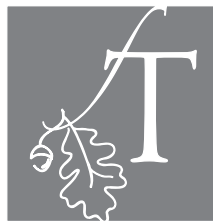


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SUMMER
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THIS WAY FOR SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is finally here! We have exciting plans for all ages. There's the *Fizz, Boom, Read* summer reading club for kids, *Spark a Reaction: Read* for teens, and a graphic novel-inspired theme for adults called *Picture This*. We have prizes, parties, and a great collection of books, eBooks, and audiobooks for every interest. Check inside this newsletter for information about how the whole family can have a summer of fun reading.

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ADULT

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

2014 ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM **PICTURE THIS:**

EXPLORING GRAPHIC NOVELS

THOMAS FORD CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE HIS LATEST REVELATION WITH EDITH...

YOU KNOW,
IF A PICTURE IS WORTH
A THOUSAND WORDS, THEN
GRAPHIC NOVELS MUST BE
TRULY EPIC READS!



YES DEAR,
VERY ORIGINAL.
NOW LET ME
FINISH THIS BATMAN
COMIC. I JUST HAVE TO
SEE WHAT THE JOKER
WILL COME UP
WITH NEXT!



READ ANY GRAPHIC NOVELS LATELY?

If you have, you probably know that graphic novels, once considered the domain of kids and teens, have grown up and gone mainstream. Learn more about this fascinating, growing genre in this year's Adult Summer Reading Program, **PICTURE THIS: EXPLORING GRAPHIC NOVELS**.

The Thomas Ford Library has a wide selection of graphic novels that will appeal to adults. You can choose from history, romance, mystery, humor, business, cooking, memoir, fantasy, and literary fiction, as well as the action stories and manga that are typically associated with the genre. Or, if you prefer, you can choose to read anything related to the field of comics or their creators.

To participate, come into the Library beginning Monday, June 9, and sign up at the Reference Desk, where you'll receive a reading log. Or you can sign up and record your books online at www.fordlibrary.org. Over the course of the summer, check out six books, eBooks, or audiobooks. All are your choice, and **ONLY ONE NEEDS TO BE A GRAPHIC NOVEL**. Lists will be available in the Library to help you find something that you will enjoy!

For every item on your log, you will receive a ticket to enter drawings for some outstanding prizes—gift cards for Western Springs businesses, Vie restaurant, or tickets to the Theatre of Western Springs. **EVERYONE** who finishes 6 books will receive a Library tote bag.

Earn bonus tickets by writing reviews, telling us which book was your favorite, and turning in your log at the end. All tickets will remain in the drawing box all summer long, so report your books as soon as you finish them to increase your chances to win! Drawings will be held on June 27 and July 25, with the grand prize drawing at the end. The last day to enter the final drawing will be Saturday, August 23.

AUTHOR TALK: **LUCY KNISLEY**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 7 p.m.

Award-winning graphic novel writer, artist, and unabashed foodie Lucy Knisley will talk about her latest book, *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen*. Lucy is a graduate of the School of the Art Institute and the daughter of a chef and a gourmet. In her memoir, she traces key episodes in her life framed by what she was eating at the time, and lessons learned about food, cooking, and life.

Relish was named an ALA Alex Awards Winner, Apple iBooks Best of the Year, NPR Best Book of the Year, and Publishers Weekly Best Books of the Year.



IMAGE RHYTHM

COMICS AS POETRY,
COMICS AS DESIGN

MONDAY, JULY 14, 7 p.m.

Jessica Campbell (School of the Art Institute, formerly of comic publisher Drawn and Quarterly), will talk about the fascinating similarities shared by poetry, design, and graphic novels.

SUNDAY FILM SERIES

AMERICAN SPLENDOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2 p.m.

An original mix of fiction and reality illuminates the life of comic book hero everyman Harvey Pekar.

RED

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2 p.m.

When his peaceful life is threatened by a high-tech assassin, former black-ops agent Frank Moses reassembles his old team in a last-ditch effort to survive and uncover his assailants.

