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The Thomas Ford Memorial Library

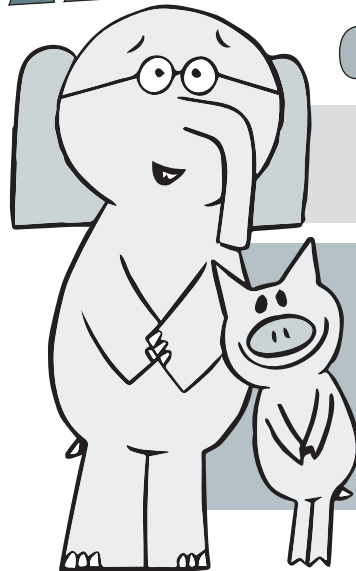


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WINTER
2017-18

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE at the Library



Saturday, December 2, 2-4 p.m.
Families welcome; drop in!

Visit the Library during the WSBA event "Western Springs Winter Wonderland 2017," and meet Elephant and Piggie created by Mo Willems! From 2:30-2:45 p.m. we will have a special storytime with Elephant and Piggie. Drop in for photo opportunities and activities.

Music by the Fire

Sunday, December 3, 2-3 p.m.

Our Teen Board and friends will perform classical and holiday musical selections for you to enjoy, along with refreshments. Drop in.



ADULT

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

It's Christmastime in the City: Chicago's Yule Time Traditions

Monday, December 4, 7 p.m.

When it comes to Christmas, Chicago has always had its own special traditions. Local historian Clarence Goodman will talk about our town's role in the Christmas tree market, the development of toys and candies, and legendary Yule music. Join us to relive some of your uniquely Chicago Christmas memories!

Pub Trivia Night

2nd Wednesday of the month

**December 13, January 10, February 14
7:30 p.m.**

**Venue: Salerno's Pizzeria and R Bar,
821 Burlington Avenue**

Join us at our monthly pub trivia night! 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.

Drop-in Adult Coloring

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring at the Library! All materials will be provided, soft music will be played, and light refreshments will be served. No registration necessary. (Adults only, please.)

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

Monday, January 22, 7 p.m.

Have a busy schedule? Need books or music while you're on the go? The Library's digital services give you free access to books, magazines, movies, music and more—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.

Cardinal in the Snow: A Painting Workshop

Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m.

A winter cardinal will be our inspiration for this painting workshop. Art instructor Christine Thornton will teach you how to draw from photo reference using pencil on watercolor paper. Then learn to paint with watercolor pencils using several different techniques. Beginners welcome!

Tea 101

Sunday, February 18, 2 p.m.

Join us for afternoon tea! In this introductory program we'll first learn about the history, geography, and different types of tea, and then have a chance to taste various teas to experience their flavors.

Creative Art Journaling

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.

Local artist Christine Struzynski will show you how to explore, express, and embrace your inner artist and find your creative voice through creative journaling. This is a fun, interactive program for both the creatively challenged and the creatively confident! All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your journal from home to work with.

Art Appreciation 101: Talking Intelligently about Works of Art

Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Are you a fan of art but uncertain how to talk about it? In this slide lecture, Jeff Mishur will discuss how to analyze how an artwork is "built" out of colors, lines, and similar visual components. He will also discuss basic design principles.



The Readers' Nook is a cozy corner of the web where we are recommending our favorite books, movies, music, and more. You can browse through lists created by our librarians, learn more about our interests and hobbies, and even directly contact librarians who share your tastes. **Head to fordlibrary.org to check it out!**

JOIN A GROUP

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

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: December 12, January 9, February 13, 7:15 p.m.

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

Photography Club

Saturday, January 20, 1:30 p.m.

Join your photography friends on a tour of the Library, including the secret passage! You won't want to miss this opportunity to capture some images of this fantastic building and maybe learn a little history along the way. Can't make this date? Send a note to stacey@relishthisjourney.com.

See the Teen section for info on the new Spanish Conversation Group!

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: December 7; January 4, 18; February 1, 15, 1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays & Mondays: December 14; January 11, 29; February 8, 26, 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. 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.

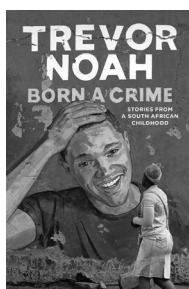
Book Discussion Group

Born a Crime:
Stories from a South African Childhood
by Trevor Noah

Wednesday,
February 7
7:30 p.m.

