

# The Ford Connection

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*The Thomas Ford Memorial Library*



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ideas  
connect



WINTER  
2018-19

## ***Exciting Times Ahead!***

*The blueprints are finished and we are ready to get out the hard hats and begin renovation work in January.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED  
JANUARY 7 - 18**

While we're closed, you can visit neighboring libraries to check out materials and pick up holds; no library materials will be due while we're closed.

We expect renovations to continue through May; we will be open regular hours and our services and collections will be available.

*We appreciate your flexibility as the work goes on; check our website at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org) for more information and updates.*

*We are proud to be your library. Thank you very much for your support.*

# ADULT

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

## Charles Dickens: A Tale with a Twist

Monday, December 10, 7 p.m.

A staple of any reading list, Charles Dickens' writing has become a part of our everyday language. In this Christmas-themed performance, historical actor Terry Lynch portrays Dickens as he reflects on his life and discusses some of his best-loved holiday works including *A Christmas Carol*, *The Cricket on the Hearth*, *The Chimes*, and much more!

## Locked in the Library: Virtual Edition

January 1 - March 10

Our popular escape room series is going virtual this season! Starting on New Year's Day, check Facebook once a week for a new clue, puzzle, or brain-teaser that will culminate in a final puzzle to decipher. Submit your solution to the Library and earn a Virtual Puzzler award and a chance to win a raffle prize.

## Using the Library from Home

Thursday, January 31

6 p.m.: eBooks and digital audiobooks for iOS & Android

7 p.m.: eBooks for Kindle

8 p.m.: Music, movies, and magazines

With our free digital services you can use the Library without ever leaving home! Join Adult Services Librarian Rachel for small-group sessions on everything from eBooks to streaming movies. Sign up for one or multiple sessions; groups are limited to 5 people.

## Make a Felt Pocket Cat

February 1-28 (While supplies last)

Stop by the Reference Desk during the month of February and pick up a mini maker kit with all you need to sew a cute felt cat. Limit one kit per patron.

## Drop-in Adult & Teen Coloring

Tuesday, February 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring at the Library! All materials will be provided; no registration necessary.

## Hearty and Healthy Polish Cooking

Thursday, February 21, 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

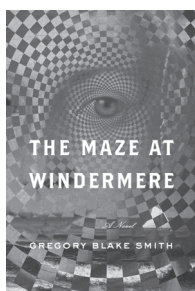
Chef Michael Niksic will demonstrate recipes from his e-book *Hearty & Healthy Polish Cooking*. Attendees will receive copies of recipes and substantial servings of each dish. Chef Niksic's programs are fun, casual and appropriate for all skill levels in the kitchen.

# Book Discussion Group

*The Maze at Windermere*  
by Gregory Blake Smith

Wednesday,  
February 6  
7:30 p.m.

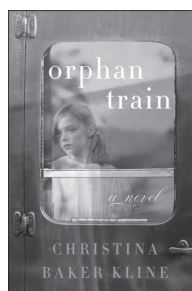
A tennis pro, a social climber, the writer Henry James, a Revolutionary War officer, and an orphaned Quaker teenager share the stage in five stories taking place in Newport, Rhode Island, between 1692 and 2011. Smith captures the language of each historical period as he skillfully weaves the stories together into a single narrative.



*Orphan Train*  
by Christina Baker Kline

Wednesday,  
March 6  
7:30 p.m.

A troubled teenager, while helping an elderly woman clean her attic, learns about the woman's youth as one of the orphans transported to the Midwest by train in the 1920s. The two form a connection as they discover they have much in common.



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.

# kanopy

Stream over 30,000 films FREE with your Thomas Ford library card. Kanopy is an award-winning video streaming service providing access to significant independent, classic, cult classic, educational, and family films—including the Criterion Collection and Great Courses. Get started at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org), or ask the Reference Desk for help. Apps available for Apple, Android, and Roku devices.

# JOIN A GROUP

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

## Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: December 11, February 12, 7:15 p.m.

