

The Ford Connection

THE THOMAS FORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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2014

■ ■ AN EVENING AT THE OPERA ■ ■

Sunday, May 4, 7 p.m.

*At the First Congregational Church,
1106 Chestnut Street*

An Evening at the Opera has consistently been the Library's biggest program of the year! For the 18th annual concert, Western Springs' mezzo-soprano Janet Mensen Reynolds and her friends from the Lyric Opera Chorus will preview operas from the Lyric's 2014-2015 season by singing famous arias, duets, and other pieces. Accompanied by the renowned pianist Patrick Holland, the quartet provides a full evening of song.



*Keven Keys, Janet Mensen Reynolds,
Rose Guccione, & Kenneth Donovan*

Held at the acoustically pleasing First Congregational Church of Western Springs, the concert also serves as an introduction to the stories of opera. Between songs, a narrator entertainingly recounts the lives of the operas' composers and describes opera characters, scenes, plots, and their inevitable twists.

An Evening at the Opera is a free concert generously presented as a gift to the community by the family of Pauline and Elmer Kennedy. This year's concert will be dedicated to the First United Methodist Church of Western Springs, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary. There will be one intermission and refreshments will be served after the concert. No registration required.

ADULT

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

The Big Read

This year's Big Read is *The Longest Road* by Pulitzer Prize-winner Philip Caputo. Go to TheBigRead.org for additional programs. Registration begins on March 1.

The Southernmost Point: Escaping to Key West

Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Key West sits 90 miles from Cuba but affords a trade-wind blown tropical getaway reachable by car. Frequent visitor Carol Kania Morency points out essential sights on the island, and the Overseas Highway.

Cinnamon Buns

Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Learn how to make these delectable treats when Deliciously Yours Chef, Mary Gail Bennett, demonstrates and shares her recipes. Tastings included!

Camping 101

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Join an REI instructor to learn what you need to take on your first (or second or third) camping trip. We will cover the basics including equipment, comfort, and fun activities.

Black Sox, Billy Goats and Monsters of the Midway

Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.

Chicago sports are loaded with weird history and sordid tales. Whatever your team and whatever your game, local historian Clarence Goodman has something for every Chicago Sports enthusiast in this Elmer Kennedy History Lecture.

Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.

In this Elmer Kennedy History Lecture, Paola Bucciol from The Field Museum will explore the treasures of the museum's World's Fair exhibit and give interesting behind-the-scenes stories from the collection.

The Monuments Men: Saving Europe's Treasures

Monday, April 14, 7 p.m.

During World War II, Hitler and his armies were methodically seeking and hoarding the world's finest art treasures. Art Excursions will talk about these artistic masterpieces and the Allied mission to rescue them from the Nazis.

Historic Home Ownership: Challenges and Rewards

Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Ownership of an older home poses interesting challenges, like design inflexibility, outdated mechanical systems or poor insulation. Join architect Charles Pipal from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago as he discusses issues and solutions to historic home ownership. Co-sponsored by the Western Springs Historical Society.

Chocostravaganza

Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Have fun making delightful and edible creations that add a whimsical or elegant touch to a dessert table.

The Animal-Human Bond

Monday, May 5, 7 p.m.

Celebrate National Pet Month with counselor Joy Davy as she discusses the connection we share with our pets, the grief process when a pet passes away, and the healing cycle that occurs mutually between people and animals.

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.

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, and Art Garfunkel.



Jim Green

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Friday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

Singer/songwriter Jim Green is a former Guitar Idol Champion who was named "one of the best artists in the Midwest" by *Billboard Magazine*. Come hear the acoustic finger-style performances of Jim's American original songs.

Washi Tape

Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m.

What is washi tape and how can you use it to perk up your crafting projects? Come explore and leave with a small project and some ideas based on this Japanese craft supply.