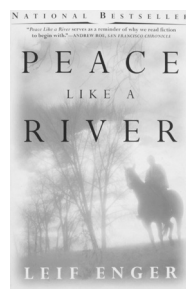
Comedian Trevor Noah, host of *The Daily Show*,

writes in a series of incisive, funny, and compassionate essays about his life growing up in apartheid South Africa. From his illegal birth to a mixed-race couple, through typical teenage angst amidst poverty and violence, Noah manages to thrive with the help of his remarkable mother.



Peace Like a River
by Leif Enger
Wednesday,
March 7, 7:30 p.m.

In 1960s North Dakota, a family goes in search of the oldest son who is running from the law. A road adventure with a few miraculous events, this novel is, even more, a character-driven story about family relationships, narrated in richly lyrical prose by the younger brother years after the events.



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.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for these after-hours film discussions. No registration necessary.

Maudie (2016)

Friday, January 12, 7 p.m.

An arthritic Nova Scotia woman works as a housekeeper while she hones her skills as an artist and eventually becomes a beloved figure in the community. (115 minutes)

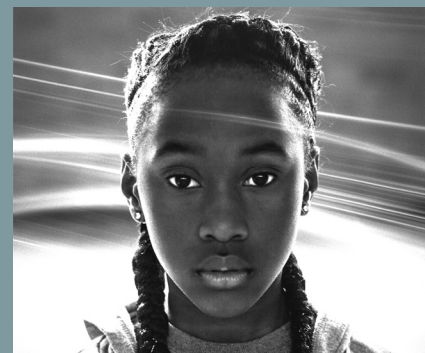
I Am Heath Ledger (2017)

Friday, January 26, 7 p.m.

Friends and family of the late actor Heath Ledger remember his life and career. (90 minutes)

The Fits (2015)

Friday, February 9, 7 p.m.



As 11-year-old tomboy Toni struggles to fit in with a dance troupe, girls in the group begin to suffer from fainting spells and other violent fits. (72 minutes)

Harry and Snowman (2015)

Friday, February 23, 7 p.m.

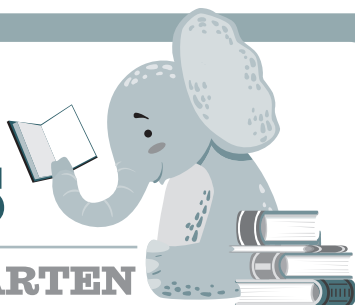
The story of immigrant Harry DeLeyer and the plow horse he rescued from slaughter. (84 minutes)

YOUTH

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

1,000 BOOKS



BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Club! This national program is open to families with children from birth through pre-school. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Experts say that this goal of reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten will help children learn to read for themselves. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation—a key to school and learning success.

The program is easy—just record the titles of books an adult reads with your child. We even have a suggested booklist to help guide you to the best in children's literature. Then come in and request a new tally sheet as they are completed. Late getting started? No problem! Read as many books with your child as you can. To get the first tally sheet or for more information, stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Frosty's Winter Wonderland

Monday, December 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

All Ages

Award-winning puppeteer Dave Herzog is proud to present the 26th annual production of Frosty's Winter Wonderland. Meet Frosty and his nephew Popsicle, Stripes the Candy Cane Clown, and more as they treat you to a merry, mirthful, musical variety show!

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

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9,

February 13, 7-8 p.m.

Read one-on-one with one of the dogs from the Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program! This pressure-free program encourages confidence in young readers. Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone. No parents or siblings, please.

