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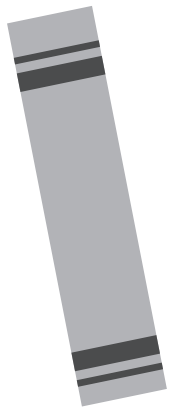
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## CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK

100th Anniversary



Monday, April 29 - Sunday, May 5 • All Ages

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the longest-running literary initiative in the country, Children's Book Week, at TFML! Join us in this celebration of kids and the books they love. Vote for your favorite children's book, check out old favorites, and discover new ones. Visit the Youth Services Desk for take-home activities any time this week.

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# ADULT

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

## Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.

In this Kennedy History Lecture, William Elliott Hazelgrove provides the exciting and sprawling history behind the 1933 World's Fair, the last of the golden age. Among other fascinating tales, he will reveal how The Secret Six beat Al Capone at his own game and ended the gangster era, how Rufus and Charles Dawes gave the World's Fair its theme and financing, and Capone's link between the most corrupt Chicago mayor, William Thompson, and his successor, Anton Cermak.

## Gustav Klimt and the Woman in Gold

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.

This lecture commemorates the centennial of the death of Austrian artist Gustav Klimt. In her presentation, art historian Dr. Michelle Mishur discusses important examples of Klimt's work, including *The Kiss* and *The Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer* (aka "The Woman in Gold"). Dr. Mishur also places Klimt within the art historical context of late nineteenth-century French painting, including the Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and Symbolist movements.

## Yarn Wall Hangings

Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Create a stylish yet simple wall hanging with yarn and a wooden dowel. All materials will be provided.

## Paper Quilling Basics

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Paper quilling, also known as paper filigree, is the art of rolling strips of paper and pinching or arranging the coils or strips into shapes and designs. In this workshop, participants will learn the basic quilling technique and create spring designs on a bookmark and greeting card. All materials will be provided.

## The Life and Legacy of Chicago's Jane Byrne

Monday, May 20  
7 p.m.

As Chicago's 40th mayor, Jane Byrne made history as the first woman ever to hold the office. Byrne not only left a legacy for the city, she was an inspiration to many for years to come. In this Kennedy History Lecture, historian Jim Gibbons will discuss Byrne's life, the impact she had on the City of Chicago and Navy Pier then, and how it affects us today.

## Playing with the Enemy: Book Discussion Featuring Author Gary Moore

Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m.

Author Gary Moore will be here to discuss his book, *Playing with the Enemy*. Gary's book is a warm-hearted biography of his father, a baseball phenom whose career in the majors was cut short by World War II and a fateful occurrence during a top secret mission for the Navy. Co-sponsored by the Ridgewood Book Club of Western Springs. Extra copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk one month before the event.



## JOIN A GROUP

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

### Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays

March 12, April 9, May 14, 7:15 p.m.

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

### Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday

March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30

1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

### Western Springs

#### Writers' Society

Thursdays and Mondays

March 14, 25, April 11, 29, May 9

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.

### Sunday Language Conversation Groups

1st and 3rd Sundays: March 3, 17, April 7, May 5, 19

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 and increase your comfort level in speaking, or native speakers who are eager to share skills—all are welcome to our Sunday Language Conversation Groups.

## small space gardening



monday, may 13, 7 p.m.

A garden doesn't need to be big to be great. Good design and thoughtful plant selection will make even the smallest space into something special. In this Kennedy Gardening Lecture presentation, Carolyn Ulrich looks at small gardens throughout the Chicago area and shows how people have created interesting displays in spaces that are sometimes very small, but inspiring.

## Book Discussion Group

### *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

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

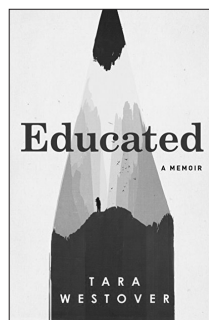
Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her unarmed friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Starr's authentic and observant voice makes this an engaging read on a tough topic.



### *Educated* by Tara Westover

Wednesday,  
May 1  
7:30 p.m.

This harrowing memoir recounts the author's upbringing in an isolated survivalist Idaho family, where learning was self-directed and modern medicine was shunned, and abuse by an older brother was denied by her parents. Westover describes her struggle to obtain the education she so desired, but at the cost of losing most of her family ties.



*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.*

## The Ford Member Connection

Reverend Marc W. Reszel became pastor of St. John of the Cross Catholic Church on July 1, 2018. SJC has a vibrant presence in Western Springs; there are 4,200 registered families in the church and 630 children in its school. Find out more about Reverend Reszel in the Spring edition of The Ford Member Connection on our website.

## FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

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

### **First Man (2018)**

Friday, April 12

A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969.

### **RBG (2018)**

Friday, April 26

The exceptional life and career of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who has developed a breathtaking legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon.

### **Bohemian Rhapsody (2018)**

Friday, May 10

The story of the legendary rock music band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985).

### **Won't You Be My Neighbor? (2018)**

Friday, May 24

An exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of iconic children's television host, Fred Rogers.



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## Volunteers Needed for Teen Board

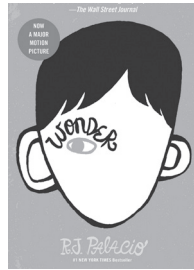
Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, May 7  
7-8 p.m.

Libraries aren't just about books anymore, they're about community. What do you want to see in your community? This teen-led volunteer opportunity can help you make it happen and is open to students in grades 8-12. New members are welcome. Bring your ideas and see them take shape. Email [heather@fordlibrary.org](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org) for more information.

## Next Chapter Book Club

1st and 3rd Thursdays

March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16  
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.

## Exam Cram

**Check the online calendar for dates and times**

Finish strong with some last minute studying! Exam cram offers snacks, quiet and group study space for high school students. Drop in; no registration required.

# Summer Volunteer Training

Saturdays, May 11, June 1  
10-11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19  
6:30-7:30 p.m.



# RENOVATION update

## What we've done so far

- Repositioned the Adult Collection
- Repositioned Adult Services lighting
- Constructed the first new study room
- Widened the entrance to Adult Services
- Began work on the lower level restrooms
- Began work on the new staff offices
- Added new storage to the Community Room
- Completed painting throughout the building
- Built the Youth Services family comfort room
- Installed new electrical floor boxes throughout the first floor







# TWEEN

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

*Spread some library love this summer by becoming a Summer Reading Volunteer! Have fun, earn volunteer service hours, and become a vital part of the Library. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade.*

Applications are available after May 1st at <http://fordlibrary.org/teens> or in the Library. One training session is mandatory for **all** volunteers. Don't delay! The best volunteer shifts fill up fast, and you will be able to choose your own schedule once you have attended a training session and turned in your completed application.



## DIY Days

### *Decoupage*

**Wednesday, March 20, 4-5 p.m.**

DecoWHAT? Learn a simple and super flexible way to decorate nearly anything with paper, a brush, and ModPodge, and leave with your own masterpiece.

Min 3/Max 15

### *Scrabble Letter Art*

**Thursday, April 11, 4-5 p.m.**

Using Scrabble letters to express ideas? Double letter score. Making a functional item too? Triple word score!

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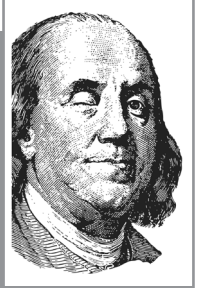
### *Custom Hula Hoops*

**Wednesday, May 15, 4-5 p.m.**

Think hula hooping is just for kids? No way! Come make a custom hula hoop sized to your body and impress your friends by learning your first trick.

Min 3/Max 15

## Practical Money Skills: Personal Finance for Tweens



**Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 4-5 p.m.**

Are you making money? Saving money? Needing money? This four-week course supported by the Federal Reserve and Money Smart Week will help you learn to make the most of it and get set up for lifelong financial success. Min 3/Max 10

### *Crafting for Charity*

**Monday, April 22, 2-3:30 p.m.**

Use your day off for good! Help us make Project Linus blankets to donate to Buddy's Place, a local group for grieving children. Min 3/Max 15

## Coming Soon!

- Updated Circulation area
- New audiovisual shelving
- Additional study rooms
- Updated bathrooms
- New Youth play space
- Stroller parking on the lower level
- New Youth Services Storytime Room
- New Youth picture book shelving
- New lighting on the first floor
- New staff work spaces and offices
- New Teen and Tween Services space
- New service desks and furniture throughout the Library



*We appreciate the continuing support and enthusiasm of our residents. The project is on schedule and should be completed by June 1st.*

# YOUTH

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

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

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14  
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 starting March 5. No parents or siblings, please.

### Book-to-Art Club

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10  
4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Grades 1-3

*March 13:* We'll read and discuss *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett. Then we will create colorful yarn mobiles.

*April 10:* After reading and discussing *Little White Rabbit* by Kevin Henkes, we will experiment with watercolor marker painting.

### Family Movie Night

Thursdays, March 28, April 18  
6:30 p.m.

#### All Ages

Relax at the Library with a family movie. Feel free to bring a pillow and get comfy! All selections are rated G or PG.

*March 28: How to Train Your Dragon 2*



*April 18: Peter Rabbit*



### 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.



## Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Tuesday, March 5.