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.
March 13, 27, April 10, 24,
and May 8, 22

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

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.
March 11, April 8, and May 13

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

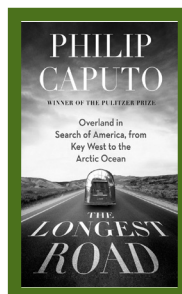
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

After the April and May discussions, the Library's Book Discussion Group will take a break for the summer and resume in October. The group is open to anyone who enjoys good books! Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk. Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library approximately one month before the discussion.

The Longest Road by Philip Caputo

Wednesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

In 2011 Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Caputo packed his wife and dogs into a pickup truck pulling an Airstream trailer, and set out from Key West, Florida, bound for Deadhorse, Alaska. His quest: to find out what keeps the United States united by asking people along the way. *The Longest Road* is this year's Big Read selection. Find out about related Library programs at TheBigRead.org.



The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith

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

Private investigator Cormoran Strike is down on his luck when he is hired to investigate the apparent suicide of a supermodel. He and his new temporary secretary are plunged into London's world of fashion and rock-star celebrities as they try to uncover what really happened. Interesting fact: Galbraith is a pen name for J. K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series.



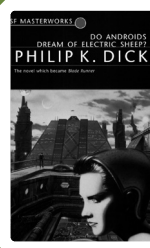
SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB

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.

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K. Dick

Monday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Philip K. Dick's most famous novel is a great introduction to his complex, rewarding work. It follows Rick Deckard as he attempts to "retire" a group of renegade androids, learning much about the tenuous divide between humanity and its creations in the process. The film *Blade Runner* was loosely based on the novel.



FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Lost in America

A Big Read Event

Friday, March 14, 7 p.m.

A husband and wife in their 30's decide to quit their jobs, live as free spirits, and cruise America in a Winnebago.

20 Feet from Stardom

Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Backup singers live in a world that lies just beyond the spotlight. They bring harmony to the biggest bands in popular music, but we've had no idea what lives they lead, until now.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

A Big Read Event

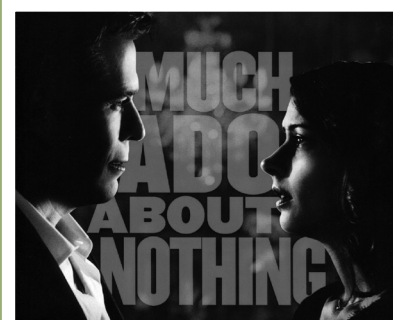
Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.

A man must struggle to travel home for Thanksgiving, with an obnoxious slob of a shower ring salesman his only companion.

Waiting Room

Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.

Go behind the doors of an American public hospital struggling to care for a community of largely uninsured patients.



Much Ado About Nothing

Friday, May 23, 7 p.m.

Joss Whedon's modern retelling of Shakespeare's classic comedy about two pairs of lovers with different takes on romance and a way with words.

YOUTH

Registration starts Monday, March 3.

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.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 6 and April 10
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)

Read to the Dogs @ the Library

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8,
and May 13, 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 March 3.

U.S.A. Trivia Quest

Wednesday, March 19, 4-5 p.m.

Ages 8+

See if you are a pro when it comes to U.S. trivia in this Jeopardy-style game. Questions will be taken from this year's Kids Read book, *Go, Go America*. Prizes will be awarded.

Build-a-Car

Tuesday, March 25, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 4+

Drive-in movies are an American pastime. We'll provide boxes and supplies for creating a car to sit in during the March 26 showing of *Cars*. Children 6 and under must have an adult to help.

Afternoon Movie: *Cars*

Wednesday, March 26, 1-3 p.m.

All ages; drop in

Join us for *Cars*, a high-octane adventure comedy that shows life is about the journey, not the finish line. If you made a car at the March 25 program, you can sit in it during this "drive-in" movie. An adult must accompany children under 5. No registration required.

Ice cream has always been an American favorite. Learn how to take ice cream from the bowl to fun and fancy desserts you'll love to make. This class is hands on, so come ready to create a masterpiece!



MARCH 17—APRIL 25

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, 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. (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.
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)

Magic of Gary Kantor

Saturday, April 12, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Families welcome

Come watch a thrilling and entertaining magic show by Gary Kantor. Gary's magic has been enjoyed by over 30,000 children. The show is packed with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks, and a variety of hilarious tricks that will have the children rolling on the floor with laughter.

