

The Ford Connection

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FALL
2019



saturday, september 21, 2 p.m.

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THANK YOU

*to the following community groups for helping
to make our Library Block Party a success!*

The Village of Western Springs
The Western Springs Park District
The Western Springs Fire Department
The Village Club
Grace Lutheran Church

The Western Springs Garden Club
The Dahl Family
The Foster Family
The Thomas Ford Library Foundation
Western Springs Library Friends

ADULT

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Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

Photography Club

Sunday, September 8, 1:30 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.

Fall Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m.

Learn how to make cookies that are both delicious and visually appealing! Patrice Aguirre, owner of Café Revive in Elgin, will teach us how to decorate fall-themed sugar cookies.

Dog Training



& Behavior Myths



Thursday, October 3, 7 p.m.

Local trainer Mary Thompson, owner and sole proprietor of Happy Hound University, will share her dog training tips and tricks and discuss common myths about training and dog behavior. Learn what works, what doesn't, and the ins and outs of how dogs learn.

The Essential Houdini

Thursday, October 17, 7 p.m.

Illusionist William Pack brings the story of famed magician Harry Houdini to life in this magical presentation. Prepare to be amazed as William recreates some of Houdini's famous tricks and shares the only known recording of Houdini's voice!

Locked in the Library:

Stranger Things

Friday, October 25 with appointments available from 5 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Our popular escape rooms are back for more after-hours puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork in the Library! Teams will work together on a *Stranger Things*-themed puzzle to escape the Library before time runs out. Sign up for a time slot by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk.

The Forgotten Story of the Chicago Motor Coach Company

Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m.

In this Kennedy History Lecture, local author John F. Doyle chronicles an era in Chicago when buses first traversed the city's park district boulevards, including the Magnificent Mile. Come ride the Motor Coach one more time and "See Chicago, the City Beautiful."

JOIN A GROUP

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday, September 5, 19, October, 3, 17, 31, November 14, 1 p.m.
Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays
September 12, 30, October 10, 28, November 14, 25, 7 p.m.
Have a writing itch? The WWSWS 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.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays, September 10, October 8, November 11, 7:15 p.m.
Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Italian Conversation Group

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All ages welcome
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September 15, 29, October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15

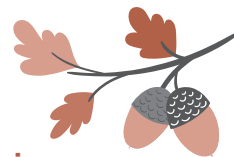
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Spanish - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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

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Internet Safety and Security

Monday, November 18, 7 p.m.

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

DIY Holiday Ornaments

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

We will be making festive ornaments for your tree, home, or wherever you'd like to hang them! Create a walnut Santa, a cinnamon stick tree, and a tiny knit hat. All materials provided. Please email jessica@fordlibrary.org with any food allergies.



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



The Public (2018)

Friday, September 13, 7 p.m.

An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold.

Icarus (2017)

Friday, September 27, 7 p.m.

When Bryan sets out to uncover the truth about doping in sports, a chance meeting with a Russian scientist transforms his story from a personal experiment into a geopolitical thriller.

Free Solo (2018)

Friday, October 11, 7 p.m.

Alex Honnold attempts to become the first person to ever free solo climb El Capitan.



Shoplifters (2018)

Friday, November 1, 7 p.m.

A family of small-time crooks take in a child they find outside in the cold.



Stan & Ollie

Friday, November 15, 7 p.m.

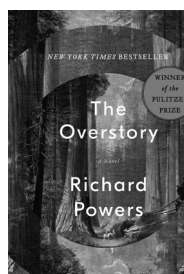
Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song—a grueling theatre tour of post-war Britain.

Book Discussion Group

The Overstory by Richard Powers

Wednesday,
October 2, 7:30 p.m.

In this series of interconnected stories, the true protagonists are the trees; the human characters are just the underbrush, brought together in a battle to save a stand of virgin forest. Powers combines botany and storytelling in this majestic novel. Winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize.

