

# The Ford Connection

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## *The Thomas Ford Memorial Library*



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WINTER  
2019-20



## **llama at the llama library**

**Saturday, December 7 • 1-3 p.m.**  
Families welcome • No registration required

Visit the Library during the Western Springs Winter Wonderland 2019. Meet the famous Llama Llama of the book series by Anna Dewdney. The *Llama Llama* series includes the acclaimed *Llama Llama Red Pajama* and *Llama Llama Mad at Mama*. We will have a special storytime with Llama Llama from 1-1:15 p.m. here at the Library. Drop in for photo opportunities and activities.



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# ADULT

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

## Evergreen Door Swag

Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m.

Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens returns in this Kennedy Gardening Program to help you create a beautiful winter door swag for the holidays. Materials will be provided, but please bring garden gloves and pruners. Limit: 16

## DIY Marbled Mugs

Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Turn a plain, white coffee mug into a gorgeous work of art using nail polish! All materials provided.

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

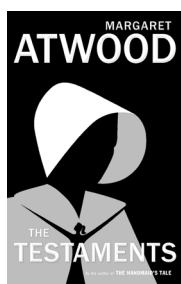
Monday, January 13, 7 p.m.

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.

# Book Discussion Group

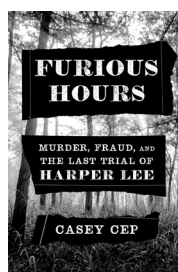
*The Testaments*  
by Margaret Atwood  
Wednesday,  
February 5, 7:30 p.m.

Atwood's classic dystopian novel, *The Handmaid's Tale*, is about a repressive state where women were enslaved for procreation purposes. *The Testaments* is Atwood's much-anticipated sequel to the 1985 book. Reading *The Handmaid's Tale* (or a summary) beforehand is suggested, but not required.



*Furious Hours:  
Murder, Fraud,  
and the Last Trial  
of Harper Lee*  
by Casey Cep  
Wednesday, March 4,  
7:30 p.m.

In the late 1970s novelist Harper Lee attended an Alabama murder trial with the intent of writing a true crime book, but the book never came to fruition. Journalist Cep brings to life the scandal and crimes leading up to the murder, the subsequent trial, and Lee's extensive investigation and efforts to write about it. A compelling and enjoyable read for those interested in true crime, history, racial politics in the South, and literary lore.



*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.

### Tolkien (2019)

Friday, January 17, 7 p.m.

The formative years of the orphaned author J.R.R. Tolkien as he finds friendship, love and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts at school.



### Rocketman (2019)

Friday, January 31, 7 p.m.

A musical fantasy about Elton John's breakthrough years.

### Peanut Butter Falcon (2019)

Friday, February 14, 7 p.m.

Zak runs away from his care home to make his dream of becoming a wrestler come true.

### Blinded by the Light (2019)

Friday, February 28, 7 p.m.

In England in 1987, a teenager from an Asian family learns to live his life, understand his family, and find his own voice through the music of Bruce Springsteen.



# JOIN A GROUP

*These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend; drop-ins always welcome.*

## Sunday Language Conversation Groups

1st and 3rd Sundays: December 1, 15, January 5, 19, February 2, 16

**German** - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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

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

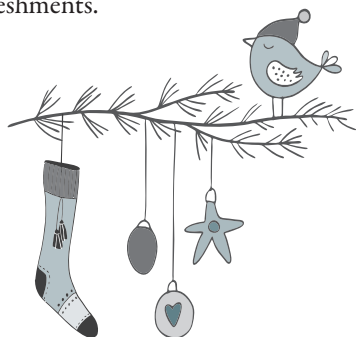
From newbies to native speakers, all are welcome to join the conversation on the first and third Sundays of each month.

These are casual, community-led groups and participants may join at any time. Registration requested.

## Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: December 5, January 2, 16, 30, February 13, 27, 1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.



## Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom

Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.

Come see Mr. Lincoln talk about the twelve turbulent years from 1854-1865 when the issue of slavery nearly broke the country apart, including Lincoln's election as President, and of course the Civil War. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session and a photo opportunity.

## El Greco and the Spanish Renaissance

Monday, February 24, 7 p.m.

Art historian Jeff Mishur will speak about the work of Spanish master Doménikos Theotokópoulos (a.k.a. El Greco) in portraiture, landscape, and religious subjects. This presentation will discuss several of El Greco's paintings that will be included in a special exhibition in Chicago this spring.

## Italian Conversation Group

Wednesdays: December 4, 18, January 15, 29, February 12, 26

7 p.m.

