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FALL
2018

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5
at 7:30 P.M.**

THE YORK THEATRE
150 North York Road
Elmhurst



YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

For our Village Read finale, we'll be showing Mel Brooks' comedy classic *Young Frankenstein* on the big screen! Afterwards we'll have a post-film discussion featuring Josh Larsen from the Filmspotting podcast, and Steve Prokopy from Third Coast Review. This is a FREE event, but seating is limited, so registration is required to guarantee entrance.

Youth Services

SCAVENGER HUNTS

September: Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt

Harry and his friends are back at Hogwarts for the first day of school, but nargles have hidden their spell books! Follow the clues to help these magic students get their school supplies in time for their first lesson. Start the hunt at the Youth Services desk throughout September.

November: DINO-vember Scavenger Hunt

T. Rex and his friends got their first library cards! Follow the clues to discover what the dinosaurs have been reading and win a prize. Start the hunt at the Youth Services desk throughout November.



ADULT

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

Photography Club

Saturday, September 15, 1 p.m.

All devices and skill levels welcome. Join us for private tours of local structures where you can practice your photography skills. We'll snap some pics and chat along the way. Questions? Email stacey@relishthisjourney.com.

Louisa May Alcott



The 150th Anniversary of *Little Women*

Monday, September 17, 7 p.m.

In 2018, the classic book *Little Women* turns 150 years old. Mark the occasion with this newly-revised living-history portrayal of beloved author Louisa May Alcott by award-winning actress Leslie Goddard. Miss Alcott shares stories of her poverty-filled childhood, her struggles to succeed as a writer, and how *Little Women* came to be.

Worm Composting

Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m.

Worm composting is an easy way to turn food scraps into fertilizer, and it's fun for the whole family. In this Kennedy Gardening Lecture, a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will demonstrate how to get started, and one lucky attendee will win the constructed Worm Bin as a door prize!

Autumn French Pastries

Monday, October 1, 7 p.m.

Spend a relaxing evening at the Library with Chef Susan Maddox while learning how to bake great autumn French pastries that will make you a hit with your family and friends during these colder months. Chef Susan will demonstrate some wonderful methods and techniques to make your time in the kitchen more efficient and fun!

Without a Mask: The Daredevil Goalies of Hockey

Wednesday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Throughout the 1960s, most goalies never wore facemasks. They were a special kind of eccentric. Hear tales of ice hockey's most courageous, quirky and colorful characters. Sports historian Craig Pierce delivers an action-packed presentation filled with glory, guts, and gore.

Locked in the Library

Friday, October 12

Appointments available 5-8:30 p.m.

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Introduction to Bullet Journaling

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Container Gardening: Four Seasons of Great Ideas

Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m.

Horticulturist Nina Koziol's container gardening program will inspire you to create a dazzling display of plants throughout the year.

Better Together:

Adult + Child Art Night

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6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Madame X Marks the Spot: The Art of John Singer Sargent

Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m.

In this lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss highlights of John Singer Sargent's career as a portraitist, muralist, and plein air painter.

Gardens in Winter

Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m.

Winter is the forgotten season in the garden, but it doesn't have to be. With a little planning, our winter gardens can be beautiful. Find out which plants can provide winter interest.

Internet Safety & Security

Monday, November 5, 7 p.m.

Learn practical tips that will help you create and protect secure passwords, spot email scams, and evaluate website safety.

Bath Bombs

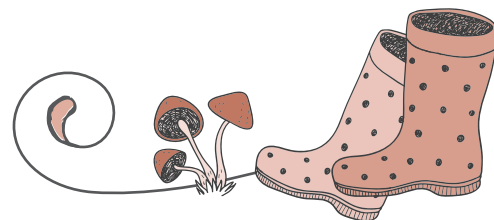
Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.

We'll be making our own fizzy bath bombs with essential oils. Please email jessica@fordlibrary.org with any allergies.

The Journey of Mollie's War

Monday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Join us for a romantic yet frightful glimpse into the life of women in the military during WWII. Author Cyndee Schaffer describes her mother's experiences as a member of the Women's Army Corps, using excerpts from Mollie's letters home to trace the footsteps of the WACs who served in cities all over Europe.



