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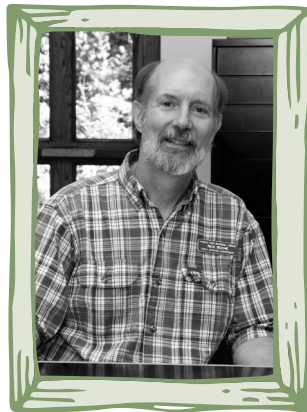
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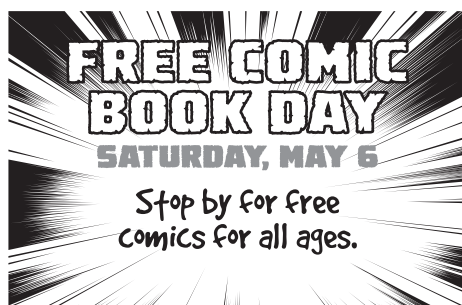
The Retirement of Rick Roche

This March, Thomas Ford Memorial Library bids farewell to Western Springs' favorite reference librarian, Rick Roche. Rick will be retiring after 24 years at Thomas Ford, 15 of them leading our Adult Services Department.

In that time Rick has helped guide the Library through changes and innovations while always maintaining a strong emphasis on service to the community. He has developed and hosted some of our most popular events—

including *Friday at the Ford* and *Evening at the Opera*—published two books about biographies, and become an invaluable resource for Western Springs. When asked about his accomplishments Rick is characteristically humble: "Nothing is done alone here at Thomas Ford. I feel most proud of hiring a parade of young and enthusiastic public service librarians who helped us modernize in an increasingly digital world."

We will all miss Rick's presence at our Reference Desk, his warmth and his passion for his work, but can take heart that his well-earned retirement will be put to good use. "I plan to spend most days as if I am on vacation," Rick says, "traveling, bird watching, gardening, reading books, and visiting family and lifelong friends." A guest book will be available in which community members can share written farewell messages and memories with Rick.



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Check out our profile of Congressman and Western Springs resident Dan Lipinski.

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

FRIDAY at the FORD

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

Lee Murdock

Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Lee Murdoch returns to Friday at the Ford with songs about the Great Lakes and other maritime places.



Lee Murdock

The Jolly Boys

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

The Jolly Boys, a men's chorus that has been singing for 70 years, will present a concert of great American songs.

Photographs of Persepolis: Their Past, Present and Future

Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Curator Kiersten Neumann explores photographs from the Oriental Institute's new exhibition "Persepolis: Images of an Empire." These fascinating photos are both an archaeological record and an artistic vision of the ruins of the Persian empire.

DIY Gel Air Fresheners

Tuesday March 21, 7 p.m.

Create a signature scent for your home with this simple craft that can be easily replicated at home. Bring a small jar (around 4oz) with a lid or use one of ours.

Author Talk with Kathryn Atwood

Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m.

Local author Kathryn Atwood returns to discuss her new book, *Women Heroes of World War II:*

The Pacific Theater. Atwood's presentation on these brave women will be followed by audience Q&A. This Women's History Month event is perfect for both teens and adults!

Fermilab's 50th Anniversary

Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Fermilab, America's particle physics and accelerator laboratory, was founded 50 years ago to study the fundamentals of matter, energy, space, and time. This Kennedy History Lecture will give an overview of the lab's origins, its history, and its scientific accomplishments.

Magic in the Library with Jeanette Andrews

Friday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the magic of libraries during National Library Week at this after-hours show featuring Chicago artist and magician Jeanette Andrews. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and refreshments will be available.

Cookie Decorating

Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Come join us for a fun night of sugar cookie decorating with cookie and cupcake baker Patrice Aguirre. You'll learn some new cookie decorating skills, tips, and tricks to impress family and friends. All the fun is hands-on, so bring an apron! Limited to 20.

Hamilton's Women

Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Meet the real women in Alexander Hamilton's life: his wife, Elizabeth Schuyler and two of her witty, charming sisters, Angelica and Peggy. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., brings these smart, beautiful women to life as they discuss their complicated relationships with Hamilton.

