

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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FALL 2017

Pub Grivia Night

2nd Guesday of the month



September 12, October 10, November 14 7:30 p.m.

Pub trivia night returns as a new monthly event! Grab a bite to eat while your team competes against other local trivia buffs for fun prizes and the glory of first place.

No registration required. This event will be held at:

Salerno's Pizzeria and R Bar at 821 Burlington Avenue

LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY

Friday, October 13

Appointments available 5-8:30 p.m. For Adults and Teens

Our popular escape rooms are back on Friday the 13th for more puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork in the darkened library! Teams will work together to escape the library before time runs out. Sign up for a time slot by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk.

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

Intro to Guitar

Monday, September 11, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of the acoustic guitar from the ground level with your friends from Uncle Jon's Music. This course is ideal for those who have always wanted to play but don't know where to start. Guitars will be provided to use, but if you own a guitar we encourage you to bring it.

Garden Appetizers

Monday, September 18, 7 p.m.

Chef Cherise will share garden fresh appetizers with you that are easy to prepare and delicious to eat. Tasty bites and recipes will be shared: Grilled Corn Crostini, Strawberry Cilantro Salsa and Chips, and Zucchini Thyme Bruschetta.

Remodeling 101

Monday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Larry Rych and Stephanie Bullwinkel of Imperial Kitchens and Baths, Inc., will teach you what to look for in a contractor, how to assess a budget for your project, and how to design a space. They will also touch on Universal Design.

Wine Cork Succulent Magnets

Tuesday, September 26, 7-8:30 p.m. We will be using recycled wine corks and faux succulents to create decorative magnets that will add a fun touch to your fridge. All materials provided.

Using the Library from Home: Digital Books, Music, Movies, and **Magazines**

Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m.

The Library's digital services give you access to books, magazines, movies, and music—all from your mobile device or home computer! Learn how to get started with Adult Services Librarian Rachel Hoover. Bring your library card, device, and any questions.

Autumn Leaf Print Tote Bags

Tuesday, October 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Add some colorful leaf prints to a tote bag to create an eye-catching accessory. Bring your own leaves to work with, or use some of ours! All materials provided.

Frank Lloyd Wright at 150: **An Architectural Legacy**

Wednesday, October 25, 7-8:30 p.m. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Wright's birth. Art historian Jeff Mishur will present about Wright himself and his architecture in the Midwest and elsewhere.

NaNoWriMo Write-In

Wednesdays, November 1, 15, 29 6-9 p.m.

Join fellow writers during National Novel Writing Month for write-ins at the Library! We'll provide space for you to talk and write, and snacks to keep you fueled. No registration required.





FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:30 P.M.

decade, released four full-length albums,

Winter Card Making

Thursday, November 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Local craft instructor Karina Guico will be showing us how to use layering techniques, stamps, paper punches, and other fun embellishments to create fun and unique greeting cards perfect for the holiday season! All materials provided.

PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES

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

Perennials for the Chicago Garden

Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m. From natives to exotics, Chicago gardeners have abundant choices in perennials. Chicagoland Gardening editor Carolyn Ulrich will share slides taken in her Chicago garden and throughout the region.

Wolf Road Prairie: Plants, History, and Conservation

Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m.

Learn about the native plants in local Wolf Road Prairie, some history of how the prairies were formed, and why conservation is so important to these unique ecosystems.

Fresh Autumn Centerpieces

Wednesday, November 8, 7 p.m.

Create a fresh autumn centerpiece with Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens. We'll use assorted fall flowers, leaves, candles, and gourds to create eye-catching arrangements. All materials provided, but please bring small garden pruners or shears. This program requires a \$20 materials fee.

JOIN A GROUP

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: September 14, 28, October 12, 26, November 16, 1 p.m. Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Photography Club

Sunday, September 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Open to beginners through professionals. Let's come together to discuss how to capture the charm of our community. Mobile phone photography and digital/film cameras are welcome! Weather permitting, we will be taking a short photography walk. Questions? Please contact Stacey Deakins at stacey@relishthisjourney.com.

Western Springs Writers Society

Thursdays & Mondays: September 14, 25, October 12, 30, November 9, 27, 7 p.m. 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.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: September 12, October 10, November 14, 7:15 p.m.

Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

hours film discussions. No registration necessary.

Friday, September 8, 7 p.m.
The story of Richard and Mildred
Loving, a couple whose arrest for
interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia
began a legal battle that would end
with the Supreme Court's historic 1967

The Red Turtle (2016)

A man is shipwrecked on a deserted island and encounters a red turtle, which changes his life.

Gleason (2016)

Loving (2016)

Friday, October 6, 7 p.m. After he is diagnosed with ALS, former professional football player Steve Gleason begins making a video diary for his unborn son as his disease progresses.

Land of Mine (2015)

Friday, November 3, 7 p.m.
In post-World War II Denmark, a group of young German POWs are forced to clear a beach of thousands of land mines under the watch of a Danish Sergeant who slowly learns to appreciate their plight.

Our Little Sister (2015)

Friday, November 17, 7 p.m.
After their father dies, three sisters
living in Kamakura, Japan meet their
teenage half-sister for the first time and
invite her to live with them.

Better Together: Adult and Kids Art Night

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5-10 & one adult

In this process art program, parents and children will work together using oil pastels to draw and blend on paper. The finished product will be a work of art worthy of any wall! Materials will be provided. *Registration begins September 5*.

Book — Book — Discussion Group

H Is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m. Upon the death of her father, Macdonald, an experienced falconer, retreated from the world and decided to raise a difficult-to-train goshawk. This is a fascinating nature book, as well as a memoir about grief and solitude, wildness and humanity, class and gender, coping and healing.

Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue

Wednesday, November 1, 7:30 p.m. A family from Cameroon arrives in New York to pursue the American dream, just before the bottom falls out of the economy. This vivid portrayal of an immigrant family follows their fate and that of their wealthy employers as they struggle with the fallout.

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. In post-Civil War Texas, an itinerant news reader is asked to take a 10-year-old German girl, who was kidnapped by Kiowa Indians four years before, back to her only living relatives. The girl is feisty and stubborn, but the old veteran and the girl form a bond over the course of their weeks-long arduous and eventful journey.

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.

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted and begins on Tuesday, September 5.

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.

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School's back in session but the adventures continue at the Library! Stop by Youth Services any day during September and complete the Back to School Scavenger Hunt for a fun prize!



Art of Inflation

Wednesday, September 20 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Families Welcome

Come see Magical Balloon-dude Dale for an all-ages show that blends comedy, audience participation, balloon twisting, and a dash of silliness with upbeat music.



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

Tuesdays, September 12, October 10, November 14, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to trained dogs 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. Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program makes this possible every month.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, September 15: Drop-off 3-5 p.m. Saturday, September 16: Pick-up 10-11 a.m.

Your favorite stuffed animal is invited to a sleepover at the Library! On Friday you drop off your stuffed animal. On Saturday morning, we'll reunite with our furry friends by singing songs, reading a story, and watching a slideshow of all the fun adventures they had!

Book-to-Art Club

Tuesdays, September 12, October 3, November 14, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

September 12: What's that I see? The book Shadow by Suzy Lee! We'll read the book, then experiment with light and shadows. October 3: It's SOCK-tober! Wear your wackiest socks as we read The Sock Thief by Ana Crespo. We'll craft our own sock puppet theaters (all materials provided). *November 14:* It's no wonder we'll be making kindness jars and our own mini books after reading and discussing We're All Wonders by R. J. Palacio!

Reel Reads

Thursdays, September 28, October 26, November 30, 6-8 p.m.

All Ages

After reading a chapter of the book, we will pop popcorn and watch the movie together. Feel free to bring a pillow and blanket! September 28: The Great Gilly Hopkins

October 26: Alexander (and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day)

November 30: Holes

Passport Fun: India

Saturday, September 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Grades K-3

Learn fun facts, sample food, hear the language, and explore the culture of India! Hosted by the TFML Teen Board with special guest Miss Uma. If you have attended a previous Passport Fun program, bring your passport back for a new stamp!

