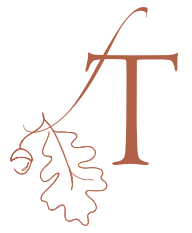


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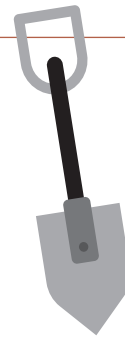
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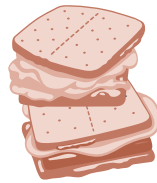
*Adult*

#### ***Plant Truck Chicago Visit***

*Saturday, September 18, 1 p.m.*  
Strengthen your green thumb with gardening advice & new plants!



*Teen/Tween*



#### ***Books & Bonfires***

*Friday, September 3, 7 p.m.*  
A cozy autumn hangout. You bring a blanket, we'll bring the s'mores!

*Youth & Families*

#### ***Knuckleball Comedy Improv***

*Saturday, November 13, 11 a.m.*  
This show is guaranteed to get the whole family laughing!



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# ADULT

Registration opens on Wednesday, August 25 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.

## Pentagon 9/11: Then & 20 Years On <sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, September 7, 7 p.m.

In this virtual presentation, Pentagon 9/11 Attack Survivor Ryan Yantis will describe what it was like in the Pentagon on 9/11/2001 and the days that followed. A decorated veteran, he also will share his thoughts on his journey 20 years since.

<sup>R</sup> Registration required

## Fall Paint & Sip <sup>R</sup>

Monday, October 4, 7 p.m.

Create a fall inspired painting in this instructor-led art class! Non-alcoholic drinks and all materials will be provided.

## Witches Brew Box

Pickup starting October 4

Halloween isn't just for kids, so have a bewitching treat on us! While supplies last. No registration required.

## The Haunted Page <sup>R</sup>

Wednesday, October 13, 7 p.m.

William Pack returns with a Halloween horror show performance! Ghosts and monsters jump off the page and provide inspiration for spine-tingling magic and spellbinding storytelling.

## Author in the Spotlight: Chris Bohjalian <sup>R</sup>

Wednesday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.

This #1 New York Times bestselling author of 22 books adapted into three movies and a TV series will speak in this live virtual event about his newest release "The Hour of the Witch."

## Through the Eyes of Hubble <sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m.

The Hubble Space Telescope has had more impact on astronomy and the public's awareness of astronomy than any other telescope in history. In this virtual presentation Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at Adler Planetarium shares highlights from some of the well-known, and not-so-well-known, images and science from the last 30+ years of Hubble's mission. Plus: we'll take a look at what's next for space telescopes.

## Woven Coasters Crafts <sup>R</sup>

Thursday, November 18, 3 p.m.

Learn to weave yarn coasters using home-made mini looms. All supplies provided.

*join a group!*

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

## Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: October, 7, 21; November 4, 18, 1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

## Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays  
September 9, 27; October 14, 25;  
November 11, 29, 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: September 14,  
October 12, November 19, 7:15 p.m.

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

## Italian Conversation Group

September 8, 22, October 13, 27;  
November 10, 7 p.m.

*All ages welcome*

Italian conversation group for all levels. Develop or share your knowledge of Italian. Join us to supplement existing classwork, use for travel purposes, or general practice.

## Sunday Language Conversation Groups

September 19; October 3, 17;  
November 7, 21

German - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Spanish - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

French - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

*All ages welcome*

Students looking for a little more practice, travelers wanting to brush up on vocab and increase your comfort level in speaking, or native speakers who are eager to share skills—all are welcome to our Sunday Language Conversation Groups.



## Plant Truck Chicago Visit

Saturday, September 18, 1 p.m.

The Get Growing Foundation's Plant Truck Chicago is coming to the library! Chat with experienced gardeners, get some green inspiration, and see their greenhouse vehicle. Complimentary plants will be given to the first 75 attendees, with additional options available for purchase.

## Cork Pumpkin Craft <sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the start of Fall with mini pumpkin sculptures made from used wine corks. Paint will be used, so be sure to dress accordingly.

## City on Fire: Chicago 1871 <sup>R</sup>

Monday, September 27, 7 p.m.

Tragedy struck Chicago with the Great Fire of 1871, which leveled nearly three-and-a-half square miles of the city over three days. But its residents persevered, and Chicago ended the nineteenth century as one of the fastest-growing urban centers in the world. Discover how this key event made the city what it is today and why its recovery was not experienced equally by everyone in this virtual presentation by Julius L. Jones, Assistant Curator at the Chicago History Museum.



