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Two Ways to Win in September

Get a Card: September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Help us reach our goal of 80% of Western Springs residents having their own Library cards during our 80th Anniversary year! Don't have a current card? Register for a new Library card or renew an expired card in September and get a small gift on the spot. You will also be eligible for a prize drawing. Unsure if your card has expired? Just flip it over and check the back to find out the renewal date.

Don't forget about your children! They love to have their own cards and belong to something special, and it's a great way to teach them responsibility for the items they check out. Getting your Library card is quick and easy. Stop in with two types of ID with your current Western Springs address (driver's license, current utility bill, etc.). There is no cost to Western Springs residents. Non-resident cards cost \$270 annually.

Use a Card: Each time you use your Thomas Ford Library card to check out items at our Library or attend a program in September, you are automatically entered in our prize drawing to be held the first week in October. *This does not apply to items checked out using your card at other libraries. Gifts and prize drawing are courtesy of the Western Springs Library Friends.*

OCTOBER IS REFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Our Reference librarians will be sharing useful and entertaining information as well as answers to your questions in October. Check our Thommy Ford Reads blog and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

www.fordlibrary.org

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

BASIC BICYCLE MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Monday, September 10, 7 p.m.

Jim McGuire will show you how to keep your bicycle clean and well conditioned.

SILK SCARF PAINTING

Thursday, September 20, 7-9 p.m.

Join local artist Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff as she demonstrates one of many methods for silk scarf painting. You will make your own silk scarf to take home.

THE MAKING OF DOWNTON ABBEY: SETTING THE SCENE

Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m.

Landscape historian Barbara Geiger will talk about the aristocratic way of life that evolved at places like Downton Abbey (Highclere Castle in real life).

BUYING AND SELLING ONLINE

Monday, September 24, 7 p.m.

Reference Librarian Rachel Hoover will talk about using eBay and Craigslist to buy or sell items online. Learn the differences between the two websites, how to create an account and list your first item, and how to use them safely.

THE PIANO IN PIECES

Saturday, September 29, 11:00 a.m.

Want to see a piano taken apart? Join us for a fun and informative discussion hosted by Steinway Piano Gallery of Hinsdale. Learn what to look for, and what to avoid when purchasing a piano, and take a look at parts of the piano you may have never seen before! An interactive session for all ages.

BOOK CLUB SUMMIT

Monday, October 1, 7 p.m.

A great place to meet other book club members, socialize, and share titles, tips, or stories! Reference Librarian Matthew Wenslauskis will demonstrate some of his favorite online book club resources, offer book recommendations, and share advice on leading better book discussions.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS: THE PLAYWRIGHT AND HIS PLAYS

Monday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

THE PLAYWRIGHT

Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.

THE PLAYS

Rediscover one of the most accomplished playwrights of English-speaking theatre at our two-evening presentation by the Theatre of Western Springs Community Outreach Actors Ensemble. Evening one focuses on his life and work, with scene performances. Evening two expands with pivotal scenes from major works, including *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Attend one or both evenings.

PAPER FLOWERS

Tuesday, October 23, 7-9 p.m.

Learn a simple technique for creating decorative flowers with the vintage look of dried flowers, without the wait. You'll create several with this quick project that can be easily duplicated at home.

MY GOODNESS MY GUINNESS! ART TREASURES OF LONDON'S KENWOOD HOUSE

Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Art historian Dr. Michelle Mishur will discuss the significance of this world-famous collection. Dr. Mishur will take you on an armchair tour of a venue that is on every art lover's itinerary when visiting London, and talk about works by Old Masters in this collection. Pieces from the collection will be on display in a special exhibition at the Milwaukee Art Museum October 12, 2012 through January 13, 2013.

10 SECRETS TO GETTING YOUR BOOK PUBLISHED

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

Author Bret Nicholaus and editor Joe Durepos will guide you through every step of the publishing process. Take-home kits will be provided for all attendees.

These concerts are free thanks to the support of the Western Springs Library Friends. Doors open at 7 p.m. No registration required.

CURTIS & LORETTA

Friday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.

The folk duo from St. Paul returns to sing heartfelt original songs and traditional music from the British Isles, America, and beyond.