JOIN A GROUP

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, September 6, 20, October 4, 18, November 1, 15, 1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Sunday Language Conversation Groups

1st and 3rd Sundays

September 16, October 7, 21, November 4, 18, December 2, 16

Spanish - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

French - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

All ages welcome

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Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, September 11, October 9, November 13, 7:15 p.m.

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

Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays & Mondays, September 13, 24, October 11, 29, November 8, 26, 7 p.m.

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. 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

Circe

by Madeline Miller

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

Though she is the daughter of Helios, mightiest of the Titans, Circe has neither the look nor the voice of divinity. Scorned by her family, she turns to mortals for companionship. But Circe learns that her fierce independence draws the wrath of gods and men alike. *Circe* is a triumph of storytelling, an epic of love and loss, as well as a celebration of indomitable female strength.

Varina

by Charles Frazier

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

Varina Davis was the strong-willed wife of Confederate president Jefferson Davis. Frazier, author of the popular Civil War novel *Cold Mountain*, lyrically evokes the wartime South as he weaves Varina's actual words into this imagined story of her experience during the Civil War and its aftermath.

Sing, Unburied, Sing

by Jesmyn Ward

Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

Note: This discussion date is one week later than usual

Winner of the 2017 National Book Award, Ward's brilliant, haunting, and compassionate novel tells the story of a struggling Mississippi family, revealed as two young children go on a road trip with their addicted mother.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

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

The Big Sick (2017)

Friday, September 7

Pakistan-born comedian Kumail and grad student Emily fall in love but struggle as their cultures clash. When Emily contracts a mysterious illness, Kumail is forced to face her feisty parents, his family's expectations, and his true feelings. 120 min.

Face Places (2017)

Friday, September 21

Director Agnes Varda and photographer/muralist JR journey through rural France and form an unlikely friendship. 94 min.

Book Club (2018)

Friday, October 5

Four lifelong friends have their lives forever changed after reading *50 Shades of Grey* in their monthly book club. 104 min.

Dealt (2017)

Friday, October 19

Sixty-two year old Richard Turner is renowned as one of the world's greatest card magicians, yet he is completely blind. This is an in-depth look at one of magic's greatest hidden treasures. 85 min.

Wonder (2017)

Friday, November 2

The inspiring and heartwarming story of a 5th grader with facial differences who attends a mainstream elementary school for the first time. 113 min.

Only the Brave (2017)

Friday, November 16

Based on the true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, a group of elite firefighters who risk everything to protect a town from a historic wildfire. 134 min.

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 Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.
Teen programs are open to those in grades 6–12.

Teen Board:

The Human Library Project

First Tuesdays, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, 7-8 p.m.

Third Sundays, September 16, October 21, November 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Don't just build your resume, build your community! This 100% teen-led volunteer opportunity is open to students in grades 8-12 and eager to welcome new members looking to get involved and make a difference. Join us this fall to plan and host Western Springs' first Human Library, an empathy-building community-wide event. We know you're busy, so register and come when you can.

Sensory-Friendly Films

Thursdays, September 6, October 11, November 29, 4 p.m.

September 6: *A Wrinkle in Time*

October 11: *Hotel Transylvania*

November 29: *Wreck-It Ralph*

Our afternoon sensory movies are now open to all. The lights will be brighter, the volume will be lower, and you're welcome to walk around, shout, and dance. We will provide fidgets for anyone who would like one.

Next Chapter Book Club

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

September 11, 25, October 9, 23,

November 13, 27, 4-5 p.m.

Books are for everyone! NCBC is a nationwide reading club for young adults with special needs and their friends. We enjoy a variety of books, snacks, and fun activities together. Email heather@fordlibrary.org with any questions.

PS4 and More! New Tech Tools

The Tech Tools collection continues to grow. You can now check out a PS4 and four controllers for gaming in our study room! Other new additions include a radar gun, Let's Start Coding Ultimate Kit, a digital multimeter, and more! These join favorites like littleBits, a green screen, Sphero robots, a digital voice recorder, and a DJ mixer and turntable. What will you explore with the Library's tech tools?

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Interview Skills for Teens

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First impressions aren't the only thing that counts in an interview. In this two-hour workshop, Bob Schlacks will share his experience from over 20 years of being on the other side of the interview table for everything from scholarships to summer work to entry-level jobs and more. A must for ambitious teens seeking to set themselves apart from the crowd.



