

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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Sunday, May 3, 7 p.m. At the First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut

Janet Mensen Reynolds and her friends from the Lyric Opera Chorus return for our 19th annual *An Evening at the Opera*. Accompanied by the renowned pianist Patrick Holland, they will sing famous arias, duets, and other pieces from the Lyric's 2015-2016 season.

The concert also serves as an introduction to the stories of opera. Between songs a narrator recounts the lives of the composers and describes characters, scenes, plots, and more.

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. Refreshments will be served after the concert. No registration required.



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

ReDiscover [The Big Read, New and Improved]

ReDiscover is a cooperative project of nine nearby public libraries that seeks to connect communities through events and activities centered on a common theme. In 2015, ReDiscover's theme is "Celebrating Home." Look inside to find the programs hosted here at Thomas Ford, and head to re-discover.org to discover events elsewhere. Registration for ReDiscover programs begins Monday, March 2.

ADULT

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

Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Create vividly dyed, intricately designed "jewels" even if you cannot draw! Each attendee will leave with beautiful eggs that perfectly accent spring tabletop arrangements, baskets, and floral gift containers, etc. All materials are provided, including dye-proof gloves. Don't wear your best clothes, just in case... Teens are welcome!

A Lab Aloft:

The International Space Station

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home

Monday, March 23, 7 p.m.

What is life like aboard the International Space Station? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the ISS led by the Adler Planetarium's Michelle Nichols—without having to leave your seat!

Fabric Origami

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m.

Craft an elegant flower or a quirky animal out of stiffened fabric using traditional origami techniques. All materials provided.

Meet Chef and Author Ina Pinkney

Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Come meet the Breakfast Queen, Ina Pinkney! Restaurateur, chef, and owner for 33 years of Ina's in the West Loop, Ina will read from her memoir and cookbook *Taste Memories* and bring samples of her famous sour cream coffee cake.

The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m.

In this Elmer Kennedy History Lecture, Historian Jim Gibbons will take you back to the events before, during, and after one of the most tragic moments in our nation's history.

The Eastland Disaster: Chicago's Greatest Loss-of-Life Tragedy

Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Find out what happened on July 24, 1915 as thousands gathered along the Chicago River for an employee picnic that turned tragic. This is an Elmer Kennedy History Lecture presented by the Eastland Disaster Historical Society.

Seasonal Tuscan Appetizers

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m. Mario Olivi of The Olive Tap demonstrates flavorful ways to use olive oil, balsamic, and wine vinegars—mainstays in Italian desserts, drinks, and other foods. Enjoy recipes and dishes from Mario's ancestral home of Tuscany.

Pet Safety at Home

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home

Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

No matter how much we love them, our furry friends often get into things they shouldn't. Unexpected dangers posed by mundane objects lurk within our homes. Learn how to pet proof your home.

Housing Styles in Western Springs—Then and Now

Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.

The Western Springs Historical Society's Adult Ed series will take a journey back in time. Using historical photographs and maps, architect Elizabeth Trail will trace the evolution of housing styles in Western Springs.

Introduction to Ukulele

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.

Join Jon Kostal of Uncle Jon's Music as he discusses a brief history of the instrument, different types of ukuleles, and how you can get started right away. Audience members will have a chance to test ukuleles and ask Jon questions.



We open our doors at 7 p.m. for fre concerts sponsored by the Western Springs Library Friends. No registration is required.

Dana and Susan Robinson

Dana and Susan Robinson are modern troubadours who sing original and traditional songs about rural America. They return to the Ford with a joyous mix of "guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmony-singing." Toe-tapping fun guaranteed.

Linda Marie Smith presents Mearra—Selkie from the Sea

Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
Friday at the Ford regulars will remember singer/songwriter Linda Marie Smith's dramatic song cycle *The Triumph of Artemesia*. She returns with a magical multi-media presentation *Mearra—Selkie from the Sea*, based on Celtic folk legends. All ages are invited.

Images of Honest Abe

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Images of Lincoln changed during the course of his political career. He continued to be a popular source for artwork and material culture after his assassination. In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's death, art historian Jeff Mishur examines paintings, photographs, sculptures and material culture relating to Lincoln, and their historical context.

Freezer Paper Stenciling

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Paint a sleek design or clever saying onto a modern wall hanging or dish cloth with this simple technique. All materials will be provided.

Join a Group

These ongoing Library groups are open to all with no registration.

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, 1 p.m. March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30 May 14, 28

Join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. March 10, April 14, May 12 Local amateur investors discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Third Thursdays, 7 p.m. March 19, April 16, May 21

Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers' Society (WSWS) welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Contact Marie Gerken at marie@gerken.org or Jim Swinehart at jswinehart@clausen.com with any questions.

Book Clubs

Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.

Book Discussion Group

The Hundred-Year House by Rebecca Makkai

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home

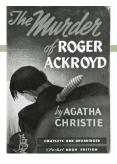
Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. An estate north of Chicago stars in this clever family saga that moves backwards in time. "This novel is stunning: ambitious, readable, and intriguing."