Loretta on harp and Curtis on mandolin, lute, and guitar are guaranteed to entertain.



Curtis & Loretta

PETRA

Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.

Petra van Nuis is a Chicago-based jazz singer inspired by Peggy Lee, Billie Holiday, and Beverly Kenney. She will sing standards and forgotten works from the romantic and timeless great American songbook.



Jazz singer Petra van Nuis with guitarist Andy Brown

GENEALOGY RESEARCH USING ANCESTRY.COM

Monday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Susan Ross will talk about how Ancestry has changed the field of genealogy research, how to use it effectively, as well as its benefits and cautions.

SCRAPBOOK STYLE TREE DÉCOR

Tuesday, December 4, 7-9 p.m.

You'll make a homey ornament with beautiful scrapbook papers to take home for your Christmas tree.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Fridays at 7 p.m.

No registration required

September 14

BUCK (2011): A biographical film about Buck Brannaman, a "horse whisperer" who recovered from years of abuse to become an expert in the interactions between horses and people.

September 28

VANISHING OF THE BEES (2009): This documentary takes an investigative look at the economic, political, and ecological implications of the world-wide disappearance of the honeybee.

October 12

LOSS OF A TEARDROP

DIAMOND (2008): A young and rebellious socialite boldly hires farm hand Jimmy Dobyne to be her escort for the elaborate party season. Based on the Tennessee Williams screenplay.

October 26

FREAKS (1932): A circus' beautiful trapeze artist agrees to marry the leader of side-show performers, but his deformed friends discover she is only marrying him for his inheritance.



November 9

CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS

(2010): Werner Herzog gains exclusive access to film inside the Chauvet caves of Southern France, capturing humankind's earliest pictorial creations in their astonishing natural setting.

November 23

BIAN LIAN: KING OF MASKS

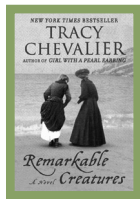
(1997): Wang is an aged performer of the bian lian change-mask opera. Having no male heirs to carry on his mysterious art, Wang buys a black market child he believes to be an orphan boy and adopts him as an apprentice.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

It's time to begin a new season of great books with Thomas Ford Library's Book Discussion Group! Anyone who enjoys reading and discussing books is welcome. Come join us for fun conversations on the first Wednesday of the month, October through May (except January).

Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier

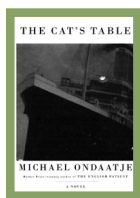
Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.



Tracy Chevalier has again taken fascinating historic characters and events and woven them into a fictionalized tale, this time immersing readers in the world of 19th Century English fossil hunters Mary Anning and Elizabeth Philpot. Anning made major contributions to scientific thinking of the time, but was excluded from the scientific community because of her gender and class. Chevalier deftly explores the women's friendship and their struggles for recognition.

The Cat's Table by Michael Ondaatje

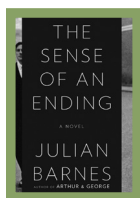
Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.



In the early 1950s, a young boy named Michael makes an ocean journey from Ceylon to meet his mother in England. He is relegated to the dining table of the ship's lower class passengers, dubbed the cat's table, where he meets colorful characters who introduce him to the adult worlds of jazz, women, and literature. You'll enjoy following the boy's escapades, told from the point of view of the adult Michael, who only then understands the import of what he experienced.

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes

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



This slim novel, winner of the 2011 Booker Prize, probes the ways in which people tailor their memories to make it possible to live with themselves. The unreliable narrator, Tony, inherits a diary that causes him to revisit a romance from his early 20s, and reflect on his life since then. Full of emotional depth and philosophical ideas, the novel also reads a bit like a detective story as the reader tries to discern what really happened.

Book reviews and other information concerning upcoming books are available at the Reference Desk. The books are available at the Library approximately one month before the discussion.

AUTUMN KENNEDY GARDEN LECTURE SERIES

Plan to attend our Autumn gardening lectures, generously sponsored by the family of Pauline Kennedy. For details about the November/December program, please check our website. Registration is required.

WHAT DO REAL GARDENERS DO IN WINTER?

Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m.