*All ages welcome*

Italian conversation group for all levels.

Develop or share your knowledge of Italian.

Join us to supplement existing classwork,

use for travel purposes, or general practice.

This is a casual, community-led group.

## Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: December 10, January 14, February 11, 7:15 p.m.

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

## Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays & Mondays: December 12, 30, January 9, 27, February 13, 24, 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.

## Photography Club

Sunday, January 12, 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](mailto:stacey@relishthisjourney.com).

## From the Friends

### Great libraries have good Friends. Be a Library Friend!

Thank you for supporting the Library Friends Book & Bake Sale! Welcome to our new Library Friends members, and new Lifetime Members Karin & Tim Janowski, and Debbie & Dave Kozerski. Membership and fundraising dollars sponsor many Library programs. Join the Library Friends to be part of this excitement! Membership forms are available online and at the Circulation Desk.

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- 3 Shop as usual!

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

## The Ford Member Connection

Reverend Erik Khoobyarian began his ministry at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs on August 1, 2018 after a two-year transition and nationwide search process. Find out more about him in the Winter edition of "The Ford Member Connection" on our website.

**DECEMBER 17, 18, 19  
2-7 P.M.**

Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.  
Teen programs are open to those in grades 6-12.

Exam Cram offers snacks, quiet and group study space for high school students. Drop in; no registration required.

## teen board

Thursday, December 5  
7-8 p.m.

From our language conversation groups to the Human Library, Teen Board has been behind some of the Library's best programs. Come join us and be a part of planning our next great idea! Open to 8th-12th grade students, our meeting dates are flexible and we are 100% teen-led.

## Page to Screen Club

Calling all Best Buddies, Transitions teens, and fans of the Next Chapter Book Club! We're starting a new club for teens and young adults with intellectual disabilities and their friends. Each session we will watch and talk about a movie based on a book. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Library one month before the movie. Snacks will be served!

**Thursday, January 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Movie:** *Queen of Katwe*

**Book:** *Queen of Katwe: A Story of Life, Chess, and One Extraordinary Girl's Dream of Becoming a Grand Master* by Tim Crothers

**Thursday, February 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Movie:** *Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse*

**Book:** *Miles Morales: Spider-man* by Jason Reynolds



## TAKE-HOME TECH TOOLS

We're adding to our tech tools all the time!  
Check out what's new:

**TI-84 Plus CE** - graphing calculator  
**Breakout Box** - DIY escape room supplies  
**LIX 3D Pen** - for designing and crafting  
**Blue Yeti USB Mic** - for podcasting and recording  
**Bushnell Radar Gun** - test your pitching speed!  
**SpecDrums by Sphero** - make music with color  
**Super Nintendo Classic** - old school games via USB!



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## Gingerbread Challenge

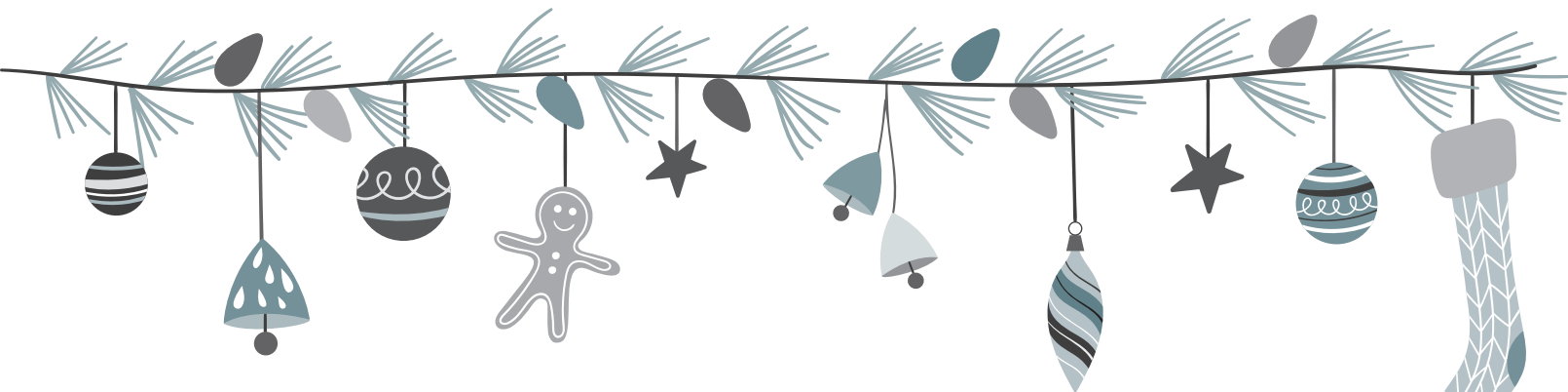
Sunday, December 1, 2-3:30 p.m.