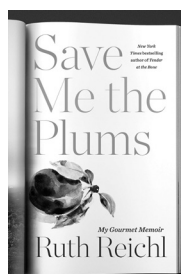


Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir

by Ruth Reichl

Wednesday,
December 4, 7:30 p.m.

Reichl has written a few other delightfully entertaining memoirs about how she became a food writer and then a New York restaurant critic. This memoir offers many juicy stories from her 10 years as the editor-in-chief of *Gourmet Magazine*. As usual, recipes are included.



Evening in Paradise: More Stories

by Lucia Berlin

Wednesday,
November 6, 7:30 p.m.

Berlin was a master of short stories. This posthumous collection includes 22 stories, mostly set in the West, Southwest, and Latin America, loosely following the arc of her own roller-coaster life.



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.

Volunteer All Year with Teen Board

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 for more information.

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Next Chapter Book Club

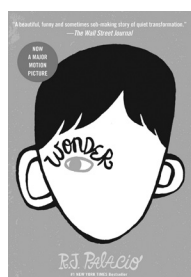
1st and 3rd Thursdays

September 5, 19, October 3, 17,

November 7, 21, December 5

4–5 p.m.

Books are for everyone! NCBC is a nationwide reading club for young adults



with special needs and their friends. This fall, we will read *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, eat snacks, and do fun activities together. Email heather@fordlibrary.org with any questions.

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Practice SAT

Saturday,
September 21
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Get comfortable with the SAT before you sit for the official test! Bring two no. 2 pencils and a water bottle. **Note:** This test will be administered by the Library using the freely provided practice tests available from the College Board. The Library will provide information on self-scoring the test and has many study guides to check out, but is not able to offer follow-up analysis or tutoring.

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Tween programs are for grades 4-8.

PS4 OPEN GAMING

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

3:45-4:45 p.m. • Grades 6-8

We're busting out the PS4 and projecting it on the wall in the Teen Room at this drop-in program. Sign in when you arrive for your time slot! Ask at the Teen Desk about other game options.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our new Teen & Tween Room is reserved for you any time school is out. Drop in, play a game, do a project, and hang out. After-school snacks on the first school day of every month, too!

Crafternoons

Drop in to the Teen Room after school for a fun craft project.

Quilled Paper Mosaics

Monday, September 9, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Create a colorful and whimsical 3D design with this flexible paper crafting technique.

Mini Marble Mazes

Thursday, October 10, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Build a maze with cardboard and straws, then challenge your friends to find the way out!

Light Up Leaf Wreath

Monday, November 4, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Make a seasonal decoration to brighten up your room.

Sparkle Snowflakes

Wednesday, December 11, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Beads and wires will add some sparkle to your winter window!

Gingerbread Challenge

Sunday, December 1, 2-3:30 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! Contact heather@fordlibrary.org with any food allergies.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Find copies of this year's regional BotB titles in the Teen & Tween Room.

Thank you teen volunteers!

This summer, we had 82 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.

YOUTH

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

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, September 10, October 8, November 12

7-8 p.m.

Recommended 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 starting September 5.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 19, October 17, November 21

6:45-7:15 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 19: Stinky, Smelly Stories

October 17: Pumpkin Party

November 21: It's DINO-vember!

Book Builders

Mondays, September 23, October 28, November 25

4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Have you ever wanted to create your own book? In our Book Builders program, you can learn about the different genres of books that are represented in literature, as well as create your own book with stories based on the genre of that month.

Incredible Bats

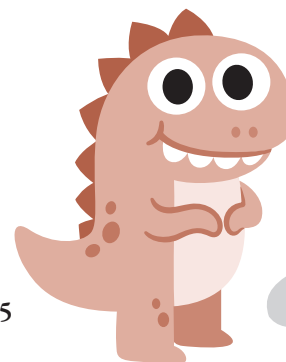
Wednesday, September 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Families Welcome

There are many fears and misconceptions about bats, but bats are vital to a healthy environment. This interactive presentation will help dispel the common myths and give an overview of bats worldwide, while showing you live Egyptian Fruit Bats and African Straw-colored Fruit Bats!