—Library Journal

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

An American airman survives a crash, weeks at sea on a raft, and a Japanese POW camp in this gripping biography. "Ambitious and powerful... a startling narrative and an inspirational book."

—New York Times Book Review





Thommy Ford's Crime Club

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

Monday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Many consider this Christie's finest novel. Others claim that the mystery's controversial solution breaks too many rules of the traditional who-done-it. Read to find out for yourself, then stop by for our informal discussion.

Science Fiction Book Club

War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Monday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

You've probably seen the films and heard about Orson Welles' infamous radio play, but have you ever gotten around to the novel? Find out what makes H.G. Wells' 1898 tale of Martian invasion a thrilling read even today, then stop by to talk about it.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

We open the doors at 6:45 p.m. for these after-hours film discussions. They are drop-in events; no registration necessary

The Grand Budapest Hotel

The adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel from the fictional Republic of Zubrowka, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend.

@home

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home Friday, March 20, 7 p.m.
What is everyday life like for our homeless neighbors? Join us for a screening and discussion of a brave new documentary, @home, that explores the realities of being homeless and atrisk across the country.

Footnote

Friday, April 3, 7 p.m.
Eliezer and Uriel Shkolnik are father and son as well as rival professors in Talmudic Studies. When both men learn that Eliezer will be lauded for his work, their complicated relationship reaches a new peak.

The Money Pit

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home Friday, April 17, 7 p.m. In this '80s comedy, a young couple played by Tom Hanks and Shelley Long struggle to repair a hopelessly

Tim's Vermeer

Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.
Inventor Tim Jenison seeks to
understand the painting techniques of
Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer.

YOUTH

Registration opens Wednesday, March 4, and 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.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 5 and May 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.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library

Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, and May 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 March 4.

After-School Science

Wednesdays, March 18 and April 8 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Young scientists are invited to explore, create, and discover through stories and hands-on experiments. March 18: magnets; April 8: weather.

Lego Family Exhibition

★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home

Saturday, March 21 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Drop in; no registration

We know you love Legos and creating with them at home and in the library. We invite you to a special exhibition of amazing Lego creations built by members of the Chicago Area Lego Users Group (ChiLUG). ChiLUG members will be on hand to answer all your Lego questions. You will also have an opportunity to build and show off your own Lego skills. Families are welcome to attend during the exhibit hours.

Earth Day Craft

Thursday, April 2 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Celebrate Earth Day by making cool items using recycled materials. Your child will make an eco-friendly bag and kaleidoscope.



★ ReDiscover 2015: Celebrating Home

Thursday, April 2, 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Venue: Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Avenue

Miss Jamie's Farm Music Show is a highenergy, interactive musical play with farm animal puppets Kids can sing along, dance, and participate in trivia about farm animals and farm foods.

SFRING STORY TIMES

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Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays, 10-10:30 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.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays or Thursdays 10-10:30 a.m.

2-3 years w/adult

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, 1:30-2 p.m. or Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m. 3-5 years

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.



Book Sculpture

Thursday, April 16 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 3-5

Come join Miss Cathy from Plentiful Programs and transform an old book or magazine into a work of art! You'll learn to fold, glue, and change books and magazines into amazing hangings, art pieces, and sculptures! Materials will be provided.

Fun Painting and Stories

Thursday, May 7 4:30-5:15 p.m. 6 years and up

Do you enjoy painting using fun stuff like shaving cream? Join us for stories and painting. Be ready to get messy!

Teen Volunteers Needed!

If you're finishing grades 6-12 this spring and are interested in volunteering during the Summer Reading Club, please see the Teen section of the newsletter for more information.

For Tweens, Grades 4-8

BRICKS TRAURGARZI FRIDAY, MAY 1, 3:45-4:45 PM

Come build! Bring your own device to play Minecraft, dive into our vat of LEGOs to see what you can create, and try your hand at making Minecraft or other fandom Cubees. Snacks provided.

TEEN

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

Career

Conversations

Join our ongoing conversation with local professionals, and learn about the day-to-day realities of working in a variety of fields. These panel discussions are followed by light refreshments.

Politics and Political Science Monday, March 16, 7-8 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment Monday, May 18, 7-8 p.m.

Meet a Local Lion

Thursday, May 7, 7-8 p.m.

Meet current high school students, chat about good strategies for starting your freshman year on the right foot, and get their tips on classes, activities, and events you can't miss.

Coding Club

Alternating Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Play with technology, learn some coding, and meet other folks into STEM fun.

Book Club

First Saturdays, 12-1 p.m.

Come chat about our monthly pick listed in our online calendar and get reading suggestions from other teens.

Summer Reading Volunteer Training

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, May 27, 4-5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 7-8 p.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 for 2015's volunteer corps. Applications will be available in the Library and online beginning May 1. One training session is mandatory for all volunteers with two or fewer years of service.

Exam Cram

Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27, 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.

In Other News

Bulletins from in and around the Library

Friends Spring Book Sale Save the date!

The next semi-annual used book sale and bake sale will be:

Friday, April 24, 6-8 p.m.