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](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org) with any food needs. Registration required.

# TWEEN

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

*Tween programs are for grades 4-8.*



## PS4 OPEN GAMING

Wednesdays • 3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 6-8

Drop in and have some fun with Rocket League, Crash Team Racing, Overcooked!, and other crowd favorites that you can play in the Teen & Tween Room. Did you know you can borrow the PS4 to use in our study rooms too?

## Tween Crafternoon

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

### Sparkle Snowflakes

Drop in to the Teen and Tween room to make a simple but elegant craft using beads and wires to add some sparkle to your winter window!

## 2020 Rebecca Caudill Election

February 1-28, in the Teen and Tween Room

4th-8th graders may vote for their favorite Rebecca Caudill Nominee after reading at least three of the 2020 nominated titles. The Library will announce our winners and the statewide winners in early March.

## Feed Your Creativity

### Parfaits and Polymer Clay

Thursday, December 12, 4-5 p.m.

Make a custom parfait snack by swirling together fruit and yogurt, then swirl some polymer clay colors! We'll offer a variety of colors and projects that make great handmade gifts for anyone on your list.

### Pizza and Painting

Wednesday, January 8, 4-5 p.m.

Forget starving artists... grab a slice of pizza before you create your masterpiece! Leave your painting with us to display in the Teen and Tween Room, or take it home to decorate your bedroom!

### Candy Sushi

Wednesday, February 12, 4-5 p.m.

Sushi isn't just a delicious meal, it's an art form! Have fun with this sweet twist on the traditional Japanese food. We'll use rice crispy treats, dried fruits, and candy to replicate the look... with a whole different flavor.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: TRUCE NIGHT!

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:30-7:30 P.M.**

We're waving the white flag and inviting all Battle of the Books participants—and other middle school book lovers—to set aside their rivalry and come enjoy an evening of snacks, fun bookish activities, and sneak previews of some exciting new books. Everyone will leave with at least one free book.

# YOUTH

**Registration begins Monday, December 2 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.*



**New Library Calendar Tip:** If you are a Thomas Ford cardholder, please be sure to enter the card number while registering. If you do not enter the card number you will be put on a pending wait list and are not guaranteed a spot in the program.



## Scavenger Hunt

Throughout December, come to the Youth Services Department to try and find "Tinsel" the Magic Elf! This little library elf will be hiding among the books and shelves in a different location every day. Find him and receive an awesome prize from the Youth Services desk!

### Make and Take Crafternoons

Tuesdays, December 10, January 14,  
February 11  
4:30-5:15 pm  
Grades 1-3

Create some fun crafts that you can take with you and share with friends and family.

*December 10:* Holiday Ornament

*January 14:* Origami Party

*February 11:* Book Charms

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

Tuesdays, December 10, January 14,  
February 11  
7-8 p.m.

**Recommended grades K-2**

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 HOLIDAY MUSIC

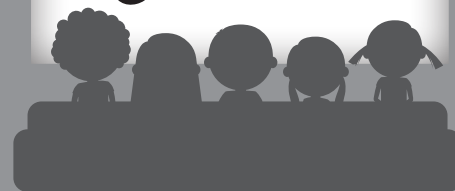
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11  
4:30-5:15 P.M.**

**FAMILIES WELCOME**

Come with your little ones to a holiday music event featuring Mr. Rob from the Old Town School's Wiggleworms program! Songs of the season and fun for toddlers and their folks!



## STORIES on the BIG SCREEN



**Monday, December 16  
10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Best suited for ages 2+**

Come watch the video versions of some of our favorite picture books on the big screen! Parents and caregivers will get an introduction to Tumblebooks and Kanopy, two of our digital media services that are free for Ford Library cardholders and full of great choices for kids. Experience stories in a whole new way!

### Snowy Day Dance Party

Tuesday, January 7  
10-10:45 a.m.

**Best suited for ages 2+**

Shimmy, shake, and catch a snowflake! Join us for a snow-themed party perfect for little ones, and dance the winter blues away.

### Dave Herzog's Marionettes: Puppet Palooza

Saturday, January 11  
2-2:45 p.m.