DINO -VEMBER

SCAVENGER HUNT in November



TUESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 17

OCTOBER 15

NOVEMBER 19

4:30 P.M.-5:15 P.M.

GRADES 1-3

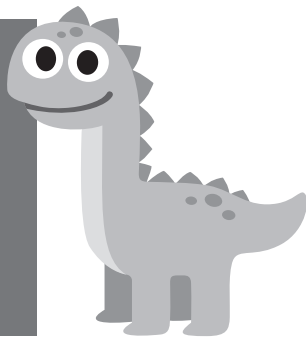
We invite you to board the "Imagine-Plane" once a month and travel to one of the continents. We will read a story based on that continent and do a themed craft!

HALLOWEEN MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday, October 29, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Families Welcome

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 your hunt at the Youth Services desk when you visit the Library in November.



Drop-in Playgroup

Wednesday, November 13
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All ages with caregiver

No Registration Required

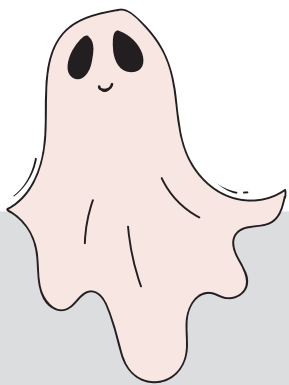
We'll have different activities for all age groups. Feel free to drop in for a bit or stay for the whole time!

Heroes of Science

Saturday, November 16, 2-2:45 p.m.

Best suited for ages 3+

Heroes don't always wear capes—sometimes they wear lab coats! Children will learn about Isaac Newton, Elizabeth Blackwell, Nikola Tesla, and more, as they try their hands at experiments made famous by these hero scientists. Experiments include an indoor rocket launch, levitating ping pong balls, and creating funky vibrations.



Get ready to be amazed and amused by Kevin Kelly's Halloween Magic Show! The show features tricks with a ghost, a floating pumpkin, lots of laughs, and much more. An audience volunteer will float in mid-air!

Reel Reads: Disney's Frozen

Monday, November 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

All Ages

After reading about Olaf and friends in *Disney's An Amazing Snowman*, we will watch the movie *Frozen* together. Feel free to dress in character if you'd like!

Drop-in Lego Challenge

Tuesday, November 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Grades K-3

No Registration Required

You'll be given a building challenge when you arrive, then will have the opportunity to discuss your creation once it's complete. Creations will be photographed for display.



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

Fall Storytimes

September 16
- November 8

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.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m., or

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m., 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. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. 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! Storytime 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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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 2 for Labor Day and Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

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We thank the **Western Springs Library Friends** for their support of Library programs.

The Ford Member Connection

Suzy Glowiak was elected State Senator for Illinois' 24th District last November. She's lived in Western Springs for over 25 years, including two terms as a Village Trustee. Find out more about Senator Glowiak in the Fall edition of the Ford Member Connection on our website.

ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

Check your mailbox this fall for the Library Foundation's annual giving appeal. Please consider making a donation!

In 2019, funds were used to make a stroller parking area and purchase smart screens for two new study rooms created as part of the Library renovation project. We are pleased to continue working with the Library staff and Board to fund improvements that meet the needs of our community.

The Western Springs Library Friends' **Fall Book & Bake Sale**

Friday, October 25, 6-8 p.m.
*Members only**

Saturday, October 26, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Special bag sale

**Memberships can be bought at the door*

Questions, comments? Want to support your Library by becoming a member of the Friends? Contact Beth Clemen, friends@fordlibrary.org.

Funds obtained through Friends membership dues and the Book & Bake Sale support a large variety of programs across all Library departments. Thank you for your support!