The Essential Great Chicago Fire

Monday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Storyteller William Pack weaves together technical details of the Great Chicago Fire with vivid firsthand accounts in this multi-media storytelling event that continues our Kennedy History Lecture Series.



Lincoln as Storyteller

Monday, May 15, 7 p.m.

In this Kennedy History Lecture, actor Kevin Wood portrays Abraham Lincoln as he shares some of his favorite stories, anecdotes, and jokes. Stick around to get your photo taken with Mr. Lincoln!

Appliqué Tea Towels

Thursday May 18, 7 p.m.

Brighten up your kitchen with a fresh tea towel or two this spring. We will use a simple heat bond appliqué technique, so even if your sewing skills are limited this will be a fun and rewarding project. Please bring an iron and a bath towel.

The Art of Paul Gauguin

Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

In 2017, Chicago hosts a special traveling exhibition of artwork by Paul Gauguin. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Gauguin's transition from a collector of Impressionism to one of history's most influential artists.

LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY

Friday, April 28

Teens: 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30 p.m.

Adults: 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30 p.m.

Our popular escape rooms are back for more puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork in the darkened library. Teams of four will work together to find clues, solve puzzles, and escape the Library before time runs out. Register yourself or your entire team for the time slot you want, then be here at the Library 10 minutes ahead of time.

An Evening at the Opera

Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m.
First Congregational Church
1106 Chestnut Street
No registration required

An Evening at the Opera has consistently been the Library's biggest program of the year! For the 21st annual concert, Western Springs' mezzo-soprano Janet Mensen Reynolds and her chorus friends will preview the Lyric Opera's 2017-2018 season by singing famous arias, duets, and other pieces. It is a full evening of song.

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. There will be one intermission and refreshments will be served after the concert.

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.

Dark Horse

Friday, March 10, 7 p.m.

An inspirational true story of a group of friends from a working men's club who decide to take on the elite 'sport of kings' and breed themselves a racehorse.

Coming Home

Friday, March 24, 7 p.m.

Lu and Feng are a devoted couple forced to separate when Lu is arrested and sent to a labor camp as a political prisoner during China's Cultural Revolution. He finally returns home only to find that his beloved wife no longer remembers him.

Jackie

Friday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy fights through grief and trauma to regain her faith, console her children, and define her husband's historic legacy in this Oscar-nominated film starring Natalie Portman.

The Eagle Huntress

Friday, May 5, 7 p.m.

The Eagle Huntress follows Aisholpan, a 13-year-old girl, as she trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle hunter.

Hidden Figures

Friday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Based on a true story. A team of African-American women provide NASA with important mathematical data needed to launch the program's first successful space missions.

Book Discussion Group

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.

Empty Mansions

by Bill Dedman

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

Ms. Huguette Clark was an eccentric, reclusive heiress who collected numerous houses that no one lived in. Dedman tells the fascinating story of how her father made his mining fortune in the 19th century and how his youngest daughter satisfied her every whim with her inheritance until her death in 2011.

When Breath Becomes Air

by Paul Kalanithi

Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing his training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. What makes life worth living in the face of death? Kalanithi, who died in 2015, wrestles with this and other questions in this moving, exquisitely observed memoir.

YOUTH

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted and begins on Tuesday, March 7. Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246 - 0520. First preference will be given to our Western Springs residents.

Book to Art Club

Tuesdays, March 21 & April 4
4:30-5:15 p.m. Grades 1-3.

March 21: We'll read together and discuss *A Nest is Noisy* by Dianna Hutts Aston then create nesting balls for our feathered friends.

April 4: We'll read and discuss *Pop! A Book about Bubbles* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley then experiment and create our own bubble paintings.

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

Tuesdays, March 14, April 11
and May 9, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning 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! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Sign up for one 15-minute time slot in person or by phone.