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

## Photography Club

Saturday, January 26, 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](mailto:stacey@relishthisjourney.com).

## Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: December 6; January 3, 24; February 7, 21, 1 p.m.  
Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

## Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays & Mondays: December 13; January 28; February 14, 25, 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.

## Sunday Language Conversation Groups

1st and 3rd Sundays: December 2, 16;  
No meetings in January; February 3, 17  
**Spanish** - 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
**French** - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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 Sunday Language Conversation Groups.



## Human Library

Sunday, February 24, 3-5 p.m.

**Venue:** All Saints Episcopal Church  
4370 Woodland Ave, Western Springs  
Adults and Youth ages 10 and up

The TFML Teen Board invites you to a library unlike any you've ever visited. The Human Library is an opportunity for the community to come together and learn first-hand about refreshing and diverse experiences. It is based upon the same principles as a real library; however, in lieu of physical pages and written words, people serve as the storytellers. Human "books" will share their unique stories and perspectives. Human Library events generate more understanding on important issues and strive to build a more accepting and empathetic community. Visitors to the Human Library will have an opportunity to "check out" these storytellers in one-on-one or small group settings. See [fordlibrary.org/humanlibrary](http://fordlibrary.org/humanlibrary) for more information or to volunteer as a book.

## The Ford Member Connection

Cathy Blanford wrote *Something Happened* and *My Baby Big Sister* to help families explain the loss of an infant to their other children. Find out more about this local author in the Winter edition of The Ford Member Connection on our website.

### from the Western Springs Library Friends

Due to the renovation, the Friends will not be collecting book donations from 1/1/19 until construction is completed. There will not be a spring book sale, but used books for purchase will be available on the carts in the lobby. All proceeds fund Library programs. Thank you for your support.

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Friends of the Library? It's easy!**

- 1 Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
- 2 Type in "Western Springs Library Friends Ltd" and choose it from the charity list
- 3 Shop as usual!

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

# TEEN

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Teen programs are open to those in grades 6–12.*

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## Next Chapter Book Club

**Tuesday, December 11, 4-5 p.m.**

**No meetings in January**

**Thursday, February 7, 21, 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](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org) with any questions.

## Nominate A Name

When our renovation is complete, Teen and Tween Services will have a brand new space in a brand new place, including comfortable seating, great light for studying, lots of space for our fantastic collection, nooks for chatting and playing games... but no name! Nominate a name for our home base at the Reference Desk, and if we choose your suggestion, we'll give you a \$20 Anderson's Bookshop giftcard and mention you in our spring newsletter!

## Volunteers Needed for Teen Board

**Tuesdays, December 4, January 22,  
February 5, 19, 7-8 p.m.**

Don't just build your resume, build your community! This teen-led volunteer opportunity is open to students in grades 8-12. New members are welcome. This winter we will finalize plans for our Human Library event and look ahead to new projects for the spring. Bring your ideas and see them take shape. Email [heather@fordlibrary.org](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org) for more information.

## Exam Cram

**December 18, 19, 20, 2-7 p.m.**

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

## Drop-in Adult & Teen Coloring

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## LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY: VIRTUAL EDITION

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 10

## Teen Leader Needed

Applications are now being accepted for Teen Liaison to the Library Board of Trustees. The Teen Liaison is a high-school-aged student who holds a nonvoting volunteer role on the Board, attends Board meetings, represents the needs and interests of teens in the Western Springs community, and leads the Library's Teen Board in concert with the Head of Teen Services. Send direct inquiries about this civic leadership position to [heather@fordlibrary.org](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org).



