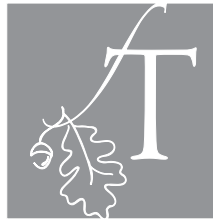


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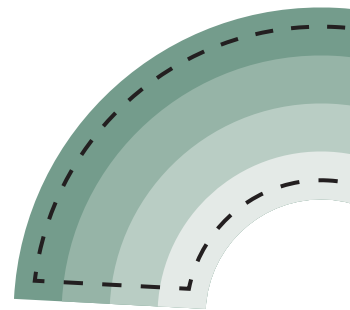
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SUMMER
2016



Summer Reading is finally here! We have exciting plans for all ages! There's the *Read for the Win!* summer reading club for kids and teens, and a humor themed reading club called *Laugh Lines* for adults. We have prizes, parties, and a great collection of books, eBooks, and audiobooks for every interest. Check inside this newsletter for information about how the whole family can have a summer of fun reading.

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ADULT

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Adult Summer Reading 2016

Laugh Lines



"Outside of a dog, a book is
a man's best friend.
Inside of a dog it's too dark
to read." -Groucho Marx

Milton Berle once said, "Laughter is an instant vacation." This summer, you can take a vacation without even leaving home by laughing as you read! The Adult Summer Reading Program, Laugh Lines, will help you lighten up with humorous fiction, memoirs by comedians, funny takes on life, and even movies.

It all begins on Monday, June 6. Sign up in the Library at the Reference Desk and receive a reading log, or you can sign up and record your books online at fordlibrary.org. You choose what you read, and only one item needs to be theme-related. The Library staff can help you find something that will make you chuckle! There will be lots of items on display and lists of funny mysteries, novels, graphic novels and more. Over the course of the summer, check out 6 items and record them on your log. When you are finished, turn in your log and you will receive a Ford Library coffee mug.

For every item on your log, you will receive a ticket to enter drawings for some fabulous prizes—gift cards for local restaurants, Western Springs Business Dollars to spend around town, and tickets to Chicagoland comedy clubs. Earn bonus tickets by writing reviews, telling us which book was your favorite, and attending the library's July 7 improv program. Drawings will be held on June 27 and July 25, with the grand prize drawing at the end. The last day to enter the final drawing will be Sunday, August 21.

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, 1 p.m.

June 9, 23, July 7, 21,

August 4, 18

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

Western Springs

Writers' Society

Mondays and Thursdays, 7 p.m.

June 9, 27, July 14, 25,

August 11, 29

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. Whether this is your career or hobby, writers of all levels and genres are invited.

Questions in advance? Please contact Marie Gerken at marie@gerken.org or Jim Swinehart at jswinehart@clausen.com.

Senior Center History Lectures by David Druckman

Second Mondays, 1 p.m.

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. This summer's topics are:

MYRON COHEN: June 13

CHURCHILL: July 11

TRUMAN: August 8

Coloring for Fun and Relaxation

June 14, July 12, August 9, 7-8 p.m.

This repeat program is back by popular demand! Enjoy conversation or get lost in the designs and let your mind wander. All supplies provided. Drop-in.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.

June 14, July 12, August 9

Second Tuesdays are gather nights for local amateur investors to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

ONE AUTHOR ONE COMMUNITY

Fans of the long-running Big Read will want to stay tuned this fall for "One Author, One Community" featuring a visit from Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout. *Booklist* editor Rebecca Vnuk will moderate the discussion, and refreshments will be served. The free event will be held at Ashton Place in Willowbrook on September 24 at 10 a.m. After the talk Elizabeth Strout will be available for a brief Q&A and to sign copies of her latest novel, *My Name is Lucy Barton*. Registration information will be forthcoming.



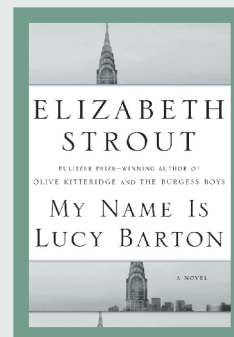
Elizabeth Strout

Book Discussion Group

My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

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

In conjunction with the One Author, One Community event on September 24, the Thomas Ford Library Book Discussion Group will meet in September to discuss Elizabeth Strout's latest novel, *My Name Is Lucy Barton*. As this story opens, Lucy Barton is remembering the days many years ago when her estranged mother traveled a great distance to visit her in the hospital. Their conversation, tentative and only obliquely referring to the poverty and fear that surrounded Lucy's childhood, is interspersed with Lucy's memories and reflections on her later life as a writer and mother. *Booklist* calls this "a compact novel brimming with insight and emotion."