Book-to-Art Club

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9,

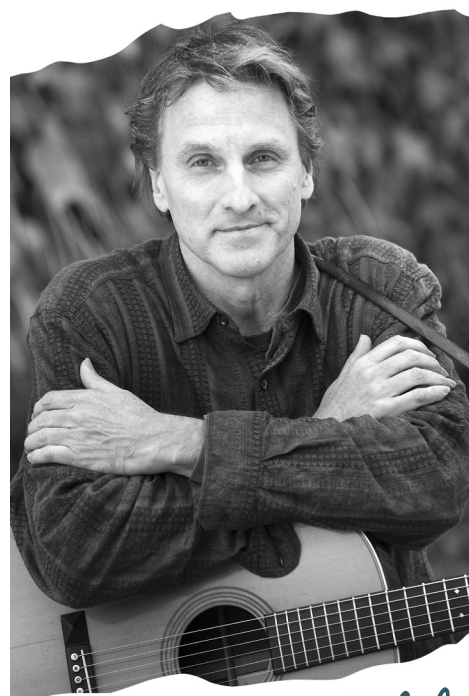
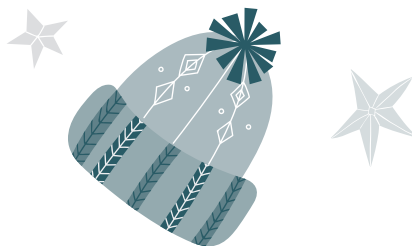
February 6, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

December 12: Maureen Wright's *Sneezing the Snowman* doesn't like being cold! We'll read about his attempts to warm up and then make a melted snowman to take home.

January 9: We'll read *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner, then we will create our own mixed media wintry compositions.

February 6: Let's celebrate with *Chelsea's Chinese New Year* by Lisa Bullard. We'll paint Chinese paper lanterns.



What a Wonderful World Family Concert

Saturday, January 27, 2-2:50 p.m.

Best suited for ages 5 yrs. and up

Join Mark Dvorak for an engaging, interactive musical presentation. His performances featuring stories, guitar, banjo, and songs have been heard all around the U.S., Finland, Canada, and Ireland.

Family Movie: Strange Magic

Thursday, December 14, 6-8 p.m.

All Ages

Grab a pillow and blanket and head over to the library for popcorn and a movie! The relaxed atmosphere makes it a perfect event for the whole family.

Toddler Dance Party

Friday, December 15, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Best suited for ages 2 yrs. and up

Toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers dance their sillies out! Come dance with us to your child's favorite songs. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal to dance with. Snacks will be served; please notify us of any allergies.



LEGO Club

Saturday, January 6, 1-2 p.m.

All Ages

LEGO enthusiasts and amateurs alike are invited to this free-build time at the Library. The Library will provide plenty of LEGOs to get creative with! Your sculptures will be on display for one month in the Youth Services Department. No registration required.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, January 18, February 15

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!

January 18: Snowflakes, Snowflakes All Around

February 15: We LOVE Our Friends

Buddy Zone

Saturday, February 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-4

Stop by the zone with a special buddy (parent, grandparent, older sibling) to enjoy snowman crafts and activities. Self-directed centers will be set up for different interests. Participants can pick and choose what they want to do with their "buddy." Registration is required to insure enough materials are provided.

Book Buddies

Mondays, February 12, 19, 26, 4-5 p.m.

Ages 4-8 years

Does your child love reading and crafting with older kids? We plan to explore different genres and kinds of reading materials, and create fun crafts! Each younger child will be paired with the same older child each week during this three-week session, when possible.

PROFESSOR SUDS

and his MIRACLE BUBBLES SHOW

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
4:30-5:30 P.M.

FAMILIES WELCOME

Experience the wonder of bubbles like you've never seen before! Professor Suds specializes in complicated bubble sculptures, dancing bubbles, and even putting people into his bubbles!

Winter Storytimes

January 15 - February 23

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.

2-3.5 years w/adult

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes which help build the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them, as toddlers love to wander and listen during our time together.

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 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.

TEEN

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

Hour of Code: Human Robots and More

Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Grades 7+

This fun, interactive exercise will show you the basics of coding, then you'll get a chance to use what you've learned to create a custom Snapchat filter, start learning HTML basics you need to create your own webpage, or code your own soundboard! Min. 4/Max 10

High School Exam Cram

Tuesday, December 19 through Thursday, December 21, 2-7 p.m.

Come to study and snack with your friends, or do some last-minute cramming by the fireplace! Drop-in.

Learn To Knit!

Wednesday, December 27, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 8+

Learn the basics needed to create endless projects and get a start on a reusable coffee cup cozy. Min 2/Max 8

John Green and Nerdfighter Fandom Trivia Night

Friday, January 12, 6-8 p.m.

Grades 8+

You've already read *Turtles All The Way Down*. Twice. You have Big Thoughts about the differences between Margo and Alaska. And don't get you started on the movie adaptations. This after-hours Kahoot! trivia night is for you! There will be pizza and DFTBA prizes! Min 5/Max 20

Spanish Conversation Group

Sunday, January 21, 3-4 p.m.