# HUMAN LIBRARY®

**Sunday, February 24th, 3-5 p.m.**

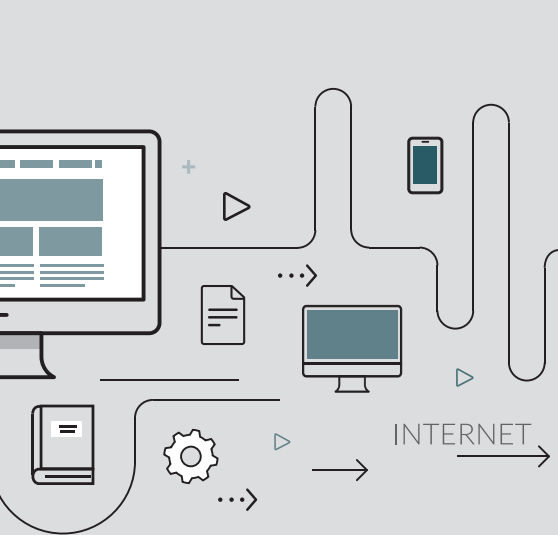
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### Hour of Code

Saturday, December 8

1-2 p.m.

Drop in for a fun coding activity. Great for first-time coders!

### Gingerbread House Challenge

Saturday, December 8

3-4 p.m.

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



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*Tween programs are for grades 4-8.*

### TFL3D

Tuesdays, December 11, January 22,  
February 26, 6-7 p.m.

The goal of TFL3D is to bring the technology of 3D printing to tweens in a hands-on small group setting.

Max. 5 per session

### Holiday Movie Mania

Sunday, December 16, 2-4 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 and making holiday snacks. You can vote now for your favorite holiday movie in the Teen Lounge. And of course hot cocoa with all the fixings will be served! Younger siblings of tween attendees are welcome.

Min. 4/Max. 25

### Crafting for Charity

Monday, January 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

By combining creativity and good works, tweens will be volunteering their time to help those in need. Charitable organizations in need of blankets, clothes, cards, toys, etc. will benefit from your hard work.

Min. 4/Max. 25

## PASSPORT *to fun* December - February



Stay connected with the Library this winter! Pick up your personalized passport at the Reference Desk, and let the adventure begin. Each week, find the Passport to Fun sign-in at the Library, complete the activity you find there, and get your passport stamped. Then, enter your completed passport into our drawing for prizes!

### Candy Heart Button Blitz

Wednesday, February 13, 3:30-5 p.m.

What's your favorite conversation heart saying? Drop in to our teen and tween space after school and put that saying on a button! Make extras to pass out to your friends. Not into the cute sweetness? We'll have non-candy-heart button options too.

## Take-and-Make Book Art



Pick up kits December 17 - January 5

Drop off January 21-31

If you're going to miss us and our programs as much as we'll miss you during our construction closing this January, stop by to pick up a Take-And-Make Book Art kit. The kit will have everything you'll need to make a piece of folded page book art that you're welcome to keep and that we'd love to display during the month of February.

# YOUTH

**Registration is required for all programs and storytimes (unless otherwise noted) and begins on Tuesday, December 4.**

*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.*

## Scavenger Hunt

Come look for the Library Elf throughout **December** in Youth Services! The Elf will be hiding in a different location every day. Every lucky sleuth will receive a small prize.



## MOUSE AT THE LIBRARY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 1-3 P.M.**

**Families welcome; No registration required**

Visit the Library during the WSBA event, Western Springs Winter Wonderland 2018! Meet the famous Mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff. Mouse is looking forward to scampering to see his friends and meet some great new friends as well. We will have a special storytime with Mouse from 1-1:15 p.m. Drop in for photo opportunities and activities.

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

Tuesdays, December 11, February 12, 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 in person or by phone.** No parents or siblings, please.

### Jigglejam Family Concert

Monday, December 17, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**All Ages**

Get ready to wiggle, jiggle, and giggle as you sing and dance along with Jodi. Her engaging style and catchy tunes spark imagination and promote self esteem while silliness abounds. Her wide range of musical styles will keep the whole audience jammin' along!



### Book-to-Art Club

Thursday, December 13, Tuesdays,

January 22, February 12, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Grades 1-3**

**December 13:** We'll read and discuss *Penguins Don't Wear Sweaters* by Marikka Tamura. Then we will decorate sweater-shaped krispie treats. Please advise us of any food allergies.

