

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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people
and
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connect



SPRING
2021



All programs this spring are virtual!

*Unless otherwise stated, registration is required
to receive a Zoom link.*

Please visit fordlibrary.org to register.



Claude Monet and THE STORY OF IMPRESSIONISM

Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m.

A founding member of the Impressionists, Claude Monet found inspiration in scenes of modern life and in the French landscape. His travels to England and Italy led to paintings featuring landmarks in London and Venice. In this virtual lecture presented by Art Historian Jeff Mishur, learn about Monet's career and his favorite series subjects.



YOUTH

Registration opens online on Monday, March 1 at 10 a.m. for all programs. *Registration is required to receive a Zoom link.*



Virtual Read to a Therapaws Pet

Mondays: March 8, 29; April 5; or May 3
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-4

Beginning or independent readers love reading aloud to one of the pets from the Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws Pet Therapy because it's pressure free! Reading time will be a one-on-one experience on Zoom with the therapy animal. Each child will be given a 10-minute slot between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Due to the popularity of this program we **request you register your child on one day only**. When we send you the Zoom link, we will advise you of your time slot. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Magic Show with Mario

Wednesday, March 10, 4:30-5 p.m.

Families welcome

As seen on Sesame Street and NBC's Universal Kids, Mario the Maker Magician is coming to Thomas Ford Memorial Library's patrons... virtually! It's magic through the lens of the Maker Movement in a Zoom experience full of interactive performance, a DIY magic lesson, and lots of punk rock slapstick. To fully participate in the experience, please gather the following materials: a ziploc baggie, piece of paper, scissors, tape, and crayons or markers - and you'll be able to create magic along with Mario!

Youth Movie Trivia

Monday, March 22, 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Join us for an evening of trivia! The questions in our virtual trivia night cover a range of topics about popular children's movies. The only thing the participants will need is paper, pen, and quick wits to answer as many questions correctly as they can!



Nature Explorers

Thursdays, March 25 & April 22

5-5:30 p.m.

Ages 4-8

Let's get outdoors! Need some activities to keep little hands and minds busy? Pick up a themed bag one week prior to each month's program with a craft/activity, coloring sheets, and some great suggestions for outdoor nature play. We'll meet each month on Zoom to share our creations, listen to a story, and more! Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

Money Matters

Thursday, April 8

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades K-2

We'll read and discuss *Dirt Cheap* by Mark Hoffmann. Then we'll practice counting our play money and pretend to go to the store.

All materials will be provided one week prior to the program. Please register each child as supplies are limited.

March 17 - April 28

Spring Storytimes

Wednesdays

10-10:30 a.m. or 1-1:30 p.m.

Welcome to our live virtual storytimes—fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers! Ms. Sarah, Ms. Catherine, and Ms. Uma will create an online Family Storytime experience for you with books, rhymes, and songs.

We are using Zoom to present these storytimes. *One registration per family (not per participant) is all that is required.* We will send a Zoom invite link to all the families that are registered.

Virtual Board Game Night

Monday: April 12 or May 10

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

Grades 2-4

Play along with Ms. Alina in this virtual board game with trivia and challenges included and see if you can make it to the end before your opponents! Limited number of players allowed. There are two dates available; please only register for one of the dates provided.

Sing and Soar with Nanny Nikki

Monday, April 19 • 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Families Welcome

Nanny Nikki loves to bring life to classic children's songs as well as some original music! Join her for a fun, virtual, and interactive musical show including sing-along songs, dancing, puppets and more! Sing & Soar!



Frogs & Salamanders

— UP CLOSE —

Thursday, May 6 • 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades K-2

Join us behind the scenes at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum as we meet local frogs and salamanders, observe their features and movements, and use critical thinking skills to compare and contrast the animals' bodies, behaviors, and habitats.

Tech Tuesdays

First Tuesdays: March 2, April 6, May 4

4:30 p.m.