Enchanted Engineering

Thursday, April 6, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

We know Belle from *Beauty and the Beast* loves to read, but did you know she also enjoys inventing? Join us as we tinker and solve engineering challenges fit for any inventor!

Storyville

Saturday, April 8, 2-2:45 p.m.

Families welcome

Everyone in Storyville has a tale to tell. The problem is, they all want to talk at the same time! Audiences will enjoy seeing familiar characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes on stage asking for crowd participation. We are glad to welcome back the Children's Theatre of Western Springs to present this fantastic one-act play!

Junior LEGO League

Saturday, April 1, 1-2 p.m.

Grades K-3

Build with our Legos and participate in a special Saturday edition of our LEGO League. Once you've finished your sculpture, it will be on display in the Youth Services Department for all to see! Drop-in event; no registration required.

"Sing, Sing a Song"



with Laura Doherty

Wednesday, April 12,
4:30-5:20 p.m.

Families welcome

Laura Doherty acoustically rocks your kid's world with breezy folk-pop tunes from her three Parent's Choice award-winning CDs, which features her adorable puppet friends. This upbeat, interactive concert will have kids dancing and clapping along to Laura's original catchy tunes!



Mini Golf at the Library? Yes!

SUNDAY, MARCH 19. FAMILIES WELCOME

15 MINUTE TIME SLOTS: 11:15, 11:30, 11:45 A.M., 12 OR 12:15 P.M.

Sign up in groups of up to 6 people to play mini golf before the Library opens. The night before, our tweens will create the course (all over the Library!) and they'll leave their putting obstacles in place for you to play. This program is made possible through a generous patron donation.

SPRING STORYTIMES

MARCH 20--APRIL 28

Storytime Pals

Mondays or Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. Ages 3.5-5 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. Children attend this storytime without their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 16, April 20, 6:45-7:30 p.m. Ages 2 yrs. and up

March 16: Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Make the best of the blustery spring days by joining us as we read stories just right for flying a kite! We'll exercise our windpipes with songs and wind-up with a kite craft too!

April 20: Have You Ever Wondered?

Is it a bird or a plane? A drinking straw or a worm? A flower or a dancer? Use your imagination by exploring shapes, squiggles and blobs with stories, songs and an Ashley Bryan-inspired craft.

May 25: Ready, Set, Parade!

As summer approaches, that can only mean one thing: PARADE SEASON!! We'll prepare for these festive, fun celebrations with books, songs and crafts.

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp and Toddler Time work best if there is one child to one adult. Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered. If you cannot attend all of the dates in one session, let us know. We will put your name on the waiting list for open spots.

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

**Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m.
3 - 23 months w/adult**

It's never too early to help your baby grow up to love books and language! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this "lap-sit" program.

Toddler Time

**Wednesdays or Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.,
OR Thursdays, 11 - 11:30 a.m. Ages 2-3.5 years w/adult**
Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes which help in building the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Toddlers love to wander and listen during our time together.

Reel Reads: Matilda

Thursday, April 13, 6-8 p.m. All Ages

After reading a chapter of the Roald Dahl classic, *Matilda*, we'll pop popcorn and watch the 1996 movie adaptation. Parents can experience the magic of this story again through their children's eyes.

Mother's Day Special

Tuesday, May 2, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ages 4 yrs. and up

In honor of the special ladies in our lives we'll read *Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You* by Nancy Tillman, then create a surprise gift for Mother's Day!

Trinity Irish Dancers

Saturday, March 11, 1-2 p.m.

Families welcome

Join the Trinity Irish Dancers at our Library for a special performance and interactive lesson. For 35 years the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance has been one of the most widely recognized Irish dance programs in the world, having appeared on *Conan*, *The Today Show*, and *The Tonight Show*, to name a few.



Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.