Tree of Life Suncatchers

Tuesday, June 21, 7-8 p.m.

Using glass beads and wire, craft a colorful suncatcher to brighten your space.

Farm to Kitchen to Table: Making the Most of Summer's Bounty

Thursday, June 23, 7-8 p.m.

The French Market is bursting with the fruits of the season, it's too hot to cook, and your neighbor has offered you a bushel of zucchini. What now?! Join Registered Dietitian Dana Strohmaier for a lively conversation and cooking demonstration to jumpstart your summer meal planning.

Chicago Improv: The Collage

Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m.

Laugh out loud with us this summer when Chicago Improv Productions brings their fast-paced freeform improv show to the Library. The Collage players will use their medley of improv styles to fuse together seemingly unrelated scenes with side-splitting results.

Self-Publishing 101

Monday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Do you want to self-publish a novel, memoir, or collection of short stories but have no idea where to start? Have you published before, but want to update your knowledge? Publishing consultant Kim Bookless knows just what you need to bring your latest project to life. Learn more about what steps to take before you self-publish. Kim is the founder of the Chicago Self-Publishing Group, and current president of Chicago Women in Publishing.

The Science Fiction Book Club *Leviathan Wakes*

by James S.A. Corey

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

A *New York Times* bestseller, nominated for the Hugo and Locus awards. Centuries after migrating into space, mankind is in turmoil. When a reluctant ship's captain and washed-up detective get involved in the case of a missing girl, what they discover brings our solar system to the brink of civil war, and exposes humanity's greatest conspiracy.

News from our Neighbors

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Famous Recipes from Boxes, Labels & Magazines

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30-8 p.m.

From five minute fudge to pumpkin pie, many classic desserts in this country have come from popular magazines, boxes and labels. Enjoy a few treats while revisiting both famous and infamous recipes in this humorous culinary time machine. To register call the La Grange Public Library at 708.215.3200.

YOUTH

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted and begins on Wednesday, June 1. 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.

READ FOR THE WIN!

This summer the Youth Services department invites all young readers birth through 6th grade to participate in the Summer Reading Club. This summer's theme is "Read for the Win!" We've lined up fascinating programs, crafts and storytimes that reflect the theme. It begins June 6 and ends August 5.

Registration for the Summer Reading Club, "Read for the Win!" begins Monday, June 6 and can be done online or in person. Join the reading club and earn prizes for meeting reading goals this summer!

Beginning Monday, June 13, goal prize distribution begins and your child can participate in daily and weekly activities at the Library.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF *with Matt Wilhelm*

Thursday, June 2, 7-7:45 p.m.

Venue: McClure Junior High Gym,
4225 Wolf Road

Families welcome; no registration

Matt Wilhelm will perform the amazing BMX bike tricks that earned him national championships and X-Games medals. He also was a semi-finalist on *America's Got Talent* and winner of the *America's Got Talent* YouTube competition. Matt will share his story of overcoming obstacles on the road to success. Thank you to the Western Springs Library Friends for sponsoring this event.



R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library
Tuesdays, June 14, July 12 and August 9
7-8 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program because it's pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot in person or by phone starting June 1.

French Market Storytimes

Thursdays, June 9, 23, July 7, 21

3:30-4 p.m. All ages; no registration

Visit us at the French Market for a special outdoor storytime!

Family Storytime & Yoga

Thursdays, June 16 and July 14

6:45-7:30 p.m.

With Liz Skrodzki, teacher and yoga enthusiast, we'll practice storybook yoga using some of the best-loved books of all time. Best suited to ages 3+.

READ FOR THE WIN! FINALE *with the Illinois Juggling Institute*

Friday, August 5, 7-8p.m.

Venue: Grand Avenue Community Center,
4211 Grand Avenue

Mike Vondruska will be entertaining everyone with his interactive comedy mixed with cool juggling and crazy one-wheel cycling. Mike will also get everyone in on the act as he teaches "juggling skills" to all who attend using colorful slow-moving scarves. He calls them "training wheels" for juggling. Come and join in on all the fun! Thank you to the Western Springs Library Friends for sponsoring this event.



The "Spoon Man" Comedy Show

Friday, June 24, 3-3:45 p.m.

