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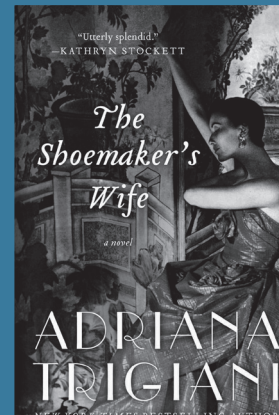
## THE THOMAS FORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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## THE BIG READ

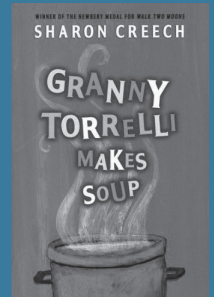
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

The popular community reading event, The Big Read, returns with Adriana Trigiani's *The Shoemaker's Wife* as the featured book for 2013. Inspired by her own family history, Adriana Trigiani creates the unforgettable characters of Ciro and Enza to tell the saga of two star-crossed lovers whose journeys take them from the mountains in Italy to their new home in America. More than a love story, this novel captures the immigrant experience of the early 1900s.

In its ninth year, The Big Read is a cooperative project of the Thomas Ford, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lisle, Westmont and Woodridge public libraries, that seeks to connect our communities through literature. A complete program guide will be available at the Reference Desk, or online at [thebigread.org](http://thebigread.org), beginning February 1. You can also get info about The Big Read events by signing up for our E-Newsletters. Go to [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org), click on the E-Newsletters link, and sign up to receive our monthly News and Reviews email.

### KIDS READ: *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* by Sharon Creech

Children can participate in their own version of The Big Read. This year's selection is Sharon Creech's *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*, a warm tale about family, friends, and the traditions that tie us together. Several area libraries are planning activities to celebrate this novel. Kids Read program guides will be available February 1.



# ADULT

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

## MOROCCAN STYLE LANTERNS

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.

Brighten your winter nights with this elegant craft using re-purposed glass jars. Bring a jar with a shape you like and leave with a sparkling, colorful centerpiece or side table adornment.

## CUPCAKE DECORATING DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday, January 23, 7 p.m.

Sue Peltzer of Delicious Creations in Hickory Hills will demonstrate different techniques and methods of decorating cupcakes for a variety of occasions and themes. You'll leave with a cupcake!

## FAB FOUR FAQ: THE BEATLES' STUDIO YEARS

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.

Author and pop-culture historian Robert Rodriguez returns to talk about the Beatles' studio years (1967-1970), their retirement from performing live, and the various albums they released during this incredibly creative period in their career.

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## TWO PIANOS-FOUR HANDS: DUO CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT

Sunday, February 3, 2-3:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon concert featuring works by Mozart and Poulenc, presented by returning pianists Andrew Remillard and Edgar Swarthout playing on two grand pianos. Please register early! (5 min./ 80 max.)

## REMEMBERING MARSHALL FIELD'S

Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.

In this Elmer Kennedy History Lecture, Author Leslie Goddard traces the store's history from its beginnings as a dry goods store in 1852 to its stature as a world-class trendsetter. Photographs, ads, and memorabilia chronicle the store's traditions, from the legendary window displays to Frango Mints.

## COOKIE BLOOMS

Wednesday, February 13th, 7 p.m.

Surprise your sweetheart with a bouquet made of hand-decorated cookies. Use fondant, icing and sprinkles to adorn special cookies baked on sticks, and then arrange them into a showstopping bouquet. Bring a rolling pin, an 8-12" container for a base, and a bag of dry rice. There will be a \$5 fee to offset material costs.

## BUYING AND SELLING ONLINE

Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m.

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

## FEATURED ONLINE RESOURCES

Thomas Ford members have exclusive access to a variety of informational, research and educational online databases via our website at [fordlibrary.org/research/databases](http://fordlibrary.org/research/databases). Have your Ford Library card number ready.

## ConsumerReports.org®

After the holidays is often a good time to find deals on consumer products. You can browse Consumer Reports online without paying a subscription fee by using your Library card. Or, stop in to see the magazine at the Reference Desk.

## FRIDAY at the FORD

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

## CHRIS VALLILLO

Friday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.

Performing on six-string and bottle-neck slide guitars and harmonica, Chris Vallillo sings original, contemporary and traditional songs that bring to life the history and lifestyles of the Midwest.



*Singer and Guitarist Chris Vallillo*



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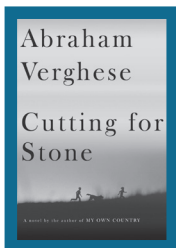
science, astronomy, computers and other science news helpful in understanding issues of the day. It includes many full-text magazines, encyclopedias and textbooks.