YA FICTION SMACKDOWN

MARCH 1-31

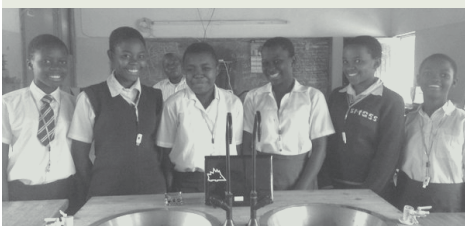
Sixteen of the best YA books are in head-to-head competition for the Thomas Ford Memorial Library's first annual YA Fiction Smackdown. Who will leave victorious? Print or pick up a bracket, fill it out, and earn a paperback book. Anyone who correctly predicts the winner will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Anderson's gift card. Open to all. See fordlibrary.org/smackdown for more information.

Teen Yoga for Stress Reduction and Relaxation

Tuesday, April 4, 7 pm.

Crunch time is fast approaching. Learn some basic yoga relaxation and breathing techniques to help you focus, relax, and sail through the end of the school year as uncrunched as possible. Hosted by Stardust Yoga of LaGrange.

Project Empathy



Project Empathy participants at St. Michael's Girls Secondary School in Malawi

Planning meeting: Sunday, March 12, 2-3 p.m. Work days: Sundays, March 19, April 21, 30, 1:30-4 p.m.

Imagine life without the Internet. How would you learn about the world? How would it impact your education? It's not just a thought exercise. It's a reality for millions of students around the world. Join the Teen Board in selecting and sharing web content with students in Africa and help pave the way for this exciting new project. We'll have an informational meeting, followed by a workday filled with opportunities for collaborative work and snacks!

Summer Volunteer Training

Tuesday May 30, 4-5 p.m.

Thursday June 1, 7-8 p.m.

Saturday June 3, 10-11 a.m.

Spread some library love this summer by becoming a Summer Reading Volunteer! Have fun, earn volunteer service hours, and become a vital part of the Library. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade. Applications are available after May 1st at <http://fordlibrary.org/teens> or in the Library. One training session is mandatory for all volunteers.

Exam Cram

Afternoons

Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31

Finish strong this semester! Exam cram offers snacks, quiet and group study space for high school students. Drop in; no registration required.

GRAFFITI ART

Friday, March 17, 5-7 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Experiment with a large-scale art technique that puts you in the image and hear about the vibrant culture behind street art with art instructor Heather Kostal from No Corner Suns. This after-hours program is open to teens in 8th-12th grade.

TWEEN SPACE

Grades 4-8

Library Links: Mini Golf

Saturday, March 18, 4:45-7 p.m.

Did you miss our mini-golf program last summer? Thanks to a generous donation we are hosting a bigger and better mini-golf event! Come help us design and play a mini-golf course with boxes, Duplo bricks, bookends, wrapping paper tubes, old books, and more. This time we'll build all over the Library and the next day our younger friends can come play! If you have a putter, please bring it. Pizza will be served.

TFL Squad

Mondays, April 24, and May 22

4-5 p.m. (No March meeting)

TFL Squad is our club for kids grades 4-8 who love all things library. It's an all-in-one book club, craft club, and a way to share ideas about library programs and topics! *April: Decorate a notebook or journal. May: Bookface photos!*

STEAM Club: STEAM Grab Bag

Wednesdays, April 12, 26,

and May 10, 24, 4-5 p.m.

In a break from our usual practice of a theme that covers four meetings, this spring's series will be a chance to spend time with whatever activities you like most. Join us for an assortment of science, technology, engineering, art and math activities at each meeting.

MORSE CODE BRACELETS

Tuesday, April 11, 4-5 p.m.

Get crafty with your friends after school and make a Morse Code bracelet or keychain to wear on Morse Code Day, April 27th! We'll show you how to code a short phrase or name with beads. All materials provided.

The Ford Member Connection

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

How long have you and your wife, Judy, lived in Western Springs? Judy and I have lived in Western Springs for almost 13 years. My sister and her family had moved here and enjoyed the warmth of the people in the community and all that Western Springs has to offer. That's what we were looking for and we love living here in Springdale.