Families welcome

The "Spoon Man" is a published author who offers a hilarious interactive comedy program for all ages. He gives a real stirring performance. Everyone will really eat him up. No bibs required. The "Spoon Man" has a totally clean act. He never uses dirty silverware. The "Spoon Man" will leave a lasting impression after playing on you (literally). It's a spoonful of family fun.

Math and Science—For the Win!

Tuesdays, June 21, 28, July 5, 26 and

August 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 3-5

Join us as we explore the math and science behind some of your favorite games and sports. Could you slam dunk on the moon? Is there a way to always win at tic tac toe? How can Sir Isaac Newton help you hit and throw a baseball farther? And how does Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity help you get to the soccer field on time? These and other mysteries of the gaming universe will all be revealed in Math and Science...for the Win!

Tuesday Family Movies

Chill out and watch a movie at the library. An adult must accompany children under 8. Drop-in event; no registration required.

The Good Dinosaur (PG)

June 21, 2-3:40 p.m.

The Peanuts Movie (G)

July 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

SUMMER Storytimes

June 13–July 29

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, June 13, 27, July 11, 25

Tuesdays, June 14, 28, July 12, 26 or

Fridays, June 17, July 1, 15, 29

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.

Junior Lego League

Wednesdays, June 22 and July 20

11 a.m.-12p.m. Grades K-3

Build with our Legos and participate in a Library showcase this summer. Everyone is a Lego Champion here, so we'll also be making gold medal nametags to put with our creations while we display them for everyone to see! Drop-in event; no registration required.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, June 15, 29, July 13, 27,
10-10:30 a.m. or

Thursdays, June 16, 30 July 14, 28,
10-10:30 a.m. or

Thursdays, June 16, 30 July 14, 28,
11-11:30 a.m.

2-3.5 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, June 13, 27, July 11, 25,

1:30-2 p.m. or

Wednesdays, June 15, 29 July 13, 27,
11-11:30 a.m.

3.5-5 years

Hear stories and sing songs that relate to the weekly theme, and have fun with your friends at the same time! Children attend this storytime by themselves, with an adult outside the storytime room.

Zumba

Wednesday, July 6, 2-2:45 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Join us for the ultimate high-energy dance party packed with kid-friendly music, routines, and activities. Designed specifically for kids, we will explore healthy, active lifestyle choices while boosting metabolism. Zumba Kids creates an environment of excitement around being healthy and active.

The SENSATIONAL SCIENCE SHOW

Tuesday, July 19

1:30-2:15 p.m.

Grades K-3

Parents welcome

The aim of Steve Belliveau's show is to inspire students to get involved in science using dramatic demonstration, easy to use equipment, humor, music, and audience participation. *The Sensational Science Show* will also involve the science of sports with several sports related experiments. Get ready to have a blast! Thank you to the Western Springs Library Friends for sponsoring this event.

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



CONNECT CREATE READ For The Win!

Entering grades 6-12
June 6-August 5

This summer, you have three ways to win, two ways to play, and one amazing summer ahead. Earn raffle tickets for reading, connecting with ideas and people, or exercising your creativity! Pick up a game board in the Library or play online at fordlibrary.org/teens. Raffle prizes include a 3-Doodler, Anderson's gift card, movie tickets, food cards, and more! The first 50 teens to complete a category earn a free Chipotle meal. More details online.

Thomas Ford Teens Give Back

Monday, June 6th-July 8th

Help our teens share their love of reading with kids and teens in need. We're raising money to fund new books for the teens and tots at Lurie Children's Hospital, with the help of Anderson's Bookshop in LaGrange. Stop by our Teen Board's baked goods and buttons table while you're signing up for summer reading and buy a sweet treat or a button, or drop your donation at the Library and pick up a button through July 8th.

Career Speed Dating

Saturday, June 18th, 9:30-11 a.m.

Teens and young adults are invited to join us for a continental breakfast and a relaxed "speed dating" career event to meet and chat with local professionals from a variety of fields. Hosted by the Thomas Ford Memorial Library Teen Board. Professionals interested in sharing their career passion may contact Heather@fordlibrary.org to participate.

Mini Fridge Gourmet: Eating Well Away from Home

Thursday, July 21, 7-8 p.m.