Pumpkin Character Craft

Saturday, October 7, 1-2 p.m. Grades 1-3

Using craft supplies, creativity, and of course... pumpkins, children will create their favorite book character! Parents are welcome to join in the fun. Wear an old shirt just in case your creativity gets on you! We will display the pumpkin characters for one week in the Library, then you can pick them up to display at home for Halloween.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 21, October 19, November 16, 6:45-7:30 p.m. Best suited for ages 2 yrs. and up

Join us by the fireplace to hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft in this special evening storytime for families. Kids are welcome to dress in comfy clothes or jammies!

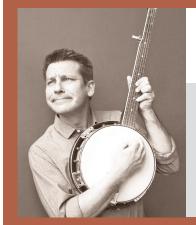
September 21: Families, Families

October 19: Sock Hop Dance Party-come dressed up or in costume! November 16: There's No Place Like Home!



Wednesday, October 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Families Welcome

While Batman is fighting crime in Gotham City, our heroic furry flying friends are fighting to save the rain forests and other eco-systems! Daniel and Sharon Peterson, along with their Egyptian Fruit Bats, have been educating people about bats for over 10 years. This live bat show will be focused on these everyday heroes and the important role they play in our world.



Jim Gill

Celebrating Families That Sing, Dance, Play, and Sneeze Together

Monday, November 13, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Families Welcome

Get ready to sing, clap, dance, and sneeze along with musician and author Jim Gill. His distinctive music play creates the spirit of a family room in the Library and is an invitation to children, parents, and grandparents to sing and play together!

Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade

Friday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Ages 3.5-5

Put on your Halloween costume and head to the Community Room for a Halloween storytime. After, we will show off our costumes and "Trick-or-Treat" in the various departments of the Library. Don't forget a container for your goodies!

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children will work together using oil pastels
to draw and blend on paper. The finished
product will be a work of art worthy of any
wall! Canvas and materials will be provided.
Call or visit us to sign up.



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

Storytime Pals

Mondays or Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. 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.

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays or 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.



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THANK YOU TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

We had a whopping 52 teen volunteers to help make the Youth Services Department's Summer Library Challenge one to remember. Whether registering children, giving out prizes, or preparing materials for a program, their efforts and time were greatly appreciated.

TEEN

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

Start Strong! Study Skills That Work

Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.

Set yourself up for success this school year by learning about the best techniques for effective note taking and studying from C2 Education.



SAT: Saturday, September 23 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ACT: Saturday, November 4 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Get comfortable with the SAT and ACT before you sit for the official tests at this free practice test event. Every student will receive a score report and complementary consultation from C2 Education.

Project Empathy

Sunday, September 24, 1-3 p.m.

Whether you participated last year or are new to the idea of service learning, join us to create a "mini Internet" on a Raspberry Pi computer for a community group in Malawi. We will set this fall's work schedule at this meeting. Contact heather@fordlibrary.org for more details.

Teen Lounge Crafternoons

Stop in at the Teen Lounge on the last Thursday of each month for some crafty fun!

September 28: Make cute and functional magnets

October 26: Celebrate Halloween during International Games Week by making your own Magic 8 Ball.

November 30: Turn an old book page into poetic art with nothing but Sharpies and your imagination.

Kick Up Your Kitchen Skills

Tuesday, November 7, 7-8 p.m. You can do the basics: mac & cheese, spaghetti and sauce, grilled cheese... now you're ready to take it to the next level. Learn how to modify the cooking techniques you already know to make more flavorful, interesting, healthful meals for your friends and family.

Teen Board

Third Mondays, September 18, October 16, November 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Looking for a volunteer activity that's flexible, fun, and focused on leadership opportunities? Join the TFML Teen Board! This student-run group plans activities, advises librarians, and sets the direction for teen services at the Library. Open to 8th grade to high school students.

Next Chapter Book Club

Alternating Wednesdays, September 6, 20, October 4, 18, November 1, 15, 29 4-5 p.m.

The Next Chapter Book Club is a community-based book club for teens and young adults with special needs and their friends. We enjoy being transported to different worlds through shared reading. This season, join us for *Lost in a Book* by Jennifer Donnelly. Copies and snacks provided.

INTRO TO ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Monday, September 11

TWEEN SPACE

Grades 4-8

STEAM Club: Build a Ferris Wheel

Fridays, September 15, 22, 29, 4-5 p.m. In this three-session program, we will research, plan, build, tweak, and decorate the most magnificent Ferris Wheels ever seen!