**January 22:** After reading and discussing *No Two Alike* by Keith Baker, we will make bird seed treats for our feathered friends.

**February 12:** We'll read *Love Monster* by Rachel Bright and create collages featuring the things we love.

### January Craft: I Have a Dream

January is a month of new goals and dreaming big. Pick up your craft items in Youth Services and create a picture of your biggest dream. We will share our creations in a display for everyone to see.



## Check out our new additions!

**Try before you buy video games:** Youth Services has a large collection of video games, including XBoxONE, PS4, Nintendo Switch, Wii/WiiU, and NDS/3DS. Try a game from the Library before you invest in your own copy, or beat the whole game!

**VOX Books:** We have a growing collection of VOX Books—picture books with an audio player attached. There's no CD, so no CD player is required.

**Blu-Rays:** Youth Services now has Blu-Rays for check out. This growing collection is shelved next to the DVDs.



## Welcome Baby Program

Sign your baby up for the Welcome Baby Program and the Western Springs Library Friends will donate a book in your child's honor. Once your baby's book is added to the collection, you will receive a letter commemorating the Library's newest addition. Participants must be Western Springs residents and babies must be two years old or younger.

## Family Storytime

Wednesdays, January 23 and February 6  
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!

*January 23:* Everyone is Yawning

*February 6:* Color Your HeART

## The Brothers Grimm Show

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

Suitable for all ages

Venue: Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Avenue

The Brothers Grimm emerge from the past to tell some of their favorite stories in a fast-paced, interactive, and hilarious show. Using only the suitcases they arrive with, their wit, and a little help from the crowd, classics come to life. Stories include: The Brave Little Tailor, Rumpelstiltskin, The Bremen Town Musicians, Little Red Riding Hood, and Cinderella—each in a different style with modern flair. The Brothers Grimm are sure to inspire the next generation of storytellers and writers. Join this energetic, silly, smart duo as they lead you on an unforgettable adventure!

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Tuesday, December 4.

# WINTER STORYTIMES

## January 28 - March 1

### 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.

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. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

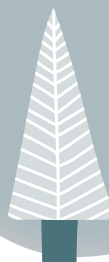
### Storytime Pals

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

3.5-5 years

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends. Storytimes 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.*





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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 Friday, December 14 for a staff in-service day; Monday, December 24 for Christmas Eve; Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas Day; Monday, December 31 for New Year's Eve; Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day; and January 7-18 for renovation work.

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## THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

### *Feature Family: The Odelsons*

Jacque and Josh Odelson's sons head right to the Youth Services area to talk with Uma, Margaux, or Catherine for recommendations on what to read or do next. The boys have been loyal library lovers for years, starting with the toddler story times. Now that they are first and third-graders at Highlands School, they know they will be welcomed and will love the special attention from the librarians to help choose reading, audio, and video materials. They also like the Playaway Launch Pads, especially in preparation for a family trip.

The Odelson family often rides their bikes from Springdale to visit Thomas Ford Memorial Library for other activities also. Jacquie participated in the Adult Summer Reading Program and Josh has enjoyed the Kennedy History Lectures, especially the eclipse lecture last year. "They do a great job," comments Jacquie, "and I can see that a lot of thought goes into planning the variety of programs, addressing different levels of interest."

Looking forward, the Odelsons are excited about the remodeling project. They know the Library will be even better. Jacquie also comments that they contribute to the Foundation's Annual Appeal as thanks for the use of materials that they don't have to purchase and for the other many benefits of owning that Thomas Ford library card.



*Note:* The Thomas Ford Library Foundation is dedicated to providing for the future of the Library by funding current projects and by building an endowment. All contributions are welcomed and accepted at any time of the year. Contributors who meet a certain level of giving receive special recognition as members of the Oak Leaf Society. For further information, please contact Ted Bodewes, Library Director.

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