Heading off to college or setting up housekeeping on your own this fall? Ready to take on more cooking responsibility at home? You can do better than ramen and takeout! Learn techniques that will serve you well in the kitchen for years to come at this hands-on workshop designed to boost your confidence and knowledge and taught by a Registered Dietitian. Bring a cutting board, kitchen towel, and sharp knife. Registration required.

Next Chapter Book Club

**Thursdays, June 16, 30, July 14, 28
10-11 a.m.**

NCBC is a community-based reading program for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It values socialization, community, and reading in equal parts. This summer, our club will meet for the first time and decide as a group how we want to spend our reading time. Students aged 14 to 22 with disabilities and their friends are encouraged to join. Snacks will be served! Contact Heather@fordlibrary.org for more information. Registration required.

Project Empathy

Entering grades 9-12

Outernet's Project Empathy is a global service learning project in knowledge sharing. This summer, participants will collaborate on filling a Raspberry Pi computer with educational content, specifically tailored to the needs of a school in Africa. Dates vary. Contact heather@fordlibrary.org for more details.

LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY AFTER HOURS—CAN YOU ESCAPE?

June 21, 8:30 check-in, last group begins at 9:45

You're studying for the big test, the library gets quiet, and suddenly you realize you've been locked in! Solve the puzzles to find the keys and unlock the door before you're caught by the ghost of Thomas Ford. Sign up in teams of up to four or get matched on site. Registration deadline June 14th. Minimum 8, Max 20.



TWEEN SPACE

New stuff for the
not-quite-teens!

Grades 4-8

STEAM Club: Summer Gaming

Alternating Wednesdays, June 15, 29,
July 13, 27, 4-5 p.m.

Gaming and friends go together like summer and sunshine. Bring your own device to play Minecraft and your other favorite game apps with your friends or go old-school with board games. We will also have learn-to-code programs available on laptops for those who want to practice their coding skills. Oh... and summer snacks!

Library Links: Mini-golf

Friday, July 15, 2-4 p.m.

Mini-golf inside the Library?! Yes! Come help us design—and play—a mini-golf course with boxes, Lego bricks, bookends, wrapping paper tubes, old books. If you have a putter, please bring it.



Copies of *Roller Girl*
can be picked up at the
Circulation Desk.

You REALLY should read _____!

All summer

You might read a lot or a little. However much you read, your friends need book suggestions from you! When you read a book and think your friends would like it too, come to the Youth Services desk and grab a sticky note to write down why you recommend it. We'll share your recommendations in a special display just for middle grade kids.

ROLLER GIRL(S)

Thursday, July 7, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Roll on over to our book club kickoff event! *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson is a fantastic graphic novel about a twelve-year-old who goes to roller derby summer camp, leaving her best friend behind. Whether you've read the book or not, tween girls and guys will love this program. Meet some real roller derby ladies who play on local adult and junior league teams, see their uniforms, ask them questions and even design your own roller derby persona!

The Ford Member Connection

"The Ford Member Connection" is a new feature that spotlights a Library member in every issue. Please let us know whom you'd like to read about.

Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart is both a Library member and a Library resource: His 2011 book, *A Watered Garden: Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology*—written in part in the Library's Quiet Reading Room—was published by Augsburg Fortress.

Tell us about yourself. I've lived in Western Springs for eight years with my wife Beth, a nurse manager and doctoral candidate. We have two sons, Forrest, studying at Luther College in Iowa, and Justin, a first year student at LTHS. After receiving my PhD at Emory, I came to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, in Hyde Park, where I'm a professor of worship.

What do worship and ecology have to do with each other? They both try to

appreciate how literally everything is interconnected. They're interested in what makes for abundant life, and they help put mortality in perspective. When done wisely, both fill us with wonder just for being alive on this planet.

You're currently writing on ecotheology and natural burial practices; what are they and what do they have to do with the average WS resident? It's a return to earth-to-earth practices: no toxic embalming, being buried in a simple pine box or a shroud, often in a place like a nature preserve. In the face of death, it's a powerful way to nurture life and beauty. With some planning, anybody can do this. Books by Mark Harris and Suzanne Kelly are good places to start.

Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart

In the Library's copy of A Watered Garden you wrote, "With gratitude to my friends at Thomas Ford, and for the friendly fireplace in the reading room." It looks like you found the Library a good place to work. I love how much quiet thinking happens in that room. It's an example of what I tell my students: make time to write, but also set aside a good place. Thomas Ford is one of those good places for me.



Dr. Stewart working in our Reading Room. His book can be found in our stacks: 248.3 STE.

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