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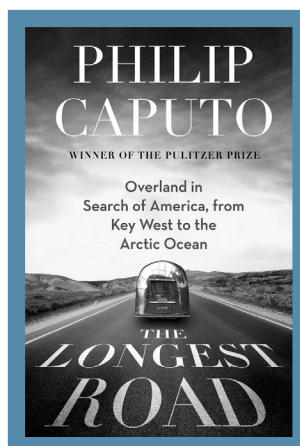
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THE BIG READ

Program Details Available February 1

The Big Read is celebrating ten years this spring with *The Longest Road* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Philip Caputo. *The Longest Road* is the story of Caputo, his wife and their two English Setters who taking a 16,000 mile journey from the southernmost tip of Florida to the northernmost destination of Deadhorse, Alaska, with their Airstream trailer in tow.

The Big Read is a project of the Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lisle, Thomas Ford, and Woodridge libraries with the goal of building community through reading. This year, Westchester (the author's hometown) is also joining The Big Read. Program details will be available in the Library and online February 1 and **registration will begin March 1**. Keep up-to-date at thebigread.org or by following The Big Read on Twitter (@bigread2014) and Facebook (facebook.com/thebigread).

KIDS READ: *Go, Go America* by Dan Yaccarino

The Kids Read 2014 selection is *Go, Go America* by Dan Yaccarino. It's the story of one family's rollicking road trip from state to state and the curious facts they learn. More details will be available over the coming months, and programs will take place in March. In the meantime, you can visit our online catalog to request a copy of the book and get started reading today!



ADULT

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

Behind the Doors of Downton Abbey

Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

We're celebrating the fourth season premiere of *Downton Abbey* this month with speaker Steven Frenzel. He'll present behind-the-scenes anecdotes fascinating hidden details, and highlight the historical context of these captivating characters and stories.

Superbowl Treats

Monday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Need some new snack ideas for your Superbowl party? Chef Kate Bradley can help you out! She'll have samples and recipes for a Low Fat Bean Dip, Cola Hot Wings, Taffy Apple Dip, and Butternut Squash Bread Pudding.

Wireless Printing at the Library

PRINTEROn

We haven't become a paperless society yet. Often we need to print documents or webpages, but it hasn't always been easy from laptops, tablets, smartphones, and other wireless devices. The Library can help. When you are in the Library with your devices, you may now send documents to our Reference Desk printer. You may also send documents from your home or anywhere else using either a handy link on our website or a free PrinterOn app for smartphones and tablets.

Like help getting started? Reference Librarian Rick Roche will demonstrate wireless printing on **Wednesday, January 22 at 7 p.m.** in our community room.

Quilling Basics

Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m.

No, that's not a typo. Quilling uses thin paper strips to create decorative scrolls and shapes that can adorn greeting cards, scrapbook pages, and more! All supplies will be provided.

The Eerie Similarities Between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln

Monday, February 17, 7 p.m.

John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln held two presidencies, 100 years apart. Though serving in different centuries, both men's lives ran directly parallel in time to each others. Historian Jim Gibbons will present many of the eerie similarities that mapped these presidents' paths and headed both men straight towards their tragic rendezvous with destiny!

Twitter 101

Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m.

From hashtags to "Who to Follow," learn how Twitter allows you to connect with others, and discover news as it's happening. Reference Librarian Rachel Hoover will go over how to get started and why it might be valuable to you.

Book-a-Librarian

Do you ever wish you could get free tech instruction from an expert? Would you like some one-on-one help with a research project? Well, that's what librarians are for! We can help you learn to use your laptops, tablets, and other devices, as well as guide you through research using our print or online resources. Just let us know what you want to learn and we'll set you up with the best librarian for the job. Call (708) 246-0520 to book a 30-minute appointment.

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 is required.



Rabbit Ears

Friday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.

From flutist Carlyn Lloyd and guitarist Pamela Kimmel, you may hear light classical works of Bach, Beethoven, and Handel with popular favorites from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin, lively music sure to brighten spirits in the dark of winter.



Buddy Mondlock

Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

Singer/songwriter Buddy Mondlock has been writing, performing, and recording since the 1980s. Come hear his award-winning songs which have been covered by musical stars, including Guy Clark, Garth Brooks, Janis Ian, Art Garfunkel, and Peter, Paul, and Mary.

JOIN A GROUP

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday at 1 p.m.

January 2, 16, 30, February 13, 27

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

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.