The first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m., we will post a demonstration video on one of the tech tools from our tech cabinet! Check it out to see what awesome tools you can check out with your library card!



CRAFTERNOONS

Second Wednesdays:

March 10, April 14, May 12

4:30 p.m.

The second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m., check out the Teen/Tween Instagram for a DIY craft instructional video. Register for the craft you like on our events page. The Tuesday before, stop by the Library to pick up the supplies needed and follow along with the posted video on Wednesday!



Community Service and College Admissions in the Time of COVID-19

Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Join us for a virtual presentation given by Stand Out for College to better understand how COVID-19 is changing the college admissions landscape and how it will affect high schoolers. Registration required to receive the Zoom link.

STEAM

Third Thursdays: March 18, April 15, May 20
4:30 p.m.

Check out our Instagram or YouTube on the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m. for DIY videos that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Register for the activity you like on our events page. The Wednesday before, stop by the Library to pick up the supplies needed and follow along with the posted video on Thursday!

teen board

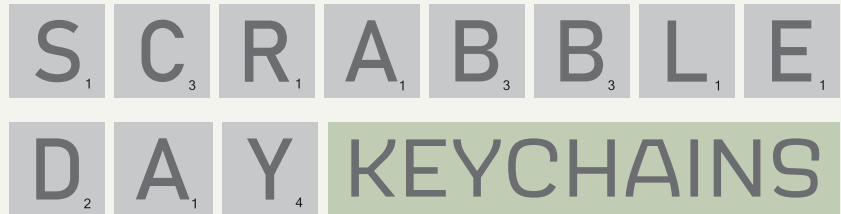
Third Sundays: March 21,
April 18, May 16
4:30 p.m.

Have ideas you want to see at the Library? Join the Teen Board! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions, recommends materials like fiction, graphic novels, and music, and gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the Library. We meet virtually through Zoom on every third Sunday. Register online to receive the Zoom link!



TEEN/TWEEN

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



..... *Tuesday, April 13, 4:30 p.m.*

Using Scrabble letters to express ideas? Double letter score. Making a functional item too? Triple word score! Register on our event page. Pick up the supplies to make a keychain out of scrabble pieces on Monday, April 12, then follow along with an instructional video posted on our Instagram or YouTube channel on April 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Adulting 101: Financial Frenzy

Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom for a Financial Seminar! Bank of America volunteers, Tim Finucane and Mary Bovalis, will present "Better Money Habits" for high school students including paycheck, budgeting, and financial safety basics! Registration required to receive the Zoom link.

ADULTING 101: Car Maintenance

Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m.

Flat tire? Oil change? Learn how to change a tire and change your own oil! Watch the video on our Instagram or YouTube channel to learn basic car maintenance.

Book Boxes Book Club



Avid reader? Looking for some good recommendations? Join our Book Boxes Book Club! Fill out the form on our website to tell us a little bit about what you like to read and each month get two books and some other cool stuff! Return the books and your custom box (which you can and should decorate!) 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!

May the 4th Yoda Origami

Tuesday, May 4

Fold a Yoda, you will! Start by making a Yoda bookmark out of a sticky note, then become a Jedi Master by folding a Baby Yoda. Register, then pick up the supplies Monday, May 4; instructions included.

Teen/Tween *Instagram:* @tfmlya

Follow us for virtual programs and activities!



ADULT

Seed Bombs

Kits available Monday, March 1

Start spring off with a bang by making your own seed bombs! Whether scattered or planted by hand in a garden, these seed bombs will produce a mix of beautiful wildflowers. They make a great gift too! Use your TFML card to log into Creativebug and follow along with an instructional video by Liana Allday. Kits will be available for pickup starting Monday, March 1. While supplies last! No registration required.