Poetry Experiments

Monday, April 14, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 4-6

You're a poet and you don't even know it! In honor of National Poetry Month, we will be constructing poetry using fun hands-on games and activities. Take your poems home to share with your family and friends.

Flowers for Mom

Monday, May 5, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Flowers are blooming in the Library, just in time for Mother's Day. Join us as we read stories and make a flower craft that moms will love.

Lego Play
Thursday, March 27,
1-2:30 p.m.

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)

TEEN

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

10-1 Book Club

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

All teens are welcome to discuss these popular titles. See book descriptions and sign up using our online calendar.

March 6

The Lucy Variations by Sara Zarr

March 20

Black Helicopters by Blythe Woodson

April 10

Chantress by Amy Butler Greenfield

April 24

Wrap up party & book selection for next session.

Newsy Nails

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

When do your nails make a statement? When they're covered in words! Come practice a cool technique to make your fingernails really speak for you.

Exam Cram

Tuesday, May 27

and Wednesday, May 28, 5-9 p.m.

Take a break to have some snacks in our meeting room, find a quiet corner to focus on tomorrow's test, or meet with your group for a last-minute study session during Exam Cram.

All Tied Up: Arm Knitting

Thursday, May 15 7-8 p.m.

Make a scarf in an hour or a blanket in an afternoon—no needles needed because you'll use your arms! Bring a skein of chunky yarn you like, or choose from our selection.

Summer Reading Volunteer Training

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, May 28, 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3, 7-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 7, 10-11 a.m.

Every summer dozens of teens help make great summer reading memories for TFML's youngest patrons, earn volunteering hours, and become a vital part of the library. Teens who have completed 6th-12th grade may apply. Applications will be available in the Library and online beginning May 1. Volunteers must attend one training session, regardless of past experience.

Interview Skills for Teens

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Learn how to present your best self in interviews for jobs, scholarships, or college entrance. Come dressed for an interview with a resume, if you have one, and get some real-life feedback in a no-pressure environment.

CODING CLUB

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

March 4th, 18th

April 1st, 15th, 29th

May 15th, 27th

Teens, come play with Javascript, work together to build a videogame, and meet others interested in Minecraft, computers, and gaming.

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PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES

Please join us for our Spring gardening lectures, generously sponsored by the family of Pauline Kennedy.

Spring Gift Baskets

Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Just in time for graduations, showers, and spring festivities, Diane Carr, who presented our Fall Tabletops workshop is back! She will be demonstrating the many ways of creating customized gift baskets using plants, food, small ornaments, and other objects. Make a special occasion even more memorable with the perfect gift! Several lucky attendees will once again get to take home the finished works of art!

Make a Miniature Garden

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Join in the fun of planting a tiny, whimsical garden using small succulent plants. You will decorate your miniature garden with an arbor, pathway, and an art deco ornament that you create. Kathleen Obirek, designer and educator, will guide us on this artistic adventure! All supplies will be provided. Minimum 10; maximum 20. \$18.00 fee per person. Cash or checks due at time of registration.

Hostas in the Landscape

Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.

Hostas are known to most gardeners as plants that add shades of green from deep to bright in areas where little else can thrive. They range in sizes from a mere 2 inches high to over 3 feet high. Broaden your knowledge and develop a deeper appreciation of this plant by attending this program presented by Tom Micheletti of The Hosta Patch. He will present planting ideas, show us new varieties, and have plant stock available to illustrate his program.

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Resume Writing Workshop

Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m.

Human Resources veteran Robert Schlacks presents a workshop on creating an effective, straight-to-the-top-of-the-pile resume. Mr. Schlacks will present methods and tips, and will review attendees' individual resumes after the presentation. Please register by March 17.

FROM THE FRIENDS

We are now accepting books for the Spring Book Sale which will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 25th (for the Friends members only); 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th (open to all); and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 27th (bag sale).