Tween-Adult

Students looking for a little more practice, travelers wanting to brush up on vocab, or native speakers who are eager to share skills: the Thomas Ford Teen Board invites you to our inaugural all-ages Spanish conversation group meeting. This will be a casual "get to know you" meeting to determine the direction of the group. Min 3/Max 20

Gingerbread Challenge!



Friday, December 8, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 5-12

You've got a bag of icing, a stack of graham crackers, a pile of candy, and 45 minutes to create a "gingerbread" masterpiece. Go! Min. 4/Max 20

Top 5 Tips for AP 5s

Thursday, February 1, 7-8 p.m.

Tip 1: It's never too early to start studying for your AP test. Want more? Join Teen Board members and friends to learn their best strategies for high scores on AP tests. Bring your questions! Min. 5/Max 40

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, December 13; January 10, 24; February 7, 21

4-5 p.m.

This 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. Min. 2/Max 8

Teen Board

Mondays, January 22, February 19

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 8+

Open to all teens, grades 8-12, who are looking for a meaningful, teen-driven volunteer opportunity. Bring your ideas! Drop-in.

TWEEN SPACE

Grades 4-8

STEAM Club

Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.

December 13: Holiday Cards

This season, send handmade holiday cheer to family and friends! Use buttons, ribbons, glitter, paint, and a host of other materials to create your own holiday cards.

January 17 & 31: YA Tech Tools

Join us for this 2-week session as we experiment, build, problem-solve, and program the latest and greatest technology and robotics! We will be exploring the Library's YA Tech Tools and there are *oh so many* options to choose from.

February 14 & 28: Hour of Code

This is an hour-long coding class where tweens can choose a variety of activities that work on any modern browser, tablet, or smartphone. We will start with the basics of computer science and help to nurture creativity and problem-solving skills. No experience needed.

DIY Days

Holiday Edition:

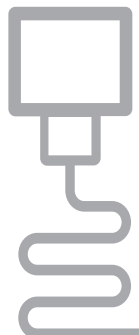
Monday, December 18, 4-6 p.m.

Fluffy Slime:

Monday, January 29, 4-5 p.m.

DIY Days are events planned throughout the school year where tweens are inspired to create things on their own.

HELP BUILD OUR 3D PRINTER!



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

10:30 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Winter break blues? Don't worry, we have you covered. Get to know our new JellyBox 3D printer from the inside out! Once we build the machine and have it up and running, you can print virtually anything that fits the print bed area. Come to one or all four sessions; you must register for each you plan to attend.



THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

A warm thank you to the many who have responded to the Library Foundation's annual appeal! In cooperation with the Library, these funds will be used to ensure continued quality library services for all members of the community.

Did you know that the Foundation accepts many types of financial gifts on behalf of the Library? While the typical donation is an outright gift to the Foundation, a planned contribution can create a legacy for our community while increasing tax benefits for the donor. Please talk to an attorney or financial advisor for more information.

The Foundation is grateful for support provided as:

OUTRIGHT GIFTS

- *Gifts of cash* in any amount, which may be enhanced by corporate matching gift programs
- *Gifts of stocks or bonds*
- *Commemorative gifts* in honor or memory of a loved one including Collection Club donations for the purchase of books and media

PLANNED GIVING

- *Wills and Living Trusts* – A donor may choose to leave a portion of an estate to the Foundation by specifying a dollar amount or percentage
- *Life Insurance* – The Foundation may be named as a beneficiary

If you wish to speak with a Thomas Ford Library Foundation representative, please call the Library Director at 708-246-0520 or email us at foundation@fordlibrary.org.

TFL Squad

Mondays, December 4, January 22, February 5, 4-5 p.m.

TFL Squad is our all-in-one book/craft club for tweens who love all things library.

December: *The False Prince* by Jennifer Nielsen

January: *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

February: *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen

Holiday Movie Mania

Sunday, December 17, 2-4:30 p.m.

Show up in your favorite holiday pjs and get ready to snuggle up for one of Ms. Brittany's favorite traditions—watching holiday movies! You can also make gifts for mom & dad and enjoy some hot cocoa.

Book Buddies

Mondays, February 12, 19, 26, 4-5 p.m.