January 14, February 11

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

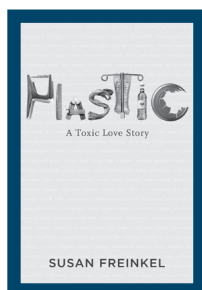
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Library's Book Discussion Group is open to anyone who enjoys reading and discussing good books. Come join us! Remaining meetings for this season will be on the first Wednesday in February, March, April, and May. 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.

Plastic: A Toxic Love Story by Susan Freinkel

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

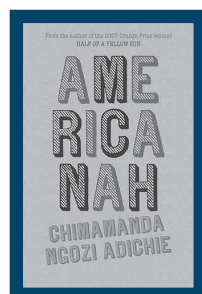
Plastic – it's everywhere. In this fascinating analysis, journalist Freinkel uses lively anecdotes to probe our complicated relationship with plastics by examining the evolution of eight everyday objects, and assessing their impact on our lives, both positive and negative.



Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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

Adichie, a 2008 MacArthur Fellow, won *The Chicago Tribune's* Heartland fiction prize for this novel. A young couple decides to leave Nigeria, but are separated when he is not allowed into the U.S. She struggles but eventually graduates from college and finds success writing a blog about black life in America, as observed by a non-American black. *The Tribune* calls the novel a witty social satire that is "hip and highly perceptive."



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.

Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clarke

Monday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.

Childhood's End is a thrilling story of first contact. When aliens begin to interfere with human politics in unexpected ways, humanity is forced to choose between its happiness and its freedom.

"It does as much as any half dozen normal books, and all in 218 pages, and it does it by setting up expectations and completely overturning them, repeatedly."—Hugo winner, Jo Walton



FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Bless Me, Ultima

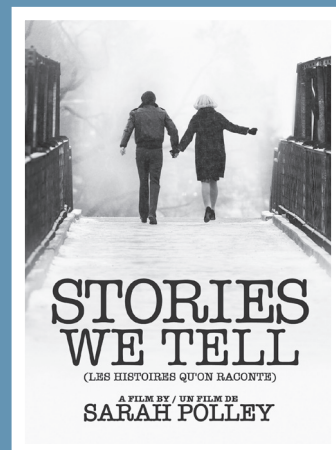
Friday, January 17, 7 p.m.

A drama set in New Mexico during WWII, centered on the relationship between a young man and an elderly medicine woman who helps him contend with the battle between good and evil that rages in his village.

Stories We Tell

Friday, January 31, 7 p.m.

A film that excavates layers of myth and memory to find the elusive truth at the core of a family of storytellers.



Unfinished Song

Friday, February 14, 7 p.m.

Grumpy pensioner Arthur honors his recently deceased wife's passion for performing by joining the unconventional local choir to which she used to belong, a process that helps him build bridges with his estranged son, James.

Fill the Void

Friday, February 28, 7 p.m.

A young Hasidic Jewish woman is pressured into an arranged levirate marriage to an older widower.

YOUTH

Registration starts Monday, January 6.

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520. First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

What Children Learn at the Library: Early childhood experiences at the Library have a positive impact on language and reading skills later on. For babies through age five, the best ways to get them ready to read are: Talking (T), Singing (S), Reading (R), Writing (W), and Playing (P). Library programs involving all five activities are coded ALL.

Lego Play Day

Friday, January 3

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

All ages; drop in

Drop in and build with our Legos and Duplos. Your creations will be displayed for your friends and family to see. No registration required. (T, P)

Afternoon Movie: *Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!*

Monday, January 6, 1–2:30 p.m.

All ages; drop in

Bring your pillow and a blanket and settle in for the hilarious adventure of Horton the elephant as he discovers the world, and creatures, of Whoville. Based on Dr. Seuss' classic book. An adult must accompany children under 5. Drop-in event; no registration required.

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

Tuesdays, January 14

and February 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 starting January 6.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, January 16

and February 13, 6:45–7:30 p.m.

Families welcome

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

Two-Tone Winter Birds

Monday, January 20, 3:30–5 p.m.

8–12 years

We have a wonderful winter project for you to make at the Library. Talented artist and illustrator Terri Murphy will ease young artists into color theory. They'll discover all the wonderful combinations that can be created from a palette of just two colors.

Bag of Valentine Wishes

Wednesday, February 12

4:30–5:15 p.m.

Grades 1–3

Would you like to make something special this Valentine's Day? Join us at the Library to make unique fortune cookies and wishes to put in your Valentine bag for friends.