Pam Duthie, author and lecturer, joins us to share pointers for getting ready to plant next Spring. Gardening does not stop when the ground freezes and plants go to sleep for winter! Creative ideas and the best tried-and-true plants for Midwest gardeners will be discussed, with help unscrambling which plants are likely to do well in your garden.

SECRET HISTORY OF KITCHEN SPICES

Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m.

David Trout, owner of Savory Spice Shop in Hinsdale, will present the history of some of the most popular spices we use in cooking, baking, and barbecuing. Learn more about the many plants that smell and taste wonderful, adding flavor and depth to the foods we prepare, and glean new ideas for their use. Each attendee will get a small bag of spices to take home.

YOUTH

Registration starts Monday, August 27, online, in person at the Youth Services desk, or by calling (708) 246-0520. Have your Library card ready as you make your selections.

SILLY SONGS FOR SILLY KIDS AND THEIR SILLY PARENTS

Wednesday, September 5
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating Library Card Sign-up Month with Dave Rudolf. Brace yourself for a fun and interactive show featuring tons of laughter and participation. Kids love being on stage with Dave to show their silly sides. You'll see a great concert and be part of it. Bring a camera! Registration (required for children & adults) opens August 27 – limit 75.

SHOW AND TELL

Saturdays, September 8, November 10,
December 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Families welcome

In this new program, everyone can "show and tell" us about their favorite book or character. We'll share the work of some of our favorite authors or illustrators. And, we'll work on an art project for you to take home to show and tell your friends! Registration (required for children & adults) opens August 27 – limit 30.

R.E.A.D. TO THE DOGS AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, September 11, October 9,
November 13, December 11
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. Registration (required) opens August 27. For beginning or independent readers.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Thursdays, September 20, October 4, 18
6:45-7:30 p.m. All ages

Hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft in this special evening storytime for families. Registration (required for children & adults) opens August 27 – limit 30.

SCARECROW FUN

Thursday, October 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Grades 1-2

Fall is a wonderful time to come enjoy scarecrow songs and stories. We will also create a scarecrow friend to take home! Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 15.

HOW TO DRAW SPOOKY STUFF

Saturday, October 27, 10-11:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12

Just right for Halloween! Join us—if you dare—for this eerie art program with artist Christine Thornton, as we learn how to draw all things spooky, including haunted houses, jack-o'-lanterns, black cats, monsters, and more. Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 30.

ORIGAMI YODA-MANIA

Tuesday, November 6, 4-5 p.m.
Grades 3-5

Read Tom Angleberger's *Strange Case of Origami Yoda* and join us for activities, food, and fun! You'll also get to make your own Origami Yoda. Miss this you must not! Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 15.

LEGO PLAY DAY

Friday, November 9
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

All ages
Drop in and build with our Legos and Duplos. Your creations will be displayed for your friends and family to see.

NO-BAKE COOKIES

Monday, December 3, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Grades 3-5

Come with an appetite for activities about cookies, then we'll make some no-bake cookies to eat. Yum! Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 15.

CHICAGO WOLVES READ TO SUCCEED WINTER READING CLUB

Monday December 3 to
Thursday, January 31
Grades K-5

Keep your reading skills hot during the cold winter months of December and January by signing up for the Winter Reading Club. Check fordlibrary.org after November 15 for details on signing up, writing book reviews, and winning prizes!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Chicago's Emerald City Theater Company performs a clever adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic with fun costumes and stage design. This event will be held at The Community House and is sponsored by Hinsdale Public Library, Clarendon Hills Public Library and Thomas Ford Memorial Library. Registration (required for children & adults) opens August 27 – limit 70.

WIGGLEWORMS HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 12
4-4:30 p.m. OR 4:45-5:15 p.m.

Wiggle on over for this special holiday program with Julie Helenius, longtime Wiggleworms instructor with the Old Town School of Folk Music. This holiday show will be a rollicking good time for families. Sing along with your children, play finger games, do circle dances, and play instruments that are especially designed for little hands. Registration (required for children & adults) opens August 27 – limit 70 each session.



Julie Helenius



Fall Storytimes will run for a six week session, September 17 –October 27

READ 'N' RHYME ROMP

Mondays, 9:45-10:15 a.m. OR

Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

3-23 months w/adult

(choose either session on Mondays)

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes in this lap-sit program. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby. Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 15 per session.

TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. OR

Thursdays, 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 participate along with their toddlers and expand their learning by repeating the activities at home. Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 15 per session.

STORYTIME PALS

Mondays, 1:30-2 p.m. OR

Wednesdays, 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 before they can learn to read. Registration (required) opens August 27 – limit 20 per session.

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

The Library Friends have always been our most generous sponsor. Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting "Dream Big–READ!"

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TEEN

Teen programs are open to those in 6-12 grades.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

MARSHMALLOW MADNESS

Wednesday, September 12, 3:45 p.m.

Marshmallow fun doesn't end when the campfires go out! Create Japanese candy-inspired marshmallow treats, build structures, and see how far you can catapult the sugary treats. Heather will also have plenty of light-as-air reads on hand to check out when you need an escape that's easier on your teeth.

WHO READS BANNED BOOKS?

September 30-October 6

We do! Come to the Library and have your photo taken reading your favorite book for banned books week. We'll make them into posters to display and give you a copy. Free people read freely!

No registration required—just drop in!

DUCT TAPE TUESDAY

Tuesday, October 30, 3:45 p.m.

What can you make with duct tape? What *can't* you make with duct tape?! Come find out - we'll have all different colors & patterns to play with.

EXTREME GINGERBREAD RETURNS!

Wednesday, November 28, 6–8:30 p.m.

Team up or fly solo—this time the stakes are even higher. Join our 3rd annual gingerbread creation extravaganza, and have your work displayed in the Library for the community to view and vote on during the Christmas Walk. Winners will receive sweet prizes! Participants must register by Friday, November 23.

EXAM CRAM

Tuesday-Thursday, December 18-20, 6–10 p.m.

Snacks, study space, and extended hours for high school students preparing for finals. School ID required for those staying past 9 p.m. No registration required—just drop in!

We love our teen volunteers!

Each one of our 35 teen summer volunteers was a great help! Thank you for all of the enthusiasm you added to the library—the Summer Reading Club was a success because of you. **THANK YOU!**

TEEN READING SUMMIT

Wednesday, October 10, 4:30 p.m.

Learn about our new Library leadership opportunity for teens and how you can get involved and have your voice heard on a national scale!

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The Library will be closed on Sunday, September 2 and Monday, September 3 for Labor Day and on Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday (Sept.-May)
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Library Closings

EBOOK BESTSELLERS: WHAT'S THE STORY?

We have *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn and *Calico Joe* by John Grisham, but we can't get *The Innocent* by David Baldacci. Why? Of the top six publishing groups, only two sell their eBooks to public libraries. One of those two charges libraries much more than it does individual readers. Despite the difficult situation, we offer a wide range of eBooks for readers of all ages through Media on Demand, our online service that lets you borrow eBooks using your home computer, eReader, tablet, or smartphone using your Thomas Ford Library card number. If you can't find what you are looking for, or want help setting up your device to get eBooks through our website, please ask our Reference staff. They are happy to help!

FROM THE FRIENDS

The Western Springs Library Friends thank all those who participated in this summer's successful reading programs and three author book discussions. These events were very well received, and we hope to do more in the future.

This year's "Best of Friends" award went to Rick Garay. Rick does a great job helping set up the semi-annual book sales. He also fixed some broken book racks, saving the Friends an expense. We thank Rick for his continued support of the Library as part of the Friends.

The next book sale will be the third weekend of October. The Friends member pre-sale will be Friday, October 19, 6-8 p.m. The October 20 sale is open to all from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The Sunday bag sale is 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

We thank all who support the Friends through your memberships, book donations, and volunteerism. Should anyone have a suggestion for a future program, please let us know.

This Fall at LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 West Cossitt Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525
(708) 352-0576
www.lagrangelibrary.org

FOLK SINGER STEVE JUSTMAN'S ROOTS OF AMERICANA Monday, October 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Steve Justman has been performing Americana and folk music in the Chicago area and neighboring Midwest region for many years. A collector of songs as well as other artifacts of Americana, he is in a way a throwback to a different era, singing a mix of traditional and popular folk, pop standards, and classic country that people might know, while focusing on connecting with his audience. Registration with La Grange is required.