*A series of independent, foreign, and documentary films with optional discussion after each screening. Registration required due to room capacity limits.*

### Nomadland (2020)

Thursday, September 9, 2 p.m.

A woman in her sixties, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West - living as a van-dwelling, modern-day nomad.



### Crip Camp (2020)

Thursday, October 14, 2 p.m.

Down the road from Woodstock, a revolution blossomed at a ramshackle summer camp for teenagers with disabilities, transforming their lives and igniting a landmark movement.



### The Father (2020)

Thursday, November 11, 2 p.m.

A man refuses all assistance from his daughter as he ages. As he tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind, and even the fabric of his reality.

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# Book Discussion Group



*Library book club discussions are open to anyone who enjoys good books!  
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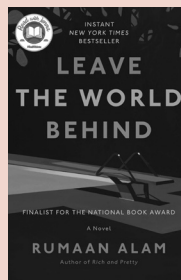


***My Grandmother  
Asked Me to Tell  
You She's Sorry***  
by Frederik Backman



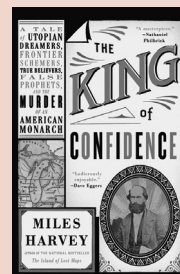
Wednesday,  
October 6  
7:30 p.m.

***Leave the World  
Behind***  
by Rumaan Alam



Wednesday,  
November 3  
7:30 p.m.

***The King  
of Confidence***  
by Miles Harvey



Wednesday,  
December 1  
7:30 p.m.

Registration opens on Wednesday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. for all Teen & Tween programs. *Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted. Teen programs are open to those in grades 6-12.*

**R** Registration required

## Tech Tuesdays

First Tuesdays: September 7, October 5, November 9, 3:30 p.m.

Stop by the Teen/Tween Room on the first Tuesday of every month and see what cool tech tool we are highlighting! All our tech tools are available for check out.

## Teen Board **R**

Third Sundays: September 19, October 17, November 21, 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. Meet in the Teen/Tween Room. Snacks will be provided.



*just so you know...*

Our Teen & Tween Room is available any time school is out. Drop in to play a game, do a project, or just hang out. Plus: snacks on the first school day of every month!

## CRAFT *ermoons*

### DIY Book Hedgehogs **R**

Wednesday, September 8, 4:30 p.m.

Sign up and receive your kit that has most of the supplies needed to make your own Book Hedgehog! Pick up the supplies on September 7th, then follow along with instructional videos posted on our Instagram @TFMLYA or our Youtube Channel, TFMLYA. Registration required.

### DIY Snowglobes **R**

Wednesday, November 17, 4:30 p.m.

Make your own miniature winter wonderland in a snow globe! Pick up the supplies on November 16th, then follow along with the instructional video posted on our Instagram @TFMLYA or our Youtube Channel, TFMLYA. Registration required.



*Starting Wednesday, September 1*

It's that time of the year again: Back to School! We know the start of the school year can be stressful, and we want you to know we care. Stop in the Teen/Tween Room and pick up a Back to School Care Package.

While supplies last.



### Fall Paint & Snack **R**

Wednesday, October 13, 3:30 p.m.

Create a fall inspired painting in this instructor-led art class. Snacks and all necessary materials will be provided.

### STEAM: Code Breaking **R**

Thursday, October 21, 4:30 p.m.

Make your own cipher disc, then see if you can break our codes to get a sweet prize! Pick up the supplies on October 20th, then follow along with the instructional video posted on our Instagram @TFMLYA or our Youtube Channel, TFMLYA. Registration required.

# BOOKS & BONFIRES

*Friday, September 3, 7 p.m. **R***

Join us around the bonfire as we talk about our favorite books and new titles! Weather permitting. S'mores will be provided.

**BYOB - bring your own blanket!**

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# YOUTH

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*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

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

Mondays: September 13; October 11; November 8, 7–8 p.m.

Recommended grades K-3

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 between 7-8 p.m. 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.*

## Macaroni Soup with Miss Carole

Tuesday, September 14

10:30–11:15 a.m.

Families Welcome

A sing-along, dance-along, and do-along family concert. Miss Carole's show and music will inspire families to sing all the way home! Sneakily educational and developmentally appropriate for children age 7 and younger – and their adults!

## LEGO Engineers

Wednesdays, September 22 & October 27  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Grades K-4

Engineers unite! Join us each month to learn LEGO building techniques and complete a variety of creative challenges. We'll display our creations in the Youth Department after each month's session.