Cupcake Wars

Friday, October 13, 4:30-6 p.m. Make your own Iron Chef cupcake creation inspired by any book of your choosing. Have your creations judged by our professional food tasters! Email brittany@fordlibrary.org with food allergies.

STEAM Club: Making Paper Circuits

Saturdays, November 4, 11, 18 2-3:30 p.m.

Create your own artwork during this three-week session working with simple circuits made out of copper tape, LEDs, and batteries. Make flowers, a basketball player shooting threes, self portraits, and more!

TFL Squad

Mondays, September 18, October 16, 4-5 p.m.; November 6, 4-5:30 p.m. Our all-in-one book/craft/library club for tweens who love all things library!

- Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres; we will make candy tacos
- Newsprints by Ru Xiu; we will make graphic novel strips
- When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin; a Humane Society visitor will talk about how to care for your pet.

TEENS 7 P.M. TWEENS 5 P.M.

If you've always wanted to play but don't know where to start, this class is for you. Your friends from Uncle Jon's Music will go over how to hold the guitar, strum the strings, and form your first chords. Bring your own guitar or borrow one of ours!



THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESENTS

A Conversation with Carey Cranston

Inaugural President of the American Writers Museum

Sunday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

Purchase tickets for a \$10 donation at the Library

ABOUT CAREY CRANSTON Mr. Cranston took on the role of President of the American Writers Museum in September of 2016. Prior to that, Carey served for 12 years as President of Fox College, Chicago, and was a Vice President at Hill & Knowlton.

The Chicago Tribune rated the AWM the #2 museum worth visiting in the area (July 20, 2017), and Fodor's calls it the #1 new museum to visit in the U.S.

What did it take to create the American Writers Museum and what does it mean for the U.S. and Chicago? President Cranston will give a talk with time for Q&A to discuss the museum's role in Chicago and how its unique mission will work to excite the writers of tomorrow.

Seating will be limited. For information, call Ted Bodewes at 708-246-0520.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The American Writers Museum opened on May 16, 2017, after seven years of development and preparation. Through innovative exhibitions and compelling programming, the museum engages the public in celebrating American writers and exploring their influence on our history, identity, culture, and daily lives. The goal is to educate, enrich, provoke, and inspire the public.

The Washington Post calls it "...a visual space, (relying) on zippy interactive displays, a word waterfall art installation, fun play tables with catchy graphics that claim to go inside the "mind of the writer," reading rooms (one for children, another for their elders), and (using) music and film."

News from Our Neighbors

LaGrange Public Library (708) 215-3200 lagrangelibrary.org

Intro to Home Cider Making

Thursday, September 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Making hard cider at home is an entertaining and rewarding hobby that is enjoyed by thousands of people all over the world. Join us for a fun evening with award-winning home brewer, Scott Pointon, who will discuss the equipment, ingredients, brewing process, and resources available to would-be brew cider makers. Please register in advance.

Meet the Library's Board of Trustees

Seven Western Springs residents serve on the Library's Board of Trustees. Some are new faces and some have new roles: Mary Greska, President; Gary Wenstrup, Treasurer; Margaret Fahrenbach, Secretary; Abbie Deneen; Carol Foster; Patricia Pedersen; and Kathleen Thometz. Want more information? Go to fordlibrary.org, click on About Us, then Board of Trustees.

The Ford Member Connection

For most Library members, Thomas Ford is a place; for Jan Conkright, that name also means family. Jan is a great granddaughter of Thomas Albert Ford, in whose memory the Library was established in 1932. Visit our website to see what she says about her family and our 85-years-young Library.

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Western Springs Library Friends

Thanks to all our supporters who have helped our mission of sponsoring Library programs and extras. Thanks for becoming a Friends member (forms are at the Circulation Desk and on the Library website), volunteering and shopping at our bi-annual book and bake sales, donating books in the lobby bin, and purchasing books from the sale carts near Circulation.

Fall Book and Bake Sale

Friday, October 20, 6-8 p.m.

Members only (memberships can be bought at the door)

Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, October 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Special bag sale

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1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Closings

Cupcake Wars

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day and Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving.



10/13, 4 p.m.