Practice Test

**Saturday, October 6
9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Get comfortable with the SAT before you sit for the official test at this free practice test. Bring two number 2 pencils and a water bottle. Register by October 1 to secure your spot.



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APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
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Grades 9-12

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Bad Art Night

Tuesday, October 30, 7-8 p.m.

Bring your devilish side to our first Bad Art Night. We'll be crafting and creating with the goal of making the gaudiest, tackiest, most terrifyingly bad art you can muster while we munch on Halloween candy.

THANK YOU TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

This summer, we had a whopping 77 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, your efforts and time were greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

We thank

The Western Springs Library Friends
and

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation
for supporting this year's Summer Reading
in all departments

We also extend a huge thank you to all our
sponsors:

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Raging Waves
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TWEEN

Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.
Tween programs are for grades 4-8.

First Friday Games

Fridays, September 7, October 5,
November 2, 5-7 p.m.

Start your weekend with some fun! Old favorites and new games will be provided. Bring a friend and drop in! No sign-up required.



Mondays, September 10, October 8,
November 5, 4-5 p.m.

TFL Squad is now "Book Discussion Group." We will meet to discuss books that we have read, are currently reading, and would like to read. Also, come to learn about new books recently purchased. Snacks will be provided.

DIY Days

Wednesdays, October 24, November 28
4-5 p.m.

DIY Days are activities where tweens are inspired to create things on their own. From awesome art projects to cool science experiments, the possibilities are oh-so endless.

October: DIY Haunted House

November: Tween Chef

Tween Drop-in @The Ford

Saturdays, October 27, December 8
1-3 p.m.

Drop in for a fun-filled craft or STEAM-related activity. No sign-up necessary.

October: Homemade Stress Balls

December: Hour of Code

Mini Golf

Saturday, November 10, 4:45-7 p.m.

Come help us design and play a mini-golf course with boxes, Duplo bricks, bookends, wrapping paper tubes, old books, and more. 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.



Wednesdays, September 19, October 17, November 14, 4-5 p.m.

An ongoing, popular program that uses STEAM to promote further inquiry and social interaction with peers. Each month we will focus and experiment through hands-on activities.

September: Explore your creative side and make wonderful masterpieces of art.

October: Dissect a "brain" while learning more about how we think.

November: Give life to a cardboard box using littleBits.



Friday, October 12

Session 1: 4-5 p.m.

Session 2: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

- Make your own Iron Chef creation working
- individually or with a small group. Stick
- around to have your creations judged by our
- professional food tasters. Please email
- brittany@fordlibrary.org with food allergies.

YOUTH

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes and begins on Wednesday, 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.

Family Movie Night

Thursdays, September 6, October 11, November 29, 6:30 p.m.

September 6: *A Wrinkle in Time*

October 11: *Hotel Transylvania*

November 29: *Wreck-It Ralph*

Take a break from the hustle and bustle to watch a new movie with the family. Feel free to bring a pillow and get comfy! All selections are rated G or PG.

Sensory-Friendly Movie

Same dates and movies as above, 4 p.m.

All ages

Before the traditional showing, we will show a sensory-friendly version of the same movie. The lights will be brighter, the volume will be lower, and children should feel free to walk around, shout, and dance. We will provide fidgets for anyone who would like one.

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs

Tuesdays, September 11, October 9, November 13, 7 p.m.

Best suited for grades K-3

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program because it's pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed.

Register for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 13, October 18, November 15, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Best suited for ages 2+

Join us as we read 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 13: Yoga Storytime

October 18: Monster Mash

November 15: It's DINO-vember!

Book-to-Art Club

Thursdays, September 20, October 4, November 1, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

September 20: Get ready to build! We'll read *Iggy Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty and then challenge ourselves in a building competition.

October 4: EEK! We'll read *Fright Club* by Ethan Long and then create our own spooky masks.

November 1: Dinosaurs loose in the library?!? We'll decorate dinosaur figurines to display in the Library after reading *What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night* by Refe Tuma.

GEOSPACE LEARNING LAB



Two for Tea (And Tea for Two)

Sunday, October 14

2-2:45 p.m.

Best suited for ages 5+

Bring your grandparent or special person to our tea party, where we will learn about different types of teas and herbal infusions, then taste them! We'll also sing some favorite songs and read stories together. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions and/or allergies.