# JOIN A GROUP

*These ongoing library groups are free for all to attend, with no registration required.*

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

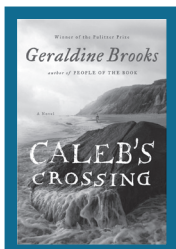
Following our January break, the Book Discussion Group resumes on February 6. We will meet the first Wednesday in February, March, April and May. The group is open to anyone who enjoys reading and discussing good books!



### CUTTING FOR STONE by Abraham Verghese

Wednesday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

Spanning three continents and several decades, *Cutting for Stone* is an epic novel about identical twin brothers, born in Ethiopia and raised by adoptive physician parents from India. Both twins enter the medical field, but one leaves for the United States following political turmoil and betrayal by his brother.



### CALEB'S CROSSING by Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Geraldine Brooks builds a narrative around the story of Caleb, who in 1665 was the first Native American to graduate from Harvard. The narrator is the fictional Bethia, daughter of a Puritan minister who befriends Caleb. The story is as much about Bethia as Caleb, and her resistance to the narrow confines of the life expected of her gender.

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

## KNITTING CIRCLE

Every other Thursday at 1 p.m.

January 3, 17, 31, February 14, 28

Come enjoy knitting, conversation and light refreshments.

## INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Second Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.

January 8, February 12

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



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# FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

## THE YOUNG VICTORIA (2009)

Friday, January 4, 7 p.m.

A dramatization of the turbulent first years of Queen Victoria's rule and her enduring romance with Prince Albert.



## DEAR FRANKIE (2004)

Friday, January 18, 7 p.m.

After having responded to her son's numerous letters in the guise of his father, a woman hires a stranger to pose as his dad when meeting him.

## EVEN THE RAIN (2010)

Friday, February 1, 7 p.m.

As a director and his crew shoot a controversial film about Christopher Columbus in Cochabamba, Bolivia, local people rise up against plans to privatize the water supply.



## BELLA (2006)

Friday, February 15, 7 p.m.

The lives of an international soccer star and a waitress are abruptly turned upside down until a simple gesture of kindness brings them together. *Bella* is a love story about how one day in New York City changed three people forever.



**Registration starts Wednesday, January 2.**

*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.*

## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN at the LIBRARY

Early childhood experiences at the Library have a great impact on a child's ability to learn language and reading skills later on. As kids get older, the Library supports the same State Learning Standards that schools use.

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, you'll see codes with some of our early childhood program descriptions. These will tell you what early literacy practices the programs support. For those that address all of the key early literacy practices, you'll see "ALL."

Many fun activities are also educational for your kids! For babies through age five, the best ways to help children get ready to read are:

- TALKING - T
- SINGING - S
- READING - R
- WRITING - W
- PLAYING - P

Of course, at any time, please ask us about how we can help your children learn and grow while having fun at the Library.

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

**Tuesdays, January 8 and February 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.

### MEET A CHICAGO WOLVES HOCKEY PLAYER

**Tuesday, January 15, 4-5 p.m., All ages**  
What is it like to be a Chicago Wolves hockey player? Come meet one of the team members, check out his hockey gear, and get an autographed photo!

### ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE PARTY

**Wednesday, February 6, 4-5 p.m.**  
**Grades K-2**

You are invited to a party! Are you ready? Celebrate Mo Willems' popular beginning reader series, *Elephant & Piggie*, with games, a craft and snacks. Don't be surprised if you leave with a bird on your head!

### FAMILY STORYTIME

**Thursdays, January 17, 31,  
and February 14, 6:45-7:30 p.m.**

**All ages**

Hear stories, sing songs and make a craft in this special evening storytime for families. (ALL)

### BOOK BUDDIES

**Mondays, January 28,  
February 4, and 11**

**Little Buddies grades K-2, 4-4:30 p.m.**  
In this new program, a Big Buddy and Little Buddy will read together for 30 minute segments. They will meet for three weeks. This program helps Big Buddies practice fluency and read with proper pronunciation and rhythm. See the Teen section of our newsletter for more information on Big Buddies. The Little Buddies will participate in read-aloud with their Big Buddy followed by an activity related to the book. Little Buddies benefit from hearing properly phrased, fluent reading, building visual imagery and comprehension.