## Artist's Corner

Tuesdays, September 28 & November 16  
4:30–5:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Let your imagination run wild during this free choice program to enjoy creating and experimenting with various art materials.

## Fall Family Fun Night

Thursday, September 30  
6–7 p.m.

Families Welcome

Join us for an evening of family-friendly crafts exploring and celebrating the season.

## Fall Leaf Craft for Display

All month October

During the month of October, pick up a fall leaf craft packet from the Youth Services desk, make your creation at home, and return it to the Library for display on our colorful tree! No registration required.

## Pajama Storytime

Thursdays, October 21 & November 18  
6:30–7 p.m.

Best suited for ages 2+

Join us as we read stories and sing songs in this special evening storytime for families. Kids are welcome to dress in comfy clothes or jammies!

# Knuckleball COMEDY Improv

Saturday, November 13

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Families Welcome 

Knuckleball Comedy provides an acclaimed two person, highly interactive improv show which will have kids and adults laughing, acting, engaged and on their feet. Kids won't be able to raise their hands quickly enough when volunteering to be a part of this incredible show! From our famous improvised stories to our talented panel of experts, this show is unlike any other.

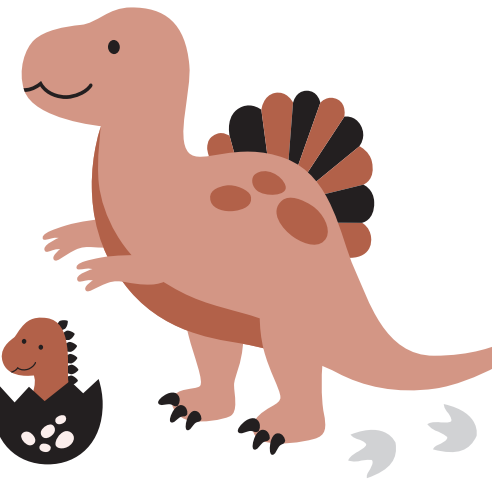


# SCARED SILLY STORIES

Tuesday, October 12 | 4:30–5:15 p.m. | Families Welcome 

Scare up a good book with Chris Fascione's show that will tickle your goosebumps! You'll be laughing out loud as this nationally-known family entertainer brings children's stories to life with his high-spirited and innovative performances. Full of energy, humor, and imagination, Chris creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling. A Storytelling World Award winner, Chris brings out the kid in everyone, so adults and children alike will have a blast participating in this special show.

# DINO VEMBER



## Scavenger Hunt

*All month November*

T. Rex and his friends got their first library cards! Follow the clues to discover what the dinosaurs have been reading and earn a prize. Start your hunt at the Youth Services desk when you visit the Library in November. **No registration required!**

## Dressing Up Dinosaurs

*Thursday, November 4*

*4:30 - 5:15 p.m.*

*Ages 4-6*

We'll decorate dinosaur figurines to display in the Library after reading *How to Take Care of Your Dinosaur* by Jason Cockcroft.

# FALL

# STORY TIMES

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. online at [www.fordlibrary.org](http://www.fordlibrary.org).

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*Due to the popularity of our storytimes we request you register your child on one day only. 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.*

September 20 -  
November 12

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## Lapsit Storytime

**Tuesdays or Thursdays**

**10-10:30 a.m.**

**3-23 months w/adult**

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

**Mondays or Wednesdays**

**10-10:30 a.m.**

**2-3.5 years w/adult**

Introduce your toddler to early literacy which helps 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.

## Preschool Pals

**Mondays or Wednesdays**

**1-1:30 p.m.**

**3.5-5 years**

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

**Fridays**

**10-10:30 a.m.**

**Babies to Pre-K w/adult**

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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**Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day and Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.



*The Ford  
Member Connection*

Jacqueline Walker's love of linguistics steered her to the library's Spanish and French Language Conversation Groups. When the library asked if she would oversee those groups, she agreed - with the request that we add a German Conversation Group as well. Find out more about Jacqueline Walker on our website in the fall edition of "The Ford Member Connection."

**ANNUAL  
GIVING APPEAL**

Keep an eye on your mailbox this fall season for the Thomas Ford Library Foundation's annual giving appeal.

In 2020, funds were used to purchase 75 new chairs for the Program Room that will provide comfortable seating for patrons attending Library programs. We are pleased to continue working with the Library staff and Board to fund improvements that meet the evolving needs of our community.

*Everyday Resources*

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.