ZumbAtomic

Saturday, February 22

10:30–11:15 a.m.

Ages 3+; caregivers welcome

ZumbAtomic is Zumba done kids' style! A certified Zumba instructor leads kids through moves like "grapevine step" and "pizza arms." ZumbAtomic increases self-confidence and coordination and boosts metabolism. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

French Storytime with Language Stars

Thursday, February 27

4–4:30 p.m.

All ages

Join Language Stars for a French storytime at the Library! Language Stars will be conducting an interactive French storytime featuring songs and a take-home activity. Please register both children and adults. (ALL)

Winter Storytimes

January 13–February 21

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, 9:45–10:15 a.m.

OR 10:30–11 a.m.

(choose either session on Mondays)

Wednesdays (ticketed*)

10:30–11 a.m., 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 for Wednesday classes; 15 tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis each Wednesday at 10 a.m. for that day's class. (ALL)

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 are encouraged to participate along with their toddlers and expand their learning by repeating the activities at home. (ALL)

Storytime Pals

Mondays, 1:30–2 p.m.

OR Wednesdays, 9:45–10:15 a.m.

(New Time)

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)

Just in Time for Your Biography Assignments!

Biography in Context delivers outstanding assignment support with 600,000+ biographical entries—on more than 528,000 individuals—spanning history and geography. It delivers current information on newsmakers and historical figures alike, helping you and your child find the much needed answers for assignments. The articles are sourced from various reference encyclopedias, books, newspapers, and magazines. Full citation information is provided for each article, and you may even print or email them to yourself. Connect through fordlibrary.org. Have your Library card handy when you are using it from home.

Juliette Gordon Low: “Daisy’s Girls”

Saturday, January 25, 1–1:50 p.m.
Families welcome



Betsey Means of “WomanLore: Performing Women in History” will be portraying Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Imagine the year is 1920.

You have come to visit Juliette on Lookout Mountain, Georgia, at Camp Juliette Low. You will get to hear and learn more about taking nature walks through the woods, cooking meals over the campfire, and sleeping under the stars. Juliette used to go around the campground and read the girls’ “fortunes.” If you are interested, she could read your palm after the program.

TEEN



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

Ten To One Book Club

All area teens are welcome at the 10-1 Book Club, where we read ten of the best new teen novels of the year and vote on our favorite. For the complete list of titles and more information, visit www.fordlibrary.org/teens

The 5th Wave
by Rick Yancy
Friday, January 3, 10 a.m.

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown
by Holly Black
Thursday, January 23, 3:45 p.m.

Etiquette & Espionage
by Gail Carriger
Thursday, February 6, 3:45 p.m.

If You Find Me
by Emily Murdoch
Thursday, February 20, 3:45 p.m.

Practice ACT with The Big Envelope

Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Get Ready for the ACT! This free ACT Practice Exam is open to all high school students. Bring a calculator, a bottle of water, and pencils. You must register with an email address. Teachers, counselors, and advisers will be on hand to answer your questions about test-taking strategies. All students will receive a score report summary mailed to their homes.

Throwback Tuesday

January 28, 7–8 p.m.

Pressures of teen life got you down? Think back to a simpler time, a time of animal crackers and juice boxes, coloring books and comfy jammies. Come indulge the kid in you with games, snacks, and trivia you remember and love from the good old days. (Wear comfy clothes or pajamas!)

Rubber Band Bracelet Roundup

Tuesday, February 18, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Are you making rubber band bracelets? Do you want to? Come and share your favorite designs, swap bands with each other, and use a hammer & nails to make a mini loom! This teen program is also open to tweens.

C O D I N G C L U B

Alternate Tuesdays, 3:45–4:45 p.m.
January 14, 28, February 11, 25

It's not too late to join Coding Club! We're learning Javascript, a useful interactive language, while we build a game together that will go live on the Library's website this spring. There's room for you, even if you've never coded before!

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The Friends thank the members of the community who continue to support our book and bake sales. All of the revenue from these sales goes to fund programs within the library for you to enjoy. We are especially grateful for the volunteers who give up part of their weekend, and in some cases all of their weekend, to work at the sales. Please mark your calendars. The next book sale will be on April 25-27, 2014.

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Local Author:

Kevin Guilfoile

Thursday, January 30, 7 p.m.

La Grange resident and author of thrillers *The Thousand* and *Cast of Shadows*, Kevin Guilfoile joins us to share insights about writing, as well as his latest work. Please register by calling La Grange Public Library.