You and Judy are runners; please share your thoughts on running and physical fitness in general. Running is a great stress reliever and is an exercise that I can shoehorn into my schedule. Judy and I have our usual routes and I'm always amazed at how many people recognize us when we're running. This area is wonderful for running and we always look forward to the Tower Trot. Keeping fit is helpful for everyone's physical and mental health, but as a diabetic it is especially important for me.

You taught American Government at the college level and are a trained engineer; what led you into politics? Since I was very young I was taught at home, in school, and at church that I should use my talents to make a positive difference in the world. My first activism was when I was 11 years old;

Congressman Dan Lipinski

my friend John and I collected signatures on a petition we created that asked the Japanese government to stop their tuna fishermen from killing dolphins. Jumping forward ten plus years, I felt a calling to take my two engineering degrees and move into the field of education. I figured I should go into the area that interested me the most and that was American politics. After getting my Ph.D. in political science and teaching as an assistant professor for a few years, I still felt I could do more. When my father retired from Congress, I decided to run.

When you visit the Thomas Ford Memorial Library, what kinds of books are you likely to check out? My love for learning – which helped inspire me to go into teaching – is why I love libraries and all that they have to offer. I mostly check out non-fiction books, although I keep telling myself I should read more fiction. Judy is in a book club so she often uses the library to get those books. We also like to check out movies. Judy and I don't go out to movies that often; we prefer to watch them at home while we eat dinner and relax. As a former college professor, I hate to say this, but I don't read many



Congressman Dan Lipinski serves the 3rd District of Illinois, lives in the Springdale section of Western Springs, and loves libraries.

books cover-to-cover anymore. I read a tremendous amount but it is mostly shorter pieces.

Can you comment on the importance of public libraries in Illinois? I have always loved to read and libraries are providing expanded access for everyone. The interlibrary loan system and eBooks are two great ways that this is being accomplished. I appreciate what is done for members at Thomas Ford and all libraries, especially as technology changes and expectations increase. I know it isn't easy.

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY'S NEW MEETING ROOM!

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation sponsored this collaborative, media-capable work space; it has a large screen display, table top power supply, and comfortable seating for 6-8. Use it for business meetings—as demonstrated here—classwork, book clubs, or whatever meets your needs.



Join a Group

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, 1 p.m.
March 2, 16, 20; April 13, 27; and May 11, 25
Join our knitting circle for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments. No registration required.

Western Springs Writers Society

Thursdays and Mondays,
7 p.m. March 9, 27; April 13, 24; and May 11, 22
Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers Society welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.
March 14, April 11, and May 9
Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

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Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed on
Sunday, April 16 for Easter and
Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

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PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES

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

Rain Gardens for Water Management

Monday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation will talk about how rain gardens and rain barrels reduce water issues in your yard, and explain how to have your yard certified as an environmentally friendly landscape. Attendees will also receive a free guide to native plants.

Herb Gardening

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Throughout history herbs have been used as flavorings, medicines, decorations, scents, and protective garden plants. Master Gardener Lorey Ford will teach us about herb gardening, whether we want to cook and craft with herbs, or just enjoy them as fine fragrant flora.

Tropical Twist: A Different Look

Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m.

Wouldn't it be nice to make your garden really different? Try a tropical twist! Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla, owner of "Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services," will explore the use of tropical and tropical-looking plants that can give your yard a new look.

From the Friends

March is Friends Membership Drive Month! Registration forms can be dropped off at the Circulation Desk or mailed to the Library. Forms are also available in-Library and online. All dues and proceeds from book sales are used to fund Library programs and extras. If you love Library programs, please support the Friends.

Spring Book Sale

Friday, April 21
6-8 p.m. members only
Saturday, April 22
8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday, April 23
11 a.m.-1 p.m. bag sale

Friends Membership Application/Renewal

Please Circle:

Name: _____

Individual\$15

Address: _____

Family.....\$35

Patron.....\$50

City: _____ St: ____ Zip: _____

Benefactor.....\$100

Email: _____

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Phone: _____

Special Gift\$

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I/We would like to help with one of the book sales, fall or spring _____

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