Do you love reading and crafting with younger kids? We plan to explore different genres and kinds of reading materials, and create fun crafts! Each tween will be paired with the same younger child each week during this three-week session, when possible.

News from Our Neighbors

LaGrange Public Library

(708) 215-3200

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Star Wars Saturday: The Library Awakens

Saturday, December 16, 2 p.m.

Celebrate the release of *The Last Jedi* with a screening of *The Force Awakens*! Come dressed up and be entered to win our costume contest. We'll also have a craft for kids and Star Wars trivia. Drop-in.

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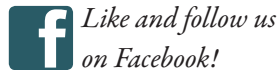
All funds raised will go directly to Library programs and extras.

The Ford Member Connection

Wendell "Seedy" Ulrich—a WWII vet—is proud of the Patriot Award he received at Burr Ridge's Armed Forces Day ceremony in May. Except for during his military service, he's lived in Western Springs all his life. He was five years old when the Library opened in 1932, and he's been a faithful Library member ever since. Visit our website to see his historical perspective on our Library and village.

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Sunday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Friday, December 1 for a staff in-service day; Sunday, December 24 for Christmas Eve; Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day; Sunday, December 31 for New Year's Eve; and Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

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Program Highlights

Y	Elephant & Piggie at the Library	12/2, 2-4 p.m.	W	TFL Squad	1/22, 4 p.m.
ALL	Music by the Fire	12/3, 2 p.m.	A	Using the Library from Home	1/22, 7 p.m.
W	TFL Squad	12/4, 4 p.m.	A	Drop-in Adult Coloring	1/23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
A	It's Christmastime in the City	12/4, 7 p.m.	T	Next Chapter Book Club	1/24, 4 p.m.
T	Hour of Code: Human Robots & More	12/5, 6:30 p.m.	A	Cardinal Painting Workshop	1/25, 7 p.m.
T/W	Gingerbread Challenge!	12/8, 4 p.m.	A	Film Discussion: <i>I Am Heath Ledger</i>	1/26, 7 p.m.
ALL	Frosty's Winter Wonderland	12/11, 4:30 p.m.	ALL	What A Wonderful World Family Concert	1/27, 2 p.m.
Y	Book-to-Art Club	12/12, 4:30 p.m.	W	DIY Days: Fluffy Slime	1/29, 4 p.m.
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A	Pub Trivia Night @ Salerno's	12/13, 7:30 p.m.	W	TFL Squad	2/5, 4 p.m.
Y	Toddler Dance Party	12/15, 10:30 a.m.	Y	Book-to-Art Club	2/6, 4:30 p.m.
W	Holiday Movie Mania	12/17, 2 p.m.	T	Next Chapter Book Club	2/7, 4 p.m.
W	DIY Days: Holiday Edition	12/18, 4 p.m.	A	Book Discussion Group	2/7, 7:30 p.m.
T	High School Exam Cram	12/19, 2-7 p.m.	A	Film Discussion: <i>The Fits</i>	2/9, 7 p.m.
T	High School Exam Cram	12/20, 2-7 p.m.	Y/W	Book Buddies	2/12, 4 p.m.
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T	Learn to Knit!	12/27, 2 p.m.	A	Pub Trivia Night @ Salerno's	2/14, 7:30 p.m.
Y	LEGO Club	1/6, 1 p.m.	Y	Family Storytime	2/15, 6:45 p.m.
Y	Book-to-Art Club	1/9, 4:30 p.m.	A	Tea 101	2/18, 2 p.m.
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T	John Green/Nerdfighter Trivia Night	1/12, 6 p.m.	Y	Professor Suds Miracle Bubbles Show	2/21, 4:30 p.m.
A	Film Discussion: <i>Maudie</i>	1/12, 7 p.m.	A	Art Appreciation 101	2/22, 7 p.m.
Y	Family Storytime	1/18, 6:45 p.m.	A	Film Discussion: <i>Harry and Snowman</i>	2/23, 7 p.m.
A/T	Photography Club	1/20, 1:30 p.m.	Y/W	Book Buddies	2/26, 4 p.m.
ALL	Spanish Conversation Group	1/21, 3 p.m.	A	Book Discussion Group	3/7, 7:30 p.m.

A = Adult program T = Teen program W = Tween program Y = Youth Services program