Master Gardener Tables from the Illinois Extension Service

Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Have questions only gardening experts can answer or plants to identify? Bring them to the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners at Thomas Ford. The gardeners will set up displays and provide literature on composting, attracting birds, planting bulbs, and other gardening topics. A kid-friendly program. Drop in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. No registration necessary.

Women Heroes of World War I with Kathryn Atwood

Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m.

Three years ago, former Western Springs resident Kathryn Atwood discussed with us her book about courageous women of World War II. She returns to Thomas Ford to introduce her new book *Women Heroes of World War I*. She will have books to sign.

Thomas Ford's Favorite Apps

Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Learn about the Library staff's favorite apps! We'll cover both Apple and Android and talk about the top free apps we find most useful, fun, and valuable. Feel free to bring your own devices to add apps as we go along!

JOIN A GROUP

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, 1 p.m.

June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31 and August 14, 28

Come join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.

June 10, July 8, and August 12

Local amateur investors discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and other financial securities.

Science Fiction Book Club

The Science Fiction Book Club is our newest discussion group. We'll be getting together to discuss one classic SF book a season. Don't worry if you are new to the genre; this club will be a great place to start.

The Door into Summer by Robert Heinlein

Monday, August 4, 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Boone Davis is an inventor and entrepreneur, the genius behind the world's first robotic vacuum. Just when Dan begins to solidify his next big idea—Flexible Frank, an all-purpose android butler—he finds himself the victim of some seriously vicious corporate espionage. What follows is among the most compelling and charming revenge stories you'll ever read. *The Door into Summer* has time travel, cryogenics, a generation-spanning love story, and a cat named Petronius—one of the great feline characters in fiction. It's also a page-turning science fiction adventure yarn, perfect for summer reading.



ATTENTION BOOK CLUBS

Did you know that Thomas Ford has tons of resources for book clubs? Well, now you do! Here's a brief rundown of the services that will make running your club a breeze, from title selection to discussion topics.

GET A CLUB LIBRARY CARD

Having a hard time getting your hands on the book you've selected? Well, just make the Library the central location for picking up your books. Give your book club a name and get a library card account for it. We can order multiple copies of your chosen title and everyone in your club can stop by here to get a copy. Ask at the Circulation Desk to set up an account today.

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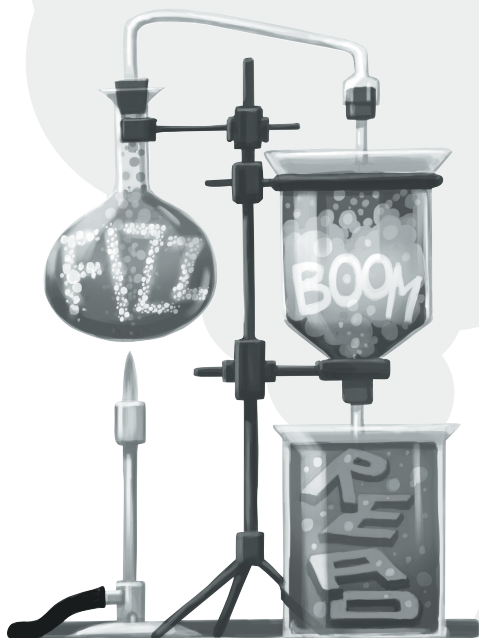
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JUST ASK

Online databases not your thing? Well, just ask one of our reference librarians. We're always here to help gather materials to aid your discussion and we love to recommend books too! Plus we can direct you to all the great resources for title selection that we have in our nonfiction stacks.

YOUTH

SUMMER READING CLUB 2014



Daily Contest

The “Hidden Book” is back. Every day beginning June 16 you will be able to come and search for the Hidden Book in the Youth Services department. The first child to find it will get to pick a prize.

Summer Reading Kickoff: Circus Boy

Wednesday, June 11, 7-7:45 p.m.

