

Start the year off in a positive way by creating a collage to help visualize your goals and dreams for the year ahead! Supplies and snacks will be provided.

Navigating the College Search in a Changing Landscape Ⓜ

Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m.

College is now the second largest purchase families make after investing in their home. Applying and getting into right-fit colleges has become ever-more difficult due to the pandemic and the test-optional landscape. Join us for this virtual program to learn from a subject matter expert, Heidi King, who speaks nationwide on the college process. An absolute must-see for teens and parents.

Clothespin Snowflake Kit

Thursday, January 19

Brighten your day with a wintry decoration made from repurposed clothespins. Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

Video Game Night Ⓜ

Monday, January 23, 7 p.m.

Get together with other teens for multiplayer video game fun! Snacks will be provided.

Valentine's String Art Kit

Thursday, February 2

Create a string art heart to keep, or gift to a friend or valentine! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween room. While supplies last.

Smartphone Holograms Kit

Thursday, February 9

We're bringing holograms to the (very) small screen! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

Icicle Suncatchers Kit

Thursday, February 16

Try and catch the elusive winter sun in an icicle suncatcher! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

The Sheehan Family

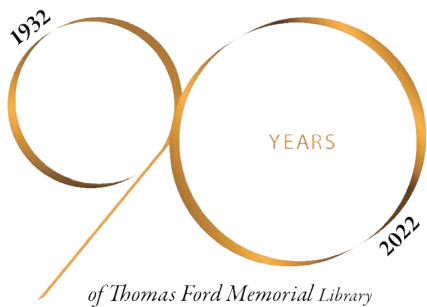
Terry and Kerry Sheehan moved back to Kerry's hometown of Western Springs thirteen years ago to raise their family of four children, Clare, Erin, Michael, and Emmett. The Sheehan children attend St. John of the Cross and St. Ignatius schools as Kerry did, which served Kerry, now a pediatrician, well.

Both Kerry and Terry, a Park Ridge native and digital marketing executive, are avid runners, and Terry has coached all four children for over a decade on the AYSO soccer fields.

The Sheehan family supports the Library because of their core belief that a strong public library system is fundamental for an informed and educated community. They have wonderful memories of attending storytimes, enjoying musicians and magicians, and even playing a mini-golf course inside the Library.

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation thanks the Sheehan family for their generous support! Be sure to check out each family member's favorite books to enjoy the titles for yourself.

- Terry's Pick:** *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
Kerry's Pick: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
Clare's Pick: *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han
Erin's Pick: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Michael's Pick: *The Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger
Emmett's Pick: *Narwhal and Jelly* by Ben Clanton



Anniversary Celebration

Thank You




To our Thomas Ford patrons, supporters, and donors: we want to sincerely thank you for all the love and kindness we have received over the years, and even more so this year as we celebrated the Thomas Ford Memorial Library building's 90th Anniversary in 2022. We are beyond grateful for the opportunity to recognize such a major milestone with our amazing Western Springs community all year long, and especially at our Anniversary Celebration on September 10. It's safe to say we have the best patrons around! We look forward to seeing you in the new year and creating many more memories with you for years to come.

YOUTH

Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m. online at fordlibrary.org for ALL programs 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.

 Registration required

Elf Scavenger Hunt

December 1-23

Come to the Youth Services Department to try and find Tinsel the Magic Elf all month long! He will be hiding among the books and shelves in a different location every day. Find Tinsel and receive a sticker!

Pete the Cat Visits the Library

Families Welcome

Saturday, December 3

10–11:30 a.m.

Visit the Library during the WSBA event, Western Springs Winter Wonderland 2022! Come meet, dance, and sing with Pete the Cat and his groovy buttons. We will have a special storytime with Pete from 10-10:15 a.m. Thank you to the Western Springs Library Friends for their generous sponsorship of this program!

R.E.A.D. to a Therapaws Pet

Recommended Grades K-3

Mondays: December 12 OR January 23

OR February 27

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws Program because it's pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Each child will have a 10-minute slot. We will advise you of your time slot via email prior to the session. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Due to the popularity of this program, we request that you register your child on one day only.*

Dinosaur Discoveries

Grades K-4

Tuesday, December 13

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Discover the clues that prove the existence of dinosaurs! T-Explorers will take you on an adventure straight from the Cretaceous Period with a peek into the world of dinosaur science and paleontology. See fossil types from numerous species including favorites like Triceratops and T-Rex, while getting a glimpse into what it's like to go on a paleontological dig.

Penguin Hide & Seek

January 1-30

Penguin is so excited to learn the names of different shapes and colors! Look in the Youth Services department each week for the Penguin to see what colored shape they are holding to earn a sticker.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup

Ages Birth through 2

Wednesdays: January 4, February 22

10–11 a.m.

Explore the power of play! Join us for play time and stories that support the development of social and early literacy skills.

Nature Storytime with the Morton Arboretum

Ages 2-6 with caregiver

Thursday, January 5

10–10:30 a.m.