Jeanie B! Family Music Concert

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

Families Welcome

Jeanie B! is Velcro for kids! Her interactive music program is energetic, entertaining, and educational! If you like singing, dancing, and silliness, you won't want to miss this program.

Better Together:

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Tuesdays, October 23 or November 27

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Best suited for 5-10 year olds w/one adult

In this process art program, parents and children will work together using art supplies to create their unique masterpiece. The finished product will be a work of art worthy of any wall! Materials will be provided.

Halloween Storytime & Costume Parade

Friday, October 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Ages 3-6

Put on your Halloween costume and come on over for a Halloween storytime. After, we will show off our costumes and "Trick-or-Treat" around the Library. Don't forget a container for your goodies!

Frankie Ace Magic

Saturday, September 8
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Families Welcome

Come and join us for a fun-filled, high-energy magic show by Western Springs celebrity, Frankie Ace! For over 25 years, Frankie Ace has been performing comedy magic for all ages and all occasions. His magic shows are a million giggles a minute and gasps galore!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

1:30-3 P.M. • GRADES 1-3

The DuPage Children's Museum Lab Specialists will be leading us through this hands-on learning experience. We'll convert circles into cones and transform rectangles into prisms! Equipped with scissors, tape, glue, and a lot of imagination, children become "Paper Engineers."

Kids Stitch

Tuesday, November 6, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Learn basic stitching at this all-inclusive workshop! Each child will be given their own supplies to make their first cross-stitch creation, as well as instructions on how to get started.

Boot Camp Storytime

Thursday, November 8, 4-5 p.m.

Grades K-3

Hup, two, three, four! Join us as we test our strength and skills, read stories with local members of the military, and make cards to thank veterans for their service to our country.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Part 1: Drop Off:

Friday, November 9 between 3 to 4 p.m.

Part 2: Storytime and pick-up:

Saturday, November 10, 10-11 a.m.

Ages 3.5-6

Your favorite stuffed animal is invited to a sleepover at the Library! This program is in two parts. On Friday you drop off your stuffed animal for an epic slumber party. On Saturday morning, we'll reunite with our furry friends followed by storytime, a craft, and a slideshow. Snacks will be served so please let us know of any dietary needs when you register.

Library Mini Golf

Sunday, November 11

Tee times 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. by appt.

Families Welcome!

Play mini golf with your family 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. Call or stop by the Library to register your family.

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, September 5.

FALL *September 17 - November 9* **STORYTIMES**

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays or 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.

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.



Toddler Time

Wednesdays or Thursdays

10-10:30 a.m.

2-3.5 years w/adult

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes which help in building the foundation of reading. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

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 highlight early literacy skills. Children attend this storytime *without* their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

SUPERHERO STORYTIME

Tuesday, November 13
10-11 a.m. • All Ages

Join a real-life superhero from Parties with Character for an interactive storytime, superhero training, and a scavenger hunt! Each child will get a one-on-one visit and photo op with the hero following the storytime. Superhero costumes are welcome!



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Library Hours

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 Monday, September 3 for Labor Day and Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

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Call for Crafts

Thomas Ford has lots of crafty plans and we want your help to make them happen. The Library is taking donations of any unused or reusable craft supplies that are still in good condition. If you can craft with it, we'll take it: ink, stamps, paint, paintbrushes, colored pencils, markers, art paper, glue, tape, scissors, glitter, and even googly eyes! Bring anything you're willing to part with to our Circulation Desk this Fall.

Our Video Games Have **LEVELED UP**

We are expanding our teen video game collection to include titles for all ages, including adults. In order to make room for new games we have moved them to the front of the Library, near our other AV materials. (Children's video games will remain in the Youth Services Department.) Speedrun over and check them out today!

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Kylie Jabjiniak is Teen Liaison to the Board of the Thomas Ford Memorial Library and a Senior at Lyons Township High School. Find out more about Kylie in the Fall edition of The Ford Member Connection on our website.



The Western Springs Library Friends'

FALL Book & Bake SALE

Friday, September 28, 6-8 p.m.
(Friends members only*)

Saturday, September 29, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, September 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Bag sale prices)

*Memberships can be bought at the door
and the Circulation Desk

All proceeds from the Book and Bake Sale
and lobby book cart fund Library programs.

Interested in volunteering at the Book Sale or
joining the Friends Board? Contact Ann at
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