Venue: Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Avenue

Families welcome

From Ringling Bros., Circus Boy will bring an action-packed comedy show to Western Springs. Witness live tricks performed on “The Tonight Show” and featured in “Ripley’s Believe It or Not” for riding the world’s smallest bicycle. Comedy fun for the whole family.

This summer the Youth Services department invites all young readers to *Fizz, Boom, Read!* by participating in our Summer Reading Club. It begins on June 9 and ends on August 8. Readers will get to experiment and explore with science-related activities, music, and stories this summer. The Summer Reading Club is for children birth through 6th grade.

Registration for programs listed in this newsletter begins Tuesday, May 27. Registration 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.

Registration for the Summer Reading Club *Fizz, Boom, Read!* begins Monday, June 9 and can be done online or in person. Contests and prize distribution begin Monday, June 16.

Weekly Contests & Guessing Jar

Every week this summer, readers and pre-readers can participate in contests and the Guessing Jar for a chance to win a prize. New contests will be posted each week beginning June 16.

Fizz, Boom, Read! Finale Party

Friday, August 8, 7-9 p.m.

Venue: Westmont Yard

233 West 63rd St., Westmont

Families welcome

Join us to celebrate another successful summer of reading and fun. “Fizz, Boom, Read!” ends with prize giveaways and active games at Westmont Yard. Please register all children and adults who plan to attend.

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

Tuesdays, June 10, July 8
and August 12, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society’s Pet Assisted Learning program because it’s pressure-free! Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone starting May 27.

Lego Club

Thursdays, June 12 and July 31,
12:30-1:30 p.m. Grades 2+

Join the Lego Club and be challenged! At each meeting you will be given a different secret building challenge. After building for 45 minutes, we’ll stop and write descriptions of our creations, which will be displayed in Youth Services.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, June 19, July 17,
and August 14, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

All ages

Hear stories, sing songs, and make an art project in this special evening storytime for families.

R U Curious?

Mondays, June 23 and July 21

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-3

Are you curious? Why does this taste so good? Why does it smell so bad? Why does it feel funny to touch? Finding answers to those whys, and even the observation that leads to the questions, is what science is all about. Explore and celebrate the ordinary wonders of everyday science with this hands-on program. On June 23 we will explore smell, touch, and taste, and on July 21 we will explore science in a bottle.

Lego Play Day

Tuesday, June 24, 10-11:30 a.m.

All ages

Come and build with our Legos and Duplos. Your creations will be displayed for your friends and family to see. Drop-in event; no registration required.

Jump Up! Family Music

Wednesday, June 25, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Families welcome

Come to the Library to participate in an interactive, stimulating, and fun musical experience with Jump Up! Family Music. At the heart of a Jump Up! show is family play: dancing, sing-alongs, rhythm activities, and musical games that make every event an enriching experience for both children and caregivers. Dana McCarthy is an educator, musician, and father who creates songs with a simple goal in mind—getting young children and their families to sing, dance, and play together in an environment that promotes self-confidence, literacy and motor skills, and family bonds.

Junior Rocket Scientists

Wednesdays, June 25, July 16, 30, and August 6 (sign up for individual or all sessions), 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 2-4

Local mathematician Jason Schwartz offers a tour of the universe designed for youngsters with a love of numbers, outer space, and adventure. Each session includes an eye-opening story, mind-blowing discussion, hands-on activities, and optional at-home follow-up learning. June 25: Black Holes; July 16: Time Travel; July 30: The Big Bang; August 6: The Multiverse

Splish Splash Science Camp

Thursdays, June 26 and July 24

2-3 p.m. 5-7 years

Science really comes to life when children have a chance to get their hands wet and conduct dynamic experiments. In this camp we will focus on hands-on science experiments. Children will explore floatation and practice prediction and experimentation.

Baby Play

Monday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 23
10-11 a.m. 0-2 years; siblings welcome

Drop in; no registration

Meet other babies and adults in this new social play group. Guided activities will be provided to show adults how playing, singing, reading, writing, and talking puts their child on the road to reading success!