**LEGO**

**PLAY**

**DAYS**

**Fridays, January 4  
and February 1  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., All ages**

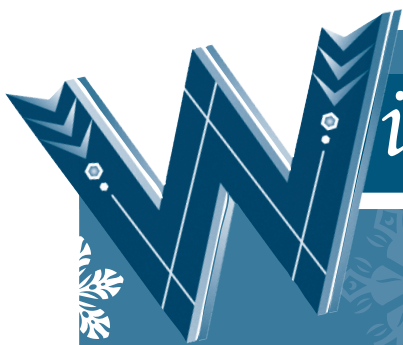
Drop in and build with our Legos and Duplos. Your creations will be displayed for your friends and family to see. (T, P)

**LEGO**

**CLUB**

**Tuesdays, January 22  
and February 26, 4-5 p.m.  
Grades 2-5**

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 will stop and describe our creations. (T, P,W)



# Winter Storytimes

January 14—  
February 22

## 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 to learn before they can read. (ALL)

## TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

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

2-3 years with adult

(choose Tuesdays OR Thursdays)

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes. Early literacy practices help build 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. (ALL)

## READ 'N' RHYME ROMP

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

OR Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

3-23 months with adult

(choose either session on Mondays)

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. (ALL)

# TEEN

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

*Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.*

## 10 to 1 BOOK CLUB

Are you reading the best teen books of 2012? It's not too late to get in on it with teens around the Lyons Township area! Find the list, read the books, talk amongst yourselves, and VOTE! For a book list and more information, go to [fordlibrary.org/teens](http://fordlibrary.org/teens).

10 to 1 Book Club Meetings:

Monday, January 7,

4:30-5:30 p.m.

at La Grange Public Library

Monday, January 21, 11:30 a.m.

Voting party at Noodles and Co.  
in LaGrange

## FINISH STRONG! STUDY SKILLS FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER

Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m.

Did your December exams disappoint you, or are you just looking for an edge?

A study skills expert, formerly of The Reading Tree, will cover three important steps to improve your study habits.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mondays, January 28,

February 4 and 11

Big Buddies grades 6-8; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Can you be a role model whose love of books is contagious? Then this is the volunteer opportunity for you! Sign up to be a "Big Book Buddy" and be matched with a "Little Buddy" for reading aloud, literacy activities, encouragement and snacks. Only ten spots are available, so sign up early.

## DESIGNER CHOCOLATE

Wednesday, February 13, 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Make a super sweet chocolate treat with this simple candy molding method. Bring small objects with interesting shapes to personalize your candy, or choose from our selection to mold your chocolaty confection.

## RETRO TEEN CRAFTING

Tuesday, March 5, 6-8 p.m.

What were popular fashion accessories in the 60s, 70s and 80s? Why did people like Pet Rocks? Find out the answers to these questions while making a pom pom animal, a ribboned barrette and a macramé bracelet.



Macramé Bracelets

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#### 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.

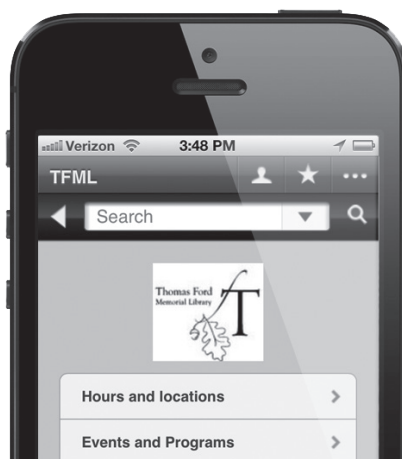
#### Library Closings

The Library will be closed on December 31 and January 1,  
for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

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## From the FRIENDS

We thank all of you who continue to support the Friends of the Library through your book donations and purchases at our semi-annual book sales. We have a great group of volunteers who give their time on a weekend day to work at the sales and make them the success that they are. We also thank the Library staff who provided the baked goods for the sale. Due to their efforts we were able to triple the revenue from prior bake sales.

We invite you to attend the many Library programs that are scheduled throughout the winter. Should you have any suggestions regarding Friends-supported programs, the book sales, or wish to serve on the Friends Board, please contact the Library.

The next book sale is scheduled for the weekend of April 26-28.

## THOMMY FORD'S PLAYLIST



### At our Tommy Ford Reads blog [thommyfordreads.wordpress.com](http://thommyfordreads.wordpress.com)

Head over to the Tommy Ford Reads Blog and take a look at our new series highlighting the Library's music. Each week, we'll discuss one of our staff members' favorite songs from the collection. Classical or Country, Hip-Hop or Heavy Metal, we'll be blogging for every taste.