A guest presenter from The Morton Arboretum will join us to share nature stories to notice how weather, trees, and animals change with the season!

Juggling Workshop

Grades 2-4

Tuesday, January 10

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Learn to juggle with expert instructor, Mike Vondruska! He will give a short mini-show and demonstration of some cool juggling moves. Children will have fun learning juggling skills with colorful, slow falling nylon scarves. All teaching materials will be provided.

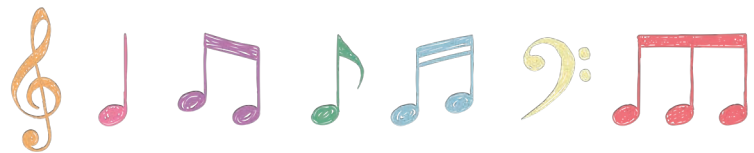
Read and Create: The Mitten

Grades K-2


Thursday, January 19

4:30–5 p.m.

It's cold outside! Join us for a reading of *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and create your own winter craft based on the story.



Sing & Dance with Miss Julie

Tuesday, January 17 | 4:30–5:15 p.m. | Families Welcome 

Come sing, dance, and play with Chicago-based children's performer and educator Julie Helenius! Affectionately known as "Miss Julie" by hundreds of Wiggleworms students at the Old Town School of Folk Music, Julie was the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Artist Award after being nominated by her peers. With a mix of classic children's songs as well as originals, she has been bringing the joy of music into the hearts and lives of children and their families for years.

Rigamajig Builders [®]

Grades 2-4

Thursday, February 2

4:30–5 p.m.

Are you a budding engineer or do you just love to build? Come join us as we explore our new Rigamajig building set that will inspire creativity and collaboration through hands-on play!

Dry Ice Show by Talewise [®]

Grades K-4

Tuesday, February 7

4:30–5:15 p.m.

Join us on a quest to discover the "coolest" thing in science: DRY ICE! Don't miss this one-of-a-kind learning adventure featuring exciting science experiments and a fun, interactive tale called "Dragons & The Ice Sorceress."

Read and Create: Valenslime [®]

Grades K-4

Thursday, February 16

4:30–5 p.m.

Love is in the air! Join us for a reading of *Valenslime* by Joy Keller and create your own slime to take home!

Winter Storytimes

January 9 - February 17

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m. online at fordlibrary.org. First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

Due to the popularity of our storytimes, we request that you register your child on one storytime only.

Lapsit Storytime [®]

3-23 months w/ adult

Thursdays or Fridays

10–10:30 a.m.

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this lapsit program and introduce them to a lifetime of reading and language enjoyment. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby.

Toddler Time [®]

2-3.5 years w/ adult

Mondays or Tuesdays

10–10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to early literacy and help build 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.

Preschool Pals [®]

3.5-5 years

Mondays

1–1:30 p.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends! Storytime 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.

Siblings & Stories [®]

Babies to Pre-K w/ adult

Wednesdays

10–10:30 a.m.

The perfect storytime for families with children of different ages! Enjoy books, rhymes, and songs that are fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

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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, November 24 for Thanksgiving Day, Friday, December 9 for Staff In-Service, Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 25 for Christmas Day, Saturday, December 31 for New Year's Eve, and Sunday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

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For Adult Craft Programs: First preference will be given to Western Springs Residents. If you are a Thomas Ford cardholder, please be sure to enter your library card number when registering. If you do not enter your card number, you will be put on a pending waitlist and are not guaranteed a spot in the program.

DIY Snowman Earrings [®]

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.
Create seasonal jewelry with no baking required! All beads and materials provided, but bring a pair of needle nose or jewelry pliers, or be prepared to share.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop [®]

Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.
Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens will help you create a beautiful winter centerpiece. Materials will be provided, but bring garden gloves and pruners.

DIY Festive Cracker Kit

December 16-23
Make your own Festive Crackers! Each kit will include all the materials and goodies needed to make 2 complete crackers. Pick up a take-home kit from the Reference Desk. While supplies last.

Winter Book Decor [®]

Monday, December 12, 7 p.m.
Breath new life into some old books by folding them to create pine tree shapes!

Valentine's Wreath [®]

Monday, January 16, 7 p.m.
Spread the love with this homemade door hanging! All materials provided.

Glass Painting [®]

Monday, February 6, 7 p.m.
Using special paints, decorate your own pair of wine glasses! All materials provided.

Everyday Resources

Our digital magazine collection has moved to Libby - and it's grown!

Use the Libby app or visit the Media on Demand website to choose from thousands of magazines. No waiting, no limits!

A friendly reminder that Thomas Ford Memorial Library offers so much more beyond books and community programming. From high-speed internet, computer, and printing access to meeting room reservations and more, we're here to be your convenient one-stop destination for all things learning, connecting, and growing. Ask us about our services to make sure you're taking advantage of every resource you need.

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