# Spring Storytimes

April 1 - April 26

### 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.*



# SCAVENGER HUNT



Find the hidden dump truck in Youth Services during the month of May. Tell us what book is in the truck bed, and you'll receive a sticker!

**Wednesday, May 1, 4:30-5:15 p.m.**  
**Grand Avenue Gym, 4211 Grand Avenue**

Little Miss Ann (Ann Torralba) is an award-winning kids musician, a former Chicago Public School teacher, a veteran instructor at the Old Town School of Folk Music, a mom, and a first-generation Filipina American. Come check out Little Miss Ann and her fiddler friend's encore performance as they play fun, upbeat, interactive songs of spring for your kids.

## Little Miss Ann



Family Concert



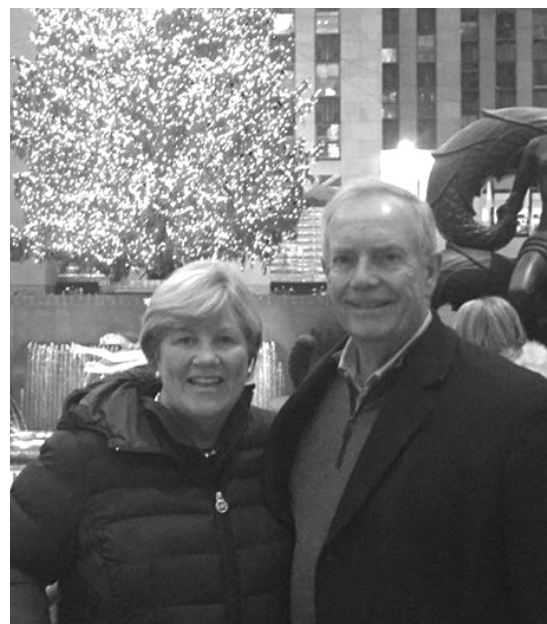
## THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

### *Feature Family: The Hansens*

Sheila and Tom Hansen contribute loyally to the Thomas Ford Library Foundation's Annual Appeal because they appreciate all the Library has to offer! Now a Village Trustee, Sheila grew up in Chicago just one block from a library. She has always believed that a good library makes a town a good place to live, just as much as the schools and churches do.

Tom visits the Library every week to check out a new audiobook. He generally knocks off one a week during his commute to Elgin while Sheila, a retired teacher, prefers to read on her Kindle. Sheila appreciates the variety of materials in the Ford collection and she was delighted to find a new book written by her cousin on a recent display.

The Hansens have been residents of Western Springs since 1981, and their three children attended St. John of the Cross and LTHS. They now enjoy bringing their grandchildren to Thomas Ford. The train is a favorite for the little ones who always have fun in the Youth Services area. Sheila is looking forward to the newly remodeled facility.

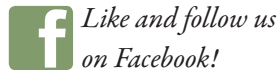


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**Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 21 for Easter  
and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

# readers' nook

Meet the friendly faces behind TFML and get book suggestions from staff who like the same things that you do! Head to [fordlibrary.org/readers-nook](http://fordlibrary.org/readers-nook) to see themed lists of our favorite books, movies, music, and more. Here are some of our recent recommendations.



Rachel

***City of Brass* by S. A. Chakraborty**

In this historical fantasy, a young con artist in 18th-century Cairo discovers she's the last descendant of a powerful family of djinn healers. Full of magic, adventure, and drama!



Jessica

***The Good Daughter* by Karin Slaughter**

A brutal yet moving psychological thriller about two sisters who experience a horrific trauma as teenagers and must face their past again 28 years later.



Matthew

***Baby Teeth* by Zoje Stage**

A creepy kid horror novel that will leave you terrified of seven-year-olds for a week.



Sarah

***The Greatest Love Story Ever Told***

by Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman  
Nick and Megan are two hilarious people who love each other, as shown in everything they talk about in this book, from their relationship to fashion to family.



Christine

***The Girl in Green* by Derek B. Miller**

Inspired by many actual events: an American soldier and a British journalist meet in Iraq in 1991, and again 22 years later.



Nancy

***In Pieces* by Sally Field**

Not the perfect, charmed life you may have expected. Candid and authentic.



Heather

***My Almost Flawless Tokyo Dream Life*  
by Rachel Cohn**

Super fun and full of heart! A great YA read for anyone who's wished a long-lost rich relative would whisk them away to an exotic new life.



Margaux

***Insignificant Events In the Life of a Cactus*  
by Dusti Bowling**

In this funny coming of age story, Aven's life is turned upside down when she moves to an old amusement park and meets an unexpected friend who teaches her about his disability and her own.