Morning Movies

Thursday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 22
10-11:30 a.m. All ages

Bring your pillow and chill out with *Wall-E* (July 10) and *Meet the Robinsons* (July 22). Both movies are rated G. An adult must stay in the room with children under 5. Drop-in event; no registration required.

Dr. Strangepet's Wild and Wacky Pet Show!

Saturday, July 12, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Families welcome

Get ready for the zaniest puppet pet show of all time! Dr. Strangepet will present Pavlov's cat, Charlene the Chicken, Dewey the Duck, and more, plus interactive "pet training" with the audience. Be prepared for lots of laughs!

Hans Christian Andersen

Tuesday, July 15, 3-4 p.m.

Venue: Hinsdale Community House,
415 W. 8th St., Hinsdale

Families welcome

In this fast-paced, interactive show, kids and adults alike will be swept away on a journey around the globe full of music, dancing, and laughter! Actors from ArranmoreArts "Inspired" program bring to life three classic Hans Christian Andersen tales: *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Nightingale* and *The Ugly Duckling*. This event will be held at The Community House and is a joint event with Clarendon Hills Library, Hinsdale Public Library, and Thomas Ford Memorial Library. Please register all children and adults who plan to attend.

Frozen Movie and Sing Along

Tuesday, August 19, 1-3 p.m.

All ages

We are inviting all the *Frozen* fans to come to the Library and watch the movie and sing along with their favorite songs. We will serve freeze pops, so you can chill out with your favorite movie. An adult must stay in the room with children under 5. Drop-in event; no registration required.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, June 16, 30, July 14, 28

9:45-10:15 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m.

(both sessions ticketed*)

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 him or her to a lifetime of reading fun and language enjoyment. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby. The adults are encouraged to follow along and do the activities with their baby. *No signup; 15 tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis each Monday before that day's class.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, June 17, July 1, 15, 29 OR

Thursdays, June 19, July 3, 17, 31

10-10:30 a.m. 2-3 years w/adult

(choose Tuesdays OR Thursdays)

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes. Early literacy practices help in building the foundation of reading for your child. This program works best if there is one adult with one toddler. Adults are encouraged to participate along with their toddlers and expand their learning by repeating the activities listed on the handout at home.

Storytime Pals

Mondays, June 16, 30, July 14, 28

1:30-2 p.m. OR Wednesdays, June

18, July 2, 16, 30, 10-10:30 a.m.

3-5 years (choose Mondays

OR Wednesdays)

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.

Teen programs are open to those in grades 6–12.
Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.



Teen Summer Reading Program: Spark a Reaction

What really gets you going? A fast-paced thriller or a heart-pounding love story? Playing around with science or starting a new fashion trend? This summer, the Library wants to spark a reaction in you. For each book you read, you'll be entered into a drawing for fabulous prizes. Reviewing books and attending our Reaction/Action programs also earns you an entry. Registration, logging, and reviewing all happens online, so the SRP goes where you do this summer!

Reaction/Action Programs:

Minecraft Hangout

Friday, June 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

If you love to be creative or just have a good time, come celebrate summer with us for the first Thomas Ford Memorial Library Minecraft building competition. You must have your own Minecraft account. Grades 4-12. Bring your computer or use one of ours. Snacks! Prizes! Fun!

Sharpie "Tie Dye" Shirts

Wednesday, June 18, 1 p.m.

Whether your style is retro-hippie or sophisticated color blending, you can make it happen with Sharpies! Bring a plain, 100% cotton T-shirt and a baking pan from home. *This program will be held outside.*

DIY Bouncy Ball

Wednesday, July 2, 2 p.m.

Use household ingredients to create bouncy balls that really work!

Mini Target Practice

Wednesday, July 16, 2 p.m.

Calling all Katniss fans—make your own projectiles and test your aim.

Robot Test Kitchen

Wednesday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13, 11 a.m.
Have you ever wanted to build a robot? Now's your chance! We'll build, test, and play with a variety of kits.