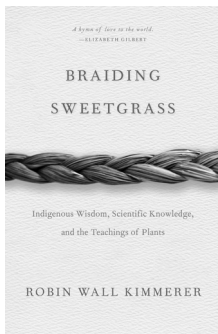
Tranquility Kits

Kits available Monday, March 15

All of us could benefit from a little extra self care, especially after the past year. Our tranquility kits include items that will encourage relaxation and help you to recharge. Pick up a kit at the Reference Desk starting Monday, March 15. While supplies last! No registration required. **Note: kits are designed for adults.**

Book Discussion Group

Book discussions will be live online conversations utilizing Zoom. Registration is required so that attendees can receive the Zoom meeting link. Patrons will participate in the discussion from home via computer/device or via telephone. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.



Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

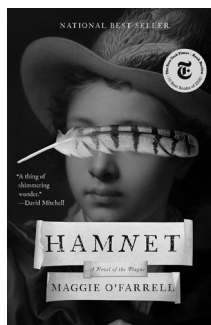
Kimmerer is a professor of botany who is of Potawatomi descent. The beautiful essays in this much-loved book explore the natural environment through the eyes of both the scientific world and the author's Native American heritage, deepening the reader's connection to and understanding of the natural world.

Hamnet

by Maggie O'Farrell

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

Lauded as one of the best books of 2020, *Hamnet* imagines life in Stratford-on-Avon for Shakespeare's wife Agnes and their children, Judith and Hamnet, while William is away in London becoming the bard. The novel explores the impact of the Black Plague and their son's death on their marriage and his father's work. This is a story of love, destiny, grief, hope, and resilience.



Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.

Kiddieland Remembered

Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m.

From 1929 to 2009, Kiddieland in Melrose Park was one of Chicago's favorite amusement parks. Relive the past in this Kennedy History Lecture with Cheryl Brown, as she revisits the history of the park with vintage photos and videos. Learn about the final auction of the rides, why the park had to close, and where the rides are today.

Brush Pen Modern Calligraphy

Tuesday, April 13, 7:30-9 p.m.

Revive the art of calligraphy with a modern twist! Instructor Audrey Ra will teach participants how to write with a brush pen by practicing basic strokes and the lowercase alphabet. Everyone registered can pick up a supply kit at the Reference Desk starting Wednesday, April 7.

A Night at the Oscars

Monday, April 19, 7 p.m.

It's time to get red carpet-ready! Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents about the history of the Academy Awards and some of its memorable moments, while also profiling the Best Picture picks for this year. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories.

The History of the Beach Boys

Monday, May 3, 7 p.m.

If summer had a sound it would have to be the music of The Beach Boys... surf, sun, and California dreaming! Join us as we gear up for summer and celebrate the 55th anniversary of "Good Vibrations" with music historian Gary Wenstrup. He will trace the arc of the Beach Boys' career. Surf's Up!

Bullet Journaling Kits

Kits available Monday, May 3

Keeping a bullet journal can help you plan for the future, reflect on your time, and practice mindfulness. Pick up a kit with everything you need to get started at the Reference Desk beginning Monday, May 3. While supplies last! No registration required. **Note: kits are designed for adults.**

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Library Hours

Monday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday
Closed

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

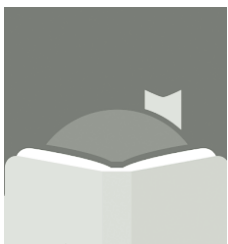
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The Ford Member Connection

Eddie Sugarman is the Executive Artistic Director of the Theatre of Western Springs. He's also a playwright who was nominated for the Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding Original New Play or Musical. Find out more about him on our website in the spring edition of "The Ford Member Connection."

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FOUNDATION**

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation is grateful to all the Library lovers who donated to the Foundation in the past year. That generosity aids us in carrying out our mission of working with the staff and Board to determine ways we can best support them and providing funds that will be used to improve Library services. Our most recent project is the purchase of new chairs for the Program Room. We think this more comfortable seating will add to the enjoyment of Library programs and hope that you will agree. Watch for them in 2021.

Donations are always welcome. Call Ted Bodewes, Library Director, at 708.246.0520 with any questions.