Members only (memberships can be bought at the door or online by the week prior)

Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Special bag sale

Community Room Upgrade

The Library is happy to announce that during the December lull in programs and meetings, we improved the presentation equipment in the Community Room downstairs. An overhead projector and sound system were installed to improve audio-visual lectures and film presentations. With the repositioning of the screen, we have more unobstructed viewing. The staff likes the changes, and we hope you do, too. Come to a program soon and see.

What Makes Your Library Work?

Where would our Library be without our Foundation? Our Friends? Our Trustees? Sure, your Western Springs tax dollars go a long way in keeping the doors open, but there are a few other reasons Thomas Ford is strong and vital: our Foundation, our Friends, and our Trustees.

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation

is dedicated to making the Library stronger through gifts from the community. Tax-deductible contributions to the Foundation are invested to build an endowment and to underwrite special initiatives.

The Western Springs Library Friends

is a volunteer organization that supports the Library through twice-annual book and bake sales and the very popular

bookcart sale in the foyer. Volunteer help—cashiers, bakers, and set-up/ takedown workers—for the April and October sales is always welcome. Funds earned by the Friends are used to support children's programs, film discussions, summer reading clubs and the Friday at the Ford concert series. Please consider becoming a Friend. Membership supports the Friends' work, and also gives membersonly first night access to the book and bake sales. Forms are available online and at the Circulation Desk.

The Library Board of Trustees

consists of seven elected members of the community who volunteer their time to ensure the Library work the way you want it to. Trustees welcome your feedback: via email at fordlibrary.org/board, using the Suggestion Boxes in the Library, or talking to them in person when you meet them in town or at Library events. Attend a Board meeting to learn how Library business is conducted; see fordlibrary. org/board for the meeting schedule. Or consider becoming a Trustee. For more information, contact your precinct captain or the Library Director, Anne Kozak, at kozak@fordlibrary.org.

A final question: Where would our Library be without YOU? Without you it would not hum with vitality, ring with the sound of children's laughter, serve as a meeting place for community organizations, or connect people with new ideas. Thank you for being a Library user!

Calling All Collectors, Crafters, and Artists

You've got stuff and we want to display it! Call (708) 246-0520 or email matthew@ fordlibrary.org to find out how to show off your hobbies or passions in the display case outside our Reading Room.



Coming this April!

Thomas Ford Memorial Library, and the other 76 libraries in the SWAN library network, are gearing up for the April switchover to the new Symphony Integrated Library System and the online catalog Enterprise. The catalog's new features will enhance the user experience and make things easier for those who regularly use the catalog.

Most importantly, the Enterprise catalog allows intuitive for searching, eBook integration, and online resources. Members will get recommended titles and receive results in the same way they expect from popular search engines. For eBook and audiobook lovers, this new catalog provides a seamless combination. Members can view their checked-out digital materials, search for all digital holdings in the catalog, and download these materials right from the catalog.

After the catalog goes live in April, this advanced system will integrate mobile apps and social media. With this dynamic experience, members can choose to receive phone, email, or text notifications of due dates, available holds, and more.

While the new system will be intuitive, members will also receive plenty of help through printed and online materials and from Library staff who will answer all your questions informally and during classes.

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation

The Foundation thanks the following individuals, organizations, and businesses for their generous response to our 2014 Annual Appeal. If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation, planned giving, or membership in the Oak Leaf Society, you may contact us via email at foundation@fordlibrary.org or by phone at (708) 246-0520. The Foundation is an independent nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization; donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 5 for Easter and Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES

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

Garden Elements: Decks

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

A deck adds living space to a home and can serve as an entertainment area, playroom, or quiet getaway spot. As an extension of the house, it requires the same level of design detail. Timothy Lally, principal, Timothy Lally Design, will discuss deck design and provide examples to illustrate and inspire.

Fragrant Spring Floral Arrangements

Monday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Create a spring "woodland" arrangement featuring unusual varieties of fragrant heirloom daffodils with other unfamiliar spring blooms. Please bring pruning shears and a box to hold your finished arrangement. \$15 materials fee per person. Cash or checks due at time of registration.

Great Gardens of Holland

Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Come join Linda Oyama Bryan, professional garden photographer, on a tour of the Keukenhof, also known as The Garden of Europe, where 7 million bulbs are planted annually, and the grounds of Het Loo Palace, built for King William III and Mary II of England. We will also stop at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction for a "behind the scenes" visit. This is a travelogue sure to inspire!

THIS SPRING AT LA GRANGE **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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A Chocolate Covered Evening

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

In our 111th year, the La Grange Public Library is planning a fundraiser to clean and hang the fabulous La Grange Centennial Quilt. Join us for "A Chocolate Covered Evening" fundraiser. Enjoy artisan chocolate by Kokku with wine pairings from Vino e Birra, music from Ten Strings, auctions, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and more! Call Jeannie for tickets at (708) 215-3200.

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, no registration required:

Churchill and the World at War 1941-1945 Tuesday, April 14, 1 p.m.

The Terracotta Army of Qin Shi Huang Tuesday, May 12, 1 p.m.