Exploding Chain Competition

Wednesday, July 30, 2 p.m.

Use craft sticks to build chains along the floor that dramatically explode like rows of dominoes. Build the longest chain and win a prize!

Summer Reading Discussion Breakfast

Friday August 15, 9:45 a.m.

What'd you read this summer? How did you like it? We'll talk about it all over a light breakfast, focusing especially on Laurie Halse Anderson's *The Impossible Knife of Memory* and Libba Bray's *The Diviners*—two books selected by our Teen Book Discussion Group.

Teen Book Club Favorites

Need some suggestions for what to read this summer? Check out some of our teen book club's favorites from the past year. For more suggestions, visit us online.

If You Find Me by Emily Murdoch

After years of living isolated deep in the woods with their mom, Carey and her sister are brought back to "regular" life.

Winger by Andrew Smith

Just because he's advanced in school doesn't mean Ryan Dean is prepared for living in the roughest dorm at his boarding school.

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

This gripping epic of an alien invasion is more sinister, and more believable, than any you've ever seen.

The Lucy Variations by Sara Zarr

A brilliant and successful pianist, Lucy walks away from it all... until her brother's new teacher gives her a reason to play once again.

The Program by Suzanne Young

In a dystopian society riddled with teen suicide, the solution is "the Program"—a controversial treatment, with dire consequences.

Tropical Sno Challenge

Never met a book you liked? Run out of your favorite series and nothing is thrilling you anymore? Take The Tro-Sno Challenge! For the 3rd year in a row, if Heather can't find a book you like by the end of the summer, she'll walk down and buy you a tasty treat. Fill out an online form, visit Heather at the library, or send her an email. She'll ask you some questions and give you some reading ideas. For full details, visit us online.



OAK LEAF SOCIETY FOUNDATION NEWS

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation thanks the following individuals for responding generously to our Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal, along with other donations received throughout the year, allows the Foundation to provide support for special events and other expenses that are beyond the scope of the Library's regular budget. Past projects include helping to fund the exterior library sign on Wolf Road, furniture for the Teen Department, and the installation of the Reading Railroad in the Youth Services Department. Contributions received are also invested to build an endowment to ensure that our library continues to be a valuable asset and partner to the Western Springs community. For almost 20 years, your gifts have allowed us to support the Thomas Ford Memorial Library. We are truly grateful to the individuals listed below for their support this past year:

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History Lectures by David Druckman

David Druckman's afternoon history lectures return to the Library. Sponsored by the Western Springs Senior Center, all are free and open to the public:

The Tragedy of Gallipoli During WWI

Monday, June 16, 1 p.m.

Jamaica

Monday, July 21, 1 p.m.

Churchill as Reporter and Soldier in South African Boer War

Monday, August 18, 1 p.m.

Featured Online Resource

Did you know
we have a fun,
fast and easy
language learning
program called
Mango Languages?



Mango lets you choose from over 60 language courses. The best part is that it's free and can be accessed anywhere there is an Internet connection. Start at fordlibrary.org, then click on the Mango icon on the homepage. You'll only need your library card to get started!

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Incredible Bats!

Monday, June 16, 7-8 p.m.

The folks from Incredible Bats will bring their live Egyptian fruit bats and African straw-colored fruit bats for an educational and memorable evening. A photo-op with the bats follows the presentation—how often do you read that sentence? Suitable for the whole family! (5 min/70 max)

From the Friends

We thank all of you who supported the April book sale. All of the proceeds will be used for programs within the Library. We invite you to participate in the Friends-sponsored adult, teen, and children's summer reading programs.

The Friends are happy to announce their new officers:

Anne Weithers—President

Rick Garay—Treasurer

Carole Grudzien—Secretary

Donna Perkowski and Linda McGuire—Book Sale co-Chairs

We thank Karin Janowski for the years she served as treasurer of the Friends. We look forward to her continued association with the Friends Board.