**Families Welcome**

This dazzling musical variety show features amazing marionettes performed by master marionette artist Dave Herzog. Don't miss this exciting performance by one of Chicago's leading family entertainers. The artistry of Dave Herzog's Marionettes has been described by the Chicago Tribune as "Magical Motion."

## Family Storytime

Thursdays, January 16, February 20

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 16:* Howl at the Wolf Moon

*February 20:* Cupcakes & Kisses

## Who Would Win?

Wednesdays, January 22, February 19

4:30-5:15 pm

Grades 1-3

Our *Who Would Win?* program will put your skills to the test. You'll learn about two opposing animals, and play "Minute to Win It"-style activities using various characteristics of your assigned animal to see who would win.

## \* Light \* Drawing

Thursday, January 30

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades K-2

You may have drawn with a pencil, marker, or crayon, but have you ever drawn with light? Learn how to make amazing photos with LED lights, a digital device, and a lot of creativity!

## Sweetheart Sweet Treats

Thursday, February 13

6-6:45 p.m.

Ages 4-7 w/caregiver

Bring your little sweetheart and create a sweet treat perfect for sharing. We'll be crafting, creating, and showing that we care.

## Monarch & Bluestem Voting Center

February 15 - March 15, in the Youth Services Department

Vote for your favorite Monarch and Bluestem 2020 nominee at the Library! Monarch voting is open to K-3rd graders who have read or listened to at least five Monarch 2020 nominee titles. Bluestem voting is open to 3rd-5th graders who have read or listened to at least four Bluestem 2020 nominee titles. We will announce our own winners and the statewide winners near the end of March.



Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Monday, December 2.

# WINTER STORYTIMES

January 13 - February 21

## 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

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 build the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. 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.

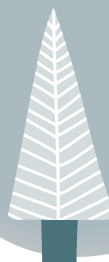
## Storytime Pals

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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**Monday - Thursday**  
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**Friday & Saturday**  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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### Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Friday, December 6 for a staff in-service day; Tuesday, December 24 for Christmas Eve; Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas Day; Tuesday, December 31 for New Year's Eve; and Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

### Library Board of Trustees

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## THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

### *Feature Family: The Blackmans*

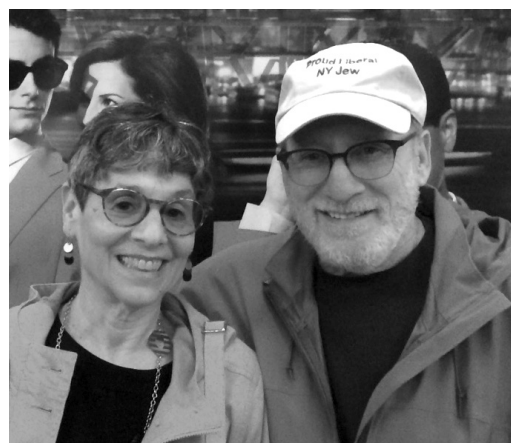
"We read a lot!" is Marsha Blackman's explanation of why she and husband Howard use the Thomas Ford Memorial Library frequently.

Both Marsha and Howard drop in several times a week to check out books, pick up items from the interlibrary loan system, and enjoy the newly renovated space. They find the availability of materials, from not only the local system but also nationwide, impressive. Howard once requested a book on the history of seltzer water and was amazed when the book was delivered to TFML as a loan from a U.S. Army Base library in Kentucky!

Both of the Blackmans are academics, raised and educated in New York State. When Howard accepted a position as superintendent of the La Grange Area Department of Special Education, they agreed that they would stay for three years and then go back to New York. Once settled in Western Springs, however, both were impressed with the quiet neighborhood, friendliness, civic pride, and convenience of going to Chicago for entertainment. Even after retirement and living in the city for two years, they moved back to the suburbs, agreeing that they had become true Midwesterners and that suburban life is the life for them.

Howard's interest in and loyalty to the wide range of services offered by TFML led him to be elected to a term on the Board of Trustees and deepened his appreciation of the complete operation. He praises the staff as friendly and kind in all departments, especially Reference for the range of questions they answer, Circulation for their helpfulness and patience, and Youth Services for suggestions and materials for their out-of-town nieces.

The patience and positive attitude of the staff during the renovation is something else that has impressed the Blackmans. They commented that the staff stayed upbeat in spite of being uprooted from their spaces and without complaint. In gratitude, the staff was treated to lunch as a thank you from Marsha and Howard who are truly "Lovers of the Library." The Blackmans' generous donations have resulted in their inclusion in the Foundation's Oak Leaf Society.



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