

Special treatment for special assignments

When your assignments require extra research help or specific books, let us know—we're happy to help!

Save your time and your students' time when you work with us to create positive research experiences for your students. Whether it's just your classroom or a grade-wide project, we can select and place materials aside so each child from your class who comes to the Library can find what is needed to complete the assignment successfully.

A quick phone call or email is all it takes. **Provide your name, the grade, the school, the subject, and the date(s) of the assignment.** Just a bit of advanced notice enables us to create a seamless transition from classroom assignment to Library visit, and results in happy students (and parents!) who leave the Library equipped to complete their tasks, and feeling positive about learning.

Your contacts at TFML

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About TFML

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library (TFML) is a public library serving Western Springs since 1932. Residents may obtain a Library card any time the Library is open. If you teach at a school with a TFML School Card (see below), you have borrowing privileges for your classroom. Talk to your principal, school secretary, or school librarian to ensure that your name is included. You may also borrow from our collection using a valid library card from your home library.



Youth Services



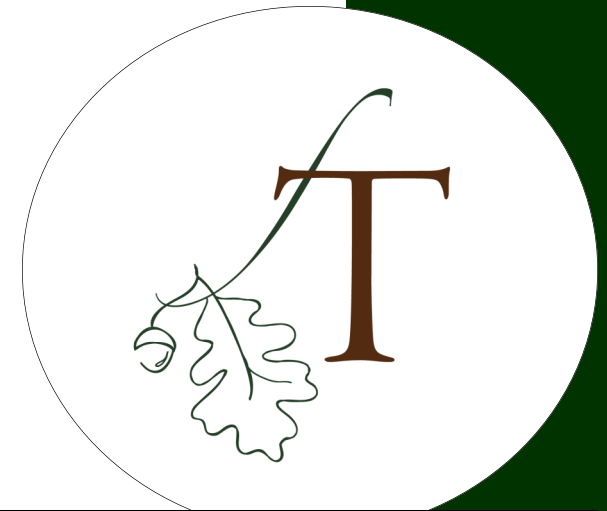
Teen Lounge

TFML School Cards

Field Park Elementary School
Forest Hills Elementary School
Laidlaw Elementary School
McClure Junior High School

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For teachers and students

Thomas Ford Memorial Library (TFML) supports students directly through Library programs and services they use, and indirectly by supporting teachers.

- **Databases** for everything from introductory to in-depth research on topics across the curriculum, accessible 24/7 through our website
- **ebooks and downloadable audiobooks** are available 24/7 with a Library card number via www.mediaondemand.org
- A **Parent/Teacher Collection** filled with useful resources on child development, tests, and related issues, with an emphasis on children with special needs
- An ample **collection of books and media** for birth-8th grades in Youth Services, and for 6th-12th grade in our Teen Lounge
- **Skilled children's and teen services librarians** who understand the research process, know the collection, and are happy to help find the perfect source for a research paper, introduce an old favorite or a soon-to-be bestseller, locate useful and trustworthy online resources, or select and pull books for your classroom or in-library use

Classroom Visits

With advance notice, we can plan a visit to your classroom or at the Library.

Know TFML

Grades: K-12 Duration: 30-45 minutes

Tell us your needs—we will develop a program tailored to meet them! We are always glad to help students learn how to find a magazine article, use a database, or evaluate a website. This presentation can include introductions and tutorials for project-specific databases, materials and services that fit age-appropriate needs and interests, and how to get a Library card.

Storytelling, Booktalks, Storytimes

Grades: K-12 Duration: 15-45 minutes

Storytimes and storytelling enrich lessons in the younger grades. Booktalks introduce students to a variety of titles relating to your curriculum, and give them a selection of hot new reads or “just good books” for their grade level.

Summer Reading

Grades: K-8 Duration: 10-30 minutes

Encourage your students to continue reading over the summer, visit the Library, and earn prizes with this upbeat presentation, ideal for the last days of school.

And we also have...

- Enriching cultural programs like our Film Discussion Series, Kennedy Gardening and History lectures, Craft Club, or our popular live music series, Friday At The Ford.
- Audiobooks, ebooks, iPods, ereaders, plus free DVD loans and a Your Lucky Day collection with the hottest best-sellers!
- Free Wi-Fi, Internet access on our computers, and both color and black-and-white printing
- Over 180 magazine subscriptions for every taste and interest. Read them at home, or sit and relax by our fireplace in our cozy reading room.
- Free e-newsletters on new books, genre picks and Library happenings, and blogs full of staff-and member-suggested reads



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- Skilled librarians ready to help with your informational or recreational reading needs!